



A Review of the
Great Things
Happening in
Our Schools.

Building Beat

November 8, 2013

Upcoming ...

Monday, Nov 11:

Classes resume at Hill Elementary

Hahn PTO meeting, 5-6:30 p.m. Room 144

Thomson Fundraiser Pickup, 4:30-7 p.m.

Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m. AMR

Tuesday, Nov. 12:

DMS Parent Network Meeting, 5 p.m. Community Room

Hill PTO Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13:

Picture retakes, Thomson

Parent Teacher Conferences begin in afternoon (see website for individual building conference times)

Thursday, Nov. 14:

No school for students

Parent Teacher Conferences (see website for individual building conference times)

Friday, Nov. 15:

No school for students and teachers

Auto Technology Program designated as AYES school

Davison High School's Auto Technology Program is now recognized by the Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES).

In order to be recognized as an AYES school, a school has to be certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, have an active student club and be members of Skills USA. An AYES representative recently visited DHS to evaluate how students and teacher **Andy Michalik** interacted on a daily basis and confirm that the program has the support of district administrators.



"AYES works with a lot of schools and companies nationwide," Michalik said. "Becoming an AYES school means more career opportunities for students with AYES business partners and it should help open doors to Industry-related donations for the program."

Volleyball team earns district championship—again!

Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team on its fourth consecutive district championship. The girls clinched the championship following a win over Lapeer West last night.



The Varsity Volleyball Team is coached by Tiffany Burghdorf and assistant coach Janet Green.

The team advances to the MHSAA semi regionals, which will be played at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Davison High School. Davison will play whoever wins the game tonight between Clio and Flushing. The winner of the Nov. 12 game will advance to the regional finals Thursday, Nov. 14, in Mt. Pleasant. Good luck girls!

Where futures begin

A Fully Accredited District

DHS choir students advance to Regional auditions

DHS choir students **Ally Jackson, Brad O'Neill, Elizabeth Duncan** and **Deanna Leach** auditioned for the District State Honors Choir Oct. 12. Congratulations to Ally and Brad who are advancing to the Regional State Honors Choir auditions, which will take place on Dec. 7. Good luck singers!

Boys' Cross Country wraps up a successful season

The Davison boys' cross country team capped its outstanding season at the state finals last Saturday. Juniors **Nick Schmidt** and **Joe Renner** qualified to compete in the meet. Nick finished in 43rd place just narrowly missing all-state honors. Joe finished in the top half of the field in 139th place. This added on to the outstanding achievements that the team has already completed including first place overall at the Greater Flint Cross Country Championships, which was a first in our school's history.

Coach **Matt Ames** said the majority of this year's team will return next season.

"The boys already can't wait for next year to get here to improve on their accomplishments," he said.

DCS staff, community raises money for cancer awareness, research efforts

Davison school staff raised an amazing \$1,250.75 for the Susan Komen Foundation by making a minimum donation of \$5 in exchange for wearing jeans to work on Friday, October 18. The next District Jean Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 27. The money raised will go to the Weiss Advocacy Center, which is dedicated to preventing child abuse and helping victims recover.

In addition to the District Jean Day, another \$1,000 was raised from the Pink Out football game held Oct. 18. DHS Teacher **Anna Hess**, who organized the project as well as a successful pink T-shirt sale, said monies raised will go to the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer program.

Over 1 million minutes read as part of Summer Reading Challenge

We have had another successful summer of reading, according to Literacy Specialist **Jennifer Szlachta**. More than 600 students logged nearly 1.3 million minutes as part of the 2013 Summer Reading Challenge.

"Through dedication and hard work we are sending the message to all of our students, par-

ents and the community that reading is a life-long skill and that we need to keep practicing to keep our skills sharp," Szlachta said. "We know that when a child can read, they can truly learn anything!"

District Summer Reading Challenge Totals 2013				
School	# of Students	# of Minutes	Male	Female
Central	195	517,164	100	95
Gates	123	226,159	54	69
Hill	97	148,103	33	64
Siple	132	251,068	64	68
Thomson	72	148,656	37	35
Totals:	619	1,291,150	288	331

