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

May

19 **5th Grade Music Concert**, 1:45pm, MU
20 **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE!!!**
20 **Ryland's FINAL Bake Sale of the year!** 7:30-8:10am, Corner of Bruce and Poppy
20 **Daves Avenue Carnival**, 4pm, Blacktop
23 **LGEF Board Meeting,** 7pm, DO
24 **Picnic & Pops**, RJ Fisher Quad, 4:30-8:15pm
25 **School Wide Dance**, 8:15am, Blacktop
26 **FINAL H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
27 **5th Grade Party**
30 **Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL**

June

2 **Last day of School** (minimum day)
6 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, DO
9 **Office Closes for Summer**, 3:30pm

August

8 **School Office Opens**, 8am
17 **Class Lists Posted**, Library windows
18 **First Day of School**, 8:15am
18 **Back to School Coffee**, 8:15am, MU
19 **Ice Cream Social**, 2:45pm
19 **New Parent Orientation**, 3:30pm
25 **Back to School Night**, 6pm

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room
DO = LGUSD District Office

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Thank you to all who attended our **Open House** last Thursday. The diversity and depth of learning that was on display was inspiring. It is clear that staff is focused on creating classrooms and learning environments that are engaging, joyful, and student centered. It is also clear that students are thriving, feeling empowered as learners, and are proud of what they have accomplished. I congratulate the teachers, staff, and students on a wonderful evening!

Over the final weeks of school, our staff will work to create classrooms of students for the 2016-2017 school year. We have a specific protocol we follow in order to provide a consistent learning environment for all children. Our priority is on balance rather than student to teacher matching. All children will flourish under the mentorship of any member of our teaching staff. Class lists for 2016-2017 will be posted late afternoon of **August 17th** in the library window.

Finally, we want to thank the **Home and School Club Board**, under the leadership of **President Nicole Reginelli and Vice President Carolyn Harnish**, for all their hard work and dedication to the Daves Avenue School community. The Board collectively has put hundreds (if not thousands!) of hours into helping our school become a warm and happy place for learning.

Dr. Farber
rfarber@lgusd.k12.ca.us

Patricia Larkin
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Please join us for the Final H&SC Meeting of the Year!

Next Thursday, May 26th at 8:30am in the Multi-Use Room we will hold our final meeting of the year and say goodbye to our current Board members.
Please join us for a yogurt bar and the opportunity to meet our new principal, **Iqbal Chadda!**

SCHOOL NEWS

DAVES AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CARNIVAL & TALENT SHOW

The Daves Avenue Carnival & Talent Show is
THIS Friday, May 20th, from 4 - 7:30pm!

$10 wristbands cover the price of admission for all the fun kid activities. **On-line wristband sales open until today (Wednesday 5/18) at 5pm**. Avoid the lines and purchase yours in advance. Wristbands are available for purchase during the carnival as well. **Click here** to pre-order yours.

BAKERS NEEDED FOR THE CAKE WALK
Bakers still needed for the kids' favorite carnival activity, The Cake Walk! Drop your baked goods anytime Thursday or Friday in the staff lounge. **Please sign up here**.

See You Friday!
Lee Ann Wade, Carnival Chair

LIBRARY BOOKS ARE OVERDUE!!

ALL Books must be returned to Mrs. Goldsmith in the Library by **Friday, May 20th!**

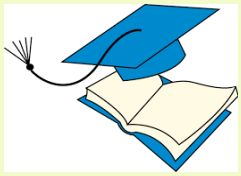
If your child(ren) have any overdue books, you should have received a notice (including a copy of the cover art to help you recognize them!) that was sent home. Please check their backpacks!

For all students who have cleared their books, stop by the library to pick up a raffle ticket (need not be present to win)!

Mrs. G will be in the library on Friday if you need to make any last minute drop offs en route to the Carnival.

Please contact **Mrs. Goldsmith** with any questions!

Memory Book Sales and Distribution



We will distribute memory books to those who have ordered them or contributed to One and Done on **Thursday, May 26th**.

