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Parent / Student Handbook

2023-2024

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Welcome Back Students and Parents!

We welcome you as a member of our school family! As a Nan Gray Davis Elementary School citizen, you are expected to follow the rules that are established for the safety and well-being of all of our students, faculty, staff, parents, and surrounding community. Following the rules will help everyone to become better school citizens.

We want everyone to be proud of our school, take good care of it, and feel free to make suggestions for improving it. Students will learn the content and skills that they will need in order to be successful throughout their school age years and beyond. Our faculty and staff are here to help guide you through your journey at Nan Gray Davis.

It is our sincere hope that you will always look fondly on your years at Nan Gray Davis and always be proud to be a Junior Bobcat!



Nan Gray Davis Elementary



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A Note from the Principal:

Welcome to Nan Gray Davis Elementary School! Nan Gray Davis has always been a community school, and our faculty and staff are dedicated to providing the students in this community with a quality educational experience in a safe and loving environment.



Nan Gray Davis enrolls nearly 500 students and employs over 55 staff members. We offer students a variety of fun and enriching educational experiences throughout the year to meet the needs of all students, to celebrate the successes of our school, and to make learning fun for our students!

Our school will be most successful when we have great involvement from our parents, grandparents, and entire community. We want you to be part of our school, and we encourage you to take an active role in helping our students thrive. Attendance at school is vital, so help us by making sure your students are present and on time each day. And don't let the learning stop at school—reading to your children at home is one of the most important factors that lead to success in school. We are excited to partner with you throughout this year to ensure our students' success!

If there is ever anything I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is pjagnew@mcpss.com, or you can call the school to schedule an appointment to meet with me. I look forward to seeing each and every one of our students succeed this year!

*Dr. Paul J. Agnew
Principal*



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

August 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	31  PD Day	1  PD Day	2  PD Day	3  Meet the Teacher 3-5:30	4  Teacher Work Day	5
6	7  First Day of School	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18  Pep Rally	19
20	21	22  Open House Title 1 Mtg.	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31  Kindergarten Signing Day		

Morning Carline Procedures

1. Students may not get out of the vehicle until the bell rings at 7:40 a.m.
2. Breakfast is served in the classroom and ends at 8:05AM.
3. Car traffic should pull as far up as possible to avoid blocking traffic on Nan Gray Davis Road.
4. For safety purposes, students will exit the vehicle from the right side of the vehicle. Please make sure that your child is prepared to exit the vehicle on the right side.

Improper loading/Unloading and Illegal Parking

Owners of the property surrounding the school do not authorize you to park and load/unload your children. In addition to being a safety hazard, these property owners may notify law enforcement to ensure that individuals do not illegally park on their property.

NO CELL PHONES, SMOKING, OR LOUD MUSIC DURING MORNING CARLINE.

Failure to comply with these procedures may lead to a restriction from driving on campus.

Walkers/Bike Riders

Students who are walkers or bike riders must exit by the front sidewalks only. No students will be dismissed by the back or side gates. Bike riders must walk bikes on and off campus. Riding bikes will not be allowed on campus. To be classified as a walker, students must walk from Nan Gray Davis to their residence as noted on the dismissal card (not to adjacent fields or parking lots).

Afternoon Carline Procedures

We expect our children and parents to follow the correct procedures that will ensure a safe and efficient dismissal.



1. Teachers will walk students outside to the front walkway to be ready to load at 3:00 p.m.
2. Please follow the directions of the teachers conducting dismissal, including the direction to turn off the car engine while students are loading.
3. Individuals picking students up must have the official placard from the school with the number prominently displayed. This placard will be distributed at the Meet the Teacher event, or it can be picked up from the main office. If the official carline number is not displayed, the driver will be directed to a parking spot so that they can come into the school to present proper identification.
4. To avoid delaying traffic, parents must stay in the vehicle, with the engine off, with the carline number displayed.
5. Children will sit with their grade level until their carline number is called. Siblings must stay with their individual grade levels. Children will load when the "safe to load" sign is held up.
6. No traffic will be allowed to move while "safe to load" is up. Students load under the protection of the loading signals.
7. A second signal will be given to indicate that loading is complete, car engines may be started, and all cars may exit.
8. Please be reminded that traffic in the right-hand lane (200s) must turn right and the left-hand lane (100s) must turn left.
9. Courtesy and cooperation are essential. Drivers who refuse to follow the established safety patterns and procedures may be restricted from driving on campus.

