

# Ann Simpson Davis Middle School PTO

## October 2020 Newsletter

Home of the IRISH!



Davis Parents,

Happy October! If you're like me, you're loving everything about Fall – crisp mornings, College Football, Hallmark movies, comfort food and Pumpkin Spiced “anything”! ☺

As the weather shifted outside, the PTO remained busy inside. In **September**, we accomplished:

- **The UNFundraiser (September 1-30)**
  - Thank you [Elaine Spielberg](#) for your tireless efforts throughout the month and beyond!
- **Online options researched for Spirit Wear**
  - Thank you [Melanie Gamez](#) for securing the best options for all Davis families!
- **PTO Budget Finalization and Approval**
- **PTO Fall Calendar wrapped up and posted to the website**

**October** will continue to keep us busy with the following:

- **The UNFundraiser has been extended into the first week of October (October 1-7)**
- **PTO provides Dinner for Davis Staff during Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- **Spirit Wear will be available to order and ship directly to your home**
- **Davis PTO Outreach – Stay tuned for more information**

Davis PTO is so fortunate to have the best Volunteers on the planet. (I “bleed Orange” so the great ones are no surprise! 5 points if you guess my Alma Mater. ☺) Continue reading for messages from our amazing Committee Leaders, including our Fall Festival and Spirit Wear Chairwomen.

Remember to sign up at our website to receive blog posts and updates directly to your email. We hope to see you at our next virtual PTO meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, via Zoom. Until then, feel free to connect with us at any time ([ptodavis@gmail.com](mailto:ptodavis@gmail.com)).

Take great care and stay safe this Halloween!



Tiffany Marr

*“The quickest way for a parent to get a child’s attention is to sit down and look comfortable.”*

- Lane Olinghouse

## Message from Amy Starnes – Fall Festival Chair



**\*CANCELLED THIS YEAR\***

**HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING TO ANTICIPATE THE NEXT TIME WE GATHER!**

Kiddos are settling into school, there is a chill in the air and in years past, planning is underway for FALL FESTIVAL. Davis student council diligently works on preparing activities for our Davis families to enjoy during this community event. They transform the football field into an area to enjoy the music of Taiko drummers, our band students and tunes played by DJ \_\_\_\_\_. Friends can enjoy challenging each other at Gaga ball, pumpkin carving and carnival games. Parents, no need to make dinner, the concession stand sells pizza, sandwiches, hot chocolate and candy galore. Best of all Davis can spend time together enjoying our Irish community.

A few quotes for our students about Fall Festival memories.....

"I like the music and hanging out with my friends"

"I like the decorations and running around with my friends and eating bundt cakes."

"I really like how all the groups of students came together to create something for the community and how everyone at Davis was really a part of it. "



Message from Melanie Gamez – Spirit Wear Chair

**SPIRIT WEAR ORDERING IS COMING IN OCTOBER!**



**We have been working hard with a vendor that can provide online ordering and payment, who will also ship directly to your home.**

**T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Joggers, Masks  
and more will be available.**

**Keep an eye out for ordering information  
in the coming weeks.**

## Message from Elaine Spielberg - UNFundraiser Chair

Dear Davis Community,

Throughout the month of September, **we were able to raise nearly \$11,000 with the UNFundraiser!** What an **amazing accomplishment** considering all there is to balance, including getting used to new school routines and health protocol. **The Davis PTO is grateful** for your contributions and we see your Irish pride! In all honesty, it feels like we are just beginning to pick up steam, which is why we would like to **extend the fundraiser until October 7!**

**WE** believe in the power of community, the strength that is found when we pull together. **WE** believe that we build one another up through generous efforts of everyone in Ann Simpson Davis Middle School.

We also understand that not everyone may be in a position to donate monetarily, which is why **we encourage you to donate your time, talents, or other resources to the PTO.** Join us October 28 for the next meeting and tell us your ideas!

**If you are in a position to give**, please take a moment to make your financial commitment to Davis Middle School by visiting either Square or 99Pledges donation sites.

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

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

### GO IRISH!

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## 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



### September PTO General Assembly Meeting

Thank you to 32+ parents and administrators who attended our *Virtual* September PTO General Assembly Meeting on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>! Our community is awesome!

### OCTOBER Events include:

- Thursday, 10/1 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (PTO provides dinner for Staff.)
- Thursday, 10/1 – Beginning of UNFundraiser Extension
- Wednesday, 10/7 – End of UNFundraiser Extension
- Monday, 10/19 – No School, Teacher Comp Day
- Tuesday, 10/20 – No School, PD Day
- Thursday, 10/22 – Fall Festival CANCELLED
- Friday, 10/23 – PTO Executive Board Meeting
- Wednesday, 10/28 – *Virtual* PTO General Assembly Meeting @ 7p
- Saturday, 10/31 – DCS DISTRICT Annual Filing DUE

### 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:

Online options available this month. *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.