

Davis PTA News Splash

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A Message from Your PTA President . . .

Now that it is October, I hope that each and every one of you has settled into the school year routine. The time seems to be flying by so quickly! We have a busy October, so I hope you can take time to note a few dates on your calendar and become a part of the activities we have scheduled.

Remember: We have an early release on, **Thursday October 15th**. The students are released at **12:00pm**. The following day, **Friday the 16th**, is a **student holiday** and the day set aside for parent/teacher conferences. I do hope you can take the time to schedule an appointment with your student's teacher. These conferences keep everyone in the loop!

On **October 13th** we kick off our **Ugly Mug Coffee fundraiser**. Ugly Mug Coffee Company is committed to giving back to coffee farming families in the communities where we live. You can be a part of something good **AND** raise money for Davis Elementary at the same time. This is a "win/win". This is our largest fundraiser in the fall and we would love to have everyone participate. (*It makes great holiday gifts!*) Not only are you helping your school as a whole, you are personally helping your student by keeping the PTA running and keeping the services we offer available to them. **October 19th – 23rd is Red Ribbon Week**. This is a terrific opportunity for us to focus our attention on educating our students on the importance of staying drug free. We have a lot planned for that week including a special assembly featuring **Nana Puddin' on October 22nd**. Look for a flyer to come home sharing what special event we have planned for each day of the week. Remember, parents are always welcome at our school assemblies. We would love to see you there! On **October 22nd**, we have our **PTA General Membership Meeting**. I hope to see you all there for the meeting as well as enjoying a performance by the 5th graders afterwards.

On a more personal level, I do hope you are finding your niche` at Davis Elementary. Whether you are new parent with a kindergarten student, just moved to our area or you have been here for years but have yet to find "your place" to serve and fit in at Davis, I welcome you to contact our volunteer co-coordinator, Kim Vacco, or me and let us help you find your place at Davis. We have more than enough room for *everyone* and welcome you all—*old or new*—at Davis!

As always, if you have specific questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me either by phone at 214-403-3996 or by email at ptajenn@gmail.com.

Jenn Satterwhite

President, Davis PTA

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Red Ribbon Week October 19th to 23rd

A National celebration, Red Ribbon Week allows an opportunity for educators, parents community groups and students to focus on stopping the spread of drugs and to celebrate being drug free. Wearing a red ribbon signifies the communities across our nation's stand against the use of illegal drugs. This year, Red Ribbon Week at Davis takes place October 19th through the 23rd. To help make Red Ribbon Week one of the most effective and memorable yet, Davis Elementary students will be celebrating a week full of fun daily activities and drug free themes.

MONDAY OCTOBER 19th

Mindful Choices

"I'm a Jean-ius." "I'm drug Free"

Students wear their favorite jeans and receive drug free spirit bracelets

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20th

Winners Don't Do Drugs!

Be on the team that makes Davis Dolphins DRUG FREEE

Students wear their favorite sports team's T shirt or cap.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21st

Drug Free is the Texas Way to Be

Texans Give Drugs the Boot

Students wear their favorite western wear.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22nd

Color My World Drug Free

Drug Free is the Healthy Way to Be

Students wear red.

"Nana Puddin" Red Ribbon Assembly sponsored by Davis PTA

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23rd

Stay in the Game! Be on the Drug Free Team

Students dress in their favorite sweat pants or Davis spirit shirt.

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EARLY RELEASE

Thursday, October 15.

Students are released at 12:00.



PARENT CONFERENCE DAY

Friday, October 16

No school for students!



We encourage all parents to attend parent conferences with your child's teacher!



RED RIBBON WEEK

Oct 19 - 23

PICTURE RE-TAKES

Thursday, October 29



If you missed picture day on September 17 please be here for re-take day!

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Art	A	B	C	D	E
Music	C	D	E	A	B
PE	BED	ACE	DAB	BEC	CAD

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Don't be late

PISD and Davis Elementary require all students be at school on time every day. We want all students to start the day off right! The first bell rings at 7:35 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Students who arrive late must stop at the main office to receive a tardy slip. Please keep in mind that three tardies are equivalent to one absence.

All students must enter through the cafeteria door which opens at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast is served daily from 7:10 - 7:35 a.m. Students who do not eat breakfast may sit in the gym and wait for the first bell to ring.

Parents may come into the office and get a name badge to walk their child to class however once the tardy bell rings, parents are no longer allowed to walk students in. The office staff will be happy to escort your child to class if they need assistance.

A written note or doctor's note is required for students who are out sick and/or absent and must be turned into the office upon returning to school. Please call the main office if you have any questions. 469-752-1000.

Referral Deadlines for Gifted and Talented Program (PACE)

The PACE Program provides services for academically gifted and/or talented students in grades K-12 who have demonstrated the need for advanced, differentiated instruction. Students may be referred for the gifted program by teachers, parents, principals, counselors, or by the students themselves. If you would like to refer your child, please contact your child's teacher or the Gifted Specialist, Mrs. Seymour. Referrals received after the posted deadline will be held for the next assessment cycle. If you have questions about the referral and assessment process, please contact Mrs. Seymour by email at julie.seymour@pisd.edu or at 469-752-1046.