If you forgot to order a book, never fear, we have ordered a number of extra copies and will be selling books at the end of the school year. Book sales will be held:

* After school Thursday, May 26th
* Before school Friday, May 27th
Books are $20.

(Note: We have a handful of books left over from last year, which we will be selling for $15.)

Not sure if your student will be getting a book, or wondering if you ordered one? Please email **Erica Schleicher**.

Last Chance of the year for Baked Treats and Coffee at

Ryland's Restaurant!

THIS Friday, May 20th, 7:30-8:10am
Corner of Bruce and Poppy Avenues

Ryland's final bake sale of the school year is THIS FRIDAY! Please stop by for baked treats and hot coffee!

If you have been enjoying Ryland's delicious baked goods, and wondering how you were going to survive without them over the summer, you are IN LUCK! Ryland will be selling his cookbook and amazing recipes for just $4! To preorder a cookbook please e-mail **rylandgoldman@gmail.com**.

Don't Forget to Check our OVERFLOWING Lost & Found!
All items not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated.

Save The Date!

5th Grade Year End Party

Friday, May 27th

It's time to celebrate! All 5th graders will spend a fabulous day (**9am to 2pm**) at Saratoga Springs ~ Swimming, Photo Booth, Water Balloons, Giant Inflatable Slide and Obstacle Course, BBQ Lunch, and More! Students will be driven to/ from school by parent volunteers.

Parents of 5th graders: we need snacks and parent volunteers to make this a very special day for all our graduating 5th grade students. If you can help, **please sign up on VolunteerSpot**.

(This event is exclusively for 5th graders; no siblings please)

Watch for a separate email from your 5th grade teacher regarding parent volunteer drivers.

Barb Vais, Vivian Gabel & **Nicole Reginelli**: 5th Grade Party Co-Chairs

Sponsor's Spotlight!

BE HAPPY
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DEL GRANDE DEALER GROUP

Del Grande Dealer Group is not just the **Signature Sponsor for this year's Daves Avenue Carnival**, but is also the largest family owned automotive group in the Bay Area with 15 brands and 14 dealerships. Be sure to check out DGDG.com for over 4,000 new and used vehicles – all in one place!

For further information about our Community Sponsorship program, please contact **Nicole Reginelli** or **Bryce Wend**, Annual Community Sponsorship Program Chairs.

2016-2017 Open Chair Positions!

We are still looking for a few people to step up and help chair or co-chair events/groups next year. If you are interested in getting more involved or would like more information about any of the following positions, please contact, **Carolyn Harnish**.

Cool Cat Auction
Our annual spring fundraiser for adults only. Starting in late fall with a kick-off meeting, it will really ramp up right after the Holiday Break. With a solid team of volunteers (many already in place), you can make this fundraiser a huge success! This involves all aspects of a big event – marketing, auction solicitation and management, volunteer recruitment, venue procurement, food selection, decorating… Lots of time involved on this one – but a very fun event to plan!

Bingo Night
Bingo Night will happen once a year. Based upon other scheduled annual events, we recommend early-mid February or early Spring as an ideal time. Responsibilities include: MCing the event, logistics/facilities planning, marketing (flyers, H&SC site, Wednesday Wave, Volunteer Spot, signage), determining food offerings/pricing, recruiting volunteers and collecting prize donations. This is a fun event to plan, so grab a friend or two and co-chair the event together.

LGEF: Serving Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue, Lexington, Van Meter, and RJ Fisher schools since 1982.

LGEF Education Update

May 18, 2016

SCIENCE
MUSIC
ART
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

The latest news on LGEF and the programs your donations make possible.

Sprint to the Finish: See How Just $100 Can Keep Student Programs Fully Funded

LGEF science, music, art and social-emotional learning programs and resources touch every K-8 student in our district. However, due to the shortfall of $36,000 in donations this year, they are not all fully funded.

Yet, if all student households do their share and support our schools **with just a $100 donation to LGEF today, we sprint across the finish line together and ensure our students have the programs and resources so critical to a great education.** And with school about to wrap up, this is the last chance to make it happen!

