

WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Important Dates

<u>November</u>

- 14-18 Parent/Teacher Conference Week MINIMUM DAYS
- 14-18 **Book Fair** 8:00 AM-6:00 PM
- 21-25 **Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL**

December

- 2 H&SC Meeting, 8:30 AM, MU
- 6 **ABC Reader Meeting,** 8:20 AM, RM B
- 6 **Bookmobile Visit**
- 12 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 6:00 PM, District Office
- 15 **5th Grade Music Concert,** 8:20 AM 9:00 AM, MU
- 3rd Grade Music Concert, 11:00 AM -11:30 AM, MU
- 4th Grade Music Concert, 2:00 PM -2:30 PM, MU
- 21 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon,** 12:30 PM, Break room
- 23-31 Winter Break NO SCHOOL

<u>January</u>

- 1-6 Winter Break NO SCHOOL
- 9 LGUSD Board Meeting, 4:00 PM, District Office

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue,

In school, we talk about the importance of intrinsic motivation. Often times, people talk about motivation as something we either have or we don't.

Current research is telling us that motivation is dependent on many factors. Many studies suggest that intrinsic motivation is dependent on the level of autonomy, competence, relevance, and relatedness with any given task, situation, or unit of study.

- · Autonomy refers to how much choice or control a person feels they have over a given task or situation.
- · Competence refers to how much experience a person has with feeling successful in that situation.
- · Relevance refers to the degree to which the individual feels that the work is interesting, valuable, or useful in their present lives or to achieving their future hopes and dreams.
- · Relatedness is the degree to which the activity helps them feel more connected to others and feel cared for by those they respect.

How might understanding that motivation isn't something that we have or we don't, and that there are factors that influence intrinsic drive or motivation, help us to reframe our thinking about those children (or other community members!) that challenge us in this way? How can this information help us build empathy for others? How can it help us build a stronger community?

Here's a bit more on Motivation:

Daniel Pink Ted Talk on Motivation

Iqbal Chadda

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

BOOK FAIR

Now Through Friday: 8AM to 6PM in the Daves Library

Buying books at the Fair supports our Library, as part of the proceeds come back to us! If your child's favorite is not at the Fair, we can order it (it usually comes in a week or less!). To order books, make a wish list with your child and either email our lovely librarian, **Amy Goldsmith**, or drop by the library and Mrs. G will process your order. See you at the Fair!

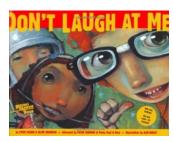
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CORNERSTONE CORNER





This month the ABC volunteers are reading Don't Laugh At Me by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin in 1st - 5th grade. This book provides an opportunity for students to reflect upon the feelings they may experience in the presence of verbal and relational bullying. Through role playing, discussion or a small writing project, they can practice and internalize many tools and skills to help prevent bully behavior, such as:

- Build relationships by bucket filling, not dipping, and using a lid.
- Use friendship boosters to build respect and acceptance for others.
- Learn empathy by identifying, naming and understanding feelings.
- Respect differences, accept others and celebrate diversity.
- Get to know people before making judgments.
- Dare to try new things and discover interests.

In the last Cornerstone Corner, we touched upon being kind and connecting with others through intentional acts of caring. Helping children foster the ability to be kind, with the intent of connection and positive expression, is one way to help prevent bullying and other forms of unjust behavior. Being kind and caring builds relationships, is a friendship booster, teaches empathy, and may even provide opportunity to try something new.

Kid Conversation Starter: Ask your child to tell you about one intentional act of kindness they showed for another person. Maybe they helped an injured friend to the nurse's office, brought the garbage cans in for a neighbor, invited a new friend to join in play, or became an UPstander for someone in need. THEN, inquire about how this interaction felt for them. Ask how they imagine it felt for the person receiving the caring act.

Making connections with others at an emotional level is one way of growing caring relationships and developing empathy.

Continue reading about empathy in the next Cornerstone Corner. In the meantime, we welcome your feedback and questions, contact **Michele Grancell** or **Kristen Kinczel**.

EARN MONEY FOR DAVES WHILE HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Benefit is a mobile app that allows you to buy gift cards on your phone for immediate use. A percent of each purchase will come directly back to Daves. It's a quick, easy, and fairly effortless way to support our community!

- I. Download the free Benefit app onto your phone.
- 2. When prompted, chose Daves Avenue Elementary School as your beneficiary.
- 3. Link either a checking account (better % return rate to Daves) or a credit card (quicker verification time).
- 4. Once your payment method is verified, you are ready to go!

Sending a gift card to someone?

Buy it through the Benefit app, and email it to them. Holiday shopping done in under a minute!

Shopping in town? While the salesperson is ringing you up, open the Benefit app, instantly buy yourself a gift card, and use it at the register to pay for your purchase.

Shopping online? Open the Benefit app on your phone, buy yourself a gift card, and then apply it to your online purchase.

Feel free to share this information with family and friends as well. The more people who participate, the more funds we will raise!

Thanks for all your support!

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THANK YOU! - 14th ANNUAL DAVES AVENUE FUN WALK

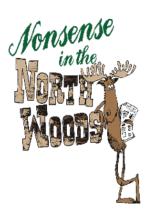


Thank you Daves Avenue students and families! We are excited to share that the Fun Walk raised \$15, 398.75! Everyone worked hard to make this fundraiser such a huge success. Our kids should be very proud of themselves. A big thank you to BrandVia our lead sponsor.



