

# Leila G. Davis Elementary School

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## A Message from Mrs. Hill

It has been a fantastic month at Davis! All of our students came back from Winter Break ready to get back to work. Teachers are continuing to administer mid-year assessments to check for student mastery of standards and help to drive instructional decisions in the classroom. Extra support and a variety of interventions are being provided for those students needing additional support. This spring our intermediate students will be taking the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Our fourth and fifth graders will be taking the FSA Writing Assessment at the beginning of March. All third-fifth graders will be taking the FSA Reading and Math Assessments right after Spring Break. In addition, our 5th grade students will be taking the FCAT Science Assessment at the end of April. Our first and second grade students will be taking the SAT-10 mid-March. A more detailed testing schedule is attached to this month's newsletter and will be posted on our school website. Please begin talking with your child about the importance of these tests. Please show confidence in your child's ability to be successful not only in the classroom but also on state and district assessments. Praising a child's hard work and ability gives the child strength and self-confidence to do well. If you have any questions about the SAT-10, FSA or FCAT, please contact your child's teacher. We have a very busy February ahead of us on campus. Our annual PTA Walk-A-Thon will be held on February 26th. More information about the walk-a-thon will come home next week. Our All Pro Dad's is hosting our fifth annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on February 5th at 6:30pm. Tickets will be going on sale next week. Please look for the flyer that came home this week with details about this special night for our daddies and daughters!

Finally, I want to remind families that safety is a top priority and I appreciate everyone abiding by our policies and helping to maintain a safe learning environment for all of our students. Just a few reminders...

- We continue to have parents double parking and blocking the traffic flow in the front parking lot. We kindly request that all parents abide by our drop off and pick up procedures and only park in labeled parking spots. If there is not a spot available, parents are asked to please circle through the car circle and park in the spaces exiting the parking lot. It is important to keep a safe flow of traffic and respect the processes we have in place. It is ultimately for everyone's safety.
- There is NO student drop off/pick up in the bus circle. Parents are asked to use the car circle for drop off and pick up each day. The bus circle is reserved for staff parking and for our buses and day care vans to pick up and drop off students each day.
- We are lucky to have a wonderful partnership with the church next door. However, we are having a problem with the destructive nature of the play taking place (digging holes, climbing through bushes and tearing up things, etc.) after dismissal. If you allow your child to play in the church field after school, please be mindful and respectful of the church property.
- The Clearwater Police Department will be enforcing the "no left turn" during arrival and dismissal times. Please make sure you are only making right hand turns from the car circle onto Landmark.
- No student should be unaccompanied in the church parking lot. Parents are reminded to park and walk over to the school campus to pick up their child.

- All visitors MUST sign in at the front office when visiting campus. A visitor badge MUST be displayed while on campus.

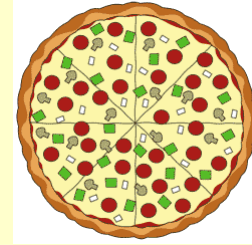
## Important Dates



February 5	PTA Walk a Thon fundraiser KICK OFF All Pro Dad's - Father Daughter Dance 6:30pm
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL
February 17	All Pro Dads meeting 7:30am (Media Center)
February 19	K-Kids meeting 7:45am
February 23	SAC meeting 7:00pm
February 26	PTA Walk a Thon 1:30pm School Newsletter available

## Lost and Found

We have many "lost" items (jackets, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, etc.) that need to be "found". The lost and found is located on the bench leading to the cafeteria. If your child is missing any items, please ask them to visit the lost and found in the next week or so.



Davis Families,

We are extending our spirit nights at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza for one more month!

Every Thursday in February you can help us earn 20% of your sales receipt at Anthony's.

Simply tell your waiter/waitress that you are with Davis Elementary.

Whether you dine in or carryout for lunch or dinner, please consider eating at Anthony's on a Thursday in February to help us raise more funds.

Thank you and bon appetite!  
Davis PTA

## K-Kids



It's that time again. K-Kids are selling Lollipop Grams on February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup> in the main hallway from 8:05 am to 8:25am. Each Lollipop Gram costs \$0.50. They will be delivered on February 12<sup>th</sup> to classrooms. This fundraiser will be donated to a charity, please support this cause.



