



Welcome Kinder Class 2022 – 2023

Dear Families,

Please allow me to extend you a warm David Lubin welcome. We understand that you have many choices in where your child goes to school and we greatly appreciate the trust you have placed in us to explore your child's opportunities.

As you begin this journey, we know how exciting but also challenging it can be. On the first day of kindergarten no doubt we will see eager anticipation, as well as tears and anxious last looks; not from the children, but the adults! This handbook was created to ease this transition and relieve the fears and uncertainty of this new experience.

Very special thanks go to our fantastic Parent Teacher Group (PTG) for all their efforts in welcoming our new families. In particular, I am grateful for their time, energy and effort in producing this handbook and leading Kinder Tours throughout the year.

We hope that as new David Lubin parents you can provide us with additional insights that can assist new kindergarten parents next year. My staff and I are looking forward to having you become part of our close-knit school community.

We have a wonderful kindergarten program here at David Lubin. Our teachers and staff look forward to a growing partnership with you dedicated to helping your child grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Tomorrow's opportunities begin today!

Best,

Richard Dixon
Principal, David Lubin Elementary





S.T.E.A.M. VISION

The mission of David Lubin Elementary School is to instill a love of scientific inquiry and application, and to empower your child to pursue a life full of wonderful choices by learning in an interdisciplinary environment that emphasizes the strong work ethic and critical thinking needed to solve problems in the real world.

Our focus on creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration is essential to prepare your child for the future. To be effective in the 21st century, today our students must learn to create, evaluate and effectively utilize information, media and technology.

STEAM is an acronym (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) that represents how all the subject areas relate to each other and to the real world. The sentence that defines this is:

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, *interpreted through* ENGINEERING AND THE ARTS, ARE *based in* MATHEMATICAL ELEMENTS.

STEAM is a framework for teaching based on natural ways of learning, customizable for ALL types of students and programs.

We recognize an unprecedented opportunity to engage and include your child in the challenge and promise made possible with a rigorous innovated STEAM program. STEAM is an integral part of learning for a future in which science belongs to all of us.





INFORMATION FOR KINDERGARTEN

KINDER HOURS – 9:00AM – 1:10PM

Adjustment to New Schedule

Your child will most likely be tired the first few weeks of class as she/he/they adjusts to the new schedule. This transition may be difficult at first, but your child will quickly adapt to the new hours and environment.

Backpack

Please send your child to school with a backpack every day. This will keep your child's work from getting lost or ruined. Be sure to check the backpack daily: along with homework, the teacher will send home school announcements, flyers, and notes.

Breakfast

Doors to the cafeteria/All-Purpose Room open at 8:30 AM. Breakfast is available to all students through a federal grant. All students wait in the All-Purpose Room during breakfast service until the playground doors open at 8:45.

Lunch

Your child can bring his or her own lunch or you can pay for a school lunch by setting up an account in the cafeteria. You may qualify for free school lunches. Be sure to fill out the form in the Information Packet that comes home on the first day of school. Menus are sent home with the children at the beginning of each month, or you can find them online at: <https://thecentralkitchen.org/on-the-menu/menus/>.

Parent Participation

Teachers welcome help in the classroom. If you are not available to work in the class during school hours, you can also help by preparing classroom materials at home (stapling worksheet packets, organizing craft projects, etc.). Feel free to ask your teacher what you can do to help.

Room Parents

One parent in each classroom volunteers at the beginning of the school year to gather parents' email addresses and to send out emails communicating important information throughout the school year. If you are interested in helping out as a Room Parent, please let your teacher know.





GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Information Packet

An information packet will go home with your child on the first day of school. It will have information for you as well as forms you must return to the school. The form to qualify for free lunches will be in here. Please fill it out. The school will receive extra funds depending on the percentage of the student body that qualifies. Please review the entire packet thoroughly.

Fingerprinting and Background Checks

Fingerprinting and a background check is required of all adults who volunteer at the school and/or chaperone on field trips. Forms are sent home the first weeks of school and are available in the school office.

