

Parent-Educator Relations Committee

SY24-25 Meeting 1: September 9, 5pm



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! NAMES IN NOTES!

Attendance: Present: Kaylyn Woods, Christina Cipolla, Lillian Vargas Natareno, Karen Ethier, Erica, Felicia Morrobel, Sarah Lopatka, Julissa Mena, Malinda, Ellen Morey, Jose Libano, Charles, Elizabeth Aguocha, Jax Adele Ventura, Isabella Lemieux, Monica Strojny, Ryna Mercedes, Autumn Messier

Administration Members (2)

Dr. Libano (He/Him) - Principal

- **Skills:** Experienced principal
- **Hobbies:** Cycling, traveling
- **Preferred Language:** English

Mrs. Fratus (She/Her) - Supervisor of Student Supports

- **Skills:** Administration
- **Hobbies:** Walking
- **Preferred Language:** English

Student Members (3)

Elisbeth Aguocha (She/Her) - Biomanufacturing Technology Student, Class of 2026

- **Skills:** Artistic skills, painting, reading, writing
- **Hobbies:** Enjoys art and books
- **Preferred Language:** English

Charles O'Connell (He/Him) - Pre-Engineering Technology Student, Class of 2025

- **Skills:** Engineering, programming, web design, website management
- **Hobbies:** Programming, coding

- **Preferred Language:** English

Kaylyn Woods (She/Her) - Biomanufacturing Technology Student, Class of 2026

- **Skills:** Communication, teamwork, accountability, writing, networking, flexibility
- **Hobbies:** Hiking, making bracelets, reading, listening to music
- **Preferred Language:** English

Faculty/Staff Members (12)

Jax Adele Ventura (They/Them) - Marketing and Communications Specialist, PERC Chairperson

- **Skills:** Marketing, communications, public relations, community outreach, event planning & fundraising
- **Hobbies:** Roller skating, hula hooping, costumes/sewing, SciFi/Fantasy
- **Preferred Language:** English

Julissa Mena (She/Her) - Front Desk Attendant (Bilingual - Spanish)

- **Skills:** Cooking, problem-solving
- **Hobbies:** Dancing, bowling
- **Preferred Language:** English

Ellen Morey (She/Her) - Health Careers Teacher

- **Skills:** Assisting with PERC events
- **Hobbies:** Working out, hiking, tennis
- **Preferred Language:** English

Christina Cipolla (She/Her) - Reading Teacher & PBIS Chairperson

- **Skills:** Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- **Hobbies:** Water aerobics
- **Preferred Language:** English

Felicia Morrobel (She/Her) - Bilingual Parent Liaison & Student Supports

- **Skills:** Translation/Interpretation
- **Hobbies:** Listening to music, dancing
- **Preferred Language:** English

Edmanuel Gil (Manny) (He/Him) - Math Teacher

- **Skills:** Bilingual, parenting, and teaching experience
- **Hobbies:** Listening to Latin music, dancing
- **Preferred Language:** English, Spanish

Monica Strojny (She/Her) - Health Careers Teacher

- **Skills:** Teamwork
- **Hobbies:** Reading, crafting, outdoor activities
- **Preferred Language:** English

Ryna Mercedes (She/Her) - Accountant & Former Parent, Biomanufacturing Technology 2024

- **Skills:** Bilingual (Khmer), gardening, finance, event planning
- **Hobbies:** Gardening, cooking for family and friends
- **Preferred Language:** English

- **Student:** Armani Pedroza, Class of 2025
- **Skills:** Bilingual (Spanish), Human Resources, holistic healing
- **Hobbies:** Plant care, coaching cheerleading, traveling, and cooking
- **Preferred Language:** English

Autumn Messier (She/Her) - English Teacher

- **Skills:** English teaching, event planning, fundraiser facilitation
- **Hobbies:** Hiking, reading, traveling, boxing
- **Preferred Language:** English

Malinda Spates (Mindi) (She/Her) - Science Teacher

- **Skills:** Strong organizational skills
- **Hobbies:** Equestrian sports
- **Preferred Language:** English

