

Leila G. Davis Elementary

Principal: William Durst

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OCTOBER 2019

IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER 2019

- 12/3-10 Holiday Shop Open
- 12/3 - Winter Chorus Concert at HUMC Grades 4 & 5
- 12/6 - PTA Movie Night 6:30 (Elf-rated PG) Holiday Shop Open 5:30-8pm
- 12/6- Freezer Pop Friday \$1
- 12/9- Astro Skate Party 3-6PM
- 12/11- Holidays Around the World Literacy Night 6:30PM
- 12/13- Family Lunch Day (weather permitting)
- 12/13- Giving Tree Gifts Due
- 12/20- All Pro Dad 7:45AM
- 12/20- ROAR Rally 8:55AM
- 12/23-1/6/2020 Winter Break
- 1/7/2020 - School Resumes

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



Principal's Page...A Message from Mr. Durst

It is amazing to think that we are at the half way point in our school year. As we look forward to the upcoming holiday season, I want to encourage everyone to take the time to reflect and be thankful for family, friends, and our Davis school community. We hope you will join us this Friday evening for the PTA Movie Night and again next week at our parent and curriculum outreach event, *Holidays Around the World* on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30. It should be a fun-filled evening with guest readers and the many stories that make the holidays a special time. Come celebrate literacy with us. I hope to see you all there.

This month is also an important month where our students will be taking the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment which, as the name implies, measures the growth our students have made since September. Last year our students showed meteoric growth on the winter testing cycle of MAP and we are poised to show that same growth this year as well. Our performance on MAP the past two years has accurately predicted our success in the spring on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Our school grade each year is determined by the FSA. Last year of course we were able to return our school grade to an "A".

To ensure this continued success we need your help the next couple of weeks. Please help us in attaining accurate academic growth scores by knowing when your student is testing, making sure that your child gets a good night of rest the night before, and has a good breakfast before coming to school. Your help and assistance will go far in helping us accurately determine each student's instructional needs and what we have to do to prepare our students for future academic performance success. Another way you can help prepare your students is to review their growth goals that were set after the September MAP assessment. With your partnership this month, we can achieve our goal and be well on our way to **500** points for school grade this year. I will report out our results in the January newsletter. Have a wonderful holiday season!



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
- Join us on Remind to receive text messages. Text @leilad to 81010
- Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at <https://www.peachjar.com>



Curriculum Corner

Reading nightly with your child is also occurs regularly. Writing at so very important in order to build home can help students build confidence and find routine in writing to confidence to be a strong reader. To accompany the love of reading, the love of writing is also very important. Writing both fiction (narrative) and nonfiction (informational) is a big part of the English Language Arts block. Journal writing in Math and Science

Family Lunch Day: December 13th

Weather Permitting!

All visitors must have a government issued ID to check in at the front desk. Please know your child's lunch time and wait for them in the courtyard or on the long bench in the cafeteria so you can take them outside for lunch. Make sure your child is on time to

meet their class at the end of their scheduled lunch time.

Just a reminder that all parents can have lunch with their children at *anytime*. On non-family lunch days, parents can still have lunch with their children, but need to check their child out and eat either in the outdoor classroom in the front of the

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




Holiday Shop



Our Annual Holiday Shop is coming to Leila Davis December 3-10th. Special late hours will be on our Family Movie Night and the Holiday Shop will be open from 5:30-8PM. Students will be able to get all of their holiday shopping done for their loved ones!


The Holiday Shop Hours: 8:45am-2:45pm and from 3:10-3:45pm in the afternoons if parents would like to shop with their children.




Super Sport Award
 Congratulations to the following students who display Good Sportsmanship, Attitude, Participation, Effort and Respect. 🏆 🏆

December PE Super Sports 🏆
 Kindergarten-Zaiden Barile
 1st Grade – Veronica Silverman
 2nd Grade – Viviana Di Bello
 3rd Grade – Ryan Sanchez
 4th Grade – Marilis Monserrate
 5th Grade – Ila Davidson

Happy Holidays!!
 Coach Daily
 Coach White
 Coach Stoll
 Coach Consuegra



Move More, Eat Healthy




This year's **Great American Teach In** was awesome! We had fire, police, military, sewer trucks, recycle trucks, wildlife removal, Native American Pow Wow, government, inspector general, chiropractor, Florida Aquarium, veterinarian, dog groomer, speed cup stacking, yoga, FBI, scientist, rescue diver, pilot, boat captain, farmer, author, and so much more. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of our participants that made this day AMAZING for all of our students and teachers.



Family Movie Night is December 6th at 6:30PM on the PE Field. Join us for a family movie night. We will be showing the movie ELF rated PG. Don't forget to bring your chairs or blankets. Dinner and drinks will be available for purchase.



The Clinic is in need of gently used clothing sizes 6-8 boys and girls. We are also in need of new children's underwear in all sizes

Volunteer Information



Volunteer of the Month

Kim Wood is our Volunteer of the Month for December. Mrs. Wood is a parent that has brought the Girls on The Run program to our school. It is a non-profit organization for girls in grades 3-5. She has been working hard with the girls to make the program a success and physically rewarding. Thank you for all of your hard work!



