

# Leila G. Davis Elementary



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October 27, 2017

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## Principal's Page

### *A Message from Mr. Durst*

I cannot believe we are already closing out the month of October. The yearly Trunk or Treat event here at Davis always seems to usher in the excitement, magic, and craziness of the season. With this in mind please stay committed to attending school every day, getting your student to school on time, and minimizing early pull-outs from a school day. Making this commitment will ensure your child has the opportunity to succeed and our amazing Davis staff can truly meet their needs. Our school district adopted the phrase last school year "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow". In all grades, attendance is vital to the success of your student. The direct correlation of absenteeism and student dropout rate is eye opening. Ultimately, it's all about consistency. Please take the time to learn more about the importance a child's attendance with these 10 facts about school attendance:

1. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. [Read more http://baltimore-berc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/08/SeptemberAttendanceBriefJuly2014.pdf](http://baltimore-berc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2014/08/SeptemberAttendanceBriefJuly2014.pdf)
2. An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year. [Read more http://new.every1graduates.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/FINALChronicAbsenteeismReport\\_May16.pdf](http://new.every1graduates.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/FINALChronicAbsenteeismReport_May16.pdf)

## Important November Dates

- 11/2 – K-Kids 7:45AM
- 11/6-10 - Can Food Drive
- 11/9 – Veteran's Day Concert  
Grades 1 and 3
- 11/11 8AM-12PM  
Campus Clean Up
- 11/15 – Great American Teach-In
- 11/16 – Jersey Mike's (Countryside Location) Spirit Night
- 11/17 – PE Turkey Trot
- 11/30-12/7 - Book Fair
- 12/1 – Movie Night 6:30PM



## 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](https://twitter.com/LeilaGDavis_ES)
- Join us on Remind to receive text messages. Text @leilad to 81010
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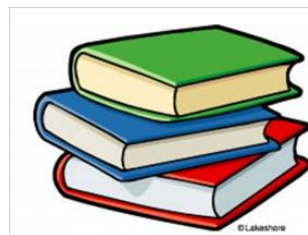
Area 1 Associate Superintendent:  
Mr. Ward Kennedy  
(727) 588-5023

3. Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent. [Read more. http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text\\_837.pdf](http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text_837.pdf)
4. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back. [Read more http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Attendance-in-the-Early-Grades.pdf](http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Attendance-in-the-Early-Grades.pdf)
5. By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school. [Read more http://www.baltimore-berc.org/pdfs/SixthGradeEWIFullReport.pdf](http://www.baltimore-berc.org/pdfs/SixthGradeEWIFullReport.pdf)
6. Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence. [Read more http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Chronic-Absence-Research-Summary-1-pager-2.19.14withlinks.pdf](http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Chronic-Absence-Research-Summary-1-pager-2.19.14withlinks.pdf)
7. The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused. Suspensions also add to lost time in the classroom.
8. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating. [Read more http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Preventable-Failure-CCSR-April-2014.pdf](http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Preventable-Failure-CCSR-April-2014.pdf)
9. Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students. [\[Attendance-Full-Report-May-2014-revised.pdf\]\(#\)](http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/CCSR-Pre-K-</a></li>
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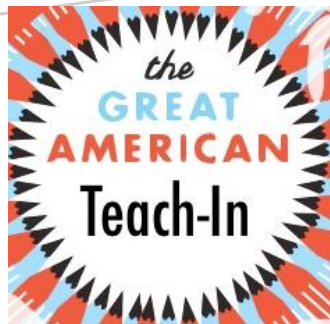
10. Most school districts and states don't look at all the right data to improve school attendance. They track how many students show up every day and how many are skipping school without an excuse, but not how many are missing so many days in excused *and* unexcused absence that they are headed off track academically. [Read more http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/ChronicAbsence.pdf](http://www.attendanceworks.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/ChronicAbsence.pdf)



## Curriculum Corner



Don't forget to use Clever to access ST Math and iStation at home. Reading every night with your child and going over sight words will help improve reading fluency and help your child gain a love of reading. Please be aware that cycle 2 of MAP testing will start on December 1<sup>st</sup> and will be completed by winter break.



