

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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September 29, 2017

Principal: William Durst
Assistant Principal:
Kathryn Gualtieri

Principal's Page

A Message from Mr. Durst

I can hardly believe that next week will mark 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 the most significant reason children succeed in school.

As we work together to develop good and productive citizens of the future, our goal is to provide a nurturing and challenging education for all students. To reach this goal, maintaining an orderly environment is essential. Listed below are a few ways that you can help us maximize student achievement at Davis:

Respect School Hours

Office Hours:	7:45 am - 4:00 pm
Breakfast Opens:	8:05 am
First Bell:	8:25 am
Class begins:	8:35 am (considered tardy if not in classroom)
School Hours:	8:35 am – 2:35 pm

- Daily attendance and punctuality. Children should always be on time for school. Students who arrive late to school (after 8:35 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.



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>

Important October Dates:

- 10/2 – Celebration Station Spirit Night (students play free)
- 10/4 – Walk to School Day
- 10/5 – K-Kids 7:45AM
- 10/5 – Fall Fundraiser Kick Off
- 10/6 – ROAR Rally 8:45AM
- 10/15 – Mathnasium Scholarship Applications Due
- 10/17 – Kickball Game 6:30PM
- 10/20 – All Pro Dad Meeting 7:30AM
- 10/23-27 – Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24 – SAC Meeting 7PM
- 7/25 – Picture Retakes/Club Pictures
- 9/27 – School Newsletter
- Area 1 Associate Superintendent:
Mr. Ward Kennedy
(727) 588-5023

- 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 PTA calendar, PTA website (www.lgdpta.com) and school website for ways you can become involved here at school.
- Set the expectation of your child to follow our Guidelines For Success (R.O.A.R.) Respectful, On task, Aim High, and Responsibility. Davis is committed to providing a positive learning culture.

You may have seen our staff shirts with the theme "The Bigger the Dream, the More Important the Team". This quote says it all and will help determine our success. I am looking forward to an amazing school year as we partner together to inspire and grow greatness. Your strong commitment and support will help us achieve our goals.

Just a few reminders regarding arrival and dismissal

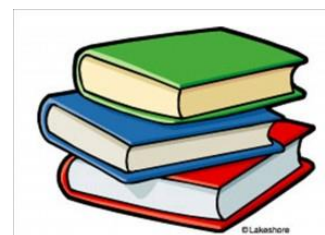
- Adult supervision on campus begins at 8:05 AM, so please do not drop off your children before this time. We continue to have students dropped off before 8:05. We will formally notify parents who are continually dropping their children off before the designated time.
- Parents may accompany their child to breakfast in the cafeteria after coming through the main office. For student safety reasons, **parents are to remain in the main hallways and are not permitted to enter the classroom pods or visit teachers.**
- Please refrain from talking or texting on your cell phone in the car line. Your child's safety is our biggest concern.

- If possible, please refrain from picking your child up between 2:00 and 2:35pm. Every minute of the school day is used for instruction. Leaving early is disruptive to the learning environment.
- 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 are responsible for walking to and from the campus for drop off and/or pick up.
- 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.
- Our car circle has become more efficient, please make sure your child is picked up by 2:45 PM each day.

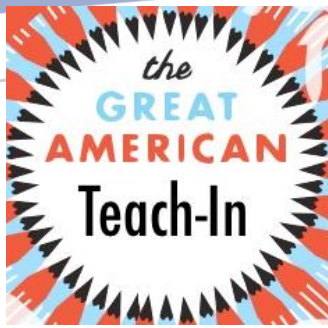
Thank you, and we appreciate your attention to these important safety issues.



Curriculum Corner



MAP Assessment Testing will continue until October 13th.



The Great American Teach In is on November 15th!

We are seeking individuals with dynamic personalities, as well as their insight on the importance of education, hard work and the determination to succeed

no matter what the circumstance. Our goal during this educational experience is to provide a new perspective from the community that will inspire, motivate, and stimulate our youth to think outside the box. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact Dominica Reed at ReedDom@pcsb.org

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, 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.

Dominica Reed
Family & Community Liaison
ReedDom@pcsb.org



Wednesday, October 4th is our Walk to School Day!
Meet in the Stein Mart parking lot at 7:45AM to walk

to school. PTA will provide water when we arrive at our school on the back PE court.



PTA News

Fall is officially here, and we are excited for a busy and fun October!!

Because of Hurricane Irma, we had to move our fall fundraiser. **Kick-off is Thursday, October 5th and order forms are due Thursday, October 19th.** Please be on the lookout for fundraiser packets in your child's backpacks next week. We appreciate your support and look forward to raising a lot of money for our awesome school!

All Pro Dad's will be hosting a **kickball game on Tuesday, October 17th**, and one of our all-time favorites, **Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 27th!** More details to come. As always, the office will be collecting candy donations, so feel free to drop off a bag at your convenience.

