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August 26, 2016

Principal: Kim Hill Assistant Principal: William Durst

## Principal's Page A Message from Mrs. Hill

By now all of the students have settled into their new classrooms and we are off to a great start to the school year. It's hard to believe that next week it will already be September. I appreciate all of the continued support as we strive to help each student reach his/her highest potential. Our work together is very important. Research confirms that parental interest and involvement in a child's education is the most significant reason children succeed in school.

While we work together to develop students who will be good citizens of the future, our goal at Davis is to provide a nurturing and challenging education for all students. In reaching our goals, establishing and maintaining an orderly environment is essential. Listed below are a few ways that you can help us maximize student achievement at Davis:

- <u>Respect Our School Hours</u>
  - Office Hours:7:45 am 4:00 pmFirst Bell:8:25 amClass begins:8:35 am (considered tardy if not in<br/>the classroom)School Hours:8:35 am 2:35 pm
- <u>Make sure your child is here daily AND on time</u>. Children should always be on time for school. Students who arrive late to school (after 8:35 am) are expected to sign in at the front office and obtain a pink tardy slip. Tardiness on a regular basis is disrupting and detrimental to your child's success.





Stay up to date by viewing our school website http://pcsb.org/davis-es
Like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/LeilaGDavisES/
Follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/LeilaGDavis\_ES
Join us on Remind to receive text messages. Text @leilad to 81010
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## Important Dates

<u>August 30</u> SAC Meeting 7-8:00pm

<u>September 1<sup>st</sup></u> K-Kids Meeting 7:45am Media Center

September 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day NO SCHOOL

### September 12

Goodies for Grandparents 7:45-8:30am Media Center

### September 20

Specialist Open House PTA General Meeting and Speaker: Digital Learning

<u>September 21</u> All Pro Dads 7:30-8:30

<u>September 27</u> Fall Picture Day SAC Meeting 7-8pm

<u>September 28</u> Astro Skating Party 3-6pm

Area 1 Associate Superintendent: Mr. Ward Kennedy (727) 588-5023

- <u>Please respect dismissal time</u>: Students must be picked up at 2:35 each day. We have many children who are being picked up well after the dismissal bell. Please make sure other arrangements have been made if you will be running late.
- <u>Check your child's planner/agenda</u> <u>nightly.</u> The planner is an important communication tool from the teacher and includes homework assignments and important dates.
- <u>Participate in school activities.</u> We welcome volunteers, tutors, and mentors at Davis. We also have a very active PTA that is a tremendous support to our school community. Please check the Davis website or contact our Family Community Liaison, Dominica Reed, for volunteer opportunities.
- Expect your child to demonstrate respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. Davis is committed to providing a positive learning culture. We have a school-wide Positive Behavior Plan where we teach children behaviors that will ensure success in school and throughout life.

Each day presents wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children as we prepare them for success in school and in life. It is with pride that I look forward to a productive and enriching school year! Thank you for your continued support! Please let us know if we can be of assistance to your family.

### Safety Reminders

• If your child is a car rider, please make sure that you are using the name sign in your car window at pick-up time. Please print all signs in large bold letters. Car riders should have received a plastic hang tag during the first week of school to use during pick-up. Due to the cost of the plastic hang tags, parents will need to make any additional name signs for other cars that will be picking up your child...Mom, Dad, and Grandma too!

- Please refrain from talking or texting on your cell phone while moving in the car line. We have had some close calls with those who have their attention elsewhere!
- If at all possible, please refrain from picking your child up before dismissal time. This is disruptive to the learning for everyone in the class when classroom instruction is interrupted.
- Please do not drop off or pick up your children in undesignated areas. The only drop off and pick up area with supervision is in the car circle. Parents choosing to use the parking lot at Heritage United Methodist Church for drop off or pick up need to walk to and from the campus for drop off and/or pick up. We do not have Davis staff supervising the church parking lot.
- Please do not use the bus circle on the south end of the campus for drop off or pick up. This area is designated for school buses, day care vans, and staff parking.
- Please adhere to the "no left turn" signs as you are exiting the car circle. The Clearwater Police Department will begin to monitor this and will soon be issuing tickets.
- Adult supervision on campus begins at 8:05 am, so please do not drop off your children before this time. We continue to have students dropped off before 8:05. We will be formally notifying parents that are continually dropping their children off before the designated time.
- Our car circle is making pretty efficient time at this point, so please make sure that you are here to pick up your child by 2:45 pm each day.

