

Davis Thayer School Newsletter

August 2014



"Recipe" For A Successful Student

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 3rd

- First Day of School

Friday, September 5th

- Kindergarten
Orientation - 2 Sessions

Session 1: A - K, 9:00 AM

Bus Visit: 9:45 - 10:15

Session 2: L - Z, 10:15 AM

- Parents & Kindergarten
students invited

Monday, September 8th

- First Day - Kindergarten
- Instrumental Music
Demonstration for grades
3, 4, & 5 (students only)

Thursday, September 11th

- School Picture Day

Sept. 18 - 24th

- Book Fair!

Friday, September 19th

- Ice Cream Social 5 - 7 PM

Tuesday, September 23rd

- Davis Thayer Curriculum
Night 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 25th

- No School
Rosh Hashanah

September PCC Meeting

Evemarie McNeil, Principal

137 West Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038

508-541-5263

<http://www.thayerelementary.vt-s.net>

From the Principal

Welcome to a brand new school year at Davis Thayer! It gives me great pleasure to begin my third year as your principal and work alongside our fantastic assistant principal, Mrs. Stefani Wasik. While Mrs. Wasik will continue to work part-time, she will be spending an additional half day with us this school year!

Last year we worked very hard to live our then new mission statement and core values noted below:

Davis Thayer Mission Statement

"Davis Thayer, in collaboration with the district, families, and the community, will foster a school that learns by equipping students with the skills and knowledge essential to becoming productive citizens and lifelong learners. We will provide a physically and intellectually safe learning environment by modeling and promoting our core values of Respect, Encourage, Challenge, Include, Persevere, and Engage to nurture fulfillment of each student's

potential."

This mission statement really began to shape our common vision as the whole school joined together each month in celebration of our core values and daily as we recognized individuals and groups who exemplified these values with our "scoop" tickets. We recognize that, to be a school that continuously learns, we need all students, staff, and families to embrace our core values and actively participate in the daily life of our school and education of the children. Your contribution is valued and encouraged! Welcome to the 2014- 2015 school year!

Mrs. McNeil



Welcome!

We have some staffing changes for the 2014 - 2015 school year as we say goodbye to Mrs. Constantine, Mr. Goldman, Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Milano, and Mrs. Calitri and wish them well. *Davis Thayer welcomes the following new staff:*

Art Teacher: Ms. Christine Doherty

Health Teacher: Mr. Kyle Duguay

Grade 2 Teacher: Ms. Jennifer Auld

Grade 3 Teacher: Ms. Jennifer Gargan

Kindergarten Spec Ed: Ms. LeeAnn Kye

Grade 3 Spec Ed: Ms. Jillian Smiley

Educational Assistant: Ms. Jane Leo

Activity Monitors: Ms. Carol Ellis & Ms. Denise Shanahan

We look forward to having their energy and expertise in the building!

Next, welcome to all of our new students! Our friendly staff and students will help you to learn your way around Davis Thayer as you become part of the wonderful school culture that currently exists.

If you are an incoming kindergarten student, please note the important dates section to the left of this page. Here you will discover information pertaining to the kindergarten orientation schedule.

Being a part of the Davis Thayer community is exciting and Mrs. Wasik and I look forward to beginning our journey together on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.

School Lunch and Snack

The Franklin Public schools provides the opportunity to purchase breakfast & lunch by cash, pre-paid via check, or on-line. More information can be found here:

<http://schools.whitsons.com/ma/franklin-school-district?page=menu>

Breakfast: \$1.80

Lunch: \$2.30

Milk: \$.50

Children are encouraged to bring a nutritious snack and drink in daily for classroom snack time.

Student Absences

It is important for us to know if your child is going to be absent from school. Call 508-541-5288 by 8:30 AM to leave a message.



News from School

Davis Thayer school news communications from the office will be posted to the website and distributed through email; not sent home in backpacks. Please update your email address with us so we may be assured of communications with you. Mrs. Dacey, our school secretary can best assist you with this:

Daceyk@franklin.k12.ma.us

Arrival & Dismissal

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY is our primary concern. Your cooperation and support with the following procedures are greatly appreciated.

- Students will begin to exit buses and cars at 8:15 AM when supervision is available.
- Students are expected to be in classrooms ready to learn at 8:30 AM. **Please arrive by 8:25 AM.**
- Students arriving prior to 8:15 AM need to register for the Solutions Program.
- Bus schedules will be published in the local newspapers. Bus passes will be available in the office by Thursday, August 21st or they will be sent home on the first day of school. All students who ride the bus must have a bus pass.
- All walkers should use sidewalks and always cross with the crossing guards. Please enter the yard through the playground gate on Union Street due to traffic.
- Parent and principal permission is necessary for all bike riders.

Helmets must be worn. Permission forms will be sent home in your 1st day of school packet.

- All cars should enter the school yard through the School Street gate and exit onto West Central St. This is a ONE-WAY traffic area. Please do not drop students off at the Union Street parking lot.

Dismissal 2:40 PM

- "Walkers" will be checked out by a staff member. Bus students line up according to their buses. All buses leave before students going home in cars are dismissed.
 - "Car pickups": Enter the school via School Street. Please do not get out of your car. As we see you, we will direct your child to your vehicle.
 - You may also pick up your child at the playground fence ("parent pickups"). These students will line up and be checked off by a staff member.
- *All procedures are subject to change should safety become a concern.*

Solutions Program

This program is available for families who need childcare before and/or after school. For more information please call 508-541-5288 x3724.

Davis Thayer Handbook

The Davis Thayer Family Handbook contains very important information regarding everything you need to know as part of the Davis Thayer community. It will be published on our website prior to the opening of school. After you read it, please contact the school office should you have any questions. A "student friendly" guidebook version will be distributed at the beginning of the school year. **Be sure to sign the last page and send it back to school.**

THANK YOU!!!

A round of applause goes out to our wonderful secretary, Mrs. Dacey, and to Mr. Gilderubio and Mr. Letourneau, our custodians and their helpers, for all of their hard work getting everything ready for the upcoming school year. Much appreciated!

Friendly Reminders...

- All Davis Thayer visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge.
- The Franklin Public Schools requires all volunteers complete the CORI process before being permitted to work in classrooms or attend field trips. Forms must be completed in person at the school and a government issued photo ID must be presented.