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A Message from Mrs. Hill

I cannot believe that April is almost over. It has been a very busy month here at Davis. Our 3rd and 4th graders finished FSA early this month and our 5th graders will be finishing the computer based FSA next week. We are so proud of the hard work displayed by all of our intermediate students! Thank you for getting your children to school on time during this important time of the year. We have so many positive opportunities for our students this coming month. May 7th and 8th is field day for all of our Bear Cubs. This is a fun filled day promoting teamwork and physical fitness. If you are a registered volunteer, we welcome you to come out and cheer on your child or even lend a helping hand to our PE staff. Our sixth annual "Out Of This World" Spring Fling will be next Friday, May 1st from 5:30-8:00. Presale tickets will be on sale all next week before school. We hope you make plans to join us for an evening of games, food, fun, and fellowship. Our Spring Fling is always the talk of the school, and I predict it will be just as big a hit this year. Our STEM Academystudents will be participating in the STEM Expo this Saturday, April 25th at USF St. Pete campus. Our gifted students will be showcasing their learning at "Night at the Aquarium" here at school on May 14th, and our choral students will perform a spring concert at HUMC on May 19th. We also have 30 fifth grade students who will be taking an exciting trip to Washington DC at the end of May. In addition, many classes will be taking field trips and preparing to wrap up a great school year. As you can see, May will be a very busy month. It's hard to believe our year is winding down and we are already beginning to make plans for next school year. It is my goal to continue to develop staff morale and cultivate an environment where there is great passion and drive for our staff to move our student body forward.

The number of decisions a teacher makes each day is truly mind-boggling. It is this I ask of you as community members in our Davis Bear Cub community: engage in open dialogue with our staff about specific concerns you may have and keep an open mind. It is my goal that our teachers work with you to meet all of our learners' needs and in this process, promote highest student achievement. Soon teachers will begin forming recommended classes for the 2015 - 2016 school year. They use a number of criteria to help them with the process including: balances in gender, race, and academic levels to name a few. As you can see, this important process does not include parent requests. Our teachers spend hours in an effort to make the best possible matches to ensure success for every child. Please understand that Mr. Durst and I work collaboratively with the classroom teachers when forming classes. For this reason, I will not honor personal requests or accept parent letters. I truly believe that Davis has the best teachers in Pinellas County. Our staff is highly trained and dedicated to meeting the needs of children who are struggling as well as those who are quick learners and need challenges. All of our teachers are qualified and outstanding! Thank you for your help with this! Please take time to read this month's newsletter, check your child's planner and blue folder, and visit the school and PTA website frequently. We appreciate your continued support and your dedication to Davis Elementary!



Hat Day - April 29th

Please help support our Fifth Graders going to Washington DC by bringing a \$1.00 to wear your favorite hat next Wednesday, April 29th. Students and staff will be set up in the front lobby to collect money before school on Wednesday. Thanks for your continued support.

Tampa Bay Rays Spirit Night

Pinellas County Schools will have Rays Spirit Night on Saturday, May 9th at 6:10pm. The Rays will be playing the Texas Rangers. Discounted tickets are available through Davis Elementary at \$10 per ticket for the upper level or \$17 per ticket for the lower level. Ticket order forms were sent home with student this past Wednesday. All order forms and money are due by Tuesday, April 28th. No extensions!! Tickets will be delivered to the school a few days prior to the game and sent home with your child. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.



Kindergarten Registration for 2015-2016

Kindergarten registration continues for next school year. Parents of incoming kindergarteners need a Portal username and password to access the Student Reservation System to reserve a seat for next school year. Please call the front office if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

Dress Code Reminder

Spring is here and with that comes warmer temperatures and pulling out shorts and shirts that your children might not have worn in a while. As you look to evaluate your child's wardrobe for proper fit or need for replacement, we would like to remind you and your children about the Pinellas County Schools Dress Code.

- Students must wear shirts that cover midriff, back, sides and all undergarments including bra straps and have sleeves that cover their shoulders.
- Students must wear shorts, skirts or dresses that are at least mid-thigh in length.
- Students must wear clothing that is the appropriate size, covering all undergarments, including boxer shorts.
- Students have daily PE and recess. In order to participate safely, they must wear shoes or sneakers that do not have a high heel and cover their toes and heel completely.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Summer Bridge Registration

Could your child benefit from extra learning opportunities over the summer? Enrollment for Summer Bridge is underway. Summer Bridge is designed for students who are not performing on grade level or need additional help to stay on track. The programs provide engaging activities and intensive instruction to ensure that students are prepared for maximum success when the school year begins. Most Summer Bridge programs will run [Monday through Thursday from June 16 to July 23](#). Parents can register online using the Student Reservation System at <https://reservation.pcsb.org>. Schools will also assist families with the registration process. Summer Bridge locations and the latest information can be found on the district's Summer Bridge website, www.pcsb.org/summerbridge. Contact the school for additional info.

