

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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Principal: Kim Hill
Assistant Principal: William Durst

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

I cannot believe it is almost December. As the holidays quickly approach, sometimes we start to think about the pressures of the season and all 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, energies, and dedication, our school becomes a stronger place. The end benefit is that 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 use 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.



CONNECT WITH US

- 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
- Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at <https://www.peachjar.com>

Important **December Dates**

- 12/2-9 Fall Book Fair
- 12/2 PTA Movie Night (Polar Express 6:30pm)
- 12/6 SAC Meeting 7-8pm
- 12/12 Astro Skating Party
- 12/13 Winter Choral concert 7-8pm
- 12/15 Kindergarten Holiday Program 7-8pm
- 12/16 ROAR Rally 8:45am
- 12/16 End of marking period
- 12/19-1/2 Winter Holiday-No School
- 1/3 School Resumes

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

Congratulations!

We have an outstanding staff here at Davis! Each year, schools nominate teachers and support staff to be recognized as outstanding teacher and support staff of the year. We are excited to honor the following Davis staff members.

Kali Kopka, Kindergarten Teacher, has been named a top 10 finalist for Pinellas County Schools Teacher of the Year. She will be participating in the Snow Fest Parade this Saturday in downtown St. Pete. She will also be recognized on January 31st at the Evening of Excellence of Excellence at Mahaffey Theater where the PCS Teacher of the Year will be announced. Check out the video of the surprise visit to Ms. Kopka's room to share the big news! <https://youtu.be/pFm2OGVA-aw>



Gabby Troiso, Data Management Technician; Dave Menard, Head Plant Operator; and Butch Stoll, PE Assistant, were nominated as Support Employees of the Year. We appreciate their hard work and commitment to Davis Elementary each and every day.

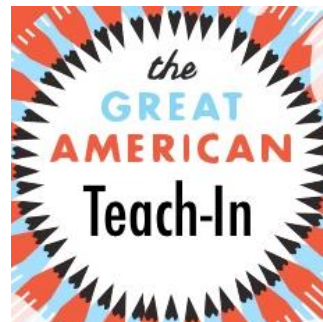


Fundraising Event

Your children came home with 2 coupons for a FREE regular sub with a \$2 donation at Jersey Mike's Subs. The coupons are valid from 11/30-12/11/16 at their NEW location, 2560B McMullen Booth Rd., Clearwater next to Starbucks in Northwood Plaza. Our school will get 100% of the proceeds donated and you get lunch or dinner for only \$2. This is a fantastic deal for everyone! Thank you Jersey Mike's for your partnership.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

YMC Program Director, Stephanie Herman is always willing to go above and beyond to help support our school. Thank you for all of your support



Wow! The Great American Teach In was an amazing success! Thank you for all of your support. The kids loved hearing about your careers and hobbies. We had 106 speakers come and share their expertise. It was a very exciting day! Thank you again for all of the participants who made the day extra special!

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)

- Mr. Piazza

Davis Associate (up to \$99)

- Theresa marsh/Mary Mauro



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



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. 16th. 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. 12th. 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



Café News

Greetings from the Café!

Happy Holidays! Just a quick reminder, if you have not done so, please sign up on www.myschoolbucks.com. This site will allow you to have notices sent to you when your child's account reaches a low balance. You can also check their spending from this account. You will need a student id, which can be found on FOCUS. You may use your credit card to pay on this site, but we only accept checks and cash at the school.

Students without an account will only get notices sent home when the child's account has run out of money. Please ask your child for these notices, and pay promptly please.

Be safe and enjoy a blissful Holiday Season!

Susanne Borsari

Café Manager

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.

Media Matters



Mark your calendars now...the Scholastic Book Fair is coming December 2nd-9th. Check the school website for dates and times the Book Fair will be open!

We will need volunteers to help run our Fantastic Fall Book Fair. Volunteers must be active in the system in order to help. Book Fair is always a fun time to volunteer. You can see all the latest and greatest new books, help our school, and support the library! If you would like to volunteer you can sign up for a time by going to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548aaa623a64-20166> If you have any questions please let me know!

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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 supplies for the school.

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Student Council

Student Council would like to thank everyone that participated in Hats for Harvey. We raised over \$1000.00 for the David Harvey Memorial Scholarship Fund. All money collected goes towards a college scholarship fund for his daughter Samantha. Samantha is a former Davis student and is currently in middle school. Coach Harvey was an awesome PE Coach who loved Davis Elementary! We are so happy to be able to give back to his family in this way.



In October K-Kids collected money through the pumpkin voting for the Pinellas County Foster and Adoption Association. We raised \$937.00 to donate on behalf of Leila Davis Elementary! Way to go Davis Scholars.



Miss Sullivan's Paint Pallet Physical Education

Happy Holidays! We have been creating some beautiful projects in the art room, and if you signed up on Artsonia.com, you should be getting an email once your child's artwork has been published online! Please email me if you need assistance granting permission for the artwork to be displayed. sullivang@pcsb.org.

Below are a few items that you may have lying around your house, that are pretty much like "gold" in the art room! If you have any of these that you are willing to donate we would be so very appreciative!

