
 Davidson Newsletter 

September 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- September 20-22nd- Early Release days for. PTC kids are out 10:55am

October

- October 4th- 4th Grade VIP Breakfast
- October 5th- Ben's Bells Kindness Assembly/PBIS Assembly, 9:30-10:30
- October 6th- Grading Day - No School
- October 9th-13th- Fall Break - No School

A Note from the Front Office- Parents and Guardians please make sure you label your students belongings: backpacks, water bottles, lunch boxes, sweaters etc. If your child is missing any of these items, stop by the office and check out our Lost and Found.

Counselor's Update- September is Safety Month in TUSD and we want to make sure your student knows how to stay out of danger. Make sure your child knows a trusted adult's phone number and their address. It is also good to brush up on stranger danger and who are safe people to talk to. Having these conversations with kids can be challenging, but they will help your child be aware of their surroundings and stay out of harm's way.

Julia Velasco McGee • School Counselor • Davidson Elementary

PBIS August R.O.A.R tickets Respectful, On Task, Always Safe, Responsible

K - 2nd Grade: 5,266 Primary's goal for August was 5,000. They met their goal and had 20 minutes extra recess!!! September R.O.A.R ticket goals: K-2: 5,500

3rd- 5th Grade: 4,837 Intermediate's goal for August was also 5,000. September R.O.A.R ticket goals:3-5: 5,000

Dear Davidson Families,

Parent Teacher Conferences are September 20-22. We will have early release on those days at 10:55 AM. Students will receive a grab-and-go lunch that they can take home with them, or to daycare, or KIDCO. We will not have Dragon Academy on these days because all our teachers will be busy with conferences.

Teachers have been scheduling conference times for a couple of weeks. If you have not scheduled your time yet, please reach out to your student's teacher as soon as conveniently possible.

Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to have meaningful conversations, not only about academics, but also behaviors and social emotional learning. Teachers have spent the last month of school getting to know your children and assessing their growth. However, families have been getting to know their own children for their lifetimes. We know that education is truly more effective when there is strong communication and collaboration between the school and home.

Here are some ways that you can get the most out of the conference with your child's teacher:

- If you have questions, please ask them. Sometimes we use educational jargon that is so common amongst colleagues that we overlook that parents might not know a term or acronym. We also go over testing data that might be unclear if you're not used to using it consistently. Please don't hesitate to ask for clarification.
- If you have concerns about anything, don't hesitate to bring it up. It could be about schoolwork, or behaviors that you're seeing at home, or issues around friendships. Your student's teacher may have a different way of looking at the concern or the conversation with you might bring something new to light .
- Arrive a few minutes early. Conferences are usually scheduled back-to-back. That means if you are running late, it may cut your conference time short or need to be rescheduled. Teachers will have chairs left outside the classroom and will stick to a schedule. If you need more time than the 20-minutes planned, you can schedule a follow-up appointment.
- Follow-up after the conference. If your discussion addressed a need, concern, or plan for action, share that information with your student. Then in the days or weeks to follow, touch base with your student's teacher to see how it is progressing and work together to achieve the goal.

Just like you, our teachers and staff have the very best interests of your students at heart. We all have the same goals and hopes for our students. When we work together as a team, we are much more successful, and it is our students who benefit. We look forward to seeing you for this opportunity to talk about all the amazing things happening in the lives of our students!

Sincerely,

Sarah Andricopoulos, Proud Principal of Davidson Elementary

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