

IMPORTANT DATES SEPTEMBER 2019

- **9/2 - No School**
- **9/5 - Open House**
Pre K-2nd 6-
6:45PM 3rd-5th
7:15-8PM
- **9/6- Goodies for**
Grandparents 7:45
-8:30AM
- **9/9-Astro Skate**
School Party (Gr.
1-5)
- **9/13-Family Lunch**
Day Bring your
photo ID/weather
permitting
- **9/13-19 Book Fair**
- **9/17-Chick-fil-A 5-**
7PM
- **9/19-Family Bingo**
Night and General
PTA Meeting 6:30-
8PM
- **9/20-All Pro Dad**
Meeting 7:45AM
Media Center
- **9/24-Fall Picture**
Day

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Leila G. Davis Elementary

Principal: William Durst

Assistant Principal: Kathryn Gualtieri

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SEPTEMBER 2019



Principal's Page

A Message from Mr. Durst

Welcome back everyone to what will be an amazing school year for our Davis community. By now all students have settled into their new classrooms and we are off to a great start to the school year. For the 2018-19 school year, we scored the highest point total in our history on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) and earned back the distinction of "A" school by the Florida Department of Education. For the 2019-20 school year we have set our sights on new heights in student achievement. Our school grade point total last year was 461 points. This year our goal is **500!** To do this we will need your continued support and partnership as we strive to help each student reach their highest potential. To realize this we must have solid connections with parents and timely, open lines of communication. Our work together is very important. Research confirms that parental interest and involvement in a child's education is one of the most significant reasons 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. To reach these goals it is essential to establish and maintain an orderly environment. 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 - 3:45 pm
Student Drop-off: 8:15-8:40
Class begins: 8:45am
(Considered tardy if not in classroom)
School Hours: 8:45 am - 2:55 pm

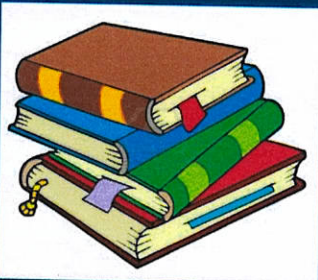
Student Arrival-Drop-Off

Please do not drop off your children before 8:15. Parents are responsible for their children until 8:15 because adult supervision on campus does not begin until that time.



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/>
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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 8:45 am) are expected to sign in at the front office and obtain a pink tardy slip. Tardiness on a regular basis is disrupting and detrimental to your child's success.

Early Pick-Up (New) For purposes of safety and accountability, students will not be released from class between **2:40-2:55**. Every instructional minute is crucial to your child's learning and we ask that you please limit the times you sign your child out early. Appointments and other commitments arise however, please be respectful of your child's instructional times.

Please respect dismissal time. Students must be picked up between 2:55-3:25 each day. We have many children who are picked up well after the dismissal bell. Please make sure other arrangements have been made if you will be running late and call our main office line at 727-725-7972.

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. At Davis we welcome all registered volunteers, tutors, and mentors. We also have a very active PTA that provides tremendous support to our school community. Please check the Davis website or contact our Family Community Liaison, Dominica Reed, for volunteer opportunities.

Expect your child to demonstrate respectful, responsible and safe behavior. Davis is committed to providing a safe and 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. Our school's guidelines for success are Responsibility, On Task, Aim High, and Respect (ROAR).

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! Please let us know if we can be of assistance to your family. Thank you for your continued support!

Arrival and Dismissal Safety Reminders

Front Parking Lot This is the first lot accessible from Landmark Drive. We kindly ask that this parking area used only for our **pre-kindergarten student, our students with special needs, and parents attending conferences**. If you wish to walk your child up to the main entrance, please park at HUMC.

If your child is a car rider, please display your hang tag in your car window with last name in **bold letters** at pick-up time. Car riders should have received a plastic hang tag during the first week of school. 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, Grandma, etc.)

Please refrain from talking or texting on your cell phone while moving in the car line.

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 will begin to monitor this and will soon be issuing tickets.

Our dismissal car circle is efficient at this point, so please make sure that you are here to pick up your child by 2:55 PM each day.

We appreciate your attention to these important safety issues.