Susan Brassard (She/Her) - Graphics & Interactive Media Teacher

- **Skills:** Graphic Design, Logistics, I have an arsenal of power tools
- **Hobbies:** I love gardening of all kinds!
- **Preferred Language:** English

Parent/Guardian Members (16)

Karen Ethier (She/Her)

- **Student:** Jamarie Ethier, Class of 2028
- **Skills:** Equitable hiring, DEI training, public speaking, leadership, writing
- **Hobbies:** Reading, hiking, traveling, and building with Legos
- **Preferred Language:** English

Robert Ethier (He/Him)

- **Student:** Jamarie Ethier, Class of 2028
- **Skills:** Program management, data collection, budgeting, conflict management
- **Hobbies:** Playing guitar, traveling
- **Preferred Language:** English

Astrid Telles (She/Her)

- **Student:** Dorian Telles, Class of 2027
- **Skills:** Marketing, Human Resources
- **Hobbies:** Playing sports
- **Preferred Language:** Spanish

Berenice Betancur (She/Her) - SY2023-2024 Parent of the Quarter Q4

- **Student:** Ana Lucia Betancur, Class of 2027
- **Skills:** Organizational skills, bilingual (Spanish), social work
- **Preferred Language:** English

Lilian Vargas Natareno (She/Her) - SY2023-2024 Parent of the Quarter Q2

- **Student:** Joshua Natareno Vargas, Class of 2027
- **Skills:** Making friends easily, bilingual

Jodi Lemoie (She/Her)

- **Student:** Grace Lemoie, Class of 2025
- **Skills:** Educator
- **Preferred Language:** English

Tracey Bosco (She/Her) - SY2021-2022 Parent of the Quarter Q3

- **Student:** Evan Bosco, Class of 2025
- **Skills:** Proofreading
- **Hobbies:** Reading, swimming, watching horror movies
- **Preferred Language:** English

Erica Aponte (She/Her) - SY2023-2024 Parent of the Quarter Q1

- **Student:** Bianca Fedor, Class of 2026
- **Skills:** Crafting, sewing
- **Hobbies:** Gardening, crafting, sewing
- **Preferred Language:** English

Elsy Turcios (She/Her)

- **Student:** Evelyn Marte, Class of 2027
- **Skills:** Volunteering
- **Hobbies:** Watching murder mysteries
- **Preferred Language:** English

Andrew Brown (He/Him)

- **Student:** Dejaunique Thompson, Class of 2028
- **Skills:** Electrical work
- **Preferred Language:** English

Allie Conley (She/Her)

- **Student:** Faith DiMuccio, Class of 2028
- **Skills:** Party planning, balloon decorations
- **Preferred Language:** English

Paige Lama (She/Her)

- **Student:** Gisele Roy, Class of 2028
- **Skills:** Fundraising, networking
- **Hobbies:** Playing volleyball, advocating for children's rights
- **Preferred Language:** English

Ana Martínez (She/Her)

- **Student:** Mariana Ramírez Martínez, Class of 2028
- **Preferred Language:** Spanish

Sarah Lopatka (She/Her)

- **Students:** Blake Lopatka, Class of 2028 & Colin Faria, Class of 2027
- **Skills:** Grant writing
- **Hobbies:** Practicing Jujitsu
- **Preferred Language:** English

Yuli Paulin Upegui Sánchez (She/Her)

- **Preferred Language:** Spanish

John Valdez (He/Him)

- **Student:** Xavier Valdez, Class of 2028
- **Skills:** Dedication to helping others succeed
- **Hobbies:** Building Lego sets
- **Preferred Language:** English

Agenda

01

SY24-25 Meeting Dates

Reminder

02

Community Outreach

What's happened? What's next?

03

Feedback from Welcome Social

Review the survey information.

