

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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Principal's Page

A Message from Mrs. Hill

It has been a fantastic month at Davis! All of our students came back from Winter Break ready to get back to work. Teachers are continuing to administer mid-year assessments to check for student mastery of standards and to help drive instructional decisions in the classroom. Extra support and a variety of interventions are being provided for those students needing additional support. In addition, many of our clubs kicked off again last week providing various enrichment opportunities for our scholars.

Earlier this month we hosted a Family Math Night sponsored by MIND Research, the creators of ST Math. We had close to 200 families in attendance engaged in fun games to support mathematical thinking. We had many Davis staff, as well as district staff, serving as facilitators and teaching families how to play these strategy games. The famous ST Math mascot, JiJi, stopped by for a visit and posed for several photos with students, families, and even our Superintendent, Dr. Grego. Check out the pictures in this newsletter capturing the family fun!

Has your child been talking about the school-wide mosaic they have been working on in art class the past several weeks? WOW! Mrs. Baldauf (Sullivan) and local artist, Heather Richardson, have been working tirelessly with our scholars to create a 65-foot mosaic that is currently in the process of being installed on the north side of the campus near the cafeteria/YMCA entrance. It looks amazing and quite the masterpiece highlighting the artistic talents of our Davis Bear Cubs. Even more exciting is that we found out this week Fox 13's Good Day Tampa Bay will be broadcasting this school-wide beautification project on "Charley's World" featuring news reporter Charley Belcher on Monday, January 30th. Live segments will be broadcast

Important February Dates

- 2/2 - K-Kids Meeting
7:45AM
- 2/3 - Daddy/Daughter
Dance 6:30-8PM
- 2/8 - Volunteer
Orientation 9AM,
1:30PM
- 2/8 - Astro Skating
Party
- 2/13-17 - Love and
Kindness Week
- 2/15 - All Pro Dads
Meeting 7:30-8:30AM
- 2/20 - NO SCHOOL
for students (Pro Ed
Day for teachers)
- 2/21 - 5th Grade
Enterprise Village
- 2/23 - ROAR Rally
- 2/28 - Closed Campus
for FSA Testing 8:30-
12pm
- 2/28 - SAC Meeting

Area 1 Associate Superintendent:
Mr. Ward Kennedy
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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>

between 6:50am-10:00am. Be sure to set those DVR's so you can watch Davis Elementary on the news!

Next Tuesday night, January 31st, is the Pinellas County Schools Evening of Excellence. This is a special evening recognizing outstanding volunteers, business partners, and educators who support teaching and learning throughout this district. We will be honoring our Business Partner of the Year nominee, Mathnasium and cheering on Miss Kopka, a finalist for Teacher of the Year. The event will be held at Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg beginning at 7:00. If you are interested in attending tickets can be purchased for \$10 (\$12 at the door) through the Mahaffey Theater box office. All proceeds from this event support the Pinellas Education Foundation. We wish Miss Kopka much luck as she represents Pinellas County's outstanding teachers and Leila Davis Elementary!

This spring our intermediate students will be taking the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Our fourth and fifth graders will be taking the FSA Writing Assessment the week of February 27th. All first and second grade students will be taking the SAT-10 mid-March right after Spring Break. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be administered the FSA (ELA and Math) on various dates beginning the end of March through most of April. In addition, our 5th grade students will be taking the State Science Assessment the first week of May. A more detailed testing schedule will be sent home in the coming weeks and will be posted on our school website. Please begin talking with your child about the importance of these tests. Please show confidence in your child's ability to be successful not only in the classroom but also on state and district assessments. Praising a child's hard work and ability gives the child strength and self-confidence to do well. If you have any questions about the SAT-10, FSA, or SSS, please contact your child's teacher.

We have a very busy February ahead of us on campus! Our All Pro Dad's is hosting our sixth annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on February 3rd at 6:30pm. Tickets will be on sale Monday through Wednesday

next week before school. Please look for the flyer that came home this week (and on Peachjar) with details about this special night for our daddies and daughters! Davis Love and Kindness Week will be held the week of February 13th. More details will be coming about this special week around the Davis campus.

