



*A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.*

Building Beat

March 4, 2016

Upcoming ...

Friday, March 4:

MSBOA Band & Orchestra
Festival, Davison High
School Auditorium

Saturday, March 5:

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Festival, Davison High
School Auditorium

Monday, March 7:

Gates Elementary 1st
Grade Concert, 7 p.m.
DHS Auditorium

Board of Education
Meeting, 7 p.m. DHS AMR

Tuesday, March 8:

Davison Alternative Ed.
Mini-QAR, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

8th Grade Washington DC
Trip Parent Meeting, 6 p.m.
Davison Middle School

Wednesday, March 9:

Siple Elementary Mini-QAR,
4:15-5:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 10:

Gates Elementary Mini-
QAR, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Hahn Spring Family Fun
Night/Art Show/Book Fair 5-
7 p.m.

Central Family Reading
Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hahn student wants Blueberry project to have lasting impact

Fifth grader **Claire Mattern** knew she wanted something different for her third and final act of random kindness as a Hahn Intermediate Blueberry Ambassador,

"Well, I was having trouble coming up with a third idea and the water crisis was going on and my mom said, 'Why don't we get involved with the water crisis?'" Claire says.

But Claire didn't want to focus her efforts on yet another fundraiser for water or filters because residents were already getting help in those areas. Claire's mom, Carrie Mattern, said her daughter started researching organizations with her dad.

"They brainstormed possibilities that the children could face in the aftermath of all this, so she decided that she would like the proceeds directed to Dr. Mona's children's initiative-The Flint Child Health and Development Fund," said Mrs. Mattern.

Claire then got to work designing a T-shirt, contacted her mom's favorite Flint owned T-shirt company and sat down with her dad to create a website for the project. T-shirts are \$10 with all proceeds going to help the children of Flint.

This is Claire's second year serving as a Blueberry Ambassador.

"I love being a blueberry," she said. "My favorite part about being a blueberry is the writing part where you get to share your stories."

Claire says her success and love for the Blueberry Ambassador project is directly due to two people who she says have had a "big influence in life:" her fourth grade Gates teacher Ms. **Tammy Trombley** and then student teacher Mr. **Bradrick Fusion** (now a teacher at Gates).

"I am also quite shy but I've been told I have great ideas," Claire said, who shares a favorite quote: "Quietest people have the loudest minds."

As for her T-shirt fundraising project, Claire says she does not have a financial goal in mind. Rather, she prefers to simply raise as much money as possible as



Claire Mattern designed this T-shirt and is selling them to benefit children affected by the Flint water crisis.

well as raise awareness that there is a long-term effect to this problem.

When she's not working on her Blueberry projects, Claire enjoys swimming, writing, sleeping and art. A vegetarian, Claire loves nature—especially the woods and the beach. Her favorite subject is science and her teachers at Hahn Intermediate are Mrs. Amy Dahl and Mrs. Karen Gresell.

"My career will probably be testing human resources that support the environment and help humans do things more efficiently," she said.

To learn more about Claire's T-shirt project or to support the cause, please visit: <http://clairesblueberryproject.com>

New appliances coming to Foods Class thanks to grant from Lowe's

Five outdated stoves and a refrigerator will be replaced in **Mrs. Jennifer Warner-Leja's** Foods and Nutrition Class at Davison High School thanks to a Lowe's Toolbox for Education \$4,000 grant. And if there is money left over, students can expect a couple of new microwave ovens in class, too.

Mrs. Warner-Leja applied for the grant after learning about the funding opportunity through a Family and Consumer Science Educators Facebook site.

"There are over 3,000 educators as a part of this group," she said. "Someone posted on it about a year and a half ago that they were a recipient of the grant so, I decided knowing that I needed new appliances, the relationship between my need and Lowe's services would be a perfect match."

This is the fifth year Mrs. Warner-Leja has taught the Foods and Nutrition class. The appliances get a fair amount of use.

"I typically have six sections of this class a year with an average 30 students per class," she explained. "We do food (cooking/baking) labs weekly after they successfully pass a safety and sanitation test."

Students are taught how to read recipes properly, then to follow through and prepare the food in a safe and clean way using the appliances.

"The main objective is to teach them a life skill that they will need when they leave high school," Mrs. Warner-Leja said. "I want them to be able to maintain a healthy lifestyle that is not filled with fast food as well as be safe. Kitchen fires are the number one cause of house fires today. So, knowing that they are learning how to properly prepare food ensures that they have been given the knowledge to keep their home and family safer."

In addition to cooking and baking, students discuss nutrition in the class as well. Students focus in on the major nutrients—carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, minerals, water and phytochemicals—plus numerous other topics such as maintaining a healthy lifestyle, nutrition label reading, etc.

Mrs. Warner-Leja said she learned that her request was approved after receiving a large envelope at school.

"Inside was a letter, and to be honest, it took me a long time to read past the congratulations at the very start," she said. "I was beyond excited for this opportunity. I knew what this would mean for my classroom, and most

importantly my students. Words cannot describe how happy I was to receive that letter. The check was in the envelope as well, so that made it all sink in that it actually was real. I am just so grateful to Lowe's for the opportunity and look forward to updating my classroom and the impact it will have on my students."