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ParentSquare Review

Soliciting feedback from parents/guardian regarding PSq

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MegaSkills Update

Spanish Session starts Sept 17

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Talent Show

Dates and formation of subcommittee

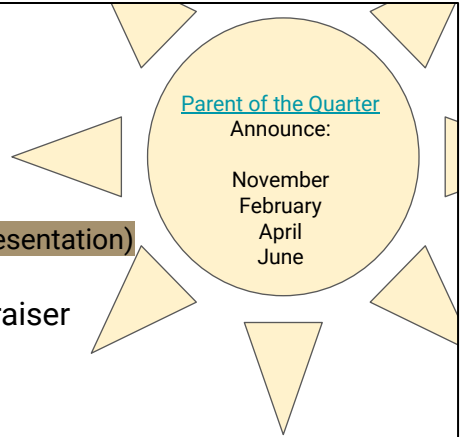
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Upcoming Dates to Know

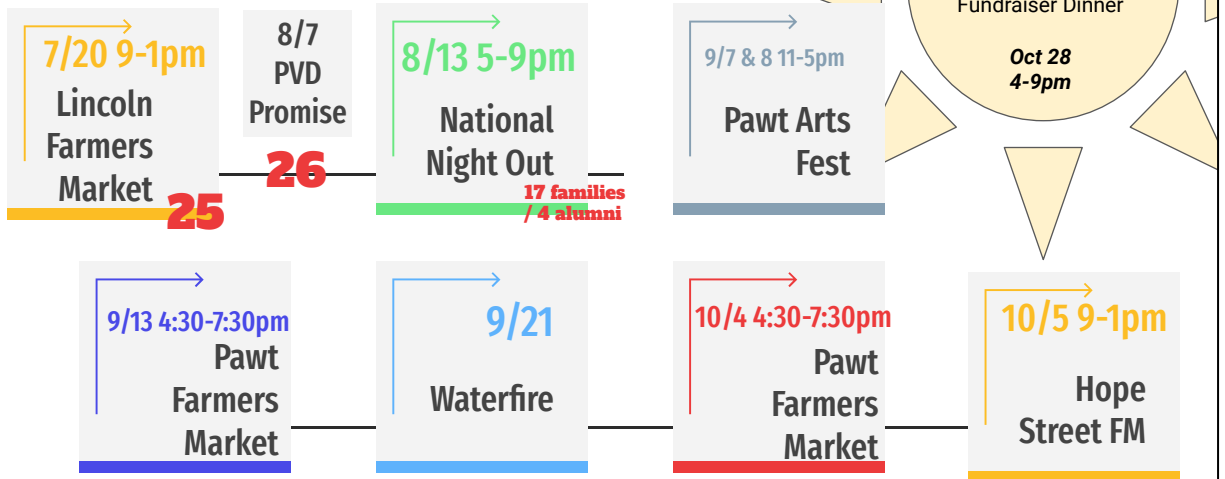
Looking ahead at the School Year

SY24-25 PERC Meeting Dates

1. Sept 9th 5 pm Zoom Meeting
Sept 19th - Meet and Greet 6-8 pm (5pm Roundtable/Presentation)
2. Oct 7th 5 pm Zoom Meeting
Oct 28th 4-9pm Texas Roadhouse Cranston Fundraiser
3. Nov 4th 5 pm Zoom Meeting
4. Dec 2nd 5 pm Zoom Meeting
5. Jan 17, 2025 5 pm Zoom Meeting
6. Feb 3rd 5 pm Zoom Meeting
7. March 3rd 5 pm Zoom Meeting
March 20th - Parent-Teacher Conferences 6-8 pm (Presentation beforehand)
8. April 7th 5 pm Zoom Meeting
May 2nd - Davies Got Talent!
9. May 12th 5 pm Zoom Meeting
10. June 2nd 5 pm Zoom Meeting



Community Outreach



Who is available to join Jax? Email Jax directly. jadele@daviestech.org

Sign up on ParentSquare: <https://www.parentsquare.com/feeds/34440761>

Elisbeth and Kaylyn have discovered a new-to-us organization that we want to research and get in touch with because it would help Davies with football and recruitment. CF Panthers Football

Update: 9/18/24 - The Texas Roadhouse Cranston Dine 2 Donate fundraiser has been approved. PERC members should reach out to Jax if they would like to eat together at 6pm. The event runs from 4-9pm.

