



# The Davis Newsletter

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## Principal's Message



I would like to thank all students, staff and parents who helped out during Term 1. The students have been involved in many things around the school such as JK/SK helpers, recycling team, cross country team, soccer teams, volleyball team, library helpers and lunch and bus monitors, etc. The staff put many additional hours into extra curricular activities such as coaching , musical performances, shoe box drives, can drives, etc. .Many parents have been helping out , driving students to sporting events, supervising on field trips, and participating on school council, helping with our Breakfast and Snack program and much more. We are very fortunate. Our school is a better place to learn because of the involvement of students, staff and parents. Have a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

### Our Davis Professional Learning Community

All teachers are working on our first school improvement Reading goal around Inferencing which can involve retelling a story in the primary grades as well as making predictions . In the junior and intermediate grades students are asked to infer as well as make connections and predictions, not only to prior learning but to their own personal experiences. Ask your child about their "Learning Goals" and about "Success Criteria" which is what they need to do in order to be successful in completing a particular assignment. We are all "learners" as Davis P.S.

### We Appreciate you!

To Loblaws Superstore for their donations to our breakfast program

To Modern Nails for the gift certificates

To Our Grade 4 students, choir and their teachers for a moving Remembrance Day ceremony

To Indigo Lakeshore who has "adopted" our school in order to help build up our school library.

To Mrs. Butnari , our Teacher Librarian for picking out such great books at our shopping Spree at Lakeshore Indigo

To our Davis school community for helping to support our breakfast and snack program by participating in the "Pass the Puck for a Buck " event

To our wonderful snack ladies who help to prepare such healthy and delicious snacks for us

### Inclement weather and Role of Parents

In the event of impending severe weather conditions, parents should consider the safety of their children in deciding whether or not to send them to school..

Parents should stay tuned to the local radio stations as well the board website for weather reports and school board announcements.

Parents who, in spite of school board transportation cancellations, drive their children to school, will be required to make the necessary arrangements for the safe return home of their children if schools are cancelled.

Phone calls to the school during severe weather conditions are to be made only in the case of extreme emergency.

Parents shall be requested to provide the school with a name and telephone alternate ( someone who lives in close proximity to the home) who would be willing to act on their behalf in the event they cannot be reached.

We try not to interrupt classes. Please plan ahead as much as possible and send a note with your child if they will be leaving early.

Please remember to call the school and leave a message on the voice mail if your child will be away from school. If it is a fog day or a snow day and your child will not be attending please inform the school.

**Mrs. Roz Breshgold, Principal**

**Character Counts at Davis**  
**Davis November Students of the Month**



**Davis Volleyball Team, Coach Mr. DiCaro**

In a phenomenal season, the boys won their first 7 games straight, with lots of hard work, team spirit, and dedication. Unfortunately, they found defeat in their final game against Hetherington. It was an overall outstanding season, and the team all look forward to the playoffs still to come.

**Davis Character- 7/8 M Cares!**

For the month of December, 7/8 **Mulhall** will be working on **giving back the community** as part of their character education for the month of November.

Groups of students are initiating various projects to help different groups in their own community. The projects range from **collecting gently used children's books for the Children's ward at Hotel Dieu-Grace hospital**, to **collecting cans for local food banks**.

An update will be provided on how these leadership initiatives went in the January Davis newsletter.



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W.G. Davis School Presents...

# Holiday Concert 2011

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7:00 P.M.

Dress Rehearsal 10:40 AM

*Featuring*

## The Davis Concert Band

"Concert Overtures"



## The Junior Choir

"Songs of Christmas Time"



## Grade 4/5 B

"The Q3ST Machine"



## Intermediate Idols

"Stars Shine!"



## The Davis Senior Choir

"Grand Finale"



**Free Admission and Good Cheer!**

Doors open 6:30 PM.

*Presented in:  
Glorious (glasses-free!) 3 D,  
Beyond-Surround Sound,  
Ultimate High-Definition,  
Friends and Family-Friendly  
Interactive-Media-Source Mode !*

## Electronic Waste Drop-off

Riverside Secondary School and Computers For Kids will be holding an Electronic Waste Drop-off in the east parking lot of Riverside Secondary School.

Saturday, December 3, 2011  
10am - 3pm



Desktop computers Portable computers  
Computer peripherals (mice, keyboards, webcams etc.)  
Monitors Televisions Printing devices  
Printer cartridges & toners  
Computer peripherals including modems  
Printing devices including copiers, scanners, typewriters  
Telephones Cellular phones PDAs and pagers  
Audio and video players Cameras Equalizers/amplifiers  
Radios Receivers Speakers Tuners Turntable  
Video players/projectors  
Video recorders Video game consoles & equipment  
Personal hand held computers Microwaves  
Wiring Batteries Steel

Please call Computers For Kids at any time if you have obsolete electronic equipment to dispose of.

