

# Leila G. Davis Elementary



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April 27, 2018

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Kathryn Gualtieri

## Principal's Page

### *A Message from Mr. Durst*

As I wrap up my first year as principal at Davis, I am amazed at how fast that school year has flown by and how fortunate I am to serve this community. On behalf of the staff members of Leila G. Davis Elementary School, I would like to thank our scholars, parents and families for an amazing year of learning. As we enter summer vacation, my hope is that you are able to recognize the growth and maturity your student has achieved over the course of this school year. We feel fortunate and privileged to have been a part of this development and are extremely proud of the work our scholars have accomplished this year. As educators, our hope is that the lessons that are taught daily are the ones that resonate throughout their lives to become better scholars, learners and great citizens as they grow. I would like to thank all of our teachers and staff members for their dedication to our students, helping them, and teaching them this school year. For our 5th graders, we wish them well as they move on to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We know you are well prepared for middle school. We hope you come back and visit sometime! Please have a wonderful summer and we will see you in August!

### **Last Day of School**

**The last day of school is on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. This is an early dismissal day and students will be dismissed at 12:35pm. Please make note of this change in dismissal 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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- Join us on Remind to receive text messages. Text @leilad to 81010
- Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at <https://www.peachjar.com>

### **Important May Dates:**

- 4/30-5/3 – Closed Campus 8:35-11AM
- 5/3 – Gifted Night 6-8 PM
- 5/3 – K-Kids
- 5/7-11 – Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/7-9 – Science Showcase
- 5/8-9 Closed Campus 8:35-11AM
- 5/9-13 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Williamsburg, VA Trip
- 5/9 – Astro Skating 2:35-6PM
- 5/10 –Girl Scout Meeting
- 5/11 – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- 5/12 – District Science Showcase
- 5/15-16 – Closed Campus 8:35-11AM
- 5/15 – Spring Choral Concert (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 5/16 – Pastries for Parents 7:45-8:30AM
- 5/17 –Kindergarten Closing Ceremony
- 5/18 – ROAR Rally
- 5/18 -All Pro Dad Meeting 7:35AM
- 5/18 - VPK Moving Up Ceremony
- 5/24 Last Day of School

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

Message from Mr. Durst Continued:**SAFETY CORNER**

- Effective immediately. Parents wishing to have lunch with their student are only permitted to eat with their child. Due to safety and supervision concerns in our courtyard, other students and friends in their class will need to eat in the cafeteria. If you are visiting for lunch, we ask that you please wait on the benches outside of the cafeteria or at the picnic tables in the courtyard for your child's lunch time. Parents are not permitted to be in the pod hallways or in the main hallway during instructional time. Thanks for your help with this matter!
- During arrival in the mornings parents are only permitted to go to the cafeteria and are not to enter the classroom pod areas unless you have an appointment with your child's teacher. While we strive to be an open and friendly school, we must be mindful of student safety, teacher planning time, staff duties, and meetings before school.

**END OF YEAR REMINDERS**

- Please pay off any negative cafeteria balances. See Ms. Susanne if you have any questions.
- Please return all classroom textbooks to Davis Elementary – Parents/Guardians will need to pay for any damaged or lost textbooks. Contact Mrs. Gualtieri if you need to pay for a damaged or lost textbook.
- Please return all library books to the Media Center.

**MEDICATION PICK UP**

The school year ends on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Pinellas County School policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer. Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and Epi-Pens. **Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Thursday May 24, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. without exception.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**2018-2019 STUDENT CALENDAR**

The first day of the 2018-2019 school year will be Monday, August 13, 2018. We will have a "Meet and Greet" for parents and students a couple of days before school starts. This will give parents and students the opportunity to see their new classroom and bring in any requested school supplies before the first day of school. Details and information will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, and our school website during the summer months. See below for the student calendar for next year.

**Monday, August 13** All schools open. All Pre-k and postsecondary schools' classes begin.

**Monday, September 3** Labor Day Holiday - schools closed for staff and students.

**Friday, October 12** End of first quarter.

**Monday, October 15** Non-student day

**Saturday, November 17- Sunday, November 25** Thanksgiving Holidays - schools closed for staff and students.

**Friday, December 21** End of first semester.

**Saturday, December 22, 2018 - Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Winter Holidays - Schools closed for staff and students.

**Monday, January 7** Non-student day for 198- and 235-day instructional personnel.

**Tuesday, January 8** Second semester begins.

**Monday, January 21** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday - Schools closed for staff and students.

**Monday, February 18** Non-student day

**Thursday, March 7** End of third quarter.

**Friday, March 8** Non-student day

**Saturday, March 9 - Sunday, March 17**

Spring Holidays - Schools closed for staff and students.