## A Letter from the Harvey Family

Dear Davis Family,

*I have been struggling with how to express our gratitude to everyone at school. Thank you seems so inadequate. The comfort we have received by the outpouring of support, the wonderful memories shared, heartfelt messages received and generosity given to us honoring David is deeply cherished and overwhelming.*

*I know David loved working with the students, staff and parents and I know that he knew he was appreciated and loved right back. When we were out to eat, the mall, the movies, pretty much everywhere, 'Coach Harvey' always got a high five or a hug from at least one of 'his kids'. Whether in Elementary School or graduated to Middle School or in High School, they remember 'Coach' and David remember them. He could always tell me a little something about each. I feel David is watching over all of us from above.*

*Everyone has already been so supportive and generous. I'm still asked "Is there is anything I can do?" My answer is simple and from the heart - "If you have not spoken to a loved one in a while, call them and tell them you love them as soon as possible. Give them big hugs when you see them. Do the same with the loved ones you live with, work with and see all the time. Don't take their presence for granted because you never know."*

*Ellynn, Sam and Alex Harvey*

At his Celebration of Life Ceremony, held during December's ROAR Rally, Mrs. Hill made mention of the college fund we were setting up in his memory for his daughter Samantha. We have the account set up and ready to go.

CollegeWealth529 for Samantha N. Harvey  
BB&T - Acct # 1100013291363  
Routing # 263191387

\* Deposits/Donations can be made at any BB&T location. If you wish to send money from bank to bank you will need to include the routing number and account number.



Kindness Week 2/8-2/12

Student Council is once again sponsoring Kindness Week at Davis. We have the following activities planned.

Monday - Kindness Count! Classes will participate in decorating our Kindness Banner.

Tuesday - It's Crazy Not to be Kind! Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday - Double the Kindness! Twin day. Dress like your friends.

Thursday - We are united in Kindness! Wear a Davis T-Shirt today.

Friday - Peace Love & Kindness Day. Wear peace shirts, heart shirts or the colors of red, white, or pink today to spread the message of peace & love.

## Join our Email List!

If you have not already done so, please visit our school website at <http://www.davis-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/> and click on Join the LGD Email List to receive valuable and up-to-date information on all the happenings here at Davis.



## P.E. Shorts



The students are working on the following units: hockey, basketball, volleyball, soccer and field games. Each class spends two weeks on a unit before rotating to the next one.

At the end of the March we will begin our spring fitness testing. This is the same testing we did in the fall. Known in the past as Fitnessgram, the county has renamed it "Being Fit Matters". Please see the Parent letter included in this newsletter. This year grades K-2 only had their height and weight measured (BMI) while third grade classes had their muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility assessed. Grades 4 and 5 had their cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility assessed. At the end of the year you will get a printout of your child's assessment.

With the weather changing, please make sure names are on the clothes tags. This will help us identify who the owners are. If there are jackets left on the court, you can find the unclaimed jackets in the Lost & Found.

The P.E. Department

Coach Daily, Coach Stoll, Coach Brauer and Mrs. Days

## Guitar Lessons

Session Two of the Guitar Monster "Introduction to Guitar" will begin on Monday, February 8th, after school in the music room. This 12 week course is offered to any 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student. Look for the flyer that was or will be sent home with your child for all details. The focus in Session Two is on chords, tabs and fun songs to strum and sing along. We hope your child will join in on the fun! For more information email me at [MusicIsAgeless2@aol.com](mailto:MusicIsAgeless2@aol.com) or call me at 727-510-9850.



## Parent Survey

The Parent Survey is now available online. We encourage all parents to take a few moments to complete it. Thank You in advance!

Parent Survey:

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/3036885>

## Media Center Collections

Don't forget to collect those Box Tops! Each Box Top helps to reach the goal of earning new technology for the school. The next collection date is February 26th.



The Media Center is also collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones. We participate in a recycling program where we earn points for each toner/ink cartridge or cell phone turned in. The points are used to purchase technology items for the school.



5<sup>th</sup> Graders heading to Washington D.C. this year are selling Krispy Kreme Donuts to raise money towards their trip.

