

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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January 31, 2018

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Kathryn Gualtieri

Principal's Page

A Message from Mr. Durst

It has been an amazing month here at Davis culminating with our school being named WTSP News Channel 10's School of the Week powered by Duke Energy Florida for the week of January 22-26. Channel 10's coverage began on Wednesday, January 24th when the announcement aired. On Thursday the 25th we had two fourth graders ask 10News Meteorologist Grant Gilmore a weather related question that he answered during the newscast. Also, our fourth grade gifted students were fortunate to have 10News anchor, Allison Kropff visit their classroom to answer questions about her career. She posted pictures of her visit on her social media: @AllisonKropff. You can also follow her on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The coverage concluded last Friday when 10News broadcast live from our campus during the 6:00am hour. This broadcast was covered on Facebook LIVE for an hour and additional stories aired at Noon, 5:00 and 6:00. We were also fortunate to receive a generous gift from Duke Energy for \$1,000 to be used with our STEM academies and to help finish our library makeover. If you were unable to see this coverage live you can find a recap of the week at www.wtsp.com/schooloftheweek. Links are also posted to our Leila Davis webpage, Facebook, and Twitter pages. Please spread the news about our great school and feel free to share the links to our coverage.

February is also very busy month! Friday, February 2 is our PTA Walk-a-thon kickoff with information to come home that day. The walk-a-thon itself will be on Friday, February 16. All Pro Dad is hosting our seventh annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on February 9th at 6:30pm. Tickets will be on sale Monday-Wednesday next week before school.



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- Stay up to date by viewing our school website <http://pcsb.org/davis-es>
- Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LeilaGDavisES/>
- Follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/LeilaGDavis_ES
- Join us on Remind to receive text messages. Text @leilad to 81010
- Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at <https://www.peachjar.com>

Important February Dates

- 1/30 – SAC Meeting 7PM
 - 2/1 – K-Kids Meeting 7:45AM
 - 2/2 – Walk-A-Thon Kickoff
 - 2/5-7 – Daddy/Daughter Dance
Tickets on Sale Before School
 - 2/7 – Mid Term Reports
 - 2/7 - Astro Skate Party
 - 2/9 – Daddy Daughter Dance
6:30PM
 - 2/12 -16 Love & Kindness Week
 - 2/14 – Happy Valentine's
Day!
 - 2/16 – All Pro Dad Meeting
7:35AM
 - 2/16 - Walk-A-Thon
 - 2/19 – NO School for students
 - 2/23 – ROAR Rally
 - 2/23 – School Newsletter
 - 2/27 – SAC Meeting 7PM
 - 3/1 – K-Kids 7:45AM
 - 3/2 – Read Across America
- Area 1 Associate Superintendent:
Mr. Ward Kennedy
(727) 588-5023

Please look for the flyer that came home this week (and on Peachjar) with details about this special night for our daddies and daughters! Davis Love and Kindness Week will be held the week of February 12th. More details will be coming about this special week around the Davis campus.

Cold and Flu Season

We want to let you know what steps we are taking to keep our school community healthy and how you can help. We take the health of our students very seriously and we work diligently to keep germs and viruses from spreading. We regularly clean frequently touched areas such as door knobs, railings, telephones, keyboards, desks and faucets. As is our normal routine, we monitor absentee rates to identify any abnormalities or increase in absenteeism.

Please help us keep our students healthy. Encourage healthy habits at home such as handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and avoiding sharing cups or utensils. If your child is sick, keep them home from school, especially if they have a fever above 100 degrees, diarrhea, vomiting, or a severe cough. Any student with a fever must stay home from school for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without using fever-reducing medicines.

If you suspect your student may have the flu, we encourage you to call your child's doctor as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us have a healthy school building!

Student Safety

Just a friendly reminder that safety is a top priority and I appreciate everyone abiding by our policies and helping to maintain a safe learning environment for all our students. Please review the following reminders:

- There is NO student drop off/pick up in the bus circle. Parents are asked to use the car circle for drop off and pick up each day. The bus circle is reserved for staff parking and for our buses and day care vans to pick up and drop off students each day.

