



# The Davis Newsletter

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## **Principal's Message**



Hello, my name is Roz Breshgold and it is my pleasure to be the new principal of Davis P.S.. I have felt very welcomed and I already have the sense that this school is a welcoming, car-

ing, supportive and involved community. I am looking forward to learning and growing together with you. I have an open door policy for community and staff members and I look forward to meeting you.

We are very grateful that you have chosen Davis Public School as your choice for your children's education for the 2011-2012 school year. It is our hope that your child(ren) will find success at our school. We encourage students to take full advantage of the many opportunities we provide to help them to achieve success.

Our staff are dedicated to working with you to help our students succeed academically, socially and behaviourally. We do need your support and we encourage you to become involved in our school. You will always be welcome,

Please welcome the following staff: Mrs. Gouin (Gr.6), Ms. Masotti (gr. 6), Mrs. Naismith (Developmental Support Worker), and Mr. Flynn ( Special Education Resource Room), Welcome back to Miss Ward (Gr. 3/4), Mrs. Taparluie (gr. 8) and Mrs. Mulhall (gr. 5/6).

Presently our enrollment is 350. September 13 is the day when the official student count is taken for staffing purposes. We will find out shortly after this date if we will be receiving any additional staff. Reorganization day is September 19. If changes occur with any of the classes that involve your child, you will be notified. Please understand that a great deal of effort and thought have gone into the process of organizing classes. Please do not request a change for your son or daughter.

There are specific criteria we use to establish a balanced group of students such as the number of boys and girls, academic needs of the students, and timetabling to name a few. It is important that we have your support so that children can make the adjustment as quickly as possible.

## **DAVIS HAS A BALANCED DAY**

We are looking forward to a new year and a "Balanced Day" at Davis P.S. This means we will have longer blocks for learning time, longer nutrition and fitness breaks, which will promote a healthier lifestyle. Please refer to the enclosed tips to assist you in ensuring that your child brings extra nutritious snacks for the nutrition break as well as for lunch. With a later lunchtime, they will likely require a more substantial snack mid- morning. Please note that the time of our lunch period has changed to 12:20 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

## **B.B.Q./MEET THE TEACHER**

Join us for Dinner and Meet the Teacher on Thursday, September 22 at 5:00-6:30. Our teachers will be available to meet and inform parents of class routines, student expectations and programs. Please bring the family.



### Medical Consent Forms

If your child receives medication on a regular basis, Board Policy requires that you complete a consent form. Medication will be kept in the office and is administered by office personnel.. If you filed a completed form last year and there is no change, you do not need to complete another form.

### WE APPRECIATE YOU!

- \*Our **teachers** for all their hard work in getting their classrooms ready.
- \*Our **custodian Mr. Dennis Dube** and our **summer custodians** for making our school sparkle.
- \*Our **secretary Mrs. Debbie Demmans** for getting our classes and school organized for start up.
- \*Our **students** for being such an important part of our school community.
- \*Our **parents** who are very involved members of our school team.



### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

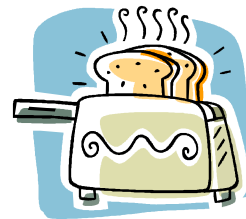
Students will require signed permission to participate in any after school activities/sports. That way we are assured that you know that your child is staying late at school. If any child wished to be a spectator for any school sport, they must be accompanied by a parent



### FOR YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

Over the next few weeks you will likely be receiving a lot of paper from school.

Please take some time to read over this important information and also return promptly any forms.



### School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM150)

For more information on this new policy go to: [www.ontario.ca/healthyschool](http://www.ontario.ca/healthyschool). This policy requires healthier food and beverage choices to be offered for sale in our school.



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Our first School Council meeting will take place on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the library.

Please join us, as this is a great way to become involved in school activities!