Drum roll please... the grade that raised the most money was 1st grade! Congratulations to all the 1st graders for winning the ice cream party! Congratulations to all the students for a job well done!

Attention 4th and 5th graders interested in crew for this year's DABH production of



If you are interested in being member of the Crew, please note the important dates below. We have a limited number of spots on crew so applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis:

Crew Application window open – Monday, November 28- Friday, December 9th

Crew Kick-off Meeting - Monday, January 9th

Starting November 28, please click on this link to start your application HERE.

Questions? Please email **Kim Simon**, Play Co-Producer

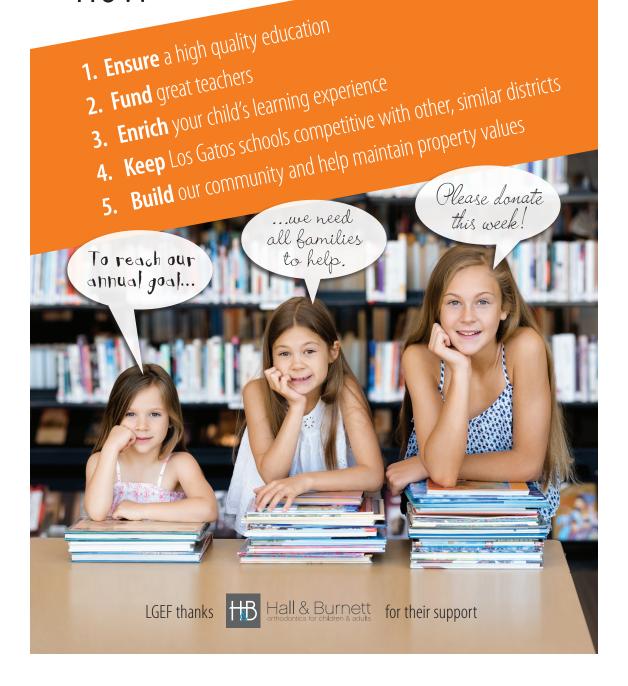
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★ REGISTRATION OPENS SOON! ★ Girls on the Run at Daves Ave!

★ 10-Week Program ★ March - Mid-May 2017 ★
 ★ Girls Learn Life Skills while Preparing for a 5K Run/Walk ★
 ★ Lottery Registration Dates: December 3-5 ★

Girls on the Run is a fun, life-changing, **after-school program** for 3rd-5th grade girls. The 10-week program **teaches girls life skills** such as confidence, healthy decision-making, and how to be a good friend- all while using a fun curriculum that creatively integrates **running**.

Girls leave the program saying "I am strong!", "I am amazing!", "I am beautiful, just the way I am!".

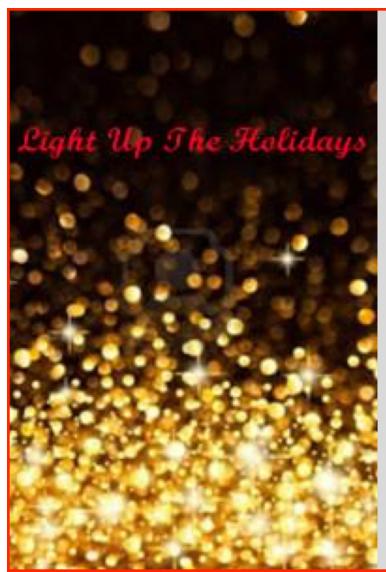
<u>When is Girls on the Run?</u> GOTR begins the week of March 6, 2017 and culminates in the end-of-season Girls on the Run 5K on Saturday, May 20th at Vasona Park. The Daves team will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays immediately after school on the Daves campus.

<u>HOW DO I REGISTER MY DAUGHTER?</u> This year Girls on the Run has moved to a lottery registration system. Registration is online only at <u>www.gotrsv.org</u>.

- Lottery Registration Period: Saturday, December 3-Monday, December 5, at 11:59 pm
- The computer-generated lottery will be run on Tuesday, December 6.
- Registration will reopen at 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 7, on a first-come, first-served basis at sites with spots available and for the waiting list at sites that filled.

Questions? For more info please visit **www.gotrsv.org** or contact Kerri DiCicco at **dicicco238@yahoo.com** or 408-348-5697.

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Join the Art Docents of Los Gatos and experience

"The Lights of Vasona"

Thursday December 8, 2016 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Buses will pick up and drop off at: Los Gatos High School's back parking lot

Option 1

Family Bus with Lemonade and Popcorn \$10 per person

Option 2

Adult Sing-a-Long Bus*
Wine and Beer Served
\$50 per person

Option 3

Premium Art Tour and Wine Adventure*
Exclusive Private Home and Gallery Art Tour,
Premium Wines and Hors d'oeuvres
\$100.00 per person

(*21 yrs of age or older for buses with libations)

Tickets can be purchased online at artdocents.com or Contact us at 408-335-2366 All proceeds benefit the Art Docents of Los Gatos







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 Iqbal Chadda for posting to the Daves Avenue and H&SC web sites on Wednesday, with an email link sent to parents the same day.

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