



THE WEDNESDAY WAVE

Daves Avenue Elementary School Newsletter

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The Mission of Daves Avenue Elementary School, as the premier school site of leaders, learners and teachers, is to create a community of life-long learners and productive contributors to an ever changing society.

[Click here](#) to access this week's information from our School, District and Community partners!

[Click here](#) to make your H&SC One and Done donation!

Important Dates

October

- 14 **Math Olympiad Starts**
- 15 **Most Likely to Succeed Screening** 6:30pm, Los Gatos Theater
- 16 **Clubhouse - Parents Night Out!** 6:15pm - 10pm, Daves Clubhouse
- 21 **Daves Avenue Fun Walk**
- 26-30 **30th Annual CASA Red Ribbon Week**
- 26th and 27th - **Funvisor Halloween Scavenger Hunt**
- 26 **Special District Board Meeting** 6:30pm, District Office
- 30 **Halloween Parade** 8:30am, Blacktop

November

- 2-6 **Conference Week - Minimum Days**
- 2 **LGEF Board Meeting** 7pm, District Office
- 3 **ABC Reader Training** 8:15am, Room B
- 5 **Evening H&SC Meeting**, 6:30pm, MU
- 10 **LGEF Maker Workshop**, 6-8pm, MU
- 10 **5th Grade Science Camp**
- 11 **Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 25-27 **Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL**

December

- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 7 **District Board Meeting** 6:30pm, District Office
- 10 **School Site Council Meeting** 3-4pm, Daves Library

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

I continue to be impressed by the parent involvement and generosity at Daves Avenue. My staff received unanimous approval to fund **Jerry Falek** to work with our Kinder through second grade classes. Our relationship with Jerry began three years ago in our Kinder classes, and through the support of Home and School Club, has grown to include all primary grades.

Jerry Falek began working with children more than 40 years ago, and has been with the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County since its inception in 1980. With an M.Ed in Special Education, he performs as a storyteller, and teaches performing and visual arts throughout Central California in K-12 schools. His work has taken him to such diverse places as rural Alaska, Soledad Prison, the Children's Discovery Museum, and Stanford Children's Hospital. A central focus of his work is the social and emotional needs of children, especially those who are seen as marginalized, special needs, or high-risk. He also directs the Kids on the Block, a puppet show about disabilities, that highlights inclusion, teasing, and individual differences, and has been an instructor in teacher-training programs at the regional and state level.

This opportunity, coupled with countless other experiences, allows our staff to provide a balanced elementary school experience.

Warmly,

Kit Bragg

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

SCHOOL NEWS

Daves Avenue and Blossom Hill 2015-2016 School Play



A Musical Comedy that reminds us to follow our dreams!!

Audition Schedule

4th Grade:

Thursday October 15th, 3pm - 5pm, Blossom Hill
Friday, October 16th, 3pm - 5pm, Blossom Hill
Saturday October 17th, 10am - 12pm, Blossom Hill

5th Grade:

Wednesday, October 14th, 3pm - 5pm, Daves Ave
Friday, October 16th, 5pm - 7pm, Blossom Hill
Saturday, October 17th, 12pm - 2pm, Blossom Hill

Reminders:

Rehearsals Begin: Monday, October 19th

Performances: Jan 29/30/31, and Feb 4/5/6 2016

Interested in Crew?

Is your 4th or 5th grader interested in helping with set and stage management? Applications for crew will be coming out later in the next month or two, so stay tuned for more information on that.

For general play information, please visit the [DABH play website](#) or contact your Daves Avenue Play co-producers [Kim Simon](#) or [Elizabeth Adams](#).

Office Reminder

If you are calling to report your child's absence from school, please call the **Attendance Line at 408-335-2245**. This is a dedicated line, just for attendance. No need to call the general office (as much as we love to talk to you!)

Scavengers Unite!

The FunVisors are pleased to announce the **3rd Annual Halloween Scavenger Hunt!**

1st Grade: Tuesday, Oct 27th
2nd/3rd Grade: Monday, Oct 26th
4th/5th Grade: Tuesday, Oct 27th



Immediately following lunch, the FunVisors will host a 'harrowing' Halloween-themed scavenger hunt throughout the school playground.

Children are invited to pre-register at the FunVisor table **October 19th through 23rd**. They can form their own 'terrific' team (maximum of six members) or they can come as a 'ghostly floater' and we will place them in a group.

Although there are prizes for top finishers in each grade grouping, all guise and ghouls receive a spooktacular surprise for participating.

Adult volunteers are also needed to help with the event (costumes are strongly encouraged!). To volunteer, sign up at VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/TmjuN3>.

