



# The Davis Newsletter

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## **Principal's Message**

### **Kindergarten Registration**

In order for our Board to adequately prepare for the 2011-12 school year, we will begin accepting registrations for kindergarten programs **February 13-24**. W. G. Davis P.S. provides Full Day - Every Day programming.

Many of you are happily aware of the quality and scope of early years education at Davis. We are very proud of the staff, programs and resources available for our youngest learners. If you have a child at home preparing for school this fall for the first time, we look forward to seeing you in our office this month. Everything will be ready to make the process smooth and concise.

If you know parents with pre-schoolers, it would be sincerely appreciated if you would share with them your experience at *Davis*. We believe that our kindergarten programs are unmatched anywhere and our students

start building the foundation of a great education in our classrooms. Everyone will be able to see for themselves at our **Open House, on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**, that we do have **Big Plans for Your Little One**.

### **Ontario Educational Leadership Center, Grades 6-8**

A variety of educational and leadership programs are being offered



through the **Ontario Educational Leadership Center** ( the end of May through the end of August) for interested students in grades 6-8. Pro-

grams focus on a variety of activities in the areas of Athletics, the Arts, French Sports, Leadership and at the grade 6 level. A program for *Gifted and Intellectually Curious*. Students are accepted on a first come , first serve basis. If your child is interested , please let his/her teacher know and a form can be provided .

**Character Counts at Davis**  
**January Character Students of the Month: "Respect"**



**Congratulations to our winners from each class!**

**Volunteers Needed!**

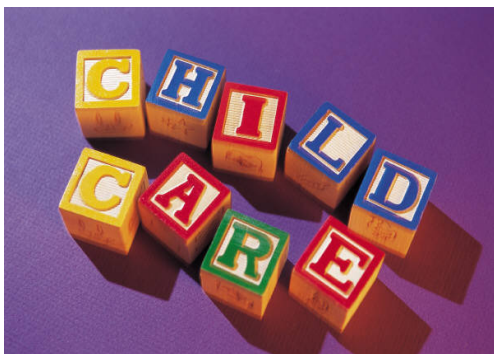
Looking for Volunteers to help in our Snack Program:  
If you are able to volunteer for our school snack program in the morning for an hour or two please let me know. Thanks to our wonderful snack ladies who prepare delicious and healthy snacks for us. We appreciate you so much !

**Davis Kindergarten Open House**  
**Wednesday, Feb 15, 5:30 to 7:00**

Davis is opening its Kindergarten (and Music) rooms for visitors wanting to see why our programs are so successful with our Junior and Senior Kindergarten students.  
Our all-day program is open to new registrations from Feb. 13 to Feb. 24.  
Come join our family of learners at Open House!

~ February 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6 Report Cards go home  SAC meeting 6PM Everyone Welcome!	7 Gr. 1T, 1/2P to Safety Village 9-11AM	8	9 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7PM Book Fair begins Gr. 6/7 Sales to curling 11:30-2:00	10 P.A. Day-No school for students	11
12 Kindergarten Registration begins Feb. 13-24 <sup>th</sup>	13 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School  Book Fair 8:30-2:40 in gym	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Student Nutrition Meeting 9:30AM  Kindergarten Open House 5:30-7:00PM	16	17 Gr. 8 Graduation Pictures	18
19	20 Family Day Holiday	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	Notes:		

## FREE Parenting Classes



Open to any youth aged 12-21 who is expecting or is already a parent.

Next Session Begins

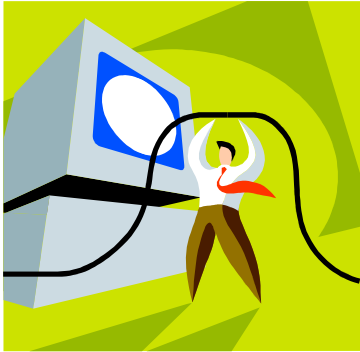
**Monday February 7th, 2011**

8 Weekly Sessions

Every Monday night 4:00pm- 5:00pm.

Located at:

**New Beginnings Youth Opportunities Strategy  
1049 Janette Ave**



The Internet is a tool that many students use on a regular basis. Whether it is to conduct research, help with homework or chat with friends, a recent survey by Media Awareness Network indicated that Canadian youth are among the world's most active Internet users, with 80 per cent having regular access. More than half of those students use the Internet with little or no supervision.

Although the Internet is an invaluable research, learning and communications tool, it also places a tremendous responsibility on parents to scrutinize how it is used by students. It also poses some risks. Consider the following:

- 25 per cent of young Canadian Internet users have been asked by someone they've met online to meet face-to-face;
- 15 percent of those people have gone on to meet the Internet acquaintance - many unsupervised;

When registering for free web-based Internet accounts (such as Hotmail), 86 per cent of youth indicated their gender, 68 per cent provided their real name, 29 per cent gave out their addresses and 20 per cent registered their phone number;

- More than 40 per cent of young people say they have met someone online who asked them for information such as a photo, phone number, street address or name of the school they attend;
- According to the U.S.-based Online Computer Library Center, explicit Web sites represent about three per cent of all public sites. However, over half of Canadian kids say they've ended up on an adult site accidentally;
- More than half of young Internet users have received pornographic junk mail, yet 78 per cent did not tell their parents about it.

