

# Davis PTA News Splash

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## *A Message from Your PTA President . . .*

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Davis Elementary School Year! Parents, students & staff, returning & new; it is going to be a fantastic year and I look forward to meeting and working with each one of you. I am just one member of an outstanding group of volunteers who serve our school in many ways. Please consider becoming a part of this group and fill out the volunteer interest form included at the back of this newsletter. Being a volunteer does not have to require a lot of your time; if you can spare one hour at one event that is a valuable contribution. All those hours add up and together we can make this year successful and enjoyable.

September will bring “Free to Be” for our fourth and fifth grade students and their parents. This is a moving and memorable program that commemorates 9/11. Later this month the Morris Brothers will educate and entertain our students on the 3 R’s of classroom behavior. Parents are also welcome to attend this program. Our fall fundraiser with Ugly Mug Coffee will begin soon, watch for information packets to come home with your child. This delicious coffee was a real crowd pleaser last year and we are looking forward to working with them again this year.

It is my hope that you choose to become a member of the Davis PTA by filling out the membership form at the back of this newsletter and returning it to your child’s teacher with your membership dues. When you join the Davis PTA you automatically become a member of the National PTA, an organization more than 100 years old that is dedicated to changing the life of every child for the better. Imagine how strong our school will be if every parent got involved in the Davis PTA!

As your PTA President I value all families at Davis and sincerely look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me at any time with your questions, comments and ideas!

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# School News

**School Holiday**  
**Monday, Sept 7**



## FREE TO BE

On **September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will enjoy a presentation called “Free To Be”. This is a patriotic assembly about America, Freedom and Patriotism – and not taking our freedom for granted. Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to join us for this inspirational assembly.

**Picture Day**  
**Thursday, September 17**



## LEARNING THE THREE “R’s”



On **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am** the nerdy Morris Brothers from Fox 4 will teach all of the students about Classroom Behavior using the three “R’s” – Respect, Responsibility and the Right to Learn. They will teach and reinforce the skills needed to maintain proper classroom behavior. This will be a fun and interactive show. Parents are welcome to come and check out the Morris Brothers and learn the three “R’s”!!

**Early Release**  
**Wednesday, September 23**  
**Students Released at 12:00**



The Back to School Event couldn’t have happened without a great team of dedicated volunteers. **Thank you** to every person that helped make the first event of the year so successful!

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## Arrival and Dismissal

Students may arrive as early as 7:00 a.m. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:15 a.m. Students must enter at the front door leading into the cafeteria. Students who do not wish to eat breakfast are to report to the gym and sit quietly until the first bell rings at 7:35 a.m. All students are required to be in their classrooms when the 7:45 a.m. bell rings every morning! Three tardies are regarded as an absence! We encourage all students be at school daily. If your child is sick and will be absent, we ask that you take a minute and notify the school by calling the child safe line. (469-752-1000). Please send a written note/excuse with your child upon returning to school.

Students are dismissed at 2:45 p.m. We ask that all parents arrive promptly to pick up your child. We look forward to a new year and wish to make it the best year for your child! Together we can make this happen.

Beginning September 14, any parents who do not arrive by 3:00 p.m. must enter and pick up your child in the grade level area and sign them out.

### Helpful Hints:

Please take a minute to label your child's back pack, lunch boxes and jackets. Our lost and found area grows quickly with most items not labeled with student's names.

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## 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](mailto:julie.seymour@pisd.edu) or at 469-752-1062.

### Elementary Referral Deadline

<b>Kindergarten</b> (assessed in November/December)	<b>October 21, 2009</b>
<b>Grades 1-5</b> (assessed in March/April)	<b>February 19, 2010</b>

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## Ugly Mug Coffee



We have found a wonderful company to support our fall fundraiser this year. Ugly Mug Coffee, a Memphis, Tennessee, company, offers specialty, free-trade coffees and gourmet Chai Teas and Hot Chocolate mixes. Our fundraiser starts in October 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 and a holiday-themed Elvis gift set with four different coffees. 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](http://www.uglymugcoffee.com).



Be sure and turn in your Box Tops for Education in September. Our first deadline for submission is October 1. Students can turn in Box Tops every month for a chance to win awards and special recognition. Submit Box Tops in a sealed plastic bag or envelope with your 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.

# WE WANT YOU

If you have not joined the Davis PTA for the 2009-10 school year, consider some of the many ways your PTA serves Davis Elementary.

**Children benefit through** PTA sponsored Programs, the Fall Family Dance, Silent Auction, Spring Family Picnic, Red-Ribbon Week activities, PTA Reflections Art Program, Field Day, Classroom Parties, assist with Field trips and the Davis Yearbook.

**Teachers benefit due to** parent volunteers in/out of classroom, Teacher Appreciation Week and monthly appreciation days, Access to PTA Resources and TLC Cakes baked specially for our teachers on a day of their choice.

**Parents benefit with the** Davis PTA News Splash monthly newsletter, Davis School Directory, Take-Home Packets, Parent Programs & Information and Access to PTA Resources.

Joining the PTA is so easy. Fill out the Membership form at the back of this newsletter and return it to your child's teacher. Membership dues are \$10 for the first person and only \$5 for each additional family member. Get Back to Basics and Join Today!!! For Membership Information, contact Mary Tate at [pta.mary@verizon.net](mailto:pta.mary@verizon.net).

## Davis PTA Membership Form

One of the greatest things we can do for our children is be involved in their education. As we begin the 2009-2010 school year, we invite you to join your Davis Parent Teacher Association. Help us achieve our goal of 100% participation ~ one adult member for each of our Davis students! We look forward to welcoming you as a member!

**To join, just fill out the information below and enclose your membership dues.**

(Please make checks payable to "Davis PTA")

Membership is \$10.00 for the first member and \$5.00 for each additional family member.

**Please print the following information:**

### Mother/Guardian

### Father/Guardian

_____	_____	_____	_____		
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name		
_____		_____			
Home Address		Home Address			
_____	_____	_____	_____		
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
_____		_____			
Home Phone		Home Phone			
_____		_____			
E-mail address		E-mail address			

**Please list children attending Davis Elementary School during the 2009-2010 school year:**

First Name	Last Name	Grade
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

If you have any questions regarding membership please contact your PTA Membership Chairman,  
Mary Tate, at [pta.mary@verizon.net](mailto:pta.mary@verizon.net).

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