

Leila G. Davis Elementary School

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A Message From Mrs. Hill

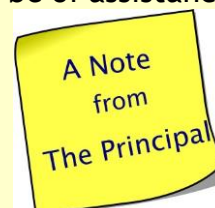
By now all of the students have settled into their new classrooms and we are off to a great start to the school year. It's hard to believe that next week it will already be October. I appreciate all of the continued support as we strive to help each student reach his/her highest potential. Our work together 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:

- Respect Our School Hours
Office Hours: 7:45 am - 4:00 pm
First Bell: 8:25 am
Class begins: 8:35 am (considered tardy if not in classroom)
School Hours: 8:35 am - 2:35 pm
- Make sure your child is here daily AND on time.
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 tardy slip. Tardiness on a regular basis is disrupting and detrimental to your child's success.

- Please respect dismissal time: 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.
- Check your child's planner/agenda nightly. The planner is an important communication tool from the teacher and includes homework assignments and important dates.
- Participate in school activities. 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 PTA calendar, PTA website (www.lgdpta.com) and school website for ways you can become involved here at school.
- 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.



Just a few 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 bold large 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 a name sign for all 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 of 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 is beginning 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 who are continually dropping their children off before the designated time.
- Our car circle is pretty efficient 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.

Important Dates



- September 30 Fall Picture Day
- September 30 PTA General Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- October 1 Gatti Town Spirit Night
5-8pm, FREE to PTA members
- October 2 McDonald's Night 5-7pm
Kindergarten teachers will be there!
- October 7 All Pro Dads Kickball Game 6:30pm
- October 8 International Walk to School Day
- October 15 All Pro Dads Meeting 7:30am
- October 16 ROAR Rally 8:45am
Chili's Night!
- October 20 NO SCHOOL
- October 24 Trunk or Treat 6:30-8pm
- October 27 Red Ribbon Week begins
- October 28 SAC meeting 7pm
- October 29 Report Cards sent home
Picture Retakes
- October 31 School Newsletter available

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)

First Class Moving Systems, Inc.
Huang Family
Shambaugh Family
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Arby's, Mosaic RBT, LLC

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

Lori Pettit

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

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Taylor Yerbic
Patton Automotive, Inc.
Starlet & Dausten Smith
Mysliwiec Family

Davis Associate (\$35-\$99)

Robinson Family
Van Name Family
Gerakios-Siren Family

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



Volunteer of the Month

Cherie Green

Our volunteer of the month for September is our Blue Folder Coordinator. She comes in every Friday to organize and distribute Blue Folders to the teachers. **She is always in need of help so please stop by on a Friday morning and give her a hand!**



Media Center News

The Media Center has been a busy place in September. All classes have come to the Media Center twice this month. We have learned/reviewed library rules and procedures and have checked out books! The 3rd-5th graders kicked off the Sunshine State Books and the Pinellas County Battle of the Books program. We are now fully open and classes will be coming on a regular basis to check out and use the library resource.

I have also had the opportunity to work with different grade levels for technology lessons. 5th grade students have worked on PowerPoint lessons. The students did a great job and are ready to prepare and present PowerPoint lessons to their classes! K and 1st grade classes are in full swing in the computer lab using Raz-Kids and ST Math.

Your child should have received a yellow or gold sheet containing passwords for various online resources. I wanted to highlight World Book Encyclopedia Online. This is a new subscription for the county and is a great resource tool for you and your child. To log on go to:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/>

Log-In ID: Pinellas

Password: schools

You will notice when you log in that there are many different encyclopedia levels. The "Kids" and even the "Student" would be appropriate for elementary while "Advanced" and "Academic" are great for older students. Be sure to check out this great resource when researching topics at home!

I look forward to working with your students this year in the media center and with the computer labs!

Mrs. Scott, Media Technology Specialist
scottsha@pcsb.org

Music Notes

Chorus

Chorus students are working hard on our winter concert music, "Jingle Bell Jukebox." Make sure you have the date saved - Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00 pm at Heritage United Methodist Church. Watch for an email and informational flyer next week on how to purchase the royal blue Davis Chorus polo.

Music is Ageless

Our Monday afternoon band students are sounding terrific! It's amazing how much progress is made in such a short time. The Music is Ageless teachers will also be starting the "Guitar Monster" program next week for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. If you're interested and haven't already seen the yellow information sheet, check out www.MusicIsAgelessOnline.com or email MusicIsAgeless1@aol.com ASAP!

Recorders

3rd grade students will begin playing recorders in November. If you are interested in purchasing a \$6 recorder at school, look for the purple information sheet in blue folders this week.

