

"Home of the Mustangs"
Davis County Community Schools

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One School
One Community One Goal...
The Best That We Can Be!

Penny Drive raises money to help local family .

The Penny drive was organized by the MS Student Council as a fund raiser to help 6th grader Kelsey Runnells' family. They recently had a house fire.

Students brought pennies to donate to the fund raiser. Pennies were plus points and all other coins and bills were negative points. Pennies were deposited in each grade level bucket and all other money was deposited in another grade level. Fifth grade was our leader edging out eighth grade by 162 points. Fifth grade will receive ice cream sundaes for their efforts.

Davis County Middle School Student Council presented a gift card to Michelle and her Dad for \$400. Thanks to all Middle School students for their participation in our fund raiser.



Mrs. Helton's Kindergarten class enjoys the snow while sledding during afternoon recess.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Davis County Community School not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or marital status in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Right Act, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, and Section 5004 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

It is also the policy of this district that the curriculum content and instructional materials utilized reflect the cultural and racial diversity present in the United States and the variety of careers, roles, and life styles open to women as well as men in our society. One of the objectives of the total curriculum and teaching strategies is to reduce stereotyping and to eliminate bias on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion and disability. The curriculum should foster respect and appreciation for the cultural diversity and in our country and an awareness of such individual as a member of a pluralistic society.

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX, Title VI, or Section 504 may be directed to Linda Perry, 500 East North Street, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537, Telephone 641-664-2200, to the Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Des Moines, Iowa, or to the Director of the Region II Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Attention Seniors: Pictures are needed for Yearbook.

The yearbook staff needs a head-and-shoulder vertical color picture for use in the yearbook and the spring edition of our local paper. Please bring your picture to Mrs. Warning at the high school by March 1, 2011. If you would prefer to send a digital picture, please e-mail to Mrs. Warning at sandy.warning@gpaea.k12.ia.us.

We also need a baby picture (0-5 years) that will be included in the senior section of the yearbook. This picture will be scanned and returned to you in the spring. Please give the baby picture to Mrs. Warning before March 1.

Order Your 2011 Yearbook Online

High school yearbooks may be ordered online. Several students have not ordered their yearbooks yet, but there is still time to order. Students were given a memo this past week that has the Jostens website, Jostens toll free phone number and the student's order number. Simply log on to Jostens web page, enter your order number and order your yearbook. You may also phone in your order, using the same order number.

Jostens Website – www.jostensyearbooks.com

Jostens Toll Free Number – 1-866-282-1516

You will need the student's order number to purchase a yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Warning at 664-2200, ext. 1300.

2010 Yearbooks Are Still Available

2010 yearbooks are available at a cost of \$42. Check with Sandy Warning or the high school office if you would like to buy one.

College Night

Wednesday, February 16 from 5:00—7:00 pm

- Complete federal financial aid forms (FAFSA).
- Learn about majors, classes, and programs you may be interested in pursuing.
- Learn how to complete an admissions application and register for classes.

IHCC Davis Center
501 East Locust Street
Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

641.664.2050 or 1.800.726.2585, ext. 1931

If you would like to complete your FAFSA online that night please bring a copy of your and your parents' most recent Federal Income Tax Return, W-2's, or other proof of income.

Davis County High School to participate in 2011 NAEP.

Davis County High School has been selected as one of 21 high schools in Iowa to participate in the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as NAEP. NAEP is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what students across the country know and can do in key subject areas. It is different from our state assessments and even the SAT and ACT because it represents high school students from across the country, not just those here in Iowa or those who plan to go on to college. The results of the NAEP are published in a report called “The Nation’s Report Card”.

Not all students take the assessment. Approximately 30 of our 71 senior students have been randomly chosen to represent hundreds of high school students across our nation. The Davis County High School students who have been chosen will participate in a computer-based writing test. The assessment will take about 120 minutes and the students participating will receive a certificate of community service for participating in the assessment.

We are fortunate that our school has been selected to participate in NAEP. We know that our students receive a great education here at Davis County Community High School and they will do their best and help us accurately represent the achievement of our students.

Dollars for Scholars applications available.

Davis County Dollars for Scholars applications are available in Mrs. Wilfawn’s office. Every year the local chapter of Dollars for Scholars awards thousands of dollars to graduating seniors who plan to pursue higher education. Applications are due April 1st to Central Office.

