

## IMPORTANT DATES OCTOBER 2019

- 10/2-  
International  
Walk to  
School Day
- 10/7-School  
Appreciation  
Day Celebra-  
tion Station 4-  
9PM
- 10/11- Family  
Lunch Day
- 10/15—Spirit  
Night at  
Sonny's BBQ
- 10/17-Family  
Kickball Game  
6:30-8PM
- 10/18-All Pro  
Dad 7:45AM
- 10/24-Middle  
School Infor-  
mation Night  
6-7PM
- 10/25-Trunk  
or Treat
- 10/28-Picture  
Re-takes
- 11/4- Family  
Lunch Day

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

# Leila G. Davis Elementary

Principal: William Durst

Assistant Principal: Kathryn Gualtieri

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CLEARWATER, FL 33761  
(727) 725-7972

OCTOBER 2019



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

I can hardly believe that it is the beginning of October. As we enter the third month of school I would be remiss if I did not convey how much I appreciate your continued support as we strive to help each student "Dream Big" and reach their highest potential. The partnership between home and school is extremely important. Research confirms that parent interest and involvement in a child's education is one of the most significant reasons children succeed in school. With that said, we have just completed our first cycle of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment that gives us very reliable data regarding your child's performance in reading and mathematics. This is an assessment that is given three times per year and in the past has been an excellent predictor of our students' performance on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

Last month I mentioned that our school-wide goal is 500 points for school grade. While we continue to strive for high levels of proficiency, our main focus as a school community has been on growth. This focus on growth propelled our school grade to an "A" rating this past year by the Florida Department of Education. Tracking growth from one MAP testing cycle to another creates a measure where all students are able to compete on a level playing field.

Here's how you can best support your student. In the coming weeks you will be receiving the results of this nationally normed assessment from your child's teacher. Every student will be setting growth goals with their teacher on a goal setting worksheet, and parents will be made aware of these goals. I am asking each parent to take time and review these goals with their child and use the information about their reading and mathematics levels to help create a

focus of support and growth at home.

Our school performance goals can only be reached if we have consistent and productive days of teaching and learning. We need your help maintaining a productive learning environment. Listed below are a few ways that you can help us maximize student achievement at Davis on a daily basis:

### Respect School Hours

Office Hours: 7:45am - 3:45pm

First Bell: 8:35 am

Class begins: 8:45 am

(Student are considered tardy if not in classroom at that time)

School Hours:  
8:45 am - 2:55 pm

Daily attendance. "Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow" is our district slogan for attendance. Please limit absences from school to true illness or family emergencies.



## 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
- Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at <https://www.peachjar.com>





## Mr. Durst's message continued...

**Punctuality** Children should always be on time for school. Students who arrive late to school (after 8:45 am) are expected to sign in at the front office and obtain a pink tardy slip. Tardiness on a regular basis is disruptive and detrimental to the learning environment.

**Check your child's planner/agenda nightly.** The planner is an important communication tool and includes homework assignments and important dates.

**Participate in school activities.** We welcome volunteers, tutors, and mentors at Davis. We also have a very active PTA that is a tremendous support to our school community. Please check the PTA calendar, PTA website ([www.lgdpta.com](http://www.lgdpta.com)) and school website for ways you can become involved here at school.

**Help your child with our Guidelines For Success (R.O.A.R.)** Responsible, On task, Aim High, and Re-

spectful. Davis is committed to providing a positive learning culture.

## Attendance Matters

### How to Report my Students Absence

When your child must miss school, it is important to communicate with us for every absence! Below are different ways of notification.

- Calling the school # 725-7972 x 2001. Call each day the student is out.
- Sending in a letter to the office/teacher and/or sending in notes from doctor's appointments. Please always be sure to include your child's name, grade, teacher name, date of absence and the reason for the absence so the absence can be recorded correctly. If the days are consecutive, one note for the date range will suffice.
- Going on the Leila G. Davis Elementary website and clicking on the Report Student Absence tab. Follow the steps listed below:

Go to the Leila G. Davis website: <https://www.pcsb.org/davis-es>

1. Click "REPORT STUDENT ABSENCE" tab at the top of the page.
2. Click the blue circle that says Report Student Absence and it will generate an email.

Fill out the email and be sure to include the student's name, DOB, grade, date absent, and reason for the absence.