Waterfire Location for 9/21



Setup 4:30
Event 5:30-10pm
Breakdown at 10pm
[WaterFire Parking & Directions](#)



Mr. Hall will be honored and a torch bearer.

🎉 Waterfire: Salute to Educators -- Honoring Mr. Hall, Davies District Teacher of the Year 🎉

Join us at **WaterFire** on Saturday, September 21st, as we celebrate not only Mr. Hall but all educators throughout the Ocean State! 🌊🍎

🏆 **Award Ceremony:** 4:30 PM

🔥 **Torch Procession:** 6:45 PM

📍 **Davies Booth:** 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM waterside of RISD Auditorium

Mr. Hall says, "Accolades are cool but only if you share them with your people. It would be great to see past and present community members there!"

Let's show up for Mr. Hall!

Supported by the Rhode Island Department of Education, Amica Mutual Insurance, and Iqus, this event will be filled with exciting programming, including **FIRST Robots on Fire**—a robotics showcase featuring 20+ teams from elementary to high school, sponsored by **First Inspires**.

🌊🔥 Program

🌈 Full WaterFire lighting from sunset (6:43 PM) until 11:00 PM.

💡 Onshore programming & vendors open at 5:30 PM.

📍 **Location:** 4 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02903

Come celebrate our inspiring educators and enjoy an evening of art, fire, and innovation!



Official website: <https://waterfire.org/events/saturday-september-21/>

Welcome Social Recap

Attendance

01

243 Students invited. 180 Students attended. Approx. 457 total attendance. Estimated 80 English family units and 35 Spanish family units.

74%

**10% increase
from last year.**

Parent Feedback

21 Responses to Survey

02

Overall great event. One person wants to not move rooms and stay stationary. One person wants a tour of the whole building. One person wants to start earlier. See total notes below.

Student Feedback

7 Responses

03

Overall great event. One student wants more time in the halls to tour. One student wants more food. See total notes below.

Prompt
Questions:
20 participants
5 winners

243 - Students invited

372 - Total attendees (students and families) RSVP

136 - Total Student RSVP

457 - Approximate total headcount for 2024 event

175 - Confirmed Total students based on sign in sheet

180 - Approximate total students based on the departures prior to the courtyard count

Based on the number of handouts printed and remainders, we approximate there were 80 family units in each English group. We estimate the Spanish group had 35 family units.

Last year's approximate numbers are 450 people and 163 new students.

Parent Feedback:

- It was organized and my son enjoyed it.
- Less moving. One area and have the instructions for everything
- Had a good time and can't wait to see what in-store for my child.p
- Very welcoming
- Because it's a lot of information you should start for information sessions earlier
- All was great!
- Having a guidance counselor there who can speak to the parent about class selections
- The Welcome Social was a great opportunity to hear what Davies offers to our kids.
- Great time, explanations and expectations. All current questions were answered. Would have loved a walk through of the campus to see where my son will experience

- high school

19 - Informative

6 - What I expected

6 - Fun

1 - Not what I expected

Raffle Winner: Courtney Stevens

Student Feedback:

What is your overall level of satisfaction for this event? Average 4.7 out of 5

What is your comfort level in going to school on the first day now that you have heard the presentations during this event? 3.6

Rate the parts of tonight's presentation. [Tour] 5 Excellent 2 Good

Rate the parts of tonight's presentation. [Mentor/Teacher Introductions] 4 Excellent 3 Good

Rate the parts of tonight's presentation. [Introducing yourself in the break out room.] 3 Excellent 4 Good

Rate the parts of tonight's presentation. [Listening to the mentors talk about life at Davies, what is expected, and resources available to you.] 5 Excellent 2 Good

Rate the parts of tonight's presentation. [Learning about PBIS.] 2 Excellent 5 Good

Rate the parts of tonight's presentation. [Knowing that your assigned mentor is going to check in on you.] 4 Excellent 3 Good

How could this event be improved in the future?

I would say more walking inside the building like a better tour path.

N/A

It was fine

Nothing. The team did a great job, my son was very happy to join the Davies community before but now I can say he's extremely excited!

It went great.

everything was fine

More food

Additional Feedback: It was a fun experience.

