



# WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Important Dates

### December

21 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon,**  
12:30 PM, Break room

23-31 **Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**

### January

1-6 **Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**

9 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 4:00 PM,  
District Office

12 **New Parent Meeting,** 10:00 AM, MU

12 **H&SC Evening Meeting,**  
7:00 PM, MU

16 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day -**  
**NO SCHOOL**

23 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 6:30 PM,  
District Office

### February

3-4 **Nonsense in the Northwoods**  
**Performances,** TBD

3 **H&SC Meeting,** 8:30 AM

13 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 4:00 PM,  
District Office

20-24 **Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL**

27 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 6:30 PM,  
District Office

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Dear Daves Avenue School Families,

I wish you a restful winter break and hope you enjoy this time with your children. For the New Year, I wish you health and happiness and hope the winter recess offers opportunities for you and your children to do things you might not be able to do when school is in session.

### Holiday Time is Family Time

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. School is closed starting Friday, December 23rd through Friday, January 6th with classes resuming on Monday January 9th, 2017. During winter break there will be many opportunities to create a stronger bond with your child(ren) and continue to support their academic growth and success. The holidays are good times for story telling around the dinner table or routines like bedtime reading that cultivate connections between home and school expectations. Young children do best with regular schedules, and I encourage you to prepare for their return to school on January 9th by instilling in them an understanding about the importance of being rested and ready to learn.

Happy New Year from our Daves Avenue School family to yours.

Sincerely,

**Iqbal Chadda**

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary



*Special "Thank You" Edition*

**Thank You, Daves Avenue Families!**

Your generous donations (from July 1-December 12, 2016) make LGEF programs possible for our students

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Did we miss your name? We're very sorry! Please let us correct it. Contact: [admin@lgef.org](mailto:admin@lgef.org)

**CASA GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, January 12th at 9 AM-10:30 AM**

LGHS Community Room

"Providing support systems to students -  
LGHS Peer to Peer Organization



If you have a High School student or will one day you should come to this meeting! We will have a student panel made up of members of five peer run organizations on campus; UP!, Students to Students, Reality Check, PAWS and SafeRides. Come and learn more about each of these organizations and see the products they produce to help support their fellow students social emotional well-being. These groups each work in different ways to provide positive support for their fellow students, with several services focused on helping Freshman integrate successfully to High School life.

Daves Avenue Elementary  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
Presents

**Cozy Nights Drive**

Donate New Books and Pajamas

**Anyone can donate!**

**Any grade can donate!**

**Dec. 14 - Jan. 20**

**Help kids in need of cozy pajamas and books!**

- Benefits the Pajama Program Bay Area Chapter
- Helps kids from infants to teens in foster care, homeless shelters, group homes
- Pajamas and books need to be new and unused, and the pajamas should be a new, complete set (top and bottoms)

Drop off your donations in the 2-Story building

**Ask a Student Council Rep for more information!**

**DAVES AVENUE SCIENCE FAIR**



**Daves Avenue Science Fair returns March 16th -17th!**

Winter Break is a great time to start brainstorming project ideas! The following sites are great idea starters:  
[sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects](http://sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects) or  
[education.com/science-fair](http://education.com/science-fair)

Signups will be in January after the break!



## PREPARING ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT VOTER-APPROVED FUNDING

#### How are Los Gatos Union School District schools performing?

Our local schools are part of what makes our community a desirable place to live. Los Gatos elementary and middle school students receive an excellent education focused on outstanding core academics and innovative classroom programs in science, technology, mathematics, engineering, arts and music. These programs, delivered by highly qualified, award-winning teachers, not only help students achieve top scores on statewide exams, but also ensure that they are prepared to compete in the 21st-century, global economy.

#### Is a new funding measure necessary?

For over 25 years, Los Gatos and Monte Sereno voters have supported our local elementary and middle schools with locally controlled funding that cannot be taken away by the State. This dedicated source of local funding supports the outstanding education we've come to expect in Los Gatos.

However, the fact remains that the \$2.8 million our parcel tax generates annually cannot support the same level of academic programming it could 10 years ago. In order to keep pace in the 21st Century and enhance the academic programs that set Los Gatos schools apart, we need an additional source of local funding.

#### Why is the Board considering a parcel tax measure for the May 2, 2017 all-mail ballot?

In order to continue our community's tradition of supporting outstanding education in our local elementary schools and middle school and to keep pace in the 21st Century, the District is considering a \$290 annual parcel tax to enhance excellent academic programs and retain quality teachers.

#### How would local funding enhance educational opportunities in LGUSD schools?

Locally controlled funding from a parcel tax could be used to:

- Maintain and enhance outstanding academic programs including: science, engineering, math, reading, arts, music and writing;
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers;
- Prepare students for success at top-notch local high schools;
- Support innovative science programs; and
- Provide safe and modern facilities for student success.

#### Would fiscal accountability provisions be included?

Yes. Any measure would continue our District's commitment to fiscal accountability.

- All revenue from the measure would be spent in our local elementary schools and middle school and could not be taken by the State.
- Independent oversight and annual reports would be required.
- No funds could be used for administrators' salaries.
- Senior citizen homeowners would be eligible for an exemption.
- The measure would expire in eight years and could not be renewed without voter approval.

#### Do other school districts in our area rely on local funding to enhance academic achievement in their local schools?

Yes. Many similar, high-performing districts in Santa Clara County depend on local parcel tax funding to support educational programs, including Los Altos School District (\$820 per parcel per year) and Palo Alto Unified School District (\$758 per parcel per year).

#### We Value Your Questions and Feedback

Your opinions and involvement are valuable and we hope that you share your comments and questions with us. Please feel free to contact Superintendent Dr. Diana G. Abbati by phone at (408) 335-2001 or via email at [dabbati@lgusd.org](mailto:dabbati@lgusd.org). We also encourage you to complete our school funding priority survey at [www.LGUSD.org/LocalFunding](http://www.LGUSD.org/LocalFunding).

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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](mailto:wednesdaywave@gmail.com). Items should be in text (email, Word, Pages, etc.) format, not in PDF or other image file type.

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