

# Ann Simpson Davis Middle School PTO

## May/June 2021 Newsletter

Home of the IRISH!



*Davis Families,*

*What a privilege it has been to serve alongside you this school year! Despite the restrictions of the last several months, your unwavering support of the Davis PTO made all the difference in the world. Therefore, I would like to spend this portion of the Newsletter in gratitude!*

*Thank you to:*

- ***Our Principals** for brainstorming new ideas, providing guidance to help us align with the school and district, attending every single meeting held, bringing your best to our kids daily.*
- ***Our Office Staff** for connecting us to more of our families, giving us access into the building, providing the supplies we need to keep our work in motion.*
- ***Our Dublin Community** for connecting us to amazing resources.*
- ***Our PTO Officers** for tireless hours of PTO discussions, meetings, follow-ups, emails, texts and so much more.*
- ***Our PTO Committee Leaders** for sacrificing your time to fundraise, sell and deliver spirit wear, celebrate our students and staff, connect with our community, offer suggestions and plan events. Some of you were on standby waiting to hear a final “yay” or “nay” on your event. Even though COVID-19 tried to have the last word, you rolled up your sleeves in other ways.*
- ***Our PTO Volunteers**, including our Families, Teachers and Staff, for jumping into “action hero mode” any time we needed you and every time you saw a need.*
- ***Our PTO Monthly Meeting Attendees** for showing up and lending your voice to the PTO.*
- ***All Davis Families** for giving, giving again and then giving some more.*

*Enjoy an amazing summer - YOU DESERVE IT!*

*All the best,  
Tiffany Marr*

## Message from Tiffany Marr, PTO President

Thank you for helping us fill all of our standard PTO Committee roles for the 2021-2022 school year. After reviewing areas of opportunity listed by families in our “Parent Survey”, we believe it will benefit the PTO to formalize additional committees that will enable us to elevate our work. **WE ARE ADDING FOUR (4) COMMITTEES TO OUR REPERTOIRE.** Committee descriptions are listed below.

Please email us if you are interested. [PTODavis@gmail.com](mailto:PTODavis@gmail.com)  
We will happily provide all of the training you need to be successful!

### COMMITTEE LEADERS NEEDED FOR:

- **Audit Committee** - Review the financial practices and documentation of the Davis PTO according to GAAP and make recommendations for fund management, process improvement, cost reduction, etc. Term begins with the 2020-2021 fiscal year review (Jul 1-Jun 30).
- **Business Outreach Committee** - Help the Davis PTO connect to additional funding resources; Individual(s) may raise capital or fundraise for a living and/or be well connected to the Business community (I.e. Columbus Chamber, Dublin Chamber, etc.).
- **Diversity (DEI) Committee** - Help the Davis PTO align with the DEI strategies of the district; Individual(s) would be able to apply a DEI lens to the PTO’s work and offer solutions for improvement, in addition to specific events that may be held.
- **Multi-Cultural Committee** - Help the Davis PTO ensure cultural inclusivity and sensitivity within the PTO’s work; Individual(s) would be able to apply a multi-cultural lens to the PTO’s work and offer solutions for improvement, in addition to specific events that may be held.



Message from Grace Blue, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Committee Leader

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**Class of 2025**

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**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration (Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>)** was nothing short of amazing! Wednesday evening, we stuffed over 300 bags for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students' celebration. They were filled with snacks, drinks, bubbles, and gift cards amongst so many other items.

**Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way and to all of our sponsors!**

To see and hear the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students being so appreciative and thankful was so heart-warming! I'm pretty sure every single student that I handed a bag to gave me such a warm, genuine **"Thank you"**. I got a little teary-eyed seeing all the students especially my daughter, who is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Davis. The school staff was also so appreciative. Some even mentioned that no one had ever done anything like this before and how amazing it was!

Just knowing how much COVID has changed everything is an understatement. But, we made the best of it and we are so happy the 8<sup>th</sup> graders (Class of 2025) got to celebrate! **Congrats to them all! Off to high school they go!**

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Message from Monika Willis, Teacher Appreciation Week Committee Leader



**Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>)** is the time set aside where we express gratitude to our teachers.

Despite the challenges of Covid-19 our teachers have worked diligently to provide instruction to our children. Whether it was virtual, in-person or hybrid, their immense work and dedication to the success of our children must be commended. We chose to honor them with tokens of appreciation, affirmations, snacks, a catered lunch, and even a cup of java.

Please join me in saluting the teachers and administrators at Davis Middle School for all that they do for our children.

### April 2021 PTO General Assembly Meeting

Thank you to our 37 Attendees, including our special guests, Mr. Chris Valentine and Dr. John Marschhausen.

### MAY 2021 Events include:

- April 26-May 14: Grant Proposal Window (Rnd1)
- April 30-May 21: Parent Survey Window
- May 3-May 7: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 3-May 28: School Supply Sale Window
- May 7-May 15: Spring Spirit Wear Deliveries
- May 12: Irish Way Scholarship \*Virtual\* Ceremony
- May 14: FINAL 20-21 PTO Exec Board Meeting
- May 19: Summary of Grant Proposals reviewed with PTO Members; FINAL 20-21 PTO Meeting (Officer & Grant votes)
- May 27: 8th Grade \*Virtual\* Ceremony
- May 28: Last Day of School

### JUNE 2021 Events include:

- May 30-June 5: Grant Approval and Award set-aside communicated to Staff Awardees, Wrap up 20-21 PTO (Copy files to Google Docs, Connect w/ Incoming Officers, etc.)
- June 6-June 30: DMS PTO "R&R Period" (You can still connect with us via email!)

### JULY 2021 Events include:

- July 1-July 10: DMS PTO "R&R Period" (You can still connect with us via email!)
- July 23: Fall (Initial Spring) Planning Meeting

### We have several avenues to locate Davis PTO information, starting here:

Website: [www.dmspto.org](http://www.dmspto.org) (Sign up to receive blog posts in real time! Enter your email address and click "Follow" on any tab.)

Facebook (public): @DavisMSPTO

Twitter: @PTODavis

Instagram: davismspto

### Reach out to us:

Email: [ptodavis@gmail.com](mailto:ptodavis@gmail.com)

### Join our rewards programs. When you make everyday purchases, the PTO benefits!

Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1246476>

Kroger: <http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> Organization Number = VJ441

### Spirit Wear:

New items coming Fall 2021!

### Open Volunteer Roles:

If you would like to get involved, connect with us! **Open Roles: Committee Leaders and General Volunteers.**

### 2020-2021

The PTO will be **fully virtual** for all general assembly meetings and **100% electronic** for all donations, due to COVID-19. Zoom information will be provided the week of each meeting. **PLEASE CONTACT US DIRECTLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL DONATION.**



## Tips for YOUR "Self-Care" Saturday

