



# The Davis Buzz



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## Principal's Corner

Parents,

Thanks for a great first semester! I am excited about the new additions and revisions to our campus and the teaching and learning going on daily. I also appreciate all your help in volunteering in your child's classroom and with PTO. I do need your help with a few concerns.

Please do not drop off students before school opens. We do not have staff on duty to supervise students before buses unload at 7:30 am and car rider drop off begins at 7:45 am. Chorus students may ride the bus and not be counted late.

In the afternoons, if you choose to walk to the gym to pick up your child in person, please park in front of the gym so that you and your child(ren) will not have to cut across the car rider line.

Finally, please limit guests to your child and 1 guest when your child gets selected for the Bee Good Cafe. We are very proud of our students when they are selected, but have run out of seating for our students and their guests. If you have suggestions for how we could accommodate more guests and expand this program, please discuss feel free to discuss this with me or our PTO officers.

As always, thank you for your support as we work together to help your child be successful!

Mike Rich  
Principal

*Merry Christmas!*

## PTO as Partners

**Thank you to the following businesses who donated to the Davis Fall Festival**

Scenic View Cabins, Sharon Howell-Home Interior, Fran Randolph, Jeannie's Pet Grooming, Bones & Bows, Dollar General, Gross's Furniture, Cabins to Castles, Handyman Salvage, Bottom Dollar Tools, Randy's Pawn Shop, JB Variety Store, Big Sandy Golf Club, Trenton Golf Club, Uncle Jim's Clubhouse, Jone's Fast lube, 301 Superlube, Ingle's, Bi-Lo, Food Lion, Dobbins Supermarket, Crocker's Produce, Holman's Produce, Citizen's Bank, Bank of Dade, Lalito,s, Alfredo's, Larry's, Randy's, Huddle House, Vine Café, Domino's, Wendy's, Krystal, Subway, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Depot Diner, Geneva's, Canyon Grill, Big Wheel BBQ, Cuttin' Corner, Headlines hair salon, Sunnyside hair salon, Impressions hair salon, Strand Design, D&B hair salon, Changes hair salon, Hairmasters, Shear Attitude, B-Mart, TN Aquarium, TN Valley RR Museum, Discovery Museum, Ruby Falls, Rock City, Chattanooga Zoo, Murder Mystery Theater, Southern Belle, Rib n Loin, TGI Friday's, Mellow Mushroom, Cheeburger Cheeburger, American Jukebox, Country Tonite, Dollywood, Comedy Barn, Memphis Zoo, and Stone Mountain

# HATS OFF!



Jessica Gentry (Haynes), Yasmine Brown (Mahan), and Patrick Rouquette (Bible) have read 100 books.

Everyone did a great job bringing in items for the food drive. Mrs. Gass' class won the turkey feather contest by bringing 900 cans of food. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Bible's third grade class for sorting and counting all of the food. They estimated that the food that we collected (about 3,000 items), could feed 1,000 people a meal

Thank you to all who sold candles for the candle sale. The school made \$6,000 in profit. All of the money stays in your child's classroom.

Congratulations to the Dade County Pre-K program for receiving all Exceeds on our PQA (state assessment of our program)! Please take a minute to congratulate Mrs. Dobbs, Mrs. Avery, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Angel for all of their hard work in earning this rating.

## COMING SOON!

*Odyssey of the Mind will start in December. It is open to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Contact Leah Bible for more information.*

Our toy drive will continue throughout the month of December. We encourage you to bring new, unwrapped toys to be given to children who are less fortunate.

Be watching for information about a potluck supper for all of our volunteers. This will take place instead of our December parent meeting. Watch for parent workshops next semester, which will include Science Fun, another Math Night, and a Writing Workshop. Let Brenda Wheeler know if you have any suggestions for parent workshops.

All of the kindergarten classes gathered with their teachers and families at White Oak Baptist Fellowship Hall for a great Thanksgiving Feast. This has become a tradition in Kindergarten, but it was so big this year that we had to leave campus to accommodate everyone. The meal was cooked by Tammy Davenport, Leah Smith, Karen Holt, Lisa Hill, Mary Newsome, and Pam Cagle. The students dressed up as pilgrims and Indians and entertained their family with Thanksgiving songs while being accompanied on guitar by our counselor, Mr Shelton. Mr. Rich, Mrs. Abercrombie and several faculty members enjoyed the meal with the students. It was a very special day for everyone involved. The kindergarten teachers would like to thank all of those whose donations made the day possible: White Oak, McDonalds, BiLo (Ft. Oglethorpe), Food Lion, Dobbins, Holmans' Produce and CVS.

# December

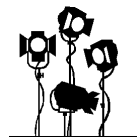
- Dec. 3 Davis School Council @ 6:30
- Dec. 3 – 14 Santa Shop open
- Dec. 4 Chorus performs at Rock City @ 6:30  
Covenant students last day at Davis
- Dec. 5,6 Thingate testing
- Dec. 6 4<sup>th</sup> grade goes to DMS market place
- Dec 7 Chorus performs at WKWN , 10 a.m.  
They will be caroling in Trenton afterwards.
- Dec. 13 Faculty meeting after school
- Dec. 18 Santa comes for a visit
- Dec. 19 Polar Express Day  
PK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades may wear pajamas
- Dec 20 Christmas parties at 10:30
- Dec. 21 Christmas break begins

## Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!

- Jan. 3 Teacher In-Service Day
- Jan 4 First day of new semester



## Spotlight On Staff



The 24 year old, new, energetic third grade teacher at Davis is **Heather Mahan**. Davis is her first teaching job. She was born and raised on Sand Mountain, in Higdon, Alabama. She graduated high school at North Sand Mountain and graduated from Dalton State College.

Mrs. Mahan has been married to her husband, Matt, for four and a half years. They live in Trenton, and are expecting their first child around June 9<sup>th</sup>. She is from a small family but married into a large one. She has one brother, two brother in laws, and three sister in laws. She is the proud aunt of her brother's baby, Jady.

In her free time she likes to sleep, read books, sleep, do yoga, sleep, and sew. Because of her pregnancy, she sleeps a good 10 hours a night.

"I am proud to be a member of Davis Elem. School and look forward to my career teaching the best kids in the world".

