



# Davis Elementary Newsletter

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March 2010

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 2 Dr Seuss' Birthday
- 4 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation Program
- 5 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester
- 9 Spring Pictures
- 10 & 11 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11 PTA Board Mtg
- 12 NO KINDERGARTEN
- 13 Community Council Mtg  
4:00 in Library
- 18 PTA Meeting  
3:30 in Gym
- 25 Little Caesar's Fundraiser Begins
- 26 Mommy Son Hoedown  
6 - 7:30 pm in Gym



- 1-6 SPRING BREAK
- 8 PTA Board Mtg
- 13 Little Caesar's Fundraiser Orders Due
- 15 PTA Meeting  
3:30 in Gym
- 15 Fine Arts Celebration
- 16 Kindergarten Roundup
- 20 Community Council Mtg  
4:00 in Library
- 22 - 23 Kindergarten Screening
- 24 CJC Sex Abuse Awareness Walk 10 am • Rec Center

**YearBooks For Sale \$18.**  
**order forms are in the office. order Today.**



## From the Principal's Desk:

This month Davis Elementary is focusing on the concept of "caring" for our character education theme. The ability to care about something is essential in becoming a productive citizen. Most people care about their family, their jobs, their friends, and their health. The opposite of caring is to be apathetic about something. Often we hear kids say, "I don't care," when we talk about a concern we may have. Apathy is a very destructive attitude. When adults or children don't care about something they ignore it, they devalue it, they don't give it any thought.

At Davis Elementary, we are lucky to have a staff that cares about children, that cares about the education they are receiving and whether or not they are learning. Most of the parents at our school care about their children's education. How do we know this? They visit their child's classroom often, they stay in contact with their child's teacher, and they come to parent/teacher conferences. There is a huge jump in scores when parents become involved in their child's education. When students know that both their teachers and parents care, they are more likely to do their best. This means that they learn more and do better on their tests. There are some students who struggle in school, but with caring teachers and caring parents, they are able to move forward at their own pace. The tragedy comes when neither parent nor child cares about school. We still have caring teachers, but think how much better it would be if we could bring everyone on board.

As we talk about caring this month with your students, we will talk about caring for others, caring for their health, and caring about school. You can help at home by talking to them about the dangers of being apathetic, and by modeling caring by showing them that you value and care about their education.

*Kathy Farnsworth, Principal*

## Teacher's Corner

**MUSICAL MOMENT--**We have been doing some great things in music. I'm always so pleased at how willing and eager the students are to try new experiences with voice and instrument.

K and 1st grade are expanding their repertoire of songs. We use lots of movement to experience the songs. 2nd grade has completed a unit on the Kazoo, complete with making their own Kazoo and learning the 'Kazoo Koncerto'. 3rd grade is working on cultural songs. We use sign language and scarves for a beautiful presentation of 'Children of Many Colors'. You will get an opportunity to see this at the Arts Celebration. 4th grade has begun Recorders. Last but not least, 5th grade is working on African drumming! (I have purchased Tylenol- migraine formula!)

We have 90 students participating in Choir! They sound AWESOME!!! Thank you parents for being dedicated to the early mornings. We have successfully completed our first month of rehearsal. (Time sure flies when you're havin' fun!)

Please mark your calendars for our spring concert. Everyone is invited! It will be held May 5, 2010 @ the Vernal Middle School. You won't want to miss it!!

You're kids are GREAT! I absolutely love every minute I get to spend with them!

*Geni Benedicto, Music Specialist*

## Daddy Daughter Royal Valentine Ball

We would like to extend a very special thank you to all of the Kings that accompanied Princesses to the Daddy Daughter Royal Valentine Ball. We had a great turnout and everyone seemed to have lots of fun. Miss Uintah County came and talked to the girls about being strong, being smart and being them. The Daddy's painted the Daughters fingernails and helped them make sand art necklaces. They learned the "Boot Scootin' Boogie", and ended the evening with a special Daddy Daughter Dance. It was a Royal evening fit for Kings and Princesses.

We will not be printing any pictures. If you would like a copy of your princess, please send a note to the office with your daughter's name and an email address or you can email a request to [ambrdn@gmail.com](mailto:ambrdn@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to the Mommy Son Hoedown coming on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## PTA Board Elections

We are in need of individuals who would like to show their support of Davis Elementary by becoming part of our PTA family. At this time we are taking PTA Board nominations of people who you feel would help make a difference at our school. If you have any questions about the positions or the process, please contact a current PTA officer. Please refer to the form that was sent home with this newsletter. PTA Board nominations need to be received by Wednesday, March 17.

## Bookfair

Thank You----Thank You----Thank You  
Through all your generous support, the PTA sold over \$7,000 worth of books. In return, the PTA will be able to purchase more than \$4,600 worth of books for the library, classrooms and school activities.  
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## Little Caesar's Fundraiser

On March 25<sup>th</sup> we will be sending home the **Little Caesar's** Pizza Kits, Pie Kits and Cookie Dough Fundraiser to raise money for school programs sponsored by the PTA. The kits are very convenient for on-the-go families. **\*\*\*Each Pizza Kit makes THREE pizzas!\*\*\***

**ART--** Congratulations to all of the students chosen to display at the district office for the month of February. We have been finishing up our artwork and will have our Magnets back to begin the fundraiser in March. This is a great way to preserve your child's artwork. All of our supply money for next year will come from this project. THANK you so much for your support!

Art Club started out with a bang. We meet on Wednesdays after school and are having a lot of fun learning 3-D sculpture, clay, and many international art themes.

Looking Ahead: Mark your calendars for our schools art celebration: Night of Music and Art, April 15<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Expo will be in May. This year has just flown by but with many great projects!  
*Jamie Toftum, Art Specialist*

**LIBRARY--**Parents, due to the remodeling project at our School, including the Library. I have to have the Library entirely emptied by the last day of school. Therefore, I need to have **ALL** of the library books turned in by April 30<sup>th</sup>. As of today, there are over 330 overdue books at Davis Elementary Library!! Will you please put forth a little extra effort and see that your children's books are found and returned. If they truly are lost, please make arrangements for it to be accounted for. When I send home an overdue notice, there is a replacement cost printed on the paper. I really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.  
*Kim Bradley, Librarian*

**PENNIES FOR PEACE--** We will collect pennies through the end of March. Our goal was to raise \$1,000; we have currently raised \$657. We would like to extend a Thank You for all of you that have contributed to the Pennies for Peace Campaign.

*Mrs. Anderson & Mrs. Sheffer*



## TEACHER & ADMINISTRATION

**SURVEYS--**are available in the office, on our website [www.davisdragons.net](http://www.davisdragons.net) or [www.uintah.net/districtoffice/districtforms.html](http://www.uintah.net/districtoffice/districtforms.html). Under evaluations choose 'Parent Survey of Teacher' or 'Parent Survey of Building Admin.' and return to the district office.

## Special Thanks

To Gold Cross Ambulance, Naples Police Dept, Uintah County Sheriff's Dept, Naples Fire Dept and Miss Melinda & Miss Julie from the Uintah County Library for coming into the classrooms to read on PJ & Read Day.

Davis Students are **TrustworthyRespectfulResponsibleFairCaringCitizens!!**