A dozen glazed donuts are \$9.00 YUM!  
A 1 LB bag of coffee is \$9.00

\*Orders can be made in the front office by Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>  
The donuts will be delivered to school on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>



# The PTA Page

January 2016



## Message from our President

Parents and students,

There are so many activities going on at Davis this spring. Please browse through the right side of this newsletter and mark your calendar so you don't miss out on any of the fun events planned for the remainder of the school year.

These activities require money to facilitate. The PTA host's 2 fundraisers each year: fall product sale and spring walk a thon. Our spring Walk for Davis will be kicking off February 5<sup>th</sup>. You will have until the 17<sup>th</sup> to turn in your donations in order to receive your Walk for Davis T-shirt in time for the walk. The walk a thon will take place during PE on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to come and participate as long as they are a registered volunteer.



Thank you in advance for your support of our spring fundraiser. There are many great prizes that the students can win and the majority of the prize program is structured so that all children in the same household that attend Davis will win the prize at each prize level. **Our goal is to bring in \$25,000.** We need your help to make this happen!

If you have not yet shown your support by becoming a PTA member, please do so. Your \$6.00 donation helps us provide many extra things for our school. Membership forms can be found in the front lobby of the school. It is not too late to join.

A very special THANK YOU to Cobb Movie Theaters for donating the popcorn for our annual movie night that was held in December and our annual BINGO night held in January. We appreciate all of our business partners very much!

Lastly, if you would like to get involved next year with our PTA board, please let us know. We always have a need for more volunteers and right now, we are in need of a President for next year. My son will be moving on to 6<sup>th</sup> grade so this will be my last year at Davis. It has been a pleasure serving the students, parents, and teachers of the school the past 2 years. I encourage each of you to get involved as well.

Amy Christensen, Davis PTA President

## UPCOMING EVENTS – DON'T MISS THEM

Here are the activities coming up this year:

Every Thursday in February is Spirit Night at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza. Whether you dine in or carry out for lunch or dinner, just let your server know you are with Davis Elementary so we can earn 20% profit on your bill.

February 5<sup>th</sup> – Father Daughter Dance in the cafeteria from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale February 1 – 4<sup>th</sup>.



February 8<sup>th</sup> – Math Night from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This is a free event, fun for all Davis students and their parents.

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Class Pictures are taken - SMILE

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Mother Son Bowling at Countryside Lanes from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale mid February.



April 8<sup>th</sup> – Threshers Game...join other Davis families for a night at the ball field. Fireworks after the game. Tickets can be purchased directly from Brighthouse Field Box Office.



April 14<sup>th</sup> – General PTA Meeting at 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Join us in the media center for a guest speaker. Students can hang out in the cafeteria. Free Ice cream sundaes after the meeting.

April 20<sup>th</sup> – All Pro Dads Kick Ball Game at 6:00. Join us on the PE field for an hour or so of food and fun. Parents and students of all ages are welcome to attend.



April 28<sup>th</sup> – Spring Fling from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. This is a big event with lots of fun for the entire family. Tickets will be on sale mid April.

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Muffins for Mom at 7:45 am. Mom's, join your children for a mother's day celebration in the media center for a breakfast treat before school begins.



May 20<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Luncheon...everyone who has volunteered this year in any capacity is invited to enjoy a free lunch in the media center.

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FSA-Writing Grade 4-5 Paper-based	2 FSA – Writing Make-ups	3 FSA – Writing Make-ups	4 FSA – Writing Make-ups	5
6	7	8 SAT 10 Grade 1-2	9 SAT 10 Grade 1-2	10 SAT 10 Grade 1-2	11 SAT 10 Grade 1-2	12
13	14 No Students	15 SAT 10 Grade 1-2	16 SAT 10 Grade 1-2	17 SAT 10 Makeups today & previous days	18 SAT 10 Pack up test	19
20	21 Spring Break	22 Spring Break	23 Spring Break	24 Spring Break	25 Spring Break	26
27	28	29 FSA – Grade 3 ELA Session 1	30 FSA – Grade 3 ELA Session 2	31 FSA – Grade 3-4 Math Session 1	FSA – Grade 3-4 Math Session 2	

