

Leila G. Davis Elementary School

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A Message from Mrs. Hill

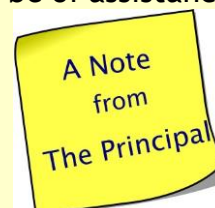
By now all of the students have settled into their new classrooms and we are off to a great start to the school year. It's hard to believe that next week it will already be October. I appreciate all of the continued support as we strive to help each student reach his/her highest potential. Our work together is very important. Research confirms that parental interest and involvement in a child's education is the most significant reason children succeed in school.

While we work together to develop students who will be good citizens of the future, our goal at Davis is to provide a nurturing and challenging education for all students. In reaching our goals, establishing and maintaining an orderly environment is essential. Listed below are a few ways that you can help us maximize student achievement at Davis:

- Respect Our School Hours
Office Hours: 7:45 am - 4:00 pm
First Bell: 8:25 am
Class begins: 8:35 am (considered tardy if not in classroom)
School Hours: 8:35 am - 2:35 pm
- Make sure your child is here daily AND on time.
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 tardy slip. Tardiness on a regular basis is disrupting and detrimental to your child's success.

- 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.
- Expect your child to demonstrate respectful, responsible and safe behavior. Davis is committed to providing a positive learning culture. We have a school-wide Positive Behavior Plan where we teach children behaviors that will ensure success in school and throughout life.

Each day presents wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children as we prepare them for success in school and in life. It is with pride that I look forward to a productive and enriching school year! Thank you for your continued support! Please let us know if we can be of assistance to your family.



Just a few safety reminders...

- If your child is a car rider, please make sure that you are using the name sign in your car window at pick-up time. Please print all signs in bold large letters. Car riders should have received a plastic hang tag during the first week of school to use during pick-up. Due to the cost of the plastic hang tags, parents will need to make a name sign for all cars that will be picking up your child...Mom, Dad, and Grandma too!
- Please refrain from talking or texting on your cell phone while moving in the car line. We have had some close calls with those who have their attention elsewhere!
- If at all possible, please refrain from picking your child up before dismissal time. This is disruptive to the learning of everyone in the class when classroom instruction is interrupted.
- 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 need to walk to and from the campus for drop off and/or pick up. We do not have Davis staff supervising the church parking lot.
- 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.
- Please adhere to the "no left turn" signs as you are exiting the car circle. The Clearwater Police Department is monitoring this and has issued tickets.
- Adult supervision on campus begins at 8:05 am, so please do not drop off your children before this time. Students will not be permitted to exit vehicles in the car circle until 8:05.
- Our car circle is making pretty efficient time at this point, so please make sure that you are here to pick up your child by 2:45 pm each day.

We appreciate your attention to these important safety issues.

Important Dates



- September 29 Fall Picture Day
PTA meeting 6:00pm
SAC meeting 7:00pm - SIP presentation
- September 30 5th grade Washington D.C. - Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- October 7 Walk to School Day
PTA Celebration Station Night
- October 13 Fall Fundraiser pick-up 2:00-6:00pm
- October 14 ROAR Rally 8:45 am
- October 16 End of the marking period
K-Kids meeting 7:45am
- October 19 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- October 21 All-Pro Dad's meeting 7:30am
- October 26-30 RED RIBBON WEEK
- October 28 Report cards go home
Picture retakes
- October 30 Trunk-or-treat 6:30pm
School Newsletter available

Join our Email List!

If you have not already done so, please visit our school website at <http://www.davis-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us/> and click on Join the LGD Email List to receive valuable and up-to-date information on all the happenings here at Davis.

Class/Program Sponsorship

Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)

Mr. & Mrs. Banull
Deborah Riley
First Class Moving
Hooters Management Corp.
Kids Time Preschool

Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)

Brent & Tammy Gardner
TRIM Nutrition
Bieterman Family
Patten Automotive, INC.

Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

Shannon Boylan
Shambaugh Family
Cheryl Shambaugh
Rick & Janet Clemens
Killian Odonnell
Rodewald Family
Miles Family
Pettit Family
Bennett Family
Bowyer Family

Davis Associate (\$35-\$99)

Robinson Family

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



Volunteer of the Month

Inyoung Curry

Our Volunteer of the Month is an amazing volunteer for our school. She frequently helps with special events, Friday blue folders, in various classrooms, and pretty much anything else that the school needs. We don't know what we would do without her. Thank you for all that you do Inyoung!



