

Leila G. Davis Elementary School

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A Message from Mrs. Hill

The end of another school year provides us with a time to reflect, celebrate, recognize, and to say goodbye. Davis continues to be a place of excellence and a family that cares for the needs of one another. I am so very proud of the accomplishments of our Davis Scholars this school year. I hope you are able to recognize the growth and maturity that your child has achieved over the course of this school year. We, as a school, have been privileged to be a part of this development and are extremely proud of the work our scholars have accomplished this year. As educators, our hope is that the lessons that are taught daily are ones that stay with them for their lifetime and help them to become better students, learners and citizens as they grow. I would like to thank our parents, staff, community, PTA, and SAC for the outstanding support we have received this school year. Davis Elementary is the best elementary school in Pinellas County due to the efforts of so many wonderful supporters. For our 5th graders, I wish them well as they move onto 6th grade. I know you are well prepared for middle school. I hope you come back and visit sometime...you are always welcome! In closing, I wish each of you a wonderful summer and we will see you in August to kick off another great school year.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS ON JUNE 2nd. THIS IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY AND STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12:35PM. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS CHANGE IN DISMISSAL TIME!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2015-2016

The first day of the 2015-2016 school year will be Monday, August 24, 2015. Our school hours have not changed for next year. We will have a Meet n' Greet for parents and students on Thursday, August 20th from 2:00pm-3:00pm. This will give parents and students the opportunity to see their new classroom and bring in any requested school supplies before the first day of school.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2015-2016

Postcards will be mailed the week of August 17th with your child's **TENTATIVE** classroom assignment and teacher for next year. Please be sure to have a CURRENT address on file in FOCUS. Currently, our enrollment is over capacity for the fall and is being closely monitored by the Student Assignment Office. Therefore, all classroom assignments will be tentative due class size mandates and shifts in enrollment. An automated message will be sent out to families when tentative assignments are complete and postcards are being mailed. Please keep in mind we do not accept requests for teachers and changes in class placement will only happen if needed to meet class size mandates.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

A suggested school supply list for 2015-2016 is attached to this newsletter and posted on the school website. We will also be sending home a copy in the student progress reports being sent home on the last day of school. The supplies listed are recommended for your child to have ready to go for the first day school. In addition to the listed school supplies, we are recommending ALL students bring in their own headphones to keep at school. The headphones are essential for many of the computer programs we use each day such as ST Math and Istation. As always, if you are unable to provide your child with the requested supplies, please let his/her teacher know in the fall.

END OF YEAR REMINDERS

- Please pay off any negative cafeteria balances.
- Please return all classroom textbooks to Davis Elementary - Parents/Guardians will need to pay for any damaged or lost textbooks. Contact Mr. Durst if you need to pay for a damaged or lost textbook.
- Please return all library books to the Media Center.

MEDICATION PICK UP

The school year ends on June 2, 2015. Pinellas County School policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer. Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and Epi-Pens. **Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 03:00 p.m. without exception.** Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Moving or planning to move??According to the Code of Student Conduct, if you move during the school year or in the summer months, parents are required to give the school their new address within five days of their move. If the school discovers that you have moved and you have not informed the school, your child could be considered to be "found out of that school's attendance area." This could mean an immediate change of school for your child. Follow these easy steps to update your address and keep the district informed. Please be sure to provide updated phone numbers to us as well. These are extremely important in case of a child's illness or other emergency.

Steps to change your child's address:

Go to <https://reservation.pcsb.org/> and login with your user ID and password

Click on change of Residence Address link and follow the steps

Proof of Residence

Requires **two** of the following items: utility bill for power, water, cable, sewer, or land-based telephone (not cellular); rental agreement or lease; closing document; Pinellas County tax statement including homestead exemption. These items must be recent and include the name of the parent/guardian and the service/home address.

SUMMER BRIDGE REGISTRATION

Could your child benefit from extra learning opportunities over the summer? Enrollment for Summer Bridge is underway. Summer Bridge is designed for students who are not performing on grade level or need additional help to stay on track. The programs provide engaging activities and intensive instruction to ensure that students are prepared for maximum success when the school year begins. Most Summer Bridge programs will run **Monday through Thursday from June 16 to July 23.** Parents can register online using the Student Reservation System at <https://reservation.pcsb.org>. Schools will also assist families with the registration process. Summer Bridge locations and the latest information can be found on the district's Summer Bridge website, www.pcsb.org/summerbridge. Contact the school for additional info.



