



We come to the end of another outstanding school year here at Benjamin Davis and what a fabulous year it has been! I'm so proud of all our wonderful stakeholders who have made Benjamin Davis - The Spot to Be! So many times you've heard me say, "I have the best job in the world," I really do. Part of it is because of YOU! Together, as a team, we have held students to high standards and expectations and they have met the challenge. Students have made noticeable progress and they are ready to move on to the next grade level. According to the Scantron Performance test, all of our students have grown and that's because of the hard work of our Benjamin Davis teachers.

As for my 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, we have done as much as we could do for you here at BD. Now it's time for you to take what we've taught and soar to new heights. Third grade will be a breeze for some, but I challenge all of you to work hard daily, read 15 minutes a day, and enjoy all of the wonderful opportunities you will experience at Leon Sheffield. I have no doubt in my mind that you will spread your wings and make us proud!

Summer is a busy time of the year and I hope you will continue to engage your child with learning activities. Research indicates that most students who are not actively involved in learning will lose about two months of grade level equivalency in math and reading during the summer break. One way to keep your child actively involved is by contacting Decatur City Public Library. They have a wonderful summer reading program that's full of many enriching activities.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Don't forget to express your gratitude towards your child's teacher or any Benjamin Davis faculty and staff member. A note, letter, or card are just a few ways to say THANK YOU! In addition to the wonderful things PTO has planned for that week, I ask each family to donate an item to the snack cart. A class donation list has been given to you child. Please check your child's back pack.

We have a lot going on at BDES the last few weeks of school! Please pay close attention to the following dates.

May 1 - K Pre-Registration May 1 – K Orientation 10:00 - 11:00; 4:00 – 5:00	May 15 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Spelling Bee	May 24 – Pre K, K, and 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade End of the Year Celebration
May 1 - Jungle Book Performance @ 6	May 16 – Last Day for Library May 16 – WEEC Ducker	May 24 – Report Card Day
May 2 - Jungle Book Performance @ 9:00 and 1:00	May 17 – Gifted Meeting May 17 – WEEC Hafen	May 25 – Last Day for Teachers
May 3 – Field Day; Kona Ice May 3 – PTO Celebration Calvary Assembly 6:30 pm	May 21 – Pre K-K Program @ 9:00	May 28 – Memorial Day
May 4 - Spring Holiday No School	May 22 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip	
May 7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 – Nurse Day	May 23 – Awards Day ( 1 <sup>st</sup> 1:00) (2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:00)	
May 8 – Wild Life Program	May 23 – Book Sale	
May 9 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Move Up Day May 9 – Daikin Performers @ 1:00	May 24 – Last Day for Students	

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

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