### Davis Fundraising

Thank you Davis students, staff, and parents for participating in a very worthwhile fundraising project. Our school earned \$6,364.73!!! We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Nasser, Mrs. Jun, Mrs. Savoie, and Mrs. Hernandez along with several Grade 8 students who helped organize all of the merchandise as it came in. The students who participated will be rewarded during our **Fundraising assembly on Thursday, December 15. Way to go Davis!!**

### Out Of District Application Forms for Grade 8 Students

Students can obtain an out of district form from one secondary school from their current elementary school between January 9, 2011 and January 20, 2012. There will also be an ad in the Windsor Star in early January. Please contact the school for further information.



**We recently received over \$12,000.00 from Indigo through their "Adopt A School" program. to purchase new books for our library.** We focused on

purchasing books for every division, so please look for some exciting new titles to be coming your way. They will be on display, as they get processed, on the bookshelf in the middle of the library. Thanks again to Indigo! Your generosity and commitment to student reading is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

## December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Gr. 8's to Herman 12:30-2:30PM Crazy hair or wear a hat for \$1.00, money donated to our breakfast program	3
4	5 "Pass the puck for nutrition" \$1.00 donation for 3 shots on an "allstar" goalie 6:00 SAC meeting Everyone Welcome!	6	7 Author Eric Walters visits	8 Herman Band 1PM  1T and 1/2 P going to Herman	9	10
11	12 Gr. 7, 8 shots	13	14	15 Fundraising Assembly, 1:50PM  Toonie Town begins	16 Hot Lunch Day  Toonie Town	17
18	19	20 Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal 10:40AM Holiday Concert 7PM Doors open 6:30PM Everyone welcome!	21 JK/SK Thwaites holiday celebration 1:30PM in the gym	22	23 No school for students and staff  Christmas Break begins-Dec. 23-Jan. 6	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Christmas Break-----	27 -----	-----	29 -----	30 -----	31 New Year's Eve

***December 2011 ~ January 2012 ~  
School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150):  
What about fundraising?***



A frequently asked question about the *School Food and Beverage Policy* is, "Do the nutrition standards apply to fundraising?"

Well, it depends on where the fundraising takes place. The policy applies to food and beverages sold **on school grounds** for school purposes. This includes fundraising.

The policy doesn't apply to food and beverages sold off school grounds such as at a community centre or door-to-door.

Another question that comes up is, "Are there any special days allowed in the school year?"

Schools can have **up to 10 special-event** days during the year. The policy doesn't apply to these days. Still, selling food and beverages that meet the policy even for special events helps to ensure that the healthiest choices are the easiest choices for students to make.

For more information on the *School Food and Beverage Policy* (PPM 150), go to [www.ontario.ca/healthyschools](http://www.ontario.ca/healthyschools)



## Kids Have Stress Too!

**Kids have stress too!** Sometimes concerns that seem small to adults are big concerns to children. Children don't have the experience of adults to understand how to deal with new problems. They depend on adults to recognize their stress and help them through it.

**Stress is a normal part of everyday life.** Children can feel stress in their lives at home, school or even at play. That's not all bad since stress can positively motivate or challenge a child. But when children have more stress than they can handle it can hurt their health. Children deal with daily stressors like arguments with brothers and sisters, changes, new situations, not understanding homework, being late and busy schedules. Going back to school can be a big stressor for many children. Some children have to deal with ongoing stressors like families breaking up, loneliness, or major losses.

**Children show their stress in many ways.** They may behave differently than usual. They might be more argumentative, demanding or more quiet. They may have trouble sleeping, report tummy aches, have difficulty concentrating or want to avoid situations. Some feelings such as fear, sadness, anger, or irritability can indicate stress.

Spending time with your child is the most important way to help. Family activities such as exercise (a great way to let off steam), games, walks and eating meals together help children to feel that they belong. Show your child affection with words and hugs. Kids need time to themselves to just do nothing and relax too!

If you think your children are feeling stressed ask them. Listen to them when they talk to you and try to understand how they feel. You can help them to problem-solve when they feel stressed: Ask them to calm down to think clearly and take a few breaths to relax.

Ask them how they feel and why they think they feel that way.

Next ask them how big the problem is. Listen carefully to what they have to say.

Help them choose what to do next. Later you can ask if it helped.

### Here are some helpful ways to build a less stressful home:

Make sure your child gets exercise and time to play.

Healthy food can help the body cope with stress more easily.

Spend time with your children and ask them how they feel.

Hugs and kisses show children you love them and make them feel good.

Bedtime routines help children relax at the end of the day.

Sleep is important. A tired child gets stressed more easily.

Morning routines get the day off to a good start.

### Have fun together. A good laugh helps fight off stress.

*Submitted By: Social Work and Attendance Counselling Services, GECDSB*



## ECO SCHOOLS NEWS

As part of the **ECO SCHOOLS certification process**, there are **5 components** to achieve certification. Take a look at the things happening at Davis School. We are constantly striving to have improved environmental practices that improve our school, community and world.