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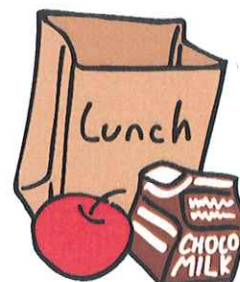
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## Family Lunch Day: October 11th

### 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.

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

## Physical Education

We would like to congratulate the following students for earning the *Super Sport Award*.

Each month the PE Department nominates one student from each grade level for this award.

These students demonstrate Good Sportsmanship, Attitude, Participation and Respect.

1st Grade - Ormaylee Abreu

2nd Grade - John Mancini

3rd Grade - Taylor Allcott

4th Grade - Jocelyn Dilla

5th Grade - Gabby Montalvo

### Upcoming Events

October 2 Walk To School Day

### September PE Super Sports Award

Kindergarten- Teegan Willett

1st Grade - Mariella Drossos

2nd Grade - Holly Connor

3rd Grade - Nolan Dennis

4th Grade - Sam Crockett

5th Grade - Aiden Washington

### October PE Super Sports Award

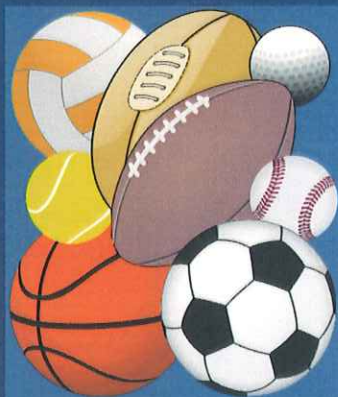
Kindergarten- Kathryn Mae

### Announcements:

Please write your child's name on their water bottle and encourage them to bring it to PE.

**Wishing Everyone Health and Happiness!**

Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll, Coach Consuegra







## UP-COMING EVENTS

KICKBALL GAME: 10/17 at 6pm School Baseball Field

DAD'S DAY: 10/18 at 7:45am within the school's Media Center

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: 10/25 at 6:30pm within the School's Bus lot

By: John Varlese Jr- Team Captain and proud father of a 3rd Grader

I am honestly humbled by our tremendous turn-out last month, our largest gathering at Davis to-date. It was wonderful seeing a lot of returning families and welcoming some new Dads and their exceptional kids to the program. I hope you all had an amazing time and look forward to seeing you next month.

All Pro Dad's Day is an exceptional and fulfilling monthly event held at Leila Davis Elementary welcoming dads, along with all other strong family role models (male or female), to spend quality time bonding with their children, strengthening their family relationships, along with building up an involved and dedicated group of families within the Davis Community. Come out and enjoy a welcoming breakfast together, discuss openly how proud you are of your kid(s), partake in character building exercises, explore some key parenting topics, and at the end of the meeting kids will even have an opportunity to win our monthly raffles.

We encourage our All Pro Families to join us at our next All Pro Dad's Day Friday, October 18th at 7:45am in the school's Media Center. This month's topic will focus on "Creativity". Creativity is how we express ourselves and use our minds, gifts,

and abilities to better our lives and our community. It allows us to address challenges and provide solutions. It's important to nurture creativity in our children.

Throughout the school year we will continue to meet every third Friday of the month, 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 your child's life, improves their grades, and fills their life with pride. You make a powerful impact!

In addition to our monthly Dad's Day we also look forward to hosting other events that encourage family involvement. Please come out and join in the fun for our Kids vs Adults Kickball Game (held on the school's baseball field). Pizzas and snacks will be provided. Also join us as ghouls and goblins load up their trunks with tasty treats to be handed out at Trunk-or-Treat on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

To become an active member of the Leila G. Davis Elementary All Pro Dad Chapter and get monthly meeting alerts and activity updates please join our local chapter at [allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772](http://allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772), and Like our Facebook Page for social media posting (search Leila Davis All Pro Dad).

## Mrs. Baldauf's Paint Palette

Hello Bear Cub Families,

If you are new to Davis or have not given permission on [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com), please do as soon as possible. You will need the parent code and I can give that to you. All you need to do is mail me your child's name, grade level and teacher's name. If you are in Kindergarten, instructions will be coming home shortly on how to grant permission for your child.

Artsonia, [www.Artsonia.com](http://www.Artsonia.com), is a virtual art gallery that accumulates each and every year that your child has Art class. Myself or a parent volunteer will upload artwork to the site and you will receive an email stating that your student has new artwork available. Once you view it, you can Facebook it, Twitter or Instagram it. This works out so well for those of us that have families out of state and you want to show grandma what her grandchild just made in art class!

