

Leila G. Davis Elementary School

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A Message from Mrs. Hill

Dear Parents,
Welcome back! What better way to show your children that you support education than to become *engaged* in their education! Now, more than ever, your involvement and support for our school is needed. There are so many ways that you can be *engaged* in your child's education - regardless of whether they are in elementary or high school! Here are some ideas:

- Make it known that *you* value education and it is a priority.
- Talk with your child daily about their school day, homework assignments, and activities.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences and address concerns early.
- *Help* with homework.
- Remind your child to complete their homework.
- Find volunteer opportunities at our school - in the classroom, media center, office, mentoring, tutoring, field trip chaperone, booster clubs, etc.
- Check Portal consistently to get an update on your child's grades and progress.
- Join our school's PTA/PTO or become a SAC member.
- Visit our school's website for school activities and events.
- Visit the Pinellas County Schools/Family Engagement website

(https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1617&Itemid=1320)

Download the *FREE PCS Family Engagement APP* on your Apple or Android phone. Search by "PCS Family Engagement."

These are just some of the ways that you can be engaged in your child's education. What I want you to know is that "parents *do* make a difference!" When you are engaged the benefits are great:

- improved academic performance
- higher attendance rates
- improved behavior
- graduates who are prepared to succeed
- teachers who are able to focus on education
- increased community respect
- successful schools/students = successful communities

I ask for your hand in this partnership. Can I count on your commitment in supporting your child's education at Davis as a Partner in Education? I look forward to an engaging partnership!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hill



Blue Folders



Every Friday beginning next week your child will come home with a blue folder. Please make sure you check it as there is important information that goes home.

Class/Program Sponsorship

Davis Dreamer (\$300+)
Les & Judy Smout Foundation

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)
Carpet Barn & More

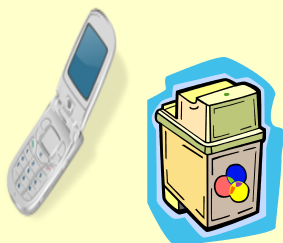
Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)
Gretchen & Anthony Ales
Emily & Lisa Hayes

Davis Associate (\$35-\$99)

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

Media Center

The Media Center is once again collecting used printer cartridges and old cell phones. We participate in a recycling program that gives us reward points for each item that we submit. Last year we were able to use the points to supply ink and toner for the Computer Lab printer and to purchase headphones for the lab, as well. Please send your used cartridges and cell phones to the Media Center.



Important Dates



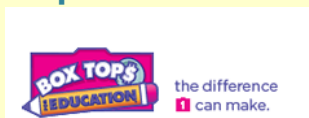
- September 1 Gifted Program Open House 6:30pm
- September 2 Volunteer Orientation
9:00am OR 1:45pm (Media Center)
- September 3 Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House
6:30pm
- September 4 Fall Fundraiser begins
- September 7 Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- September 16 Donuts for Dads 7:30-8:30 am
- September 24 PTA General meeting 5:30-7:30pm
- September 25 School newsletter available
- September 29 PICTURE DAY!

Student Headphones

We request that each student at Davis bring in a set of headphones for computer use. Students concentrate so much better when they can focus on the task at hand and not be bombarded with the sound from 20 other computers. Thanks!



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. Grade level winners will be recognized each month. The first Box Top collection will be at the end of September. Start looking on your grocery products today for those valuable Box Tops!

Blue Cups in the Cafeteria



Have you heard about our cafeteria reward program? Every day, each class strives 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 a visit from the Popsicle Princess and a popsicle as a reward for their great behavior. Ask your child how many blue cups they have so far!

Volunteer Orientation

Our Volunteer Orientation is September 2, at 9:00am OR 1:45pm in the Media Center. This is a great opportunity to register, reactivate your volunteer account, go over volunteer guidelines, and meet other Davis volunteers. We hope to see you all there!



