

# Ann Simpson Davis Middle School PTO

## September 2020 Newsletter

*Home of the IRISH!*



Dear Davis Parents,

We made it across the “1<sup>st</sup> week of school” finish line! Virtual high-fives all around! ☺

Now that we are gliding into September, our initiatives for the month include the following:

- **The UNFundraiser (September 1-30)**
- **PTO Budget Finalization**
- **Online options for Spirit Wear**
- **PTO Calendar wrap up**

As you may have imagined, the PTO’s “Contact” activities have been cancelled for the Fall. Continue reading for messages from our Committee Leaders who would like to extend warm wishes as we embark on this unprecedented school year.

Feel free to connect with us at any time. Remember to sign up at our website to receive blog posts and updates directly to your email. Lots of information to share in the following pages.

Be well!

Tiffany Marr

*“The most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know and then stop.”*  
- **Mark Twain**

## Message from Elaine Spielberg - UNFundraiser Chair



# DMS PTO UNFundraiser



Dear Davis Community,

September kicks off our first ever UNFundraiser, the most important fundraiser that benefits many of the programs that make Ann Simpson Davis Middle School a GREAT school!

The UNFundraiser is sweet and simple, also safe and efficient. There's no need to sell products, go door-to-door, or tally reading minutes. Simply choose an online donation site listed below and select the dollar amount you wish to donate. Your tax-deductible donation will be added to Davis' total!

### 100% of the proceeds goes to support:

- Athletic programs
- Related and performing arts
- Community events
- Teacher grants
- and SO much more!

Parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are welcome to help Davis reach our goal of \$35,000. During this time of changing economic realities, the Davis PTO is grateful for your response to this fund. We thank you for recognizing the importance of this mission! Donations will be accepted through September 30.

### Check out these sites to make your donation!

**SQUARE:** <https://checkout.square.site/pay/0fc50a8a51b44ce38d2398f680b2b55f>

**99PLEDGES:** <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/thedavisun>

GO IRISH!

**Davis Middle School PTO**

Elaine Spielberg

Fall Fundraiser Chair

**Tax Deductible Information:** Davis PTO is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization and your donation is tax deductible. Federal ID #31-1246476.



### Message from Katie Welsh – Library Partnership Chair

Greetings Davis Parents,

As the new school year begins we are facing challenges like no other; nevertheless, Davis PTO is here to help and assist families and students make this year both successful, fun, and engaging. As the PTO Volunteer for the Davis Library I wanted to reach out and let you I'm bummed, I will not be able to engage with the Davis families and students in a traditional way. I wanted to utilize our newsletter to provide some awesome ideas on how you and your student can stay engaged and continue to foster a love for books! Below are my top three recommendations for you and your student to explore;

1. **Open Library**- A nonprofit which offers a free account that connects readers with over a million eBooks for all ages, including more than 30,000 titles for children through young adult. To sign up click; <https://openlibrary.org/>
2. **Hoopla**- Do you have a library membership? This site links your membership and you can digitally borrow thousands of free eBooks, comics, movies, and more. Our family likes to choose an age appropriate book and compare it to the movie! This site can also be downloaded as an app on any handheld device. To learn more start here: <https://openlibrary.org/>
3. **Book Club**- Connecting our students may look different this year. Beginning a book club with some friends is a great way for our kids to connect, foster peer accountability, and even learn different perspectives. This video can help parents kick start a small book club for their student and friends- as we try to provide creative ideas to continue to engage and foster peer to peer learning. Interested? Watch; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzptilzodwA>

I hope you have read something which can spark a great place for you and your student to explore. Thank you for supporting Davis PTO and know we are here to assist you in making this new normal fun and successful. We are in this together!

*Katie Welsh*

### Message from Robyn Shay – School Store Chair

Dear Davis Families,

This year is unlike any other, it all seems so crazy! I wish I was at school opening up the School Store and seeing the kids laughing and hanging out with friends during lunch! Looking forward to getting back to it once we get the green light! Until then, hang in there Davis families, we've got this!!!

Robyn Shay



### August PTO General Assembly Meeting

Thank you to over 30 parents and administrators who attended our *Virtual* August PTO General Assembly Meeting on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>! Our community is simply amazing!

### Upcoming Events include:

- Tuesday, 9/1 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Davis PTO UNFundraiser (Our biggest of the year!)
- Monday, 9/7 – No School – Labor Day
- Tuesday, 9/8 – Student Orientation begins, Parent Information Q&A @ 7p
- Friday, 9/11 – PTO Executive Board Meeting
- Monday, 9/14 – Parent Information Q&A @ 7p
- Thursday, 9/17 – Family Night
- Monday, 9/21 – Hybrid Learning begins *(\*Final decision to be made by Dublin City School Board Of Education)*
- Wednesday, 9/23 – *Virtual* September PTO General Assembly Meeting @ 7p
- Wednesday, 9/30 – Last day of Davis PTO UNFundraiser

### 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

### 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

**Giant Eagle:** <http://www.gianteagle.com/AFTS> School Code = 4644

### Spirit Wear:

In the past, we offered amazing spirit wear at our in-person events. This year, we are working to bring alternative ways for you to support Davis and show your Irish spirit! Stay tuned for an update. *Remember, you will be the first to receive updates once you sign up to receive blog posts at the website.*

### Open Volunteer Roles:

If you would like to get involved, connect with us!

### 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. Current donation methods include 99pledges and Square.