This also makes holiday shopping a breeze because you can buy your child's artwork on numerous items in the gift shop and hand them out as Christmas presents. I must add, the products that I have seen from Artsonia are quality products!

When you purchase something from the giftshop, Davis gets 20% of that money back. So it is a year-long fundraiser and allows us to buy special art supplies.

If you have EVER purchased anything from Artsonia, I would love to have a picture of the item, or your child with the item. I would like to start a bulletin board advertising Artsonia and how amazing it is but I need your help with the photos. If you could send me a photo, I would greatly appreciate it, my email is [baldaufg@pcsb.org](mailto:baldaufg@pcsb.org).

Also, moms, check out the snap on jewelry. You buy one piece of jewelry like a necklace or bracelet and you can then get their artwork on these interchangeable snap on pieces! So you constantly change your look! They are super cute!

Donations: We are always looking for donated items in the art room, some of which you may already have just lying around your house such as baby wipes, egg cartons, and gallon size Ziploc bags. We are always collecting stuff, so just send the items into school with your child and have them drop it off at the art room.

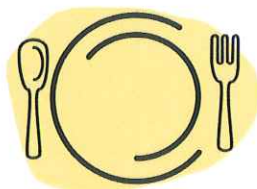
Our creativity is already in full swing and I look forward to another amazing year in Art class with your children!

Creatively yours,  
Mrs. Baldauf





## Café News



Greetings from the Café!

Parents need to **re-apply for Free/Reduced lunches** or you will begin paying for lunches on October 1, 2019.

Reminder- Lunch Cost for the 2019-2020 school year is \$2.25

Snacks are sold daily ranging from \$.50 to \$1.00.

Ice-Cream is sold most Fridays for \$.50.

Water bottles are sold each day at breakfast and lunch for \$.25-.75.

Only 1 snack can be sold to a student each day and students are not allowed to purchase for another student.

If you want restrictions on your child's account or have questions, please call me at (727) 692-1235.

Thank you,

Susanne Borsari

Café Manager

727-669-1235

[borsarisu@pcsb.org](mailto:borsarisu@pcsb.org)

## Media Matters



The Media Center continues to be a busy place in the school. Thank you Davis families for supporting our school library and buying books from our Scholastic Book Fair. I would also like to thank all of the Book Fair volunteers that gave of their time to help run the fair. The Book Fair was busy and we could not have done it without the help of our awesome volunteers. We had a very successful Fall Book Fair and will be able to purchase new books and makerspace materials for the library!

I have enjoyed meeting with classes this past month in the library and in the labs. We have circulated over 2,000 books this month in the Media Center! Even with the Media Center closed for the Book Fair we have still had lots of students checking out and reading books! That also means that we have A LOT of books that need to be re-

shelved and get back where they belong. If you have time to spare we could use your help in the library. Even if you only have 20 or 30 minutes a week to spare, we could use your help. You do have to be a registered volunteer in order to help. (Level 2 is not necessary). Please email Mrs. Scott [scottsha@pcsb.org](mailto:scottsha@pcsb.org) or Mrs. Reed [reed-dom@pcsb.org](mailto:reed-dom@pcsb.org) with any questions.



## 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 [reeddom@pcsb.org](mailto:reeddom@pcsb.org) so you can get your paperwork for your badge.

## Volunteer Information

### Volunteer of the Month



Norma Maynard is an amazing asset to our school. She has logged over 140 hours so far this year. She helps everyone in the school from staff to students. We are so grateful that she donates so much of her time and talents to help make our school run more efficiently.

Thank you Norma for being everyone's life saver. We are so thankful to have you volunteer with us.



All volunteers must stop by the front office and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus.



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 have any questions please contact Dominica Reed at [ReedDom@pcsb.org](mailto:ReedDom@pcsb.org)



If you would like to become a volunteer, please fill out a volunteer application at [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration)



## 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)

First Class Moving Company

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

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

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

Mr. Sieminski

Alena Miles

Bowe Family

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 [reed-dom@pcsb.org](mailto:reed-dom@pcsb.org) for more details

## 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](http://www.pcsb.org/mentor)



### October Mentor Workshops

**10/01/2019** — Noon to 1:00 p.m. Mentor Workshop Webinar, registered attendees will receive a link to the webinar

**10/02/2019** — 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pinellas Education Foundation, Wells Fargo Conference Room, 12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL

**10/09/2019** — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. City of St. Petersburg Water Resource Building, Conference Room, 1650 Third Ave., North, St. Pete

**10/16/2019** — Noon to 1:30 p.m. Pinellas County Schools, Administration Building, Room E111, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo

**10/17/2019** — Noon to 1:30 Northeast Presbyterian, 4400 Shoreacres Blvd., Library, St. Petersburg—**NEW**



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# PTA News

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Wow! We are up to 265 PTA members so far this year which includes 51 staff members! Thank you so much for your support. Did you know that ANYONE who wants to support our school, teachers and students can become a PTA member? Your membership dues fund family-fun events, classroom grants, educational programs and more!

JOIN NOW → <https://leiladavis.memberhub.store/> QUESTIONS → [leiladavisPTA@gmail.com](mailto:leiladavisPTA@gmail.com)

## STAY CONNECTED



<https://leiladavis.memberhub.com>



<https://www.facebook.com/leiladavispta/>

## AUG/SEPT HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Goodies with Grandparents was a HUGE success! What a joy to see the media center jam-packed with grandparents and kids making memories and sharing donuts.
- ◆ Our BINGO night was a blast! The budget was approved, pizza was devoured and prizes were won. Laughter filled the café thanks to our announcers Mrs. Reed and Mr. Martinez.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- ◆ We just kicked off our Step It Up Fundraiser. This is our ONE and ONLY PTA Fundraiser for the year! Please spread the word to family and friends to make this a HUGE success. All donations are due by October 10. ALL students will celebrate with a Day of Awesomeness in November.

<https://www.stepitupkids.com/leiladavis33761/>

- ◆ Oct 25 - Trunk or Treat: Sign up to decorate your trunk, help with parking and/or drop off candy donations in the school office.

- ◆ Our Spring Fling is still months away, but we are very hard at work prepping and planning for our largest event of the school year. We will need all the volunteers we can get to start helping with Silent Auction basket donations and more. If you are interested in helping with the Silent Auction Committee please email Sarah Buczny, our Silent Auction Committee Chair, at [buczny.sw@gmail.com](mailto:buczny.sw@gmail.com).

- ◆ Be sure to log in to the MemberHub website or app for more PTA announcements, volunteer opportunities and access to the PTA calendar.

Room Parents still needed  
for the following  
teachers:

- Beach
- Ellerbee
- Russo
- McBride

- Help decorate class pumpkin
- Help plan class parties
- Help plan class teacher gifts

If you are interested  
contact Jennifer Luck, our  
Room Parent Coordinator,  
at [Jmluck7@hotmail.com](mailto:Jmluck7@hotmail.com)



# Counselor's Corner

Vanessa Lofstedt, M.A.

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

**Kindergarten** – Being a good listener

**1<sup>st</sup> grade** – Growth mindset

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade** – Self-confidence and individuality

## Homework Helpline

**547-7223**

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

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## Dates to Remember

### Discovery Night

November 6, 2019 @ 6:00 pm

Open to everyone

#### School Tour Dates

**\*By appointment only\***

10/02 @ 3PM

10/10 @ 3PM

10/14 @ 11AM & 12:30PM

10/21 @ 2:35PM

10/30 @ 3PM

11/12 @ 3PM

We start taking reservations on 9/23 @ 10AM.

**727-940-7624**

#### Application

Period

Jan 8-17, 2020

Acceptance

Period

Feb 10-21, 2020

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## Clothing Assistance

**Clothes to Kids** provides new and quality used clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge.

### Requirements for Shopping at Clothes To Kids

(1) Live in Pinellas County. (2) Child(ren) enrolled in Pinellas County schools in 4 year old PreK-12th grade). (3) Your family needs financial assistance.

If you receive free/reduced lunch, call Clothes to Kids at 441-5050 to schedule an appointment. You will need your free/reduced lunch letter to shop. If you do not receive free/reduced lunch but need assistance you may be able to receive a referral to Clothes for Kids from Mrs. Lofstedt (school counselor) or Mrs. Cohen (the school social worker). Once you receive the referral, you can call Clothes to Kids to schedule your appointment. Eligible children may shop twice in a twelve-month period (a referral is needed each time).

## Pack-A-Snack

Leila G. Davis Elementary School is part of a weekend feeding program called Pack- A- Snack. This program is offered through Pinellas County Schools and a community partner. Your child is eligible to receive a bag with healthy snacks in it every Friday at no cost to you.

