



The Davis Buzz



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Principal's Corner

Our courtyard is completed! We will be having a grand opening on Friday, October 2 at 1:00 pm. Please take a moment to visit our courtyard the next time you are on our campus to see this wonderful outdoor space where students can read outside the library and learn about the sundial. Thank you to Ms. Abercrombie, the Boy Scouts, and all the parents, grandparents, and other family and friends who donated their time, talents, and resources to this space over the past three years.

Our annual PTO Fall Carnival is coming up on Saturday, October 10 here at Davis. Please volunteer to help work in your child's classroom for this event and plan to join us for an evening of food and fun. Our PTO helps all children at Davis each year with extensive financial support.

Finally, we will have Fall Break from October 19-23. I hope you and your family can spend some time together that week as we let students and faculty and staff members rest and get ready for the rest of the first semester!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or email me at mikerich@dadecountyschools.org or by phone at 657.6300.

October 5-9 Fire Safety Prevention Week

Do not leave children alone around open flames, stoves or candles.
Keep matches, gasoline, lighters and other flammable materials out of children's reach.
Teach children a plan for escaping your home in a fire and practice it.
Install smoke alarms in your home on every level and in every sleeping area.

- Test them once a month.
- Replace the batteries once a year.
- Replace alarms every 10 years.

Before bathing children in heated water, always run your open hand through the water to check its temperature.

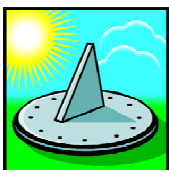
Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.

Never carry children and hot foods or liquids at the same time.

Keep things that easily catch fire (such as papers) away from heat sources like stoves, heaters and fireplaces.



Fall Break October 19-23



You are invited to celebrate the opening of the Davis courtyard during our ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00 on Friday, October 2nd. Many long hours have gone into creating this special place. Come celebrate with us. Refreshments will be served.

Candle Sale

Our annual candle sale begins October 16th and will end Friday, October 30th. 50% of the profits go directly to your child's classroom. Watch for more information and order forms coming home soon.

It's Fall Festival Time!!!

Saturday, October 10, 4-8 p.m.
Cafeteria opens at 4, games begin at 5

The following may be purchased in the office beginning September 29th:

- Game tickets: Purchase \$10, receive \$3 free
Purchase \$20, receive \$10 free
(ticket will be 25 cents the night of the festival)
Bingo wrist band: \$20 – Play 2 cards for 20 games
(\$1 per card the night of the festival)
Meal tickets: \$5 BBQ plate or chili dog plate

It's Fall Festival Time!!!

We need your help

- See Mrs. Weathers if you are interested in being a character on the haunted hall.
- In order for all the games to operate during the entire festival, we need many volunteers. Contact your child's teacher to sign up for a time to help in their classroom or elsewhere at the festival.
- In order to get the needed items for the festival we are having a contest between classes. The class with the most points will receive a pizza party. The following items are needed. Thanks in advance for the donations.

Cokes – 5 points per 2 liter
Bottled water – 20 points per case
Cookies, brownies, individual sweets
25 points for store bought items
50 points for homemade items
Cakes for the cake walk –
25 points for store bought items
50 points for homemade items

Parent Involvement



Brenda Wheeler,
Parent Involvement Coordinator

Dade County Schools received an Even Start grant. Families can benefit from this grant if:

- there is at least one parent or guardian in the home who needs a GED or high school diploma
- the parent has a child from Birth-7 years of age

Parents or guardians may attend GED classes at Davis or the Trenton site. There will also be a preschool class three days a week at Davis. This class will be for those children whose parents are in GED classes or high school. There might be slots for other children, but families in the Family Literacy program would have priority.

There are some other criteria, but if you meet these first two and would like to participate in the program, contact Brenda Wheeler at Davis Elementary at 657-6300.

October

- 2 Ribbon cutting for the Court yard – 1:00
- 3 Benefit for Dade Co. teacher, Karen Bankson
5-8 DCHS Silent auction, music, and food
- 5-9 Fire Prevention Week
- 6 FTE count day
- 9 Fire prevention assembly
3rd-5th – 9:00, PK-2 10:00
- 10 Davis fall festival 4:00 – 8:00
Book fair open
- 12 Second 9 weeks begins
- 12-16 Book Fair
- 13 Chorus to Dollywood
- 16 Candle sale fund-raiser begins
- 19-23 Fall Break
- 29 Early release at 1:00 parent conferences
- 30 Awards Day
- Nov. 2 Davis food drive begins



A special thanks goes to the Trenton CVS for donating photograph development services to Davis.

Awards Day 10:00 – PK, Kindergarten 12:00 – 1st and 2nd 1:00 – 3rd, 4th, and 5th In the gym
We are requesting that families stay for the entire program, rather than leaving during the middle of the ceremony.

New PTO officers: President – Angela Stokes, Vice President – Doug Welsh