### Part 1: Waste Management

- Staples Recycling Program** - used toners and cartridges are brought to Staples
- Battery/Cell Phone Recycling** - please bring these items in to the bin in Mrs. Palazzi's room
- Composting** - school wide composting continues
- Recycling** - paper and containers are picked up weekly
- Waste free lunches** - send food in reusable containers please. Limit juice boxes and jammers.
- Waste Audit, April 2012**, we examine our schools waste and learn how we can do better
- Future Goal:** eliminate school dumpster (save the school \$100 dumping fee per week)

### Part 2: Energy Conservation

- Lights Off** - encourage teachers and students to turn lights off when not in rooms
- Lights off** after school hours
- Lights off** during the last Friday of every month to create awareness of energy conservation
- Earth Hour**, a global project to create awareness of energy consumption, March 2012
- Computers** - always turn computers off when not in use

### Part 3: Curriculum

Teachers share **lesson plans** that are in, about and for the environment, for the certification process.

### Part 4: Environmental Leadership

- Oct.24 Outdoor Learning Workshop hosted at Davis School.** 60 teachers attended!
- ECO SCHOOLS Conference:** Jan. 2012 - 3 students to attend this full day conference at Ciacaro Club
- Earth Day Assembly:** April 2012

### Part 5: Greening

- Continuous care and maintenance of existing gardens.
- Possible vegetable garden.
- Fountainblue Library - Metro Green Apple Grant



### Other EXCITING news:

Our Davis students have asked for more

**COLOUR** outside!

In response to this request, this Spring, our ECO Club will create and paint murals that will be connected to the fences near Dolphin Park!



### Davis School Website

Please bookmark and visit us often!  
[www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/elem/davis](http://www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/elem/davis)



### "Smiles For Myles"



On November 8, Mike Neuts visited Davis School. Mike's family lost their son and brother, Myles, to bullying. Thirteen years ago in Chatham, Ontario, a young boy went to school and never returned home. After the tragedy, Mike has made it his life's work to bring awareness to bullying.

Mike was pleased to start his day at our school talking and singing a song called, I am Special with the JK/SK students. After that, Mike

spent time talking to students in each division about his son's death and the important topic of bullying.

Here are some student excerpts from letters written to Mike after his visit.

**"I wish Myles was alive because if he was then maybe me and Myles can become friends."**

**"I know it was hard to talk about Myles and that's why I appreciate your visit 100%."**

**"I didn't know your son but the way you talk about him he seemed like a good child."**

**"I'm proud to be who I am and I won't let bullies put me down."**

To date, Mr. Neuts has spread his message to over 250 000 students.

He wants all of us to learn from his loss.

Mr. Neuts and his family will always be in our thoughts.

### Me-To-We Club

#### Pass the Puck for Nutrition



For a 1\$ donation to our breakfast program, students can choose from the following activities, **crazy hair, hat day, or 3 chances to shoot on 2 of our own great goalies (Mr. DiCaro or Mr. DiDonato)**. With each goal that they score, they will receive a ballot for a draw, where they could win one of 4 prizes.....the grand prize being a 50th anniversary edition Tom

Brady football jersey. Other prizes include manicure certificates and a pair of Spit-fire Tickets for the New Years eve game. Students can participate in more than one activity but must donate a \$1 for each activity they participate in.

#### Me to We Presents: Toonie Town

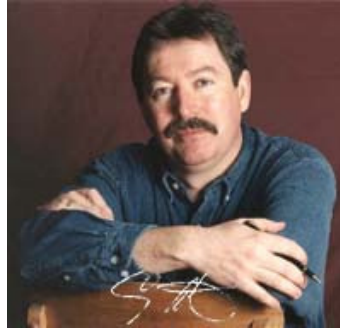
Buy a special gift for a friend or family for only 2\$.

Toonie Town store will be opening at Davis on Thursday, Dec. 15th.

All gifts will be wrapped and labeled.



## Exciting News From Our Library!



On Wednesday December 7th, the renowned Canadian author Eric Walters will be visiting our school to talk to the students from grade 3 through 8 about his novels and the writing process.

Since the publication in 1994 of his first book Stand Your Ground, Walters has gone on to write at least 70 more books. He thinks of himself as an “action-oriented writer”, whose appeal is strongest with boys, but points out that girls read his books too. His popularity with young readers is evident by the more than 100 awards he has won. He is known for being the only three time winner of both the Ontario Library Association Silver Birch and Red Maple Awards—voted by over 100,000 students throughout our province.

Many of his books deal with issues around social justice and royalties from a number of them are directed to humanitarian causes.

He will have books available to be purchased on the day he is here and will be happy to sign them. For those reading this newsletter online, we will attach a list of his books with a description of them. We could not possibly list the prices of all of them but it looks like they range in price from \$10 to \$20 dollars.

We are looking forward to a fun day with the teacher and author, Eric Walters.

## Gr 2 Safety Village Trip



We learn what we do!



### Pay It Forward Group

#### Operation Shoebox-WAY TO GO DAVIS!

As in following years, Davis families showed their caring spirits by contributing to fill more than 50 shoeboxes this year! This is a record for us and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Children in developing countries will receive the boxes throughout December. Our Pay It Forward group met to organize and decorate the boxes and put together the tags. Each class contributed items for a variety of age groups for both boys and girls.

A BIG thank you goes out to each classroom and family that participated. You helped to make sure that as this season of giving approaches, there will be smiles on the faces of children whom we will never even meet. What an example of strong character our students are demonstrating here at Davis!