Curriculum Corner

Welcome back to school! As a new and exciting school year has already gotten underway, we are working to meet the academic needs of each and every child. In order to do this, assessments are beginning so that teachers can challenge all students with what they need for success.

What can you do to help? Make sleep a priority for children to be rested and ready to conquer the new day. Have conversations

about the assessments with your child and encourage them to take their time and try their best. As they hear these words at home and school, they will know we are all working together to support them.

Below are the September assessment for fall:

FLKRS (Kindergarten only)

MAP Reading and Math (1st – 5th Grade)

Family Lunch Day: September 13th

Weather Permitting! All visitors must have a government issued ID to check in at the front desk.

Just a reminder that all parents can have lunch with their children at *any-time*.

On non-family lunch days, parents can still have lunch with their children, but need to check their child out and eat either in the outdoor classroom in the

front of the school or on the front steps. Students need to be back with their class at the end of their lunch time.



Physical Education

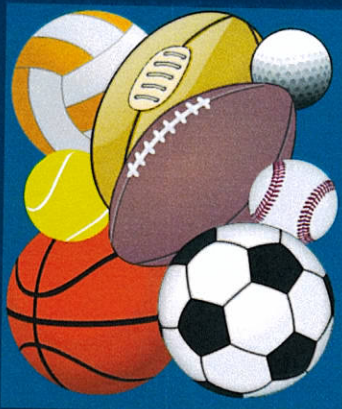
Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. The Physical Education Department is looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year. To ensure all students are safe and successful please review the rules and procedures listed below.

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 Curricu-

lum 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.





Physical Education Continued

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

We also follow the school wide ROAR Reward program in which students receive certificates for positive behavior. 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. White, Coach Stoll, Coach Consuegra

Save the Date



The Great American Teach In

is on
Wednesday, November 13th from
9AM-2PM. If you have a career or

fun hobby or know someone who does and you would like to share, please contact Dominica Reed, Reed-Dom@pcsb.org with your availability. We would LOVE to have you come out and share your expertise with our students.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2020

Join the LGD Bear Cubs for the 2020 Relay for Life of North Pinellas! We will be fundraising for the American Cancer Society throughout the year, and the event will take place on Friday, April 3, 2019 from 6pm to midnight at the Oldsmar Sports Complex. We

will walk the track to honor cancer survivors and their caretakers, and to remember those we have lost to this disease. There will be food and drinks for sale and activities for both children and adults.

If you have any questions or if you're interested in participating, please email Mr. Martinez-Cooley at martinezd@pcsb.org.

Music Notes from Mr. Martinez



Davis Elementary salutes our Veterans on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 with music performances by our third grade singers. Students will perform for our school community at 8:55 am and for our friends and family at 7:00 pm. Both performances will be at Heritage United Methodist Church.

If there is a Veteran in your third grader's family and you would like them included in the slide show, please email an electronic image to DavisVeterans@gmail.com by Monday, November 4. Please include the Veteran's name (with appropriate titles, ranks, and abbreviations), branch of the armed forces, and the years of service. Thank you to all our Davis Veterans!

Chorus

4th and 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Davis Chorus. We had our first rehearsal on Tuesday and students may attend for two more weeks to see if they'd like to continue. Information sheets were distributed, and signed contracts are due by Thursday, September 12 if your student would like to continue singing with us.

Chorus members will prepare for two concerts; the first is our Winter Concert, Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Heritage United Methodist Church. Students will arrive dressed at 6:30 (black pants or long skirts, white shirt or blouse), and the concert will begin at 7pm.

All-State Chorus

Select fifth graders are preparing to audition for the FMEA All-State Elementary Chorus, which will perform at the Tampa Convention Center in January 2020. Rehearsals and extra help is provided before and after school, and auditions must be recorded by Friday, September 6. Please contact Mr. Martinez-Cooley at martinezd@pcsb.org if you have any questions.

Band

4th and 5th grade students are invited to join the Davis Band, which will meet on Wednesdays after school. Band instruments include flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, and percussion (snare drum and bells). Limited instruments are available to rent from our school, and several students choose to purchase their own or rent from community music stores. Look for more information coming home in September, or email Mr. M. at lgdavisband@gmail.com for more details.