- We are fortunate to have a wonderful partnership with Heritage United Methodist Church. Their parking lot is NOT a place for students to wait for pick up. We have no school staff supervising on the church property after school and it is dangerous for students to be waiting in a parking lot. Furthermore, if you allow your child to play in the church field after school, please be mindful and respectful of the church property and supervise your child. Students should not be digging holes, climbing through bushes, playing near the retention pond, playing with sticks/branches, etc. after dismissal.
- The Clearwater Police Department will be enforcing the "no left turn" from our parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. Please make sure you are only making right hand turns from the car circle onto Landmark.
- All visitors MUST sign in at the front office when visiting campus. A visitor badge MUST be displayed while on campus.
- Parents visiting for breakfast and lunch are to stay in the cafeteria and may not enter pods or classrooms without an appointment with your child's teacher. Abuse of this policy may result in a discontinuation of this privilege.

Thank you for committing to the safety and security of our students!

Curriculum Corner



Mark your calendars for testing dates.

MAP Testing starts again
March 1-23, 2018

Florida State Assessment
(FSA Testing)
Grades 4-5 Writing
March 6-9, 2018

Grades 3-5 ELA, Math, Science
April 16-May 18, 2018

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. All volunteers must stop by the front office and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus. If you have any questions please contact Dominica Reed at ReedDom@pcsb.org



Media Matters

Happy New Year from the Media Center! It is hard to believe that we are already into the second semester of the school year. This past month many students have come and checked out books and enjoyed the library. Over 2,500 books have been circulated in the 3 weeks we have been back! Thank you to our wonderful library volunteers that come and help us each week with shelving books and keeping us organized. We have over 780 students enrolled at Davis and our school library consistently has one of the highest circulation numbers of elementary schools throughout the county. That means we ALWAYS have books to shelve and put back where they belong. Even if you only have 30 minutes to spare we could use your help. Not sure what to do? We will train you! Stop by or email Mrs. Scott scottsha@pcsb.org if you are interested in helping. You do need to be a registered volunteer in order to help!

Attention 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders:

The Leila Davis Battle of the Books is right around the corner! The qualifying test for the Battle of the Books is tentatively set for Tuesday, February 20th. Top scores from each grade level will make up our Battle of the Books Teams. Any student who has read 5 or more of

the Sunshine State Books is eligible to take the qualifying test and try out to be on a Battle Team.

The new shelving project in the Media Center is almost complete! Thanks to a successful fall book fair, spirit nights (Jersey Mike's, Sno Beach, Menchie's) and generous donations from Business Partners like Poblanos Mexican Grill and Prometheus, we have raised enough money to complete the library shelving project. This has been a 6 year process and we are so excited to be placing the order for the final phase of shelving! The Media Center makeover will continue with raising money for new tables and chairs.



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 for more information or sponsorship opportunities.



Mrs. Baldauf's Paint Palette

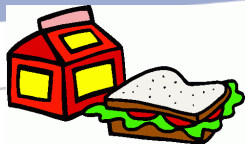
Hello Bear Cub Families,

I am happy to announce that during the third week of February you will start to see more campus beautification taking place in the front of our school! We are so very lucky to welcome back Miss Heather and her fabulous mosaic making skills! We will be tackling the three columns and walls of the car circle with mosaics and a painted mural.

I would also like to send a big thank you to all the parents who are active on Artsonia! I know you love getting that email with your child's artwork enclosed and hopefully it brings a big smile to your face! Remember, Artsonia is the art room's ongoing fundraiser. We get 20% of the proceeds from the gift shop that we then use on art supplies, so keep on shopping!

Creatively yours,

Mrs. Baldauf



Café News

Greetings from the Café!

2018 is in full swing, and our menu is seeing some minor changes. I encourage you to always plan ahead, especially if your child is not a regular guest here in the lunch line.

As a reminder, there is no easier way to keep track of your child's lunch account funds than through www.myschoolbucks.com. Not only can you view all purchases (lunch & snacks), you can also auto-fund the account, or just simply use a credit card for funding. Of course, you can always send in cash or check as well. We do not take credit cards at the school.