Finally, I want to remind families that safety is a top priority and I appreciate everyone abiding by our policies and helping to maintain a safe learning environment for all our students. Just a few reminders:

- There is NO student drop off/pick up in the bus circle. Parents are asked to use the car circle for drop off and pick up each day. The bus circle is reserved for staff parking and for our buses and day care vans to pick up and drop off students each day.
- We are lucky to have a wonderful partnership with the church next door. The church parking lot is NOT a place for students to wait for parent pick up. We have no school staff supervising on the church property after school and it is dangerous for students to be waiting in a parking lot unsupervised. Furthermore, if you allow your child to play in the church field after school, please be mindful and respectful of the church property and supervise your child. Students should not be digging holes, climbing through bushes, playing near the retention pond, playing with sticks/branches, etc. after dismissal.
- The Clearwater Police Department will be enforcing the "no left turn" during arrival and dismissal times. Please make sure you are only making right hand turns from the car circle onto Landmark.
- All visitors MUST sign in at the front office when visiting campus. A visitor badge MUST be displayed while on campus.

New online application process for Pinellas County Schools Pre-K and VPK

Pinellas County Schools is starting a new, more convenient *online* application process for Prekindergarten for 3 year olds and Voluntary Prekindergarten. In the past, parents had to visit elementary schools to apply for a seat. **March 20-April 9**, parents will be able to apply online for Pre-K 3 and VPK for the 2017-18 school year. Pre-K 3 is for children who will be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017. VPK is for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017. VPK is a state program. The first three hours of the day are free. Families interested in VPK will *also* need to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (voucher) from the Early Learning Coalition at www.vpkpinellas.net. Parents can apply for a voucher now. Parents will not need a voucher for Pre-K 3. For information about Pre-K 3, visit www.pcsb.org/prek3 or call 727-588-6000 ext. 2184. For information about VPK, visit www.pcsb.org/vpk or call 727-588-6513.

Parent Survey

To improve system practices, Leila Davis Elementary is conducting a parent survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete the survey. To complete the survey please go to: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/4907596> Please be assured your responses to this survey will be anonymous and your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to completing this survey.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Our volunteer of the month is the one and only, **Ann Spear**. She graciously gives her time faithfully every week to come help in the library and she also tutors children with reading. She comes whenever she is needed and

is a gift to us all with her warm beautiful smile and helping hand. We couldn't do it without you!

A Special Thank You To:



A HUGE thank you to Jersey Mike's of Countryside for partnering with us to do this outstanding fundraiser in December! We raised \$2,909! We are so excited! Thank you so much!!!



If you are interested in sponsoring a class or helping the library finish purchasing bookshelves, please see the front office or contact Dominica Reed at reeddom@pcsb.org for more information or sponsorship opportunities.



K-Kids will be selling Friendship Grams February 8th-13th in the main lobby from 8:05-8:35am. The cost is \$0.50 per

Friendship Gram. K-Kids will attach a Twizzler to each message and will deliver them on Valentine's Day by the end of the day! Money raised from Friendship Grams will be used to help spruce up the outdoor space by the Media Center and Pre-K playground. Help spread kindness and support our school!



Café News

Greetings from the Café!

The new year brings field trips and the cafeteria will provide bagged lunches if needed. The cost is \$2.00 which includes: Grape Jamwich, cheese stick, Goldfish, bagged carrots with dip, fruit/veg juice box, milk and fruit (apple variety). Please indicate on your permission slips if you would like a bagged lunch.

Please remember we do offer Free/Reduced Lunch. You can apply any time during the year at www.myschoolapps.com. Your results will come back within 24 hrs. There is no limit to how many times you can apply. A better way to manage your child's spending of their accounts is by using the www.myschoolbucks.com app. You DO NOT have to use your credit card to sign up. You can simply use it for information, or have an alert sent to you if the account gets low. You will need your student id number to identify the child.

Happy February,

Susanne Borsari

Café Manager

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Mentors Wanted!

If you love children and want to make a difference in their lives, please come mentor students in need of a good role model to teach them how to succeed in life. It will only take 30 minutes of your time each week to make a difference with a child. If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer registration form and participate in the one hour workshop on February 23rd from 12-1PM here at our school. Contact Dominica Reed, Family and Community Liaison, if you have any questions 727-725-7972 or ReedDom@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.

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 Pallet

Congratulations to Bryson R., Jalyn S., Danielle P., Emma D. and Briana H.! Their art work will be on display at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center, 1143 Michigan Blvd., Dunedin, FL from February 3-March 10.