Volunteer News

This year is off to a great start already with our students and staff. 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. Processing will take 2-3 weeks to complete. The forms are located in the front office. If you are a returning volunteer, don't forget to **reactivate** your volunteer account. To activate your volunteer profile go to <https://focus.pcsb.org/focus>. Log in using your v.account (last name first initial - all lowercase) and password: Last name birth year.

Example:

Login: v.smitha

Password: Smith1973

**** New this year:** If you are a registered volunteer and you DID NOT log any hours into FOCUS last school year, you were pulled from the school's volunteer database and put into a district wide archive. Please e-mail me the full name and birthdate of anyone who needs to be pulled from archive in order to re-activate and 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 (Field trips, Field Day, Spring Fling, classroom parties, etc.) **All** volunteers must stop at the front desk and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus. Don't forget to **log your hours** in FOCUS each time you volunteer, it helps our school to become a 5 Star school. Please feel free to contact me anytime!

Gabby Troiso
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Volunteer Coffee Corner

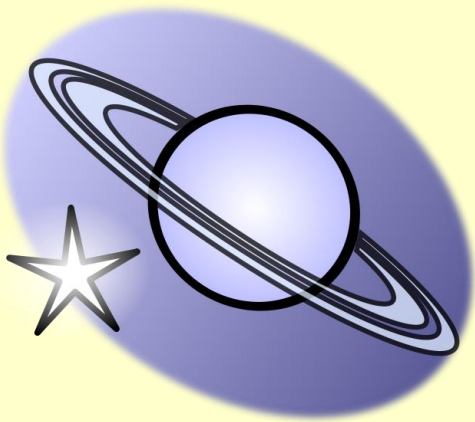


To show our appreciation for our amazing volunteers, we will have our coffee corner set up in the Media Center again. If you are volunteering, please feel free to stop in for a cup of coffee to brighten your day!

For parents who are unable to volunteer, but would like to contribute, we are always accepting donations of K Cups and creamers to add to our coffee corner. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION GP PARENTS!

We hope to see everyone at the Gifted Program Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria! We have a lot of new and important information to go over, including events and field trips for the year and updates about technology in our classroom! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



The Paint Palette



Welcome Davis families! I hope you are ready for another fantastic year in art! We will continue using www.artsonia.com and if you returned a permission slip last year, your child is good throughout the remainder of elementary school. If your child is in kindergarten you should have received a permission slip in the first day packet. If you are new to Davis or simply need another slip I will start passing them out next week. Check it out if you haven't already, it is a great website for artwork!

If you have a student in fourth grade we were asked by Diane Nelson, Tax Collector, to pilot a vanity plate design art project. All fourth grade students need to send back their permission slip saying I can place their art online for purchase. What an awesome Christmas present, right? From Artsonia we get 20% of the proceeds back to Davis and for the vanity plates we are almost getting 50%...which means we will have lots of cool art supplies this year if we sell a lot of them! Many more exciting things to come this year...and I look forward to spending creative time with your kiddos!

Creatively yours,
Miss Sullivan

Leila G. Davis Physical Education

Welcome to the 2015-2016 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, high-heeled 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 present 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

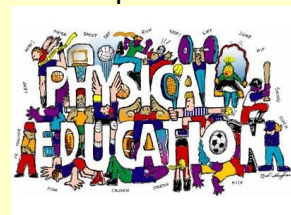
SOLUTIONS

- 1st - Verbal warning
- 2nd - Time out in class / sit out remainder of class
- 3rd - If behavior continues Conduct Report sent home

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. Dayes, Coach Harvey, Coach Stoll
Physical Education Department



Music News

Chorus

4th and 5th 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. Green (5th) and gold (4th) information sheets and permission forms went home this week and are due to Mr. Martinez by Thursday, September 10.

Music is Ageless

Next week our 4th and 5th grade students will be 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 an information sheet that will go home this week or check musicisagelessonline.com for more information.