Lunch costs \$2.00 per day and when your child has run out I try and send a notice home by the next day. Please ask your child for these, as they are often thrown out. As the amounts grow, I continue to send notices, but eventually will make a call to you if the debt amount gets high.

If there is a family hardship, please know you may always apply for the Free/Reduced Program all year long at www.myschoolapps.com.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Susanne Borsari

Café Manager

(727) 669-1235

Stay Informed



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. 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

The PE Department would like to congratulate the following students:

JANUARY PE Super Sports Award

Kindergarten- Vasilia Perez

1st Grade - Jonathan Lam

2nd Grade - Sarah Good

3rd Grade - Kennleigh Stout

4th Grade - Adrian Cardoso

5th Grade - Maurice & Maurice Hunter

Upcoming

<u>Upcoming</u>		<u>Events</u>	
February	16	PTA	Walkathon
March 22-23	Field Days		



ALL PRO DAD.
Dad's Day

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

ALL PRO DAD DAY: January 19th at 7:35am-School's Media Center

What a fun and exciting school year this has been so far. During this time dads and their kids have discussed topics such as Teachability, Respect, Responsibility, Reading, and Discovery. During the All

Pro Dad- Dad's Day program we have played fun topic-driven games, handed out some awesome prizes, shared some laughs, enjoyed coming together as a group, and bonded together over delicious breakfast options. All Pro Dad (with support from our tremendous PTA) has also been involved in hosting Leila Davis Night at the Clearwater Threshers, a Dad's Vintage Arcade Night Out, Trunk-or-Treat, and Parents vs Kids Kickball game. With so many more fun activities and meetings left in the school year (such as Daddy-Daughter Dance Night, Parents vs Kids Kickball Rematch) it is never too late to get involved and create lasting memories with your child. Become a Leila Davis All Pro Dad today.

As we close out 2017, I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday break, and is eager to get 2018 off to an amazing start. As we look back on 2017, our children have grown and developed so much. Some have learned to write, read, and even add and subtract for the first time, while others are taking more advanced subject matters preparing themselves for upcoming graduation. No matter what path your child may be on you have so much to be proud of them for. Take a moment and let your children know how you feel about their 2017 accomplishments, and talk to them about goals they would like to set for themselves in 2018.

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, discussing with our kids how proud we are of them. We encourage all dads, grandfathers, uncles, or other strong male role models to bring their kids to our next All Pro Dad's Day Friday, February 16th at 7:35am in the school's Media Center. This month's topic will be focused on "Evaluate". There are hundreds, if not thousands, of decisions we have to make every day as dads and kids. Sometimes the choice can be easy because we see the difference between right and wrong. Other times that decision can be much tougher when we are trying to decide between something that is good and something that is better. Our focus this month is how to evaluate a situation in order to make the best choice.

For those dads and kids who have joined us for our monthly 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. Dads, your encouragement of your children enriches their life, improves their grades, and fills their life with pride. We hope to see you on Friday February 16th as we bond with our kids and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

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.
#DAVISALLPRODAD



2017 Holiday Giving Tree

I want to write and extend a huge **Thank You** to everyone who donated gifts and gift cards to our Holiday Giving Tree Project. Your generous contributions made this

effort a monumental success, allowing us to help many Leila G. Davis families during the 2017 holiday season.

Happy New Year!

-Mona McGregor

School Counselor





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)

- Michele Fleming & Prometheus Management
- Ballard Family
- Larry Sullivan & Family
- Poblanos Mexican Grill
- Risoldi Family Chiropractic
- Kids Time

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

- Mosaic

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

Davis Associate (up to \$99)

- Kelly Sarmanian



Mark your calendars for our Annual Spring Fling Event on Friday, April 6, 2018. If you know of any businesses willing to donate items for our silent auction, please contact Dominica Reed at reeddom@pcsb.org.



