



DAVIDSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Imagine, Believe, and Achieve

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School Information

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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Principal's Message

Looking back to March 12th when our State Superintendent announced the closure of all schools, I can't help but think I would have savored my time in the school building on March 13th a bit more. My entire life has been spent in a school, from kindergarten, thru college, and then through my 20+ years as an educator. I'm not fit for an office job, and I now recognize more than ever the joy that comes from spending my days with children. I have full faith that we will get back to this someday, and like you, I'm hoping that day can come sooner than later. The drive to have a positive impact on students has not left me, and if anything, this time apart has fueled my desire to make this virtual learning a success for all of us. Our first days back with our staff have been extremely positive and I know from our time together so far, they are equally as excited to get students back in their daily lives. Many have set up a classroom in their homes and some will be returning to our school building to teach. Wherever they land, please know, they are prepared to be fully engaged with the students and do everything they can to make up for lost time.

Our school year, at least in the fall, is going to look different. We will work together as a staff and alongside our PTO to figure out ways to bring the entire school experience back to life. Being home in the spring taught us that engaging in content and completing tasks is not enough to motivate our students and give them a love of learning. We have to collaborate, communicate, and interact to make the experience rich. This school year we will begin a social emotional program called Second Step, which will guide the first part of every students' day. This time to connect and build community is not only intended to bring our students closer together, but it will help them to see there is more to school than just completing work. Together, we will make great things happen this fall! Thank you for your trust in our school team!

Mrs. Colleen Harris



School Calendar



September

7...NO School: Labor Day
 8...School Begins for Grades 1-5
 8-9...Kindergarten Conferences
 10-11, 14...Staggered Entrance for Kindergarten Students
 15...First Day for all Kindergarteners
 23...Back to School Night, 6:30pm (Virtual Event)
 28...NO School: Yom Kippur

October

9...Interims sent home
 12-13...School Closed for Students—Parent/Teacher Conferences
 21...2 Hour Early Dismissal

November

3...NO School: Election Day
 12-13...2 Hour Early Dismissal for the end of the 1st Marking Period
 16-20...American Education Week
 24...Report Cards sent home
 25-27...NO School: Thanksgiving

December

9...2 Hour Early Dismissal
 18...Interims sent home

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.

Stay Informed

It is so important that you stay connected this school year. We will use email the most, so please make sure your address is accurate in our system. Our PTO will continue to use the Gator Blast to advertise all school and PTO news. Please see their recent letter to join that list. In addition, staff members have Google Voice phone numbers in order to reach out to parents by phone or text. While this is available, for their use, please continue to reach out to them via their email address.

Welcome to DES

We've had minimal staffing changes this year, but we do have a few announcements:
 Michele Smith retired after serving as a teaching assistant at DES for 20 years. We wish her well in her retirement.

New to DES this year:

- Michelle Lory, Part-Time Special Education Teacher
- Sabrina Hayes, Computer Technician

DES employees in new roles:

- Danielle Bonaccorsy will serve as a Kindergarten Teaching Assistant
- Jola Barber will serve as a Special Education Teaching Assistant

Counselor's Corner

Colleen Isett will continue as our School Counselor, going into her 12th year supporting DES families. During our virtual learning, she will invite students to join her Google Classroom and she will hold monthly classroom guidance lessons with all classes. Mrs. Isett can be reached through email at cisett@aacps.org or by phone on her Google Voice number: (301) 966-2525.