**Monday, March 18** Schools reopen. Classes resume.

**Friday, April 19** Schools closed for students

**Monday, May 27** Memorial Day Holiday - Schools closed for staff and students.

**Wednesday, May 29** Last day for all students

**CLASS LISTS FOR 2018-2019**

Postcards will be mailed the first week of August with your child's **TENTATIVE** classroom assignment and teacher for next year. Please be sure to have a **CURRENT** address on file in FOCUS. If you do not have a current address on file, you **WILL NOT** receive a postcard. Therefore, you will need to visit the front office and verify your address or make the necessary changes in the Student Reservation System to change your address. Once you verify your address, we will then notify you of your child's class assignment. Currently, our enrollment is close to capacity for the fall and is being closely monitored by the Student Assignment Office. Therefore, all classroom assignments will be tentative due class size mandates and shifts in enrollment. An automated message will be sent out to families when tentative assignments are complete and postcards are being mailed. Please keep in mind we do not accept requests for teachers and any changes in class placement will only happen, when necessary, to meet class size mandates.

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Moving or planning to move? According to the Code of Student Conduct, if you move during the school year or in the summer months, parents are required to give the school their new address within five days of their move. If the school discovers that you have moved and you have not informed the school, your child could be considered to be "found out of that school's attendance area." This could mean an immediate change of school for your child. Follow these easy steps to update your address and keep the district informed. Please be sure to provide updated phone numbers to us as well. These are extremely important in case of a child's illness or other emergency.

**Steps to change your child's address:**

Go to <https://reservation.pcsb.org/> and login with your user ID and password

Click on change of Residence Address link and follow the steps

**Proof of Residence**

Requires **two** of the following items: utility bill for power, water, cable, sewer, or land-based telephone (not cellular); rental agreement or lease; closing document; Pinellas County tax statement including homestead exemption. These items must be recent and include the name of the parent/guardian and the service/home address.



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

Please keep in mind for next school year that we are always looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas:

1. Media Center:
  - a. Shelving Books
  - b. Library Circulation Desk
  - c. School Wide Projects
  - d. Battle of the Books Coordinator
2. Classroom Volunteers
3. Silent Auction Committee
4. PTA Committee Members
5. Front Office Assistant
6. Cafeteria Assistant - 2 days a week from 11am-1pm
7. Chorus – Administrative Assistant to help with 4-5 Grade Chorus
8. Art – Helping get artwork for all grades uploaded on Artsonia
9. Mentors Needed for Lunch Pals
10. Box Tops: We need someone to head up taking care of organizing and cutting box tops for the school. Program runs September-May.
11. Gifted Program Assistants
12. BUGs Program (Bringing Up Grades) Mentor program sponsored by Kiwanis to help students who need to bring up their grades.
13. Spring Test Proctoring

## Curriculum Corner



Mark your calendars for testing dates.

Florida State Assessment (FSA Testing)

Grades 3-5 ELA, Math, Science

April 16-May 18, 2018

Information went home with your child regarding their specific testing days.

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](mailto:ReedDom@pcsb.org)



## Media Matters



The Media Center continues to be a busy place with library checkouts and makerspace. The last day for library checkout will be Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>. All library books are due on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>. Notices will be run the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> to alert students of items they have checked out. Let's see what grade level can get their books back to the Media Center first!



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.



## Mrs. Baldauf's Paint Palette

Welcome to the world Brecken Robert Baldauf! He was born on Thursday, April 19, 2018 weighing in at 6.11 lbs. and 20.5 inches long. Congratulations Mrs. Baldauf!!



## Café News

Greetings from the Café!

Just a reminder that as we approach the end of the year, please make sure your child has money in their lunch account. These accounts must be funded through the last day of school. Snacks will be sold up until the last week. They range from \$.50-\$1.50, depending on the item. Please take this into account when planning the funding for the cafeteria if you do not want your student spending any money on snacks. The easiest way to their lunch account. Please communicate with keep track of your child's lunch account is with [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Parents can easily see what their children are eating each day, or perhaps if they are buying snacks each day. The site is free to use for these purposes! You can also set a reminder up for when their account reaches \$5.00 or less. You will get an e-mail so you can make arrangements to put funds on their account.



Parents can use a credit card online (fees apply); however, we only accept checks or cash here on campus.

Many thanks!

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](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.



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:

### May PE Super Sport Award

Kindergarten- Madi W.

1st Grade - Fabian V.

2nd Grade - Miley C.

3rd Grade - Sasha M.

4th Grade - Emmy W.

5th Grade - Emma S.