Any questions, contact [Loly Stacey](#) or [Lianne Verheyden](#), FunVisor Chairs

Parents' Night out Childcare! October 16th

Daves Ave Clubhouse will be providing childcare for all Daves Avenue students and their siblings who are potty trained.

Pizza, Games & Movie

Cost: \$ 20 for the first child \$ 10 for each additional child

Time: 6:15pm – 10:00pm



Registration is on a first come first serve basis, and space is limited. In order to hold your spot, please print and complete the [registration form](#) and return **with payment** (checks made payable to LGS Recreation) to Clubhouse.

Questions? Please contact Daves Avenue Clubhouse at [408-335-2223](tel:408-335-2223).

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BUZZ BOOK NEWS

Time to Check Out Your Buzz Book Listing

Parents, here is your chance to take a look at your child(ren)'s Buzz Book directory listing before it goes to print! If you have not received or responded to an email from the Buzz Book team in the past couple weeks, you will find a copy of your listing in your child's Wednesday envelope.

If you have any questions or need to make any changes, please contact [Heather Gaede Regoli](#), Buzz Book Team

Please contact the School Principal or your child's teacher for information on scholarship opportunities.

Congratulations 2015 Buzz Book Artists!

COLOR FRONT COVER:

Amane Mockridge from Mr. Martin's Class

INSIDE TITLE PAGES:

Lucia Mockridge, from Mrs. Gessner's class

Caitlyn Peacock and Macha Karpov, from Mrs. Hellman's class

In addition to the front cover and the inside title pages, artwork from other 5th grade artists can be found throughout the Buzz Book.

OTHER ARTWORK:

from Mrs. Gessner's class: Victoria Anderson, Camryn Whitfield

from Mrs. Hellman's class: Anna Burkett, Lucia Bianchi Shires

from Mrs. Holman's class: Tommy Wilkens, Calvin Milde

from Mr. Martin's class:

Jaden Delgrosso and Brianne Stuermer, Felicity Panicacci, Eilidh Davidson, Max Schleicher

Thank you for all your great work!



Helmet Giveaway!



Does your child need a helmet? The **Safe Routes to School Program** is giving away helmets to students who need a helmet and can't easily get one.

You can apply to get a free helmet for your child by filling out an application located in the office. Please submit all applications to the office **by October 28th**. Please contact [Jen Lambert](#) if you have any questions.

SCHOOL NEWS

13th Annual Daves Avenue Fun Walk Wednesday, October 21st at 10:00am



The 13th Annual Fun Walk will be held on **Wednesday, October 21st between 10-11am** on the school track. As a Home & School Club sponsored event, any money raised will directly benefit the students to help support the following:

- Scholarships (for field trips and science camp)
- School wide assemblies
- PE Teachers
- Reading and Math Specialist
- Classroom supplies
- Grade level grants

The Fun Walk, in conjunction with Project Cornerstone, will focus mainly on two (of the 41) developmental assets of **service to others** and **healthy lifestyles**. Additional assets include **family support, caring neighborhood, and self esteem**. For more information on the importance of developmental assets, please visit the Project Cornerstone website.

Student pledge forms were sent home last week in the Wednesday envelopes. **The service to others** asset will be fostered by encouraging your child(ren) to solicit pledges from friends, extended family and neighbors for the laps they will complete. The emphasis is on encouraging students to “give back” to their school.

This is an opportunity for the children (not the parents) to solicit pledges for their efforts and accomplishments. Explain to them that this is a great opportunity for the kids to help support their own school.

The **healthy lifestyles** asset will be cultivated by the group lead stretch and the hour long walk/run.

On another note, the room parents have been sent the Fun Walk banner instructions and size requirements. There is a **“Bib Pinning Party”** scheduled for **Friday, October 16th at 8:30am** - so mark your calendar – in the **Daves Avenue MU**. This is where room parents (or another parent volunteer from your class) will pick up/assemble your classroom Fun Walk Box. This will include the Fun Walk t-shirts, water bottles and lap bibs.

Thank you to those who have already donated to the One & Done Campaign. Just to be clear, the Fun Walk is for the students to empower themselves in making a commitment, soliciting a pledge, collecting the donation and “giving back” to their school. In an effort to create some excitement with the students, the grade level with the most pledges received will be awarded with an ice cream party.

If you would like more information, please contact [Laura Walker](#) or [Jackie Childers](#).

Cornerstone Corner

The Importance of Positive Family Communication

Young people who experience positive family communication experience higher self-esteem, decreased substance use, less anxiety and depression, and greater school engagement. However, in Santa Clara County, only 63% of 4th-6th grade students and 33% of 7th- 12th grade students reported in Project Cornerstone's 2011 survey that they and their parents communicate positively and that they are willing to seek advice from their parents. To help promote this valuable asset, October is Positive Family Communication month in Silicon Valley.