It's not too late to join the PTA. Joining the PTA is one of the cheapest things you'll buy all year to support your child's school. Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the PTA because they can't come to meetings or be on campus during the day. We want everyone to feel that they are part of the Davis Family. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help, but if you are unable to help, that's ok too! We hope to have at least 350 members this year! We have great incentives like coupons for freebies at Chick-fil-A, Smoothie King, Rita's and more, just for joining! Membership is only \$8 and forms are available in the office or on our website at <https://lgdpta.com>.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at leiladavispta@gmail.com . S

Sincerely,

Robin Schroeder, PTA President

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! @leiladavispta

Media Matters



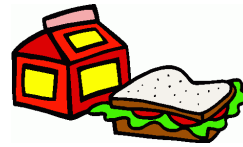
The Media Center continues to be a busy place in the school. I have enjoyed meeting with classes this past month in the library and in the labs. The Media Center circulated over 3,500 books this past month! That is A LOT of books that students have checked out to read. But it is also A LOT of books that need to be re-shelved and get back where they belong in the Media Center! If you have time to spare we could use your help in the library. If you are coming to eat lunch with your child or volunteer in the classroom please consider stopping by and helping us out. Even if you only have 20 or 30 minutes a week to spare we could use your help. Email Mrs. Scott scottsha@pcsb.org with any questions or stop by the media center the next time you are here. Please remember that you must be a registered volunteer to help.

In October, we will kick off the Sunshine State Reading program for the Battle of the Books in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Students will bring home information about how they can participate in our school Battle of the Books!

The Media Center received a mini makeover over the summer. Thanks to funds raised from Scholastic Book Fairs and generous donations to the Media Center, we were able to purchase new shelving in our Everyone and Fiction area of the library. This is the 6th installment of new shelves over the past 5 years. The goal is to eventually replace all the original shelving throughout the Media Center. Stop by and see the latest addition to the new shelving project. We are very excited about the beautiful new shelves!



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.



Café News

Greetings from the Café!

We are excited to offer free student meals until October 20th! The menus are posted on the website. We have had close to 120 new students eating at the cafeteria and hopefully they will have good things to tell Mom and Dad.

I would like to remind those families who have not yet re-applied for Free/Reduced Lunch to do so as soon as possible. Lunch will cost \$2.00 each day, and please factor in extra money for snacks/ice-cream each week. If you wish to place a restriction on your child's account such as "No Snacks- Ice-Cream," "it's ok on Fridays" or NO extras, etc, you must call the cafeteria at (727) 669-1235. I do not take directions from a student, as this is YOUR money.

Have a Great Halloween!



Your Opinion Counts! Please complete the survey below regarding cafeteria breakfast and lunches.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSPB6NM>

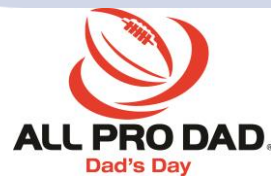


Stay informed on all LGD activities and events by staying connected with us. Events and information are posted on Peachjar. To register and receive all school e-flyers go to www.peachjar.com. If you are already signed up for Peachjar at another school, just add our school by going to your profile and clicking on "My Account," then click on notification preferences and choose our school.



This year we will also be sending out **text reminders** (texting 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.



KICKBALL GAME

10/17 at 6:00pm baseball field at the back of the school

ALL PRO DAD'S DAY

10/20 at 7:30am within the school's Media Center

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

All Pro Dad is a non-profit organization (a division of FamilyFirst.net) whose passion is to inspire fathers (or other strong male role models) in guiding their families with the tenderness of the heart, promote value and encouragement within our children, strive to be a beacon of strength, and embrace boldness of character as a dad. Research has shown that a father's involvement in their child's academic success yield key benefits such as enhanced grades, increased social skills, improved behavior, and strong character development. The Leila G. Davis Elementary Chapter of All Pro Dad provides 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 is an exceptional and fulfilling monthly event held at Leila Davis for dads to spend quality time bonding with their children, strengthening their family relationships, along with building up an involved and dedicated grouping of dads within the Davis Community. Dads will enjoy a welcoming 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. For those Dads who have joined us for our first couple gatherings, I thank you for your continued support, and encourage you to bring a friend to our next Dad's Day. We encourage all dads and their kids to join us at to our next All Pro Dad's Day Friday, October 20th at 7:30am in the school's Media Center. This month's topic will be "Responsibility".



Physical Education

Congratulations to the September **SUPER SPORT STUDENTS**

- Kindergarten - Madyson Bass (Adkins)
- 1st Grade - Lauren Robinson (Jones)
- 2nd Grade - Isabella Naegle (Grimberg)
- 3rd Grade - Jude Fair-Purcell (Flament)
- 4th Grade - Natalie Adams (Garos)
- 5th Grade - Ian Wilson (Schew)

Upcoming School Events

- October 4Walk to School Day
- November 17 P.E. Turkey Trot

Reminders

Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes only at P.E.
Water bottles encouraged ☺

Your Leila Davis P.E. Staff,
Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll, Coach Brauer



Decision Time: Middle School

**Wednesday, October 11th
6:00pm in the Cafeteria**

School representatives will present information about their programs and be available after to answer individual questions.

Hope to see you there!

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. To all our wonderful Davis Scholars out there you make us so very proud, keep up the great work!

