

# Leila G. Davis Elementary



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December 16, 2016

Principal: Kim Hill  
Assistant Principal: William Durst

## Principal's Page

### A Message from Mrs. Hill

Over the course of winter break, families are encouraged to work with their students in order to keep learning active and relevant. The Winter Holiday Content Challenge is intended to be a support for families and students of Pinellas County Schools wishing to have fun while learning over winter break. In order to participate in the Winter Holiday Content Challenge, have your student go to the Winter Holiday Content Challenge web page at <http://tinyurl.com/znqtcxr>. Once there, have your student read, compute, watch, and/or play (depending on the resource presented in each link) the activities which they find most interesting. Then, complete the Response Form (also available at the [Winter Holiday Content Challenge](#) web page) to record how long they have spent working on the learning task and what they have learned. Be sure to fill out a separate Response Form for each learning activity they have completed. Also be sure to check out the ST Math, iStation, and MyOn challenges located in the Prizes tab at left on the Winter Holiday Content Challenge web page. Happy Winter Break and Happy Learning!

### SAC Meeting Date Change

Our SAC Meeting has been changed to January 24<sup>th</sup> instead of the 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Kindergarten Registration

Start your child's education off with a strong foundation with Pinellas County Schools. Join us for kindergarten registration beginning Jan. 10, 2017 for the upcoming school year. If you have a child who will be five years old prior to Sept. 1, 2017, attend our upcoming Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek open house at Davis Elementary on January 12, 2017 at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Important January Dates

- 1/2 – No School
- 1/3 – School Resumes
- 1/5 – K-Kids Meeting  
7:45am
- 1/12 – Kindergarten  
Sneak-a-Peek
- 1/13 – Math Family  
Night
- 1/16 – No School
- 1/18 – All Pro Dads  
7:30am
- 1/24 – SAC Meeting
- 1/25 – Tijuana Flats  
Spirit Night 5-8pm



## 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](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

## **Math Family Night**

Davis has been selected as one of five elementary schools to host Family Math Night in January. MIND Research, the developers of ST Math, will be facilitating a fun evening of hands-on, exciting math activities for the entire family (ages 3+). The event will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 and will include dinner. A flyer with more details is attached to this newsletter and posted on our school website and Facebook page. Printed flyers will be distributed when we return from winter break. Only the first 200 people who return their RSVP will be able to attend. This count of 200 is based on the number of people, NOT the number of students so be sure to send in your RSVP early.

## **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**

Clair Cousins is our Volunteer of the month for January. She has done amazing things for our school! Whenever we need help she comes willing and ready with a smile. Claire has also instituted the BUGs (Bringing Up Grades) program at our school which she does with a group every Wednesday. She has been instrumental with Kiwanis to find ways to help our school and students. Thank you Claire for all of your hard work!

## **Reminder Notice!**

All INACTIVE volunteers (anyone who has not signed in to activate their account this year) will be deleted on December, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Reminders have been sent out since November, so we hope you have activated your status.

## **A Special Thank You To:**



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



Thank you to Poblanos Mexican Grill for donating a fabulous holiday lunch for our entire staff! We enjoyed every yummy bite!



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](mailto:reeddom@pcsb.org) for more information or sponsorship opportunities.

## 2016 Holiday Giving Tree



I want to write and extend a huge **Thank You** to everyone who donated gifts and gift cards to our Holiday Giving Tree Project. Your contributions made this effort a monumental success. With your generosity we were able to help many Leila G. Davis families during the 2016 holiday season.

Happy New Year

-Mona McGregor

School Counselor



## Café News

Happy New Year!

A new year can bring lots of changes, some will be good and some will be not so good. In these times, we can find ourselves struggling all of a sudden! Please remember that we do offer a free/reduced lunch program. The program sign up is available anytime during the year. It will take 24 hours to get a response. The site is [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com). I also want to remind all of you of our [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) site, where you can set reminders to re-load, or even just to monitor your child's spending habits. Lastly, we have this terrific app, called Nutrislice, where you can see our daily menu, and see all of the nutrition information (labels).

I look forward to serving your students in this new year!

Susanne Borsari

Café Manager

(727) 669-1235



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

*Davis Scholars in the local*

*community!* What amazing artists we have here at Davis! Bryson R., Danielle P., Brianna H., Emma D. and Jalyn S. will all have their art on display at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center for the "Creative Start" art show. The reception for this show will be Feb 5<sup>th</sup> (more info to come). We also have Claire L., Keidi S., Miranda V., Blake B., Giorgia Z., Ava B., Libby B., all with their amazing art in the Paradise Restaurant the weekend of December 9-11 for the Safety Harbor Craft Show. Hailey W., Heidi C., Natalie N, Sofia C., and Makayla P., were all chosen to have their art on display at the Morean Arts Center in St. Petersburg for the "Word and Image" art show. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> is the reception for this show (more info to come).