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



Don Reed is our Leila Davis Volunteer of the Month. He has spent countless hours helping in our Media Center and comes in whenever we need help with extra projects. We couldn't get

everything done if we didn't have volunteers! Thank you Mr. Reed for all of your hard work and dedication!

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.



We are always looking for K-Cup donations of regular coffee for our Volunteer Coffee Corner! We would greatly appreciate it!

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Business Partners 2017-2018



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Countryside Location 727-799-3142.



2451 N. McMullen Booth
Clearwater, FL 33759



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



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



26145 US Highway
19N., Clearwater, FL
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2560 N McMullen Booth Rd
Clearwater, FL (727) 474-2314

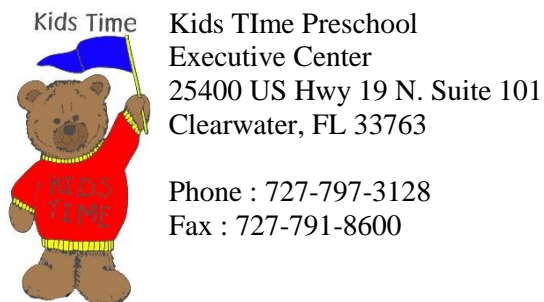
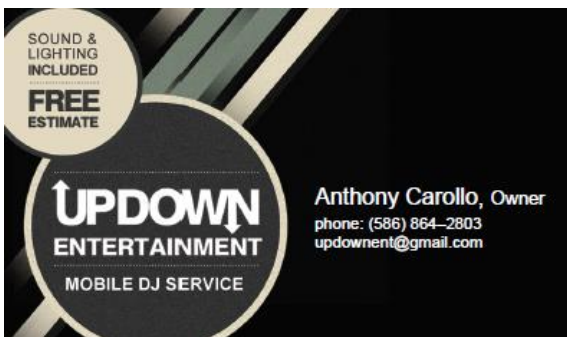


Risoldi Family Chiropractic

3023 Eastland Boulevard

Clearwater, FL 33761

727.797.9900



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



Wednesday, 02/07/2018 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
City of St. Pete
Water Resource Building, Conf. Rm.
1650 Third Ave., North, St. Petersburg, FL



Thursday, 02/08/2018 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Pinellas Education Foundation
Wells Fargo Conference Room
12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL



Tuesday, 02/13/2018 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
PCS Administration Building
301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL
Room E111



Thursday, 02/15/2018 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pinellas Education Foundation
Wells Fargo Conference Room
12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL

February

Pinellas Elementary School Lunch Menu






GO TEAM USA!
WINTER OLYMPICS
2/9-2/25



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
  Celery	<div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><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></p> </div>	<p>1 Breakfast Burrito Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Garlic Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>2 Pancake Pup Choose One: Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>	
<p>5 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast Choose One: Hamburger/Cheeseburger Roasted Chicken w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>6 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit Choose One: <i>* Featured Entrée *</i> Uno's Cheeseburger Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit Choose: Tomato Soup * Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>7 Glazed Dunker Choose One: Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti & Meatballs or Ravioli w/ Breadstick Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>8 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Max Mozzarella Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>9 Morning Sausage Roll Choose One: Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Oven Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>12 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles Choose One: Breaded Chicken Sandwich Loaded BBQ Pork & Cheese Tots w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Choose: Cooked Carrots or Roasted Butternut Squash Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>13 Egg & Cheese Croissant Choose One: <i>* Featured Entrée *</i> Not So Sloppy Joe Bread Bowl Corn Dog Veggie Double Dipper Salad Jamwich Kit Choose: Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>14 Cinnamon Roll Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice Stuffed Shells Corn Dog Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>15 Sausage Biscuit Choose One: Chicken & Waffle Big Fella Bacon Cheeseburger Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Mixed Vegetable Blend Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>16 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco Choose One: Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks w/ Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>19 No School</p>	<p>20 Egg/Ham/Cheese Breakfast Sandwich **Student Involvement Day** Students Choose the Menu!</p> 	<p>21 Chicken Biscuit Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant Choose: Green Beans Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>22 Breakfast Burrito Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Garlic Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap Choose: Marinara Cup Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>23 Pancake Pup Choose One: Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
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