

Board Briefs



Board takes oath, earns praise

The Honorable Judge **John Conover** administered the oath of office to Board of Education members at its annual organizational meeting held Monday night.

"The school board provides the backbone to the educational system and the educational system provides the backbone to the community," Judge Conover told board members before the swearing in ceremony. "These jobs are not always glamorous and can be pretty gut wrenching at times."

After board members were sworn into office, they were honored in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

"Davison is a wonderful place for kids because of the support you provide," said Superintendent **Eric Lieske**. "You set the tone for everything the staff does. Your expectations are clear and give us the desire to push to the next level."

On behalf of administrators, Davison Alternative Education Dean of Students **Dave Beamer** and Director of Business Services **Leslie Young** presented board members with a short video and a book of poems, written especially for board members by students. Several students were on hand to read the poems.

The Davison Education Association also made a donation in honor of the Board to Outreach East.

Student board representatives **Matthew McAuliffe** and **Amanda George** were also recognized for their service.



The mission of the Davison Community Schools is to develop individuals who demonstrate skills necessary for lifelong success in a changing, global society.



Board gratefully accepts contributions

The following contributions have been offered to the district:

Shelley, Paul and Paul Ryan Badour donated a \$250 JoAnn Fabrics gift card to Hill Elementary's After School program for supplies. The family also donated 200 pumpkins that were sold by the school for a fundraiser that totaled \$339 for afterschool clubs.

Bobby and Lanny Crongeyer of Cheboygan donated Track and Field educational DVDs valued at \$250 to the athletic program.

Administration Secretary **Carri Vergison** donated 15 MP3 players to Siple Elementary for additional listening centers in first grade classrooms.

The **Flint Chapter of the Safari Club International** donated \$1,000 to the Hahn Fishing and Outdoor Club.

Davison residents **Stephen and Patricia Roberts** donated a Dell laptop and inkjet printer to the Technology Department.

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Presentations

Motor Moms and Dads assist students at Thomson

Research supports a strong link between motor development and a child's ability to learn and that's why a group of volunteers, called Motor Moms and Dads, are making a significant impact on students at Thomson Elementary.



Each week the volunteers work with students at least four days participating in a variety of activities designed to help students practice motor and sensory development such as jumping on a mini trampoline and whispering the ABCs or practicing site words or math problems while walk-

ing on a balance beam. Students are out of the classroom for about five minutes.

Thomson Elementary Principal **Natalie Miller** said parent **Ty Woznek** is responsible for the return of the Motor Moms and Dads, which was introduced to the district more than 10 years ago.

"Mr. Woznek wanted to volunteer a set amount of time each week dedicated to a project," Miller said.

Currently, about 30 students participate in the program.

"It's a pretty simple program with huge payoff for the kids," Miller said. "It really wouldn't be possible without our volunteers. The kids have a lot of fun, yet it's done in a quick time and they go back to their classrooms ready to learn."



A Thomson Elementary student who was demonstrating one of the activities stops to listen as Ty Woznek explain the Motor Moms and Dads programs to Board of Education members.



Above, Board Treasurer Kim Lindsay and Vice President Dale Green participate in a Motor Moms and Dads activity as does Superintendent Eric Lieske, left, as he performs the crab walk with a Thomson Elementary student.

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Praiseworthy poetry

Davison Alternative Education Dean of Students Dave Beamer, left, gets a laugh after his youngest daughter, Lydia, indicates she is relieved to be done after reading the poem she wrote for Board Appreciation Month. Also reading their poems were Grace Beamer and Hahn Intermediate fifth graders Mara Lieske and Elizabeth Brandes.



Leading the Pledge

Students from the Great Start Readiness Pre-school program led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The students were accompanied by Early Childhood Coordinator Susan Vamos and GSRP teacher Lindsey Tate