Mrs. Scott

scottsha@pcsb.org

It was a great day at the Educational Media Awards (EMA) on Wednesday, May 27th. We had 10 student made videos that placed at the awards show.

K-2

All About Bessie Coleman - 2nd place Documentary

Crosswalks - 1st place PSA

K Dreams Big - 1st place News Feature

Kindness Counts - 2nd places News Feature

Grand Old Flag - 1st place Music

Kid News - 1st place News Show

3-5

Gun Safety - 3rd place PSV

Out of My Mind - 1st place Book Trailer

New Discovery - 2nd place News Feature

Rebecca Experience - 1st place Documentary

All students will take home new password/login sheets this summer. This sheet will come home with report cards. Please continue to use programs such as iStation, ST Math and Ticket to Read over the summer. Also with report cards a summer reading log packet will be enclosed. Schools with the highest percentage of participation with the reading log will receive a library makeover! Be sure to read and work on the computer programs this summer.

Summer Learning Strategies

As we enter the Summer Break, I would like to highly encourage everyone to take every opportunity to read with your students and incorporate basic math skill fluency into your daily summer activities. Compelling research shows that the greatest loss of knowledge occurs over the summer and that the best remedy is to routinely make literacy a priority, while at the same time giving equal attention to Math. Studies have shown that the greatest loss for literacy over the summer occurs is with spelling and for math it is computation and factual skills. Addressing spelling accuracy and math computation will help to maintain the factual and procedural knowledge gained in the classroom. A great math resource that will provide you with age appropriate math skill ideas can be found at <http://www.mathfactcafe.com/>. This resource will generate materials that address everything from basic math facts, to money, to multiplication activities. The site even gives you multiple ways to tailor the activities for your students.

Summer Technologies

I am excited to announce that many of the educational technologies your students have come to enjoy will be available over the summer. Both ST Math and iStation for reading have proven to be valuable learning and teaching tools. To date in ST Math, 39% of our students have completed their grade level syllabus, however that does not mean there is not more to do. There are many challenges and optional activities that have been opened up so that your children can continue with JiJi over the summer. The other resource, iStation, provides targeted and engaging reading interventions to move all students forward regardless of reading level. iStation is designed to be used with pre-K through 8th grade students and will allow students to read and work on reading skills beyond their current grade level.

For those parents who find the beloved penguin JiJi quite endearing and intriguing, Mind Research, the company behind ST Math is offering two different apps for your mobile devices. One is called **KickBox** and the other is called **BigSeed**. Both of these apps are a multistep thinking game drawing on the concept of problem solving without the use of words.

Florida Standards Assessment

As many are aware, state testing results will not be available for several weeks. Once we have received scores from the state we will communicate with you regarding the results from the administration of FSA this year.

P.E. Shorts

Grades 3-5 have finished the Being Fit Matters Assessment. A printout of these results will be sent home with report cards.

We all know the Florida sun can be brutal, especially during the hottest months of the year. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Protect your family.

Slip! Slop! Slap! And Wrap!

SLIP on a shirt

SLOP on sunscreen

SLAP on a hat

WRAP on sunglasses

It has been a pleasure working with your children this year!
Have a safe and fun summer!

P.E. Department

Important Dates



May 29-31	5 th Grade D.C. Trip
June 1	5 th Grade Clap Out 2:15 pm
June 2	5 th Grade Ceremony 9:00am Report Cards sent home Last Day of School- Early Dismissal
August 24	First Day of School

Thank you Spring Fling contributors for making the night “Out of this World!”

- Lin Longo- Lawn Doctor of Clearwater
- Michelle Opie- Frontier Hardwood Flooring
- George Woods- Stop N Shop
- J. Park Taekwondo
- Countryside Lanes
- Sam’s Club
- Heritage United Methodist Church
- Mike Short & Lee Roy Selmon’s
- Jimmy John’s
- Mathnasium
- GattiTown
- Capogna’s Dugout
- The Clearwater Threshers
- Grimaldi’s Coal Brick Oven Pizzeria
- Countryside Country Club
- Publix
- Clearwater Police Dept.
- Clearwater Fire Dept.