### Announcements

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out on Field Day. We are excited to announce we had another successful Field Day at Leila Davis this year!!

**On behalf of the PE department we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer!**

Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll & Coach Brauer



### ALL PRO DAD'S DAY

**5/18/18 at 7:35am within the school's Media Center**

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

As I sit down and write this month's article it strikes me that our school year is coming to an end already. I reflect back to the beginning of the school year and am amazed how far so many of our students have come in a short period of time. For some, they experienced school for the very first time, wide-eyed and sometimes even nervous. They learned to adapt, find friends, experience learning adventures, and in the process made lasting memories. For other students they entered their final year at Davis with their sights aimed high; they challenged themselves, became role-models to others, and left a lasting mark on our school.

For many students they entered Leila Davis Elementary in Kindergarten (or VPK). And, as they visited their classrooms along the way and roamed the hallways, their body, mind and soul grew along the way. From learning to read and write to advanced Science and Math skills, each stage started as a challenge that through dedication and commitment turned into a

success. I tip my cap and applaud the accomplishments of all the students graduating from Davis and wish everyone the absolute best on their new and exciting academic path. You made the Davis community very proud! I also applaud each and every student for all their accomplishments this school year. At times the challenges may have seemed too great to achieve, you may have stumbled along the way, but you brushed yourself off and achieved greatness. We as a community always believe in you. For each Bear Buck earned this year, for each ROAR Rally Award received, for each time a student studied extra hard, each time a student's artwork became a masterpiece, found passion in music, achieved a high mark on a test, or simply was kind to a fellow student or helped a teacher, you made us proud.

Also, I wanted to take a moment to thank the teachers, staff and administration at Davis for believing in our kids, for pushing them towards greatness, honestly caring about their well-being and their academic success, and for being the role-models our kids look up to. You make a lasting difference in the lives of our kids, and for that and many other reasons I sincerely thank you. This past school year All Pro Dad has had the sincere pleasure of hosting many wonderful activities. We enjoyed two kickball games together, Trunk-or-Treat, Daddy-Daughter Dance, baseball outings, bowling meet-ups, and even a Daddy's Night Out. We have had some tremendous sponsors this school year who have helped make it all possible, and for that I sincerely thank them for their support, kindness, and generosity.



All Pro Dad will be hosting our final Dad's Day of the school year on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:35am in the school's Media Center. We encourage all dads (or other strong mentors) and their kids to join us. This month's topic will focus on "Self-Control", being aware of what you want, who you are, how you react, and how it relates to developing your character. For those Dads who have joined us for our previous gatherings, I thank you for your continued support and encourage you to help grow our chapter by bringing a friend to our final Dad's Day of the school year.

## Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship

Our students truly benefit from the sponsorships created for the school. With the additional funds provided through these relationships, our students are offered additional opportunities that may not have been possible without the assistance of our community members. There are continuing budget cuts which makes it imperative that we reach out to our families and community for support.



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

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- Mr. & Mrs. West

### Davis Associate (up to \$99)





Thank you to all the families and business partners who came out to support our school with our annual Spring Fling event. It was a huge success and we raised \$13,801.50. This money will go toward some much needed school improvements and educational programs. We are so excited and thank you for your commitment to make Leila Davis the best it can be!

## Volunteer of the Month

*Volunteers are love in motion!*



Jennie Evans is our Volunteer of the Month for May. Mrs. Evans steps in and helps out with school wide projects and media circulation. Thank you for all

your efforts to help our school. We need our volunteers and we appreciate all that you do!

## 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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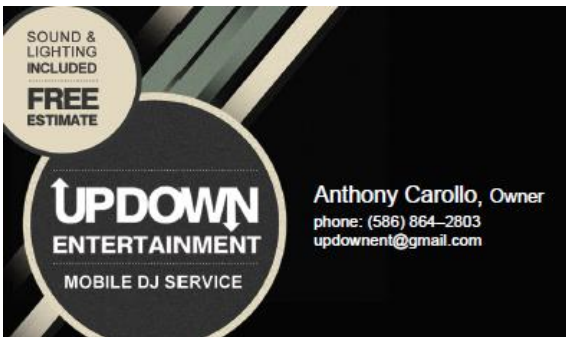
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# *Make an Impact Be a Mentor*

## **Pinellas County Schools 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 mentors.

Scan the bar code or click on the link to sign up for a mentor workshop. RSVP Required.



<https://tinyurl.com/pcsmentorworkshops>



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*Thank You*

**Thank you to all of our teachers and parents that helped make our Spring Fling possible! We could not have done it without you.**

**A special thank you to the following sponsors for making our Spring Fling extra special:**

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