NO CELL PHONE USE, SMOKING, OR LOUD MUSIC DURING CARLINE DISMISSAL.



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

September 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4  Labor Day	5	6	7  Kids With Character  Club Day	8	9
10	11  Teacher Work Day	12  Literacy/ Numeracy Act Parent Mtng  Book Fair	13 Flu Clinic	14  Grandparents' Lunch	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26  PTO Snack Day	27	28	29	30

Attendance Information

Attendance at school is crucial to your child's success. Students should only miss school in rare circumstances. Please follow the steps below when your child is absent from school:

1. If absence is a result of sickness or a doctor's appointment, please obtain a doctor's note before returning to school. If the sickness is a communicable disease, please inform the school immediately.
2. For absences without a visit to a doctor, a parent or guardian must write an excuse giving the student's name, days of absence, reason for absence, and signature within 3 days of the absence. **Remember that students may be excused a total of 8 days with a parent note during the school year.**
3. Parents are encouraged to contact the school and/or teacher for work if the student is to be absent for an extended period of time. Please give the teacher ample time to put together a work packet for the student.
4. Family vacations are NOT excused absences. Please contact the school principal to discuss any extended student absences.
5. Be familiar with the district-wide attendance policy as stated in the MCPSS Student Code of Conduct. Excessive absences, tardies, or early dismissals may warrant a notification to the MCPSS Attendance Officer who handles cases of truancy.

What families can do...

- ☑ Be firm: send your child to school every day, all day, unless they are sick
- ☑ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ☑ Schedule appointments and extra-curricular activities outside of school
- ☑ Avoid taking holidays during term time

Attendance Matters

every student, on time, every day

Absences add up!



Each day missed...

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and connections to friends
- Makes school completion less likely
- Makes the transition into the workforce or tertiary education, post school, less likely to be successful



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bullying Prevention Week	2  Custodian Appreciation Day	3	4	5  Kids With Character	6  End of 1 st Quarter	7
				 Club Day	→	
8	9  Teacher Work Day	10  Start of 2 nd Quarter	11	12  THS HOCO Parade	13	14
15	16	17	18	19  Club Day	20	21
22	23  Red Ribbon Week	24  PTO Snack Day	25	26  Q1 Honors Parade	27	28
29	30	31  Vocabulary Parade				

Attendance Information (continued)

Frequent tardies to school and/or leaving school early can have a significant impact on your child's success in school. When students arrive late or leave early, they are missing vital instruction. Please limit your child's tardies and early dismissals as much as possible. Excessive tardies and/or early dismissals may be referred to the MCPSS Attendance Officer.

TARDIES

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that their children arrive on time each day. Any student who enters the classroom after 8:05 a.m. is considered tardy. Students arriving at school after 8:05 a.m. must be escorted to the office by a parent to be signed in and receive a tardy slip.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Early dismissals are unexcused unless the student is sick or verification of a doctor's or court appointment has been provided within 3 days. Students being sent home from first aid due to illness are excused.

EARLY DISMISSALS WILL NOT BE GRANTED AFTER 2:00.

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

Changes in Dismissals

If there are to be changes in your child's regular dismissal procedure, it **MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE OFFICE IN WRITING BY 1PM.**

Written changes may be brought to the office or faxed with a photo ID (221-1167). When possible, please do the following:

- Discuss changes with your child prior to arriving at school in the morning.
- Send a written note including child's name and date of dismissal change to your child's teacher.

Dismissal changes faxed to the office must be received before 1PM in order for the message to be delivered before school is dismissed.

LATE PICKUP

If a student is not picked up from school by 3:30PM, the Sheriff's Department and/or Department of Human Resources may be contacted. No on-site childcare is available.

SEVERE WEATHER

Please make sure that you fill out the dismissal card and keep it up to date. This card will inform the teacher of what your child should do in case of bad weather. Please discuss with your child how he/she will get home in these cases. If weather is too severe to dismiss, the school will be notified by Central Office. Please tune into your local news station/radio and monitor the NGD Facebook page.

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Picture Day	2  Kids With Character  Club Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9  Fall Festival	10  Veterans Day Holiday	11
12	13	14	15	16  Thanksgiving Picnic  Club Day	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Thanksgiving Holidays

When Should Your Child Stay Home?

