

# Leila G. Davis Elementary School

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## A Message from Mrs. Hill

This school year is just whizzing by. It's hard to believe that March is just about over and that Spring Break is next week. Report cards were sent home with students in labeled envelopes this past Wednesday, March 25th. Please take time to review your child's progress and set some goals for this last marking period. We request that parents sign the envelopes and return them to teachers as soon as possible; envelopes are reused for end-of-year report cards.

March has been a very busy month around the Davis campus. We celebrated Read Across America by engaging in many literacy activities and honoring the great Dr. Seuss. Staff and students alike enjoyed dressing up as their favorite Dr. Seuss characters and enjoyed a week of celebrating our favorite book characters. We also took time this month to thank our amazing volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. I want to personally thank all of the parents, grandparents, high school students, and others who spend countless hours assisting teachers in classrooms, tutoring students, watering plants, shelving books in the media center, chaperoning field trips, videotaping student projects, and opening milk cartons in the cafeteria. On behalf of the staff at Davis, we appreciate all of your hard work and commitment to Davis. March has also been a busy testing month. Our first and second graders participated in the SAT 10. This test will give teachers and parents results that are norm referenced against other first and second graders nationwide. Our intermediate scholars are in the middle of taking the new Florida Standards Assessment. Fourth and fifth graders took the writing portion earlier this month and third and fourth graders took the reading portion this past week.

The math portion of the FSA will be given after spring break along with computer based testing for our fifth graders. April will be another busy month. Not only will we be finishing up state testing we will also showcase our second graders in their annual musical. This year, they will be performing "Bach to the Future" on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Heritage United Methodist at 7:00. Our STEM Academy will be showcasing their learning on April 16<sup>th</sup> and several classes will be taking some exciting field trips. Finally, we are planning and preparing for our annual Spring Fling coming up on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a fun, family event that will also be held in conjunction with our spring book fair. This is a huge fundraiser for Davis Elementary and we need everyone's help! Please ask your child's teacher how you can help or email Gabby Troiso, [troisog@pcsb.org](mailto:troisog@pcsb.org), for more information! Don't forget that next week is Spring Break! We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the break. We will see students back on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to parents, volunteers, and staff for your continued support of Davis students.

## Looking for SAC Members for 2015 - 2016

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of teachers, administrators, parents and community members responsible for strategic planning for the School Improvement Plan. The team works to analyze data and set measurable goals for the school. Our SAC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We are seeking new members for next school year of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic groups including multi-racial and Hispanic individuals to represent our school community. Members must attend at least four meetings per year. If you are interested in being elected to join our SAC next year please send an email to our SAC chairperson, Ellen Lasher at [elasher@wtsp.com](mailto:elasher@wtsp.com).

## Volunteer Luncheon

A special thank you to Mike Short and Lee Roy Selmon's for providing an AMAZING lunch for our volunteers, business partners and staff. We would also like to thank our wonderful PTA for helping to fund that as well. We appreciate your continued support!!!



## Joseph L. Carwise Achievement Award

Each year schools are asked to nominate two of the highest achieving minority students in grades three, four or five for the Joseph L. Carwise Minority Achievement Award. The students selected by each school are honored at a banquet that is sponsored by the Superintendent's Minority Advisory Committee and underwritten by businesses, social, civic, and fraternal organizations, churches and individual professionals to promote community cohesiveness and academic excellence. Leila G. Davis Elementary is proud to recognize *Harmoni Stanford (Grade 4)* and *Catherine Fonkwe (Grade 5)* as our students earning this award. Harmoni and Catherine will be honored at a banquet held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We are very proud of you, Harmoni and Catherine!

## Congratulations Davis PRIDE Winners

Fifth graders with outstanding achievement, an excellent attitude, and good work habits were eligible for a PRIDE (Program to Recognize Initiative and Distinction) Award. Winners in Math and Science were determined on outstanding achievement on district assessments in respective subject areas. A subject area test was given to students with an "A" average in Social Studies to determine our winner. In Writing, students submitted a portfolio of various writing samples. Hats off to our students and all teachers, past and present, who prepared them so well! Congratulations to the following scholars:

Math - *Lucas Johnston*  
 Science - *Maddie Piazza*  
 Social Studies - *Victoria Lisi*  
 Writing - *Giulianna Ales*

Dr. Grego and School Board members recognized these students on April 6th at a special assembly at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The Davis community applauds their hard work and success.

## 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](http://www.pcsb.org/summerbridge). Contact the school for additional info.

## Class/Program Sponsorship

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

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Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

Davis Associate (\$35-\$99)

## Important Dates



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



## Kindergarten Registration

Start your child's education off with a strong foundation with Pinellas County Schools. Join us for kindergarten registration beginning Jan. 12, 2015 for the upcoming school year.

## Media Center News

Congratulations to all the Battle of the Books Teams that competed in March. We had an awesome Battle and all of our teams did an outstanding job. The winning team, Beauty and the Bookworms will go on to represent out school in the regional Battle of the Books. Great job Maddy P., Giulianna A., and Victoria L!

## Media Center Collections

Don't forget to collect those Box Tops. This year each teacher is collecting Box Tops to earn an iPad or tablet for the classroom. Each Box Top helps to reach the goal of earning technology for their classrooms. The next collection date is April 24th.

