



DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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Support DES!

Even though we're still virtual, the needs still exist. Please consider supporting the students of DES through the following:

PTO Virtual Book Fair
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/davidsonvilleelemschool>

Boon Supply Fundraiser
 (formerly Mixed Bags)
www.boonsupply.com/63508

DES Gator Wear
[Online Gator Gear](#)

PTO Membership
www.despto.org

PTO Amazon Smile
www.despto.org or go to the site:
smile.amazon.com and sign up to support Davidsonville Elementary

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe the first marking period is coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday we were battling a long car lane to give out school supplies. While every step hasn't been smooth, I continue to be impressed by the efforts of our entire community. If ever it was true, it is now—it truly takes a village to raise a child. Next week is American Education week. Traditionally we welcome families into the school to see education in action. This year, you are already right there with us, so instead we will highlight careers, learn a bit about what learning used to look like, and celebrate those who are supporting students each day.

We've been patient over the past month while decisions were being made for a return to hybrid learning. While a final decision has been made to hold off until the 3rd marking period, we will continue our efforts to make plans for the day when students return to our classrooms. None of this is ideal for anyone; please know we understand the struggle. We will continue our efforts to connect with those who need our support. If you need us, please don't hesitate to reach out. Every student is different and every household has different needs. We want to team with you to help all of our students succeed in this virtual setting.

As noted in our Counselor's Corner, the topic of social justice was discussed with students within their lessons with Mrs. Isett. We understand this topic, similar to politics, makes some uneasy and others fearful that we might influence students in ways they do not support. Please know, we keep these discussions general and age appropriate. Our goal at the school is to help students understand differences and help them to focus on equal access and fairness for all. In the end, we feel empowered to teach our students to make good choices and be kind to others. We care about what they know academically, but we also must invest in who they become as individuals. I believe together we can make their futures bright. Thank you for your continued partnership!

Mrs. Colleen Harris



School Calendar



November

12-13...2 Hour Early Dismissal for the end of the 1st Marking Period
 16...Beginning of the 2nd Marking Period
 16-20...American Education Week
 24...Report Cards sent home
 24...Magnet School Applications due
 25-27...No School: Thanksgiving

December

9...2 Hour Early Dismissal
 18...Interims sent home
 24-31...No School: Winter Break

January

1...No School: Winter Break
 18...No School: MLK, Jr. Birthday
 28-29...2 Hour Early Dismissal for the end of the 2nd Marking Period

February

1...No School for Students—End of Marking Period
 2...Beginning of 3rd Marking Period
 9...Report Cards sent home
 10...2 Hour Early Dismissal
 15...No School: President's Day

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.

OFFICE

While the school still remains closed to the public, the office will be covered daily from 8am-4pm. If you need us, don't hesitate to reach out at anytime.

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Keeping Up

The end of the marking period is a great time to talk with your children about the fresh start each new marking period brings. Students have now experienced the virtual classroom so they know the expectations and how to navigate their classrooms. Students need your support so we encourage all parents to:

- *Solidify where your child is working each day—at a desk or table is best with the least amount of distractions.
- *Does your child have all of their needed supplies?
- *Review your child's classroom and work on a weekly basis by going to the "Classwork" tab and click on "View my work."

Counselor's Corner

Each month I visit each classroom for guidance lessons. In recent weeks we discussed Social Justice, which relates to whether something is fair or just. These lessons taught our students about the need for laws and rules to be fair, equal, and balanced for everyone (e.g., color of their skin, gender, age, abilities, education, beliefs). In our lessons, we explore the positive impact of Social Justice on others. Lesson materials can be found in my Google Classroom under "classwork." In the next weeks we will move into our more traditional guidance lessons focused on listening and academic success.

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