For the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff, please keep your child at home if they display any of the following:

- ✓ Fever over 100° (stay home until your child is fever free without medication for 24 hours)
- ✓ Vomiting/Diarrhea (stay home if symptoms show before school and remain home for 24 hours after symptoms have subsided)
- ✓ Pinkeye (keep your child at home if your child's eye is red and has a thick yellow/green colored drainage)
- ✓ Rashes (children with undiagnosed rashes should remain at home)
- ✓ Coughing/Sneezing (keep your child at home if these symptoms are excessive)
- ✓ Strep Throat (your child should stay home for 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started by a physician)
- ✓ Impetigo (must be treated by a physician for 24 hours)

Medication

Students may NOT bring medication to school. Parents/Guardians must bring the medicine to the office with appropriate medical paperwork with instructions provided. Students found with medication will be subject to suspension or expulsion based on the MCPSS Student Code of Conduct.



Mobile County Public Schools-Health Services Department

Head Lice Protocol

MCPSS recommends a protocol that focuses on minimizing the impact on classrooms and providing parents with information for the necessary treatment of head lice.

- Any student with live lice or nits may remain in school until the end of the day (see Procedures). Immediate treatment at home is advised. The student will be readmitted to school after initial treatment and examination. If, upon examination, the school--designated personnel find no live lice on the child, the child may reenter the school. Parents should continue to check for and remove remaining nits.
- Any student with nits that have been treated within the last two weeks should be allowed to stay in school.
- Parents should remove nits daily and treat lice per the instructions provided (see page 7).

Procedure

If a case of lice is suspected/found, the following procedures should be followed:

1. A nurse or trained designee from the school should check the child for headlice.
2. Once a case is confirmed, the school should call the parent and notify them of the head lice and the procedures to follow. It is preferable to have the parent/guardian pick up the child at school so information on procedures for treatment can be discussed. **Immediate removal of the child is unnecessary.** If a child has lice, they may have been infested for weeks and immediate removal of the child from the classroom could lead to embarrassment and ridicule. **Children can be sent home at the end of the day** and they should be allowed to ride the bus home. Transmission via school bus seats is not likely because of the biology of head lice.
3. The child with suspected head lice should be restricted from activities involving close contact (i.e. hugging) or sharing personal items (i.e. hats, clothing, brushes) with other children until treated.
4. If several cases of head lice occur in the same classroom the principal may choose to send a letter home notifying classmates' parents that a case of head lice is suspected and asking them to check all of their children for head lice.
5. All students in the classroom/grade **should not** be checked. Current evidence does not support the efficacy and cost---effectiveness of classroom or school---wide screening and can cause more harm than good given the psychological impact lice may have on a child.



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  Xmas Dress Up (Everyone)	2
3	4	5	6  Make-up Picture Day	7  Kids With Character  Club Day  Christmas Program (K)	8  Grinch Day	9
10	11	12	13  Santa Helper Day	14  Class Parties  Christmas PJ Day	15  End of 2 nd Quarter	16
17	18  Teacher Work Day	Christmas Holidays				23
24	Christmas Holidays				29	30

Student Uniform Policy

It is our belief that school dress should be appropriate for the activities students encounter. Dress and grooming reflect students' attitudes toward school and class work. This policy states the expectations that will help create a safe and orderly learning environment for our school.

SHIRTS:

Long or short sleeves
White or red shirt w/ collar
White oxford button collar
Must be tucked in completely
White undershirts ONLY

SHORTS/SKIRTS/JUMPERS/SKORTS:

Nan Gray Davis plaid or khaki
Length is NO MORE than 2 inches above knee
Solid white/black/navy tights may be worn
under skirts/jumpers

PANTS/SHORTS/CAPRIS:

Khaki twill uniform style
Pleated or plain front
Must be worn at natural waistline

BELTS (Grades 2-5):

Black or brown
Standard length with end tucked into
belt loop

SHOES:

Athletic/tennis shoes, non-marking soles
Velcro shoes permitted in kindergarten and 1st grade

OUTER GARMENTS:

No hoods. Solid color sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, or fleeces. A small logo on left chest is permitted.

Additional uniform regulations:

1. Only colorless lip balm or chap stick. (No other make-up allowed.)
2. Spirit shirts may be worn every day (even past years spirit shirts).
3. The principal has the prerogative to alter the policy for special occasions.
4. For special occasions, students may wear be permitted to wear non-uniform attire. Please make sure your child wears school-appropriate attire. No sleeveless tops or tops with profane language/images may be worn to school.



