

Board Briefs

Thank a school board member It's Board Appreciation Month!

Board of Education members were honored for their commitment and dedication as part of Board of Education Appreciation Month.

A special presentation by students from Hahn Intermediate was held to recognize board members **Karen Conover, Kathy Sudia, Mark McGlashen, Andrew Hall, Diane Rhines, John Hair** and **Todd Ferguson** and student representatives **Danae Howard** and **Megan Duncan**. Board members were presented with gift cards from a variety of local restaurants, paid for with contributions from district administrators.

Kristin Kneff, vice president of the Davison Education Association, also recognized board members for their commitment to the students and staff, and announced that the teacher's union was making a contribution to Outreach East in honor of the board.

Board re-elects officers

The first official act of business for the new year was the election of officers. Board members voted to re-elect **Kathleen Sudia** as President; **Karen Conover**, Secretary; and **Todd Ferguson**, Treasurer. **Mark McGlashen** was selected as Vice President and **Andrew Hall, John Hair** and **Diane Rhines** will serve as Trustees.



Board of Ed members **Diane Rhines, Kathy Sudia** and **Karen Conover**; standing, **Andrew Hall, Mark McGlashen** and **Todd Ferguson**. Missing is **John Hair**.

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Donations accepted

The following contributions were graciously accepted:

- **Rose Mary Palawski** donated winter coats to Thomson Elementary for students in need.
- **Tim Lamb** donated children's gloves and hats to Siple Elementary for students in need.
- **Russellville Community Wesleyan Church** donated coats, hats, gloves and clothes to help Siple students in need of winter gear.
- **Steven & Shar Sweeney** donated six Fingerlings and three Hatchimals. These popular toys were given to students in need as Christmas presents or for positive behavior support initiatives.
- **Brian and Sharon Jacobs** donated school supplies to Central Elementary to be used by students at the February Intersession.

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Presentations

Siple Teacher Andrea Bredow named “Kids First” November recipient

Siple Elementary Teacher **Andrea Bredow** is the January recipient of the “Kids First” Award.

Each month, administrators nominate a DCS employee who best exemplifies what it means to be “Kids First.” Winners receive a \$100 Visa gift card thanks to Mark Owen, owner of MEEMIC insurance agencies in Davison and Flint Township, and a certificate. The winner is chosen at random.

Mrs. Bredow was nominated by Siple Elementary Principal **Christy Flowers**, who wrote:

“Andrea Bredow teaches first grade at Siple Elementary. Mrs. Bredow is an exceptional teacher. She welcomes every child to her classroom with a warm smile and clean slate. She has demonstrated a gift for working with struggling students. If they are struggling academically she works diligently to identify the root of the difficulty and strives to give the student the individual instruction they need to grow.

“If she has a student that is struggling behaviorally she gives them a clean slate every morning. Andrea patiently, and calmly, teaches the appropriate behaviors she expects in her classroom and throughout the school. Her respectful treatment of her students leads to respectful treatment from them to her. Although she is a young teacher, she has already demonstrated her passion for teaching and it has shown in her students’ achievement.”

Other great DCS staff members who were nominated this month include:

Penny Alband, Cook at Hill Elementary, **Kim Laine**, Paraprofessional at Thomson Elementary, **Jake Martin**, Monitor at Central Elementary, **Amy Renye**, Teacher at Hahn Intermediate, **Julie Simonsen**, Counselor at Siple Elementary, **Mike Sullivan**, Teacher at Davison High School and **Amy Walker**, Paraprofessional at Hill Elementary.



Left to right, Siple Elementary Principal Christy Flowers, Siple Elementary Teacher Andrea Bredow, Board of Education President Kathy Sudia and Superintendent Eric Lieske.



Singers headed for State Honors Choir—again!

Davison High School vocal music students Tristram Shayna and Brad Skellenger were recognized on their selection to the State Honors Choir after auditioning through district and regional levels. Tristram has set a record as he is the first DHS student to be selected for four consecutive years. The two will perform Jan. 27 in Grand Rapids at the Michigan Music Conference. Left to right, Superintendent Eric Lieske, Tristram, Brad and Board President Kathy Sudia.

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Leading the Pledge and School Board Appreciation

Above, students selected as Hahn Heroes and Student Council members were at the January Board of Education meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and provide board members with a gift for School Board Appreciation Month. Students were accompanied by Mrs. Tara Hendrix, teacher and sponsor of the Hahn Heroes group, Mr. Dave Clifford, Mrs. Amanda Hoggard and Ms. Becky Turkovics, teachers and sponsors of Student Council, and Principal Verle Gilbert. Below, the Mezzo Voce Choir performed two songs for the board following the Pledge. Students must audition for this choir, which includes sixth-eighth graders and meets after school. The group is led by Vocal Music Teachers Miss Michelle Wilson and Mr. Garth Starr. Classroom mini grants awarded by the Davison Educational Foundation have provided the funding for Mezzo Voce.

