



DAVIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
*Title I School-wide Project*  
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### Sheriff's Message



Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a new year filled with excitement, new learning experiences and fun. We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break and enjoyed time with their families. As we begin the New Year, we ask that you join us in pledging to strive for excellence. When students, staff, parents and community members work together we give our students a strong foundation to succeed in the future. We must continue to maintain a school environment that expects excellence from all. By working together, we are confident this New Year will bring further success for all of our students.

As we maintain high standards and expectations from ourselves and from our students, we are dedicated to providing the very best educational environment for your child. The time is fast approaching when our students will be involved in school-wide testing. You can help your child by making sure that he/she is in school on time each day. Also ask your child to share some of the special things that he/she has been involved with at school. Have fun and show them how much you value a good education and good communication.

Congratulations to Ms. Dziwiatkowski (Ms. D.) for a fantastic holiday show, the Davie Step Team, directed by Ms. Korba and Dr. Carel for organizing the Turkey Trot donations and the Field Days.

Best wishes to Ms. Dziwiatkowski whose last day at Davie Elementary was December 15, 2015. We shall miss her and all the wonderful programs she organized at Davie through the years.

Sincerely,

*Robert Schneider,*  
Principal

*Monica Schlosser,*  
Intern Principal



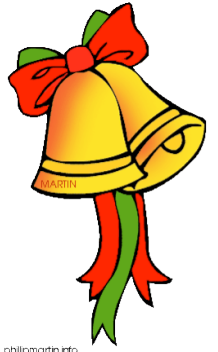
### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All Schools in Broward County will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. King was a great man and a leader in the American Civil Rights Movement. You can learn more about Dr. King on the following website: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/martin-luther-king-jr/>

## Community Generosity Makes the Holidays a Little Brighter for Davie Families

A BIG "Thank you" to our local partners who have donated food, supplies, and gifts for our needy families. Our Kiwanis Club of Davie/West Hollywood Charity Riders and Wings of Gold donated 125 bikes at our annual holiday party. They provided a beautiful lunch, holiday craft projects, and memories to last a lifetime. Thank you to our PTO who assisted us with holiday book donations for our children. The Davie/Cooper City Rotary Club out did themselves at the annual holiday party, held at Signature Grand.

Davie Elementary sends a BIG thank you to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for continuing the "Blessings in a Backpack" program. They have been supplying 142 families with food for the weekend and we are truly thankful! In addition, the congregation has provided 25 Holiday baskets for families in need. Our students, faculty, and parents are truly thankful for the continued support you give to our children. We hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to honoring our partnerships in 2015!



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## The Best Gift You Can Give Your Child This Year!



This holiday season, the best gift you can give your child is a good education. And the best place to get that education is in school. Every day. On Time. Building a habit of good attendance is your child's ticket to success in school and eventually on the job.

But every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after Winter and Spring break. It's time to break that cycle.

We know it's tempting to extend your vacation by a few days on either side of the holiday.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families far away and exposing your children to your home and language, whether you grew up in another part of the United States or a different country. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. But keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school.

Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

So make sure your child is in school every day, right up until vacation starts. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning. But it's harder to teach and it's harder to learn when too many students are absent.

If missing school is unavoidable, talk to your children's teachers in advance to create a plan for making up missed work. So give your child the gift of attendance and the habit of attendance.



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# THERE'S A WORLD OF COLOR IN HEAD START

The children had lots of fun learning about the holidays around the world. We hope that your family had a wonderful and safe winter break. We welcome you to a new beginning in 2016. As we start off the New Year, we will be learning about color, such as: color names, color mixing, stains, fading, camouflage, and color patterns. We will be listening to stories to increase vocabulary and observe and explore color and patterns. Parents, please continue to practice letter names and sounds and rhyming words each night. We will be setting up our second school conference next month to discuss your child's progress in class! Thank you for all of your support in your child's education.

## Take a Trip to the Library With Your Kindergartner

Kindergarten students are well rested from Winter Break and ready for a new year of learning! Your child will be focusing on applying their letter name and sound knowledge to sound out new words! We will also be learning up to six new sight words a week. Plan a family trip to the library to check out new books for your kindergartner to practice their new reading skills on!



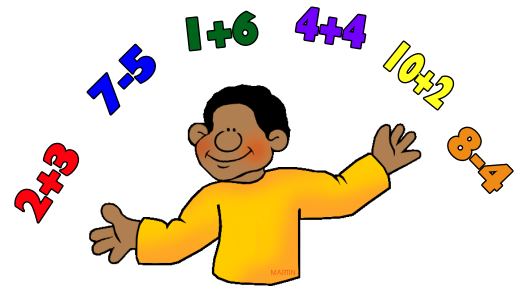
## First Graders Get Special Visitor

We hope all of our first grade families had a happy and safe holiday. We hope 2016 will be filled with health and happiness for all of you and your loved ones. On **January 14<sup>th</sup>** the first graders will be visited by horses from the South Florida Trail Riders Association. This special treat is part of the Black Stallion Reading program. Our fabulous first graders need to continue practicing their reading and math skills and concepts each and every day. Happy New Year!



## Second Graders: Practice Your Math Facts!

Second grade teachers hope all of our families had an enjoyable Winter Break. As we begin the New Year, we will be focusing on the character trait of RESPECT. Please remind your children to respect school procedures by bringing their folders to school daily, completing homework assignments and following directions. We are very proud of the progress our students have made so far as they continue to learn many things each day. Keep reading with your child and practice those math facts daily!