We appreciate your attention to these important safety issues.

## Pinellas County Schools Referendum supports teachers and students



The continuation of Pinellas County Schools Referendum will be on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. The Referendum strengthens reading, music and art programs; provides up-todate technology; and helps recruit and retain teachers. Pinellas quality County voters overwhelmingly supported the Referendum three times, with its initial approval in 2004. An independent citizens committee oversees Referendum expenditures to ensure money is spent as voters intended.

The Referendum provides classroom libraries filled with diverse and up-to-date materials and increased training opportunities for teachers. Children benefit from intensive reading programs, waived instrument rental fees, and paid admission for field trips to museums and art galleries.

All schools receive equitable funding for quality art supplies, equipment and technology that help students produce strong works of art. All

Elementary Music classes receive musical instruments, and all schools receive music equipment to ensure equity among music programs in the district.

Eighty percent of Referendum revenue supplements teacher salaries, demonstrating the high value placed on keeping quality teachers in Pinellas County.

The half-mill tax costs the average single family homeowner less than \$5.50 a month. Every penny of the funding goes directly to Pinellas County teachers and students. Learn more at <u>www.pcsb.org/referendum</u>.

## **Curriculum** Corner



Welcome back Davis families! We are looking forward to an amazing year of learning. One of the technologies used in our district, ThinkCentral, allows

access to our textbooks and other materials online from home. The publisher of these materials has created a newer webpage for access. While improvements have been made, there have been issues with students signing in from home. The problem appears to be in the internet browser itself. Each internet browser maintains browsing history, cookies, plugins, and cache. For ease of loading and quicker processing, web browsers store previously loaded pages in the cache.

To enable to the browser to access the most recent version of the ThinkCentral webpage, we recommend the following solutions:

- Clear the internet browser history, cookies, and cache. This may have to be done each time if there is more than one student user at home
- Create unique user accounts on the computer at home.
- Use separate browsers such as Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari for more than one user at home.

If you have any questions or continuing issues, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher, our Media Specialist, Mrs. Scott, or myself from our school website at: <u>http://www.pcsb.org/davis-es</u>

William Durst Assistant Principal

## Volunteer Update



This school year is off to a great start! Now that we are into the swing of things, we need our wonderful volunteers.

Whether you have a few hours or minutes, we can always use your help. If you have not yet registered as a volunteer, you will need to fill out a registration form and attach a copy of your ID or driver's license. The forms are located in the front office. If you are a returning volunteer, don't forget to reactivate your volunteer account so you can log your hours. https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/.

\*Remember, ANY activities at school, other than coming in to have lunch with your child,

requires you to be a registered and active volunteer. This includes field trips, Field Day, Spring Fling, classroom parties, etc. All volunteers must stop by the front office and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus. Don't forget to log your hours in FOCUS each time you volunteer as it helps our school to become a 5 star school. Please feel free to contact me anytime!

Dominica Reed Family & Community Liaison ReedDom@pcsb.org

## Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship

A special thank you to the following sponsors for donating to our classrooms and school!

### Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

- Countryside Little League
- Piazza Family

### **Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)**

### Davis Friend (\$100-\$199

- Carpet Barn & More
- Rodewald Family
- Bowyer Family
- Aquila Powercat's

### Davis Associate (up to \$99)

- Gerakios/Siren Family
- Robinson Family



If you are interested in sponsoring a class, please see the front office or your child's teacher for more details.

## **Café News**

Greetings from the Café! I am happy to introduce myself as the new Cafeteria Manager here at Davis! My son is also attending here in 5<sup>th</sup> grade! I look forward to meeting many of you!

At the start of the new year it is important to establish your child's account. <u>First</u>, if you wish to apply for Free and Reduced Lunch, we highly recommend going to the following website: <u>www.myschoolapps.com</u>. It is a quick

website: <u>www.inyseriooupps.com</u>. It is a quick process and you usually receive a status answer within 24 hrs. EVERYONE must reapply.