## The Great American Teach In is on November 15<sup>th</sup>!

We are seeking individuals with dynamic personalities, as well as their insight on the importance of education, hard work, and the determination to succeed

no matter what the circumstance. Our goal during this educational experience is to provide a new perspective from the community that will inspire, motivate, and stimulate our youth to think outside the box. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact Dominica Reed at [ReedDom@pcsb.org](mailto:ReedDom@pcsb.org).

If you have not yet registered as a volunteer, you will need to fill out a registration form and attach a copy of your ID or driver's license. The forms are located in the front office or I can email you one. If you are a returning volunteer, don't forget to re-activate your volunteer status for this school year so you can participate in activities and log your hours. <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/>.



\*Remember, ANY activities at school, other than coming in to have lunch with your child, requires you to be a registered and active volunteer. This includes field trips, Field Day, Spring Fling, classroom parties, etc. All volunteers must stop by the front office and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus.

Dominica Reed  
Family & Community Liaison  
[ReedDom@pcsb.org](mailto:ReedDom@pcsb.org)

## Media Matters



In the Media Center this month we have enjoyed the class pumpkins on display. Thank you PTA for providing the pumpkins for the homeroom moms and dads to decorate with the classes! We had some awesome pumpkins on display this year.

Mark your calendars now...the Scholastic Book Fair is coming November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers to help run our Fantastic Fall Book Fair. Volunteers who are active in the system will receive an email in November. 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!

Still having trouble logging onto ST Math and Istaion at home? I have added a Clever Help link to our school website. Check it out for more information about how to access computer programs at home!





If you are interested in sponsoring a class or helping the library finish our library makeover, please see the front office or contact Dominica Reed at [reeddom@pcsb.org](mailto:reeddom@pcsb.org) for more information or sponsorship opportunities.



Two years ago Davis Elementary lost one of our beloved P.E. teachers. On November 7, 2015 Coach David Harvey unexpectedly passed away. Coach Harvey was instrumental in starting the

All Pro Dad chapter at school, helping to start the traditions of Trunk or Treat, Astro Skate Parties and The Daddy Daughter Dance. Although Coach Harvey is no longer with us many students, staff, and parents remember the legacy and traditions he left for us here at Davis. In honor of Coach Harvey, we will be having a Hats on for Harvey Day on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Pay \$1.00 and wear a hat on Tuesday 11/7. All money raised from this event will be donated to the Harvey Memorial Scholarship fund for his daughter Samantha. Samantha is a Davis alumni and is currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grader here in Pinellas County. K-Kids and Student Council are encouraging all students and staff to participate! If families would like to donate more than \$1.00 for the scholarship fund, we will gladly accept larger donations!



K-Kids and Student Council will be hosting a Canned Food Drive Event November 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. "Can" you do it? We are challenging students to bring in 1 can a day for 5 days! K-Kids and Student Council want to "can"cel hunger in our area. All items collected will be donated to the Neighborhood Family Center in Safety Harbor.



## Café News

Greetings from the Café!

First let me say it was a pleasure being able to provide free lunches for our students through October 20<sup>th</sup>. We had many new children eating in the cafeteria and I hope they continue to eat with us moving forward! Those students who had a free and reduced status will remain on this status. However, if you did not renew your application, you must do this each year. Parents can renew or apply at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com).

Please consider printing out a menu so you can discuss ahead of time what your child would like to eat. I always have the hot food first, and then the cold items are down the line, finishing with our side salads and fruit options. The students must pick 1 entrée, up to 2 fruits, and up to 2 veggies, and an optional milk. Some of the meals contain a fruit option already, for example, Yogurt & Fruit Plate, or our Yogurt Parfaits, so they may only choose 1 more fruit. This is the same with any Entrée Salad, only one other veggie can be chosen. We do often assist with this, as this can be confusing.