Breakfast and Lunch Information

Breakfast will be served to all students in the classroom each morning. Breakfast ends at 8:05AM. Monthly menus will be provided online as available, and they are subject to change based on supply. Lunches brought from home may NOT be heated in any microwave at school. We discourage fast foods in the cafeteria. If you send or bring food from outside restaurants, you must re-wrap the food off campus and send it in a lunch box or plain bag. Carbonated drinks are not allowed in the cafeteria or for snack in the classroom, nor are glass containers. Water only please.

The cafeteria lunch offers one entrée, two vegetables, one fruit, bread and dessert. This practice ensures a balanced and healthy meal will be served to all students regardless of their assigned lunch time.

Meal Prices	Breakfast	Lunch
Students	no charge	no charge
Faculty/Staff	1.75	3.75
Visitor	2.00	4.00
		5.25 - holiday
Child Visitor ≤10 yrs	1.50	3.75
		3.75 - holiday



Parents will be allowed to eat with their child during his or her designated lunch time on Thursdays only.

**Nan Gray Davis Elementary
School is a smoke free campus
which includes electronic
cigarettes and vapes. This
includes while in vehicles
during morning drop-off and
afternoon dismissal.**





Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2  PD Day	3  Teacher Work Day	4  Start of 3 rd Quarter	5	6
7	8	9	10	11  Kids With Character	12	13
14	15  MLK, Jr. Holiday	16	17	18  Q2 Honors Parade  Math Family Day  Club Day	19	20
21	22	23  PTO Snack Day	24	25  100 th Day of School  School Board Recognition Pep Rally	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Field Trips

Field trips are educational experiences that occur during school hours. These excursions are planned by a teacher to correlate with the regular classroom instructional program. In planning a field trip, the following guidelines and procedures should be adhered to:

- Written parental permission must be obtained for a child to participate in a field trip. Students may not participate without a permission slip.
- Trips that require pupils to pay entrance fees, or any other monies are kept to a minimum. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unable to pay for an educational excursion. Any fees for attending must be paid by the designated due date to ensure payment processing.
- It is recommended that one adult accompany each group of ten children to assist in supervision. However, additional supervision may be needed depending upon the activity, grade level, and method of transportation.
- Students will be expected to maintain appropriate behavior during the field trip experience. All school rules are in effect while attending field trips, and failure to comply with established rules will result in disciplinary action.
- Students must wear school uniform on all field trips, unless approval is provided by the principal to wear non-uniform attire.
- No refunds are given when students are unable to attend field trips, even if students are unable to attend due to a disciplinary action.
- Students must be picked up 30 minutes after buses arrive back at school. The sheriff's office or DHR may if be contacted if a child is not picked up within 30 minutes of buses returning to campus.

Chaperone Responsibilities

1. Parents must adhere to MCPSS policies when chaperoning field trips with students and abide by NGD school policies.
2. Chaperones will be assigned students to monitor during field trips.
3. At all times chaperones are expected to be aware of students' whereabouts.
4. Younger or older siblings may not attend field trips.
5. Chaperones are expected to abide by rules set by field trip sites and support teachers by enforcing rules.
6. Smoking is not permitted on field trips.
7. Students and/or chaperones will not be allowed to purchase weapons (replicas or toys) while on field trip excursions.

The principal reserves the right to determine that a parent/guardian be restricted from serving as a field trip chaperone.

Students with failing grades, multiple disciplinary infractions, and excessive absences/tardies/early dismissals may be restricted from participating in field trip experiences.

Bus Regulations

Maintaining a safe environment on the school bus is imperative for the safety of all students. All rules in the student handbook and code of conduct apply to students loading, riding, and unloading the school bus. Students are only allowed to ride their assigned buses (physically handicapped students are exempt from this law). Specifically, students may not ride home with other students for parties, sleepovers, etc. The bus driver will be required to report any unacceptable conduct to the principal.

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right!

Students not complying with bus rules on the bus or while loading/unloading the bus will result in disciplinary action, including suspension from riding the bus. Parents are responsible for student transportation if the student is suspended from the bus. (A carline number will need to be picked up in office.)

Bus Expectations

Students will...

