

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

- March 1 - 31 PreK & Kindergarten Enrollment @
MCSD Enrollment office at Bus Garage
M-F 8:00 –3:00 pm
- March 2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday – Read Across
America Day
- March 15 K – 2nd grade Spring Concert 6:30 PM @
MMS
- March 23 School Dismissed at 11:00 - ½ Staff
Development Day

Davis Spring Fling & Parent
Appreciation dinner 5-7 pm
- March 24 No School – Staff Development Day
- April 3 LifeTouch Kindergarten Grad pictures &
Spring Pictures for PreK, Kindergarten,
1st & 2nd Grade
- April 4 LifeTouch Spring Pictures for 3rd – 5th
Grade

PreK & Kindergarten Registration

The Malone Central School District has scheduled PreK & Kindergarten Registration as follows:

**March 1-31 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday**

PreK & Kindergarten Registration will both be held at **MCSD Enrollment Office located at the Bus Garage** on the above dates.

A child's birthdate must be on or before December 1, 2013, to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten & on or before December 1, 2012 to be eligible for Kindergarten during the 2017 – 2018 school year. Parents are required to provide proof of age (Birth Certificate), proof of residency and a record of immunizations for their son/daughter at registration.

If your child is already enrolled in Malone Central's PreK program, you do not have to register them again for Kindergarten.

Happy Birthday
Dr. Seuss



FIRST GRADE

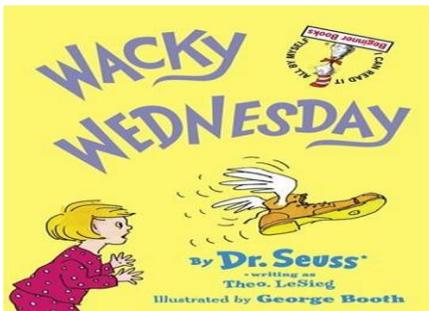
Hooray for Dr. Seuss! We begin this month celebrating Dr. Seuss and all of his fantastical characters on March 2nd! We have been reading about Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss) and even writing and dressing up as our favorite storybook characters. We will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on the 17th and the first day of spring on the 20th.

Your child has been rehearsing for the K-2nd grade March Spring Concert on the 15th, 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School. Mrs. West has worked very hard to have the children ready for the stage! We are looking forward to see them shine like stars!

In our reading program, we are working on Unit 4 about Animals Everywhere. This unit focuses on what animals we know, what we know about them and what they are like. We will be using what we learn to write nonfiction stories about animals and we may be creative and write fiction as well! We appreciate your help with reviewing the spelling words with your child. It helps them tremendously when we are writing independently!

With math, we are using numbers up to 120 and two-digit addition and subtraction. We will also learn about time to the hour and half hour using digital and analog clocks. In the classroom, we use different strategies to help your child add and subtract. Using items from home (coins, cereal, etc.) may help your child visually and enable hands on learners engage in the concepts.

A great big THANK YOU to all the first grade families who chaperoned our Frog and Toad field trip! We know your schedules are busy, yet we appreciate you taking the time. The students truly enjoyed this opportunity to experience a live performance of a series they are familiar with in our reading series! It was wonderful to see the pages in a book come to life!



MUSIC NEWS



After working so hard to entertain our audience at the February concert, the third through fifth grade students will be continuing their musical learning in the classroom. Third Grade students will be starting a musical unit about the different ways to play the Orff instruments. They will learn how to read notes on the staff and begin to play the instruments independently. This is always a great unit where students become more confident musically and see how music all fits together.

The 4th and 5th grade chorus students are gearing up for another concert this May. I couldn't have been happier with their last performance and I know that they will have a lot more to show off soon. They are a great group of students and the talent is amazing. We look forward to entertaining you all again in the next few months.

Later this spring, the students will be studying the performance form of musicals. The students will enjoy literature about the theater, determine the various people involved in putting on a musical, and explore the differences and similarities of plays and musicals. We will be learning songs from and discussing and viewing different musical classics such as *Mary Poppins* and *Wizard of Oz* and *The Sound of Music*.

The Kindergarten through 2nd grade students have been working extra hard to prepare for their upcoming concert. We have begun adding some of the finishing touches. The students sound great and are very excited to perform for family and friends. Be sure to mark your calendars to see how everything comes together on March 15th. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Middle School Auditorium. We hope to see you there for a very entertaining evening.