Media Center News

The Media Center has been a busy place in September. All classes have come to the Media Center twice this month. We have learned/reviewed library rules and procedures and have checked out books! We are now fully open and classes will be coming on a regular basis to check out and use the library resource.

I have also had the opportunity to work with different grade levels for technology lessons. 5th grade students have worked on PowerPoint lessons. The students did a great job and are ready to prepare and present PowerPoint lessons to their classes! K and 1st grade classes are in full swing in the computer lab using Raz-Kids and ST Math.

Your child will be receiving a yellow or gold sheet containing passwords for various online resources. I wanted to highlight World Book Encyclopedia Online. This is a subscription for the county and is a great resource tool for you and your child. To log on go to:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/>

Log-In ID: Pinellas

Password: schools

You will notice when you log in that there are many different encyclopedia levels. The "Kids" and even the "Student" would be appropriate for elementary while "Advanced" and "Academic" are great for older students. Be sure to check out this great resource when researching topics at home!

I look forward to working with your students this year in the media center and with the computer labs!

Mrs. Scott, Media Technology Specialist
scottsha@pcsb.org

Music Notes

Chorus

Chorus students are working hard on our winter concert music, "Holly Jolly Pirates of Piñataville." Make sure you have the date saved - Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00 pm at Heritage United Methodist Church. We've also been invited to perform at the Safety Harbor Kiwanis Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair on Sunday, December 13th at the Gazebo on Main Street. This performance is optional for students and our performance time has not yet been announced. Finally, watch for an email and informational flyer next week on how to purchase the royal blue Davis Chorus polo.

Music is Ageless

Our Monday afternoon band students are sounding terrific! It's amazing how much progress is made in such a short time. The Music is Ageless teachers will also be starting the "Guitar Monster" program for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. If you're interested, check out www.MusicIsAgelessOnline.com, and look for information sheets to go home soon.

Recorders

3rd grade students will begin playing recorders in November. If you are interested in purchasing a \$6 recorder at school, look for information sheets coming home next month.

After School Clubs

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be invited to join music ensembles that will meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will have an advanced recorder group and an Orff/World Drumming ensemble for xylophones and drums. Look for information to come home soon!

Second Grade Musical

Our musical this year will have an underwater/ocean theme - students will start learning bits and pieces of the show very soon. Even though we will not be focusing on a specific composer, we'd still love to feature our students who take private music lessons. If you play piano, guitar, or violin, you could have a special spot in our show in May! See Mr. Martinez if you're interested in playing a solo for our show.

Song of the Month

We've had a wonderful time in September singing our Davis School Song, to the tune of Yankee Doodle Dandy. In October we will be learning "This Land is Your Land." Don't miss us performing both of these songs at our first ROAR Rally in October.

Music Night at BJs

Thank you to all who attended our fundraiser night at BJs. We are trying to raise enough money to purchase rolling carts for all of our xylophones. We will try to schedule another Music Night at BJs soon!

Best of Luck

Thank you to Mr. McGowan who has done a wonderful job with our music classes and will finish up his Davis placement next week. We wish him well as he completes his internship with the Safety Harbor Middle School band and graduates from USF in December.

Mr. Martinez, Ms. Hilliard, and Mr. McGowan

International Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day is October 7th! Meet us at 7:45am in the Stein Mart parking lot to walk to school with us. The Clearwater Police Department will be escorting us on our walk and there will be a snack and water for the students when they arrive. See you there!



Donor's Choose

4th grade teachers Mrs. Lemon & Mrs. McGovern would like to recognize the following families for making it possible to add two new iPads to their classroom:

The Cole Family
Lauri Champlin
The Barlow Family
Sallie Martin and Family
The Taylor-Dechner Family
Troy Gaito and Family

THANK YOU!