Ala Carte- A student may choose to buy a milk (\$.50), juice (\$.25), Fruit/Veggie (\$.50), and if funded, an extra Entrée (Seconds = \$2.50). Seconds is in addition to the 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch (\$2.00).

We also sell snacks Monday –Thursday, and ice-cream only on Fridays (staff permitting). Please allow



extra funding for these items. We cannot allow borrows on any ala-carte items or snacks. As always, please contact me for any questions or restrictions you have for your child's account.



Stay informed on all LGD activities and events by staying connected with us. Events and information are posted on Peachjar. To register and receive all school e-flyers go to [www.peachjar.com](http://www.peachjar.com). If you are already signed up for Peachjar at another school, just add our school by going to your profile and clicking on "My Account," then click on notification preferences and choose our school.



This year we will also be sending out **text reminders** (texting rates apply). If you would like to sign up to get school text reminders please sign up at "81010" and enter this: @leilad as your text message.



## Physical Education

Congratulations to the October  
**SUPER SPORT STUDENTS**

Kindergarten - Nolan G.  
1st Grade - Valentino Y.  
2nd Grade - Parker M.  
3rd Grade - Angelina D.  
4th Grade - Aaron K.  
5th Grade - Briana S.

### Upcoming School Events

November 17 P.E. Turkey Trot

### Reminders

Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes only at P.E.

Water bottles are encouraged. 😊

Your Leila Davis P.E. Staff,  
Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll, Coach Brauer



By: John Varlese Jr- Team Captain and proud father of a First Grader at Davis

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**CAMPUS CLEAN-UP: November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**

**ALL PRO DAD'S DAY: November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:35am-School's Media Center**

*Research has shown that an active Dad's (or other strong male role model's) involvement in their child's academic success yield key benefits such as enhanced grades, increased social skills, improved behavior, and strong character development. Our local chapter of All Pro Dad promotes unity and guidance to our community of dads by discussing practical tips in raising kids in a caring, kind, and life-giving way. All Pro Dad's passion is to inspire fathers in guiding their families with tenderness of the heart, promoting value and encouragement within our children, striving to be a beacon of strength, embracing boldness of character as a dad, and to always love and lead one's family well.*

All Pro Dad's Day provides an exceptional and fulfilling monthly opportunity for devoted dads to spend quality time bonding with their kids, strengthening their family relationship, and being an integral and involved member within the Davis community. The Leila G. Davis Elementary Chapter of All Pro Dad has our goal set on providing a welcoming, fun environment for dads and kids to spend quality time together enjoying a delicious breakfast, discussing with our kids how proud we are of them, examining various inspiring monthly topics, playing topic influenced

interactive games, and at the end of each meeting kids will have an opportunity to win our free monthly raffles.

We encourage all dads, grandfathers, and/or uncles to bring their kids to our next All Pro Dad's Day on Friday, November 17th at 7:35am in the school's Media Center. This month's topic will be focused on "Reading", a simple way of sitting down with your child(ren) creating lasting memories as your

imaginations drift-off in a book together. Each child present at the meeting will receive a free book courtesy of All Pro Dad. Our breakfast this month will be sponsored by the remarkable team at the Leila Davis Cafeteria; thank you ladies. Dads, please stop by and enjoy a hot, delicious, and nutritious breakfast, and see what a truly wonderful resource your kids have available to them every day right here at Davis.

For those dads and kids who have joined us for our first couple of gatherings, I thank you for your continued support, and encourage you to spread the word by bringing a friend to our next Dad's Day. Throughout the school year we will continue to meet every third Friday of the month for one hour, 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. So far, this school year we have discussed topics such as Teachability, Respect, and Responsibility. Dads, 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 hosting various other events that encourage family involvement. Please join us on November 4th at 8am as we look to beautify our Leila Davis grounds via our Campus Clean-Up Project. Please bring your gloves, rakes, shovels, and other yard tools and look to have fun in helping to make our school shine together as a family.