A college planning meeting has been set for March 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School library for Davis County High School juniors. ICAN, a nonprofit organization, will be conducting the meeting that will touch on academic planning, college preparation, college selection, campus visits, transition to college, scholarship scams and a financial aid overview. Call Marla Wilfawn at 664-2200, extension 1129 with questions.

Elementary Iowa Test of Basic Skills

Monday January 31 – Friday February 4

Breakfast will be provided to students grades 2-4, free of charge and will be served in the classrooms from 8-8:30 each morning.

Testing will start promptly at 8:30 and will last approximately 2 hours each day.

Testing is only for grades 2-4.

Please make sure your student has two #2 pencils to use for testing.

It is important that your child gets a good night’s sleep each night and arrives at school promptly.

Middle School students to compete in National Geographic Bee

The first round of the 2011 National Geographic Bee was held at Davis County Middle School on January 19, 2011.

For the 23rd year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in the



fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world. The 2011 bee is sponsored by Google.

The winner of the Davis County Middle School Geography Bee is Baxter Knapp son of Brian and Karla Knapp. Runner up is Sara Lawson. Knapp will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination to determine state competitors. State competition will be held April 1, 2011. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition May 24 and 25, 2011 in Washington D.C.

Choose Your Words!

Mrs. Clubb’s 8th grade Language Arts classes are studying words. The English language contains an abundance of words. Words are everywhere: novels, newspapers, textbooks, websites, worksheets, signs, TV, etc. Some words express what we want to say better than others. We are collecting our favorite words in a HOT WORDS JOURNAL. For instance, we might like the word “obnoxious” over “bad” or “intruder” over “man”. The students eagerly discuss and share their “hot words” with other classmates as they revise their writing. In addition to improved word choice, their confidence level is also building because they like the improvements to their already well-written work. Way to choose your words, 8th graders!

PIE Box Tops contest winners announced.

PreK—L Miller
KDG- Thompson
1st—Graves
2nd—Rupe
3rd—Swan
4th—Ehrenhard

Class winners receive a class party.
The entire elementary raised nearly \$1000!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 28
4:30 pm—8:00 pm

Thursday, March 3
1:00 pm—4:00 pm
5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Valentine's Dance

Friday February 11, 2011

Doors open at 6:45, Coronation begins at 7:00
Cost for the dance is \$4.00 (DCMS Students Only)

5th and 6th grade Valentines dance

February 24th from 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Cost for the dance is \$3.00 (DCMS Students Only)
The theme for both dances is Hollywood Red Carpet.
Refreshments will be served.
Activity buses will be available.



The Bloomfield Optimist Club is providing free passes to the Mutchler Center to Davis County students. There are certain guidelines to meet in order to qualify.

Please contact the SIEDA office to see if you qualify.

NFL DAY at the Middle School.



NFL Day Friday February 4th,

Wear your favorite team's football shirts and hats!!

Special Menu for lunch

Tailgate Party!
Meatball Sub
Chips, Trail Mix

Football-Shaped Cookie

Prizes will be awarded throughout the day to students.





This past Friday, Jan 28th, 8th graders Blair Bodkins, Kate Birchmier, Lauren Lynch, Jason Miller, Katelyn Herzberg, Marissa Hamburg, Bonnie Sullivan, and Leah Muehe traveled to Mt. Pleasant to sing in the **Southeast Iowa ICDA Youth Honor Choir Festival**. These 8th grade Choir students were members of the Junior High Honor Choir which included students in grades 7-9. It was directed by John Hayden, head of vocal music at Benton Community High School in Van Horne, Iowa. Students rehearsed music in the mornings before school to prepare for this event. On the day of the event, students gathered to rehearse the music with the guest conductors during the morning; then gave the combined concert at 7:00 PM in the Iowa Wesleyan College Chapel Auditorium on campus. There were approximately 140 singers representing 11 schools in the Junior High Choir. The guest director commented as the day progressed that he was very impressed with the students' behavior, attitude, and our students were very well-prepared on their music. I want to thank these dedicated students for all their hard work and extra rehearsal time in preparation for this wonderful event. Many thanks also go to the DC Music Boosters for paying the entry fees for all students to participate in this event.

