

Davis School Caper Paper

Davis Elementary School

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Davis School Mission

It is our goal at Davis School that all students, regardless of differences, develop and progress intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically through learning as a partnership between school, home and community.

Coming Events

- December 08 Making Memorial Christmas Ornament 5-7 pm Cafeteria
- December 20 Santa Claus PreK – 5th grade
PTA Meeting 6:00 pm - Library
- December 21 Movie Day
- December 22 School Wide PJ Day
- Dec 23–Jan 2 **No School** – Christmas Vacation
- January 10 5th Grade Band Open House
Davis Cafeteria @ 2:30
- January 12 Davis PTA After-School Ski/
Snowboard Program begins
Grades 3 – 5
- January 16 **No School** – Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Reading is the foundation of success in school...and in life.



Parents have an important role to play in helping their children become better readers. You know your child better than anyone else, so you can help him/her choose books that meet his own special interests. You can offer encouragement and support.

Research shows reading aloud to your child is probably the most important thing you can do to encourage your child's reading success. Helping children learn to love reading will pay off better than nearly anything else parents can do to help their children do well in school!



KINDERGARTEN



We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and hope that you were able to enjoy some memorable times with family and/or friends. We are really

looking forward to December and all the fun that the Christmas holiday brings. What a fun time of year to be in kindergarten with your precious ones. Their excitement fills the air every single day here at Davis Elementary!

In kindergarten we will be very busy learning lots of new things amidst all the holiday festivities. We continue to work on letter names, letter sounds and writing the letters. We will also be working on counting, number identification and writing numbers.

Wondering how you can help your child during this busy time of year? The number one suggestion is “to just talk with them” and “listen to them talk.” Conversation builds background knowledge and allows our youngsters to express their curiosity and learn about everyday life. As busy as this time of year may be, even a pleasure car ride to town can provide the opportunity to share in a conversation. This is so important for language development!

As always, we thank you for all you do to help your children be successful at school and become lifelong learners.



GRADE ONE

Our First Grade Classrooms would like to thank all the Veterans and members of the Ladies Auxiliary who participated in our Veteran’s Day Presentation on November 10, 2016. The children enjoyed hearing stories and learning about each branch of the service.

The first graders hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break and enjoyed time with their families! Before we left for break we discussed the importance of family and traditions and discussed the First Thanksgiving. We read about the life of the Pilgrims and Wampanoag’s and how they have shaped our Thanksgiving traditions today. We will continue to discuss the importance of family and tradition during the Christmas season and into the New Year!

We have been enjoying learning about our community in our reading program with the variety of jobs around our town; the buildings we have and what they are made of; how animals live in and around communities; how we can help in our community and what people do to help others and how maps help us get around familiar and unknown places. We have also been reading a variety of genres: fiction, fantasy and non-fiction stories. We all have our personal favorites and are learning how to write responses for them!

For math, we are learning many new Addition and Subtraction Strategies to 20. We are also working hard on basic facts, doubles facts, doubles plus 1 and doubles minus 1. We truly appreciate the time you take to help and check your child’s math homework. This truly makes a big difference in our classrooms when we review and teach a lesson that builds upon those strategies.

Don’t forget that our first grade classes are going outside when the weather permits. Please remember to send everything your child will need to play in the snow.

We wish all our First Grade families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

LIBRARY NEWS



Happy Holidays from the Davis Library!

5th Grade News: the library started hosting our weekly Author Club! 12 fifth grade students are working hard on projects for our visiting author James Preller. We had a great time with our Club last year, and I'm looking forward to starting with this new group! Author Club members have their own page in the Davis Yearbook, and will also enjoy a special luncheon at the end of the year.

Our **4th graders** have just finished a long library research project, and will now be using their Google accounts to create beautiful haiku poems. Look for the haiku poem display coming soon!

Our **3rd grade** book advertisements were a big success, and many classes had fun voting for which one they liked the best. Good job 3rd graders!

2nd graders will be busy soon with an animal research and poster project. They will be creating their own swamp monsters based on one of our visiting author books! The **1st graders** are becoming experts at using OPALS to find books in the library. Our **kindergarten and PreK** friends have heard many wonderful stories, and are having fun learning how to put on puppet shows!

I would like to bring back our "Poet-Trees" this year, so it would be great if students could write down or create a poem to hang on the trees!

Website of the Month:

Learn more about our visiting author James Preller:

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS



There are many myths and "old wives' tales" regarding children and winter weather. These myths include, "becoming chilled causes colds", "if you have a cold, you shouldn't go outside", and "children shouldn't be outside when the temperature is below 32 degrees". Unfortunately, these myths tend to keep children from being allowed to play outdoors in the winter.

Indoor air becomes dry, stale, germ infested, and full of air pollutants, causing increased respiratory ailments. The outdoor environment provides fresh, clean and humidified air. An outdoor activity also allows children to exercise their large muscles which increase their circulation and adds color to their cheeks. The exercise increases their appetite, decreases stress and aggressiveness, and allows them to sleep better at naptime and bedtime. Direct sunshine on the skin produces Vitamin D necessary for bone growth. Other benefits of winter outdoor play is that children learn from exploring their environment and teach them how to get dressed by themselves with inter clothing.

