

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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February 23, 2018

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Assistant Principal:
Kathryn Gualtieri

Principal's Page

A Message from Mr. Durst

Unbelievable to think we are approximately two-thirds of the way through the school year! The third grading period ends on March 9th and report cards will be coming home with all students on March 23rd. Next week we celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will be participating in a variety of school-wide literacy activities. Staff and students are encouraged to participate in our theme days next week (see schedule in this newsletter). It should be an exciting week.

The month of March ushers in a crucial part of our school year. Our intermediate teachers and students are working hard to prepare for the FSA assessments beginning with students in grades 4 and 5 taking the FSA writing assessment on Tuesday, March 6th. A detailed spring assessment schedule is included in this newsletter. Please make note of these important testing days and make sure your child arrives to school on time, has had a good breakfast, and is well rested. Spring Break is also just around the corner beginning on March 26th. I hope everyone enjoys a week of rest and relaxation with friends and family. As always, thank you for your continued support for Davis and I look forward to seeing you around campus.

Closed Campus & Quiet School

On Tuesday and Wednesday March 6-7, our fourth and fifth grade scholars will participate in the FSA Writing Assessment. As a result, our campus will be closed from 8:35-Noon to establish an optimal testing environment. This does include parents and visitors eating lunch with their children. It is critical to maintain a quiet, distraction-free campus so that students can focus and do their very best! Volunteers and visitors are welcome back on campus after noontime.



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Important March Dates

2/26-3/2 – Read Across America Week

3/1 – K-Kids 7:45AM

3/6 – Closed campus 8:35-12pm for testing

3/7 – Closed campus 8:35-12pm for testing

3/6-8 - 4th and 5th Grade FSA Writing Assessment

3/8-9 – Vision and Hearing Testing

3/15 – Poblano's Spirit Night

3/22 – Field Day (Grade Levels TBA)

3/23 – Battle of the Books

3/23 – Field Day (Grade Levels TBA)

3/23 – Progress Reports

3/26-30 – Spring Break

Area 1 Associate Superintendent:
Mr. Ward Kennedy
(727) 588-5023

Visitor Procedures – (New)

The recent tragedy at Stoneman-Douglas High School in Broward County has placed many of us in our community at a heightened state of awareness. Many parents and community members have contacted our school to discuss what we do in the event of a similar situation like the one in Broward County. For your child's safety, we are unable to give specific details regarding our processes and procedures. Please know that the schools in our district continually review, practice, and monitor all safety procedures. At Davis, we routinely conduct practice drills that, in the event of an emergency, our students and staff are prepared to be safe. As a school community we are diligent about school safety and are constantly working to maintain a safe and welcoming learning environment. Please review the reminders for visitors to the following changes that have been put in place due to our review process.

- ALL visitors MUST have a visitor sticker that is visible and displayed on their **upper body**.
- All visitors, including our Level I & II volunteers, must sign in and out through the main office. In the event of an emergency, this is how we keep you safe.
- Parents and family members visiting for lunch must remain in the cafeteria/courtyard area. If another student (other than your child) wishes to join you, they must have a written note from their parent to the teacher giving them permission.
- **(New Procedure)** All lunch and breakfast visitors, including our Level I & II volunteers will be given a visitors sticker with a red slash on it. These visitors are only permitted to use the main hallway and courtyard to access the cafeteria for lunch with your student.
- In order to be in the classroom pods, volunteers must have teacher approval.
- Level II volunteers in the classroom and on field trips are encouraged to wear their district issued badge for I.D. purposes.

- Those visitors that are “out of area” or not properly identified will be directed accordingly.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety of our students and staff and I appreciate your patience as we work to make these procedures routine.

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

Vision and Hearing Screening



This is to inform you that the vision and hearing team will be at our school on March 8th and 9th.

Per state requirements, every student in Kindergarten, first, and third grade, will have a vision and hearing screen and a height, weight and BMI done.

Please be advised that if you want your child to be excluded from any of these screenings, we must receive a written request from the Parent/Guardian, to the school, to the **Attention of the School Nurse** as soon as possible before this screening date. **Also please remind your child to wear their glasses those days.**

Thank you!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

- 5 proctors are needed to help with FSA Testing on March 6th. The volunteers need to be Level II cleared and be available from 8:45AM-12PM
- 2 Mornings a week a friendly and happy smile is needed to help in our front office. Volunteer must be Level II cleared.

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



Healthy Schools

Celebrate our Healthy School by wearing a Team T-shirt on March 21st !

Media Matters



The Battle of the Books Qualifying test is Tuesday, February 27th. Any 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader who has read five or more of the sunshine state books may try out to be part of The Battle of the Books.

