

# 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

- May 2 National Teacher's Day
- May 2-4 Gr. 3-8 Math State Tests Administered
- May 6 National School Nurses' Day
- May 12 All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes to Upper Canada Village
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 15 National Transportation Week
- May 16 Davis 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Orientation @ MMS
- May 17 Author James Preller @ Wead Library  
5:30 – 6:30 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus & Band  
Concert at 6:30 @ MMS
- May 19 Mrs. Gadway, Perez & Stone's classes  
to Chateaugay Fish Hatchery & High Falls
- May 24 Mrs. Buschbascher & Mrs. Wescott's  
classes to Chateaugay Fish Hatchery  
& High Falls
- May 26 **No School**
- May 29 **No School – Memorial Day**
- May 31 NYS Science Performance Test Gr. 4
- June 5 NYS Grade 4 Science Written Test
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 20 Davis Kindergarten Graduation @  
9:00 AM
- June 21 Davis 5<sup>th</sup> Gr Celebration @ 9:30 AM
- June 23 Last Day of School



*Mother's Day, May 14*



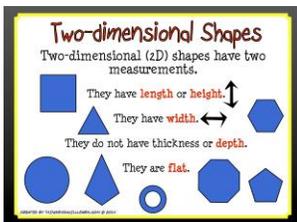
*Memorial Day, May 29*

## FIRST GRADE NEWS

First grade classrooms have been very busy this Spring. We have been reading about and discussing insects and animals who help others. For Earth Day we wrote about how to keep the earth clean and healthy.

In May, many activities are planned. In science, we will be exploring the world of seeds. Children will learn about the power of plants by first looking at many different kinds of seeds. Through hands-on-experiments, students will examine the inside of a seed coat and all the other interesting features plants have and what helps it grow. Each classroom will be planting a variety of flowers and vegetable seeds in the classrooms, so that students may watch and discover how and what plants need to grow healthy and strong.

In our reading program, we will discuss how to classify and categorize things, how to identify things we see in the sky and inventions. We appreciate you having your child read at home at night...it truly is helping with their reading skills! This truly supports our efforts here.



Our end of the year math lessons will include: two-dimensional shapes and 3 dimensional shapes, addition and subtraction strategies to 100 and counting on using pennies,

counting by fives using nickels and counting by tens using dimes. We continue to use problem-solving strategies and practice addition and subtraction math facts on a daily basis.

In Social Studies, we look forward to celebrating Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Children love to create gifts and share stories about their moms. We hope all our mom's have a very special day. May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day (observed) which a day is set aside to honor men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. We will read and discuss many ways in which people honor this important holiday.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, our first graders will be meeting James Preller, our visiting magician who inspires children to read. We look forward to having a great time with Mr. Preller! An evening family show with James Preller is scheduled at the Wead Library at 5:30 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

As the weather begins to brighten and things begin to grow, many children are involved in outside activities. Please remember to continue to complete homework each evening. Also, students need sneakers for gym and outdoor play.

## SECOND GRADE NEWS

Mrs. McGovern's Class will be springing into Harcourt theme five, called *Better Together*. In this theme, students will read stories about community and the kinds of group activities that may make their neighborhoods a better place – among fictional characters and among real life people and animals.

We will be working on writing more personal narratives, something the students enjoy. The students have also been writing book reviews to share their opinions about books they are reading. Mrs. Morley, our student teacher from SUNY Potsdam, continues to do exciting projects with the class. The ESP science kit on Properties is hands-



on and loaded with fun activities to learn about different property words and characteristics. Also, to celebrate the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Earth Day**, we discussed the concepts of reduce, reuse, and recycle. To learn about Earth Day, which was on April 22, our class discussed composting worms, recycling, and reusing our resources. We discussed composting worm bins to let students know how valuable composting worms are and how they can help reduce food waste that is put into landfills. The students have reused items throughout the year in our STEM projects.

We will be going on a field trip to The Wild Center in Tupper Lake on June 7<sup>th</sup>. More details and information will be coming soon. Enjoy this spring weather!



