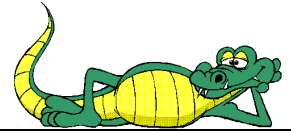




DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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October 2023

School Calendar



OCTOBER

12...Fall Picture Day
13...PTO Movie Night, 6:30pm
16-20... Harvest for the Hungry Spirit Week and Donation Drive
17...Unity Day—Wear Orange
Early Dismissal, 12:25pm
24...Kindergarten to Down's Park
30-31...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm
31...End of First Marking Period
Halloween

NOVEMBER

1...No School—Staff Workday
3...PTO Skate Night, 5-7pm
14...PTO Meeting, 7pm
18...PTO School Grounds Clean-up
20-21...No School—Conferences
22-24...No School—Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

5...Unity Day—Wear Orange
5...Early Dismissal, 12:25pm
5...PTO Holiday Shoppe
6...Picture Retake Day
25-29...No School—Winter Break

Principal's Message

GATOR FAMILIES—Welcome to fall! We had such a successful first month of the school year. Our students settled into a routine quite easily, enabling our teachers to jump into building relationships and teaching content. It feels great to have this school year in full-swing. By this point, all students have had their first Arts & Humanities class of the school year. This course is part of the Triple E program and serves as a fifth day of Cultural Arts for students. This class uses dance, music, theater, and visual art to explore problems. Also new this year is the Reveal Math program. Parents received information on an upcoming parent session to learn about the components of this new math program. We encourage parents to stay involved in your child's academics. Ensure you have an active Parent Portal account, have logged into your child's iReady account (grades 1-5) to monitor progress, and have completed their emergency card information for this school year.

Last month, we welcomed *Chris in the Classroom* to our school to talk with students and parents about what it means to be resilient and how to solve conflict with others. While his concepts were basic, they reminded us that just saying "be kind" or "stay away from them" doesn't always resolve the issues kids encounter with peers. We will continue to teach these concepts through our Second Step curriculum and support our students during times like recess. Chris has a wide-range of resources available, including podcasts on a variety of topics. You can access these through his website www.chrisintheclassroom.com/podcast. Thank you to our generous PTO for bringing this fun and educational topic to our school!

As we move into October our school will participate in the Harvest for the Hungry food drive. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we demonstrate for our students the value in helping others in need. Your continued partnership is valued!

Mrs. Colleen Harris

SCHOOL SECURITY: DES is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is not monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system.

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HALLOWEEN

Join us for the annual DES
Halloween Parade
October 31st, 8:30am.
Since this is an outside event, siblings are welcome; however, no pets, please.

Halloween Parties
The times for these class celebrations will vary based on schedules. Each class will have a team of parent volunteers to support these events. Due to space, they are not open to all parents.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance is critical to the academic success of all students. Our school monitors student attendance data monthly. The following has been set up as a guide for parents:

School hours: 8:00am-2:25pm

Students will be marked **tardy** if they arrive between 8:01am—11:20am.

Students will be marked with an **early dismissal** if they leave school between 11:21am-2:25pm.

Students must be in school at least 40 minutes in order to be marked present for a half day.

Notification is needed for each absence. For 5 or more consecutive absences a doctor note is needed.

STUDENT ILLNESS

As we move into the months with increased illness, we ask families to remain vigilant in keeping students home when they are sick. General rules include staying home for 24 hours after vomiting or 24 hours fever free without medication. For Covid positive cases, we follow the CDC guidelines which require a 5-day isolation followed by five days of recommended masking.
THANK YOU!!!

Cell Phones & Smart Watches

During the school day, students should not have any reason to use cell phones or a smart watch to contact others. Cell phones should remain tucked away in a backpack. Smart watches should be used as a time piece. We also ask that students not utilize phones on school buses where they share content with others or play music for others to hear. Cell phones and smart watches are the responsibility of the family and we highly encourage parents to set parameters should your child bring these devices to school.