The library makeover continues with a new mural! Thanks to a generous donation from our PTA, the library is adding a beautiful new mural to brighten up the space. Local artist, Vanessa Parra, has created this artwork just for us and we cannot wait until it is finished.



Next week is Read Across America week. Join in the fun as we celebrate the love of reading!

	<p>Monday, February 26 <i>Oh, the Places You'll Go</i> Wear a t-shirt from a vacation (somewhere with the name of a place on it for Oh, You'll Go)</p>
	<p>Tuesday, February 27 <i>My Many Colored Days</i> Teachers will assign a class color to wear 3rd-5th Grade Battle of the Books Qualifying Test Today!</p>
	<p>Wednesday, February 28th <i>Wacky Wednesday</i> Mismatched Day! Stripes with polka dots, mismatched socks be a little wacky today!</p>
	<p>Thursday, March 1 <i>The Cat in the Hat!</i> Dress like the Cat in the Hat! Wear black & white clothes or wear a Dr. Seuss shirt today!</p>
	<p>Friday, March 2 Book Character Day! Students and staff can dress up as their favorite character from a book. Please make sure that your outfit is school appropriate. If you have a copy of the book your character is from be sure to bring it to school with you! (Dress code rules apply)</p>



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

Bear Cub Families,

Be sure to stop and check out our latest campus beautification project in the car circle! Thank you again to Heather Richardson, our Artist in residence, and part owner of the Safety Harbor Arts and Music Center, for undertaking another awesome installation! We are so very fortunate to have the referendum funding pass again here in Pinellas County, as this project would not be possible without it! Thank you to Miss Heather and all of the Davis Scholars for participating and putting together all the mandalas you see hanging on the walls!

Thank you for supporting the Arts at Davis Elementary!

Creatively yours,

Mrs. Baldauf



Café News

Greetings from the Café!

Can't believe it's March already!

I wanted to remind all of you that breakfast is FREE to all students attending Davis! The menu is always available at school, or on the website. We offer a hot meal, as well as cold offerings, along with milk, fresh fruit, canned fruit, and juice.

Please consider using the website to see your child's spending habits. Many students buy water bottles, extra juices, milk, entrées (\$2.50), and of course they can buy snacks. If you have a restriction that you would like to place on your child's account, I must hear from you. Otherwise, I will assume you are ok with their spending habits. Buying food for another person, or buying more than one snack a day is not allowed.

On another note, as the year approaches its end, I am on the lookout for those individuals that set the best

example in the Café. They follow the rules, take direction well and are polite, set out to help when the class is dismissed and trash is left behind, and most of all, treat their classmates with respect each and every day. I look forward to seeing and rewarding this behavior! The winners will be announced before school is out!

Have a safe and wonderful Spring Break!

If you have any questions please call me!

Susanne Borsari

Davis EL 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.



Sign up for **text reminders** (texting rates apply) to get your LGD news and information. 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:

FEBRUARY PE Super Sports Award

- Kindergarten- Aaron M.
- 1st Grade - Arianna G.
- 2nd Grade - Josue M.
- 3rd Grade - Noah J.
- 4th Grade - Kaitlyn G.
- 5th Grade - John O.

Field Day is right around the corner! Please remember sunscreen, hats and labeled water bottles. If you are interested in volunteering, we can always use your help. Please remember that you **must be a registered volunteer**. Please email Coach Stoll at stollw@pcsb.org if you would like to volunteer. Dates and times for each grade level are below:

Thursday, March 22th

- 8:55 – 10:20 K & Pre-K, Piatt
- 10:30 – 11:55 3rd
- 1:00 – 2:25 2nd

Friday, March 23th

- 8:55 – 10:20 1st
- 10:30 – 11:55 5th, Taylor
- 1:00 – 2:25 4th

News

Congratulations to John Odette and Kaycee Wooley for being chosen as the 5th grade outstanding PE students. They will be honored by the Safety Harbor Kiwanis Club!

Congratulations to the following *Istation* **RED CAPE** winners! These students made the highest growth in Istation in the 2nd Quarter of the 2017-2018 school year.

Kindergarten

- Mariana R.
- Chloe M.
- Antonio M.
- Sean F.
- Lily M.
- Camden J.

1st Grade

- Jasmine D.
- Jamie T.
- Conner M.
- Isabella C.
- Mekhi W.

2nd Grade

- Hunter D.
- Tabarak H.
- Anthony C.
- Gage M.
- Frankie S.
- Ian J.

3rd Grade

- Adam F.
- Logan W.
- Aidan J.
- Lucas K.
- Ralph S.