Welcome

The Davis Community sends our best wishes to Ms. Hilliard, who is now the music teacher at Starkey Elementary. We welcome our new music teacher, Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott is a percussionist and has experience at several Pinellas County Elementary schools, including High Point and Safety Harbor. He is here at Davis on Mondays and Fridays. Welcome, Mr. Scott!



Lunch Pal Mentors Needed

If you love children and want to make a difference in their lives, please come mentor students in need of a good role model and have lunch with them during their 30 minute lunch once a week. Please consider taking the one hour class so you can become a Lunch Pal!

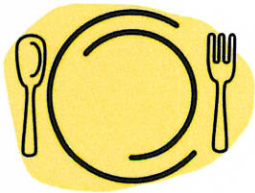
Sign up here on the PCS district

website to go to a Lunch Pal Training:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_5wuU4P8d5lqEQO-mdkU_JUM1VCRk9JQUILTUFaU-pNNkhOUKcyODNHwi4u

September Workshops

- 09/11/2019, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pinellas Education Foundation, Wells Fargo Conference Room, 12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL #102
- 09/11/2019, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Pinellas County Schools, Administration Building, Room E111, 301 4th Street SW, Largo, FL #120
- 09/12/2019, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. City of St. Petersburg Water Resource Building, Conference Room, 1650 Third Ave., North, St. Petersburg #111
- 09/18/2019, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Highland Lakes Elementary School, 1230 Highlands Blvd., Palm Harbor, #135
- 09/18/2019, Noon to 1:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach Drive, NE, St. Petersburg #143
- NEW 09/12/2019, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Woodlawn Elementary School, 1600 16th St. N., St. Petersburg #146
- NEW 09/19/2019, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Indian Rocks First Baptist Church, 12685 Ulmerton Road, in the Fellowship Center Chapel, Largo #147



Café News

Greetings from the Café,

Welcome to school year 2019-2020!

I wish to remind all of you that we have our menu posted on the www.pcsb.org site. As more and more time passes, I find more students are trying our delicious choices each day! Remember, we have FREE breakfast for students starting at 8:15 am.

Fun Fact - Each month I select a class to pick the menu. This is called Student Involvement Day on the menu. The students get an opportunity to pick from their favorite foods! I then send out an e-mail crediting their class for that day's choices!

Nutrislice - This is a free app and will go into food specifics, such as ingredients, calories, carbs, sugars, etc. I would ask any parent concerned about allergens or carb/sugar counts to go here to research the individual dishes.

**** www.myschoolbucks.com - This is the best way to keep up with lunch account funding and to see what your child is spending money on. You will need a student ID to register, available via FOCUS or the front desk. There are neat things that can be done on this site, such as set a dollar amount to send you alerts or even auto-load (my favorite). If paying by credit, there is a fee; we accept only cash or check in the kitchen! Looking at their account and setting up reminders are free so please take advantage of this!

Smart Snacks - There are several choices for students, such as Smart Foods White Cheddar Popcorn, Baked Cheetos, Welch's Fruit Snacks, Fruit Roll-ups, Mini-Chocolate Chip Cookies, Brownie, and Rice Krispie Treats. Students may also purchase a daily milk or fruit juice to accompany their lunch box. On Fridays we will sell ice cream only. Snack sales will begin in a couple of weeks. Snack and ice cream costs range from \$.50 to \$1.00. Milk is \$.50, and juice is \$.25.

Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone that Free/Reduced Lunch Applications must be filled out each year for re-application at the beginning of the school year. Please submit them ASAP! They can be submitted via www.myschoolapps.com. It will take 24 to 48 hours for a response. In the meantime, lunch costs will be incurred at \$2.25 each meal. PLEASE APPLY ASAP!

Please feel free to call me with any questions. I look forward to serving your students and having a wonderful year!

