



Davis Elementary School

College Place, Washington
2007-2008 Annual Report

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Davis Elementary School is the home for the district's preschool, Kindergarten, first, second, and third grade students. This facility has a current enrollment of 391 students.

The College Place School District serves a mobile and ethnically diverse population of students. Davis Elementary is no exception. Our vision: Davis Elementary is committed to the education of all students in the skills needed to become responsible members of society and to instill in them the value of learning as a lifelong process. We are dedicated to preparing our diverse population to meet the challenges of the future.

Davis Elementary School hosted a variety of PTA activities again this year. In September parents, students, and staff enjoyed a spaghetti dinner at our annual Open House. Doughnuts with Dad, Goodies for Grandparents, and Muffins with Mom were well attended literacy events our school enjoyed this year as these included a Book Swap for all families. Parents were invited to our annual Winter program in December and two Spring Performances. Parent Conferences were held twice this year. Once in early November and again in early March. Interpreters were on hand to assist in translating wherever needed.

Staff trainings are on going with the Davis Team. Some are group trainings and some are individual teacher choices.



During 2007-2008 staff members took advantage of trainings on First Steps in Math, Harcourt Language Arts, Investigations Math, Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills, and various literacy and math trainings. There was a large focus on assessment with new tools and assessments (e.g. MAP and 3rd grade WASL) implemented providing staff, students, and parents with ongoing data to drive instruction.

According to our schoolwide improvement plan, we maintained a Title I School Wide program. Davis staff worked to collaborate on Reading, Writing, and Math instruction. School Reading and Math resources are available to all students in the School Wide Model. Reading and Math strategies were shared and modeled. Educational assistants worked within the classrooms to assist all students in small groups with both Math and Reading.

Initiative 728 provided funds for: (1) Pre-school Program including a certified teacher; (2) allowed teachers to attend conferences out of the district; and (3) facilitated teachers mentoring teachers.

Davis Elementary students benefited from America Reads personnel assisting with Reading. This extra assistance enabled some students to receive help unavailable from any other source. This personal contact improved students' reading skills, facilitated positive student self-esteem, and was rewarding for these community members.

The Accelerated Reader Program continues to provide students with supplemental reading at their individual level. This program allows students to self-select books at their color-coded reading level, read independently, and test comprehension on a computerized format. Goals are set and students strive to gain points for rewards both extrinsic and intrinsic.



An extended day for first, second, and third graders that qualified for assistance in reading was implemented again this school year.

Students enjoyed assemblies from the Walla Walla High School Drama Club Suessical the Musical production. We were also fortunate enough to have children's author Jerdine Nolen visit our school this year.

Mr. Chris Drabek, Principal

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School Vision Statement:

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School Mission Statement:

Building Upon Their Desire to Learn

Building Staff	
28	Certificated
25	Classified
11	Work Study Students
1	Administrator
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65	Total

Student Data		<u>2007-2008 Enrollment:</u>	
	<u>2007/08</u>	Ethnic Minorities	40%
Pre-school	25	Qualifying for	
Kindergarten	96	Free/Reduced Meals	52.9%
1st Grade	78	Student Turnover	
2nd Grade	93	Annually	35-40%
3rd Grade	88		
Life Skills	<u>11</u>		
	391		

We are proud of our staff at Davis Elementary. They are dedicated to providing a quality education for our students.

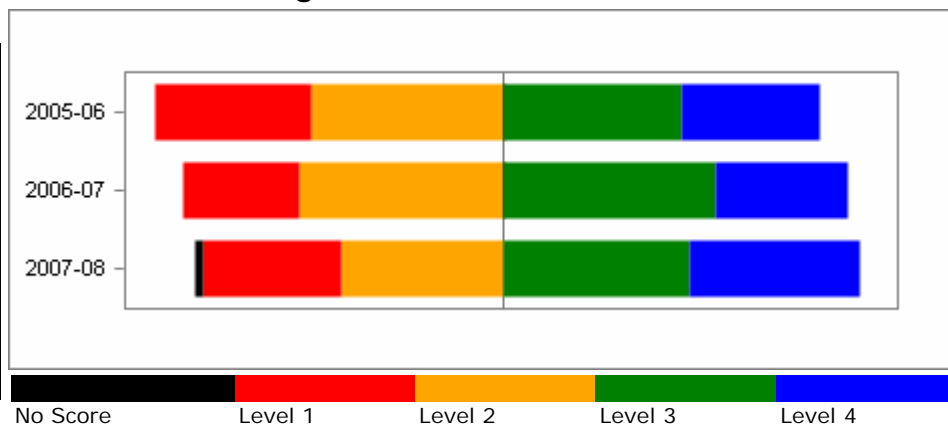
Assessment Procedures:

A variety of assessment tools are used to measure student learning in the College Place Schools. One of these is the *Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)*, which was given in English only, to all 3rd grade students this spring. These tests are administered in English to more than 25% of students who are non-native English speakers. The WASL is used in part to determine student eligibility for special needs instructional programs as well as a measure of an "individual" child's progress in school. Additional assessments include daily observations, classroom work, individual reading inventory, DRA, DIBELS, Measure of Academic Progress Assessments, STAR Reading test, STAR Math test, and unit tests to help measure how well each child is learning.

In April, Davis Elementary 3rd grade students again participated in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) in the subjects of Reading and Math. Students were challenged with questions requiring writing with reasoning when problem solving.

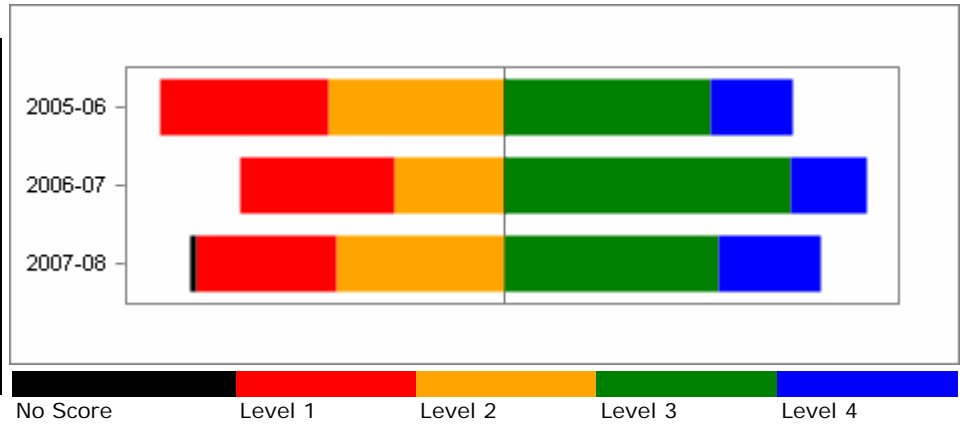
Grade 3 Students Scoring in Each Level
Reading

School Year	Did Not Meet Standard		Met Standard		
	No Score	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<u>2005-06</u>	0.0%	23.3%	29.1%	26.7%	20.9%
<u>2006-07</u>	0.0%	17.6%	30.8%	31.9%	19.8%
<u>2007-08</u>	1.2%	20.9%	24.4%	27.9%	25.6%



Math

School Year	Did Not Meet Standard			Met Standard	
	No Score	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
2005-06	0.0%	26.7%	27.9%	32.6%	12.8%
2006-07	0.0%	24.2%	17.6%	45.1%	12.1%
2007-08	1.2%	22.1%	26.7%	33.7%	16.3%



To view information on the results of assessment from Davis Elementary please examine data at the following OSPI website link:
<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>

We encourage your support:

Education is truly a cooperative effort among parents, students, staff, and the community. Your support and help is appreciated. If your business is interested in a school/business partnership, contact the superintendent's office at 525-4827. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Davis Elementary principal's office at 525-5110.

All volunteers are required to complete a Washington State Patrol background check.

We encourage you to join our PTA to enjoy involvement in providing community outreach with special events.



Facilities: Davis Elementary is located one block east of College Avenue in the center of College Place, Washington. The school is situated next to the Walla Walla University campus east boundary on Ash Street. Our facility is located on a nine acre plot and is a one story building. The building is in a square configuration with a courtyard in the center. Students can walk the halls in either direction and arrive at all locations. This building was constructed in 4 phases. The gymnasium was built in the 1931, the North side was constructed in 1955, the west side was erected in 1958 and finally the east side classrooms were added in 1984.

The area of student and staff safety is of utmost importance to Davis School. A required training by OSHA on a program known as ERASR provides a yearly test to update all Davis Elementary employees. We have regularly scheduled fire drill, priority alerts, and building evacuation practices. Our Staff uses two-way radios to maintain contact with the school office from campus and playground locations.

Our building is the home of computer resources, library, and gym facilities. Students access technology in classrooms and the computer lab.

Student playground resources at Davis School include elementary equipment such as swings, slides, climbing toys, a large blacktop area for basketball, hopscotch, rope jumping and a variety of children's games. A couple of years ago PTA installed a new piece of outdoor play equipment.