"Bach" to the Future

Attention 2nd graders: If you take private music lessons on piano, guitar, or violin, you could have a special spot in our show in March! Keep practicing your Bach music and contact Mr. Martinez for details.

Song of the Month

We had a wonderful September celebrating the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Don't miss us performing the song with sign language at our first ROAR Rally in October. Our next song of the month is "This Land is Your Land."

Mr. Martinez and Mrs. Dykes

The Paint Palette

Hello bear cub families! Thank you to all the parents who gave their children permission to have their artwork displayed on www.artsonia.com. If you need another permission slip please email me, or you can go online and register your child under Leila Davis Elementary. Every time they have a piece of art published online you will be notified through email. Please make sure to explore the gift shop because Davis receives 30% of the sales and we can use that money for more art supplies!

Speaking of supplies...we are always in need of regular #2 pencils, plastic containers such as margarine, butter, cool whip, cottage cheese, etc. Please feel free to send these items in with your child if you have them. I am also seeking about 30 National Geographic magazines...they make the perfect painting palette with easy cleanup! If you come across supplies that you think we could use in the art room, we would love to have them!

Thank you parents, for your smiling faces and support of the ARTS!

Creatively yours,
Miss Sullivan

Making a BOO Come True!

2014 Davis K-Kids and Daisy Troop 1005 are teaming up together to work on a service project for kids in need.

Please donate new or used Halloween costumes for kids who will not have one this year. Collection boxes are located in the main hallways of Leila Davis Elementary. Thanks for your support!



Thank you to Arby's!

Arby's has decided to partner with Leila Davis for the 2014-2015 school year. So far they have provided us with books for classrooms, gift certificates for our ROAR Rally winners, and have adopted our school. We really appreciate your partnership and look forward to a successful school year with you.



Volunteers Needed

We are in need of **Blue Folder** volunteers for Friday mornings. It is a big job to put all of the items into almost 800 folders and distribute them to over 40 classrooms. You do not have to commit to every Friday. If you are a registered volunteer, just stop on by on a Friday morning and give these fabulous ladies a hand.

On Tuesday September 30th, we need 2 or 3 volunteers to help “watch” the kids while they have pizza, popcorn, and a movie during the **PTA General Meeting**. You would need to arrive at 6:15 and would be done around 7:40.

On Wednesday, October 8th, we need about 3 or 4 people to help sort and pass out the **fundraiser orders** from 12:00- 3:00 pm. Please meet in the front office of the school and dress comfortably.

Please contact Angelle Gallers at gallersa@pcsb.org if you are interested in any of these opportunities.



P.E. Shorts

We are in full swing of our fitness assessments! The students are doing a great job! One aspect of our P.E. curriculum is the Runner's Club. Students walk or run laps while working towards the goal of logging miles. With funding provided by the PTA, we have been able to provide incentives to the students as they progress. In addition, the program allows the students to track their miles independently. Each student has their own card which is used to record their laps. Upon completing each card the student will receive an incentive. The guidelines we have set up for the incentives are listed below.

- Complete 1st card (5 miles) **receive chain and toe token**
- Complete 2nd card (10 miles) **receive toe token**
- Complete 3rd card (15 miles) **receive #15 token**
- Complete 4th card (20 miles) **receive see-through toe token**

Let's get running!!! From The P.E. Department

A Message from SAC

Please keep a look out for our upcoming child seat safety program in the car circle after school. The Center for Disease Control and The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following:

Using the correct car seat or booster seat can be a lifesaver: make sure your child is always buckled in an age- and size-appropriate car seat or booster seat.

Age Group	Seat Type	Key Recommendation
Birth to Age 2*	REAR-FACING CAR SEAT	Buckle children in a rear-facing seat until age 2 or when they reach the upper weight or height limit of that seat.
Age 2 up to at least age 5*	FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT	When children outgrow their rear-facing seat, they should be buckled in a forward-facing car seat until at least age 5 or when they reach the upper weight or height limit of that seat.
Age 5 up until seat belts fit properly*	BOOSTER SEAT	Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat, they should be buckled in a booster seat until seat belts fit properly. The recommended height for proper seat belt fit is 57 inches tall.
Once seat belts fit properly without a booster seat	SEAT BELT	Children no longer need to use a booster seat once seat belts fit them properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt lays across the chest (not the neck).

Keep children ages 12 and under in the back seat. Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active air bag.

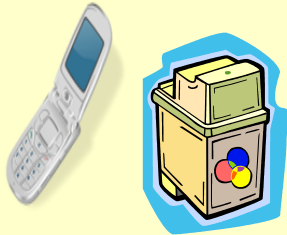
*Recommended age ranges for each seat type vary to account for differences in child growth and height/weight limits of car seats and booster seats. Use the car seat or booster seat owner's manual to check installation and the seat height/weight limits, and proper seat use.