Susanne Borsari
Café Manager, Davis Elementary School
727 669-1235



We are looking for volunteers to help with the elaine.f.hawkins@gmail.com.
Kiwanis BUGs (Bringing Up Grades) Program. It is 30 minutes per week every Thursday from 11:45-12:15 and Kiwanis will take care of all the educational materials and celebrations. Please email Elaine Hawkins for details and questions at

ALL PRO DAD- DAD'S DAY
9/20 at 7:45am within the Media Center

By: John Varlese Jr- Team Captain and proud father of a third grader

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and has enjoyed the first couple weeks back at school. All Pro Dad is a non-profit organization (a division of www.FamilyFirst.net) who's passion is to inspire fathers (or other strong family role models; male/female | father/grandfather | Aunt/Uncle | mom/grandmother | etc.) in guiding their families with the tenderness of the heart, promote value and encouragement within our children, strive to be a beacon of strength, and embrace boldness of character as a dad. Research has shown that a father's involvement in their child's academic success yields key benefits such as enhanced grades, increased social skills, improved behavior, and strong character development. The Leila G. Davis Elementary Chapter of All Pro Dad provides strength and guidance to our community, along with practical tips in raising kids in a life-giving way.

All Pro Dad's Day is an exceptional and fulfilling monthly event held at Leila Davis Elementary for family members to spend quality time bonding with their children, strengthening their family relationships, along with building up an involved and dedicated group within the Davis Community. Together we will enjoy a welcoming breakfast together, discuss how proud we are of our kids, partake in character building exercises, explore some key monthly topics, and at the end of the meeting kids will have an opportunity to win our monthly raffles. We encourage everyone to join us on Friday, September 20th at 7:45am for our first All Pro Dad Dad's Day of the 2019-2020 school year. This month's topic will be "Self-Control".



Self-control is about learning to pause before you react to something or someone. We can make choices sometimes when we are sad or angry, but those choices are not always the best. People who have self-control have learned to think about their behavior and the impact their reactions have on themselves and others.

Throughout the school year we will continue to meet every third Friday of the month for 45 mins prior to school starting, with a primary focus on influencing our children in truly significant ways, encouraging them to be well-rounded respected individuals, all while believing in themselves through the power of love and support of family. Your encouragement enriches their life, improves their grades, and fills their life with pride.

In addition to our monthly Dad's Day we also look forward to partnering with our PTA in various events that encourage family involvement. Please also join us on October 17th for our family friendly Kids vs Parents Kickball Game, and on October 25th for Trunk-or-Treat, and our Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance on February 7th. All upcoming events are posted on our Leila Davis All Pro Dad Chapter Facebook, please "Join" our page.

To become part of the Leila G. Davis Elementary All Pro Dad Chapter and get monthly meeting alerts and activity updates join our local chapter at <https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772>.

For further information regarding All Pro Dad please visit www.allprodad.com

And for Moms there is helpful and inspiring information on www.imom.com as well.

Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship



If you would like to help the school financially, your contributions directly impact our classrooms and school!

Davis Business Partner (\$350 and up) Kuman of Dundin, Victory Martial Arts, One Stop Kitchens & Bath, Mr. Piazza,

Chris Correira.

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)



Davis Associate (up to \$99)

O'Neill Family

Bowe Family

If you are interested in sponsoring a class, program, becoming a business partner, or donating to the school, please see the front office, your child's teacher, or contact Dominica Reed at reeddom@pcsb.org for more details.

PTA Information

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For questions or to become a PTA member contact

Leiladavispta@gmail.com

Want to help in your child's classroom? Become their room parent!

Help the class decorate their trunk or treat pumpkin! Help the teacher plan the class parties! Help the class plan a teacher gift to show their appreciation!



If you are interested, talk to your child's teacher! If you have any questions feel free to contact me: Jennifer Luck at Jmluck7@hotmail.com, Room Parent Coordinator.



Media Matters

My name is Mrs. Scott and I am the Library Information Technology Specialist at Davis. I am excited to work with your children in the library and with technology throughout the year!

The beginning of the year is always a busy time getting computers and equipment back up and running in the classrooms. I have been able to see most of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders for their first library visit of the year. Next week 1st and 2nd grade classes will come to the library for their first visit!

I have also gone into kindergarten classes to help some of our youngest scholars learn how to use the computers properly. If you have not tried logging in to a computer with 18 kindergartens for the first time it is fun! Kindergarten parents please help your children learn their usernames and passwords. Every child has a login card when they use the computers. They do not have to memorize the login information; they just need to get comfortable typing in the letters and numbers! Practice with the paper keyboard that was sent home or allow them to use

the keyboard from a computer at home.

