

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

- February 1 Report Cards Distributed
- February 2 Groundhog's Day
- February 3 Nat'l Wear Red Day
- February 6 Nat'l School Counselor Week
- February 8 Davis Grades 3 -5 Winter Concert
6:30 @ MMS
- February 14 100th Day of School

February 20 - 24 No School Winter Break

- March 2 Dr. Seuss Birthday/Read Across America Day
- March 15 Davis Grades K -2 Spring Concert
6:30 @ MMS
- March 23 1/2 Staff Development Day
School Dismissed @ 11:00
- March 24 No School – Supt. Conf. Day

Attendance



Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school, misses a day of learning.

Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better in school. Being late for school hurts a child's learning. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss approximately 30 hours of instruction during the school year.

Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background – one that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

Thanks for helping us do the very best job we can in educating your children.



FIRST GRADE

We began 2017 talking and writing about New Year's Resolutions and how resolutions could help us be the best students we could be in the coming year. We have been learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, who was a great American who dreamed that everyone would live in peace with one another. We discussed how he helped change many unfair laws and how a brave woman named Rosa Parks helped Martin Luther King change those laws.

We continue to work hard in math. We have been learning about place value with numbers: the tens and ones spots, counting using dimes, numbers to 120, counting by fives, using greater, less than or equal to with numbers. Soon, we are going to be working on 2 digit addition and subtraction problems. We are grateful that you help your child with the nightly homework and review the skills we have learned that day. This reinforces what we have taught and helps them master the skills much sooner! Thank you!

In reading and in writing, our unit teaches the children about Changes Over Time in seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years. We are discussing how time affects plants as they grow and change, how tales change and evolve over time, how life is different now than long ago and where does our food come from? We have been learning about action words (verbs) and how commas in sentences helps you as a writer.

Please look in your child's take home folder for information regarding Valentine's Day, 100 days of school party and projects. We are eagerly looking forward to learning about Presidents Day, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and learning about how to keep our teeth healthy and how to keep them that way!

We are also looking forward to our field trip on Friday, February 17th to see Frog and Toad! This performance will be held at the Performing Arts Center at Potsdam State. More information will be heading your way!

Please remember to send in snow gear with your child. Your child may keep their gear here at school for your convenience...just make sure you have items labeled.

We appreciate all that you do for us in First Grade and we are looking forward to an exciting New Year with your child!

SECOND GRADE

It has been a long, cold winter season and the second graders in Mrs. McGovern's Class have been doing great things. The students continue to work hard and are learning so much!

We are starting a new unit in the McGraw-Hill Language Arts Program called Our Life, Our World. The students will be learning about different cultures, Earth changes, as well as poems and folktales about nature. The students will be reading several genres, with a big focus on non-fiction. We look forward to reading many Science and Social Studies selections.

In Math, students will be learning three digit place value with addition and subtraction. We continue to practice problem solving every day, as well as practicing math facts using the XtraMath computer program. The students brought home a Homework Game Bag that included a Snowman BUMP game. This is a fun way to practice Math facts at home. Each week a different Game Bag will be sent home – be sure to return it for a new game each week! Each month, some of my second grade authors will write paragraphs about what we are doing. Read on to find out more about our classroom activities!

Mrs. McGovern

Making Gingerbread Traps

Written by Andrew Crossman & Ryan Payne

We are writing about our last STEM project we did in Science. Our teacher gave us tape, yarn, crepe paper strips, and a coffee box. We worked as a team with all of our objects to build a gingerbread trap. There was a gingerbread man inside. And this is our article about STEM projects.

Math Game Bag Homework

Written by Kiara Smith & Isabella LaBrake

We are writing about Math Game homework. The first game was called Snowman BUMP. It was fun to play at home. The second game was the Penguin Game. It helps you get better at math facts. Or it help us work with 100 charts. This is what we have done friends!

FOURTH GRADE

Students have come back from Christmas break refreshed and ready to learn new material! We are working on multiplication of multi-digit numbers and long division. Students are encouraged to practice their multiplication facts each day (most have an Xtramath.org account they can use) until they have mastered the facts. This is crucial for success in math.

All four of the fourth grade classrooms have participated in the Learn to Ski lesson at Titus Mountain for our recent field trip. These trips were a huge success and students greatly enjoyed their day. Paperwork for the free season pass for each student has been sent home, as well as a free one day pass for a parent or guardian. We are very excited to have been able to provide this wonderful opportunity for our students. Again, thank you to parents who chaperoned. We appreciated your help!

Please keep in mind that we go outside daily for recess when the temperature is above 20 degrees. Students also often go outside for gym, so some days they're outside for more than an hour at a time. They need to be dressed in winter gear - coat, snow pants, hat, mittens, and boots each day.