Sophia Cook, Audra Kincart, Jessica Snyder, Johnathan Jolley, and Ashton Lawson will represent Davis County at the State Piano Contest Saturday, February 12th in Ottumwa. They will be performing piano solos by memory for a judge for ratings. We wish them all the best of luck!

Thursday, February 3, 2011 – 8-12 Choir Night Concert - 7:00 PM in the new HS Commons Area. This year our theme is The Beach! Come see the new building & relax & enjoy atmosphere and music that celebrates that special place. Performances by the 8th grade Choir, the Show Choir will perform their competition set, the HS Concert Choir will present our Beach-themed songs, and the concert will conclude with a medley of Beach songs with the 8th graders joining us to sing them.

We will also have Music Booster Raffle Tickets available for purchase at this event, as well as Mustang Stadium Seat-Pads.

SEIBA Solo/Ensemble Contest

Middle School Band members will participate in the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, February 5th at Davis County Middle School. All 6-7-8th Grade Band students will perform a solo or play as a part of a small ensemble. Students will receive written comments and a rating of I, II, or III. Parents and friends are invited to listen to all students perform. A schedule will be sent home with all students at the end of January.

Thanks to the Davis County Music Boosters for paying the entry fee for all events for the students.

Davis County Middle School Music Department Presents:

Follow that Rabbit “The Wonderland Story”

From the moment Alice falls down a rabbit hole into the zany world of Wonderland, the fun never stops. You'll meet talking birds and animals, singing flowers, hilariously comic kings and queens. There's a frantic tea party ruled over by the Mad Hatter; and a funny scene where Alice must deal with a pepper-sneezing Duchess. The finale has Alice at the trial of the Knave of Hearts for stealing tarts. Here's a modern view of a classic where nonsense makes good sense. And Alice even finds a new friend: the watch-carrying White Rabbit.

**March 24 & 25 6:30 pm
at the Iowa Theatre**

Tickets on sale at DCMS March 21-25 from 11-12:30

Adults: \$5 Students: \$4

Comet Sensation Show Choir Competition at North Polk

HS in Alleman, IA - Saturday, Feb. 12th. This will be our first Competition, and will be a fun learning experience for all! People involved are: Members of the Show Choir, Combo, and any parents/students who want to be Roadies to give us a cheer section!

Students in this year's Show Choir group include:

Sopranos:

Zoe McDavitt, Vanadee McAdam, Jessica Snyder, Ashley Johnson

Altos:

Lindsey Wilson, Katie Laux

Tenors:

Josh Hawkins, Steve Nash, Justin Oswalt

Basses:

Christopher Gingerich, Andre Chickering, Jordan Terrell

February Lunch & Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Pancake on a Stick Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes Fancy Pears Hot Roll	2 Sausage & Egg Biscuit Macaroni & Cheese w/ Ham Coleslaw Peaches Garlic Breadstick	3 Cinnamon Roll/ Ham (HS- Soup Bar) Chili Soup w/ Grilled Cheese on Wheat Bread, Crackers Fresh Veggies w/ Lite Dip, Mixed Fruit	4 Donut/Ham <i>Tailgate Party!</i> Meatball Sub Chips Trail Mix Football Shaped Cookie
7 NO SCHOOL	8 Cereal/Toast Orange Chicken Rice Chop Chop Salad Banana Oriental Roll	9 Sausage & Granola Bar Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Apple Pumpkin Bar	10 Waffles w/Syrup (HS- Pasta Bar) Spaghetti Lettuce Salad w/ Lite Dressing Pears Cheesy Breadstick	11 Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit BBQ Chicken on a wheat bun Tater Tots Applesauce Brownie
14 Cereal / Toast Heart-shaped Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potatoes Rosey Applesauce Heart-shaped Cookie	15 Egg Omelet w/ Oatmeal Bar Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit Sausage Hashbrown Fresh Orange	16 Grilled Cheese Hot Dog on wheat bun French Fries Apricots Blueberry Brickle	17 French Toast w/ Syrup (HS-Stromboli) Mozzarella Dippers Carrots Grapes Cherry Bar	18 NO SCHOOL
21 NO SCHOOL	22 Cereal / Toast Pizza Corn Strawberries & Pears Cookie	23 Egg & Cheese Biscuit Chicken Patty on wheat bun Peas Fruit w/Yogurt Trail Mix	24 Pancakes w/ Syrup (HS- Wrap Bar) Burrito Carrot & Raisin Salad Banana, Cookie	25 Breakfast Egg Wrap Popcorn Chicken AuGratin Potatoes Apple Hot Roll
28 Cereal / Toast Hamburger Patty on wheat bun Baked Beans Cherries w/Cake				

Menu subject to change without notice. Chocolate skim milk available every day.

