

Board Briefs



DECA student to coordinate Cool to Care campaign

This year's annual Cool to Care campaign will be coordinated by Davison High School senior and DECA member **Hannah Warner**.

"I'm a little intimidated because this is a very big task," Hannah admitted. "But I believe Davison is up to the challenge. My goal is to get the word out to everyone."

At last night's board meeting, Hannah gave a short presentation about this year's Cool to Care campaign, which begins November 12 and will continue through December 3. During that time, all school buildings, including the Cardinal's Nest, will be collecting canned goods, non perishable items and money—all of which will be donated to Outreach East, a non denominational agency that provides assistance to families struggling financially.

On December 5, students will pick up all of the items donated and deliver them to Outreach East. Normally, the district delivers three bus loads of items to the agency.

Hannah said this annual event is near and dear to her heart.

"Community service is a passion for me," she said.

It's one of the reasons why she has decided to seek a career in children's ministry after she graduates.



Hannah Warner gives details about the Cool to Care campaign to Board of Education members.



Graduation dates set

Graduation dates have been set for the Davison High School and Davison Alternative Education classes of 2013.



Commencement ceremonies for Davison Alternative Education will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2013, in the Davison High School Auditorium.

Davison High School graduation ceremonies will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2013, at Perani's Arena and Event Center.

Board approves budget revision

Director of Business Services **Leslie Young** provided board members with details of a budget revision that incorporates updated student enrollment data and other anticipated changes in funding. The revision, which was approved by Board members, projects a \$1.7 million shortfall at the end of the school year.

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Presentations

DEF mini grant winners show new tools

Several recipients of this year's Davison Educational Foundation mini grants were excited to share how they are incorporating grant projects into their classrooms at Monday's Board of Education meeting.

Hahn Intermediate teachers **Tiffany Hopper**, **Julie Pattee** and **Marcia Webb** won a grant for their project, "Listening Centers." Each teacher has a CD player in her classroom with six headphones along with a variety of CDs and books on tape.

"One of the things I have used the listening station for—and the kids have really benefitted from—is listening to different dialects," Mrs. Hopper said. "We are able to listen to different cultures and that has been extremely valuable to my students ... we wanted to reach as many kids as possible with as many avenues as possible. Often-times, pronunciation of words can really trip kids up and makes them not want to read."

Mrs. Pattee said she has used the listening center in her room to help students find interests in different genres (science fiction, for example) that a student might not have previously considered.

"We aren't just teaching kids to read," said Mrs. Webb, who has made the listening center in her classroom available to students with special needs as well Book Bowl members preparing for competition. "We are trying to develop lifelong learners."

The listening centers can be used by small groups or students or as an entire class.

Central Elementary Teacher **Mindy Parrott** brought two of her first grade students to demonstrate how she is using the two iPads she purchased with grant money in her classroom. **Jackson Smith** demonstrated how he and classmates use a math application while **Lillian Beath** showed board members how she uses the iPad for spelling.

DEF scholar excited for opportunity

When Siple Elementary teacher **Nancy Kerr** was selected as a 2012 Davison Educational Foundation Professional Scholar, the opportunity quickly turned into much more than an exciting professional development opportunity.

"This was such an incredible experience for me," said Mrs. Kerr. "Never in my whole life would I have thought I would go out to Colorado for a conference. I am so excited I had the opportunity to go because I stepped out of my comfort zone and I never would have done that without the support of the school board, the DEF and my co-workers at Siple."

Thanks to the \$1,000 DEF Professional Scholar award, Mrs. Kerr was able to attend a conference about Math and Literacy Work Stations through the Debbie Diller Denver Institute.

"Math is a passion of mine," Mrs. Kerr said. "I wanted to find a way to get my kids more interested in math and reduce that anxiety that comes along with it."



Above, first grade Lillian Beath and Mrs. Mindy Parrott demonstrate an iPad application. Below, it's Jackson Smith's turn to demonstrate.



Action items

Board approves DHS varsity choir and instrumental music trip ...

Davison High School choir and instrumental music students will have the opportunity to travel together to New York in April 2013. Students will see a Broadway show and take part in a Broadway classroom workshop with professionals as well as visit historical landmarks.

... and Washington D.C. trip for eighth graders

Eighth graders will have the opportunity to participate in the annual field trip to Washington, D.C. The trip is planned to take place over 2013 Memorial Day weekend.

Donations accepted with gratitude

The following contributions have been accepted:

- Davison resident **Jeffrey DeVaney** donated a storage cabinet to Siple Elementary to house supplies for their Environmental Learning Space.
- Davison parent **Dawn Headrick** donated books to DHS Teacher Margaret Richmond for her classroom library.
- **Diane Roetter**, on behalf of **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church** donated 56 sets of hats, scarves and gloves to Gates and Thomson Elementary for students who need them.
- **Tom Kelly**, on behalf of **Hank Graff Chevrolet**, donated \$2,714 to the Davison Band and Orchestra Boosters as part of the dealership's "Test Drive" fundraiser.
- Davison parents **Ty** and **Kelly Woznek** donated \$30 to Thomson Elementary for the purchase the Smoothboard 2 program in teacher Emily Tritten's kindergarten classroom. The program transforms a plain whiteboard into a digital whiteboard.
- Retired teacher **Steve Seamon** donated four framed historic drawings of Davison landmarks, including a drawing of Central Elementary. The artwork will be displayed in the Alumni Room.
- Parent **Mary Matthes** donated two boxes of children's books to Siple Elementary for teacher classroom libraries.

Leading the Pledge

Hahn Heroes led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at Monday night's Board of Education meeting.