Great American Teach In

The time is approaching for the annual Duke Energy "Great American Teach In," which is a part of Pinellas County Public Schools' annual Education celebration. This educational event is a special opportunity for members of the community to participate in speaking to several classes for an hour, a few hours, or the entire day. Participants are able to provide a personal perspective on their career choice, trades, or personal experiences pertaining to education or overcoming obstacles personally or professionally.

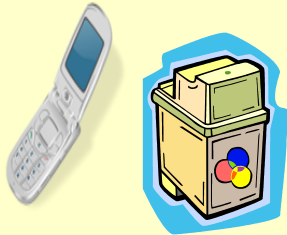
This year's event is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18, 2015**. We are seeking individuals with dynamic personalities, as well as their insight on the importance of an education, hard work, and the determination to succeed no matter what the circumstance. Our goal during this educational experience is to provide a new perspective from the community that will inspire, motivate, and stimulate our youth to think above and beyond their present stance.

If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact Gabby Troiso at troisog@pcsb.org or your child's teacher for a registration form.



Media Center Collections

The Media Center is collecting used ink cartridges and 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 technology items for the school.



Don't forget to collect those Box Tops. This year each teacher is collecting Box Tops to earn an iPad or tablet for the classroom. Each Box Top helps to reach the goal!



Room Parents Needed!

Each class needs to have at least one room representative that will:

- * Organize and participate in classroom celebrations and activities
- * Coordinate communication between parents, teachers and the PTA
- * Carry out classroom projects sponsored by the PTA

We are still in need of room parents for the following classes:

Esparza	Burr
Skinner	Knieja
Valby	Johannessen
Peterson	

Please contact Shannon Stein at shannon.stein@gmail.com for more details!



Do you know a child in grade PreK4-12 in need of school clothes?

The easiest and best way to refer a child for shopping is to verify that the family has the free/reduced lunch letter and have them call **Clothes To Kids** to make an appointment. That's all they need! It's really that simple!

Eligible children receive a week's wardrobe which includes:

- 5 new pairs of underwear
- 5 new pairs of socks
- 5 tops (including uniforms)
- 4 bottoms (including uniforms)
- 1 dress (optional)
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 jacket (in season)

Would you like more information?

In **North Pinellas County** call our Clearwater Store: 441-5050

In **South Pinellas County** call our St. Petersburg Store: 327-7100

Eligible children shop by appointment.

Please contact Ms. McGregor, our School Counselor at Mcgregorm@pcsb.org or 727-725-7972 ext. 2010 for more information.

America's Night Out Against Crime!



TARGET



Join Clearwater Police

Department, Super Target, Lowes, Costco and other local partners for an evening of neighborhood safety awareness, give-aways and free food & beverages!

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Super Target Parking Lot (Clearwater Mall)

Program Highlights

**SWAT, Traffic Team, K9, and Mounted Unit Demonstrations,
Forensics, Hostage Negotiators, Emergency Response Team,
Military Recruiters, SunStar, Barkley,
Clearwater Fire & Rescue Engine Demonstrations
Wild Life Rehabilitation, Baylite, Raffles & Great Prizes**

**Mugs at Icot
Wing House
Moe's
Chick-fil-A
Perkins**

**Jimmy John's
Paradise Pizza
Abe's
McDonalds
Jersey Mike's**

**Hooters
Village Inn
Yogurt Mountain
Brick House
Smokey Bones**

**PetSmart
Sonny's
Chuck E. Cheese
Green Market Cafe
One Blood**

Pinellas County Schools Mentor Recruitment Fair



Do you have 30 minutes once a week to encourage a student?

Become a mentor and help a student discover their endless potential.

The fair will be a one-stop shop event for all attendees!

You can register to volunteer, obtain a background screening and a level 2 screening. Attend one of the three one-hour mentor workshops offered and be matched with a student at the school of your choice!

- **October 15, 2015** SPC Downtown St. Pete Campus
244 Second Ave., N, Second Floor, St. Pete
- **November 2, 2015** Clearwater Campus
2465 Drew St., Rm. ES127, Clearwater
Doors Open at 11:00 a.m. for background screenings
Attend one of the three mentor workshops offered
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Please R.S.V.P. Call 727-588-5050 or email: robergem@pcsb.org

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