## **Davis Public School** **Staff Directory 2011-2012**

### Administration

Rosalyn Breshgold, Principal  
Michelle Lowes, Vice-Principal  
Debbie Demmans, Secretary

### Teaching Staff

Joanne Power, JK/SK  
Carrie Thwaites, JK/SK  
Christine Turner, Grade 1  
Lisa Pizzuto, Grade 1/2  
Jim Di Caro, Grade 2  
Lou Di Donato, Grade 2/3  
Nicole Palazzi(am)/Millissa  
Chlumecky(pm), Grade 3  
Tracey Ward, Grade 3/4  
Kristine Bentley, Grade 4/5  
Jen Mulhall, Grade 5/6 (in for Tanya  
Guttridge)  
Jillian Gouin, Grade 6  
MaryGrace Masotti, Grade 6 (pm)  
Heidi Sales, Grade 6/7  
Siu John, Grade 7/8  
Lauri Taparluie, Grade 8  
Janis Butnari, Library (.5)

### Special Education

Erin McLaughlin, Spec. Ed. (.5 am)  
John Flynn, Spec. Ed.  
Lisa Craig, LST (.5 am)  
Janis Butnari, LST (.5)

### French as a Second Language

Diana Mlinarevic  
Lauri Taparluie

### Music

Steve Cox, Grs. JK — 8

### Special Services

Jennifer Newton, Education Coordinator  
Sandy Eansor, Psychological Services  
Ken Griffin, Social Work  
Tracey Oliver, Instructional Coach  
David Pellizzari, Speech Pathologist

### Support Staff

Vicki Naismith, DSW  
Margarette Thompson, EA  
Tina Ferrari, CYW  
Kerri Bulmer, ECE  
Lori Nicodemo, ECE

### Custodians

Denis Dube (Day)  
TBA Afternoon)



## **ECO Schools News**

Congratulations to Davis School for receiving **GOLD certification with Ontario ECO SCHOOLS!!**

Davis is doing its part in helping to conserve energy, reduce waste and promote environmental education

while enjoying an outdoor green space.

Once our ECO Schools committee meets this month, we will finalize our goals for the year and share them with you in next month's newsletter.

As we return to packaging lunches for our children, we can make small changes that can reduce the amount of garbage we create.

### **ECO Tips for Parents**

**It has been estimated that on average a school-age child using a disposable lunch generates 67 pounds of waste per school year.**

That equates to **18,760 pounds of lunch waste** for just **one average-size elementary school.**

#### **The Typical Wasteful Lunch:**

- prepackaged chips, cookies, fruit bars, granola bars, cheeses.
  - single-use yogurts, applesauces, and puddings.
  - Sandwiches, fruits and vegetables in plastic bags.
- crackers, pretzels, chips, and other snack foods sealed in plastic bags
  - disposable juice boxes, juice pouches, juice cans, water bottles, plastic forks and spoons.
    - paper napkins.
  - disposable paper and plastic bags.

#### **A Waste-free Lunch:**

- **sandwiches and other main dishes, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and treats in a reusable lunch container or containers.**
  - **cloth napkins.**
  - **stainless-steel forks and spoons.**
  - **reusable drink containers.**
  - **reusable lunchboxes.**

# William G. Davis Public School 2011-2012

## The Balanced Day Timetable

|               |                           |               |  |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| 8:26 am       | Student Entry             |               |  |
| 8:30          | Instructional Time Begins |               |  |
| 8:30 – 9:20   | Period 1                  | Block A (100) |  |
| 9:20 – 10:10  | Period 2                  |               |  |
| 10:10 – 10:40 | Nutrition Break/Recess    |               |  |
| 10:40 – 11:30 | Period 3                  | Block B (100) |  |
| 11:30 – 12:20 | Period 4                  |               |  |
| 12:20 – 1:00  | Lunch Break/Recess        |               |  |
| 1:00 – 1:50   | Period 5                  | Block C (100) |  |
| 1:50 – 2:40   | Period 6                  |               |  |
| 2:40 pm       | Dismissal                 |               |  |

### Davis School Website:

Please bookmark and visit us often!

[www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/elem/davis](http://www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/elem/davis)

## TRAFFIC SAFETY HOW CAN YOU HELP?



To avoid dangerous traffic situations on school property, parents can make an effort not to drive their children to school.

Walking is a healthy alternative for children and can increase their self reliance and sense of responsibility. A well organized morning that allows enough time for children to walk to school or to the bus stop begins the day on a positive note for everyone--children, parents and teachers.

With warm clothing for cold days and proper rain gear for wet days, children can walk safely to and from school and the bus stop in inclement weather.