Recorders

3rd grade students will begin formal instrumental instruction on the recorder this year. Look for order information from your classroom teachers soon.

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 students 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.

New Teachers

The Davis Dream Team welcomes two new music teachers to our staff. Ms. Hilliard will be teaching on the stage on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We send our best wishes to Mrs. Dykes who is now the full-time music teacher at Eisenhower Elementary. We also welcome Mr. McGowan who is in his final year of music education studies at the University of South Florida. He will be with us for six weeks and will finish the semester teaching band at Safety Harbor Middle School. Welcome to Davis!

We Will Find a Way

Our song to open the year was "We Will Find a Way" from the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. "Your heart can feel that beat, so get up off your feet. Ain't no mountain you can't reach; Grab your star and make a wish!" We are looking forward to a wonderful year of music making with your students!!

Mr. Martinez, Ms. Hilliard, and Mr. McGowan



Leila G. Davis is proud to announce that we will have a clothing bin in the front lobby for families that would like to donate clothing and shoes to *Clothes To Kids*.

MISSION

The mission of Clothes To Kids is to provide new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

VISION

Clothes To Kids envisions a community in which every school-age child has quality clothing so that he or she may attend school with the confidence and self-esteem needed to achieve academic success.

VALUES

COMPASSION: To provide a cheerful, friendly atmosphere where those we serve feel comfortable and welcome.

RESPECT: To be respectful and considerate of those we serve and not question or judge the circumstances that bring them to us.

SELF-ESTEEM: To build self-esteem by providing children with clothing that makes them feel good about themselves.

SERVICE: To work hard to give our very best to help those we serve.

Clothing Donation Guidelines

**Children's clothes, girls and boys sizes 4-16
Adult sizing clothing that teens and pre-teens would wear.**

Young women sizes 0 to 22

Young Men sizes 18 to 44

New underwear and socks, MUST be in unopened packages

Shoes size 9-adult

Bras, belts, purses, hats, jewelry, backpacks.

They DO NOT accept

Used socks and underwear, athletic uniforms or equipment, toys or books, pajamas or swimsuits, excessively worn clothing, prom/homecoming dresses, hangers.

Please contact Ms. McGregor, our School Counselor, at Mcgregorm@pcsb.org or 727-725-7972 ext. 2010 for more information.

The PTA Page

August 2015



A Message from our President



Welcome back Bear Cubs! The new school year has begun and students are busy learning and meeting new friends. We have a few new teachers at Davis this year and welcome them all.

The PTA has many fun and exciting events in store for Davis families this year. They are listed in the blue school calendar that will be coming home soon. We would like to thank Mathnasium and T-Bowe's Carpet Cleaning for sponsoring the printing of our calendar this year.

You can purchase Davis T-shirts, water bottles, car magnets, ice packs, bracelets, bags, and pencils from the PTA. Show your school spirit and help support the PTA. Contact Stephanie Ferrell at ferrellts@gmail.com or check out our PTA website at www.lgdpta.com for a picture of the items and an order form. They will be uploaded soon.

We have a great board of volunteers on our PTA. If you would like to join us and help out with the various programs and events that we host, please contact me at amychristensen@tampabay.rr.com. I look forward to meeting you.

Amy Christensen, Davis PTA President

Fundraising Corner

We will kick off our school-wide fall fundraiser on Friday, September 4th. Please share the Family Classics brochure with your friends and family and help us raise money for Davis. We have a large operating budget and need everyone's support to make this year's programs possible.

The fundraising orders are due on September 21st and the products will be ready for pick up from 2:00-6:00 pm on October 13th. Please mark your calendar as this is the only day to pick them up.

Students who sell 20 items will ride in a HUMMER Limousine out to lunch later this fall. Don't miss it – it is a fun trip! Lots of great prizes for a great cause.



Why Join PTA?