Tuberculosis Testing

A TB test is also required of all adults who volunteer at the school and/or chaperone on field trips. You can request this from your primary care physician. Skin tests are good for 4 years and chest X-rays are good for 10 years.

COVID-19 Status

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test may still be required to volunteer on campus or field trips. Notifications will be provided if this requirement is changed.

Back to School Night

Held a few weeks after the start of classes, classrooms will be open to parents and guardians. You will meet teachers, see the classroom, meet other parents and learn more about the school.

Open House

Open House is held in May. You will see the work your child has done over the course of the year.

School Calendar

The District's academic calendar can be found on the school district website at: <https://www.scusd.edu> The school bell schedule will be posted to the PTG website and David Lubin's website as soon as it is finalized.

Personal Items/Clothes

To avoid the lost and found pile (located near the front entrance of the school), please label backpacks, sweaters, jackets, hats, etc.





GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Report an Absence

If your child is ill or cannot make it to school for any reason, you can call the front office (916-395-4540) to inform the school of your child's absence. You can also visit the website to fill out a form on-line: <https://davidlubin.scusd.edu/post/report-absence>.

The office staff and Principal Dixon

The school staff is very friendly and helpful. They are available by phone or in the office to help you. Principal Dixon is often on the grounds to greet students and parents at the beginning and end of the day.

SAMPLE KINDER SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

9:00-9:15 Attendance and Morning Message

9:15-10:15 Language Arts

10:15-11:00 Math

11:00-11:30 Lunch

11:30-12:00 Recess

12:00-1:00 STEAM

1:00-1:10 Calendar and Review



LEARNING DURING THE YEAR

A highly committed and caring staff, a strong emphasis on academic rigor, and a warm family environment allows David Lubin Elementary School to provide a high quality educational experience for its diverse student population.

* Indicate programs that are funded by the PTC

Computers

Each classroom has access to computers to provide your child an opportunity to play games that reinforce classroom learning and to introduce all students to essential computer skills.

Art Education*

Twice a month your child will receive art education with our Artist-in-Residence, Ms. Jane. Students will learn art history, art theory, and create their own unique artwork. Join us for Open House at the end of the year to admire your child's artistic creations.



Music Education*

Students receive music education through the David Lubin Music Program.

Library

Once a week, students visit the school library and meet with our wonderful school librarian, Ms. Kane. Your child will learn about the library and how it is arranged, enjoy storybook time, and eventually check out his/her/their own book to take home and enjoy for a week.

Homework

Homework is sent home weekly. The purpose of homework is to practice and reinforce skills in reading, writing, and math. You are encouraged to talk with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the homework sheets.

Gardens

The kindergarten classes are responsible for two gardens on campus. Your child will work in the Edible Garden, where she/he/they will plant, cultivate, and eat what is grown. She/he/they will also help maintain the ABC Garden, located on the kindergarten playground.

Field Trips *

Kindergarten classes have several field trips during the year. In the past, they've visited the Pumpkin Patch, Sacramento County Fair, the local fire station, and B Street Theater. The number of field trips taken, in large part, is dependent upon school bus availability and funding from the PTG. Permission slips will be sent home in advance of any planned trips.

Your teacher welcomes your support for chaperoning field trips. A fingerprinting and a background check is required for all volunteers and chaperones. Forms will be sent home at the beginning of the year, or check with the school office for extras.





CLASSROOM EVENTS

Birthdays

If you would like to send a small treat to school for your child's birthday, please do – but make sure to ask about possible food allergies. Private birthday party invitations should not be passed out during school hours.

Special School Events

Please keep an eye out for information about David Lubin's yearly school events, including: Movie Night, December Holiday Concert, East Sac Garden Tour, Open House/ Science Night and the End-of-the-Year Picnic in the park. You can sign up for the PTG newsletter on the PTG website to make sure you kept up to date:

<https://davidlubinptg.org/>

Holiday Parties

Your child's class may also celebrate holidays such as Halloween, Valentine's Day, or St. Patrick's Day while learning the traditions of each holiday. The teacher and Room Parent will schedule and coordinate with the parents.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

YMCA

The YMCA Child Care program is housed in the Faith Methodist Church behind David Lubin (3600 J St). YMCA hours are 7AM – 8:50 AM before school, and 1:10PM – 6PM after Kindergarten. Please call Larry Courter for more information at (916) 737-0442.

