

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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March 31, 2017

Principal: Kim Hill
Assistant Principal: William Durst

Principal's Page

A Message from Mrs. Hill

I cannot believe that March is almost over. We have less than eight weeks of school left this year and still have much to accomplish. It has been a very busy month here at Davis. Our 1st and 2nd graders finished the SAT 10 assessment and our 3rd graders finished the ELA FSA assessment this past week. We are so proud of the hard work displayed by all of our scholars! Thank you for getting your children to school on time during this important time of the year. The month of April will be busy with our 3rd- 5th graders taking computer based FSA assessments. Please check the assessment window dates included in this month's newsletter. For specific testing days, please contact your child's teacher. It is important your child is rested, has a good breakfast, and arrives on time for testing days. This will help our scholars to do their very best! We will also showcase our first graders in a musical performance on April 6th in conjunction with our PTA general meeting and election of officers for next year. Our STEM Academy will be showcasing their learning on April 29th from 9:00-1:00 at the USF St. Pete campus and several classes will be taking some exciting field trips.

We are also planning and preparing for our annual Spring Fling coming up on April 21st. This is a fun family event that will also be held in conjunction with our spring book fair. This is a huge fundraiser for Davis Elementary and we need everyone's help! Please ask your child's teacher how you can help or email Dominica Reed, reeddom@pcsb.org, for more information! Presale tickets will be on sale the week of April 17th before school. We hope you make plans to join us for an evening of games, food, fun, and fellowship.

Important April Dates:

- 3/31 – Report Cards
- 4/4 – PDQ Spirit Night
- 4/6 – K Kids Meeting
7:45AM
- 4/6 – PTA General PTA Meeting
- 1st Grade Music Performance
- 4/7 – Walk-A-Thon
- 4/10-14 FSA 3rd Grade Testing Closed Campus
- 4/14 – No School
- 4/10-20 FSA Testing 5th Grade Closed Campus
- 4/19 – All Pro Dad's
7:30AM
- 4/21 – Spring Fling
- 4/20-26 – Book Fair
- 4/21-26 FSA Testing 5th Grade Closed Campus
- 4/25 – SAC Meeting 7-8PM
- 4/28 – School Battle of the Books



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- 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>

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

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It's hard to believe our year is winding down and we are already beginning to make plans for next school year. It is my goal to continue to develop staff morale and cultivate an environment where there is great passion and drive for our staff to move our student body forward. The number of decisions a teacher makes each day is truly mind-boggling. It is this I ask of you as community members in our Davis Bear Cub community: engage in open dialogue with our staff about specific concerns you may have and keep an open mind. It is my goal that our teachers work with you to meet all of our learners' needs and in this process, promote highest student achievement. Soon teachers will begin forming recommended classes for the 2017 - 2018 school year. They use a number of criteria to help them with the process including: balances in gender, race, and academic levels to name a few. As you can see, this important process does not include parent requests. Our teachers spend hours in an effort to make the best possible matches to ensure success for every child. Please understand that Mr. Durst and I work collaboratively with the classroom teachers when forming classes. For this reason, I **will not** honor personal requests or accept parent letters. I truly believe that Davis has the best teachers in Pinellas County. Our staff is highly trained and dedicated to meeting the needs of children who are struggling as well as those who are quick learners and need challenges. All of our teachers are qualified and outstanding! Thank you for your help with this!



Summer Bridge Registration

Summer will soon be here and Pinellas County Schools is thrilled to share information about our **Summer Bridge** program. Summer Bridge is an extended learning opportunity designed for all students. The purpose of this exciting program is to provide students with continuous learning through the summer to ensure they will be ready to begin the next school year with confidence and success.



Summer Bridge will provide learning opportunities during the summer so students will be more prepared for success when the 2017-2018 school year begins. The 6-week program will include acceleration and enhancement of skills in reading, mathematics and science, and individualized instruction in the three core subjects using a blended model of the arts, technology, small group instruction, hands-on labs, and project-based learning.

Parents may choose to register their student(s) to any one of the 42 elementary sites, however please be advised that parents will be responsible for providing transportation for their child to and from the Summer Bridge Elementary School program. **The program will run from 8:35 a.m. to 1:35 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays from June 6 to July 13, 2017.**

Please visit the Student Reservation System at <https://reservation.pcsb.org/> and register your child. Log on with your Parent ID and Password. If you have forgotten your ID or password, or experience other problems, contact the front office to have your password reset. If you do not have access to Internet service, you may register at Davis. Please note the closest Summer Bridge site will be McMullen Booth Elementary.