To build lasting memories as an active Dad join our local All Pro Dad Chapter at <https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772> or join our Facebook group by searching All Pro Dad Leila Davis Elementary. When using social media, please use the

hashtag #DAVISALLPRODAD when taking photos of you and your child(ren) sharing in your everyday special moments. At the end of the school year you will be able to look back on all the wonderful adventures.

## Room Parents Needed!

These are the classes that still do not have room parents. Please contact the teacher if you are interested in helping out!

1st Grade	Janine Warner	<a href="mailto:warnerja@pcsb.org">warnerja@pcsb.org</a>
3rd Grade	Alysha Carollo	<a href="mailto:carolloa@pcsb.org">carolloa@pcsb.org</a>
4th Grade	Karen Hidalgo	<a href="mailto:hidalgok@pcsb.org">hidalgok@pcsb.org</a>
4th Grade	Marcy Hardy	<a href="mailto:hardyma@pcsb.org">hardyma@pcsb.org</a>
Kindergarten	Brian Esparza	<a href="mailto:esparzab@pcsb.org">esparzab@pcsb.org</a>



## Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship

A special thank you to the following sponsors for donating to our classrooms and school!

### Davis Business Partner (\$350 and up)

### Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

- Mr & Mrs. Martinez
- Mr. Piazza
- Chick-Fil-A

### Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

- Pinizzotto Family

## Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

- Shannon Boylan
- Jill Pettengil

## Davis Associate (up to \$99)

- Page Family



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

## Volunteer of the Month



Jerry Mead is our volunteer of the month. He has been a mentor for many students and faithfully has come in for years to help mentor. We are so thankful for all of Mr. Mead's guidance, support, and encouragement for our students. You have left a wonderful impression on many students to help guide them to successful futures!

## 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 to teach them how to succeed in life. It will only take 30 minutes of your time each week to make a difference with a child.

## Box Tops for Education



Our school 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. We collect the bags from the teachers on the last Friday of the month. Please make sure your child's teacher's name is on the bag.

## Garden Club



We are looking for a Level II Volunteer who would be interested in heading up a Garden Club after school. If you are interested, please contact Dominica Reed at the school.



We are looking for coffee and tea K-Cup donations for our Volunteer Coffee Corner! We would greatly appreciate it!

## Business Partners

### 2017-2018



Countryside Location 727-799-3142.



Call us at **727-784-1114**



Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor  
P. O. BOX 312  
Safety Harbor, FL 34695



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Clearwater, FL (727) 474-2314



26145 US Highway 19 N , Clearwater , FL 33763



2680 Landmark Drive Clearwater, FL 33761



2451 N. McMullen Booth  
Clearwater, FL 33759



# Mentor Strategies Workshop

Volunteers are provided useful information about being a mentor, who offers encouragement. Participants will learn PCS mentoring policies & procedures, effective listening skills, goal setting, communication skills and relationship building. Attendance is required for all new Pinellas County mentors.

**Note:** Please register in advance. To register, call the Office of Strategic Partnerships, Family & Community Relations: 727-588-5050 or email Michelle Roberge at [robergem@pcsb.org](mailto:robergem@pcsb.org)



**Wednesday, 11/01/2017** – Noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Highland Lakes Elementary School  
1230 Highland Lakes Blvd, Palm Harbor, FL



**Tuesday, 11/07/2017** - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Oak Grove Middle School  
1370 S Belcher Rd, Clearwater, FL



**Wednesday, 11/08/2017** - 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
City of St. Pete  
Water Resource Building, Conf. Rm.  
1650 Third Ave., North, St. Petersburg, FL



**Sunday, 11/12/2017** - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Our Savior Church  
301 58th Street South St. Petersburg, FL



**Wednesday, 11/15/2017** - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
PCS Administration Building  
301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL  
Room E111



**Thursday, 11/16/2017** - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Pinellas Education Foundation  
Wells Fargo Conference Room  
12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL





**Fun Fact!**

**91% of Americans eat Turkey on Thanksgiving!**



**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

*All menus are subject to change! We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options; however, sometimes crops, weather & availability have other ideas!*