## MUSIC NEWS

After working so hard to entertain our audience at the March 15<sup>th</sup> concert the Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are getting back to learning more music concepts in the classroom. Kindergarten students are continuing their alphabet. We are learning a new song that begins with their letter of the week; as well as learning how to play a new instrument that also begins with that letter. It is always fun to see what will be next in our music alphabet. 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are moving into a review of our rhythms and learning to write and play various rhythmic sentences together. This is always an enjoyable time for all. Learning to write music opens a new window of ability to express themselves in a musical way.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are continuing to work on the singing voice and steady beat with many new activities. Students are also learning more rhythms and continuing to learn not only how to say those rhythms but to be able to play them on various instruments found in the music classroom.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students will begin a unit on how to play the Orff instruments. These include the bass xylophones, alto xylophones and the soprano xylophones. Students will learn proper playing techniques what sounds can be made. They are also studying the music staff and learning how to read the notes independently. By the end of the unit students will be able to read and write a short piece of music and perform on the Orff instruments.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are continuing to review the music staff and reading and forming words on the staff together. This study will also help us when we get farther into our recorder playing. 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will soon be bringing their recorders home to practice and to entertain their families. Always an exciting time when students are able to be more independent in their music playing.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have started to learn about various composers. They are learning about their music and their lives. We will be finding out all kinds of information interesting facts that will help us to better understand how these famous composers were very much like us. It is going to be an interesting unit for all.

Our musical year is sure shaping up with many songs sung and activities we have been busily working on.

I looked forward to spring and all the new musical adventures to come.

### CHORUS NEWS

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus students are working hard to prepare for their upcoming **ELEMENTARY SPRING MUSICALE**. This performance will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Malone Middle School Auditorium. At that concert you will be entertained by our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade band which will perform in their first public performance of the year. It is amazing to hear how far they have come since receiving their instruments in the fall. The band will be followed by the Flanders and St. Joe's Chorus and we will end the concert with our Davis Chorus in the spotlight. Hope to see you all there to support the efforts of these students who have worked so hard all year.



Please stop by and see our Davis **V.I.P.** Bulletin Board in the lobby. Read about each student to find out what makes him/her special.

***Our V.I.P.'s for this week April 3 - 7 are:***

Kelsi Manley, Evan Payne, Blake Reynolds, Addison Smith;

***Our VIP's for this week April 10 – 13 are:***

Luke Karleskent;

***Our VIP's this week 4/24 – 4/28 are:***

Ben Quinn

## COUNSELING CONNECTION

### Andree Tower & Katie McCallister

Spring is in the air and we could not be happier to see the many smiles that the sunshine is bringing to everyone's face! The 2015-2016 school year is quickly passing us by and we are continuing to enjoy the ride immensely.

With 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter just coming to an end and the last stretch ahead, we wanted to share some important tips on something that affects all of us in one way or another; failure. As parents and educators, we find so much joy in watching our children succeed in and out of the classroom. Whether they get an A on their math test, learn how to ride their bike without training wheels for the first time, or make the game-winning shot in the basketball game, we soak up each and every one of these moments. However, when we watch our children fail, it breaks our heart a little bit each time.

Angela Duckworth, Professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, has done extensive research on the concept of *grit*, a combination of passion and perseverance, and the power it has on one's ability to achieve short and long term goals. We are all well aware of the importance behind the reading and math skills our children are learning on a daily basis, but what do we do when the work gets tougher each day and how do we help keep our children from giving up? Grit! The following tips from Angela Duckworth's research can be helpful in teaching children about grit and helping them work through the adversity and failures they face as they go after their goals.

#### **1. Praise the effort, not the grade.**

When you praise the "stick-to-it-ness" of your child's efforts, they will be more determined to continue working hard. Praising your child's hard work will encourage them not to give up.

#### **2. Let them struggle.**

As hard as it is to see your child struggle, they need to learn how to work through frustration and failure. If you swoop in and save them before they fail, they will never learn how to deal with failure, which is a part of life. While they're struggling, praise their effort!

#### **3. Create and talk about your own goals.**

If your goal is to clean the basement, repaint the bedroom, or run that half-marathon, talk about it as a family. Share what small steps you are taking along the way to meet your goal, and talk about your own struggles and how you plan to get past them.

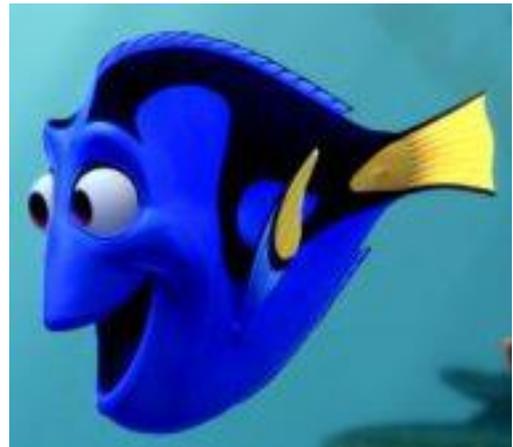
#### **4. Keep and model an open mindset.**

An open mindset is believing that things can change, that we can improve our skills and knowledge, and that we can get past challenges. Instead of saying, "I can't do this!" you can say, "I can't do this....yet."

