

Leila G. Davis Elementary School

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A Message from Mrs. Hill

I cannot believe it is almost the end of November and next week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving! As the holidays quickly approach, sometimes we start to think about the pressures of the season and all of the things we need to get done before the actual holiday is upon us. Just as with your home family, at Davis there are many holiday traditions that we have been celebrating here at school. From doing outreach projects for others in our community, or writing notes of "thanks", to classroom holiday learning events, the season becomes that much more real in our minds.

I would like to take a moment to say THANKS to each of you during this holiday season. Our wonderfully active PTA community supports us daily at Davis. No matter what the job is, the task is always done with a smile on the faces of our many Davis parents. Your support is something to very proud of. As each of you volunteer your time, energy, and dedication, our school becomes a stronger place. Our children reap the rewards from the labor and love you provide to each of us. I know that each of our Davis parents are doing all they can for our students and staff and that is something special for which to be thankful. I am thankful that you have chosen to "be there" for our school community by helping us each and every day.

As we approach the Thanksgiving and winter breaks and the season of giving, I reflect upon my many blessings...blessings that each of us share - our families, our friends, having food and shelter, and the list continues.

I hope each of you know what a joy it is for me to represent such a fine community as Davis Elementary. Coming to work each day is like coming to my extended family outside of my home. During this holiday season, I wish that each of you enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends.

Great American Teach In

On November 18th we hosted another successful Great American Teach-In! We had such a wide variety of guests who shared their careers and talents with our students. I'm sure many of our students came home and shared the many things they learned from our visitors. If not, be sure to ask your child about this very special day. All of us at Leila Davis send a sincere "thank you" to each person who volunteered precious time to make our Great American Teach-In a tremendous success. We also extend kudos to our amazing Volunteer Coordinator, Gabby Troiso, for organizing the schedule of speakers. We will always remember this exciting day filled with learning for our students (and even our adults)! Thank you!



Clearwater Fire Dept. with our 1st Graders

Media Center Collections

Don't forget to collect those Box Tops. We have collected over 13,000 so far this year and that puts our teachers much closer to earning technology for their classrooms. The next collection date is December 18th.



Volunteer of the Month

Traci Cox

Our volunteer of the month for November is invaluable to our gifted program. She is in every Thursday to help with anything they need. Mrs. Koss and Mrs. Fair-Purcell are very grateful for all of her help!



Volunteer Orientation

If you have become a Davis volunteer in the last few months or would like to know more about volunteering with us, please stop by our orientation on December 2nd at 9am to learn more!



Important Dates



- November 23-27 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break
- December 2 9am Volunteer Orientation
- December 4 Book Fair begins!
NO School store
PTA Movie Night 7:00pm (PE Court)
- December 8 SAC meeting 7pm
- December 11 ROAR Rally 8:45am
Book Fair ends at 10:30am
- December 15 Winter Choral Concert 7:00pm
- December 16 All Pro Dads meeting 7:30am
- December 17 Kindergarten Musical Performance
7:00pm
- December 18 K-Kids meeting 7:45am
End of marking period
School Newsletter available
Last day of school before Winter Break!
- December 21-January 5- NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

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.

Class/Program Sponsorship

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)
Mr. & Mrs. Martinez

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

Davis Associate (\$35-\$99)
Gibaldi Family
JPark World

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



Great American Teach In



We had SO many amazing speakers take time out of their schedules to teach us this week. As I walked around during the day, I saw such a variety of topics, from baseball to technology to water safety. Our students very much enjoyed the break from a normal schedule and learned a lot of new things. Thank you to PTA for providing us with a hospitality room for speakers to relax and have a snack between sessions. And a HUGE thank you goes out to all of you who spoke to our students throughout the week. It is because of you that Davis is the kind of place we love to come each day.
Gabby Troiso, Family & Community Liaison



Homeland Security brought out their MRAP vehicle and presented to our Kindergarteners.



The Leila Davis Book Fair begins soon! Mark your calendars now for this exciting event. Our Book Fairs offer a great variety of literature for all age levels. All Book Fair purchases benefit our school library program and library shelving.

