

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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Principal's Page

A Message from Mr. Durst

Welcome back everyone to what will be an amazing school year for our Davis community. By now all students have settled into their new classrooms and we are off to a great start to the school year. It's hard to believe that next week it will already be September. I appreciate the continued support as we strive to help each student reach their highest potential. Our work together is very important. Research confirms that parental interest and involvement in a child's education is the most significant reason children succeed in school.

While we work together to develop students who will be good citizens of the future, our goal at Davis is to provide a nurturing and challenging education for all students. To reach these goals it is essential to establish and maintain an orderly environment. Listed below are a few ways that you can help us maximize student achievement at Davis:

- **Respect Our School Hours**

Office Hours:	7:45am - 4:00pm
Student Drop-off:	8:05am - 8:30am
Class begins:	8:35am (considered tardy if not in classroom)
School Hours:	8:35am - 2:35pm

Important September Dates:

9/5 - 6:30pm General PTA Meeting

9/6 - 3pm - 6pm Astro Skating Party

9/7 - 7:45am K-Kids Meeting

9/8 - Goodies for Grandparents

9/13 - PTA Fall Fundraiser Kickoff

9/15 - 7:30am All Pro Dad's Meeting

9/26 - Fall Pictures -SAC Meeting

9/27 - Fall Fundraiser Due

9/28 - 6:30-8pm Family Bingo Night

9/29 - School Newsletter



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- Stay up to date by viewing our school website <http://pcsb.org/davis-es>
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- Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at <https://www.peachjar.com>

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

- **Student Arrival and Drop-Off** - Adult supervision on campus begins at 8:05am, so please do not drop off your children before this time. We continue to have students dropped off before 8:05. We will be formally notifying parents who are continually dropping their children off before the designated time.
- **Make sure your child is here daily AND on time.** Children should always be on time for school. Students who arrive late to school (after 8:35am) 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 your child's success.
- **Please respect dismissal time.** Students must be picked up at 2:35 each day. We have many children who are being picked up well after the dismissal bell. Please make sure other arrangements have been made if you will be running late.
- **Check your child's planner/agenda nightly.** The planner is an important communication tool from the teacher 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 Davis website or contact our Family Community Liaison, Dominica Reed, for volunteer opportunities.
- **Expect your child to demonstrate respectful, responsible and safe behavior.** Davis is committed to providing a positive learning culture. We have a school-wide Positive Behavior Plan where we teach children behaviors that will ensure success in school and throughout life.

Each day presents wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children as we prepare them for success in school and in life. It is

with pride that I look forward to a productive and enriching school year! Thank you for your continued support! Please let us know if we can be of assistance to your family.

Safety Reminders

- If your child is a car rider, please make sure that you are using the name sign in your car window at pick-up time. Please print all signs in bold large letters. Car riders should have received a plastic hang tag during the first week of school to use during pick-up. Due to the cost of the plastic hang tags, parents will need to make a name sign for all cars that will be picking up your child...Mom, Dad, and Grandma too!
- Please refrain from talking or texting on your cell phone while moving in the car line. We have had some close calls with those who have their attention elsewhere!
- If possible, please refrain from picking your child up before dismissal time. This is disruptive to the learning for everyone in the class when classroom instruction is interrupted.
- Please do not drop off or pick up your children in undesignated areas. The only drop off and pick up area with supervision is in the car circle. Parents choosing to use the parking lot at Heritage United Methodist Church for drop off or pick up need to walk to and from the campus for drop off and/or pick up. We do not have Davis staff supervising the church parking lot.
- Please do not use the bus circle on the south end of the campus for drop off or pick up. This area is designated for school buses, day care vans, and staff parking.
- Please adhere to the "no left turn" signs as you are exiting the car circle. The Clearwater

Police Department will begin to monitor this and will soon be issuing tickets.

- Our car circle dismissal process is running efficiently, so please make sure that you are here to pick up your child by 2:45pm each day.

We appreciate your attention to these important safety issues.

requires you to be a registered and active volunteer. This includes field trips, 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. Don't forget to log your hours in FOCUS each time you volunteer as it helps our school to become a 5 star school. Please feel free to contact me anytime!

Dominica Reed
Family & Community Liaison
ReedDom@pcsb.org



This school year is off to a great start! Now that we are into the swing of things, we need our wonderful volunteers. Whether you have a few hours or minutes, we can always use your help. If you have not yet registered as a volunteer,

you will need to fill out a registration form and attach a copy of your ID or driver's license. The forms are located in the front office or I can email you one. If you are a returning volunteer, don't forget to re-activate your volunteer status for this school year so you can participate in activities and log your hours. <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/>.

*Remember, ANY activities at school, other than coming in to have lunch with your child,



Mrs. Baldauf's Paint Palette

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year at Davis Elementary! We are already hard at work in the art room, creating many beautiful pieces of art for our hallways. I look forward to another amazing year with your children and can't wait to see what their imagination has in store!

