



# The Davis Buzz



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## Principal's Corner

### National Family Literacy Month

Did you know that November has been designated by the US Congress as National Family Literacy Month? Under the No Child Left Behind act, the US government created the National Institute for Family Literacy. According to the Institute's web site, "The Institute is authorized under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law to help children, youth, and adults learn to read by supporting and disseminating scientifically-based reading research." You can view their web site for further information at <http://www.nifl.gov/> The Georgia Public Library service also offers numerous guides to family literacy and helping your child learn to read at <http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/advocacy/index.php>

At Davis Elementary, we are pleased to offer adult GED classes several times each week. For information about these classes, please contact Mrs. Fran Randolph at 322.7848 or pick up a flyer in the main office.

As a parent, I strongly encourage you to read and write with your children, and to let them see you reading and writing each day. Even if you feel that you lack the expertise to help your child learn to excel in reading and writing; your example as a parent has a tremendous effect on your children's attitudes about literacy. As a learning community, we welcome your questions and suggestions about how we can support you as we work together to help all our children succeed.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about literacy or other topics, please contact your child's teacher or call me at 706.657.6300. You can also email me at [mikerich@dadecountyschools.org](mailto:mikerich@dadecountyschools.org)

Sincerely, Mike Rich

## HATS OFF!



Hats off to Mrs. Dobbs' Pre-K class.  
They have read 100 books during the months of  
September and October.

Hats off to all who helped  
with the Fall Festival.

Hats off to Joanna Rosenbalm, a student in Mrs. Avery's Pre-K class. She celebrated her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 30<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of presents, she asked her birthday party guests to bring items that could be used in her classroom. The next Monday she arrived at school with a wagonload of items, such as, paper towels, hand soap, wet wipes, storage bags, puzzles, and art supplies.

## PTO as Partners

Thanks to all who helped with the Fall Festival. It was a great success. We ended up clearing about \$3,500.

We had 3 winners in the costume contest. 1<sup>st</sup> place – Cherry Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Wade Cutshall, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Josh Nerney. Thanks to all the participants. We saw some great costumes.

We will have another nachos, coke, and candy sale on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our next PTO meeting is Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. The Davis Chorus will be performing.

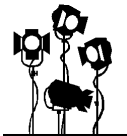
A big thanks to the Pre-K classes and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes for their awesome programs at the last 2 PTO programs. We have a lot of talent at Davis Elementary School.

## School Council Elections

If you are interested in becoming a parent representative for the Davis school council, please let your child's teacher know. Please come to the office to vote for our new representatives during the week of October 29 – November 2. Our current school council members are James Beach, Maria Irwin, Sabrina Whitley, Mike Rich, Dottie Abercrombie, and Katie Marion. We need at least one more parent representative. Thanks, in advance, for getting involved in your child's education through our Davis School Council!



## Spotlight On Students



**Ivey Fidelibus reads everything in sight.** She reads her leveled library books in 1 or 2 days. She reads every time she gets any free time. Her 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Gibson, often has to say, "Ivey put your book up now so we can do math." She loves to read, and because of that, she has become a better reader. She is reading 178 words per minute. She comprehends what she reads on an 11<sup>th</sup> grade level. Many Davis students love to read and we are proud of them all. Ivey is a great example for us all to follow.

*Everyone had a great time at game night in October. There will be another parent night on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Mark your calendars.*

## Upcoming Events

- November 6 Mr. Rich's Birthday
- November 8 Parent meeting @ 6:00
- November 13 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are going to DCHS in the morning to see the high school play.
- November 15 PTO at 4:00 The chorus is performing.
- November 16 Santa pictures  
PTO nachos & coke sale
- November 20 Kindergarten Feast at Woodlawn Baptist Church at 11:00
- November 21, 22, 23 Thanksgiving Break
- November 28 Progress reports go home
- November 29 PK parent conferences 12-6
- November 30 Davis Chorus performs at Dollywood

*We will be having a food drive until Thanksgiving. Classes will be competing against each other to see who can collect the most food.*



**Count Your Blessings**



## Spotlight On Staff



**Lisa Hill** is our new kindergarten teacher. She worked at Lookout Valley Elementary School for eleven years as an Educational Assistant. Mrs. Hill mainly worked with children who were considered "at risk" in grades k-2. It was during that time that she was encouraged to complete her degree in Early Childhood Education. She earned her degree at Covenant College while continuing to work as a teacher assistant.

Mrs. Hill has been married for 24 years to her husband Ken. She has 3 children, Jeremy, Josh, and Jenna and one daughter-in-law, Katie. She grew up in rural middle Tennessee. A note of interest is that her 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher was Patty Priest. Mrs. Hill loves to garden and work in flowers. She is a member of the Tiftonia Church of Christ.

Mrs. Hill says, "Davis is a wonderful place to work and everyone has been so welcoming! The teachers, staff, and parents are some of the most dedicated people I have ever met. I look forward to getting to know everyone as a new teacher to Davis Elementary."