### Second- Please sign up on

www.myschoolbucks.com, in order to monitor your student's accounts at school. The main item that is needed is your child's student id, which can be found on focus or obtained via the front office. You may elect to fund the account from this site, however there is a nominal fee each time. You can bring us a check or cash at the café for no fee. Please do not leave it with your child's teacher. Come see us directly! We do not accept any credit cards, sorry.

Breakfast is free for students attending Davis. Parents may also eat for a fee of \$2.25.

Lunch costs \$2.00 for non-free/reduced qualifying students each day. Parents, for you it is \$3.50.

Menus can be found on the <u>www.pcsb.org</u> site each month, or there is a supply at the front office. Lastly, please think about sponsoring the café this year. Any monies donated will be put into a special account to help feed children that who need it (to avoid the dreaded cheese sandwich), or for rewards (snacks, ice-cream, etc.). See me on this, if interested! I look forward to serving your child!

Susanne Borsari Café Manager



## **Davis Dining Room**

Have you heard about our cafeteria reward program? Every day, classes strive to earn a "blue cup" by staying in their seats, using quiet voices, cleaning up at the end of the



meal, and lining up properly. When a class earns 15 blue cups, they receive recognition for their great behavior. Ask your child how many blue cups their class has so far!

## **Box Tops for Education**



Davis Elementary participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The money collected each year

helps to fund much needed technology projects and items throughout the school. Each teacher has a collection container in their classroom for Box Tops. At the end of each month, Box Tops will be collected from the classrooms and counted. Start looking on your grocery products today for those valuable Box Tops!

## Media Matters



Classes will start to utilize our Media Center next week. If your child checked out library books over the summer be sure to return the books! All summer books need to be returned before new books can be checked out.

Kindergarten students may have 1 book checked out at a time. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders may check out 2 books at a time. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders may check out 3 books at a time.

The library is always in need of volunteers. We have over 750 students enrolled at Davis and our school library consistently has one of the highest circulation numbers of elementary schools throughout the county. That means we ALWAYS have books to shelve and put back where they belong. Even if you only have 30 minutes to spare we could use your help. Not sure what to do? We will train you! Stop by or email Mrs. Scott <u>scottsha@pcsb.org</u> if you are interested in helping. You do need to be a registered volunteer in order to help!

The Media Center collects used ink cartridges and old 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 media center supplies for the school.





Welcome Davis Bear Cub families! My name is Miss Sullivan (soon to have the married name of

Mrs. Baldauf!) and I am so excited for another creative and fun filled year of Art class with your kiddos!



Since we have so many students at Davis, we have another great Art teacher for a day and half! Here name is Demeree Barth and she comes to us from High Point Elementary. We have lots of art activities planned this year, such as more campus beautification, YAY! If you haven't had a chance to see our clay totems spread throughout the school, or one of the many walls that Art Club painted last year, please stop by and take a look; they are beautiful!

This year we are hoping to work with a local artist and create some glass mosaics outside along our walls of the campus! Also be sure to stay tuned as to when Art Club will begin...possibly late September, after school. If you are new to Davis please go to www.artsonia.com and enroll your child in our virtual gallery. It is free and a fantastic way to keep a digital portfolio of your child's art work for years to come. If you choose to purchase an item from Artsonia, Davis will get 20% of that money back to the school for art supplies! I hope to have lots of artwork published before the holidays to make your Christmas shopping easy peasy!

Thanks again for supporting the ARTs and if you have any questions, please feel free to email me <u>sullivang@pcsb.org.</u>

Creatively yours, Miss Sullivan

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## **Music Notes**



### <u>Chorus</u>

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in the Davis Chorus. Chorus meets for 45 minutes a week during the school day and will perform two evening concerts at Heritage United Methodist Church. Other performances are optional and will be announced well in advance. Information sheets and permission forms went home this week and are due to Mr. Martinez by Thursday, September 8.

### Music is Ageless

Last week our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were introduced to the after school band program. The band rehearses with Music is Ageless staff members on Mondays after school. Students can learn to play flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, snare drum, or bells. Look for a yellow information sheet that was\_sent home or check musicisagelessonline.com for more information.

#### Guitar Rock Star

\_Music is Ageless also offers a 12-week beginning guitar course for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders starting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Classes are Mondays after school from 3:45-4:30. For more information, see Mr. Martinez for an information sheet, or check out musicisagelessonline.com.

