





DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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<p>HEADING into RETIREMENT</p>	<p>Principal's Message</p>	
<p>We would like to wish Liz Lewnes the best of luck as she moves into retirement this summer. She has been at the desk in the Davidsonville office for 25 school years. The love and commitment she has shown our school community will be forever appreciated. Liz will be most remembered for the gentle way in which she interacts with others. The impact she has had on our school has been great and we are certainly blessed by the years she has devoted to DES. We wish her the very best!</p>	<p>It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter of our school year. While I'm sure we will have some updates and reminders as we close out, this will be the last formal news from our office.</p> <p>So much has happened in the last year, and above all, I hope you feel that we've kept you informed of all of the changes that have taken place. The amount of new information has been huge and we've had to re-write the roles of both school staff and parents over the past year. Between the parent updates, newsletters, and virtual parent sessions, I hope you have felt informed and a part of the process. At each step of the way we have been committed to making this school year a success.</p> <p>I continue to be so proud of the virtual and hybrid experience we have offered our students. With just a short time left in this school year, we will finish strong and look toward the future. Our school team has already started our school improvement planning for fall and we are talking with teachers about student needs and class placement for next year. We are still in the thick of this school year, but we are also committed to planning for a strong start in September.</p> <p>Just over a year ago when our schools shut down, our teachers were asked to familiarize themselves with Google Classroom <i>just in case</i>. Little did we know then that each person on our school staff would not only learn Google Classroom, but also learn to interact with technology in ways we never thought possible. As lifetime learners, our teachers have demonstrated their commitment to their students by moving out of their comfort zones and acquiring skills that will continue to enhance their teaching. I cannot say enough about our teachers and the work they've done in the past year. I am also forever grateful to you for your partnership and trust in our school team over the past year. Here's to a strong future!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mrs. Colleen Harris</i></p> 	
<p>School Calendar</p> 	<p>SCHOOL SECURITY: DES is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is not monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system.</p>	
<p>May 19...5th grade sign pick up, 1-4pm 27/28...Spring Conferences for kindergarten students—no school for kindergarteners 31...School Closed, Memorial Day</p> <p>June 2...PTO Virtual Spelling Bee 3...PTO Virtual Talent Show 4...Vision & Hearing Screenings, Th/F Hybrid 8...Vision & Hearing Screenings, M/Tu Hybrid 8...Virtual Chorus Concert, 6:30pm 16...Gr. 5 Walk-Up Recognition 17/18...2 hr. Early Dismissal 18...Last Day for Students 21...Last Day for Teachers</p> <p>July 5...All Schools & Central Office Closed, Independence Day</p> <p>REMEMBER: Our office is closed on Fridays all summer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PICTURES & YEARBOOK</p> <p>If you would still like to order school pictures, it is not too late. Go to the following link that is open through the end of this week. https://orders.classicphoto.com/ Enter the code from your proof form to access your child's pictures. If you have questions, contact Classic Photography at (800) 869-9515 ext. 112. Also, we are finalizing the yearbook and they should be delivered by the last week of school. It's not too late to order. Check the site for details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL SCHEDULE</p> <p>We have 5 weeks of school left. While some of our kids think we've reached the end, we're not quite there yet. Please support your children and our school programming by maintaining a strong schedule in these last weeks. Even if you find your family heading out of town, having your children log in virtually sets the expectation that school is important. Also, check your child's backpack each day and ensure they have the necessary supplies for school—both at home and at school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Counselor's Corner</p> <p>The need to finish strong this year is even greater than past years. With concerns about the return in the fall all around us, we need to make sure we set our kids up for success now. When this school year ends, kids need to feel proud of their efforts and confident they are ready for a return to "normal" school. Expectations and academic demands are going to be felt by all students next school year. I recently stumbled on a website article I wanted to pass along. The article includes four steps to success: 1. Teach the Growth Mindset Model. This means we are continually growing as people; our success and abilities are not fixed. 2. Emphasize Effort. Recognize the process, not the product. 3. Encourage altruistic behavior and provide opportunities to practice it. 4. Point out students' impact on others when being helpful. Take a moment and look through the website to find support in how to better support your child's success. https://www.rootsofaction.com/key-to-success-children/</p> <p>You can reach me at: cisett@aacps.org or by phone via Google Voice at (301) 966-2525.</p>	