Parents need to know how they can reduce the risks of the Internet. A new program to assist parents, entitled *Be Web Aware*, has been launched by the Media Awareness Network in conjunction with Microsoft Canada and Bell Canada. The program consists of public service announcements and a comprehensive website that can be accessed at [www.bewebaware.ca](http://www.bewebaware.ca).

## Here are some tips to help parents make the Internet safer for their children:

- Keep the computer in an area of the house that is busy and well-monitored, allowing you to "check" on activity from time-to-time.
- Teach children and young people never to share personal details with anyone they have met on the Internet, including when they register for free e-mail addresses or when they visit chat rooms, bulletin boards and web sites. Personal information includes name, address, school, photos, year of birth, credit card information or passwords.
- Sit with your children when they register for instant messaging or e-mail accounts to ensure that no personal information is given out.
- Set clear rules about the kinds of sites your children are allowed to visit. Bookmark favourite sites so that they can be accessed quickly and easily without needing to "surf the web" to find them again.
- Talk to children about predators and potential online dangers. Young children should not participate in chat rooms. As they get older, steer them towards well-monitored and age appropriate chat rooms. If teens participate, find out what chat rooms they are visiting and who they talk to.
- Encourage your children to tell you if anyone says or does anything online (such as posting pictures) that makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened.
- Remind your children never to post anything on the Internet that they wouldn't want the whole world to read because the potential exists.
- Report any incident of online harassment, physical threats or ongoing solicitation of personal information to the local police or your Internet Service Provider.
- Teach your children to only open e-mails from people they know and never to open attachments unless they have specifically requested them. Viruses most often enter your computer system through an e-mail attachment.
- Use kid friendly search engines or adult search engines that offer filtering.
- Disable Java and JavaScript in your browser preferences. This will prevent your children from getting caught in a cycle of pop-up pornographic windows.
- Use your company's e-mail filters. Most e-mail programs offer some filtering options and there are many software products on the market that can be used to control spam (unwanted and continuous e-mail.)
- Reinforce that your children should never respond to spam, even if there is an "unsubscribe" option. Responding to unwanted messages or e-mails increases the risk of viruses and leads to more unsolicited e-mail.

## **Teach your children that they are NEVER anonymous online!**

*With contributions from Media Awareness Network \* Statistics collected from Young Canadians in a Wired World: the Student's View, Media Awareness Network, 2001*

## PARENTS and COMMUNITY PARTNERS

You're Invited to a Special Event sponsored by the Greater Essex County  
District School Board



# Lt. Col. Dave Grossman

on the topic of

## **WHEN VIOLENCE BECOMES ENTERTAINING**



*Space is limited*



**Friday, Feb 10th, 2012 9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Caboto Club - 2175 Parent Ave**

Refreshments served at 8:30am

Lt. Col. Grossman will examine the magnitude of violent crime around the world, violence in schools and the role of media violence as a new factor contributing to this phenomenon. He will present powerful new data demonstrating the actual impact of media violence upon the brain (Indiana University Brain Scan Study) and a powerful new study demonstrating a significant reduction in violence and bullying through media reduction in children (the Stanford SMART Curriculum). Finally, he will address the role of violent visual imagery (in TV, movies and video games) in causing the current "virus of violence" in families, and in developed nations around the world.

**Admission is Free Please register by Feb.7th via email to:**

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# UPCOMING COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHTS

## Let's Talk About Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification

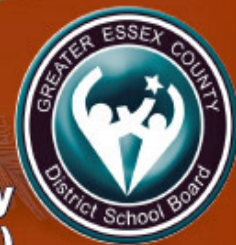
Wednesday, February 29th, 2012 and  
Thursday, March 29th, 2012 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
Ojibway Nature Centre  
5200 Matchette Road, Windsor, Ontario



**LESLEE WHITE-EYE (EDUCATION OFFICER,  
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICE,  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION) WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.**

**RACHEL OLIVERO (DIVERSITY OFFICER)  
AND OTHER SCHOOL BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVES LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU THERE.**

Contact Jenni Donohoo by  
email ([jenni.donohoo@gecdsb.on.ca](mailto:jenni.donohoo@gecdsb.on.ca))  
or phone 519-255-3200 x10329





Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield spoke to GECDSB EcoSchools teams via the internet from the Canadian Space Agency headquarters in Houston

## EcoSchools Training 2012

Photographer and documentarian Camille Seaman opened the annual GECDSB EcoSchools workshop with some inspiring and thought provoking words and pictures. "We are connected to each other and

everything around us," she told the 450 students and staff members from across the Board.

The annual EcoSchools conference brings together EcoTeams from every school for a day of information and inspiration. This year, Davis sent three students who have been actively involved in the ECO Club for more than 2 years. Genna and Lucas K. along with Leah T. attended this memorable event.

The program concluded with a presentation from Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield, who compared life on Earth, "our space ship", to life on the International Space Station, which he will command next year. "Worrying doesn't accomplish anything," Colonel Hadfield responded to a student question of whether he was worried about the Earth. "I identify things that I can do something about and I focus on that."



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