### Song of the Month

Our first song of the month is our Davis School Song, set to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Feel free to talk about the song with your children and have them teach you the words! Don't miss us performing the school song along

with a patriotic song with sign language at our first ROAR Rally.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of music making with your children!

Mr. Martinez and Ms. Hilliard

## **Student Headphones**

We kindly ask that all Davis Scholars have a pair of headphones for use at school. If you ordered the school supply kits over the summer, headphones were included in the



order! All grade levels, Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade utilize computers and iPads throughout the week. Some of the programs or applications have sound and students need headphones in order to focus on the instructions from their device. For health and safety reasons we require each student to have their own pair of headphones. Earbuds are sometimes too big and difficult for our younger students to use.

## **Physical Education:**



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. The Physical Education Department is looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year. To ensure all students are

safe and successful please review the rules and procedures listed below.

OVERVIEW: Pre-K students will have outdoor Physical Education class daily for thirty minutes. Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students will have outdoor Physical Education class three days a week for forty five minutes. These classes are supervised and instructed by one of the four members of the P.E. staff. The curriculum is based on Pinellas County Physical Education Curriculum Guidelines and on individual assessment of your child's skills and needs.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To educate and prepare students for physical activity now and in the future while enhancing each student's overall physical fitness level.

**ATTIRE:** For your child's safety, the P.E. Department requests rubber soled shoes that stay on your child's feet. We request no boots, highheeled shoes, spikes or sandals be worn. If your child wants to wear these shoes to school, we ask that he/she change before coming out to P.E. class. We also request girls wear shorts under dresses. Hats are permitted, please no sunglasses or jewelry due to safety concerns. **Sunscreen is highly recommended**.

**WATER BOTTLES:** Please send a water bottle to school, labeled with your child's name. It is very hot outside and it is important your child stays hydrated.

**EXCUSES:** ALL students will be expected to participate in all P.E. activities unless they

resent a note from a parent/guardian or doctor. If a student misses P.E. for more than three days in a row, a doctor's note is required. In instances such as hospitalization, long-term illness, broken bones, and stitches, we will require a doctor's release note. The note must be given to the P.E. instructor before the child may resume participation.

**GRADING:** Your child receives a grade in both skill and behavior each grading period. If your child is earning an "N" (Needs Improvement) for the grading period, the P. E. instructor will notify you.

### P.E. RULES

1. Listen and follow directions

- 2. Respect others
- 3. Use P.E. equipment properly

4. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and participation

### **SOLUTIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> - Verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> - Time out in class / sit out remainder of class

3<sup>rd</sup> – If behavior continues Conduct Report is sent home

We also follow the school wide ROAR Reward program in which students receive certificates for positive behavior. In addition, students are able to earn Bear Bucks to use during P.E. class.

We hope this information will help you better understand our expectations for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to working with your child this year.

Mr. Daily, Mrs. White, Coach Brauer, Coach Stoll Physical Education Department

## **Anti-Bullying Policy**

5517.01 Policy against Bullying/Harassment (Grades K-12 and Adults) 5517.01 LA POLÍTICA CONTRA LA INTIMIDACIÓN Y EL ACOSO (K-12 grados y adultos)

In response to the state law, *the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act*, the School Board adopted a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Florida is now one of 49 states with a law regarding bullying in schools.

The Policy defines Bullying and Cyber Bullying as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees and may involve but is not limited to: teasing, social exclusion, threat, intimidation, stalking, including cyberstalking, physical violence, theft, sexual, religious, or racial harassment, public humiliation, and destruction of property. The policy defines harassment as any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or employee that: Places a student or employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

La Junta Escolar ha adoptado una política que prohíbe la intimidación y el acoso respondiendo a una ley estatal: En respuesta a la ley estatal, Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act. Esta política asegura que todos los estudiantes, empleados y voluntarios aprendan y trabajen en una ambiente que sea seguro, sin peligros y libre de cualquier clase de intimidación y acoso. Florida es ahora uno de los 47 estados que tiene una ley referente a la intimidación en las escuelas.

