

Leila G. Davis Elementary



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Principal's Page

A Message from Mrs. Hill

Yes, we are just about two-thirds of the way through this school year! The third grading period ends on March 10th and report cards will be coming home with all students on March 31st. Next week we will celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will be participating in a variety of school-wide literacy activities. Staff and students are encouraged to participate in our theme days next Wednesday-Friday (see schedule in this newsletter). It should be an exciting week. This is a crucial part of the school year. Our intermediate teachers and students are working hard to prepare for the FSA assessment beginning next week. Students in grades 4 and 5 will be taking the FSA writing assessment next Tuesday, February 28th. A detailed spring assessment schedule is included in this newsletter. Please make note of these important testing days and help make sure your child arrives to school on time and well rested. Spring Break is coming in a few short weeks. I hope everyone enjoys a week of rest and relaxation with friends and family. As always, thank you for your continued support for Davis and I look forward to seeing you around campus.

Spring Picture Day

Spring picture day is coming. Our school photographer, Leonards, will be taking individual and class pictures on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th**. Pricing information for individual pictures was sent home with students last week. Information about purchasing a class picture will be coming home with students after picture day. If you are interested in purchasing individual pictures, please send in payment (in the payment envelope) on picture day.

ROAR RALLY RESCHEDULED

Our ROAR Rally will be rescheduled for next Thursday, March 2nd at 8:45AM.

Important March Dates:

- 2/28 – Closed campus for FSA Writing 4th/5th Grade 8:30-12pm
- 3/2 – K-Kids Meeting 7:45AM
- 3/3 – Mother Son Bowling 6-8PM at Countryside Lanes
- 3/9 – Field Day
- 3/10 – Field Day
- 3/10 – End of Marking Period
- 3/13-17 – Spring Break
- 3/20 – No School for Students
- March 21-27 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT10) for 1st and 2nd grade students
- 3/22 – All Pro Dad's 7:30AM
- March 28-30 SAT10 Make-ups
- 3/28 – SAC Meeting
- 3/28-29 – Closed Campus for FSA Reading Testing 3rd Grade 8:30-12pm
- 3/31 – Report Cards

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



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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>

Closed Campus & Quiet School

On Tuesday, February 28th our 4th and 5th graders will be participating in the FSA Writing Assessment. This means we will have a **“Closed Campus” and a “Quiet School”** during testing hours. A closed campus means we kindly request our volunteers and visitors to take a much deserved rest from 8:35 AM – 12:00 PM on testing days. No one will be permitted to enter testing areas as we enforce a quiet school during testing hours. **This includes parents and visitors eating lunch with their children.** It is important to maintain a quiet, distraction free campus so the students can focus and do their very best!! Volunteers and visitors are welcome back on campus after noontime.

Spring Testing Dates

- February 28 FSA Writing for 4th and 5th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- March 8 National Assessment of Educational Progress USDOE (select 4th grade students)
- March 21-27 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT10) for 1st and 2nd grade students
- March 28-30 SAT10 Make-ups
- March 28-29 FSA Reading for 3rd grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- April 10-14 FSA Mathematics for 3rd grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- April 10-20 FSA Reading for 5th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- April 21-26 FSA Math for 5th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- May 1-5 State Science Assessment for 5th grade students
- May 3-8 FSA Reading for 4th grade students CLOSED CAMPUS
- May 9-12 FSA Mathematics for 4th grade students CLOSED 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.

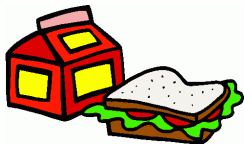
VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



Cherie Green has been an active volunteer and PTA member for 5 years. We are so lucky to have her and appreciate all of her hard work. She consistently goes above and beyond to help our students and our school be a better place. Thank you Cherie for always being there to make sure everything runs smoothly for students and staff!



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!

A great way to keep on top of your children's lunch account is via www.myschoolbucks.com. You can set up auto-load, set-up reminders, and pay via this app using your credit card. You can always come in to give us a check or cash. We do not take credit cards here at school for lunches. If your child does not have enough money on his/her account, I will send home a notice. Please pay promptly!

Moving along in this new year, if you find that your finances have changed, please remember you can always apply for Free/Reduced Lunches on-line at www.myschoolapps.com.