Your \$6 donation supports our school in a number of valuable ways including funding family nights, purchasing educational materials, and our basic operating expenses. Joining the PTA does not require any time commitment on your part; however, you are always welcome to volunteer.

There are a few benefits available for PTA members: Free buffet & outdoor play at Celebration Station for students on October 7th, a pass for 1 open play at Future Flipz, 50% off total purchase at Mainstreet Thrift Store, a free kids meal at Poblano's for the rest of the calendar year, free book with purchase at Sweet Child of Mine, 2 Free sessions at Orange Theory, Lego Land tickets for only \$30, and more. We hope you will take advantage of these great offers.

Please complete the orange membership form & return it to school with your payment. We will send your member card home with your child. Our goal is to have 500 members this year. We are tracking our progress with the PTA Bulletin Board located in the front lobby. Watch us grow. See who joined the PTA. Don't be the missing leaf.



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green market cafe
Salads | Wraps | Flatbreads

Calendar of Events

September Dates to Remember

Tue	1st	Gifted Open House at 6:30
Wed	2nd	Volunteer Orientation at 9:00 & 1:45
Thur	3rd	PK & Kindergarten Open House 6:00
Fri	4th	Fall Fundraiser Begins
Mon	14th	Goodies for Grandparents 7:30 - 8:30
Wed	16th	Donuts for Dad 7:30 - 8:30 am
Thurs	24th	General PTA Meeting at 5:30
Tues	29th	Picture Day - SMILE



Parents can make the first days of school fun rather than frustrating

Too frequently, children begin the school year unprepared to succeed, quickly experience frustration and failure, and get turned-off to learning. However, kids can love instead of loath the first days of school; they just need a little help from mom and dad. Here's how:

Tip #1: Give your children the gift of chores.

Children who regularly do chores at home find it much easier to do assignments at school. Why? Both schoolwork *and* chores require perseverance, delayed gratification, and attention to detail. When parents expect chores to be done without reminders and without pay, children also learn how to work independently and to enjoy the intrinsic rewards of accomplishment.

Tip #2: In a loving way, hold your children accountable for their chores.

Parents who nag and remind their children to do chores raise kids who expect their teachers to nag and remind them to do assignments. These children don't do well in school. Smarter parents ask their children to do their chores, bite their tongues, and let empathy and consequences do the teaching. Why empathy? When parents deliver sincere doses of empathy or sadness before describing consequences, their children learn responsibility *rather than* resentment. A parent might say:

How sad ... I love you so much, but you forgot to clean your bathroom today. Now I don't have the energy to take you swimming. This really stinks.

Tip #3: Limit television, videos, videogames, and other “entertaining” activities.

Children who are used to being entertained during the summer by fast-paced TV shows, movies, games, and trips to the amusement park go into shock when they enter the classroom. Before long, they begin to complain about how “boring” their teachers are and how much they dislike school. Love and Logic parents help their children transition back to school by making their homes so “boring” that their kids can’t wait to be back in class!

Tip #4: Have fun with reading and writing.

During the first week of school, teachers can always tell the difference between the children who've been read to during the summer and those who have not. Spend at least 20 minutes per day reading with your kids. Experiment with reading one page, asking your child to read the next, and alternating back and forth. Writing is important too! Experiment with having your child spend the two weeks prior to the start of school making and writing cards for friends and relatives. Your child's writing skills will grow...and so will these relationships!

With these practical tips from Love and Logic Institute, you can give your kids an advantage in school that will last for months, years, and a lifetime! Parents around the world have benefited from the power of these four down-to-earth tips. Now it's your turn to give your kids the head start they deserve!

*People who are really successful implementing this skill
purchased Love and Logic Powder Room Reader*



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Fun Facts

September

Pinellas Elementary School Menu



September 17th is
Constitution Day.
September 17, 1787
the U.S. Constitution
was signed by 39
Founding Fathers in
Philadelphia.