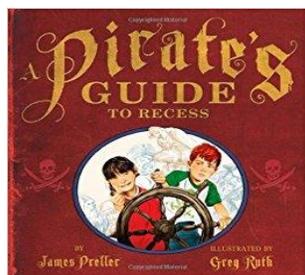
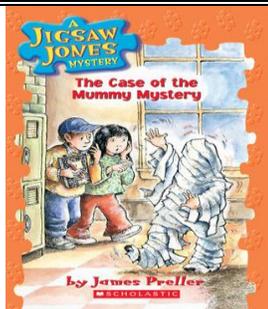
#### **5. Find ways to challenge your child.**

Encourage your child to try new things, even if they aren't sure they're any good at it. Trying new things is how we learn from our mistakes. Give them age-appropriate chores at home. Find new hobbies and involve your child. Praise their effort along the way!

If all else fails, think of Dory and "just keep swimming, just keep swimming!" 😊



## LIBRARY NEWS



**James Preller's visit is this month!** James Preller will be visiting Davis on May 16th-17th; scheduling details have been sent and are also posted on the library doors!

James will giving an evening presentation at the Wead Library on Wednesday, May 17th from 5:30-6:30. Everyone in the community is invited to this presentation, and we hope to see many faces from Davis there!

We have been creating many projects to get ready for James' visit, and there is still time to bring in a project in order to win a chance to have a special dessert with Mr. Preller. Projects are due to the library by Friday, May 12th!

Invitations will be sent out soon to come to an event in honor of Mr. Preller; we are going to be detectives for a morning! On May 13th we are meeting in the Malone Middle School cafeteria for a free "Detective Day" from 10-11:30. There will be activity stations and crafts with a detective theme to celebrate James Preller's Jigsaw Jones Mysteries series. We hope you all can make it!

### **Website of the month:**

James Preller's Official Website: <http://www.jamespreller.com>

Visit James' website to find out more about our visiting author! Mr. Preller's blog is full of neat info about writing, as well as interviews with other authors, stuff about his books, and much more!

## PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWS

### Malone Central School District Physical Therapy Department

[www.mcsdpt.weebly.com](http://www.mcsdpt.weebly.com)

Wendy R. Norman, MPT  
PreK-12 and Holy Family Physical Therapy Coordinator

This month I would like to pay tribute to the Speech-Language and Hearing profession, as May is **Better Hearing and Speech Month**.

Malone Central School District presently has a Speech Department consisting of six Speech-Language Pathologists and one Teacher for the Hearing Impaired, addressing the needs of children district wide, in addition to Holy Family School, in grades Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Kerri Perry, SLP

Kathleen Perras, SLP

Pam LeDuc, SLP

Pam Collins, SLP

Kelly Gordon, SLP

Jennifer Champagne, SLP

Tracy Scharf, Teacher for the Hearing Impaired

These ladies are committed to ensuring that people with speech, language, and hearing disorders receive services to help them communicate effectively. They work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. I would encourage you to take time this month to acknowledge these ladies for all that they do for the Malone Central School District and our community at large.



# Happy Birthday May



Clay Bartenslager  
Brady Bashaw  
Gabriella Bouvia  
Terry Brunell  
Jayden Clark  
Carley Coates  
Maggie Connors  
Elias Davenport  
Skyler Deshane  
Aaliyah Earle  
Sophie Eldridge  
Cheyanne Farmer  
Alayna Fountain  
Marley Gero  
Forest Goachee  
Piper Goeke  
Halle Gratton  
Cooper Gwinn  
Eric Lee Hargarten  
Avaeha Hernandez  
Isaac Hugaboom  
Carson Keating  
Tanner King  
Bryson LaBarr  
Hannah Lamica  
Sonya Lamondie  
Emmalyn LaShomb  
James LaTour  
Piper Lessor  
Savanna Marlow

Na-Raysha Monroe  
Nai-Shalee Monroe  
Makenna Murphy-Mulverhill  
Brenden Ojida  
Miklas Pant  
Riley Pattereson  
Zendann Poirier  
Bradley Poupore  
Lyric Preston  
Genevieve Robideau  
Layton Rock  
McKenzie Russell  
Zayden Sclesky  
Ayssa Seymour  
Lillie-Mae Sheldrick  
Rodney Silver II  
Drake Trim  
Qwin Ursino  
Sawyer Wescott  
Alexys White