Creatively yours,

Mrs. Baldauf

Visual Arts Specialist K-5

Music Notes



Chorus

4th and 5th grade students are invited to participate in the Davis Chorus. Chorus meets for 45 minutes a week during the school day and will perform two evening concerts at Heritage United Methodist Church. Other performances are optional and will be announced well in advance. Information sheets and permission forms will go home next week and are due to Mr. Martinez by Friday, September 8.

** Volunteer opportunity – If any chorus parent would like to volunteer time for some administrative jobs, we will need help compiling emergency information, ordering and distributing shirts, and sending periodic reminders to families. Let Mr. M. know if you're interested!

Instrumental Music Program

The Music is Ageless band/guitar program is no longer working at Davis, so we are working on a plan to offer after school instrumental music rehearsals for our 4th and 5th graders. Please let Mr. M. know if you are interested.

Song of the Month

Our first song of the month is our Davis School Song, set to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Feel free to talk about the song with your students and have them teach you the words! Don't miss us performing the school song along with a patriotic song with sign language at our first ROAR Rally.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of music making with your students!

Mr. Martinez-Cooley and Ms. Hilliard



Café News

Hello Families!

The year is in full swing now, and it will soon be time to roll-out snacks and ice-cream! You will need to fund your child's account for these items or please explain why you will not allow purchases to them. We get a few tears each week because they do not have any money to buy anything, and their friends do. You may fund the account by sending in cash or personal check or at www.myschoolbucks.com with credit card for a fee.

I also wanted to remind you to be looking for my notices for those families who must re-apply for

free/reduced lunch. The prior year status must be renewed each year. September 20th will be the deadline for this. September 22nd, for those families who have not applied, the status will go to PAID, and lunch will cost \$2.00 each day.

The Cafeteria needs VOLUNTEERS, daily but especially on Fridays from 10:45AM-1PM. Please contact me at BORSARISU@pcsb.org if you are interested or feel free to call me with any questions (727) 669-1235.

Susanne Borsari, Café Manager

Davis Dining Room

Have you heard about our cafeteria reward program? Every day, classes strive to earn a "blue cup" by staying in their seats, using quiet voices, cleaning up at the end of the meal, and lining up properly. When a class earns 15 blue cups, they receive recognition for their great behavior. Ask your child how many blue cups their class has so far!



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



Stay informed on all LGD activities and events by staying connected with us. Events and information are posted on Peachjar. To register and receive all school e-flyers go to www.peachjar.com. If you are already signed up for

Peachjar at another school, just add our school by going to your profile and clicking on “My Account,” then click on notification preferences and choose our school.

This year we will also be sending out text reminders (text rates apply). 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 Physical Education Department is looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year. To ensure all students are safe and successful please review the rules and procedures listed below.

OVERVIEW: Pre-K students will have outdoor Physical Education class daily for thirty minutes. Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students will have outdoor Physical Education class three days a week for forty five minutes. These classes are supervised and instructed by one of the four members of the P.E. staff. The curriculum is based on Pinellas County Physical Education Curriculum Guidelines and on individual assessment of your child’s skills and needs.

MISSION STATEMENT: To educate and prepare students for physical activity now and in the future while enhancing each student’s overall physical fitness level.

ATTIRE: For your child’s safety, the P.E. Department requests rubber soled shoes that stay on your child’s feet. We request no boots, high-heeled shoes, spikes or sandals be worn. If your child wants to wear these shoes to school, we ask that he/she change before coming out to P.E. class. We also request girls wear shorts under dresses. Hats are permitted, please no sunglasses or jewelry due to safety concerns.

Sunscreen is highly recommended.

WATER BOTTLES: Please send a water bottle to school, labeled with your child’s name. It is very hot outside and it is important your child stays hydrated.

EXCUSES: ALL students will be expected to participate in all P.E. activities unless they present a note from a parent/guardian or doctor. If a student misses P.E. for more than three days in a row, a doctor’s note is required. In instances such as hospitalization, long-term illness, broken bones, and stitches, we will require a doctor’s release note. The note must be given to the P.E. instructor before the child may resume participation.

GRADING: Your child receives a grade in both skill and behavior each grading period. If your child is earning an “N” (Needs Improvement) for the grading period, the P. E. instructor will notify you.

P.E. RULES

SOLUTIONS

1. Listen and follow directions
1st - Verbal warning
2. Respect others
2nd - Time out in class / sit out remainder of class
3. Use P.E. equipment properly
3rd - If behavior continues Conduct Report sent home
4. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and participation

We also follow the school wide ROAR Reward program in which students receive certificates for positive behavior. In addition, students are able to earn Bear Bucks to use during P.E. class.

We hope this information will help you better understand our expectations for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to working with your child this year.