-Clorox wipes, baby wipes, styrofoam egg cartons, ziploc bags (quart, snack and gallon size), "Chinet" brand paper plates, and tissues.

If you know anyone that works at a print shop and has tons of scrap paper we can always use that kind of stuff too!

As always, thank you for supporting the arts at Davis Elementary!

Creatively yours,
Miss Sullivan



Super Sports of the Month:

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for

THE SUPER SPORT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

CJ N. - Kindergarten
Mackenzie W. - 1st Grade
Hannah C. - 2nd Grade
Blake B. - 3rd Grade
Kaycee W. - 4th Grade
Owen L. - 5th Grade

Happy Holidays,
Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll,
And Coach Brauer

Clinic Needs

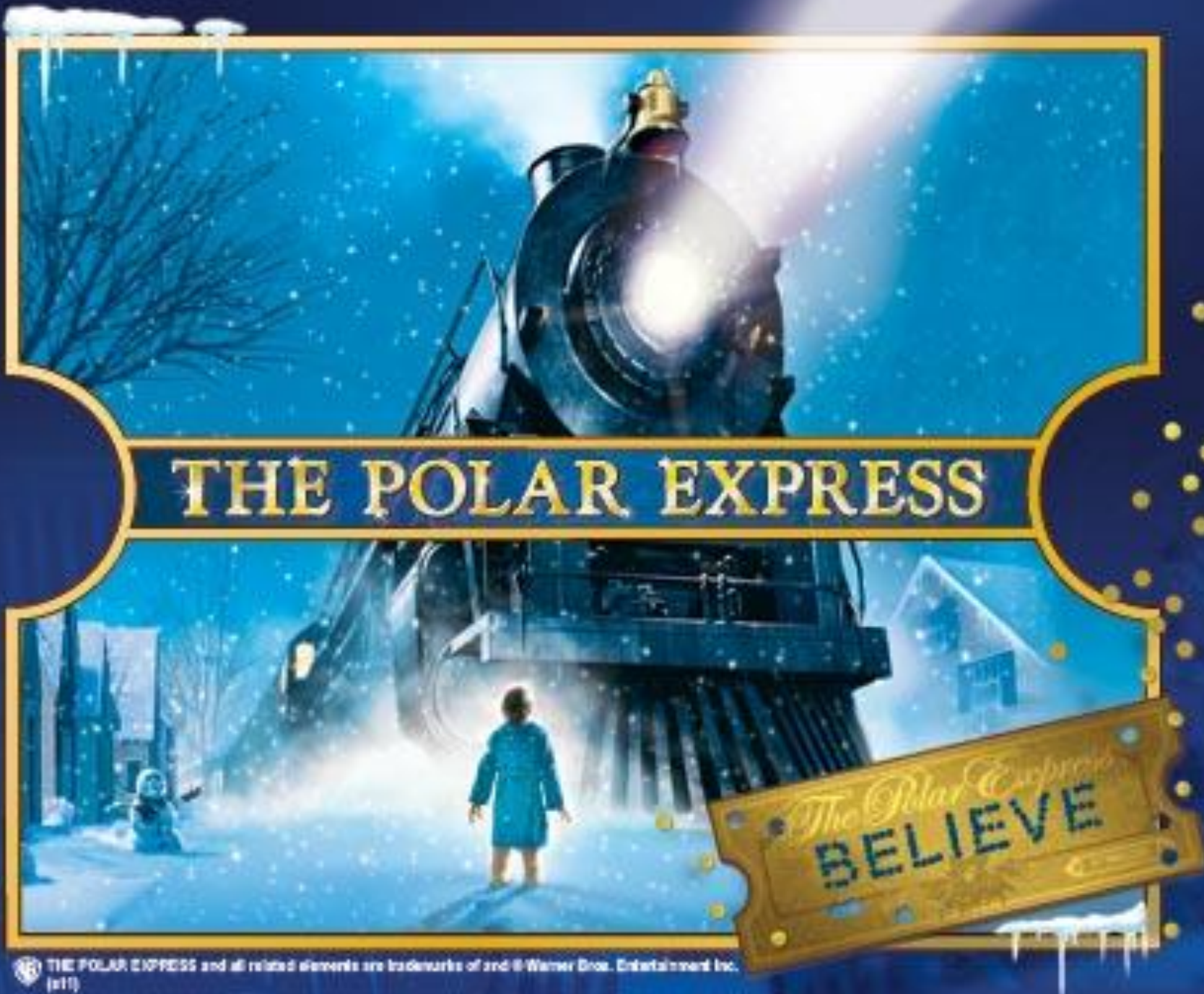


Our gently used clothing supply in the clinic is in need of elastic waist shorts. We are looking for donations of gently used boys and girl's elastic waist shorts and new underwear sizes 5 to 12.

Movie Night

Please join us on Friday, December 2nd for Movie Night. We will be watching The Polar Express. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served. Please feel free to bring a picnic dinner if you'd like!

Time: 6:30 pm
Where: PE Court



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Home of Honeymoon Island

SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS

Saturday, December 3rd

1:00pm to 3:00pm

EDGEWATER PARK

YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT WHAT YOUR

HOME TOWN

SCHOOLS HAVE TO OFFER!