

The Davis Grapevine

November 2009

The Principals Point

Mrs. Campbell

I am pleased to announce to you several staff changes at the Davis School. With the retirement of Mr. Gerald Smith, Ms. Mary Kelly has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal. Ms. Kelly's previous position of Associate Principal will now be filled by Mr. John B. Lynch formerly the IRS. The superintendent will be announcing soon Mr. Lynch's replacement. Both Ms. Kelly and Mr. Lynch have been viable members of the Instructional Leadership Team. Their titles have expanded but they will continue as valuable members of the ILT. I congratulate Ms. Kelly and Mr. Lynch on their new promotions and have every confidence that they will continue to positively affect the students with their passion, dedication, and commitment.

The Lights on for the Arts program – Mondays & Thursdays 5:15 – 7:00pm has proven a tremendous success! Watch for our production, December 10th & 11th of "Miracle On 34th Street", complete with scenery, actors/actresses, dancing, and singing. More information will follow regarding the show and inviting the Davis Community to this wonderful event.

The Community School / after school program is also up and running Monday through Thursday for grades 3 – 8. This is an invitation only tutorial program for academics in the areas of Mathematics and English/Reading. Consistent attendance is crucial to the success of the youngsters involved.

Conference materials will be coming home shortly. Please make every effort to attend parent/teacher conferences. It is the most effective way to communicate with your child's teacher concerning progress and plans for success.

The Davis Family wishes Mr. Gerald Smith much happiness and relaxation as he enters retirement. Mr. Smith devoted 37 years to the children of the Brockton School System. Thank you Mr. Smith for all your years of dedication. We all wish you well.

I wish the entire Davis Community
a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Student of the Month Winners for October – Responsible

Kindergarten- Selly Alves, Ariella Taylor, Brooke Moore, Joseph Kizelewicz, Kaylee Faherty
Grade 1- Alexander McPeak, Caitlyn Donovan, Alishia Silva, Sierra Skye Pabon, Jessica Smith
Grade 2- Olivia Rateau, Lauren Johnson, Josiane Pires, Elijah Heal, Laporie Salinas
Grade 3- Hailey Patel, Melissa Mereno, Savanna Alfonso, Dylan Porter
Grade 4- Julia Dion, David Swaby
Grade 5- Nathan Gonclaves, Amy Tapper, Jorceline Gomes, Nicole Duarte, Mark Curriuan
Grade 6- Keyla May
Grade 7- Ugochi Dike, Jonathan Gentile, Kerrigan Mulvey, Lilliana Baptiste
Grade 8- Yasmeen Rashman Grace Adorno

Absentee Phone Line: 508 580- 7547

Please make sure to call the absentee line **before 9:00 am** if your child will not be in school. **The parent or guardian must make the phone call.** Phone calls made by students are not acceptable and every effort will be made to contact the parent.

For your child's safety, we take attendance daily and call each parent who has not notified us.

Upon their return to school, students must bring a note stating the dates absent and reason, signed by the parent or guardian. After an absence of 5 days a doctor's note is required.

Tardy Arrivals

All students arriving after 8:20 am are considered TARDY & Must be accompanied by an adult, and signed in at the office.

No students should be dropped off to enter the building alone.

W.O.W. Walkers

There are only 2 Wednesdays left before the winter break!

November 4th & 18th

Remember to bring your slip each week to the check-in table to receive your prize while helping the environment and getting healthy!

Parents Academy Workshops

The Academy has been very successful this fall. Many parents / guardians have taken advantage of the FREE single evening workshops. Some of the upcoming topics are:

11/5 Homework Help & Parent Teacher Conference Tips

11/12 Not My Kid: A Drug Awareness Presentation

11/17 Internet Safety: Cyber Bulling, Social Networks, Texting & Sexting

All workshops are held at the Arnone School 6:30 – 8p.m.