Mr. Daily, Mrs. White, Coach Brauer, Coach Stoll
Physical Education Department

Greetings from our PTA President,



Welcome to the start of another great school year! The 2017-2018 Leila G. Davis PTA has planned another amazing year of enriching and enjoyable programs and activities for the students and families of LGD. We are looking forward to some of our “old favorites,” such as Bingo Night, Trunk or Treat, and Movie Night. We are proud to financially support our school and be advocates for our students, parents, and teachers! We welcome your ideas, time, and financial support to make our plans a reality.

Don't delay and become a PTA Member TODAY! Our goal this year, as always, is to increase our membership. Becoming a member doesn't require you to volunteer or participate, though we always welcome and need your time and talent. Becoming a member DOES benefit your child by showing support for our organization that is dedicated to making a difference at our amazing school!

Please mark your calendar for our 1st **PTA General Meeting** of the year on **Tuesday, September 5th**. We will discuss who we are, what we do, and will vote on our proposed budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Also, we will have a guest speaker from Huntington Learning Center who will talk about surviving homework and study skills for you and your child. Refreshments will be served, and children are welcome. Hope to see you there! Please feel free to email me at leiladavispta@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Best regards,

Robin Schroeder, PTA President

Mom of a 2nd and 5th Grader



those needed skills for school. Building skills that will last a lifetime.

September 5th PTA General Meeting

Join us in our 1st general PTA meeting as we begin the school year. Learn how you can help your student at home and develop

A Parents Survival & Learning Workshop Session

A practical workshop offering parents the advice they need to tackle common homework problems.

- **A Survival Guide for Parents for Homework**
- **Learning how to build out your student's study skills when working with them at home.**

Huntington Learning Center – Debbie Pollock



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



ALL PRO DAD'S DAY
9/15 at 7:30am within the school's library
By: John Varlese Jr- Team Captain

All Pro Dad (a division of Family First) is a non-profit organization passionately committed to bringing intentional focus to fathers around the world. Their message is to inspire fathers to embrace who they are, share tenderness of heart with their children, and boldness of their character as a dad and husband. The Leila G. Davis Elementary Chapter of All Pro Dad strives to provide strength and guidance to our community of dads, along with practical tips in raising kids in a life giving way.

All Pro Dad's Day provides a monthly opportunity held within the school for dads to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship, along with building up an involved and dedicated community of dads at Leila G. Davis Elementary. Please join us by bringing your kids to our next All Pro Dad's Day Friday, September 15th at 7:30am in the school's library. Dads will share in the chance to enjoy a breakfast together, discuss openly how proud they are of their kids, partake in character building exercises,

explore some key fatherly topics, and at the end of the meeting kids will have an opportunity to win our monthly raffles.

Throughout the school year we will continue to meet every third Friday of the month for one hour, with a primary focus on influencing our children in truly significant ways, encouraging them to be well-rounded respected individuals, all while believing in themselves through the power of love and support of family. Your encouragement enriches their life, improves their grades, and fills their life with pride.

Be a "Hero" to your kids and join our local chapter at <https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772> to sign up for monthly meeting alerts, and various additional fun activities.

For further information regarding All Pro Dad please visit their website at www.allprodad.com And for Mom's there is helpful and inspiring information on www.imom.com as well.

Student Headphones

We kindly ask that all Davis Scholars have a pair of headphones for use at school. If you ordered the school supply kits over the summer, headphones were included in the order! All grade levels, Pre-K through 5th grade utilize computers and iPads throughout the week. Some of the programs or applications have sound and students need headphones in order to focus on the instructions from their device. For health and safety reasons we require each student to have their own pair of headphones. Earbuds are sometimes too big and difficult for our younger students to use.



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. Grade level winners will be recognized each month. The first Box Top collection will be at the end of September. Start looking on your grocery products today for those valuable Box Tops!



Anti-Bullying Policy

5517.01 Policy against Bullying/Harassment (Grades K-12 and Adults)
5517.01 LA POLÍTICA CONTRA LA INTIMIDACIÓN Y EL ACOSO (K-12 grados y adultos)

In response to the state law, *the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act*, the School Board adopted a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Florida is now one of 49 states with a law regarding bullying in schools.

The Policy defines Bullying and Cyber Bullying as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees and may involve but is not limited to: teasing, social exclusion, threat, intimidation,

stalking, including cyberstalking, physical violence, theft, sexual, religious, or racial harassment, public humiliation, and destruction of property.

The policy defines harassment as any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or employee that: Places a student or employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, has the effect

of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

La Junta Escolar ha adoptado una política que prohíbe la intimidación y el acoso respondiendo a una ley estatal: En respuesta a la ley estatal, *Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act*. Esta política asegura que todos los estudiantes, empleados y voluntarios aprendan y trabajen en un ambiente que sea seguro, sin peligros y libre de cualquier clase de intimidación y acoso. Florida es ahora uno de los 47 estados que tiene una ley referente a la intimidación en las escuelas.



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

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