Thank you to everyone who brought in tile for our mosaic project. We do not need any more as we are in the home stretch of our project. Thank you to our local artist, Heather Richardson, for sharing your talents with our school!

Creatively Yours,
Mrs. Baldauf

Physical Education

Super Sports of the Month:



Congratulations to the following students for the month of January:

Kindergarten - Sienna R.

1st Grade - Carter L.

2nd Grade - Ian M.

3rd Grade - Julian T.

4th Grade - Danielle P.

5th Grade - Marlee E.

Mark your calendar:

PE Field Days - March 9, 10 (More information to come)

Happy New Year from the PE staff!

Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll & Coach Brauer

These scholars have shown the largest growth percentage on Istation for the month of January. Congratulations to our Davis Scholars!

Kindergarten-

Britney C.
Catherine K.
Bryn I.
Sloan P.

1st Grade-

Jax W.
Gage M.
Iliana M.
Reighna S.
Henry E.

2nd Grade-

Renata Z.
Bryce U.
Dominic L.
Bryce W.
Braden R.

3rd Grade-

Amanda P.
Chloe R.
Isaac S.
Lily S.
Adrian C.

4th Grade-

Nastasija M.
Elijah F
Albjon T.
Natasha P.
Lleyton D.
George B.

5th Grade-

Samuel A.
Kaden I.
William Y.
Ali T.
Lucus S.

Winter Holiday Challenge

Congratulations to the following students for working on **Istation** for 100 minutes or more over the winter holiday! These students were chosen from a county-wide drawing and have won cool Istation gear!

Alexandra B. in Mr. Esparza's Classroom
Kristina B. in Mrs. Beach's Classroom
Taylor B. in Ms. Van Horn's Classroom

Congratulations to the following student for being a top performer on **ST Math** across the district over the winter holiday! This student was chosen from a county-wide drawing and has won cool ST Math gear!

Francesca O. in Mrs. Flament's Classroom

Way to AIM HIGH Davis Bear Cubs!



Sponsors this month: Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

- Bieterman Family
- Mr. Piazza



Mark your calendars for Spring Fling on April 21, 2017

We will be doing a Silent Auction on some of 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! 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!

LOST AND FOUND

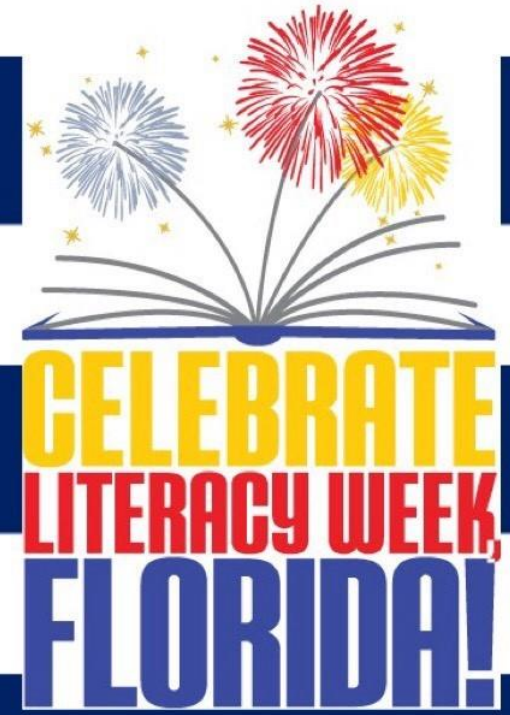
If your child is missing something, it is probably in one of these Lost and Found boxes. Please come in and go through the mounds of things in here to find your missing item.





Leila Davis ST Math Night







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MENTORS HELP:

- Improve attitudes toward family, peers and teachers
- Encourage students to stay motivated and focused on their education
- Help students face daily challenges and work through problems
- Set career/personal goals
- Show students you care by being a friend
- Build self-esteem and encourage growth and development

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

- *Fill out a volunteer registration form and attend a 1 hour Mentor workshop on February 23rd from 12-1PM at our school, Leila Davis Elementary!*
- Once everything is completed the school liaison will match you with a student
- Have lunch with the student at school once a week for 30 minutes during the school year

Contact Dominica Reed, Family and Community Liaison at reeddom@pcsb.org 727-725-7972