Faculty Feedback:

What did we/you learn from this event for next time?

The scheduling table should be closer to where parents enter by the stairs, many parents thought it was too far away, and they couldn't figure out where we were located once it got busy

Excellent event - our students are great and proud to show off their school.

Seemed okay to me!

I thought it was very helpful to families having the lunch applications available and being able to provide families with questions on completing/collecting the forms.

"Have students check in earlier and be at their designated stations (club tables) on time, Avoid using plastic tablecloths. "

What went wrong?

Too much pizza ordered! lol. I think Christina could set up the welcoming of student volunteers somewhere with more room and spread out - maybe have them sign in alphabetically - with three stations and other staff helping that process move along.

The inability to use gym for student activities seemed to pose some congestion in hallways during activities

What went right?

Everything

So many volunteers made it easy for new students and parents to connect with someone and get questions asked.

Seemed to be smooth entry for all.

Everyone working together welcoming new students and families to Davies community.

"incoming students seemed very social; great turn out for students/families

Student guide/leaders did a good job and there were many student volunteers!"

Overall, how do you think the event went? Average 9.2.

Would you like to share anything else? Let us know here!

I've never been to one in the gym, but I really liked it out in the courtyard.

It being scheduled for the first day of PD is daunting. Maybe do the second day/ a day before the day off.

Sarah Lopatka: It was helpful. Liked how it was broken up and parents had their own section. Allowed student to get acclimated to the school. Lots of information in a short amount of time. Thank you.

Karen Ethier: New parent. Really enjoyed it. Really great night. Unsure of what to do in the courtyard. Liked moving from place to place. I didn't get to go to the open house so it was great for me to be able to see the school.

Kaylyn Woods: I think it went pretty well. For the mentors, it felt unorganized. There should have been a walk through. Most of the groups were getting clumped up together. Show students everything and point it out. There was confusion with the numbers. We should have a backup plan in case that happens.

Christina Cipolla: That was an emergency plan based on the fact the gym was not available. It was plan B pushed out by email. Student leaders were trained in May. Impressed the mentors did a nice job seeing as how it was pushed out via email without training.

Charles O'Connell: It was crowded in the hallway on the lower part of the building. The 9th graders seemed a lot more involved and connected more with the mentors than last year. Everyone could ask their questions and hear what they needed. I think it worked better with smaller groups.

Christina Cipolla: We had more mentors which meant more kids. With the extra mentors we had smaller groups but we had more students to monitor. Next year, have the students end the tour in the courtyard with DJ malibu in the courtyard. The new and incoming students enjoyed being outside. There was a more positive vibe than in the gymnasium. Those with sensory issues were able to move away from the sound. We should do this next year if there is pleasant weather.

Elisbeth Agoucha: Students didn't understand the point of getting to know you activities after the tour. I had a larger group which needed more time to do these activities. They lost interest. A student reported a negative experience with their mentor. Mrs. Cipolla will investigate further.

Christina Cipolla: We will always start in the gym with the getting to know you activities before going on the tour and then ending in the courtyard.

Dr. Libano: My first time, seeing and participating. Thanks to everyone who planned and organized the event. Thanks to the mentors who volunteered. Everyone came and did everything they could to make the new students welcome. I presented, all the administration presented in the rooms. I read the feedback appreciate the thoughts shared tonight. I'm thrilled the vast majority of the event went well. We take the feedback with a grain of salt. See what modifications can be made. See where we can coach up, make adjustments. Try to ensure the best possible experience for every person. Well attended, big crowd, it was a great night all around. Thank you. We'll keep pushing forward and continue to tweak.

ParentSquare Review

- ParentSquare has been launched for parents/guardians & faculty
- Students do have access.
- Permission slips will go through PSq, starting with Block Party on Friday, September 20.
- What is your feedback? How are you enjoying ParentSquare so far?



ParentSquare

Lilian Vargas Natareno: Thankful for parentsquare. Thanks to Jax. My student plays soccer and I can see everything. I love it. It's better than email. I lose track of emails. I have so many things. And it's hard but PSq is great. Thank you.