Congratulate our scholars; they are amazing artists!

Creatively yours,

Mrs. Baldauf (Formerly Miss Sullivan)

## Physical Education

### Super Sports of the Month:



Congratulations to the following students for the month of December:

Kindergarten - CJ N.

1st Grade - Mackenzie W.

2nd Grade - Hannah C.

3rd Grade - Blake B.

4th Grade - Kaycee W.

5th Grade - Owen L.

#### Announcements:

**Great American Teach In-** Thank you to Studio Dance Company, Camp Gladiator and J Park Tae Kwon Do for coming out to support the GATI during PE. We thank you for supporting our school!

**Turkey Trot** - The students did a great job with the Annual Turkey Trot! They walked, jogged, ran, and danced to the music as they celebrated all we are thankful for at Leila Davis!

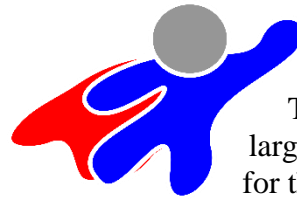
**Jingle Bell Run** - Students dressed in their holiday favorites and participated in Runner's Club the week of December 12. Runner's Club is usually once a month. Students walk, jog, or run laps. Each time they complete a lap they get marked off on their running card. Once the card is complete they earn a keychain with a PE token to take home.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Best wishes from the PE staff!

Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll &

Coach Brauer



## Istation Red Cape Ready

These scholars have shown the largest growth percentage on Istation for the month of December.

Congratulations to our Davis Scholars!

Kindergarten-  
Britney C.  
Marlee B.  
Sloane P.  
Nolan S.  
Nolan D.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade-  
Jax W.  
Gage M.  
Kirabella B.  
Valentina D.  
Henry E.  
Reighna S.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-  
Renata Z.  
Bryce U.  
Julian F.  
Ashley Z.  
Ian M.  
Panayiota G.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-  
Amanda P.  
Logan S.  
Grady C.  
Aubrey K.  
Chloe R.  
Sean S.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade-  
Nastasija M.  
Peter L.  
Ashlin B.  
Elijah F.  
Torin W.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade-  
Samuel A.  
Juliana K.  
Anastasiia P.  
Alex R.  
Ali T.



**Sponsors this month:**  
**Davis Dreamer (\$300 and up)**

**Poblanos Mexican Grill**



Our gently used clothing supply in the clinic is in need of elastic waist shorts. We are looking for donations of gently used boys and girls elastic waist shorts,

pants, and new underwear in all sizes.



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from Our Leila Davis Family to Yours! We will see you next year!







# FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Powered by  a MIND Research Institute Initiative



# YOU ARE INVITED!



## Origin of Mathematical Games

Pinellas County Schools and MIND Research Institute (creators of ST Math®) have partnered to bring you an unforgettable Family Math Night. Join us for an evening of hands-on, exciting, and most importantly – FUN – activities centered around ancient mathematical games designed for the whole family.

**Date:**  
Friday, January 13, 2017

**Time:**  
6:30pm                      Dinner  
7:00pm - 8:30pm      Program

**Location:**  
Leila Davis Elementary School

**RSVP instructions:**  
Program capacity is 200 people. To reserve your spot, return the attached, tear-off RSVP slip and photo release form to your school's front office by January 6, 2017.

### Origin of Mathematical Games

Friday, January 13th

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes we will be there      # adults      # children 6-17      # children 3-5

Yes you can use my photo to share information about Family Math Nights with the public

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



#MathMINDs



Friends of MIND

# Ready. Set. Register.

Get ready for **Kindergarten**  
at **Leila G. Davis Elementary**  
**School**

Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017 to register.



- Register
- Meet teachers.
- Find out about aftercare.
- Learn how to get involved.

Bring a photo ID for a new User ID and Password to start the registration process.

Attend our  
**Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek**  
**January 12, 2017 6:30-8pm**

Come check out our “A” rated school!

Discover Pinellas County Schools award-winning elementary programs: art, music, gifted services, STEM academies, physical education and other enrichment programs.

Visit [www.pcsb.org/KG](http://www.pcsb.org/KG)

Kindergarten  
registration  
begins  
Jan. 10, 2017





# 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](mailto:robergem@pcsb.org)

**Tuesday, 01/10/2017**  
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
PCS Administration Building  
301 Fourth Street, SW, Room E111  
Largo, FL

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**Wednesday, 01/11/2017**  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
City of St. Pete  
Water Resource Building, Conf. Rm.  
1650 Third Ave., North  
St. Petersburg, FL

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**Friday, 01/16/2017**  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Pinellas Park Family Resource Center  
5180 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave N.,  
Pinellas Park, FL  
(Limited parking)

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**Tuesday, 01/24/2017**  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Wells Fargo Room  
12090 Starkey Road  
Largo, FL

## Pinellas County Schools

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