## Third Graders Take a Trip to the Zoo

We hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable Winter Break! We are looking forward to our Field Trip to The Palm Beach Zoo on January 14th. Please make sure to pack a bagged lunch. Please remember to have your child read every night. They should be reading a variety of texts such as poetry, non-fiction, news articles, directions, "how to" articles, fables, mysteries, folktale's, and remember to make reading fun! Also please try to have your child log in to I-Ready as often as possible!



## It's Crunch Time for Fourth Grade Testing

It's time to buckle down for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Crunch. Teachers urge students to memorize their multiplication fact families. The Florida Standards test is a timed test, so students need to be able to recall facts quickly and accurately. Without a strong foundation in basic math facts, students will struggle on the math portion. Remember to log on to iReady for extra reading and math. Students should practice for writing as the TEST IS SOON APPROACHING. Also please read at least 30 minutes. Fourth graders need a daily supply of sharpened pencils, paper and journal books for every class. Parents, please read and sign the planner each evening, as this is a great way to communicate with each other. Also, check homework and make sure that your child is completing it on time.... thank you for your assistance



## Fifth Grade Goes Digital With New Laptops



The fifth graders have all been assigned a new Laptop. They have been utilizing different websites, such as BEEP, Schoology, and PowerPoint. There will be a parent meeting in January, to officially have the computers go home with the students. The date and time of the meeting will be announced later. We want to say thank you to our student teachers from FAU, Ms. Hilton and Ms. Burger. They worked very hard with our students and we know they will have a wonderful teaching career.

## A Message From The Guidance Office:

Have You Filled A Bucket Today?



Our Davie Mustangs have proven to be true "Bucket Fillers". Our students and staff have been showing kindness and respect to others, making each other feel special. With such positive attitudes, and high self-esteem, there is certain to be success at Davie Elementary! Way to go Davie Mustangs!

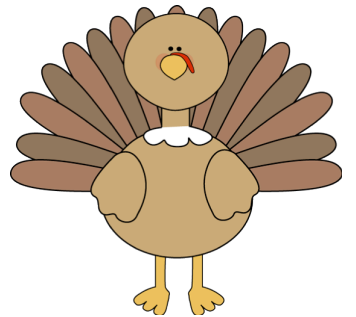


## Davie Elementary Holiday Concert

What a wonderful holiday season! Students in Head Start through 3rd grade participated in their annual holiday presentation for parents and put on several wonderful shows. The evening performance of "Tis the Season" at the OK Corral was also a success.

## Turkey Trot Raises \$400 for Alzheimer's Research

It has been wonderful and very productive month with the success of the Turkey Trot raising \$400.00 for the Alzheimer Foundation of Broward County. The children as well as the parents had a good time and there are plans to make next year's event even bigger and better with more targets, games and prizes. Mr. Schneider and Mrs. Schlosser donated the turkey trot proceeds to the Alzheimer Foundation and received a certification of appreciation for the school. The whole event was covered and reported by the Sun-Sentinel Newspaper for your viewing pleasure at <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/>



The Jump Rope Club and the Basketball Camp are going strong with over 70 students in each club. The Jump Rope Team will highlight their jumping skills at the February 10, 2016 JPFH (Jump Rope for Heart) event. This American Heart Association event will take place on the school's basketball court. In physical education all students were taught how to throw and catch using under as well as over hand throwing techniques in preparation for your holiday games and activities during the Winter break. In Health Education, all students are learning about the circulatory, respiratory and digestive systems and how each system works, function, and how to care for each system in order for each child to understand their inner bodies and have better health in the future.

Finally, all students are gearing up for the Presidential Youth Fitness Program, (PYFP) which will start after the Christmas break. Details of the PYFP will be sent out to all parents before testing starts. I personally hope your child earns that medal coming from the President of the United States.

# News From the Science Lab



**Ms. Guerra**  
**MsGuerra.com**

In the Science Lab we are learning about the structure/layers of the earth. The next time you're eating pizza mention the crust and how it reminds you of the top layer of the Earth, see what conversation strikes up as they mention volcanoes, rivers and more. If you hear them chanting "sediments, sediments, sediments -pressssssure" listen to them as they rock you with rock cycle information! Miss Kearney, the Computer Science teacher and I just went to our ROBOTICS TRAINING! Stay tuned as we team up and begin the new year with ROBOTICS teaching coding, programming and the building of Robots. Thank you for all your help and support!

## School Choice Windows are Now Open

For more information check out the homepage of our website at [davie.browardschools.com](http://davie.browardschools.com) and scroll down to the article titled "Magnet Programs" and article titled "Nova and Reassignment Applications Window"



## SIP Plan Available for Viewing

The 2015-2016 SIP for Davie Elementary is now available online at [davie.browardschools.com](http://davie.browardschools.com). You find the link to the report at the top of the homepage under School Information.





In October of 2011, the School Board of Broward County hosted a 50-member accreditation team that brought in educational experts from around the country. The team spent 3 days in Broward completing a comprehensive review of our system, interviewed over 1600 staff members and stakeholders and reviewed hundreds of our documents. The exit report announced another 5 years of accreditation and validated the quality of our school system.

For More information go to [davie.browardschools.com](http://davie.browardschools.com) and scroll down on the homepage to the link to SAC which is in the menu on the left hand side of the page.



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