COUNSELING CONNECTION

Andree Tower & Katie McCallister

How is it possible that we are heading into the month of March? The year has been flying by, but we have been enjoying every day of it. During the first week of February we celebrated National School Counseling Week by promoting our favorite character trait; kindness. When we think of kindness, it seems so simple. Just be nice to everyone. Unfortunately, that is not always how it goes in our world. We strive to encourage kindness every day, but as with everything else, we will see much more success when the same message is being taught everywhere. Below are some tips from an article that captured our attention on ways we can help instill the importance of kindness with our students:

- 1) **Be their constant example**-By being an unrelenting example of how people should be treated in every situation, your actions will become second nature so your child can follow in your lead even when you aren't there.
- 2) **Broaden their horizon**-By removing them from their own bubble, they not only learn gratitude for what they have but can also develop a passion to help those who are less fortunate.
- 3) **Practice until it becomes a habit; not a chore**-[Work to develop this mindset](#) by continually focusing on it and coming up with creative ways to do for others. Value kindness as you would any other achievement and be sure to praise your child when they do well while also constructively discussing when they could do better.
- 4) **Show the power of their words and actions**-Children don't automatically realize [the major impact that their words](#), both compassionate and insensitive, can have on another person unless they are taught. Explain the importance of using their voice for kindness and making them aware of the harm that their actions can do, whether it's intended or not.
- 5) **Smile more**-Just like words, [a smile is a powerful tool](#) and can completely change a person's mood. Emphasize how easy it is to smile more, even to the stranger on the street, in order to spread warmth to a world that is often filled with those who are too rushed to even consider smiling.
- 6) **Work on it together**-Nobody is too old to be nice or is already too kind. Work on being altruistic with your child to show that it applies to everyone, not just children, and [create opportunities to teach random acts of kindness](#). Hands on experience and the ability to see the impact they can have on others is a powerful lesson.
- 7) **Be clear about the purpose**-Although helping others feels amazing and should be noted, if your child only [learns to spread kindness with an expectation](#) of what they will get in return, it defeats the purpose. Help them work on appreciating what others feel and gain instead of thinking about what they can get out of their nice act or sweet attitude.
- 8) **Redefine success**-While some focus solely on what grade a child gets or if they win or lose, shift your focus to what they did in the process. If a kid is so focused on always winning or rushing to be the first, stopping to help the child who fell down or taking time to support another kid in need might not even occur to them.
- 9) **Always make it a priority; not a special occasion**-Kids should know that kindness is expected at all times. Instead of making excuses for when we are cranky or having a rough day, use these [moments to teach your child](#) how to do better during the hard times instead of taking it out on others.

PTA NEWS



The annual Spring Fling at Davis is on Thursday, March 23rd this year. This popular event includes a free dinner for parents and families, bounce houses, DJ, and a very popular Chinese action style raffle every year. The raffle is something that a lot of the kids and parents enjoy. We have been lucky for many years to be able to fill the raffle with items donated by local businesses small and large. This year, I offered to approach all of you to see if anyone would be willing to contribute to the Spring Fling Chinese auction.

Items that would be popular include: gift cards to local businesses, small themed gift baskets, and products from any of our talented crafters or product sellers. If you are able to contribute an item, please drop me an email or stop by my office and let me know. Items can be brought in anytime up until the auction though I do appreciate knowing what we will have so I can prepare the raffle ticket bags.

Thank you so much for your support of the PTA at Davis!

Labels for Education and Box Tops Update



Thank you to everyone for collecting and submitting your Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education. Every label and box top counts towards more supplies for our school!

Labels and box tops do not need to be glued or taped to papers. Box tops and labels can be submitted at any time. Just enclose them in a baggie or envelope, label with your child's teacher's name, and send them in. We will take care of the rest!! **Please double check the expiration date on each label. If they are expired, we cannot count them.** Thanks again for your continued support!!



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:

Our VIP's for this week 1/30 – 2/3 are:

Kassidy Armstrong-Recore, Misty-Lynn Farmer, Brenden Hence, Owen Sweet;

Our VIP's for this week 02/06 – 02/10 are:

Ethan Coates, Aleck Dupra, Aidyn Jock, Aleksa Keeler, Gracie Lamica, Eyah Myatt, Chloe Nolette, Reece Perry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**DR. SEUSS
March 2!**



March

Amaya Arno
Jack Bannon
Blake Brand
Elaina Brockway
Gavin Charland
Skylar Cherrier
Bryleigh Conto
Kaiden Cox
Elisabeth Davenport
Kaylee Debyah
Starra DuPont
Madeline Goodrow
Cayden Guijoso-Brown
Nathan Hart
Brenden Hence
Kaden Jarvis
Stephen Kozmiuk
Jerry LaPage
Blayke Lewis
Ciara Lord
Mason Martin
Ivy Niles
Alexandra Onofre
Brody Paige
Ryan Payne
Jared Poirier
Kallee Poirier

JoAnne Powers
Eva Raville
Landen Rivera
Chance Russell
Connor Rust
Vaughn Sanchez
Parker Savoie
Joseph Sharpe
Alexandria Shearer
Elijah-James Smith
Dillan Snyder
Adam Southworth
Kirra Spaulding
Lincoln Stone
Levi Sutton
Rourke Tuper
Xzayvier Tuper
Jared Wares
Carson West
Shasta Lynn Winters
Darrian Yearwood
Landon Yeddo