



Inside Track

A Model District Where Students Want To Be
Home of the Railroaders!



Students of the Month

The following students were chosen by staff members as Railroaders of the Month for January: 8th-grader Devin Freier, 9th-grader Tracy Slieff, 10th-grader Anna Church, 11th-grader Kelsay Garner, and 12th-grader Rachael Buhler. *Congratulations!*



Madrigals

Before school started, staff members participated in professional development anchored to "Capturing Kids' Hearts." A piece of that training was the development of a classroom social contract between all members of the class. Mrs. Franks' classroom has their social contract proudly displayed as a classroom bulletin board that will provide a great visual reminder for the entire class!

YAC Group

Durand Middle School now has a YAC group. YAC is a youth advisory committee that looks to empower the students by giving them an opportunity to express concerns and issues relating to their education in Durand. They do not have the power to make changes to policies, but they can make recommendations and give input to the staff at DMS. YAC meets twice a month and also looks at completing community service events. Last month, the students went to the Senior Citizen Center to have lunch with community members.



Education Beyond the Classroom

Mr. Gavenda's Principles of Engineering students were recently able to see the results of many hours of hard work. The students have been working on a project dealing with Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology. They were able to design and construct vehicles powered by solar power and water. Students began with distilled water and were able to separate hydrogen from oxygen through electrolysis in order to "fuel" their vehicles. It was quite a sight seeing the manufactured vehicles rolling down the hallways via power generated by water. Kudos to Mr. Gavenda and his students. *GREAT WORK!*

DHS Robotics

The DHS robotics team has kicked off this month. Students will be building a robot, among many other team activities, to get ready to compete against other high school robotics teams in March. The team competes through the FIRST Robotics organization and is open to all students. Fifty million dollars in scholarships are available for student members of FIRST Robotics teams for this year. The 2017 season is made possible through grants and local business partners. Thank you to the Durand Education Foundation, Graff Chevrolet, XYZ Landscape Supply, ACE Hardware, Bowden Body Shop and Riverside Market. More information about the team can be found at team5282.org.



DURAND AREA SCHOOLS

School of Choice

A Model School Where Students Want To Be!

The Durand Area Schools' District is accepting applications from parents of non-resident students for the enrollment of their child/children in grades and/or programs for the Second Semester of 2017.

To obtain an application for enrollment call (989) 288-2681 or visit our website at www.durand.k12.mi.us.
All applications must be submitted by FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017.

District Programs:

- FIRST Robotics
- K-12 STEM
- State Aligned Curriculum
- Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
- Advanced Placement Classes
- After School Academic Help Program
- Dual Enrollment with Mott Community College, U of M Flint, Lansing Community College and Baker College
- Career Technical Education Programs
- Preschool Programs
- Childcare Program Before & After School 6am-6pm
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Exceptional Booster Groups and Parent Involvement at All Levels!



We provide an exciting learning environment that motivates and engages students to reach their potential.

Call for a tour/meeting with the building principal today!

- Bertha Neal Elementary** PreSchool-1st grade
Principal Hattie Rainer 989-288-2016
- Robert Kerr Elementary** 2nd-4th grade
Principal Amy Holek 989-288-2805
- Durand Middle School** 5th-7th grade
Principal Paula Dobson 989-288-3435
- Durand High School** 8th-12th grade
Principal David Zuehlke 989-288-2684

AWARD WINNING:

- FFA • FCCLA • Marching Band • Symphonic Band • Concert Band
- Destination Imagination Teams • Drama
- Recognized State and National Athletes' and Athletics' • Art K-12
- Vocal Music at All Grades • FIRST Robotics