For positive family communication to occur, all family members must be comfortable sharing their needs, wishes, and concerns in an honest and trusting environment without fear of rejection. Establishing positive communication when children are young may help keep the channel open in adolescence.

No matter how old your children are, it's never too late to start! The following questions can help your family. Encourage your child to answer these questions honestly:

- Who do you enjoy talking with, and why?
- What makes it easier to talk to family members, and what makes it more difficult?
- Which topics are easiest for you to talk about with your parents, and which are more difficult? Why?

The communication skills that young people develop in their families help set the pattern of how they'll communicate for the rest their lives. Teaching your children to communicate effectively with friends, teachers, co-workers, parents, peers, and others is a lasting legacy that parents can give to their children.

For families

- Create opportunities for unstructured communications. Sometimes the best conversations occur when you're side-by-side instead of face-to-face, such as when you're driving or working together in the kitchen.
- At dinnertime, instead of asking "How was your day?" play Worst and Best, where everyone—including parents—takes turns sharing the worst thing and the best things that happened to them during the day.
- Hold regular family meetings to check in with each other and discuss family issues like holidays or chores. Make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate.
- Try having each parent set an "individual date" with each child where they spend time together away from home somewhere where they can talk, like a restaurant or coffee shop. This kind of one-to-one conversation makes it possible for a young person to discuss issues privately with their parent's undivided attention.
- Listen more than you talk.
- Positive family communication isn't just between parents and children—siblings should also be encouraged and supported to communicate with each other openly and effectively.

This article was provided courtesy of Project Cornerstone's Asset-a-Month program. For more information, visit www.projectcornerstone.org.

Andrea Anderson for Parenting Continuum and Project Cornerstone to make families thrive!

Which is greater?

a) \$1.67/day for:



b) \$1.67/day for:



If you answered \$1.67/day for Science, Music, Art and Counseling programs for your child, we thank you. Parent donations make these great programs possible.

[Make Your Donation at LGEF.org](http://LGEF.org)

LET'S BE GREAT! TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE.

LGEF

Los Gatos Education Foundation

\$1.67/day is based on the suggested annual donation of \$50 per month per child.

Visit lgef.org or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For general questions, e-mail us at

DISTRICT NEWS

Red Ribbon Week October 26th - 30th, 2015



Red Ribbon Week is a CASA-sponsored, national campaign that promotes healthy lifestyle choices in youth. Show your support for Red Ribbon Week by dressing up each day, from Monday, October 26th, to Friday, October 30th:

- **Monday, 10/26/15 – “Healthy Choices”**
Make healthy choices all week. Kick off the week by wearing the color **RED**. **Each student will be given a red wristband for discounts at participating merchant stores (more information to follow).**
- **Tuesday, 10/27/15 – “Healthy Eating”**
Dress in Rainbow colors like healthy fruit and vegetables.
- **Wednesday, 10/28/15 – “Healthy Body”**
Promote exercise and teamwork by wearing your favorite team jersey.
- **Thursday, 10/29/15 – “Healthy Mind”**
Maintain a healthy body with a good night’s sleep. Wear pajamas and follow your dreams (must meet dress code).
- **Friday, 10/30/15 – “Healthy Halloween”**
Wear your favorite costume and remember to make healthy choices on Halloween (pledge not to eat too much candy and be careful crossing streets when Trick-or- Treating).

Volunteers will be handing out special Red Ribbon Character Cards all week to any student caught making healthy choices (biking, scooting or walking to school, or eating fresh fruit or vegetables at lunchtime). Let’s fill our bucket in the MPR with healthy choices!

For more information about CASA and its programs please visit www.casalg.org.

[Claire Nippres](#), CASA Chair

Mrs. Martin's Art Lessons

Please visit Mrs. Martin’s Art blog at:

[http://
www.mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com/](http://www.mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com/)
for updates on what is happening in your students art classroom, student artwork from across the district and parent child activities that connect to each lesson!

LGUSD Elementary Art Program is funded by LGEF



Are you a H&SC Committee Chair, Daves Teacher or Administrator, or Community representative? Do you have school-related news or events you want the Daves community to know about? Submit your item by **Friday at noon** to the Wednesday Wave editors at wednesdaywave@gmail.com. Items should be in text (email, Word, Pages, etc.) format, not in PDF or other image file type.

The Wednesday Wave is approved by the H&SC Board and Principal Kit Bragg for posting to the Daves Avenue and H&SC web sites on Wednesday, with an email link sent to parents the same day.

The Wednesday Wave Newsletter is written exclusively to provide the Daves Avenue community with school information. Articles, information, calendars, etc. may not be duplicated or re-printed in any manner without the permission of the Home and School Club or the Daves Avenue school administration.

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