A HUGE Thank You to the Room Parents and teachers for their time and hard work putting together the AMAZING baskets this year! Thank You to all of our great Davis volunteers who helped out, our DJ Amy Christensen, the wonderful PTA, our cafeteria manager and staff, Todd and our Plant Operations staff, Jeff Wasilewski, and Heritage United Methodist Church for all of their help! Without everyone’s time and efforts we would not have been able to pull it off!



Class/Program Sponsorship

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

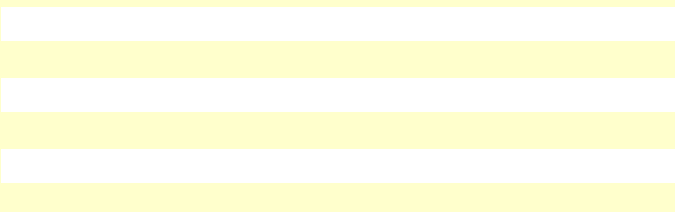
Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

Davis Associate (\$35-\$99)

- J. Park Taekwondo
- Lawn Doctor of Clearwater
- Countryside Lanes
- Frontier Hardwood Flooring
- Sam’s Club
- Stop N Shop

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



Summer is here! Sign up for FREE

Summer fun!

The PTA Page

June 2015



Message from our President

Hello Davis Families,

Hard to believe the school year is over. Time does fly when you are busy learning. We have accomplished so much this year for the students and staff at Davis Elementary. I want to personally thank all the dedicated volunteers who served on our PTA board and those who offered their time and talents to help out whenever needed. It takes a team of people working together to accomplish what we have done this year. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I look forward to serving Davis again next year and working along side another great group of volunteers. The parents at our school help make our jobs rewarding by giving their money in our fundraisers, attending our various events and activities, and volunteering their time in the classrooms. It has been a pleasure getting to know many of you this year. I hope others will get involved next year and be a part of all the great things happening at our school.

We have many great activities planned for next year. The school calendar that is given out in August will have the dates and times of all the events planned for the coming school year. Be sure to check the calendar each month to see where you can plug in and be a part of a great group of families. The 5 years spent at Davis goes by very quickly. Take it from me, parent of an outgoing 5th grader and incoming 5th grader – the years have flown by.

Amy Christensen, PTA President

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Attention baseball fans, All Pro Dads is promoting a night at the ballpark for all Davis Families. Saturday, June 13th 6:30 pm Join All Pro Dads and other Davis families at the Threshers Stadium in Clearwater. You can purchase your tickets at the stadium directly. Tickets are \$12.50 per person and includes your game ticket and all you can eat food from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Kids 4 and under are free. Be sure to ask for the Davis section of seating when you purchase your tickets – hope to see you there!

MEET YOUR NEW PTA BOARD FOR 2015

Many thanks to the parents listed below who have volunteered to serve on our PTA board next school year. We have a great group of volunteers! Of course we are always looking for more parents who want to get involved and help with the various programs and services the PTA provides throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the PTA. We need you!

PRESIDENT	Amy Christensen
SECRETARY	Jennifer Allen
TREASURER	Deana Graebner
VP PROGRAMS	Casey Yarborough
MEMBERSHIP	Kristen Hunt
LEGISLATIVE	Michelle Bowe
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ALL PRO DADS	Mike Short
WEBSITE	James Buchert
PRODUCT SALES	Stephanie Ferrell
ROOM PARENT COORD.	Shannon Stein
HISTORIAN /WEB SITE	Ekaterini Getakios-Siren
HOSPITALITY	Terra Bredeson
HOSPITALITY CO CHAIR	Melanie Bishop
BLUE FOLDERS	Cherie Green



Dates to Remember

June	2	Last day of School!
June	13	Threshers Game at 6:30 pm
Aug.	20	Meet and Greet your new teacher
Aug.	24	First day of school
Aug.	25	Open House for all grade
Sep.	7	Labor Day - no school