Our fall book fair will be here in September! The book fair will be open September 13th – 19th. More information will be coming home soon about this. If you would like to volunteer to work at the book fair please let me know (scottsha@pcsb.org) You must be a registered volunteer to help, but you do not have to be Level 2. I will email out a signup genius link next week for book fair volunteers.

In September we will kick off the Sunshine State Books with 3rd-5th graders. Students will have the opportunity to read the Florida Sunshine State Books and participate in a school Battle of the Books. This is always a fun competition. I will talk with each class about the program and will send home information for students who are interested.

I am looking forward a great year of reading and technology at Davis!



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Just a reminder that we are no longer able to use Remind Text as a means of school communication. Please make sure you are checking in with your

teacher, school website, Peachjar, and Facebook for up to date information on upcoming school events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time!

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas:

- Media Center:
 - * Shelving Books
 - * Library Circulation Desk
 - * School Wide Projects
 - * Battle of the Books Coordinator
- Classroom Volunteers
- Field Trips
- Silent Auction Committee
- PTA Committee Members
- Front Office Assistant
- Cafeteria Assistant - 2 days a week from 11am-1pm
- Chorus – Administrative Assistant to help with 4-5 Grade Chorus
- Art – Helping get artwork for all grades uploaded on Artsonia
- Mentors for Lunch Pals
- BUGs Program (Bringing Up Grades) Mentor program sponsored by Kiwanis to help students who need to bring up their grades. Meets once a week. If interested please contact: ctcous-ins@aol.com
- Spring Test Proctoring

Register TODAY to become a volunteer at

www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

Volunteer Information

Volunteer of the Month



Kelly Keeler is our Volunteer of the Month. She is also our new PTA president. We are so thankful for all of her volunteer and leadership efforts! Thank you for all of your hard work!



All volunteers must stop by the front office and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact

Dominica Reed at ReedDom@pcsb.org



Remember, ANY activities at school, other than coming in to have lunch with your child, requires you to be a registered volunteer and have activated your volunteer status for this school year. This includes field trips, holiday parties, Field Day, Spring Fling, classroom parties, etc.

Register TODAY to become a volunteer at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration so you don't miss out on fun opportunities with your children.

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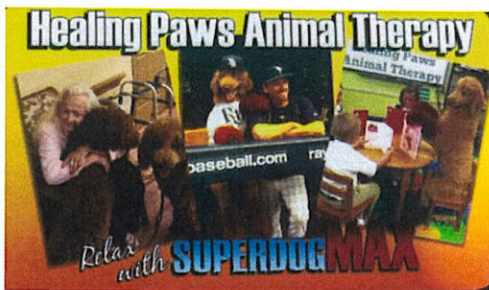
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Counselor's Corner

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About Me

My name is Vanessa Lofstedt and I am your school counselor! I have a Bachelor's Degree in Developmental Psychology from Keene State College and a Master's Degree from the University of South Florida in Counselor Education with a specialization in school counseling. I also have a graduate certificate in play therapy. I have a background in child development and psychology, and I have experience in various positions working with children and families, including working in daycare centers and as a child protection case manager. I have been a school counselor in Pinellas County since 2011.

My mission is to help our scholars reach their highest potential by providing a variety of services to meet their academic and social-emotional needs. In each newsletter you will find a "Counselor's Corner" where I will provide information about the counseling program at Leila Davis as well as other important information for parents. Please see below for more detailed information about some of the services I provide. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your child.

What Does An Elementary School Counselor Do?

The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept and their feelings of competence and confidence as learners. They are beginning to develop decision-making, communication and life skills, as well as character values. It is also a time when students develop and acquire attitudes toward school, self, peers, social groups and family.

Comprehensive developmental school counseling programs provide education, prevention, and intervention services which are integrated into all aspects of children's lives. Early identification and intervention of children's academic and personal/social needs is essential in removing barriers to learning and in promoting academic achievement. The knowledge, attitudes and skills that students acquire in the areas of academic, career and personal/social development during these elementary years serve as the foundation for future success.

(from the ASCA website <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/Careers-Roles/WhyElem.pdf>)

Classroom Lessons

Classroom lessons in the academic, career and personal/social domains are aligned with both the Florida Standards and the American School Counseling Association mindsets and behaviors. Topics taught in classroom lessons include: responsibility, kindness, self-motivation, tolerance, honesty, growth mindset, learning styles, and career exploration.