1. Board and exit the buses in a quiet and orderly manner.
2. Remain seated when traveling on the bus in their assigned seats.
3. Treat the bus driver and other students with respect and courtesy.
4. Refrain from touching other students while on the bus.
5. Wait at approved bus stops in an orderly manner.
6. Be picked up and unloaded only at approved bus stops.
7. Refrain from disturbing the flow of passengers.
8. Refrain from distracting the bus driver with loud noise or unruly conduct.
9. Respect the rights and property of others.
10. Keep all body parts inside the bus.
11. Refrain from yelling or throwing objects from the bus.
12. Refrain from fighting, using obscene language, or obscene gestures while on the bus.
13. Refrain from bringing any inappropriate items on the bus, including weapons, drugs, and alcohol.
14. Abide by all MCPSS Discipline Policies and Nan Gray Davis standards.

Parents are asked to be present to supervise students at the bus stops in the morning and afternoon. Note that a bus driver reserves the right to not allow a student to unload if he or she feels that the child may be in danger. Parents are not allowed to board a bus for any reason.

Note: On extremely rare occasions, buses break down on routes. In such situations, the school is often not aware of the problem until notified by the Transportation Department. Please be assured that when a bus breaks down, a replacement bus is dispatched as soon as possible. If a bus is delayed, you may want to bring your child to school to avoid him/her missing instructional time.

MCPSS TRANSPORTATION PHONE NUMBER 221-9953



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

February 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Kids With Character Club Day	2	3
4	5 School Counseling Week	6	7 Crossing Guard Appreciation Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 School Resource Office Day	16	17
18	19 Random Acts of Kindness Week	20	21	22 Black History Program (4 th) Club Day	23	24
25	26	27 PTO Snack Day	28 Class Pictures	29		

Mardi Gras/Winter Holidays

Nan Gray Davis Student Rules

Arrival/Morning Behavior

1. Walk to class quietly.
2. Sit in your class's designated area.

Lunchroom Behavior

1. Enter the lunchroom quietly.
2. Once you are seated you may eat your lunch
3. No talking during the first ten minutes of lunch. Your teacher will signal when you are allowed to talk to your classmates.
4. Stay seated until you are dismissed.
5. Be sure to pick up all trash in your area and empty your tray in an orderly manner.

Hall/Bathroom Behavior

1. Walk quietly on the right side of the hall with hands at your side, in your pockets, or behind your back.
2. Have respect for your surroundings - pick up trash and dispose of it properly.
3. Yelling, running, and interrupting other classes will not be tolerated.
4. The bathroom is not an area for play. Keep your hands to yourself, wash your hands without splashing water, and avoid making loud noise in the bathroom. Do not make any markings or drawings on the walls or doors.

Bus Dismissal/Behavior

1. Bus students are to sit in the designated classroom until they are dismissed.
2. Once on the bus, students are to obey the bus driver and abide by the bus driver's rules.



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School is a weapon free zone. You must refrain from bringing any weapons on campus, including in your vehicle. Students in possession of any weapon will be suspended or expelled according to the MCPSS Student Code of Conduct. Any adult in possession of a weapon on campus is subject to arrest.

Discipline and Bullying

A clear understanding of student expectations and frequent communication between home and school promotes positive behavior at school. A school-wide discipline policy will be followed that includes re-direction, school level disciplinary measures, and parent communication. School suspension is only an option in the case of severe misbehavior or continued infractions. The MCPSS Student Code of Conduct will be followed in determining disciplinary measures. Parents should be aware of their child's conduct grade and provide support when necessary. If your child reports any bullying behavior from another students, please report that to your child's teacher or the school counselor immediately.

Other Information

Deliveries for Students

Students may not receive balloons, flowers, chocolate, etc. during school hours. Classroom interruptions are discouraged to protect instructional time.

Birthday Parties

Birthday parties are not allowed in classrooms to avoid interruptions to instruction time. Parents may send a snack with students in the morning to share with classmates during snack time. Birthday party invitations may only be distributed at school if the entire class is invited.

Snacks

Students may bring snack from home. When sending snacks from home, you are encouraged to adhere to the MCPSS Wellness Program. Please be reminded that carbonated beverages or coffee are not permitted. Snack Days sponsored by PTO will be announced and communicated in advance.

Class Parties

Each class will have a party just before the winter holidays and another party at the end of the school year. Teachers will work with parent volunteers in making arrangements for details of the parties. Parties are held on campus, with parent volunteers providing decorations and food.