Important Dates



We need your help to volunteer at the book fair. Sign-up for a time to volunteer

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548aaa623a64-leila6>

Monday 4/27 & Tuesday 4/28

Book Fair Hours:
12:30pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 4/29-Friday 5/1

Book Fair Hours:
8:05am-3:05pm

(Before school and after school students must be accompanied by an adult)

Late Night during Spring Fling

Friday, May 1st

5:00pm-8:00pm

(Spring Fling Hours 5:30pm-8:00pm)

P.E. Shorts

Field Day is right around the corner!!! Please remember sunscreen, hats and labeled water bottles, it will be warm. If you are interested in volunteering, we can always use your help. Please remember that you must be a registered volunteer. Please email Coach Stoll at stollw@pcsb.org if you would like to volunteer. Dates and times for each grade level are below:

Thursday, May 7th

8:55 - 10:20 K & Pre-K, Piatt

10:30 - 11:55 1st

1:00 - 2:25 2nd

Friday, May 8th

8:55 - 10:20 3rd

10:30 - 11:55 5th

1:00 - 2:25 4th & Hewlett

April 27 Book Fair begins
FSA testing *Closed Campus* from 8:30am-12:00pm

April 28 SAC meeting 7:00pm
FSA testing *Closed Campus* from 8:30am-12:00pm

May 1 SPRING FLING 5:30pm-8:00 pm
Book Fair Ends

May 4 FCAT testing *Closed Campus* from 8:30am-12:00pm

May 5 FCAT testing *Closed Campus* from 8:30am-12:00pm

May 6 5th grade trip to watch the Florida Orchestra

May 7 Field Day PreK-2nd, Piatt
McDonald's Spirit Night
5:00-7:00pm

May 8 Field Day Grades 3-5, Hewlett

May 10 Mother's Day

May 12 Muffins for Mom 7:30am

May 14 Night at the aquarium (gifted program)

May 19 Spring Choral Concert 7:00pm

May 20 Donuts for Dad 7:30am
All Pro Dad's Meeting 7:30am
Astro Skate 3:00-5:00pm

May 21 Domino's Night

May 25 Memorial Day *NO SCHOOL*

May 28 ROAR Rally 8:45am

May 29 School Newsletter available
May 29th -31st 5th Grade DC Trip

1 Week Away!!!!

“SPRING FLING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!”

Come out and join us for our annual Spring Fling Carnival. This is a family fun night put on by the school with fun for all! There will be food, games, booths, bounce houses, touch-a-truck, bowling and much more! A ticket pre-sale form is going home today (4/24) in blue folders. We hope to see everyone there!! If you are interested in helping out with this event and your are an ACTIVE, REGISTERED Volunteer please contact Gabby Troiso TroisoG@pcsb.org or 725-7972.



Music News

It's great to be back!!! Thank you so much for all the kind words and wishes during my leave of absence and since my return. Although I loved staying home, I certainly missed my Davis family and was thrilled to return to the classroom and our Davis Musician-Scholars after spring break. Love, Mr. M

Chorus

Our spring concert is on Tuesday, May 19th at Heritage United Methodist Church. Lyrics and song files will be posted on our course Focus page by the end of the week. Special thanks to Mrs. Goodman for making wonderful progress with the chorus students throughout February and March.

Recorders

Third graders continue to play and improvise melodies, perform accompaniments, and read notes on the treble clef staff. Our focus is on the first three notes played with the left hand - B, A, and G, but we have added many new notes for students who are looking for extra challenges. Keep practicing at home if you would like, but remember to always have your recorder at school on your music day. We will celebrate our progress with a “Recorder Showcase” on Thursday, May 28th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. More details to come.

“Bach” to the Future

Congratulations to the Second Grade students and teachers on two amazing performances of “Bach to the Future” this week. Everyone enjoyed the production, especially the Kindergarten and First Grade students who were able to enjoy the Monday after show. Special thanks to all the parents and other volunteers who helped bring the show successfully to the stage, and to Heritage United Methodist Church for opening their space for our students and families.

MusicFirst

Fourth and fifth graders continue to have access to the online music program “MusicFirst.” Students can access lessons to review or expand their knowledge, as well as explore two pieces of software that have been provided for our school. “Groovy Music” gives students a chance to “compose” their own music, and “Focus on Sound” is like an online Music Encyclopedia with hundreds of images, audio clips, and videos to help students review instruments, ensembles, and styles.

SUMMER IS COMING!! CHECK THIS OUT!

KIDS BOWL FREE
REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A
SUMMER FUN Bowling Pass
2 FREE GAMES OF BOWLING A DAY ALL SUMMER!

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE 2 FREE GAMES OF BOWLING A DAY ALL SUMMER LONG, USE THE WEBSITE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS CARD.

AS SEEN ON FOX, abc, CBS, NBC, YouTube, PTO, Best Friends, Canadian Living, FamilyGide, Smart, Google, FamilyFun

Bowling to Schools \$50,000 Grant Program

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Farmingdale Lanes Farmingdale, NY 631-249-4300	GOTO	Coram Country Lanes Coram, NY 631-732-2022

www.KidsBowlFree.com/Maple

IT'S EASY

- GO TO THE WEBSITE ABOVE TO REGISTER EACH CHILD
- RECEIVE THE FREE BOWLING PASSES EVERY WEEK BY EMAIL
- COME AND ENJOY BOWLING ALL SUMMER!

REGISTERED CHILDREN RECEIVE CERTIFICATES TO BOWL 2x