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 FSA – Make-up Grade 3-4 ELA, Math	5 FSA – Make-up Grade 3-4 ELA, Math	6 FSA – Make-up Grade 3-4 ELA, Math	7 FSA – Make-up Grade 3-4 ELA, Math	8 FSA – Make-up Grade 3-4 ELA, Math	9
10	11 Grade 5 – ELA Computer-based	12 Grade 5 – ELA Computer-based	13 Grade 5 – ELA Computer-based	14 Grade 5 – ELA Computer-based	15 Grade 5 – ELA Computer-based	16
17	18 Grade 5 – Math Computer-based	19 Grade 5 – Math Computer-based	20 Grade 5 – Math Computer-based	21 Grade 5 – Math Computer-based	22 Grade 5 – Math Computer-based	23
24	25 Grade 4 – ELA Computer-based	26 Grade 4 – ELA Computer-based Grade 5 – Science Session 1	27 Grade 4 – ELA Computer-based Grade 5 – Science Session 2	28 Grade 4 – ELA Computer-based Make-up until May 6	29 Grade 4 – ELA Computer-based Make-up until May 6	30

# May 2016

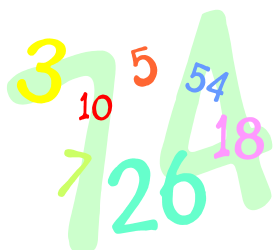
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Leila G. Davis, Curlew Creek and Lake St. George  
Elementary PTA's invite you to a:

## Parent-Student Math Party!

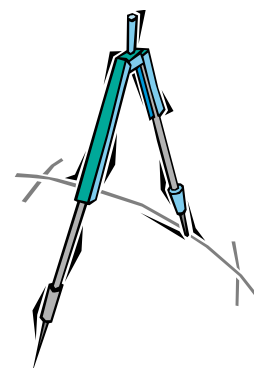
Students in grades K-5 and their  
parents are invited to an evening  
of fun and interactive math  
games.



## Parent-Student Math Party!



Ms. Math,  
(Dr. Rachel McAnallen)  
will be leading students and  
parents in an exciting and  
entertaining evening. Rachel has  
traveled the world, sharing her  
love of math with others.



Please join us on Monday, February 8th  
from 6:30-8:00pm

LOCATION: Davis Elementary School Cafeteria

2630 Landmark Drive Clearwater, Florida 33761

**Parents & Children Welcome! \*Please note: This training requires a  
student (school-age) AND a parent present. Space available will be a premium  
and we request there are no toddlers, infants, and strollers.**

**Thanks for your help!**



## **ATTACHMENT-FOCUSED PARENTING GROUP**

Does your child resist affection from you?  
Seem too comfortable with strangers?  
Prefer to avoid interacting with family altogether?  
Did your child experience some form of trauma in the first five years of life?

You might be dealing with an attachment issues. We are offering a 10-week parenting group based on the [ATTACH parenting manual](#) Hope for Healing that will provide information about:

- Attachment styles
- Trauma's effect on brain development
- Grief & Loss
- Meaning behind problem behaviors
- Therapeutic parenting strategies
- School interventions
- Community supports/services

If you think your child has attachment issues and you are interested in this group, complete the brief survey on our website or use this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7HFKRTX>

Meetings will be held at our office:  
3941 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

**There is no cost for this group to eligible families.  
Call our office or email us to get more information.**

Phone: 727-657-7761

Email: [referrals@arsponline.org](mailto:referrals@arsponline.org)

Website: <http://arsponline.org>



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# FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Feb. 6, 2016 • 8-11:30 AM • Countryside High



## **Saturday, Feb. 6** **8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Countryside High School in Clearwater**

- Pinellas County Schools Parent University is a FREE series of informational sessions that supports the academic life and success of PCS students in kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school.
- PCS Parent University will offer information that will help your child with math, reading, and science, graduation requirements, FSA assessment, college/career readiness, digital learning tools, STEM, Khan Academy as a support to learning and many more.
- For parents with students in one of the district's Fundamental programs, attending the PCS Parent University will count as a monthly parent fundamental attendance credit.
- PCS Parent University Resource Café: This is an area where parents can get their questions and concerns answered by district staff. The center will include stations about 504 plans, Kindergarten registration, Choice Programs, Student Assignment, Family Engagement, the Juvenile Welfare Board and others.
- Free childcare is provided for children in grades K-5 (with advance registration).
- For more information and to register today visit <http://all4schools.org/pinellas/> or to register by phone, call 813-274-0968.

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