Child safety seat recommendations: American Academy of Pediatrics. Graphic design: adapted from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/cps

Remember, when dropping your kids off we ask that your children be restrained in their seats until the car stops and the door is opened by the safety patrol. Thanks for helping to keep our Leila Davis Bear Cubs safe!

Media Center Collections

The Media Center is collecting used ink cartridges and 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 technology items for the school.



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!



Room Parents Needed!

Each class needs to have at least one room representative that will:

- * Organize and participate in classroom celebrations and activities
- * Coordinate communication between parents, teachers and the PTA
- * Carry out classroom projects sponsored by the PTA

We are still in need of room parents for the following classes:

Esparza	Kotsovolos
Carleton	Bailey
Beach	Harper
Grimberg	Peterson

Please contact Shannon Stein at shannon.stein@gmail.com for more details!



Do you know a child in grade PreK4-12 in need of school clothes?

The easiest and best way to refer a child for shopping is to verify that the family has the free/reduced lunch letter and have them call **Clothes To Kids** to make an appointment. That's all they need! It's really that simple!

Eligible children receive a week's wardrobe which includes:

- 5 new pairs of underwear
- 5 new pairs of socks
- 5 tops (including uniforms)
- 4 bottoms (including uniforms)
- 1 dress (optional)
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 jacket (in season)

Would you like more information?

In **North Pinellas County** call our Clearwater Store: 441-5050

In **South Pinellas County** call our St. Petersburg Store: 327-7100

Eligible children shop by appointment.

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

Cafeteria Information

On Monday, September 29th any student without a current free and reduced application on file will change to paid status on Tuesday, September 30th. A very convenient online application is available 24/7 at applyforlunch.com.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep our kids fed without interruption!

The PTA Page

September 2014



Message from our President


Parents, we are having our first general PTA meeting on Tuesday, September 30th. We would love to have you join us. The meeting is from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. Joan Reubens will be speaking to us on Cyber Bullying & Internet Safety. We will have a movie, pizza, and snacks to entertain the students while the parents meet.

There is no cost for the meeting. We need all PTA members to attend to vote on our annual budget and hear about what events are coming up at Davis this fall. We will have product sales available for anyone needing to pick up some Davis items.

On another note, if you would like to join the PTA board and serve on a committee to help out with any of the various programs and events that we host, please contact us. You can reach us through our web page at www.lgdpta.com. We look forward to meeting you.

Amy Christensen, Davis PTA President

Why Join PTA?

We have a goal to reach 500 PTA members this year. The leaves on the bulletin board in the front lobby represent our members who have joined so far this year. Don't be the missing leaf.... we are only 150 members away from reaching our goal. Please fill out a yellow PTA membership form located in the front office – we take checks and cash for payment. 

The cost to join is \$6.00 per person and there are a few benefits available for PTA members: Free dinner & play area at Gatti Town on October 1st, a buy one get one free ice cream voucher at Sun Groves, and Lego Land tickets for only \$30. Please take advantage of these offers.

We will be sending all member cards and Sun Groves coupons home with students this weekend.


THANK YOU TO THESE GREAT SPONSORS:




Walk to School Day

ATTENTION STUDENTS:
Wednesday, October 8th is the National Walk to School Day. Please meet in the SteinMart Parking Lot at 7:45 am and walk together to school to help support the walking movement.

Fundraising Corner

We want to thank all the families that participated in our fall fundraiser. With your help, we had the largest fundraising drive in Davis history! We are excited to be able to fund many great new programs and services this year with the fundraising proceeds. The products ordered will be ready for pick up from **2:00-6:00 pm on October 8th**. Please mark your calendar as this is the only day to pick them up. Look for winners of the limo trip to be posted on the PTA website soon. 

Trunk or Treat is Coming

Families – mark your calendars for Friday, October 24th. We will be having our annual Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot at Davis. We need CANDY donations and people willing to decorate their trunks for the event. Please RSVP your trunk with the PTA. Limited spots available. You can send candy into the office 

Calendar of Events

September Dates to Remember

Tues	30 th	General PTA Meeting 6:30 - 7:30
Tues	30 th	Picture day for Students
Wed	1 st	Gatti Town Event 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Wed	8 th	Fundraiser Product Pick Up 2-6 pm
Wed	8 th	Walk to School Day
Thurs	16 th	ROAR Rally at 8:40 am
Fri	24 th	Trunk or Treat 6:30 - 8:00 pm