Bullying Prevention Education

In compliance with Florida Statute, Pinellas County Schools requires that all students receive bullying prevention education. In classroom guidance lessons, students learn the definition of bullying, strategies for preventing bullying, and what to do if they witness or are involved in a bullying situation.

Individual & Group Counseling

Students who need additional support outside of the classroom setting may participate in individual or group counseling sessions. Counseling in the school setting is short-term and focused on helping students be successful in school. Counseling addresses a variety of topics which may include: social skills, appropriately expressing and/or handling emotions, communication skills, family changes, conflict resolution, goal setting, study skills, and test-taking skills.

Parent and Teacher Consultation

I am available for consultation with parents and teachers to support the academic and social-emotional needs of students. Consultation topics often include home-school relations, helping students achieve success, as well as referrals to community agencies.

Attendance Matters

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

| If your child misses... | That equals... | Which is... | And over 13 years of schooling that's... |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 day every 2 weeks | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ years |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years of school |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Nearly 8 years |

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

| He/she is only missing just... | That equals... | Which is... | And over 13 years of schooling that's... |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 10 mins per day | 50 mins per week | Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year | Nearly ½ year |
| 20 mins per day | 1 hr. 40 mins per week | Over 2 ½ weeks per year | Nearly 1 year |
| 30 mins per day | Half a day per week | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ years |
| 1 hour per day | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years |

Positive Behavior

Leila Davis is a Positive Behavior Support school. Our students and staff adhere to the Guidelines for Success, also known as school-wide expectations. You will often hear us refer to these expectations as ROAR. We will continue to use Blue Notes as our reward system to reinforce students that demonstrate ROAR. Ask your child to share what they know about ROAR.



Clothing Assistance

Clothes to Kids provides new and quality used clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

Requirements for Shopping at Clothes To Kids

(1) Live in Pinellas County. (2) Child(ren) enrolled in Pinellas County schools in 4 year old PreK-12th grade). (3) Your family needs financial assistance. If you receive free/reduced lunch, call Clothes to Kids at 441-5050 to schedule an appointment. You will need your free/reduced lunch letter to shop. If you do not receive free/reduced lunch but need assistance you may be able to receive a referral to Clothes for Kids from Mrs. Lofstedt (school counselor) or Mrs. Cohen (the school social worker). Once you receive the referral, you can call Clothes to Kids to schedule your appointment. Eligible children may shop twice in a twelve-month period (a referral is needed each time).

Pack-A-Snack

Leila G. Davis Elementary School is part of a weekend feeding program called Pack-A-Snack. This program is offered through Pinellas County Schools and a community partner. Your child is eligible to receive a bag with healthy snacks in it every Friday at no cost to you.


If you choose to enroll your child, he/she will receive a bag with some healthy snack sized items every Friday for the weekend. All of the food is nutritional and non-perishable and will not have to be cooked or prepared.

If you have any questions about this program please feel free to contact Vanessa Lofstedt, School Counselor at (727) 725-7972 x2010 or lofstedtv@pcsb.org.

Bullying Policy: Reports and Investigations

The Pinellas County Schools Policy against Bullying and Harassment (Policy #5517.01) defines bullying as **systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress** on one or more students and may involve but is not limited to: teasing; social exclusion; threat; intimidation; physical violence; theft; public humiliation; or destruction of property. **Three things that are generally present in a bullying situation are repeated behavior** (although it may be the first time you heard about or witnessed the behavior), **imbalance of power** between the person who is bullying and the victim of bullying (could be a physical imbalance or a difference in status), **and intent to harm** (either physically or emotionally).