Breakfast is served in the Elementary cafeteria starting at 8:00 a.m.

Milk and (juice or fruit) served with all breakfasts.

Please send Elementary lunch money in an envelope with student's name, teacher and amount on outside.

FEBRUARY 2011 ACITIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	31 7:45 am. BBB Pre-Game Breakfast 4:30 pm 7/8 WR @ Ottumwa 6 pm JV/V BBB vs. Clark Co., Kahoka 6:30 pm JF/V WR @ Mediapolis (rescheduled from 1/18)	1 7:45 am. BBB Pre-Game Breakfast 5 pm 9th/JV/V GBB vs. Albia 5 pm 9th/JV/V BBB @ Albia 6 pm Music Booster Mtg.-HS Music Rm.	2 Blood Drive @ HS	3 7:45 am. BBB Pre-Game Breakfast 7 pm All Conference WR selection @ Albia	4 7:45 am. BBB Pre-Game Breakfast 5 pm 9th/JV/V GBB vs. Clarke, Osceola 5 pm 9th/JV/V BBB @ Clarke, Osceola	5 SEIBA Solo/Ensemble Contest 12 pm 2A Sectional WR @ New London 4 pm Var. G/BBB vs. Moravia - (Cargill Employee Recognition)
6	7 NO SCHOOL Prof. Development 6 pm JV/V GBB vs. Cardinal	8 7:45 am. BBB Pre-Game Breakfast 4:45 pm 9/JV/V BBB vs. Ft. Madison 6 pm 2A Regional Dual Team WR @ Washington	9	10 UNI Honor Band @ Cedar Falls 9th G/BBB vs. Clarke Co. CANCELLED & will not be rescheduled. 6:30 pm A Club mtg. @ HS	11 7:45 am. BBB Pre-Game Breakfast UNI Honor Band @ Cedar Falls 5 pm 9/JV/V BBB @ E-B	12 -UNI Honor Band -State Piano Contest -Truman State Honor Band @ Kirksville -North Polk Comet Sensation Show Choir Competition 12 pm 2A District WR @ West Liberty 7 pm Class 2A Reg. 7 GBB @ Albia
13	14 1st G/B Track Competition dates 7 pm District BBB	15 8th Grade NAEP Testing 6 pm Class 2A Reg. 7 GBB vs. TBA @ Albia	16 State Wrestling Tournaments @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines	17 State Wrestling Tournaments 7 pm District BBB Semi-final	18 NO SCHOOL—Make-up Day if necessary State Wrestling Tournaments Class 2A Reg. 7 GBB @ Chariton	19 State Wrestling Tournaments 9 am All Conference G/BBB mtg. @ Albia
20 Iowa Honor Band @ Iowa City	21 President's Holiday NO SCHOOL Iowa Honor Band @ Iowa City 1 pm Conference Speech @ Clarke 7 pm Class 2A Regional Final	22 7 pm District BBB Finals	23 4 pm HS Musical Dress Rehearsal @ Iowa Theatre	24 7:30 pm HS Musical @ Iowa Theatre	25 FFA Sub-State contest @ Pekin 7:30 pm HS Musical @ Iowa Theatre	26 State Dual Team Wrestling 7 pm Sub-State BBB
27	28 State GBB @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines 4:30 pm—8 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 State GBB @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines 5:30 pm Music Boosters Meal 7 pm 5-12 Band Concert	2 State GBB @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines	3 State GBB @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines 12:30 Dismissal P/T Conferences 1-4 & 5-8 pm	4 State GBB @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines NO SCHOOL	5 State GBB @ Wells Fargo, Des Moines All day SEIBA Jazz Band Festival @ Iowa City West HS