Outdoor play in winter weather is good for children. I would promote winter outdoor play on a daily basis as long as conditions aren't extreme and children are dressed appropriately.

MUSIC NEWS

With December and January comes winter weather and some great holiday tunes. We will be singing about the snow and ice while working on all our singing, dancing, and instrument playing skills. Songs with which we are familiar, like some Christmas carols make great opportunities for spicing things up with all the extras like dances and instruments. We have a great dance we love to add to Jingle Bells and instruments really help illustrate the words to Up on the Housetop.

Kindergarten keeps moving along with letters. Our music alphabet is filling in quickly while we sing some great songs and learn all about lots of different instruments. Be sure to ask your child what instrument begins with their letter of the week. Our 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade students have been learning all about dynamics (volume). They have been singing many songs that help them to practice such dynamics as piano (soft) and forte (loud). We are adding more and more songs every day and look forward to the holiday season and sprucing up some traditional songs that we already know.

The 4th grade students have been learning a lot about notes and their values. We have been writing our own measures of music and will be using these to perform many classroom instruments in the weeks to come. Our 5th grade students have also been writing their own measures of music and also just started their first lesson on recorders. We will have much to share in the next few months as our winter concert is fast approaching.

Following vacation, our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be getting down to serious music making and practice that our annual concert requires. We will be learning new songs and adding all the extras which make our concerts so enjoyable. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Davis School concerts. They are coming up very soon. Once again, the 3rd-5th grade and chorus concert will be held on **February 8th** at the Malone Middle School Auditorium starting at 6:30 pm. The Kindergarten – 2nd grade students will be performing on **March 15th** at the Malone Middle School starting at 6:30 as well.

Our 4th and 5th grade chorus has also been working hard and are sounding fantastic!!! We have a wonderful group of singers here at Davis and I think you will be impressed when you hear them at our

first official concert in February. We will also be performing on **May 17th** as well. Mark your calendars for some exciting Music fun! Enjoy the holidays!!!

PTA NEWS



Ski Program for 3rd - 5th Grade starts Thursday, January 12, 2017. The Ski/Snowboard Program is offered by our PTA Group and Chaperoned by our parents. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Nicole Spinner, PTA President at 353-2384 and leave a message.



Please stop by and see our Davis VIP Bulletin Board in the lobby. Read about each student to find out what makes him/her special. The following are our recent VIP's:

Week of 10/31 / 11/4 are: Chloe Cox, Brooke LaPlant, Justine Miletich, Jack Pelkey, Lincoln Stone;

Week of 11/14 – 18 are: Miley Bowvia, Jack Johnson, Sawyer Wescott.;

December Birthdays



Bradley Almond
Zane Andre`
Samara Arno
Alexander Barney
Brystal Bonesteel
Ava Boyea
Jaden Boyea
Miriam Brooks
Alyssa Brown
Alyza Carter
Chloe Cox
Andrew Crossman
William Crossman
Lucille Curtin
Nakai Donais
Charles Dudley
Jaelynn Dustin
Emma Forget
Trenton Garcia
Evan Gratton
Emmit Griffith
Emma Holton
Veraty Hutchins
Jenna Jarvis
Aubriana Johnson
Aleksa Keeler
Alessandra Lappas
Ethan LaVare

Ethan Lawrence
Jayson Marlow
Carley McElwain
Sophia McFaul
Sarah Mosier
Serenity Mulverhill
Marisol Perez
Bradley Preve
Zoey Raines
Cory Rockhill
Allyssa Russell
Carson Smith
Jacob Smith
Logan Smith
Hayden Sousie
Eli Spaulding
Liam Tavernia
Noah Taylor
Madison Whipple
Zackery Winters
Mya Wonderlie

January Birthdays



Brodie Augusta
Hillary Baker
Dylan Barse
Yamilet Bautista-Penati
Zebulon Brooks
Ireland Charette
Willow Charette
Paige Cook
Wyatt Cook
Rhylen Cromp
Trent Dupra
Emma Duquette
Noah Garcia
Cali Garrand
Matthew Griffith
Aden Hardy
Carlie Harwood
Landin Jackson
Cameron Keating
Elijah LaBrake
Evie LaBrake
Rayeann LaFlamme
Michael LaGrave
Brooke LaPlant
Rylee LaVare
Bryce Monette
Madalyn Nichols
Tyler O'Connor
Bryce Osborn
Jack Pelkey
Hannah Perry
Aubrey Poupore

Katherine Race
Liam Reyes
Blake St. Mary
Hunter Shantie
Ella Sharpe
Jacob Snyder
Aiden Southworth
Kali Stillman
Tamaiya Stines
Sean Tracy
Brayden Villnave
Chase White
Brayden Woods