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Spring Pictures	2
3 Book Fair	4 Read Across America Day	5	6	7 Kids With Character	8	9
	Book Character Parade			Club Day	→	
10	11	12 PTO Snack Day	13	14	15 End of 3 rd Quarter	16
17	18 Teacher Work Day	19 Start of 4 th Quarter	20	21 Club Day	22	23
24 _____	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Capturing Kids' Hearts

What is Capturing Kids' Hearts

Capturing Kids' Hearts is a relationship building approach to discipline that has as its goal the development of self-managing classes.

How does it work?

Teachers use tools learned through professional training to build positive and impactful relationships with all students. Teachers utilize the EXCEL model to structure their day, beginning with a greeting in the morning and ending with a launch in the afternoon. Each class develops a social contract that guides their actions and indicates how they intend on treating each other. And an environment is created in each classroom that emphasizes positivity through the discussion of "good things" and the sharing of "affirmations".

The Social Contract:

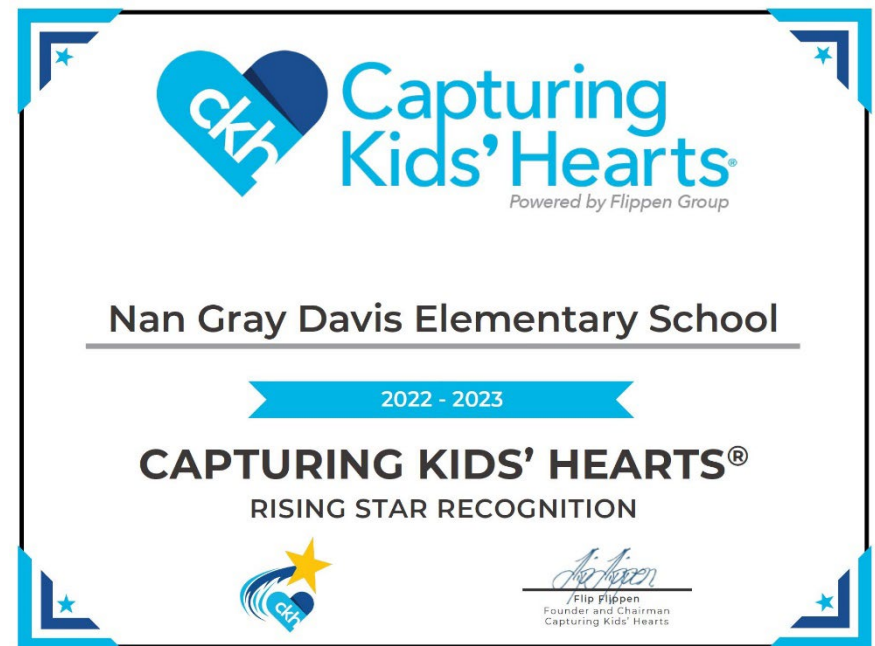
At the beginning of the school year, a Social Contract is created by the students, facilitated by the teacher, in effort to establish a classroom culture that emphasizes positive interactions and accountability. The Social Contract includes a list of appropriate actions which serve as the basis for behavioral expectations in the classroom. The Social Contract is signed by all classroom members including the teacher. The document is referred to on a regular basis to highlight success and serve as a guide when problems arise.

The Four Behavior Questions:

When misbehavior occurs, these questions are asked by the teacher to help students stay true to the social contract.

1. What are you doing?
2. What are you supposed to be doing?
3. Are you doing it?
4. What are you going to do about it?

We encourage you to make use of these questions at home to help reinforce appropriate behavior.








Nan Gray Davis Elementary was recognized as a "Rising Star" school during the 2022-2023 school year, our first year of implementation.



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3  Paraprofessional Day	4  Kids With Character  Q3 Honors Parade  Media Specialist Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11  Club Day  AL History Field Trip (4 th)	12  Field Day	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
21	22	23  Bus Driver Appreciation Day  PTO Snack Day	24  Administrative Professionals Day	25  Club Day	26	27
28	29	30				

Parent conferences

Parents are free to **request conferences** at any time by sending a note or email to the teacher. Please provide the teacher adequate time (at least 24 hours) to respond to your request. Please refrain from having impromptu conferences in the carline or parking lot, as it is a safety hazard and gives the teacher no time to prepare for the conference. A conference appointment will facilitate a more productive discussion. To ensure the productiveness of the conference, you may want to consider asking questions such as:

1. Does my child participate in classroom activities?
2. Does he/she join in discussions or make suggestions?
3. Does my child show self-control in school situations?
4. How does my child get along with other children?
5. Does he/she relate well to the teacher and other adults?
6. Is my child struggling with the content or rigor of this grade level?
7. Does my child complete daily assignments?
8. Is there anything I can do at home to support and assist?