Advance information & sign up is sent home with students or available on the Brockton Schools Website

WWW.Brocktonpublicschools.com

Or contact Jane Feroli at 508-894-4328 janeferoli@bpsma.org

Davis School Cross Country

Mr. Sprik

The Davis Cross Country team has just finished another successful season. Cross Country is a sport open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who enjoy running and being a part of a team. They practice four days a week during the early fall and compete against the other middle schools once a week. They race almost 2 miles at D.W. Park and at the end of the year a "City Meet" is held.

This year the Davis girls finished 3rd overall beating out larger middle schools despite having only one 8th grader. At the last meet of the year all runners took part in the annual "City Meet". Kerigan Mulvey had a great run finishing 6th in a field of 80 plus girls. Also finishing well were Sade Rivera who medaled finishing 9th, Michelle Robinson finished 14th, while Jillian Poiriar 24th.

The Davis boys finished 6th overall with Kenny Rodrigues finishing 9th out of almost 90 boys. Angel Aponte finished 21st in the race, while Keenon Thomas finished 23rd.

It was a great and enjoyable season for all who came out. Cross Country will be offered again next fall, so get those laces tightened up and get out and run.

Fit is In

Mr. Dustin

In the first months of Physical Education class the students have been learning the importance of making cardiovascular fitness a part of their everyday life to build a strong healthy heart for life. The students are learning how much fun exercise can be, participating in games and activities as *Noodle Tag*, *Stuck in the Mud*, & *Hoop de Run*, all help to build endurance, and coordination.

Students in grades 6-8 are also learning skill related components of fitness such as agility, speed, power, hand-eye coordination body awareness, flexibility & balance all very important to everyday health & well-being.

Davis School Women's Soccer

Congratulations to the women's soccer team finishing the season with a 4 – 2 record. Stephanie Sokoll made some great saves as goaltender, while Nicole Shaw scored 6 goals, Shenley Garcia 5, and Kassandra DaSilva with 4. The women all worked hard together and proved TEAMWORK for the season. A special thanks to managers Kristina Martinez and Matt Curivan for all their hard work and support.

There were Several members that made the All-Star Team: Mattison Williams, Stephanie Sokoll, Nichole Shaw, and Shanley Garcia

CONGRATULATIONS ALL DAVIS SCHOOL SOCCER PLAYERS

Nurses Notes

Mrs. Millard & Mrs. Ritchie

Please review the Flu information Checklist on when to keep your child at home on the BPS website or call the School Nurse.

Yearly Vision and Hearing screening will soon begin for Grades K-5 and Grade 7. Failure notices will be mailed home. Please call your child's Primary Care Doctor for a referral upon receiving the notice. Children are not always aware they may have a vision or hearing problem. Early detection and correction is so important! Please be sure your child who has glasses is wearing them to school.

Please send a copy of your child's Kindergarten, Grade 4&7 Physical and Immunization form to the Nurse if to have not already done so. This is a Massachusetts State requirement.

Sport physicals must be current within 13 months of the tryout date. A fall sport physical may be outdated for winter sports.

Please contact the Nurse if your child requires medication during the school day. The BPS has policies in place for the health and safety of our students.

PTA Particulars

Election Day Bake Sale: Tuesday, November 3rd from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If you would like to donate baked goods, please drop off your items to the school on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Book fair will take place on Thursday, November 19th and Friday, November 20th during Parent Teacher Conferences. Please look for your child's teacher wish list if you would like to donate a book to your child's classroom library! All profits from the sale of the Book Fair will be given back to the Davis School in BOOKS!!

Fall Fundraiser: Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Fundraiser. We did extremely well! All funds raised sponsor future events for the Davis students. Congratulations to the parents of the following students who won the grocery gift cards: Mollie MacDonald (\$150); Skyla Darrah (\$75); Dante LaMarre (\$50) and Victoria Bert (\$25).

Holiday Workshop: The Holiday Workshop will take place December 7th through 11th. Please keep an eye on your child's backpack for more information.

Box Tops: Please keep sending in those Box Tops! This is an easy way to raise money for the Davis School students. The class with the most Box Tops per term will receive \$50 to spend as they choose.

Upcoming PTA Meetings: November 10th; December 1st. All meetings start at 6:00 and will take place in the Davis Cafeteria. Hope you can attend!