LEILA G. DAVIS ELEMENTARY
Suggested School Supply List 2015-2016

PRE K

- Complete change of clothes
Diapers/Pull Ups (if needed)
1 box of baby wipes
1 roll of paper towels
1 package of paper plates and napkins
Snack to share with class (goldfish/pretzels)
Bottle of juice
Small blanket/pillow for rest time
Standard backpack (no mini backpacks please)
Lysol wipes
2 boxes of Kleenex
Headphones
1 bottle hand sanitizer

SCHOOL WIDE WISH LIST
(Please drop off in the front office)

- Hand sanitizer
- Reams of white copy paper
- Clorox/Antibacterial wipes
- Ink pens/pencil

This is a suggested supply list. We always welcome additional donations if possible. Please contact your child's teacher or guidance counselor in the fall if you are unable to send in supplies and we will make sure your child has what he/she needs. Thank you for your continued support.

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KINDERGARTEN

3 black and white composition notebooks

1 roll of paper towels

2 packages of twistable crayons

1 package of 24 count Crayola crayons

2 packages #2 pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)

1 box of quart OR gallon sized zip-lock baggies

2 packages Elmers brand glue sticks (small or large)

1 packages EXPO dry erase markers (black or colored)

1 box of Kleenex

Headphones

1 bottle hand sanitizer

1 container of Clorox wipes

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FIRST GRADE

1 plain white 3 round ring binder (1 ½" with plastic sleeve cover)

1 plain white 3 round ring binder (3" with plastic sleeve cover)

2 folders with pockets and prongs (red and blue)

2 packages of #2 pencils (sharpened please)

2 packs of glue sticks

2 boxes of crayons (24 count)

1 package pink pearl erasers

1 plastic pencil box (8" x 5")

1 black and white composition notebook

1 packages black EXPO markers

1 package 3x5 index cards

Headphones

1 large box Kleenex

1 container Clorox wipes/hand sanitizer

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SECOND GRADE

3 black and white composition notebooks

2 boxes of crayons

20 sharpened pencils

Zip-lock baggies (boys – quart size; girls - gallon sized)

4 glue sticks

2 packages of wide ruled notebook paper

2 Three-Ring Binders (1 inch) white with clear pockets

1 box of tissues

1 plastic pencil box (8" x 5")

Headphones

1 container Clorox wipes/hand sanitizer

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THIRD GRADE

1 package of crayons and colored pencils

2 packages glue sticks

2 packages pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)

4 black and white composition books

4 plastic folders with prongs and pockets

2 packages of wide ruled notebook paper

1 ream of copy paper

1 three ring view binder (1 inch)

1 three ring view binder (2 inch)

1 package of highlighters

1 pair of scissors

1 package of black EXPO markers

Headphones

1 container Clorox wipes/hand sanitizer

SCHOOL WIDE WISH LIST

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- Reams of white copy paper
- Clorox/Antibacterial wipes
- Ink pens/pencil

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FOURTH GRADE

4 jumbo glue sticks

2 packages #2 pencils (Ticonderoga or Mirado preferred)

4 black and white composition books (no spirals)

1 package of wide ruled notebook paper

1 zipper pencil pouch

Colored pencils or crayons (twistable preferred)

2 three ring view binders (1 inch) with pockets and clear insert on front

1 pair of scissors

Pencil top erasers

Headphones

1 container Clorox wipes

1 box of tissues

Hand sanitizer

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FIFTH GRADE

*Students will be rewarded for having these supplies
the first day of school 😊*

2 packages dividers (approximately 10)

1 package pencils (sharpened or mechanical with erasers)

1 single subject spiral notebook

2 packages of wide ruled notebook paper

2 packages ¼" graph paper (3 hole punch preferred)

1 package of colored pencils (twistable preferred)

1 package of dry erase markers

2 binders (1 ½ inch) with pockets

2 binders (1 inch) with pockets

2 packages super sticky post-it notes

2 boxes of Kleenex

Headphones (not earbuds) in a zip-lock baggie

1 container Clorox wipes/Hand sanitizer

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