Friday 12/4 - Friday 12/11

Early Hours 8:05-8:45am

Shopping *with* an Adult only
(Students may not shop without a parent before school starts)

Regular Book Fair Hours 12/4-12/11
8:45am-2:30pm

Book Fair will also be open during PTA Movie Night for after hours shopping.

Friday 12/4
5:00pm-7:30pm

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our Book Fair. Please remember you must be registered, approved and active in our volunteer system. Contact Mrs. Scott scottsha@pcsb.org if you are interested in helping out!

Looking for a Way to Give?



Dear Families,

The holiday season is just around the corner and we are asking for support with our Holiday Giving Tree. The Holiday Giving Tree offers assistance to some of our families that may need additional help this year. The tree will be located in the front foyer starting on Nov. 18th. If you choose to help one of the children, please take a Star from the tree, purchase the recommended gift and return the WRAPPED gifts (star attached) to Davis Elementary by Monday Dec. 14th.

If you have any questions please contact Mona McGregor at 725-7972 ext. 2010

We want to thank you in advance for your support during this holiday season.
Mona McGregor, LMHC, School Counselor

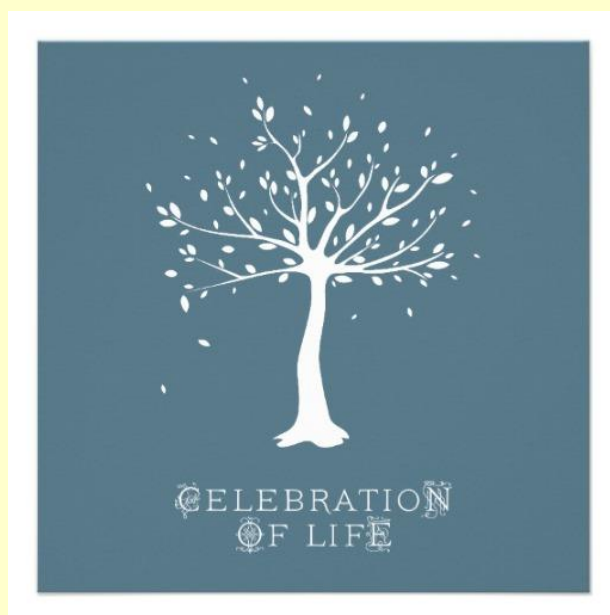


Dear Davis Family and Friends,

Many of you have asked how you can help support Coach Harvey's family during their time of loss. We have spoken to his wife and they are deeply touched by the outpouring of support from our Davis family and the community.

At this time they are not in need of meals or food, but have expressed a need for cash donations/visa gift cards. If you would like to help support the family during this difficult time, cash/ visa gift card donations can be given to Mrs. Hill. Please place the donation in an envelope marked "donation for Coach Harvey". We are also in the process of setting up a college fund for Coach Harvey's daughter, Samantha, in his memory. Samantha is currently a 6th grader but is a Leila Davis Alumni. If you would like to contribute towards Sam's college fund please check back on the website after Thanksgiving Break for more information.

The students and staff are planning a celebration of life for Coach Harvey in the coming weeks. More information will be forthcoming. We appreciate your continued support of our Davis community.



Pests Come to School, Too! Tips for Parents on Two Common Household Nuisances

As we begin to come into the cooler months of school, a reminder to all families that two common household pests continue to live year-round in Florida! Please see below for some tips for parents.

Head Lice:

Lice aren't dangerous and they don't spread disease, but they are contagious and downright annoying! Lice cannot jump, hop or fly, but they can run very quickly. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice. A child cannot "catch nits" - nits (lice eggs) can only be laid by live lice. Here are ways you can help prevent your kids from getting lice:

- The best prevention is continuous surveillance! Inspect your children's heads regularly for signs of head lice and treat anyone who is found to have lice or nits close to the scalp
- Tell kids to try and avoid head-to-head contact with other children while playing or at school
- Tell kids not to share combs, brushes, hats, scarves, bandanas, ribbons, barrettes, hair ties, towels, helmets, or other personal care items with anyone else.