For more information about Summer Bridge, please click on the Elementary School link on the Summer Bridge website at www.pcsb.org/summerbridge or contact your child's teacher. You may also contact Elementary Education at (727) 588-6443.

Congratulations Davis PRIDE Winners

Fifth graders with outstanding achievement, an excellent attitude, and good work habits were eligible for a PRIDE (Program to Recognize Initiative and Distinction) Award. Winners in Math and Science were determined on outstanding achievement on district assessments in respective subject areas. A subject area test was given to students with an "A" average in Social Studies to determine our winner. In Writing, students submitted a portfolio of various writing samples. Hats off to our students and all teachers, past and present, who prepared them so well! Congratulations to the following scholars:

Math – *Taylor Trautwein*

Science – *Joshua Lovely*

Social Studies – *Kevin Burrell*

Writing – *Valerie Francis*

Dr. Grego and School Board members will recognize these students on April 6th at a special assembly at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The Davis community applauds their hard work and success.

Joseph L. Carwise Achievement Award

Each year schools are asked to nominate two of the highest achieving minority students in grades three, four or five for the Joseph L. Carwise Minority Achievement Award. The students selected by each school are honored at a banquet that is sponsored by the Superintendent's Minority Advisory Committee and underwritten by businesses, social, civic, and fraternal organizations, churches and individual professionals to promote community cohesiveness and academic excellence.

Leila G. Davis Elementary is proud to recognize *Mason Lueth* and *Jalyn Sharkey* as our students earning this award. Mason and Jalyn will be honored at a banquet held on Saturday, May 6th. We are very proud of you, Mason and Jalyn!

Dress Code Reminder

Spring is here and with that comes warmer temperatures and pulling out shorts and shirts that your children might not have worn in a while. As you look to evaluate your child's wardrobe for proper fit or need for replacement, we would like to remind you and your children about the Pinellas County Schools Dress Code.

- Students must wear shirts that cover midriff, back, sides and all undergarments including bra straps and have sleeves that cover their shoulders.
- Students must wear shorts, skirts or dresses that are at least mid-thigh in length.
- Students must wear clothing that is the appropriate size, covering all undergarments, including boxer shorts.
- Students have daily PE and recess. In order to participate safely, they must wear shoes or sneakers that do not have a high heel and cover their toes and heel completely.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Looking for SAC Members for 2017-2018

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of teachers, administrators, parents and community members responsible for strategic planning for the School Improvement Plan. The team works to analyze data and set measurable goals for the school. Our SAC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We are seeking new members for next school year of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic groups including multi-racial and Hispanic individuals to represent our school community. Members must attend at least four meetings per year. If you are interested in being elected to join our SAC next year please send an email to our SAC chairperson, Ellen Lasher at elasher@wtsp.com.

Tampa Bay Rays Spirit Night

Pinellas County Schools will have Rays Spirit Night on Saturday, April 22nd at 6:10pm. The Rays will be playing the Houston Astros. Discounted tickets are available through Davis Elementary at \$10 per ticket for the upper level or \$17 per ticket for the lower level.

Ticket order forms were sent home with student this past Tuesday. **All order forms and money are due by Tuesday, April 11th. No extensions!!** Tickets will be delivered to the school a few days prior to the game and sent home with your child. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.

Spring Fling Carnival

April 21, 2017



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Our Spring Fling Carnival is on April 21, 2017 from 5:30-8PM. We will need volunteers to help run the carnival and any donations are welcome.

- We will also be doing a Silent Auction on our big

baskets this year, so don't forget to bring your checkbooks or cash to bid on some amazing baskets to help raise money for our school! We have baskets for Family Adventures, Date Night, Stress Relief and Fun in the Sun, just to name a few.

- We have an interactive business booth area for businesses to showcase their business or sell their products.
- We will be having a Petting Zoo this year and new games too! We will have yummy food from Poblanos Mexican Grill, Jersey Mike's, giant inflatable bounce houses, a dunk tank, and so much more!
- If you would like to put together a company gift basket or participate with a booth for the event, contact Dominica Reed, Family & Community Liaison, 727-725-7972 or ReedDom@pcsb.org. Let the fun begin!

Closed Campus & Quiet School

This means we will have a **“Closed Campus” and a “Quiet School”** during testing hours. A closed campus means we kindly request our volunteers and visitors to take a much deserved rest from 8:35 AM – 12:00 PM on testing days. No one will be permitted to enter testing areas as we enforce a quiet school during testing hours. **This includes parents and visitors eating lunch with their children.** It is important to maintain a quiet, distraction free campus so the students can focus and do their very best!! Volunteers and visitors are welcome back on campus after noontime.

