

welcome to
DAVID LUBIN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





Welcome Kinder Class 2023 – 2024

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 is welcome bring his or her own lunch. California is the first state to implement a statewide Universal Meals Program for public school children. Breakfast and lunch is provided for free at David Lubin by The Central Kitchen. 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. Please see the adult volunteer document for schoolwide volunteer opportunities.

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 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.

2023-2024 Academic Year 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.

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: Fall Festival, December Holiday Concert, East Sac Garden Tour, Open House/STEAM Night and Lubinpalooza. The Adult Handbook (provided today as well) has more information. You can sign up for the PTG newsletter on the PTG website to make sure you kept up to date: 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: sccsc.org



DAVID LUBIN CALENDAR, PROGRAMS + EVENTS

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ALL YEAR LONG

David Lubin After School Academy*

DLASA is an opportunity for students to participate in an after school club with their peers. In the past we've had clubs like Rubix Cube Club, Nature Detectives, Chess Club, Kickball Club and more! This year, clubs will run 1x per week for the full school year. To learn more, visit: davidlubinptg.org

Friday Rally

Each Friday at 9am, students, staff and families are invited to gather on the David Lubin playground for our Friday Rally. Rallies are intended to be inclusive and inspiring for all.

Spirit Days

The last Friday of every month is Spirit Day. Spirit Days are themed days chosen by our 5th grade students. All are invited to show their school spirit by dressing up and joining the fun!

Kindness Campaign*

Led by our school counselor, Mr. Jon, our David Lubin Kindness campaign helps create a strong sense of community at school and in our greater community in a variety of ways. We will be announcing Kindness Campaign events, activities and challenges throughout the year. We hope that you find ways to have your student join us in these or other activities of their choosing that help others.

Dine & Donate (First Wednesdays)*

Each first Wednesday of the month we partner with a local restaurant who donates a portion of the night's profits back to the school.

DATE-SPECIFIC EVENTS

Back to School Night

At the beginning of each year, families are invited to join Teachers & Staff on campus to visit classrooms, explore the playground and meet other families. Look for this year's date on our social media outlets, PTG Newsletter and communications from the main office.

Family Dance*

An event for the whole family, the family dance is held on-campus for all to enjoy. Food/Beverages will be sold by the 5th/6th graders to raise money for enrichment programs. Learn more: davidlubinptg.org

Fall Festival*

The David Lubin PTG hosts a free Fall Festival the week before Halloween. Enjoy a family-friendly movie on the grass under the stars and other fun, free activities for kids. In addition, Ms. Jane and the 6th graders transform the art room into a haunted house! Tickets are sold for two different haunted house tours, an early-bird (less spooky) and a later Scare Your Socks Off Tour. Snacks and drinks are also for sale.

Jog-A-Thon*

The Jog-a-Thon is our fall fundraiser and beloved daytime, schoolwide event. All students are invited to participate and every child receives their own T-shirt. All funds raised go toward enrichment activities at David Lubin while also raising awareness of the importance of being physically active. Learn more about the Jog-A-Thon in the Parent Handbook.

Fall STEAM Day, Spring STEAM Night*

Fall STEAM Day is organized and executed by our 6th graders during recess. Our Spring STEAM Night is an evening hosted by the PTG. Both events provide STEAM stations across the playground for all students to participate in.

East Sac Garden Tour*

Our largest school fundraiser, the East Sac Garden Tour is a beloved Sacramento event held on Mother's Day weekend. The event has lots of opportunities to volunteer and participate for students and adults. All funds raised provide access to our enrichment programs like Art, Music, After school activities and STEAM. Learn more about the East Sac Garden Tour in the Parent Handbook.

Lubinpalooza Talent Show*

Celebrate the end of the year with our school's music festival. Students will have an opportunity to perform along with various engaging activities and fun for all!

Scholastic Book Fairs

Ms. Kane, the Librarian, and the PTG bring two book fairs to the campus to promote reading. A portion of the sales will go back to David Lubin.