Elementary Referral Deadlines

Kindergarten (assessed in November/December)	October 21, 2009
Grades 1-5 (assessed in March/April)	February 19, 2009

PTA News

Ugly Mug Fall Fundraiser



We are once again using this wonderful company to support our fall fundraiser this year. Ugly Mug Coffee is a free-trade company based in Memphis, Tennessee. They offer a wide variety of coffees, gourmet Chai teas and delicious hot chocolate mixes. Our fundraiser starts on **October 13** and will be geared toward the holiday gift-giving season. We will be offering six different coffee blends, two Chai tea flavors and two hot chocolate flavors, plus combo packs. Items will be ordered and paid for in advance, and orders will be delivered before Winter Break.

Plus, Ugly Mug Coffee is sponsoring incentive drawings for t-shirts, pizza parties, and burlap coffee bags for all participants. We hope that you'll find this company and its products as exciting as we do. Visit www.uglymugcoffee.com.

Box Tops



Be sure and turn in your Box Tops for Education in October. Every student who turns in at least one Box Top each month is eligible to win our monthly drawing. Submit Box Tops in a sealed plastic bag or envelope with student's name, teacher and grade. Remember, we have a goal for each Davis student to submit at least 30 Box Tops this school year. Thanks for your help in raising money for Davis.

Pictures Needed for the Scrapbook and Yearbook

We are well into the school year and want to make sure that we have pictures of all of the exciting events going on at Davis from the first day until the end of the school year. Parents and teachers, we hope that you will keep a camera handy at all times and send those pictures to our Yearbook Chairman, John Pingnot or your grade level Party Parent, so we can show everyone what a great year we had! Any questions, please contact Liz Zeigler, Historian, at lwziq@aol.com.

- Kinder - Neely Clark 469-878-8132 no e-mail address
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL SAGE CHAIRPERSON

Stephani Yowell – Davis Elementary SAGE Committee Chair

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WHAT IS SAGE? - SAGE stands for Special And Gifted Education. This committee was established by the Plano Council of PTA's to provide families of students who learn differently, an opportunity to share resources and friendship.

WHAT STUDENTS WOULD THIS INCLUDE? - This would include students who participate in Special Education, PACE (Gifted and Talented Program), or students who struggle with any type of learning difference.

WHAT VALUE DOES SAGE PROVIDE? – EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

EDUCATION:

SAGE sponsors classes and seminars all through the year that provide families and educators the latest information. Classes are usually free of charge. See below for several of the events coming up:

2nd Annual SAGE 4-Part Series

Life Planning for Families with Special Needs

(RSVP Required and Qualified Childcare is Provided)

**Flyer will have gone home in student's binder, but if you did not see it please contact Teri Kachur at sage@planopta.org or 214-460-2295 to register

SAGE Brown Bag Lunch Discussions, 2nd Annual SAGE Summer Camp Vendor Fair, SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of our Gifted children) Clinics and Webinars

For all parents in Plano ISD

Please watch for flyers to come home and reminders in future Splash editions

COMMUNICATION:

The SAGE Committee's objective is to promote dynamic communication between educators, families and the community. Information such as event calendars, updates, resource links and local school contact chairperson is provided through the website at www.planopta.org/sage.htm . Also, the SAGE database registry sends email announcements regarding events in the community as well as PISD. You can register online or by filling out the Parent Enrollment Form that has been sent home.

SUPPORT:

SAGE works to facilitate the formation of special interest groups. These groups have included, but are not limited to: ADHD, Dyslexia, Autism/Aspergers, Gifted & Talented, Hearing Impairment, Speech, etc.

MY MISSION AS THE DAVIS ELEMENTARY SAGE CHAIRPERSON

To do my best in working with Plano PTA SAGE Committee, by representing Davis Elementary and communicating what our campus parents and educators need from SAGE. Work with Educators and Parents at Davis to give timely notification of Education opportunities such as classes and seminars, provide critical information necessary to facilitate Communication between Davis Elementary Educators, Families and Community, and Support my local Families and Educators by facilitating the formation of special interest groups

so they can share information that is most relevant to their needs. Please feel free to contact me at any time (I will be looking for volunteers), lots of information to come.

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2009-2010 Reflections Program "Beauty is. . ."

Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition and achievement program for students in preschool through grade 12. The goal of the Reflections Program is participation, not winning. The theme for the 2009-2010 Reflections Program is "Beauty is . . .".

Any student may enter the contest. Please, contact April Kondrat at aprilkondrat@yahoo.com for rules and the official entry form.

Ms. Taplin will help the students complete their entries by holding workshops on October 6th and October 8th from 2:45 - 4:00pm. The permission slip below must be signed and returned by October 5th for any student who would like to attend.

Reflections Permission form

I _____ allow my son/daughter _____ to participate in the Reflections Art contest sponsored by PTA on **Tuesday October 6th and Thursday October 8th, 2009 from 2:45-4:00pm.**

Please circle how your child will be picked up 4:00pm

Walking

Carpool

Pasar

Signature _____ Date _____

This permission form is due back **Monday October 5th, 2009**. In addition there will be a reflections entry form that will also need to be filled out in order to enter in the contest.

Thanks
Savannah Taplin
Art Teacher
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