



A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.

Building Beat

June 11, 2015

Upcoming ...

Friday, June 12:

DHS Final Exams, Hours 1 & 2

Gates Elementary Field Day & Spirit Day

Hill Elementary Kindergarten Literacy Celebration

Monday, June 15:

1/2 Day of school for all buildings except CENTRAL

Final Exams at DHS, Hours 3 & 4

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

Tuesday, June 16:

1/2 Day of School for ALL students

Last Day of School for all students except HILL and CENTRAL

DHS Final Exams, Hours 5 & 6

Annual End of the Year Staff Recognition Luncheon

Wednesday, June 17:

FULL Day of School for CENTRAL

Thursday, June 18:

Last Day of School for Central Students, FULL Day

Friday, 19:

Last day of School for Hill Students; FULL Day

Tech staffers set to rock unplugged during ArtWalk Friday

By day, Technology Supervisor **Chris Lesko** and Support Technician **Jake Balla** can be seen throughout district buildings, quietly going about their jobs solving computer or network related issues. By night, however, these two mild-mannered “techies” get a little more hard core, replacing keyboards and cables with guitars and amplifiers as they take to the stage to perform in their band, Thundergrater.

Chris plays bass guitar and sings backup vocals while Jake plays guitar and takes the lead on vocals. Brian Blaine, a Davison High School alum, also plays guitar, while Dylan Smith is the drummer.

The group got its start in 2007.

“I started playing at the same time we formed the band,” Chris said. “Jake had started learning guitar and wouldn’t stop, so we picked up instruments to play along.”

Thundergrater plays music that would best fit in the “hard rock” category.

“When we started, we weren’t fans of where rock music was in general so we figured we’d see what we could do in the local scene,” Chris said. “Now, we’re having fun playing for people and looking forward to finishing our first album soon.”

While Thundergrater plays mostly around Genesee County and occasionally southward toward Detroit, the band has had gigs as far away as Knoxville, Tenn.

You can catch Thundergrater—unplugged—tomorrow as they participate in the 2nd Friday ArtWalk sponsored by the Greater Flint Arts Council. Chris, Jake and their band mates will be playing at 7 p.m. at Digital Medics on Saginaw Street, downtown Flint.

Crongeyer named SVL Track Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Davison High School Teacher and Coach **Mike Crongeyer** who was named the Saginaw Valley League's Track Coach of the Year.



Band members **Chris Lesko**, left, and **Jake Balla**, lead vocals, work in the Technology Department at Davison Community Schools.

Where futures begin

A Fully Accredited District

"It is a great honor for our team and coaching staff," Crongeyer said. "I look at this award as more of a reflection on our entire coaching staff, we've worked as a team from day one."

Crongeyer has been coaching track for 11 years. Before coming to Davison High School, he coached at Cheboygan, Mich.

DMS student is runner up in Junior Scholastic contest

Davison Middle School student **Natalie Polehna** was named as a runner-up in Junior Scholastic's Find Mapman™ contest. Students were first challenged to figure out a mystery destination (which turned out to be Vancouver, British Columbia) and then had to create a map of Canada's westernmost province.

Natalie's entry—among 5,000 from 48 states—was selected as the winner from Michigan. Her name was listed in the May 11, 2015, edition of the magazine. Natalie's teacher is Mrs. **Jan Crawford**.

Student groups work together to make—and keep—Davison Middle School positive

Earlier this spring, the **Jr. Optimists**, **Student Council** and **National Junior Honor Society** members took time to make Davison Middle School look a little more positive. They made sure every locker had an inspirational quote, every teacher a cardinal compliment and many decorations on windows and posters. The inspirational messages can still be seen at the school.

Mark the date! Special "Raising Successful Students" seminar planned for August 31

Davison Community Schools is pleased to welcome Bruce Boguski, author, speaker, trainer, columnist and media personality, to present "Raising Successful Students" at 7 p.m. August 31 in the Davison High School Auditorium.

During this entertaining and passionate presentation, parents and students will learn powerful techniques to help them succeed in a negative world.

This is the first in a series of programs that the district plans to offer during the 2015-16 school year to assist parents and students to reach academic success and establish a connection with their school family.

DHS graduate serves on Community Foundation Board of Trustees

Davison High School 2015 graduate **Lauren Chwojncki** is currently serving on the Community of Greater Flint's Board of Trustees, the organization's governing body. Lauren is one of two youth serving as youth trustees. She also serves on the Foundation's Countywide Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), a youth-led group that advises on grants and participates in community service projects.

Lauren volunteers for her church's youth group, the North End Soup Kitchen and the Humane Society of Genesee County.



DHS students participate in Teen Jury

Students in **Mrs. Jodi Aboneaaj's** criminal law class once again participated in Teen Jury this year.

"Teen jury is a program that is for juvenile offenders who commit minor infractions and misdemeanors," Mrs. Aboneaaj explained. "If the offender pleads guilty then they have the chance to go through this program. My students ask questions of the offender and try to find out why they did the crime and the likelihood that they will commit it again."

Once students have a thorough understanding of the case and the person, they deliberate and decide on a sanction (punishment) for the defendant. If the defendant completes the sanctions then their record is wiped clean and it's like the incident never happened.

"Teen jury is a one time, second chance program for kids who may have made a bad choice," Aboneaaj said. "The cases are real and my students make huge impacts on the lives of their peers by participating in this program."

Aboneaaj's students participate in the Teen Jury six to eight times a year and she normally takes six to 10 students each visit.



Left to right, **Zachary Tersigni, Dylan Herron, Hannah Collins, Nicole Martinbianco, Cassie Jenkinson, Aaron Wagner and Mitchell Hards.**



Haley Gauthier, Brendan McRill, Frank Vukaj, Josh Abernathy, Erica Goyette, Riley Alexander, Riley McLaren and Jake Ellis.



Kennette Thelmas, Jordan Weld, Megan Stone, Aaron Shafer, Jazmine McClellan, Haley Novak and Hannah Collins.



Siple Elementary staff rewarded students this week by allowing them to “silly string” their teachers and make Principal Christy Flowers into a human ice cream sundae after meeting a target goal in raising money for Davison Relay for Life.