I wanted to take a moment to share the snacks we offer each day. These are "a la carte" items:

Monday - Friday – Water bottles – 8oz. -
\$.25/16oz. - \$.50/ 24oz. - \$.75

Monday - Thursday- \$.50 Smartfood Popcorn/Baked Cheetos/Linden's Mini Choc Chip Cookies

Monday – Thursday - \$.75 Celebrate Cupcake, Cocoa Cherry Bar (brownie), Welch's Fruit Gummies, Rice Krispie Treat

Fridays ONLY (staff permitting) Ice-Cream Day -
\$.50 - \$1.00.

Cafeteria's policy on snacks- a child is not permitted to buy for another child and there are no loans. We will consider using sibling accounts only if that sibling will have enough for themselves.

All snacks are Smart-Food Compliant.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Have a wonderful March!

Susanne Borsari, Café Manager

(727) 669-1235

Spring Fling Carnival



Mark your calendars for our Spring Fling Carnival on April 21, 2017 from 5:30-8PM. We will need volunteers to help run the carnival and any donations are welcome.

We will also be doing a Silent Auction on 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!



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 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 Pallete

Thank you so much for all the wonderful support during our mosaic project with Heather Richardson! We still have two more panels to complete which will be done in March, since Heather is out of the country until

then. We are hoping to get approval to do some more in the front of the school for next year, that way more parents can see our hard work! Thank you PTA for funding a large percentage of the project, we couldn't have made this possible without your love and support of our campus beautification projects!

If you are still not registered on Artsonia.com please get to it!! I photograph EVERY project from all my students and upload them so you have a record of the artwork they complete during their elementary experience. Please grant permission online to see the work, so I can keep photographing and uploading and know that you appreciate it! Also remember, if you purchase any of the artwork online, Davis will get 20% to go towards more art supplies!

Stay tuned to see more of our campus beatification projects, we have two more to go this year!

If you missed our Fox 13 segment on our Mosaic Mural that we did for Campus Beatification, you can watch us on "Spectrum of the Arts." This show will air on Mondays and Fridays at 6pm and is about 10 min long. If you have direct TV, you may use the link below to watch, otherwise here are the channels for individual cable companies. Enjoy!

WOW channel 2

Verizon channel 46

Spectrum channel 635

Spectrum of the Arts Feb. 2017-part two
Leila Davis Elementary mosaic wall
<https://vimeo.com/205095408>

Physical Education



Super Sports of the Month:

Congratulations to the following students for the month of February:

Istation Red Cape Ready



These scholars have shown the largest growth percentage on

Istation for the month of January.

Congratulations to our Davis Scholars!

Kindergarten - Taryn B.
1st Grade - Adam H.
2nd Grade - Ewa N.
3rd Grade - Danie E.
4th Grade - George B.
5th Grade - Kyleeann S.



Field Day

Field Day is right around the corner!!! Please remember sunscreen, hats and labeled water bottles. If you are interested in volunteering, we can always use your help. Please remember that you **must be a registered volunteer**. Please email Coach Stoll at stollw@pcsb.org if you would like to volunteer.

Dates and times for each grade level are below:

Thursday, March 9th

8:55 – 10:20 K & Pre-K, Piatt
10:30 – 11:55 3rd
1:00 – 2:25 2nd

Friday, March 10th

8:55 – 10:20 1st
10:30 – 11:55 5th
1:00 – 2:25 4th, Taylor

Coach Daily, Coach White, Coach Stoll & Coach Brauer

Kindergarten:

Jeremy M.
Emmalin C.
Ellie H.
Jeton F.
Malachi S.

1st Grade:

Carol M.
Ashley M.
Destiny W.
Adalyn F.
Aubrey P.

2nd Grade:

Christopher P.
Jayden E.
Eloise T.
Adriano Y.

3rd Grade:

Colton M.
Aubrey K.
Joseph M.
Tommy V.
Logan S.

4th Grade:

Maria R.
Yeliani R.
Chyna O.
Torin W.
Natalie M.

5th Grade:

Juliana K.
Audrey N.
Conner G.
Maxwell S.
Robert F.



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



**The following students
have already
completed the Istation
Reading program**

Mrs. Burr's 5th Grade Class:

Aleksander S.
Kirrollos N.
Mason L.

Mrs. Gallers 5th Grade Class:

Jaden G.
Owen L.
Joshua L.
Ryan P.
Aiden S.
Miranda V.
Luke Z.
Killian C.
Caleb M.
Caitlyn Z.

Sponsors this month:



Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

- Pinizzotto Family

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

- Tijuana Flats

Davis Dreamer (\$300 and up)

- Regency Heights



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Our clinic needs shorts or pants in all sizes to have on hand in case of an emergency. We are also in need of boys underwear sizes 5-6. Please consider donating your gently used clothing to the clinic.