March 30 - April 5 \* SPRING BREAK \*

April 6	School resumes
April 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade FSA math testing *Closed Campus*
April 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade FSA math testing *Closed Campus*
April 9	McDonald's Spirit Night 5:00-7:00pm
April 10	ROAR RALLY 8:45 am
April 15	All Pro Dad's meeting 7:30 am All Pro Dad's kick ball game 6:00pm
April 16	Chili's Spirit Night
April 21	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Gifted field trip to Florida Aquarium
April 23	PTA general meeting 6:30 pm
April 24	Midterms go home School Newsletter available
April 27	Book Fair starts
April 28	SAC Meeting 7:00 pm

## Homework Helpline

The Pinellas County Homework Helpline, (727)547-7223, offers free homework help for students in grades 1-12. The Homework Helpline is staffed by teachers certified in math, science, language arts, and social studies. Help is available from 5:00pm-8:00pm, Monday through Thursday, on all school days. The only exception is when there is no school the following day. Please take advantage of the great resource. Best of all...it is free.

## Save The Date!

### “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, and much more! A flyer with more information will be going home in your child's blue folder after we return from Spring Break and ticket presales will be from April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 1st. We hope to see you there!



## 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.

## Roar Rally Postponed

Due to the expectation of heavy rain the morning of March 27<sup>th</sup>, we have made the decision to postpone the Rally until the Friday that we return from Spring Break which is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

# The PTA Page

April 2015



## Message from our President

Hello Davis Families,

Wow this year is flying by! We have packed a lot of great activities into this school year and the year is not over yet.

Be sure to read over this newsletter for more great happenings coming up.

Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents..... we are busy planning the end of the year activities for our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are a parent of a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader and would like to volunteer for any part of our activities, please see a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. We are also in need of donations to help fund the events. If you have not yet contributed to your class mom this year, please do so at this time. Thank you all for your support of 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**SALE SALE SALE** The PTA has several T-shirts and other spirit items available for sale. During our Spring Fling and the last General PTA meeting on April 23, all products will be on sale at 50% off! This excludes our new shirt from this year.

Be sure to bring your checkbooks so you can take advantage of this great deal. Stock up and help us clean out our storage closet to make room for some new products next year ☺.

Amy Christensen, PTA President

## PTA BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If there is something you love about Leila G. Davis, get involved and keep it going!

If there is something you think needs improvement, get involved and make a change!

Serving on the PTA Board is a great opportunity to make a difference in your child's school and the PTA is in need of creative, energetic and dedicated parents to help make the upcoming 2015-2016 school year the best yet! All PTA Board positions are election based and open to anyone who is a PTA general member. We are now accepting nominations for all of the positions listed below for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in running for any of the below positions, or if you have any questions regarding the positions, please contact Michelle Bowe at [mbowe@metlife.com](mailto:mbowe@metlife.com) or Jennifer Gray at [GrayJenn@pcsb.org](mailto:GrayJenn@pcsb.org). The election to fill these positions will be held during Spring Fling, May 1, 2015 at Leila Davis.

POSITION	STATUS
President	up for Re-Election
Secretary	up for Re-Election
Treasurer	Vacant with a candidate
VP Programs	Vacant with a candidate
VP Ways and Means	Vacant
Membership	Vacant with a candidate
Legislative	up for Re-Election

## Spring Fling is Coming

Parents, don't miss our annual Spring Fling! This is always a fabulous event. We have delicious food, music, games for the kids, bounce houses, dunk tanks, vendors, etc. This is a great time to have fun with your kids, see many friends, and help support the school.

Our spring fling will take place on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars now so you don't miss it. Tickets will go on sale after spring break. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Coming up Soon

General PTA meeting and Ice Cream Social – all PTA members welcome to attend. This will take place April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. There will be a guest speaker and everyone will enjoy ice cream sundaes in the cafeteria.

All Pro Dad's will be hosting another kick ball game for all students and their parents on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm on the PE field.

Muffins for Mom – May 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am in Media Ctr.  
Donuts for Dad – May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am in Media Ctr.

Another FREE Gatti Town night is planned for May 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. All children of PTA members and Davis teachers are invited for FREE food, playhouse, and bumper cars. If you are not a PTA member, you can still join to participate.

## Calendar of Events

### Dates to Remember

April	15	All Pro Dads Kickball Game at 6:00
April	23	General PTA Meeting at 6:30 pm
May	1	Spring Fling
May	4 - 8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May	12	Muffins for Mom at 7:30 am
May	13	Gatti Town Night - free for PTA
May	20	Donuts for Dad at 7:30 am



# Business Booths

Spring Fling

May 1, 2015

5:30-8:00pm



If there were a way to showcase your business to over 1,000 people for as little as \$50.00 (\$35.00 if you are a business partner with Leila G Davis Elementary school) you would want to know more about it wouldn't you?

There is a way that you can do that. May 1, 2015 Leila G Davis Elementary is holding our annual spring celebration for Davis families and friends. We will have games, food, music, prizes and lots of fun during this event.

We are offering our business friends a space to display their products and or services for a small fee. You will need to provide your own display tables and have your displays set up by 4:30pm.

Where else can you make this many contacts for only \$50.00 while at the same time helping to support our students. Please contact Gabby Troiso at [TroisoG@pcsb.org](mailto:TroisoG@pcsb.org) for more details. 2630 Landmark Dr. Clearwater, FL 33761

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Leila Davis Elementary vendor form. Please enclose this form and payment by no later than April 17, 2015.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Items at Booth: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



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April/May Sample Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We are ordering our student planners for the upcoming school year, and thanks to the contributions of many business owners, our school will save a significant amount of money for our school.

If you are a business owner who would like to participate, or you would like to nominate your favorite business, medical office or service—please contact our business partner: American Fundraising Services at 813-888-9824, or email [Jacob.w.roll@gmail.com](mailto:Jacob.w.roll@gmail.com).

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