If you choose to enroll your child, he/she will receive a bag with some healthy snack sized items every Friday for the weekend. All the food is nutritional and non-perishable and will not have to be cooked or prepared.

If you have any questions about this program please feel free to contact Vanessa Lofstedt, School Counselor at (727) 725-7972 x2010 or [lofstedtv@pcsb.org](mailto:lofstedtv@pcsb.org).



# THE BEST WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS

(adapted from <https://www.understood.org/en/friends-feelings/empowering-your-child/celebrating-successes/ways-praise-can-empower-kids-learning-issues>)

Praise can have a powerful effect on kids. The right kind of praise can boost confidence and motivation. It can empower kids to keep trying hard and can fuel them to find strategies to overcome challenges. Research has shown that some kinds of praise are more helpful than others and that some types of praise can backfire and make kids doubt their abilities.

## Types of Praise

**Personal praise** highlights kids' natural abilities, like intelligence or a talent for playing the piano. It's the kind of praise we often use to express affection. For example, you might say, "You have such a beautiful singing voice." But be careful with this kind of praise. It can make kids feel less confident. If kids think they're "prepackaged" with certain talents, they might not think they can keep building those skills. Personal praise can make kids less willing to try new things and can keep kids from developing a growth mindset—the belief that their abilities can improve over time.

**Effort-based praise** focuses on what kids can control. This kind of praise is more empowering than personal praise. If your child gets a good grade on a science project, personal praise might be, "Wow, you're good at science!" Effort-based praise, on the other hand, might be: "I'm so impressed at how hard you worked on your science project." You can make effort-based praise even more powerful by getting specific. Praise like that clearly tells kids what they did well. It also reminds them of the behavior you want to see. You can also use this kind of praise to acknowledge steps your child is taking to get better at something. For example, say your child's goal is to get to school on time. There are smaller steps along the way: waking up, brushing teeth, getting dressed, and having a bag packed and ready. If you praise the steps your child does well, you're showing that the bigger goal is something they can achieve if they keep going.

## How to Give Praise

**Be specific.** Instead of saying "You were so good in the store," make a more detailed comment: "Thank you for being so patient while we waited in line." This can help your child remember to be patient again the next time you're waiting in line.

**Be sincere.** Kids know when you're not being genuine. Insincere praise—"You're the best basketball player in the world!"—can make kids wonder why you're not telling the truth. It might even make them feel like you think they can't do any better.

**Be clear.** Be descriptive about what you're praising. "Your watercolor technique is really coming along nicely—did you use any new techniques in this painting?" is more helpful than "This is such a fantastic painting. Someday you'll have your own art gallery!" This helps remove the pressure to be perfect or "the best." It's more realistic, and it helps kids understand what they're working on getting better at.

**Emphasize progress.** This helps kids see how their efforts are paying off. It can keep them motivated, too. For example: "I can really tell how much you've been practicing dribbling. You're better at controlling the ball than you were at the beginning of the season."

**Emphasize how their actions affect other people.** Praise kids for how their actions impact others. For example, you can say, "Thank you for helping with the dishes. I really appreciated your lending a hand." This also shows kids they're a valued member of the family or the community.

**Help kids express feelings.** Sometimes kids need help identifying their own emotions and owning their accomplishments. For example, if you're praising your child's hard work in math, you can add: "You must feel so proud that all of your hard work and studying made such a big difference."

## What to Watch Out For

It's important to praise kids based on how well they're doing compared to themselves—not to other people. Praise based on outperforming another child can make kids doubt their abilities. That's why saying, "I'm so proud of you for learning how to spell such tricky words!" is more empowering than "I'm so proud of you for coming in first in the spelling bee."

The other big thing to watch out for is inflated praise. We've all heard this type of praise before: "You're so smart, beautiful, sweet, and perfect!" You might think that if kids do something well, telling them they're doing it really well will give their self-esteem an extra boost. But researchers have found that this won't do much to help motivate kids and can actually make kids less likely to take on new challenges because they think they have to meet really high standards. That's why it's a good idea to stick with genuine praise about kids' efforts.



# SIGN UP FOR BUS BULLETIN



PCS Transportation Department has implemented a system called "Bus Bulletin" to inform you when your child's bus is going to be delayed or schedule changes.

The Bus Bulletin notification system will notify 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](http://www.BusBulletin.com/parents).