No GERM Zone

Its germ season again! It's the time of year for illness and germs to spread through classrooms and schools. This is especially true for influenza-like illness, and gastrointestinal illness! There are a number of ways to promote staff and student well-being through this germ time of year:

- Promote good hand washing
- Clean and disinfect high- touch surfaces and objects.
- Teach students to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth
- Teach students to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue
- Encourage staff and students to stay home when they are sick

School Health Services has guideline for exclusion from school when students and staff are ill. In general, everyone who has a temp of 101.F should stay home from school. They can return when they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. School nurses are always available to go into classrooms and teach students healthy habits.

Nurse Melissa

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.

VPK
4 Year
Olds

Pinellas County Schools FREE Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)



Florida **VPK**

New

Online Application Process

Apply for a VPK Seat from March 20 – April 9



Pinellas County Schools offers a free VPK program for 3 hours a day. The program can be extended for the last 3 hours of the school day through a tuition fee of \$65 a week and a \$78 non-refundable registration fee, which will be applied to the last two weeks' tuition.

1 Apply for the VPK Certificate of Eligibility (voucher)

Visit www.vpkpinellas.net and complete the online application for a Certificate of Eligibility (voucher). For information regarding the online process, please call the Early Learning Coalition at 727-400-4411. Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017.

2 Get your PCSB User ID and Password

Go to any nearby school to obtain a User ID and Password (if you don't already have one for another child in your family). You'll need a government-issued photo ID to do so.

3 Apply for a VPK Seat March 20 – April 9

Log onto the Student Reservation System (SRS), which can be accessed at reservation.pcsb.org. You may use any computer, including school computers, to apply for a seat.

4 View Results of Your Application beginning April 25

Log onto reservation.pcsb.org to find out if your application was accepted.

5 Enroll at Assigned School April 25 – May 9

To enroll, bring your Certificate of Eligibility (voucher) and the following documents to your assigned school:

- Birth certificate/proof of child's age
- Florida Certificate of Immunization (DH Form 680)
- Physical examination certificate signed by a licensed examiner
- Proof of Florida residency (two forms of documentation required)



The school year program runs from August 10, 2017 – May 24, 2018.

For more information visit
www.pcsb.org/VPK

Or call (727) 588-6513



Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County

www.vpkpinellas.net

Parents can contact the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County (ELC) during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday if they have questions regarding the VPK application process or need further assistance in completing the VPK application. The ELC is closed on Observed Holidays.

Pinellas County Schools School Year 2017-2018 VPK Sites

- Anona Elementary
- Azalea Elementary
- Bardmoor Elementary
- Bauder Elementary
- Bear Creek Elementary
- Belcher Elementary
- Belleair Elementary
- Blanton Elementary
- Brooker Creek Elementary
- Campbell Park Elementary
- Cross Bayou Elementary
- Curlew Creek Elementary
- Cypress Woods Elementary
- Dunedin Elementary
- Eisenhower Elementary
- Fairmount Park Elementary
- Frontier Elementary
- Fuguitt Elementary
- Garrison-Jones Elementary
- Gulfport Elementary
- Highland Lakes Elementary
- High Point Elementary
- Jamerson Elementary
- Kings Hwy. Elementary
- Lake St. George Elementary
- Lakewood Elementary
- Lealman Elementary
- Leila Davis Elementary



- Lynch Elementary
- Maximo Elementary
- McMullen Booth Elementary
- Melrose Elementary
- Mildred Helms Elementary
- Mt. Vernon Elementary
- New Heights Elementary
- Northwest Elementary
- Oakhurst Elementary
- Oldsmar Elementary
- Orange Grove Elementary
- Ozona Elementary
- Perkins Elementary

- Pinellas Central Elementary
- Pinellas Park Elementary
- Plumb Elementary
- Ponce de Leon Elementary

- Rawlings Elementary
- Ridgecrest Elementary
- Safety Harbor Elementary
- San Jose Elementary
- Sanderlin Elementary
- Sawgrass Lake Elementary
- Seminole Elementary
- Seventy-fourth Street Elementary
- Sexton Elementary
- Shore Acres Elementary
- Skycrest Elementary
- Skyview Elementary
- Southern Oak Elementary
- Starkey Elementary
- Sunset Hills Elementary
- Sutherland Elementary
- Tarpon Springs Elementary
- Walsingham Elementary
- Woodlawn Elementary



Limited
Availability!

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