Criminal law students compete for first time in state Mock Trial tournament

Students in Mrs. **Jodi Aboneaaj's** criminal law class at Davison High School competed Saturday, February 20, in the Michigan Mock Trial Tournament in Ann Arbor. At this tournament, students take on the roles of attorneys and witnesses and compete against other schools in real courtrooms in front of real judges and lawyers. This tournament is designed to provide students with an opportunity to further understand law and court procedures but also increase listening, speaking, reading and reasoning. The exercise requires students to work as a team and promotes confidence.



"Our students did a fabulous job, competing against some of the toughest schools in the state," Mrs. Aboneaaj said. "This was our first year, and even though we did not win, the students exhibited all the traits of a winning team! I'm so proud of them."

DHS earns National Athletic Trainers Association Safe Sports School Award

Davison High School has earned the designation of being a National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports School for its athletic program. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student athletes and reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment.

Davison is able to accomplish this due in large part to Trainer **Michelle Fasano**.

"Having Michelle on our team is a very important part to not only our student athletes safety but also our success," said Athletic Director **Dave Beamer**. "The knowledge and experience that she brings with her, from assisting at a university to working in the summer down south at an NFL camp, allows her to help our athletes more than some may know, from quick fixes to



**Trainer
Michelle
Fasano**

get them back on the field of play to long-term solutions to help them eventually get back out there doing what they love to do. It's an honor to receive this award, especially for Michelle as it shows the hard work that she puts in every day is being recognized. Her position is very similar to a coach's position. The amount of time a trainer puts into the job exceeds what anyone thinks. We are happy to have her on the team."

Michelle joined the Davison team last summer and really has no idea of what a typical day looks like.

"Every day is different, which is one of the main things I love about my job—every day is a new adventure and you have to be ready for anything," Michelle said.



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NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

Normally, Michelle's day starts before she even sets foot at Davison High School, checking in with parents and physicians on athletes who have been previously injured. When she gets to her office at DHS, its full steam ahead once the bell rings.

"The afternoon usually begins with taping athletes for practices, following up with students on various injuries, getting athletes started on their rehab or warm-up exercise before practices and then there are always a couple of new injuries to evaluate as well."

"I try my best to check in on every practice and I'm either right on the bench or somewhere close on the sidelines at every home event, including hockey games," Michelle said. "I truly love being a part of every team though and watching all the hard work the athletes put in behind the scenes."

DMS students named Cardinals of the Month for February

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Cardinals of the Month at Davison Middle School for February. Students are nominated by staff members for following the Cardinal Code.

Seventh grade: Madison Alfaro, Paige Anderson, Mia Aubuchon, Jack Banes, Hailey Croff, Trinity Crotteau, Matthew DeJonghe, Ethan Dixon, Chloe Evoy, Abigail Farrer, Emily Ferrante, Tysha Fields, Mark Fuller, Allison Gerkin, Allison Glenn, Matthew Graham, Trenton Gurd, Kyle Hart, Lucas Hicks, Tyler Jobe, Braelyn Leese, Tyler Loiselle, Ramiah Martion. Luke Miller, Vincent Mireles, Sebastian Munsey, Xavier Murphy, Peyton Reitz, Gannon Rhines, Michael Rozell, Chloe Russell, Jaden Schramm, Marguerite Sherwood, Lincoln Shirah, Kayce Sluder, Ronneisha Suggs, Grace Thomas, Jordan Thorpe, Elise Willingham

Eighth grade: Rebekah Allen, Seth Ballard-Hill, Anthony Barbat, Brendan Biazza, Garrett Bois, Joshua Carto, Alexandria Figgins, Azyah Graham, Erica Hasiak, Jeremy Hippensteel, Colton Jones, Taylor Kalfayan, McKenzie Keasler, Emillee Lane, Alexis Lavigueur, Jacob Lieber, Mackenzie Matthes, Katrina Millmine, Claire Minto, Jessica Ostrander, Emma Panchuck, Grace Petrach, Megan Pinter, Elizabeth Rievert, Chloe Schutte, Megan Schutte, Madeline Shango, Reese Souders, Morgan Spohn, Christopher Staehli, Alexxa Standifer, Levi Stevens, Spencer Torok, Alexis Tracey, Kellie Vo, Mallorie Ybarra

Alumni News

Matthew Miller (Class of 2014) and **Thomas Garty** (Class of 2014) both qualified for the NAIA National Wrestling Championships for the Indiana Tech Warriors. The fourth-ranked Indiana Tech wrestling team is bringing 11 wrestlers to the event, presented by USA Wrestling-Kansas at the Kansas ExpoCentre on March 4-5. The Championship Finals will be broadcast live on ESPN3 and WatchESPN.com.

Kristina Button's (Class of 2015) 4x200 meter relay team at Roberts Wesleyan College recently earned the title of NCCAA champions in a school record time. Kristina was also included in this pretty cool video by RWC: https://m.youtube.com/watch?list=PLPu-pwHN-wXQWK-6qYyxx1qINykJqb_sH&v=nKkiqWIDXts

We love to hear from our alums! If you have a story to share or would like to let us know what you are doing since graduation, please email us at: medwards@davisonschools.org

Penguin Polka at Hill

Hill Elementary students kicked off their "One School One Book" event with a parade and a performance of the Penguin Polka. Hill students and families are reading "Mr. Popper's Penguins" by Richard and Florence Atwater as part of March is Reading Month.