DAILY BREAKFAST

CHOICES

Choose up to 2 Grain Choices
such as cereal (=1), toast (=1),
pancakes (=2), cinnamon
Texas toast (=2)
OR
Choose 1 Grain and 1 Meat
Choice such as a breakfast
sandwich (=1G/1M)
Must choose at least 1: Fruit
or Juice
May Choose 1: Milk

DAILY LUNCH CHOICES:

Choose 1: Entrée
Must choose at least 1: Fruit
or Vegetable (may choose up
to 2 servings each of fruits &
veggies with their meal)

Available Daily: Meatless
Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold
Sandwiches, Variety of Fruits
& Juices
May Choose: 1 Milk, Low Fat
White Milk, Fat Free Flavored
or Skim Milk

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Featured Entrée * In Red*

Welcome Back Wednesday Treat
September 2 Only!
Dick & Jane Cookie
Free With Lunch

School Favorites Day



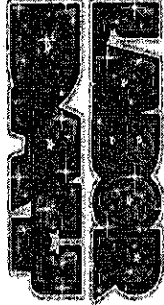
Students Choose the Menu!

7 School Closed

8 Bacon Egg & Cheese Pizza (1M/1B)
Choose One:

Korean BBQ Chicken & Rice
Corn Dog
Farmer's Salad
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Choose:

Baked Beans/Romaine Salad



14 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles (2B)
Choose One:

Chicken Sandwich
Cheesy Mac & Beef w/Roll
Farmer's Salad
Turkey & Cheese Hoagie
Choose:
Baked Beans/Veggie Dippers

15 Sausage Biscuit (1M/1B)
Choose One:

Chicken Drumstick & Corn Muffin
Mini Calzones
Chef Salad/Chicken Caesar Wrap
Choose:
Sweet Potato Waffle Fries
Marmara Cup/Romaine Salad

16 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast (1M/1B)
Choose One:

Beef Dippers w/Rice
Lasagna Roll Up
Yogurt Parfait
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Choose:
Broccoli/Sliced Cucumbers

17 Ham & Cheese Croissant (1M/1B)
Choose One:

Breakfast for Lunch
Bean & Cheese Burrito
Chicken Caesar Salad/Italian Sub
Choose:
Deli Roasted Potatoes
Mixed or Tossed Salad

18 Cinnamon Roll (2B)
Choose One:

Pizza
Cheesy Fish Fillet Sandwich
Cobb Salad
School Favorite Sandwich
Choose:
Green Beans/Veggie Dippers

1 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit (1M/1B)

2 Pancake Minis (2B)
Choose One:

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Farmer's Salad
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Choose:
Carrots/Sliced Cucumbers

3 Breakfast Pocket (Knish) (1M/1B)
Choose One:

Beef or Pork Tacos
Giorgio Cheesy Bread
Chicken Caesar Salad/Italian Sub
Choose:
Refried Fiesta Beans/Marmara Cup
Mixed or Tossed Salad

4 Chicken Breakfast Bites (M/1B)
Choose One:

Baja Fish Sticks w/Hushpuppies
Veggie Double Dipper Salad
School Favorite Sandwich
Choose:
Wax Beans/Veggie Dippers

School Favorites Day



Students Choose the Menu!

28 Pancake Pup (1M/1B)
Choose One:

Teniyaki Chicken Rice Bowl w/Roll
Chef Salad
Turkey & Cheese Hoagie
Choose:
Stir-Fry Vegetables
Marmara Cup/Veggie Dippers

29 Bacon Egg & Cheese Pizza (1M/1B)
Choose One:

Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza
Corn Dog
Farmer's Salad
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Choose:
Baked Beans/Romaine Salad

30 Glazed WG Dunker (2B)
Choose One:

Popcorn Chicken
Mac & Cheese
Fruit & Yogurt Plate
Ham & Cheese Croissant
Choose:
Broccoli
Sliced Cucumbers

Visit nutrislice.com for Menu
& Nutrition Information