All volunteers must stop by the front office to check in and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus. Please sign in and out on the Volunteer Sign In Sheet. Also, make sure you have coordinated your arrival time with your teacher. If you have any questions please contact Dominica Reed at Reed-Dom@pcsb.org



Level II Fingerprints



Have you gone for your fingerprints for your Level II volunteer status, but have not gotten your Level II badge? If so, contact Dominica Reed at reed-dom@pcsb.org so you can get your paperwork for your badge.



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. If you would like to participate and are not a registered volunteer, please register to become a volunteer at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

Lunch Pal Mentors Needed



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

Sign up here to go to a Lunch Pal Training and Information:

www.pcsb.org/mentor

To become a mentor, to learn more, or to try us out, please select one workshop to attend *

- 11/22/19 - 12 -1:00 PM - Mentor Workshop Webinar, registered attendees will receive a link to the webinar
- 12/03/2019 – 12 -1:30 PM Community United Methodist Church of Oldsmar, 207 Buckingham Ave. E., Oldsmar
- 12/4/19 - 3-5 PM - Pinellas Education Foundation, 12090 Starkey Road, Largo
- 12/11/19 - 12 -1:30 PM Pinellas County Schools Administration Building, 3014th., SW, Largo
- 12/17/19 - 10 AM - 12 PM St. Petersburg Water Resource Building, 1650 Third Ave., N., St. Petersburg

Healthy Schools Team: 5 Tips to Drink More



Here's a fun, healthy idea, which takes just 5 minutes and can impact your own physical, mental, and social well-being. Take 5 minutes or less to do one or all of these things each day. In no time, you'll find yourself drinking healthier and dropping liquid calories.

Keep Water Handy- Bring a water bottle with you to school. If a water bottle is near you, you probably will not wait until you are thirsty to hydrate.

Jazz It Up! Add a squeeze of lemon or lime juice, orange or grapefruit slices, frozen berries or sprig of mint to add natural flavor.

Identify Your Unhealthy Drinks -Most people don't realize that the drinks they are consuming contain "empty calories."

We all know about soda, but other sugar-sweetened beverages like flavored drinks and fruit juices can add unwanted sodium and sugar to your diet. Fruit juices are misleading because they add more sugar to the fruit juice, but without the benefits of naturally occurring nutrients. Identify these unhealthy drinks and replace them with 100-percent fruit juice, low-fat unflavored milk and water.

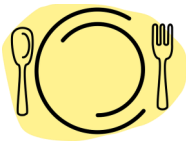
Read the Label -The drinks you buy will tell you what ingredients they contain. However, the ingredients your body doesn't need are not always so easy to identify. Increase your healthy vocabulary and learn all the different ways that products label "sugar." Look for these words- agave · cane sugar · corn sweetener · corn syrup · evaporated cane juice · fruit juice · concentrate · high-fructose corn syrup · fructose · honey · maple syrup · molasses · sucrose

Increase Produce Consumption- Remember that water is found in fruits and vegetables, so by increasing the produce you consume, you will be keeping better hydrated, too.

Find more resources at HealthierGeneration.org



Café News



Lunch calendars are posted on www.pcsb.org and attached to the monthly school newsletter to help students figure out in advance what they would like for lunch.

The lunch website, www.myschoolbucks.com, will show you what your child's activity is in detail.

It is also the quickest, most efficient way to manage funds for your child's account. The site will allow you to set an amount for the site to alert you when it is time to add more funds as the account gets low. Credit cards are accepted for a small processing fee. As always, you can still send in cash or a check made payable to Leila Davis Elementary. Please mark clearly on your envelope that it is for their school lunch account and the student's name. Remember that school lunch is \$2.25.

If you would like to put some restrictions on the account, please don't hesitate to call me at (727) 669-1235.

Happy Holidays,

Susanne Borsari

Café manager





Mark Your Calendar for



Ready, Set...Kindergarten open house for the 2020-21 school year will be held at Leila Davis on January 15th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.

At our Ready, Set...Kindergarten event, parents can:

- Meet teachers
 - Explore classrooms
 - Find out about aftercare
 - Register for school
- Learn how to get their children ready for kindergarten



BUS BULLETIN

Find out now if your student's bus is going to be delayed!

Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department has implemented a new system to inform you when your child's bus is going to be delayed. The Bus Bulletin notification system notifies schools, parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes.

If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student's bus, please register with Bus Bulletin.

- There is no cost to you for this service.
- Registration is simple and fast.
- You can choose to receive either text messages, phone calls, and e-mails or all of these options.
- All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold. Your privacy is protected.
- Please note: this system is not related to Pinellas County Schools new emergency text message communications through SchoolMessenger.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit: www.BusBulletin.com/parents.

If you need assistance with registration, call Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department at 727-587-2020.

PLEASE NOTE:

Sanderlin K-8 will discontinue forwarding Bus Bulletins as of JANUARY 1, 2020. Please sign up for the Bus Bulletin service so you continue to get these updates.

THANK YOU!



Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship

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

Davis Business Partner (\$350 and up)

- Celebration Station

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

- Ray & Pat Martinez

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

- Drossos Family

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

- Mr. & Mrs. Clemens

Davis Associate (up to \$99)

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

Business Partners 2019-2020



HERITAGE

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Counselor's Corner

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Classroom Lessons

As a part of my comprehensive school counseling program, I visit classrooms approximately once every six weeks to provide direction instruction on a variety of topics. Classroom lessons fall into the academic, career, and/or personal-social domains are aligned with the [Florida Standards, Florida School Counseling Framework](#), and the [American School Counseling Association mindsets and behaviors](#).

In November, I visited classrooms to provide lessons on the following topics:

- Kindergarten** – Using hands to help others
- 1st grade** – Tattling vs. reporting
- 2nd grade** – Career exploration
- 3rd grade** – Conflict resolution
- 4th grade** – Tolerance and giving compliments
- 5th grade** – Career exploration



Dear families,

The holiday season is just around the corner and we are asking for support with our Holiday Giving Tree. The Holiday Giving Tree assists some of our families who need additional help purchasing gifts for their children.

If you would like to help one of our families, please take a tag from the tree in the front foyer, purchase the requested gifts, and **return the WRAPPED gifts with the tag attached** to Davis Elementary **by Friday, December 13th**. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Lofstedt at 725-7972 ext. 2010 or lofstedtv@pcsb.org.

Thank you for your support during this holiday season!

Homework Help

Clearwater Countryside Library

Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 PM

September 4 - December 4

January 15 - April 29

*any Wednesday that PCS schools are open

High school students are available to help elementary students with their homework. Please note this is not tutoring – it is strictly homework help.

PCS Homework Helpline

(727) 547-7223

Free homework help for students in grades 1-12 is available Monday through Thursday from 5pm to 8 pm on all school days (except when there is no school the following day).

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILD THRIVE AT SCHOOL

by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

- ▶ Have high academic expectations
- ▶ Regular communication about how school is going
- ▶ Praise their processes, not their natural ability
- ▶ See their setbacks as learning opportunities
- ▶ Eat dinner together round the table
- ▶ Set clear homework rules
- ▶ Ask open ended questions
- ▶ Foster good reading habits
- ▶ Spend time talking about about non-school stuff
- ▶ Create both challenging and supportive environments
- ▶ Have a consistent and calm bedtime routine for them



EXPLORE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

with PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS



District Application Programs

Pinellas County Schools offers nearly **80 programs** focused on students' interests, talents and learning styles.

Find the right fit for your child!

Important Dates:

Application Period

- January 8 - 17, 2020

Acceptance Period

- Feb. 10- 21, 2020



District Application Program Events

Choice Fairs

Learn more about our magnet, fundamental and career academies.

Oct. 29: 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Countryside High, 3000 SR 580, Clearwater

Nov. 2: 9 - 11:30 a.m. at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave., Largo

Nov. 4: 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Lakewood High, 1400 54th Ave. S, St. Petersburg

Discovery Nights

Explore individual programs in more detail.
Oct. 30 - Dec. 20 (Schedule on back)

High School Shadowing Opportunities

Contact individual schools for more information.



Learn more at www.pcsb.org/choice. Questions? Call (727) 588- 6210.

DECEMBER

PCS Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 Egg & Cheese Croissant</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Nuggets & Pretzel Rod Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Country Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>3 Mini Confetti Pancakes</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara cup * Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>4 Scones</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Asian Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets</p>	<p>5 Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit or Grits</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Featured Item: <i>Stuffed Shells & Garlic Breadstick</i> Chicken Sandwich Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Side Salad</p>	<p>6 Breakfast Skillet</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Fish Sticks o' the Sea w/ a Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>9 Maple Pancake Minis</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Cheeseburger or Hamburger Cheese Sticks & Toasted Ravioli Boat Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup * Tater Tots Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>10 Chicken Waffle Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Beef or Pork Tacos Cheese Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>11 Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>12 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</p> <p>Student Choice Menu <i>Students choose the hot entrees & vegetable options!</i> Entrée Salad: <i>Apple-a-Day Salad</i> Sandwich: <i>Chicken Caesar Wrap</i> Side Salad: <i>Mixed</i></p>	<p>13 Cheese Omelet w/ Toast</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Chicken & Waffle Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>16 Pancake Pup</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Tender Basket w/ <i>Crispy Fries & Roll</i> Max Cheese Sticks Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Marinara Cup * Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>17 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Chow Mein Noodles Grilled Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>18 Glazed Dunker</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Chicken Fajita Bowl Pasta & Meat Sauce Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Spinach or Collard Greens Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>19 Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Featured Item: <i>Mini Quesadillas</i> Corn Dog or Hot Dog Apple A Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Country Baked Beans* Salsa Cup Mixed Side Salad</p>	<p>20 French Toast & Chicken Bites</p> <p><u>Choose One:</u> Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich</p> <p><u>Choose:</u> Green Peas Fresh Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>WINTER BREAK</p>				
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>January 1, 2020</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>WINTER BREAK</p>				

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



Snap Beans

Visit nutrislce.com for Menu & Nutrition Information, & to download the app on your mobile device!