Spring Testing Dates

- April 10-14 FSA Mathematics for 3rd grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- April 10-20 FSA Reading for 5th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- April 21-26 FSA Math for 5th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- May 1-5 State Science Assessment for 5th grade students
- May 3-8 FSA Reading for 4th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- May 9-12 FSA Mathematics for 4th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS



Kindergarten Registration for 2017-2018

Kindergarten registration continues for next school year. Parents of incoming kindergarteners need a Portal username and password to access the Student Reservation System to reserve a seat for next school year. Please call the front office if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

PTA Elections



If there is something you love about Leila G. Davis, get involved and keep it going!
 If there is something you think needs improvement, get involved and make a change!

Serving on the PTA Board is a great opportunity to make a difference in your child's school and the PTA is in need of creative, energetic and dedicated parents to help make the upcoming 2017-2018 school year the best yet! All PTA Board positions are election based and open to anyone who is a

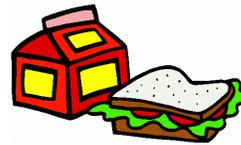
PTA general member. We are now accepting nominations for all of the executive board positions listed below for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in running for any of the below positions, or if you have any questions regarding the positions, please contact the PTA at Leiladavispta@gmail.com. The election to fill these positions will be held during the April 6, 2017 PTA General Meeting.

Position	2017-2018 Nominee
President	Robin Schroeder
Secretary	Jennifer Allen
Treasurer	Jessica Jones
VP Programs	Stephanie Ferrell
VP Ways and Means	Vacant
VP Legislative	Michelle Bowe
VP Membership	Jamie Varela

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Carol Buxton is our April volunteer of the month. Carol has been with us for 4 years and faithfully comes every Thursday all day to help the library with all of our many needs. She is hardworking and always willing to help out with any and all projects we have going on. We couldn't do all that we do without our volunteers and we are so lucky to have Carol. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.



Café News

Greetings from the Café!

Please remember to check your student's backpacks each day! If you are delinquent on the lunch account, I will always print a notice for your child to take home. These are delivered each day to their teacher for them to bring home.

I usually call you after 2 notices to advise that they have reached their "MAX borrow amount."

This year I plan to award 1 student in each class a prize at the end of the year for outstanding behavior in the cafeteria. It is the "Cafeteria Good Behavior Citizen of the Year" award. I will be working closely with my Café attendants to make the best choice! Here are the rules: NO kicking under the table, NO sharing/taking/touching another's food, NO throwing food of any kind, NO flipping, NO screaming, and keep your hands to yourselves, raise your hand to get permission to get up, listening to any direction given by staff members and lastly, clean up after yourselves. I will base my winner on whether they have followed these rules consistently.

As always if there any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Susanne Borsari
 Café Manager

Box Tops for Education

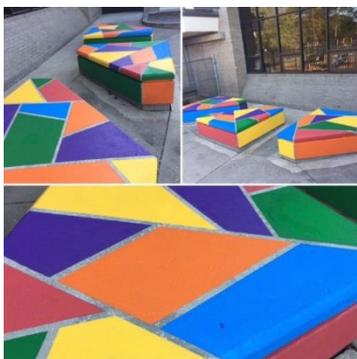


Davis Elementary participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The money collected each year helps to fund much needed technology projects and items throughout the school. Each teacher has a collection container in their classroom for Box Tops. At the end of each month, Box Tops will be collected from the classrooms and counted.



Mrs. Baldauf's Paint Palette

Art club has been on a mission to keep beautifying our campus! Our latest project was to make these gray concrete benches fun and colorful! We are now working on finishing up the mosaics that are on the planters in the bus and car circle! Due to all the campus beautification projects this year, we will not be selling artwork at spring fling this. Our scholars have been working so hard that spring fling has snuck up on us very quickly! While you are here enjoying spring fling, please be sure to check out all our campus beautification projects around school!



PE would like to thank all the family volunteers who came out to FIELD DAY 2017! We appreciate all your help and support! Field Day was a great success! The kids and teachers all had fun out in the sun showing off their teamwork and school spirit!



Sponsors this month:

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

- Employer's HR, LLC
- Creative Keys Music School



Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

- Mr. Piazza

Donation Requests



We are looking for coffee and tea K-Cup donations for our Volunteer Coffee Corner!

Physical Education



Super Sports of the Month:

The PE Department would like to congratulate the following students for the **March PE Super Sports Award**

Kindergarten- Samantha R.
1st Grade - Ethan M.
2nd Grade - Zachari G.
3rd Grade - Grady C.
4th Grade - Zoriana N.