Custodial Parental Rights

In situations involving divorced parents, it is the policy of Nan Gray Davis to follow the court's order pertaining to custodial rights. Any court order pertaining to child custodial issues must be on file with the office immediately upon the date of the decree. The primary custodial parent is responsible for registering the child, including the addition of school pick-up contacts.

Interventions

Our teachers provide every opportunity for students to be successful. Nan Gray Davis will offer "Extended Day" tutoring sessions this year. If your child is struggling with academics or behavior, please contact his/her teacher and find out what additional interventions your child may be eligible to participate in.

Problem Solving Team (PST)

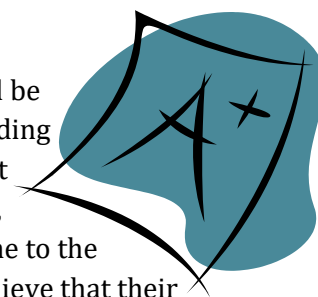
The Problem Solving Team has the primary function of providing effective interventions and accommodations for students who are having difficulty with classroom performance. The team meets as necessary and reviews interventions in place. The team determines the success or lack of success of each intervention, and amends the plans for each student discussed by the team. The teacher tracks the student's performance. The objective is to provide corrective interventions that are effective and enhance student achievement.

PowerSchool Home Portal

Parents will receive a password and directions to access grades from home. Teachers are required to post grades weekly so that parents, students, and administrators can check on progress. Please check your child's progress and notify teachers if you have a concern. Paper progress reports will be sent home at mid-quarter for parents to sign. Please notify your teacher if you do not receive one in a timely manner.

Special Education Services

Students who qualify for special education services will be supported by a trained special education teacher according to their IEP. If a teacher feels as though a student might could benefit from receiving special education services, information about the referral process will be sent home to the parents. Parents may also contact the school if they believe that their child may qualify for special education services.



Parental concerns will be addressed as quickly as possible. If you ever have a concern regarding academic or classroom procedures, please contact the child's teacher first. If you have school related concerns, please contact the office to leave a message with Dr. Agnew. You may also email Dr. Agnew at pjagnew@mcpss.com.



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2  Kids With Character	3  School Lunch Hero Day	4
5	6  Teacher Appreciation Week	7	8  School Nurse Day	9  Club Day	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17  Transition Day	18  Speech Language Pathologist Day
19	20	21	22  5 th Grade Recognition  Class Parties	23  Last Day of School	24  Teacher Work Day	25
26	27  Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

ACAP (State Testing)

Each spring our students will take the ACAP to comply with state and federal mandates.

What can parents do to help?

- Ask questions about what your child learned in school today such as:
 - Did you learn some new vocabulary?
 - What did you write about today?
 - Did you understand what your teacher talked about in math today? Explain it to me.
- Let your child know you think testing is important.
- **ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL EVERY DAY!** When your child is absent, they are missing valuable instruction that will help them do their best on the ACAP.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best – send them to school with a good attitude every day.
- Read with your child. Ask them questions and have them prove it to you by looking back at the story.

The week of testing:

- Ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep
- Have necessary items prepared for school before going to bed (uniforms, shoes, book bags, etc.)
- Wake up a little earlier than usual
- Provide a nutritious breakfast or make sure they are at school on time to eat breakfast
- Get children to school on time
- Encourage a positive attitude
- Encourage your child to be ready to try his/her best

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education (PE) is an integral part of the total educational program in our school. A well-planned, developmentally appropriate program of physical education contributes to the development of fully functioning individuals capable of living healthy productive lives in our society. Please notify the PE Teacher if you have questions or concerns pertaining to PE.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS

Regular PTO meetings will be scheduled throughout the school year, and dates will be communicated by the school and on social media platforms. PTO is involved in many worthwhile projects to benefit the school. PTO supports the school program by conducting fundraising projects to help provide materials and equipment needed by students and staff. PTO provides a valuable service to our school by encouraging student achievement. PTO also supports our teachers by providing them acts of appreciation throughout the year. Membership dues are \$10 per year. PTO can always use volunteers for their various events throughout the year. Be sure to join PTO so that you receive timely information.



The MCPSS Student Code of Conduct states that electronic devices must be powered off and put away while on campus. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen devices. Students using their devices during the school day are subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the code of conduct.



Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

June 2024

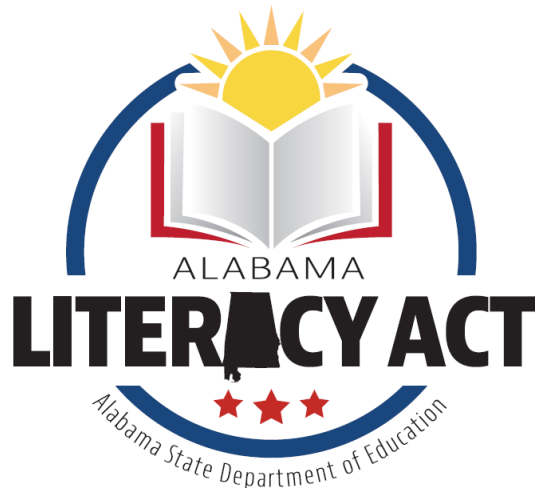
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ALABAMA LITERACY ACT AND ALABAMA NUMERACY ACT

The Alabama Literacy Act

The Alabama Literacy Act (ALA) was passed in 2019 to help improve reading in Alabama public schools by ensuring students are reading on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade. By 3rd grade, students must have strong foundational reading skills in order to read and gain meaning from print. If they are unsuccessful, they will have difficulty reading grade level fiction and nonfiction materials independently. Students need strong reading skills in order to learn other school subjects such as science, social studies, and math.

If your child does not demonstrate sufficient reading skills at the end of the 3rd grade (as measured by the ACAP), you will receive notification that he/she may not be promoted to the 4th grade. A number of services are provided by the school to help students become proficient readers by the end of the 3rd grade, including summer reading camps, before and after school tutoring, reading intervention during the school day that is grounded in the science of reading, and read-at-home plans for families to use with their children.



The Alabama Numeracy Act

Every child needs foundational math skills to be successful in career and life. The 2022 Alabama Numeracy Act (ANA) is the state's comprehensive plan to improve math instruction and provide support for all students and teachers. The ANA builds the capacity of elementary educators and ensures that they have the support and tools needed to be successful in the classroom and improve student achievement. The legislation includes intensive support for schools, including high-quality instructional materials and curricula that are aligned to standards, training for teachers and principals, intensive interventions for struggling students, and accountability to ensure schools are making progress.

Any student in grades K through 5 identified with a mathematics deficiency will be provided intensive mathematics intervention throughout the school year. Further, students in grades 4 and 5 who continue to show a mathematics deficiency will be invited to attend a Summer Numeracy Camp. Unlike the Alabama Literacy Act, however, the ANA does NOT include a retention component for students who are not performing at grade level on the mathematics portion of the ACAP.





Nan Gray Davis Elementary School

July 2024

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MOTTO

*Learning Today,
Leading Tomorrow*

VISION

The purpose of the Mobile County Public School System is to equip and empower college and career ready graduates.

The following daycares offer before and after school care for Nan Gray Davis students. There is no on campus before/after school care.

Mt. Ararat	251-653-6201
Boys and Girls Club	251-653-1188
Evangel Temple	251-653-0524
Creative Learning	251-661-2992
Kids Korner	251-666-1003
Kids Future Academy	251-209-6953

Check Nan Gray Davis on social media!



Nan Gray Davis Elementary



@Ngdavisbobcats



<https://daviselmmcpssal.schoolinsites.com/>



Nan Gray Davis Elementary on YouTube (be sure to watch our announcements each morning!)

Contacts & Notes:



Nan Gray Davis Mission Statement

The mission of Nan Gray Davis School is to provide the best education possible for our students in a safe and caring environment. The deeply dedicated teachers and staff believe that all children can be successful. Improvement and effort as well as accomplishments will be recognized. We will work with parents to develop moral, competent citizens by teaching students to accept responsibility for decisions and choices they make.

Nan Gray Davis School Pledge

As an ideal student of Nan Gray Davis School, I will make choices which will teach me to be a good citizen now and in the future. I choose to obey the rules of my class and school. I choose to be honest, kind and truthful. I choose to take pride in myself and to be the best I can be. I am responsible for the choices I make.



Nan Gray Davis School Song

From the halls of Nan Gray Davis, to all walks of life we go.

We will always love and honor you, no matter what we do.

To our teachers and our principals, who have loved and taught us well,

From the first thing in the morning, to the last ring of the bell.