Bullying reports can be made by students, parents, or staff members by completing the online reporting form found at <http://bullying.pcsb.org>. Parents of all students involved will be notified. Information about Pinellas County Schools' bullying policy is available at <https://www.pcsb.org/page/3651>



25 Ways to Ask a Child *"How Was Your Day?"*

- 1) Tell me about a moment today when you felt proud of yourself.
- 2) Tell me about something that made you laugh today.
- 3) How did you help someone today? How did someone help you today?
- 4) How would you rate your day on a scale of 1-10 and why?
- 5) If you could plan tomorrow's lesson, what would you teach your classmates about?
- 6) What 3 words would you use to describe your best friend at school?
- 7) What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- 8) When were you the happiest today?
- 9) Tell me about a moment today when you felt excited about what you were learning in class.
- 10) Tell me about a moment in class when you felt confused.
- 11) What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- 12) What was challenging about your day?
- 13) What are 3 words you would use to describe your day?
- 14) If you could be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do differently?
- 15) Who would you like to play with at recess that you have never played with before?
- 16) Tell me about something new you learned about a friend.
- 17) Is there anything you would like to talk about that I might be able to help you figure out?
- 18) Is there anything you are worried about?
- 19) What was the most frustrating part of your day?
- 20) If you could do any moment from today over again, what would you do differently?
- 21) Which assignment did you feel most confident about today?
- 22) If you could change one thing about your day today, what would it be?
- 23) If you had \$1,000 to buy something for your school, what would you buy?
- 24) If you could do anything with 1 classmate, who would you choose and what would you do?
- 25) Is there a question you wish I would ask you about your day?

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 2 NO SCHOOL!  | 3 Mini Confetti Pancakes Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Cup * Romaine Side Salad | 4 Scones Choose One: Asian Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets | 5 Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit or Grits Choose One: Featured Item: Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Chicken Sandwich Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Battered Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Side Salad | 6 Breakfast Skillet Choose One: Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie or Sandwich Choose: Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers |
| 9 Maple Pancake Minis Choose One: Cheeseburger or Hamburger Cheese Sticks & Toasted Ravioli Boat Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Marinara Cup Tater Tots * Fresh Veggie Dippers | 10 Chicken Waffle Sandwich Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Cheese Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad | 11 Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich Choose One: Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers | 12 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Student Choice Menu <i>Students choose the hot entrees and vegetable options!</i> Plus: Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Mixed Side Salad | 13 Cheese Omelet w/ Toast Choose One: Pizza Variety Chicken & Waffle Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie or Sandwich Choose: Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers |
| 16 Pancake Pup Choose One: Chicken Tender Basket w/ Crispy Fries & Roll Max Cheese Sticks Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Marinara Cup Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers | 17 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Chow Mein Noodles Grilled Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit Choose: Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad | 18 Glazed Dunker Choose One: Chicken Fajita Cheez-It Bowl Pasta & Meatballs Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Sliced Cucumbers | 19 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit Choose One: Featured Item: Italian Beef & Mushroom Pizza Corn Dog or Hot Dog Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Country Baked Beans Mixed Side Salad | 20 French Toast & Chicken Bites Choose One: Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie or Sandwich Choose: Green Peas Fresh Veggie Dippers |
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| 30 Maple Pancake Minis Choose One: Cheeseburger or Hamburger Cheese Sticks & Toasted Ravioli Boat Fruit & Yogurt Plate Bologna & Cheese Sandwich Choose: Marinara Cup Tater Tots Fresh Veggie Dippers | <div> Follow us! @mynpcs #pinallasschoolfood</div> | | <div> September is National Mushroom Month!</div> <div><i>All menus are subject to change! We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally weather, crops and supplies have other ideas!</i></div> | |

DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES

Hot or cold breakfast choices are available daily, i.e.: Breakfast Sandwich, Pancakes, Cereal & Toast, or Cereal Bar & Toast.

Must choose at least 1: Fruit or juice.

May choose 1: Milk Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate.

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 lunch meal)

May Choose: 1 Milk; Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate.

Available for lunch daily: Meat or Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches, Hot & Cold Vegetable choices, Variety of Fruits (fresh or cupped) & juices

Fun Facts!



Avocados

are not vegetables—they are actually single-seeded berries ... avocados have the highest protein content of any fruit ... avocados are double the potassium and fiber of bananas ... in Mexico, avocados are called "alligator pears"!



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & HEALTHY LIVING

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YMCA of the Suncoast – Clearwater Branch Upcoming Outreach Programs & Partnerships

Here at the Y, we make sure that every child gets to play and that our games are safe, fair and most of all, fun. We help kids become better players and better people. Our youth sports programs are progressive with multiple age levels.