If you have any baskets that you would like to donate for us to use for our Spring Fling baskets we would appreciate it!



Our clinic needs shorts or pants in ALL sizes to have on hand in case of an emergency. We are also in need of underwear and socks. Please consider donating your gently used clothing to the clinic.

Schew's 5th Grade Class:

Johnathan D.
Kurt J.
Audrey N.
Roman O.
Lucy P.
Gabriella P.
Maxwell S.



LOST AND FOUND



If your child is missing something, it is probably in one of these Lost and Found boxes. Please come in and go through the mounds of things in here to find your missing item.



**The following students
have already
completed the Istation
Reading program**

Mrs. Burr's 5th Grade Class:

Gracie C.
Sivan K.
Jasmine R.
Ali T.
Cayson W.

Mrs. Gallers 5th Grade Class:

Fabio C.
Caleigh G.
Grace M.

Hidalgo's 5th Grade Class:

Luz O.

No GERM Zone

Its germ season again! It's the time of year for illness and germs to spread through classrooms and schools. This is especially true for influenza-like illness, and gastrointestinal illness! There are a number of ways to promote staff and student well-being through this germ time of year:

- Promote good hand washing.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and objects.
- Teach students to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.
- Teach students to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue.
- Encourage staff and students to stay home when they are sick.

School Health Services has guideline for exclusion from school when students and staff are ill. In general, everyone who has a temp of 101.F should stay home from school. They can return when they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. School nurses are always available to go into classrooms and teach students healthy habits.

Nurse Melissa



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



Media Matters



Mark your calendars now. The Scholastic Book Fair is coming April 20th-26th. Check the school website for dates and times the Book Fair will be open!

We will need volunteers to help run our Super Spring Book Fair. Volunteers must be active in the system in order to help. Book Fair is always a fun time to volunteer. You can see all the latest and greatest new books, help our school, and support the library! All active volunteers will receive an email soon with sign-up times. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Shannon Scott

Library Information Specialist

scottsha@pcsb.org



The Media Center collects used ink cartridges and old cell phones. We participate in a



recycling program where we earn points for each toner/ink cartridge or cell phone turned in. The points

are used to purchase Media Center supplies for the school.



Walk-A-Thon Schedule –Friday, April 7, 2017

8:40 – 9:25

Depadua,
McGovern, Taylor,
Chester, Brkljacic,
Spennato, Burr

9:30 – 10:15

Long, Hidalgo,
Schew, Hardy,
Bailey, Garos,

10:20 – 11:05

Valby, McClarty,
VanHorn,
(Higginbotham
Split), Gellers,
Moffitt, Johnson,
Johannessen

11:45 – 12:30

Bentley, Dayes,
Esparza, Warner,
Piatt, McDonald,
Rivera, Skinner

12:35 – 1:20

Owens, Knieja,
Jones, Carleton,
Kopka, Clark,

1:45 – 2:30

Beach, Grimberg,
Krueger, Flament,
Russo, Carollo,
(Higginbotham
Split),



Business Partner News



Want your child to have mad math skills? Join Mathnasium this summer for customized, individualized instruction, filling those skill gaps and preparing for next year. Call 727-799-3142 or stop by and speak to them at the Spring Fling!



Monday:

Taco and Margaritas on special
4:30 to 11PM

Tuesday:

2-4-1 Fajitas 4:30 to 10PM

Wednesday:

\$5 Nachos Supreme 4:30 to 10PM

Thursday:

Ladies night (sangria, mojitos and margaritas on special) 4:30 to 10PM. Happy hour every day 3 to 7PM. All promos are dine in only. NOT VALID FOR TAKE OUT. Can't combine any coupons or discounts. Can't use coupons or discounts on any of the promos.



2560 N McMullen Booth
Rd, Clearwater, FL
(727) 474-2314



April 21, 2017

5:30-8:00PM

Come join us for our annual Spring Fling Carnival! Ticket presales will be sold April 17-21 in the morning between 8:05-8:30AM. Ticket presale order forms will be coming home soon! This will be a great night of family fun and we are looking forward to seeing all of our Davis families here! Let the fun begin...



Petting Zoo

Bounce Houses

Silent Auction Baskets

Cotton Candy

Poblanos Mexican Grill

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Business Booths



Dunk Tank

Game Booths and New Games

Raffles

Slides and Obstacle Courses

Jersey Mike's Subs

Snow Cones

And Much More!!!

*Proceeds from this event will provide intervention materials and technology for our school!