
 Davidson Newsletter 

November 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

November

November 10- Veterans Day No School November

23-24- Thanksgiving Break (No School)

November 27- Winter Fine Arts Festival K-5, 5:30-6:30

December

December 1- Assembly

December 21- Dragon Club, 12:45-1:30

December 22- Grading Day (No School)

December 23-January 7: Winter Break (No School)

Front Office Picture retakes are Nov. 14th!!

PBIS: Respectful, On Task, Always Safe, Responsible

K-2 Grades have met their monthly goal of R.O.A.R. tickets once this year so far.

3-5 Grades have met their monthly goal of R.O.A.R tickets once this year as well.

Students earn individual tickets when they are respectful, on task, always safe and responsible. The classes have a chance to earn "GOLDEN" tickets when all the students are R.O.A.R. students. There are many opportunities for the classes to earn a Golden ticket. For example, in any of their specials: OMA, Healthy Play, Art, Library, Life Skills and when lining up in the morning and at recess time. The classes can also earn Golden tickets in the cafeteria by having appropriate behavior while they eat and cleaning up after themselves.

Please ask your child(ren) these two questions daily:

- 1) Did you earn a R.O.A.R. ticket today and why?
- 2) Did your class earn a Golden ticket today and for what classes?

Dear Davidson Families,

I'm so excited to share that Davidson is going to be adding 6th grade during the 2024-2025 school year! This project has been in process since 2019. We were slated to get 6th grade before COVID hit, and then

everything was put on hold. We have now been officially selected to be one of six elementary schools in TUSD to become a PreK-6.

There are several reasons for students to remain in elementary school for 6th grade instead of moving to a typical middle school. A study out of Duke University found that sixth graders who remain in elementary schools have fewer behavioral problems than their peers in middle school. There is a huge difference between sixth grade and eighth grade students, so it is better to minimize exposure to older teens while students are still in 6th grade. Sixth graders in elementary school also test higher academically than those in middle school.

For Davidson students specifically, our students would be surrounded by teachers who know and love them for an additional year before moving on to middle school. Students will follow a middle school format of going from period to period. We will be hiring two sixth grade teachers and an AVID elective teacher. This will allow students to have a middle school type experience but in a familiar environment which should make the eventual transition to middle school smoother. We also have plans to increase the leadership opportunities for sixth graders and are looking into ideas for a sixth-grade trip.

There will be an informational meeting on Zoom regarding 6th grade at Davidson on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 PM: <http://tusd1.zoom.us/j/4882769640>. It is open to everyone, including families from other nearby schools in TUSD. Current Davidson families will be given priority for enrollment in sixth grade, but students from other schools who are looking to stay in an elementary school environment for 6th grade will also be allowed to enroll. There will also be a TUSD district-wide enrollment event at TCC on December 8. That is an opportunity to explore all TUSD schools. Please spread the word, especially to friends, family, and neighbors with young students ready to start kindergarten or with current 5th graders looking for other options.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Happy Thanksgiving to all our families!

DAVIDSON for Possibilities,

Sarah Andricopoulos

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