In addition to our monthly Dad's Day we also look forward to hosting various events that encourage family involvement. Please also join us on October 17th for our family friendly Kids vs Adults Kickball Game, held at the school's baseball field. To become part of the Leila G. Davis Elementary All Pro Dad Chapter and get monthly meeting alerts and activity updates join our local chapter at

<https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772>

For Play-of-the-Day inspirations link to <http://www.allprodad.com/subscribe/>



Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship

A special thank you to the following sponsors for donating to our classrooms and school!

Davis Business Partner (\$350 and up)

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

- Haley Family

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

- Graywater Plumbing

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

- Bowyer Family
- Mr. & Mrs. Clemens
- Brian Maurer
- Patton Automotive
- Ralston Family
- Tiffany Restaurant

Davis Associate (up to \$99)

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



Volunteer of the Month



Robin Schroeder is our Volunteer of the Month and she is also our PTA President. She has been an avid volunteer the past 5 years and is always willing to jump in and help out wherever we need her. Thank you for all of your hard work and countless volunteer hours!

Box Tops for Education



Our school participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The money collected each year helps to fund much needed technology projects and items throughout the school. Each teacher has a collection container in their classroom for Box Tops. At the end of each month, Box Tops will be collected from the classrooms and counted. We collect the bags from the teachers on the last Friday of the month. Please make sure your teachers name is on the bag.



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

Business Partners

2017-2018



Countryside Location 727-799-3142.



Call us at **727-784-1114**



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

Fun Fact!

October





Pinellas Elementary School Menu

October is National Pizza Month!



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

All menus are subject to change! We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options; however, sometimes crops, weather & availability have other ideas!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</p> <p>Choose One: Cheeseburger or Hamburger Roasted BBQ OR Herb Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, & Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie</p> <p>Choose: Green Beans * Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>3 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Featured Entrée: Gilardi Stuffed Crust Pizza</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Farmers' Salad Jamwich Kit</p> <p>Choose: Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>4 Glazed Dunker</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti & Meatballs Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>5 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Max Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>6 Morning Sausage Roll</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p>Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>9 Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Sandwich Loaded BBQ Pork & Cheese Tots w/ Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie</p> <p>Choose: Sliced Carrots Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>10 Egg & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose One: Featured Entrée: Cheeseburger Pizza</p> <p>Corn Dog Farmers' Salad Jamwich Kit</p> <p>Choose: Oven Baked Beans Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>11 Cinnamon Roll</p> <p>Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>12 Sausage Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken & Waffle Mini Calzones Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Marinara Cup Mixed Vegetable Blend Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>13 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Taco</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Potato Crusted Fish Sticks w/ Corn Muffin Loaf Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p>Choose: Corn Nibbles • Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>National School Lunch Week</p>				
<p>16 Maple Pancake Minis</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Nuggets w/ Roll Pizza Crunchers Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie</p> <p>Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>17 Egg/Ham/Cheese English Muffin</p> <p>SCHOOL FAVORITES DAY</p> <p><i>Students choose the menu!</i></p> 	<p>18 Chicken Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Cheeseburger Meatloaf w/Roll Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>19 Cheesy Bacon Toast</p> <p>Choose One: Beef or Pork Tacos Cheesy Bread Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Marinara Cup Refried Fiesta Beans Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>20 Pancake Pup</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo w/ Breadstick Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p>Choose: Spinach or Collard Greens Veggie Dippers</p>
<p>23 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</p> <p>Choose One: Cheeseburger or Hamburger Roasted BBQ OR Herb Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, & Roll Fruit & Yogurt Plate Turkey & Cheese Hoagie</p> <p>Choose: Green Beans * Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>24 Scrambled Egg, Bacon, & Biscuit</p> <p>Choose One: Featured Entrée: Gilardi Pepperoni Calzone</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Farmers' Salad Jamwich Kit</p> <p>Choose: Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>25 Glazed Dunker</p> <p>Choose One: Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries Spaghetti & Meatballs Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers</p>	<p>26 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch Max Sticks Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Marinara Cup Deli Roasted Potatoes Leafy Green Side Salad</p>	<p>27 Morning Sausage Roll</p> <p>Choose One: Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p>Choose: Oven Baked Beans Veggie Dippers</p>
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Mentor Strategies Workshop



Volunteers are provided useful information about being a mentor, who offers encouragement. Participants will learn PCS mentoring policies & procedures, effective listening skills, goal setting, communication skills and relationship building. Attendance is required for all new Pinellas County mentors.

Note: Please register in advance. To register, call the Office of Strategic Partnerships, Family & Community Relations: 727-588-5050 or email Michelle Roberge at robergem@pcsb.org



Wednesday, 10/11/2017 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
City of St. Pete
Water Resource Building, Conf. Rm.
1650 Third Ave., North, St. Petersburg, FL



Tuesday, 10/17/2017 - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
PCS Administration Building
301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL
Room E111



Thursday, 10/19/2017 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pinellas Education Foundation
Wells Fargo Conference Room
12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL



Thursday, 10/19/2017 – 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Dunedin Elementary School
900 Union Street
Dunedin, FL



5000 Role Models of Excellence



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Peer to Peer