When your child begins school, walk with him/her to the school or the bus stop several times. Use these walks to :

- point out possible traffic hazards
- establish safe walking routes

You can help your child become confident and capable of handling various traffic situations along their walking route.

We recognize there are times when you must drive your child to or from school. We ask that you consider the following suggestions to help minimize the traffic danger to the children at the school:

- Use designated "Kiss 'N' Ride" stops where available.
- If you are driving on a consistent basis consider "car pooling".
- Check with your school's office to determine where the designated area for parents is located.
  
- DO NOT SPEED! Be aware of the designated speed limit and ensure that you only drive that speed.
- Do not wave for your child to cross the street, particularly if there is traffic.
- Follow the direction of any school official if they are outside directing traffic.
  
- **DO NOT PARK IN BUS LOADING ZONES OR IN "NO STOPPING" ZONES!!!**

**REMEMBER** - At the end of the school day children are excited about leaving and will come running out--forgetting to look where they are going. It is your responsibility as a driver to make sure that you are aware of your surroundings and be on the lookout for children.

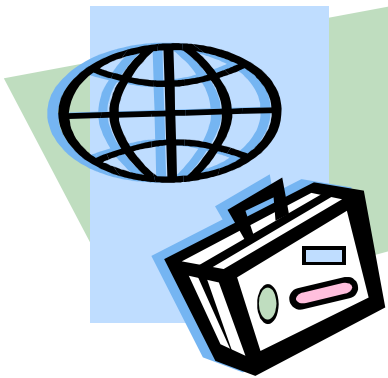
## **International Language Classes**

Each year the Greater Essex County District School Board offers International Language Classes for pupils from Grades 1-8. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn a second or third language. There is no cost.

Last year the following languages were offered: Arabic, Hindi, Italian, Korean, Macedonian, Mandarin, Serbian, Spanish, Tamil, Urdu, and Vietnamese. However, any language class can be established with a minimum of 25 students and an available instructor. Classes will be offered on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Transportation is not provided. The three sites for the classes are Forest Glade, Mill Street (New Site) and Northwood (New Site). Once classes have been determined, parents will be informed of the location of your child's class the first week in October.

Registration forms are available from our school office or on the Board's Website at <http://www.gecdsb.on.ca/programs/intlLang/>



Registration forms must be returned to your school's secretary by Monday, September 19, 2011.

## **WHAT DOES D.A.V.I.S. STAND FOR?**

At Davis Public School we strive to adhere to the following core belief, that we are a vibrant, family orientated community of learners. Our long standing motto as well as a popular line in our school song is:  
**"We are a family of learners".**

In all, we strive to meet these standards of what **D.A.V.I.S.** Represents:  
**Diversity, Academics and Athletic Excellence, Values, Innovation and the celebration of our mutual Successes.**

Everything we do must flow through these fundamental qualities and beliefs.

## Healthy Eating Tips for the Balanced School Day



We thought that it might be helpful to review with you before the school starts a few tips on preparing snacks and lunches for the school day this year. We hope these tips come in handy.

1. You may find it helpful to buy reusable containers. You can label them #1 and #2 with a marker to help younger children know what to eat at each nutrition break. However, it doesn't really matter which foods your children eat at each break, it's more important that they eat a variety of foods during the day.

2. Sandwiches can be cut in half and wrapped separately (one half for each break)

3. For hot foods, be sure to reheat and pack the food just before your child leaves for school. Preheat a thermos with hot water, pour the water out of the thermos while still hot and add reheated food. These foods will be hotter and may taste better if they're eaten during the first break.

4. Pack a frozen drink that will thaw by break and will also act as an ice pack. Or, you can put an ice pack in the lunch bag to keep everything cold.

5. Include two healthy drinks, one for each break. Water, white or chocolate milk, soy beverage, or 100% fruit juice are good choices. Fruit drink punches, cocktails, and beverages are mostly sugar and water.

6. For each break, aim for at least three of the four food groups from **Canada's Food Guide**. The four food groups are

1) vegetables and fruits, 2) grains products,

3) milks and alternatives, and 4) meat and alternatives.

Nutrition breaks aren't the time to eat things like chips, candy or pop.

7. Try to involve your children in planning and packing their food for the day. They're more likely to eat what's packed when they can help.