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



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### 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](http://www.pcsb.org/choice). Questions? Call (727) 588- 6210.

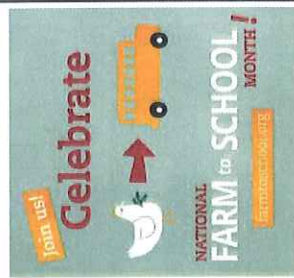


# OCTOBER

## PCS Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
<b>National School Lunch Week!</b> <b>October 14 =&gt; 18</b> 		<b>1</b> Chicken Waffle Sandwich <b>Choose One:</b> Beef or Pork Tacos Cheese Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <b>Choose:</b> Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad		<b>2</b> Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose One:</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers		<b>3</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <b>Student Choice Menu</b> <b>Students choose the hot entrees!</b> <b>Veg choice: Emoticon Potatoes</b> Entrée Salad: Apple-a-Day-Salad Sandwich: Chicken Caesar Wrap Side Salad: Mixed		<b>4</b> Cheese Omelet w/ Toast <b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Variety Chicken & Waffle Chef Salad Turkey&Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers	
<b>7</b> Pancake Pup <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Crispy Fries & Roll Max Cheese Sticks Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup Low Fat White, or Green Beans * Veggie Dippers		<b>8</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Chow Mein Noodles Grilled Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <b>Choose:</b> Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad		<b>9</b> Glazed Dunker <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Fajita Cheez-It Bowl Pasta & Meatsauce Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Spinach or Collard Greens Sliced Cucumbers		<b>10</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <b>Choose One:</b> <b>Featured Item:</b> <b>Chicken Nuggets w/ Pretzel Rod</b> Corn Dog or Hot Dog Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans * Mixed Side Salad		<b>11</b> French Toast & Chicken Bites <b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chef Salad Turkey&Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Green Peas Veggie Dippers	
<b>14 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!</b> 		<b>15</b> Mini Confetti Pancakes <b>Choose One:</b> Surfin' USA Breakfast for Lunch Havana Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Shake it Off Jamwich Kit <b>Choose a Rockin' Side Veg:</b> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Cup * Romaine Side Salad		<b>16</b> Scones <b>Choose One:</b> Asian Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy All Shook Up Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Happy Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose a Rockin' Side Veg:</b> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets		<b>17</b> Sausage Patty w/ Biscuit or Grits <b>Choose One:</b> <b>Featured Item:</b> <b>Mamma Mia! Pizzaboli</b> Beat-Boppin' Chicken Sandwich Let It Go Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup * Sweet Potato Fries * Mixed Side Salad		<b>18</b> Breakfast Skillet <b>Choose One:</b> Call Me Maybe Pizza Variety Try Everything Cheesy Fish Fillet Best Day of My Life Chef Salad Turkey&Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <b>Choose a Rockin' Side Veg:</b> Corn Niblets Fresh Veggie Dippers	
<b>21</b> Maple Pancake Minis <b>Choose One:</b> Cheeseburger or Hamburger Cheese Sticks & Toasted Ravioli Boat Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup Tator Tot * Fresh Veggie Dippers		<b>22</b> Chicken Waffle Sandwich <b>Choose One:</b> Beef or Pork Tacos Cheese Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <b>Choose:</b> Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad		<b>23</b> Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose One:</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Steamed Broccoli Florets Sliced Cucumbers		<b>24</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <b>Student Choice Menu</b> <b>Students choose the hot entrees &amp; vegetable options!</b> Entrée Salad: Apple-a-Day Salad Sandwich: Chicken Caesar Wrap Side Salad: Mixed		<b>25</b> Cheese Omelet w/ Toast <b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Variety Chicken & Waffle Chef Salad Turkey&Cheese Hoagie/Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers	
<b>28</b> Pancake Pup <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Crispy Fries & Roll Max Cheese Sticks Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers		<b>29</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Chow Mein Noodles Grilled Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <b>Choose:</b> Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad Harvest of the Month Fresh from FL Satsumasi today		<b>30</b> Glazed Dunker <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Fajita Cheez-It Bowl Pasta & Meatsauce Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Spinach or Collard Greens Sliced Cucumbers		<b>31</b> Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <b>Choose One:</b> <b>Featured Item:</b> <b>Bat Nuggets w/ Pretzel Rod</b> Farm to School Cookie w/ every meal! Corn Dog or Hot Dog Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans * Mixed Side Salad			

**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



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