After School Enrichment & Safety (ASES)

Run by the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center, this is a tuition-free program open to 1-6 graders. For more information, visit: <http://www.sccsc.org/>



AFTER SCHOOL + PTG EVENTS

East Sacramento Garden Tour

This is the largest annual fundraiser of the year, raising \$50,000+. With the help of homeowners, local garden centers, designers, landscapers and YOU, local gardens are open for public viewing. This event occurs every Mother's Day weekend. We always need a lot of volunteers to put up posters, sell tickets, get sponsors, act as docents in the gardens, spread the word through social media and to help out at the FREE on campus event that includes vendors and other live events. Please also consider attending the event yourself.



Jog-a-Thon

The Jog-a-Thon has raised over \$10,000 each year just in pledges collected by our amazing students! Pledges can now be collected online to make it easier for you and for your donors who live out of the area. All students are able to participate and every child receives his/her/their own T-shirt. All funds go toward enrichment activities at David Lubin while raising awareness of the importance of being physically active. The big bonus – the kids love it! Please note that during the pandemic we did a Read-A-Thon. The event for 2022-2023 has not been selected.

Dine & Donate (First Wednesdays)

Throughout the year, on the first Wednesday of the month, David Lubin partners with a local restaurant who donates a portion of the night's profits back to the school. Once a month have dinner out, save some work and contribute to David Lubin while you enjoy time with your family.

David Lubin After School Academy (DLASA)

The After School Academy offers two 4-week sessions each year with a variety of educational classes at a highly reduced tuition. Past classes have included martial arts, guitar lessons, chess, juggling and even early engineers! We try to have something for everyone.

Family Movie Night

David Lubin PTG hosts a free movie night to build community. The fall event is paired with Halloween Night. Popcorn and drinks are for sale to enjoy while watching a family-friendly movie in the All-Purpose Room. Tickets are sold for the always popular, and always spooky Haunted House! Ms. Jane and the 6th graders transform the art room into a haunted house with two special tours: an early kinder friendly tour (less spooky), and a later Scare-Your-Socks-Off Tour.

Scholastic Book Fairs

Ms. Kane, the Librarian, and the PTG bring two book fairs to the campus to promote reading. You can purchase books for your child or plan ahead for birthday and holiday gifts. A portion of the sales will go back to David Lubin.

David Lubin Kindness Campaign

An on-going donation platform to provide donations and resources to those who need them the most - one of our favorites being the Holiday Gift Boxes for David Lubin families.





PARENT TEACHER GROUP

The PTG at David Lubin is a non-profit, volunteer organization that includes parents, guardians and staff of David Lubin Elementary School students. There are no fees to join the PTG, just show up to a meeting or volunteer to support an event.

The PTG is dedicated to supporting classroom education and maintaining essential academic and enrichment programs at the school, including:

- **STEAM Enrichment**
- **Artist-in-Residence program**
- **Music Instruction**
- **Classroom field trips**
- **After School Academy (DLASA)**

To pay for these programs, the PTG organizes several important fundraising events throughout the year.

PTG is focused on building a strong bridge of communication between school and home. It is also a great way to meet other families and learn about the school. We encourage you to participate as much as you are able.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

All parents / guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Having a child at David Lubin already makes you a member! Childcare, staffed by an adult and 6th grade students, is provided at no charge.

We look forward to meeting new parents / guardians. The dedication and diversity of the David Lubin community is what makes this school a success.

CONTACT PTG

Email: lubinptg@gmail.com

PTG Website: davidlubinptg.org

Facebook Page: David Lubin Elementary – Parent Teacher Group

Instagram: [@davidlubinptg](https://www.instagram.com/davidlubinptg)