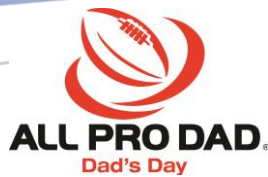
4th Grade

- Kimora F.
- Noor S.
- Logan S.
- Isabella R.
- Angela G.

5th Grade

- Mohammad Rahimul R.
- Nyden R.
- Lana S.
- Ryan R.
- Keegan B.
- Kaylynn T.





ALL PRO DAD'S DAY 3/16 at 7:35am within the school's Media Center

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

All Pro Dad is a non-profit organization (a division of FamilyFirst.net) who's passion is to inspire fathers (or other strong male role models) 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 of dads, 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 for dads to spend quality time bonding with their children, strengthening their family relationships, along with building up an involved and dedicated group of dads within the Davis Community. Dads will enjoy a welcoming breakfast together, discuss openly how proud they are of their kids, partake in character building exercises, explore some key fatherly topics, and at the end of the meeting kids will have an opportunity to win our monthly raffles. Throughout the rest of 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. Your encouragement enriches their life, improves their grades, and fills their life with pride.

For those Dads who have joined us for our previous gatherings, I thank you for your support, and encourage you to bring a friend to our next Dad's Day. We encourage all dads and their kids to join us at to our next All Pro Dad's Day Friday, March 16th at 7:35am

in the school's media center. This month's topic is "Sportsmanship". It's important to remember that regardless of whether you win or lose, it's all about your perspective of the situation. Encouragement, humility, and respect all go into good sportsmanship before, during, or after anything we hope to do well.

Please use the link below to join our Leila Davis Elementary Chapter of All Pro Dad, <https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772>.

For Play-of-the-Day inspirations link to <http://www.allprodad.com/subscribe/>



Generosity
changes everything

**Adopt-A-
Class &
Program**

Sponsorship

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



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.



We Need Baskets!

Looking for donations of baskets to put our Spring Fling Auction items in. Please send them into school to our Family & Community Liaison. Thank you so much!

Volunteer of the Month



Debby Brook is our March Volunteer of the Month.

Debby is dedicated to helping our school whenever and wherever we need her.

She has been an amazing asset to our school and we greatly appreciate all of her hard work. Thank you Debby for always jumping in to help out!

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.



The character trait for February is kindness. Student council is going to

support an organization called Kimberly House through the LGD Kindness Project. Kimberly house supports pregnant women, children, and families. They help by providing counseling, material supplies, medical assistance, childcare, education and transitional housing. We are collecting donations the week of February 26th – March 2 to support Kimberly House. If you would like to help please donate baby clothes (3-6mos.), diapers, baby wipes, or bottles. You can drop these items off in the main hallway in the morning. A student Council member will be there to help you. Thank you in advance for supporting our mission of spreading some Davis Kindness to Kimberly House.



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

Business Partners

2017-2018



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



Countryside Location 727-799-3142.



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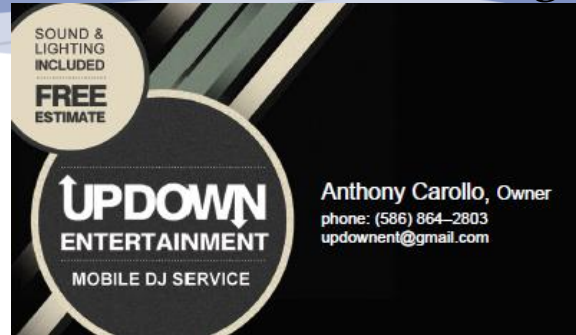
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Kids Time

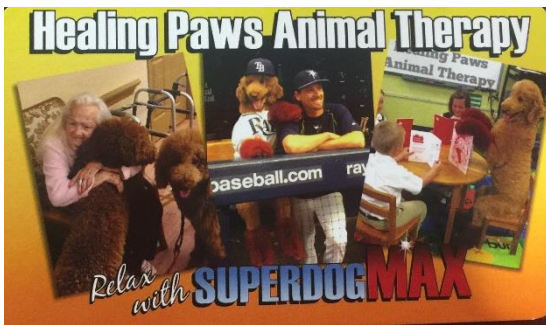


Kids Time Preschool

Executive Center
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Phone : 727-797-3128

Fax : 727-791-8600



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



Thursday, 03/8/2018 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 PCS Administration Building
 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL.
 Room E111



Wednesday, 03/14/2018 - 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



Thursday, 03/15/2018 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Pinellas Education Foundation
 Wells Fargo Conference Room
 12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL



5000 Role Models
 of Excellence



Girlfriends of
 Pinellas County