## **Davis Scholar Spirit Shirt Pre-Order**

### **T-Shirt Options**

Cotton Tee (Adult & Youth) \$9

Dri Fit Tee (Adult, Youth & Ladies) \$12 Ladies Scoop Neck Cotton Tee (Adult

Ladies V-neck Cotton (Adult Only) \$11 Ladies Scoop Neck Cotton Tee (Adult

Tie Dye Tee (Adult & Youth) \$12.50

Only) \$10

Cotton & Dri Fit Color Options: Royal Blue, Light Pink, Purple, Black

Tie Dye Color Options: please indicate blue or pink Tie Dye (Adult & Youth Sizes only)

Sizes Available: \*\*\* see special pricing below for 2XL-5XL

Youth Sizes: XS- XL Ladies Sizes: S- 3XL Adult Sizes: XS- 5XL

Cotton/ Dri Fit / Tie Dye	Color	Youth/ Adult/ Ladies	Size	Quantity	Cost

\*\*\*For each 2XL add \$1, 3XL add \$2, 4XL add \$3, 5XL add \$4

	TOTAL:
Method of Payment (circle one) – Cash or Check	
Child Name:	
Teacher Name:	
Parent Name:	
Parent Phone: ()	

Make checks payable to Leila Davis PTA

ALL ORDERS DUE BEFORE SEPT 6<sup>TH</sup>- BULK ORDER WILL BE PLACED ON SEPT 7<sup>th</sup> AND WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS. ALL SHIRTS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILDS CLASSROOM TEACHER. PRE ORDERING MAY BE YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO SECURE SPECIAL SHIRTS LIKE TIE DYE AND DRI FIT!



We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned Choose: options, however, occasionally crops, weather & supplies have other ideas!

Chef Salad

Turkey & Cheese Hoagie

Marinara Cup

Stir Fry Vegetable

**Veggie Dippers** 

All menus are subject to change.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Pinellas County School Food Service is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD), USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Students Choose the Menu!

Macaroni & Cheese

**Yogurt Parfait** 

Ham & Cheese Croissant

Choose:

Sweet Potato Waffle Fries

Sliced Cucumbers

Mini Calzones

Farmer's Salad

Chicken Caesar Wrap

**Refried Fiesta Beans** 

Mixed or Tossed Side Salad

Choose: Marinara Cup

Fish Cake Sandwich w/Cheese

Chicken Caesar Salad

Italian Sub

Choose:

Spinach or Collard Greens

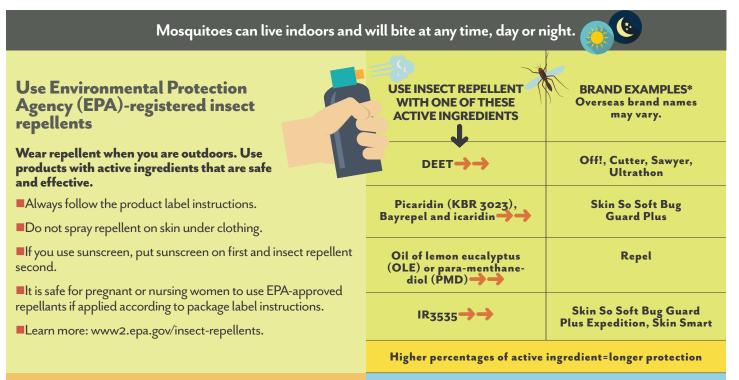
Veggie Dippers



# Mosquito Bite Protection **in Florida**

## FloridaHealth.gov • Florida Department of Health

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different diseases and bite at different times of the day. Some mosquito species bite during the day, such as those mosquitoes that can spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika viruses. Other species of mosquitoes bite most often at dawn and dusk, including those that can transmit West Nile virus.



### If you have a baby or child:

Always follow product instructions when applying insect repellent to children.

Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.

Do not apply insect repellent to a child's hands, mouth, cut or irritated skin.

Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months.

Dress babies or small children in clothing that covers arms and legs.

Cover cribs, strollers or baby carriers with mosquito netting.

### Cover up with clothing

■Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

Mosquitoes can bite through thin clothing.
 Treat clothes with permethrin or another
 EPA-registered insecticide for extra protection.

### Use permethrin-treated clothing and gear.

Permethrin is an insecticide that kills mosquitoes and other insects.

Buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear (boots, pants, socks, tents), or use permethrin to treat clothing and gear—follow product instructions closely.

Read product information to find out how long the permethrin will last.

Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

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### www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes

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