SALSA, SABOR Y SALUD

Salsa Sabor y Salud works with the rich traditions and values of the Hispanic Culture, to help families adapt and maintain a healthy life. Increase family time, creating opportunities for families to play, cook and eat together. Families will participate actively in eight sessions where they focus on the important "energy balance" while learning to choose healthy meals and increase physical activities. Salsa Sabor y Salud is a completely Spanish program. We provide care for children under 5 years old. All participants will receive a **two-month complementary membership**.

Fee: Free for families. Space limited

Ages: Parents/Caregivers and children 5 years and up

Location: Clearwater YMCA

Registration: Aug. 30-Sept. 25, 2019

Orientation: Wed. Sept 18 at 6:00pm

Dates: Sept. 25 – Nov. 13, 2019

When: Every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH

Are you interested in learning Spanish? Join us for the new introductory Spanish class. Class size is limited to 15 participants. The class is taught by an experienced teacher. Register now!

Session Dates: Sept. 20 – Dec. 13, 2019 (12 weeks)

Times: 5:30 pm– 6:30 pm, Fridays only

Registration Open: Aug. 23-Sept. 15, 2019

Fee: \$70/members and \$140/basic members

*Class fee includes \$16 non-refundable material fee.

Location: Clearwater YMCA

CONTINUING SPANISH

If you completed our Introductory Spanish class, would you like to continue learning Spanish? If so, join us for the Continuing Spanish class. Class size is limited to 15 participants. The class is taught by an experienced teacher. Register now to get in the class.

Session Dates: Sept. 20 – Dec. 13, 2019 (12 weeks)

Times: 6:45–7:45 pm, Fridays only

Registration Open: Aug. 23-Sept. 15, 2019

Pre-requisite; must have completed Intro to Spanish

Fee: \$70/members and \$140/basic members

*Class fee includes \$16 non-refundable material fee.

Location: Clearwater YMCA

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The YMCA is a charitable organization serving people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities and incomes. That's why we offer a financial assistance program, contact us today.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Classes are provided by UMCN Suncoast, based in Pinellas County. The Clearwater Y offers a free trial week and waives the activation fee for new class participants. Classes run in 10-week sessions. *Class includes free childcare for students ages 10 and under. Anyone interested should complete an interest form at the Front Desk. To learn more, call the Y, or Molly at 727-417-0344.

Fee: Free for families. Space limited

Program Runs: Oct. 1, 2019 – Sept. 20, 2020

Days/Times: TUESDAY and THURSDAY from 6–8 pm

EARLY LEARNING READINESS

Program allows children to learn and play with their caregivers at the Clearwater YMCA. The ELR program provides a stimulating environment for children to play, learn while developing them physical, verbal and social skills. This program helps children enter school ready to succeed. In an informal setting with multiple play stations, caregivers will learn more about how children develop and how they can encourage learning and skill building at home. Join us, so your child can play with other children, so you can learn more about how to help your child learn and be ready for school, you can meet other caregivers of young children, and so you can enjoy toys, books, games, resources, and more. Activities: Include snacks, circle time, singing, storytelling and 13 learn and play stations.

Ages: Parents or caregivers and children 5 and under.

Fee: Free for facility and program members

Location: Clearwater YMCA

Meets: Twice a week with your

children, Mondays/Wednesdays
group meets from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Open Registration: Aug. 30-Sept. 25, 2019

Session Dates: Sept. 30, 2018–May 27, 2020

This program is offered at the High Point YMCA on Tues/Thurs.

For more information: Contact George Garcia, 727 461 9622, or email me at ggarcia@ymcasuncoast.org.

FREE FOSTER CARE ACCESS

All foster youths/teens age 21 and younger may gain free access into any YMCA of the Suncoast location. We are excited about our new partnership with Eckerd Connects, Directions for Living, Youth and Family Alternatives, Kid Central Inc. and Lutheran Family Services! Call us to learn more!

TOGETHERHOOD®

Togetherhood provides Y members with fun, convenient and rewarding ways to give back and support their communities. It is the YMCA's member-led service program for social responsibility. This program invites Y members to lead and participate in volunteer service projects that benefit the community where they live. Learn more: Contact Jason DiRienzo at jdirienzo@ymcasuncoast.org and or George Garcia at ggarcia@suncoastymca.org