Bed Bugs:

Bed bugs are another nuisance that is on the rise! Bed bugs do not transmit disease, but they can cause significant itchiness, anxiety, and sleeplessness. Bed bug infestations are also very difficult and expensive to control. Usually, bed bugs will hide during the day and only come out to feed at night. Unlike head lice, they do not live on a person, but they can hitchhike from one place to another in backpacks, clothing, luggage, books and other items. Actual bed bug infestations in schools are uncommon, but here are ways you can help to stop the spread:

- Like head lice, vigilance against bed bugs is the first line of defense!
- If the school contacts you with news that your child was found with bed bugs in his/her belongings, take it seriously and inspect your home
- Make sure you have good lighting while inspecting – use a flashlight whose light beam can be seen even when overhead lights are on
- Look on bedding or in areas where people sleep the most (sofas, other nap areas). Also check in areas where items brought home from school and sleepovers may coningle

It is a parent's responsibility to remove and eliminate head lice and bed bugs from the home so as not to cause reintroductions into the school, which could put other families at risk of infestation. Pinellas County Schools has a "No Nit" policy towards head lice, which means that any student found with live lice or nits must be excluded from school until all lice and nits are removed. Additionally, any student found at school with any live biting insect or pest will need to be excluded from school until the biting insect or pest is removed. For additional information regarding head lice or bed bug treatment or prevention, please contact your school nurse.

The PTA Page

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Message from our President

With the holiday break, November is a quick month for our students. The PTA would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday. We are thankful for a great school and the wonderful faculty and staff that work with our children every day!

Many parents donated their time to give a mini presentation at our Great American Teach In earlier this week. The students love to hear about possible careers. It widens their horizons for the future as they dream about who they will become after high school. Your participation is much appreciated. Thank you!

It takes a team of people to keep the Davis PTA up and running. If you would like to join as a volunteer and help at any of our events, please contact Amy Christensen. We would love to have your help.

The spring Walk a Thon is our next big fundraiser – look for more information to follow after the holidays. We have many exciting projects to fund this year, including a new mural for the Media Center. Please support us in our fundraising efforts. Your participation makes a positive difference for the entire school.

On behalf of the PTA, have a wonderful time with your family during Thanksgiving break. We all have much to be thankful for.

Amy Christensen, Davis PTA President



WASHINGTON DC TRIP FOR 5TH GRADE

5th graders are planning a field trip to Washington DC in June. They will be visiting all the sights in our nation's capital. Students are working hard to raise money for their trip. Please help support the 5th graders during their fundraising efforts this year. Thank you in advance ☺



MOVIE NIGHT IS COMING SOON

Parents, every year the PTA hosts a FREE movie night – that's right, FREE. We bring out a huge movie screen on the PE court and serve you popcorn and hot chocolate. This is a fun family event. You can bring your blankets or lawn chairs to sit and watch the movie. This year's movie is **Chipwrecked** (Alvin and the Chipmonks). The movie will begin at 7:00 pm. We hope you will join us for this fun event. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 4th.



BINGO NIGHT RESCHEDULED

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 28th. BINGO and FREE Pizza for all Davis families!

Celebration of Life

Davis students and staff are busy preparing for a special Ceremony of Life Ceremony in honor of Coach David Harvey. It will take place during our next ROAR Rally on Friday, December 11th. Please join us as we remember the life of our beloved PE Coach. The ROAR Rally takes place on the PE court at 8:40 am.

Calendar of Events

Dates to Remember

Dec.	4	Movie Night - 7:00 on the PE Court
Dec.	11	ROAR Rally at 8:40 am on PE ct.
Dec.	15	Chorus Concert for 4 th & 5 th grade
Dec.	4-11	Book Fair in the Media Center
Dec.	21	Winter Break Begins
Jan.	5	School Resumes
Jan.	28	Bingo Night at 6:30 pm in Cafeteria