MUSIC NEWS



Music

The most important and exciting months are ahead of us in the music room. As we go to press, the **Third through Fifth grade students** and the **Davis Chorus** are working hard to put together their concert songs for all of you to enjoy! This year the 3rd - 5th grade concert will be held on **Wednesday, February 8th**. The performance will start at **6:30 pm** at the Malone Middle School Auditorium. The show is sure to be entertaining and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

In **March, the Kindergarten through Second Grade classes** will take their turn in the spotlight. Preparation has started in putting their songs together and thinking of what to add to make their performance enjoyable. We are excited to show you how everything is coming together and how our hard work pays off on **Wednesday, March 15th**.

Mark your calendars; February and March are going to be busy months for music!

COUNSELING CONNECTION

Andree Tower & Katie McCallister

Make Kindness Count

The week of February 6th-10th is National School Counseling Week. The theme of the week is *Helping Students Realize Their Potential*. As school counselors, watching our students create a bright future for themselves and grow into successful adults is one of our biggest goals. We want each and every child to believe in themselves, go after their dreams, and work hard to turn that dream into a reality. It is our hope that each child who passes through the doors of Davis Elementary will one day make our world a better place with whatever path they choose to take.

In order for students to meet their potential and change the world one day, it will take endless amounts of hard work, confidence, determination, and grit. As we all know, this is no easy task as the academic demands get more difficult with each new year. Even on the toughest days when our students want to give up, we want them to see how the simple act of kindness can change everything for the better. If we instill kindness in our students now, we believe the possibilities for their future are endless. Please join us in spreading as much kindness as possible throughout the hallways of Davis Elementary, between the rooms in your homes, and along the streets of Malone.

Remember, this week is meant to be easy, fun, and kind for everyone. Below you will see the dress themes for the week and everyone is encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us at 483-7802 and we will be more than happy to help. Thank you for helping us teach our students that they can change the world with their own two hands by simply being kind!

Dress themes:

Monday- *Kindness ties us together*—Wear a tie

Tuesday- *Peace, love, & kindness* — Wear tie-dye/70's attire

Wednesday- *Team kindness*—Wear your favorite team shirt/jersey

Thursday- *Ride the wave of kindness*—Wear beach/surfer/Hawaiian attire

Friday- *Dream of a world filled with kindness*—Wear pajamas/comfy attire

DAVIS PTA

Niagara Chocolate Fundraiser for **Pre-K - 2nd**
January 30th - February 13th. Pick up times
April 5th 2:30 - 5 pm and April 6th 5pm - 7pm.

Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser for **3rd - 5th**
graders January 30th - February 13th.

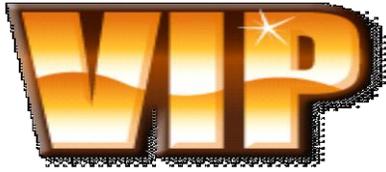
All orders for both fundraiser must be in no later than February 13th.

As always, we appreciate everyone's support. Your support makes it possible for us to provide great opportunities for our kids here at Davis. Please keep sending in your Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education, labeled with your child's teacher's name.

Dr. Seuss Birthday on March 2!!



DAVIS VIPS



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. Following are our recent VIP's:

Week 11/28 – 12/2 are:

Scott Burgess, Elijah Cox, Cameron Hence, Jenna Jarvis, Blake Jock, Kayden Reyell, Kenza Snyder

Week of 12/5 – 9 & 12/12 – 12/16 are:

Hannah Brossoit, Charles Dudley, Ella Hugaboom, Bryson LaBarr, Calvin Landry, Tye Lawrence, Bailey LeClerc, William St. Mary, Jakob Snyder

Week of 12/19 – 22 are:

Matt Hastings, Raylee Hutchins, Evan Mayville, Sam Perry

Week of 1/3 – 6 are:

Alexa Ingianni, Wyatt Kent, Gracelyn Marlowe

Week of 1/9 – 13 are:

Lauren Boyea, Kaiden Cox, Alyssa Langlois, Elijah Marshall, Brody Paige, Bradley Poupore, Madison Whipple

Week of January 17 - 20

Danika Ashline, Shastalynn Winters

Week of January 23 - 27:

Parker St. Mary, Brayden Villnave, Jackson Whipple



Happy Birthday February

Jayden Augusta
Brandin Barney
Nicholas Barney
Jasper Belgard
Devalion Benware
Hannah Brossoit
Scott Burgess
Wyatt Collette
Evan Dibble
Elija Donahue
Gerald Donaldson
Owen Gravell
Cameron Hence
Harley King
Destiny LaPage
Erick LaPage
Camden Maneely
Spencer Miletich
Ian Mulverhill
Chloe Nolette
Reece Perry
Tristian Perry
John Poirier
Avah Reome
Alijah Rivera



Harlan Rowe
Luke Schrader
Laivin Sequin
Jovannah Spaulding
Jacob Stagnitta
Grace St. Mary
Carter Tatro
Jonathan Tavernier
Zaybien Tuper
Liam Walters
Porter Wood