Erica: 2nd Lilian. It's been very easy to use very straightforward. I like the sign up for RSVP or community outreach.

Sarah Lopatka: Echo everyone else. Extremely helpful to go to one specific place to find everything. It's extremely helpful.

MegaSkills Update

- MegaSkills in Spanish begins October 1 at 6pm.
- Being postponed from original Sept 17 start date.
- Promotion happening at PT Meet and Greet.
- [RSVP via ParentSquare filled up quickly.](#)
- English session starts February 26, ParentSquare RSVP notice will post on Dec 2 at 9am.

Felicia Morrobel: I have 6 parents for the English session. There were three parents whose work schedule conflicted with the workshop. Staying positive.

Lilian Vargas Natareno: New parents, come! You can learn from other parents and other students. Grateful to meet the people and learn.

Talent Show Subcommittee

- Mr. Nesse has asked PERC to form a Talent Show Subcommittee.
 - Managed by Mr. Nesse and Jax or other PERC member.
 - This subcommittee will recruit **students** to join and aid in the planning of the 2025 talent show on May 2.
 - This subcommittee will report to PERC meetings via a PERC member but can meet at their own discretion.
 - Team meeting and rehearsal dates are set but we need to plan and recruit talent for auditions.
 - The theme will be **Space** as determined by the talent show participants during the Thank You party.

Does everyone understand and agree to form a subcommittee? Who wants to join?

Felicia Morrobel: This is the most I've seen so many kids involved. It's a good way of increasing their leadership skills and they're motivated. Their talent, it's their show. It's a good recommendation.

Entire committee agreed to for a Talent Show Subcommittee predominately run by Students. More information to come after the open house.

Outstanding Items to discuss when there's time:

- New Families FAQ - With Administration
- PERC Shirts - Sue B needs to update us
- Parent Workshops - Nov 2 English, Nov 16 Spanish 8am-10:30
 - **Parenting your teen: Social issues** : To understand teen social issues, you have to learn what your teen is experiencing and the issues that they face. We will review best practices for tackling issues like: alcohol and drugs You will leave with some important takeaways and resources to deal for your teen.
 - **Managing Fear and Anxiety in Children:** Discuss some important tactics to help children, throughout all age groups, deal with anxiety and fear. Parents will learn that our own fears and anxieties must be handled in order to provide proper support to our children. After completing this training, participants will be able to help their children cope with their anxieties through compassion, structure, and flexibility.

Calendar

The Davies Public Calendar is available online here:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=MjQ5YjYxMmE1Nzk2ZWQ4OWYwNzJhMzNmNGVmZjRlMWNkZGY5ZGRmMDNjNjA3ZTFiNGYxMjI1ZTlxMjlmMWNIY0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t> and can be added to your calendar by clicking here:

www.DaviesTech.org/CalendarQR

THU	FRI	SAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
19	20	21	24	25	26	27	
<p>Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet 5 - 8pm</p>			<p>Student Election Deadline</p>			<p>HR Professionals Day (Sept)</p>	
<p>Welcome Back Block Party 5 - 8pm Football @ Narragansett 6 - 7:30pm Narragansett High School</p>		<p>Davies at WaterFire: A Salute to RI Educators 3 - 9pm Memorial Park, S Main St, Providence, RI 02903, USA</p>	<p>Cross Country Meet vs. Lincoln, BVP 4 - 6pm 669 Great Rd</p>	<p>Boys Soccer vs. Johnston 3:30 - 5:30pm William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School</p>	<p>Girls Soccer vs. Tiverton 3:30 - 5:30pm William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School</p>	<p>Boys Soccer vs. Times 2 3:30 - 5pm William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School</p>	
			<p>Mogis/Chilis para Famikas (En español) 6 - 7:30pm</p>	<p>Girls Soccer 4:30 - 6pm Macomber Stadium</p>	<p>Girls Volleyball @ Times Square Academy 5:30 - 7pm</p>	<p>Girls 6 - 7:30pm William M. Davies, Jr.</p>	<p>Homecoming Dance (For all students and sponsored by the Class of 2025) 6 - 9pm Cafetorium</p>