# November Pinellas Elementary School Lunch Menu

**Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday**

<p><i>Visit <a href="http://nutrislice.com">nutrislice.com</a> for Menu &amp; Nutrition Information. You can also download the app on your mobile device!</i></p> 	 <p><b>Florida Harvest of the Month: Squash</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Cinnamon Roll</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice Macaroni &amp; Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p><b>2</b> Sausage Biscuit</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken &amp; Waffle Mini Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup Mixed Vegetable Blend Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p><b>3</b> Egg &amp; Cheese Breakfast Taco</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks w/ Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Corn * Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
<p><b>6</b> Maple Pancake Minis</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Pizza Crunchers Fruit &amp; Yogurt Plate Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>7</b> Egg/Ham/Cheese English Muffin</p> <p><b>SCHOOL FAVORITES DAY</b></p>  <p><b>Students choose the menu!</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Chicken Biscuit</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Cheeseburger Meatloaf w/Roll Yogurt Parfait Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p><b>9</b> Cheesy Bacon Toast</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Beef or Pork Tacos Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p><b>10</b> Pancake Pup</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Chicken &amp; Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers</p>
<p><b>13</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Cheeseburger or Hamburger Roasted BBQ OR Herb Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, &amp; Roll Fruit &amp; Yogurt Plate Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Green Beans * Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>14</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon, &amp; Biscuit</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> ♦ <b>Thanksgiving Holiday Meal</b> ♦ Sliced Turkey w Gravy, Dressing &amp; Roll Grilled Cheese Farmer's Salad • Jamwich Kit</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Vegetable Medley Mashed Potatoes • Sweet Potatoes</p>	<p><b>15</b> Glazed Dunker</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs Yogurt Parfait Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Broccoli * Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p><b>16</b> Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese Pizza</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Breakfast for Lunch Max Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup Roasted Potatoes * Leafy Side Salad</p>	<p><b>17</b> Morning Sausage Roll</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers</p>

**November 20-24**

# Thanksgiving Break



<p><b>27</b> Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Sandwich Loaded BBQ Pork &amp; Cheese Tots w/ Roll Fruit &amp; Yogurt Plate Turkey &amp; Cheese Hoagie</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Carrots Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>28</b> Egg &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> <b>Featured Entrée:</b> <b>Taco Burrito</b> Corn Dog Farmers' Salad Jamwich Kit</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p><b>29</b> Cinnamon Roll</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice Macaroni &amp; Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p><b>30</b> Sausage Biscuit</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken &amp; Waffle Mini Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup Mixed Vegetable Blend Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>♦ <b>Thanksgiving Holiday Meal</b> ♦ Roast Turkey w/Gravy Stuffing * Mashed Potatoes Glazed Sweet Potatoes * Roll Mixed Vegetable Medley Cranberry Sauce Romaine Salad Holiday Cookie</p>
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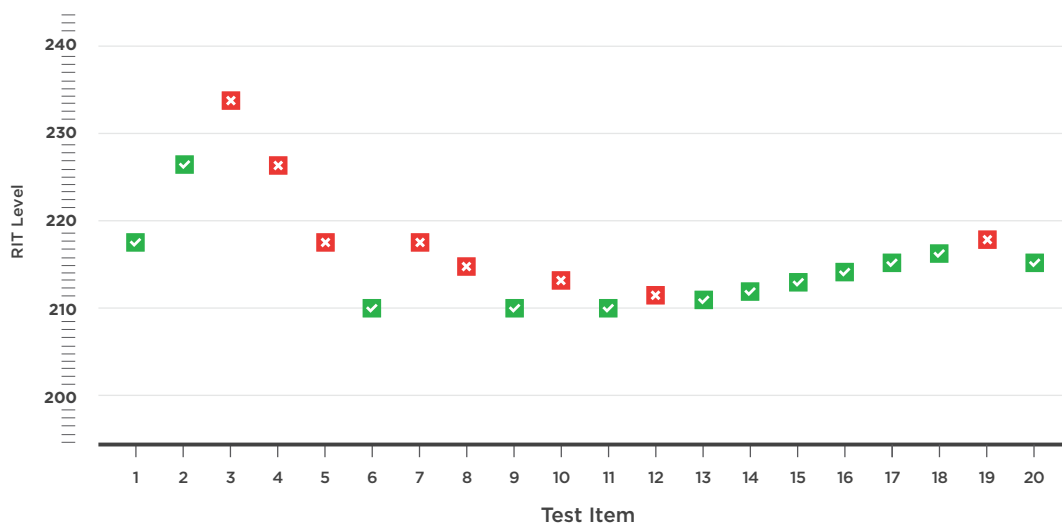
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# Parent's Guide to MAP Growth

Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what each student knows and is ready to learn next. That's why a group of educators and researchers founded NWEA®, a not-for-profit organization that has created some of the most trusted and reliable assessment solutions available. More than 9 million students in the US and in 140 countries worldwide use MAP® Growth™.

## How it Works

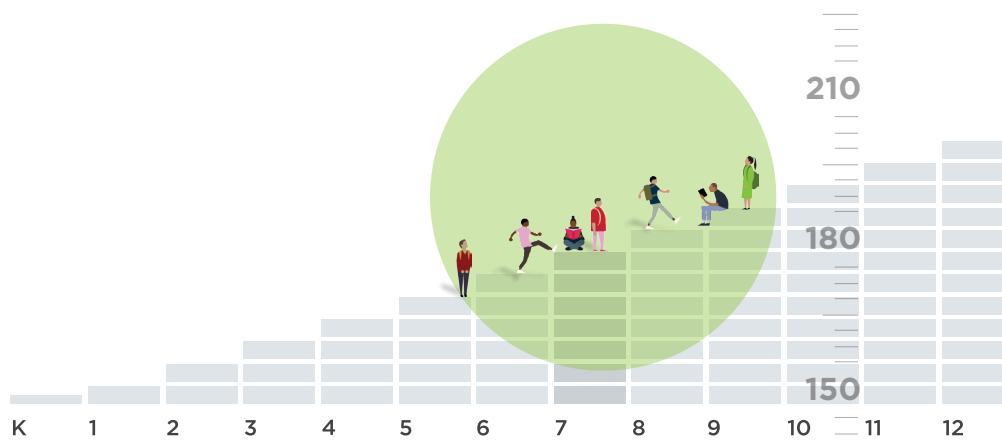
MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.



MAP Growth begins with a question at each student's grade level and adjusts the level of difficulty based on individual performance.

## What it Measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.



The RIT scale precisely measures student performance, regardless of whether they're performing on, above, or below grade level.



## The Results: Your Child's RIT Score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject.

You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals. For example, students can enter their RIT scores into our college explorer tool to see which colleges and universities they're on track to enter. You can also check out online resources that use RIT scores to provide students with book recommendations and web-based exercises, such as [yourreadingpath.com](http://yourreadingpath.com) and [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org).

**“MAP Growth is important because it allows my teacher and me to see how much I know and my percentile growth. In math, my score used to be 227 (70th percentile), but it is now 240 (87th percentile). I didn't know I was capable of so much growth, but in the end I was.”**

**Kayla, 6th grade**  
Santa Ana, CA

## COMMON QUESTIONS

<b>How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?</b>	Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.
<b>Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?</b>	Yes, but please note that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Please discuss any questions that you have about your child's performance with your child's teacher.
<b>How often will my child take MAP Growth tests?</b>	Most schools give MAP Growth tests to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year (in the fall, winter, and spring). Some schools choose to administer tests only twice a year.
<b>What are norms?</b>	NWEA provides schools with norms every three years. This is anonymous data from more than 10 million students around the country. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of all these students combined allows teachers to compare where your child is to other students and help them grow.
<b>Is MAP Growth a standardized test?</b>	Unlike a standardized test, MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.
<b>What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?</b>	The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. For sample tests, visit <a href="http://warmup.nwea.org">warmup.nwea.org</a> .

**For tips on getting ready for MAP Growth testing, check out our blog:**

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