As additional support, our businesses and community members are also on the track to help take the baton to the finish. Here are a few of the latest examples:

- **Sereno Group of Los Gatos** selected LGEF to be it's "1% for Good" recipient from May-August. In this program, Sereno Group has pledged to give 1% of its gross commissions to LGEF, so, together, we can continue to make a positive difference in the community.
- **Whole Foods Market-Los Gatos** selected LGEF as its "Nickels for Non-Profits" recipient. Each time shoppers bring reusable bags, they can choose to have a nickel for each bag donated to LGEF from May-July.
- **Silicon Valley Gives:** LGEF raised over $8,000 in this May 3 charity event. Our district's own **McEnroe family** not only spearheaded the drive for LGEF, they also put up $4,000 in donation-match funds. And we're happy to say district families and community members answered the call with over $4,000 in donations!

Still, even with the generous financial support of local businesses and our community, our student body is so large at over 3,300 children that it takes the support of all district families to see our programs across the finish line.

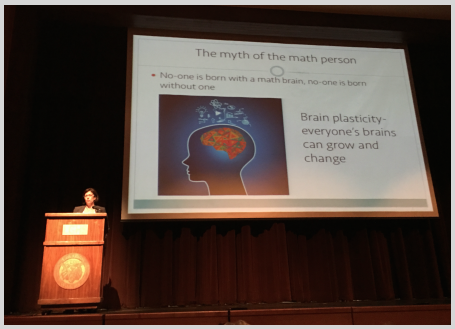
"Sprint to the Finish" for the students of Los Gatos: Donate $100 at **LGEF.org** today or mail a check to LGEF, 17010 Roberts Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95032. Thank you for supporting LGEF!

Visit lgef.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter. For general questions, e-mail us at admin@lgef.org.

Join the Math Revolution!

On May 10th, the Parenting Continuum in Los Gatos hosted **Stanford Professor Dr. Jo Boaler,** who brings together the latest neuroscience research and "growth mindset" as it applies to math learning. Her findings are valuable for parents and teachers and make us re-think our current approach to instruction. Applying her ideas will develop children who are more capable and more confident in their abilities. Prof. Boaler invites us all to review our perceptions of intelligence and smartness.

- Brain plasticity research indicates brain capacity measurably grows through challenges. Focus on developing a 'growth mindset': acknowledge effort, offer productive practice and develop thinking strategies and reasoning ability.
- Ask open ended questions that make room for learning. Invite the student to share "how they see the question?" and what is their approach to answering it? It reveals their thinking processes and those of classmates.
- Never associate math with speed. In stress situations, science indicates that working memory is shut down. Forcing kids to work quickly is the best way to start math anxiety, especially with girls. Deep understanding takes time. Some of the brightest math geniuses in history felt tremendously incapable in school as they were often the slowest.
- "Telling kids to stop using fingers (as a math strategy) is akin to stopping mathematical development." Brain scientist know that brain and finger perception is a key factor in math achievement.
- There is no such thing as a math person - by applying research-tested strategies of instruction, brain structures get changed in every child so that they comprehend a wider range of subjects.
- Active learning is key. Let your kids figure out solutions, visualize, discuss, refine and try new approaches. This leads to deeper understanding of concepts and their relationship to each other, not just applying a formula. Your brain can compress ideas, but not concepts.



- If math wasn't exactly your personal strength, there is no value in sharing this with your kids. Researchers found that when mothers shared that idea with their daughters, their achievements went down. Use Prof. Boaler's website activities to develop your own confidence. It will benefit your child.
- Telling a child they are smart or have a "good math brain" can be detrimental to their development. They may develop a 'fixed mindset' (Carol Dweck) and adopt the belief that struggles in learning imply a lack of intelligence. How do you handle challenges if you think being smart means you don't struggle?
- Encourage number sense. This is sense of what numbers mean, understanding their relationship to one another, understanding symbolic representations, and being able to use numbers in real world situations.
- Play real board games and math puzzles with your children. Value different approaches. It's not the test sheets that develop skills, it's all the underlying activities that develop confidence and true understanding. Have fun with challenge and collaboration!
- All kids start life excited about math as math is all around us - shapes, distances, counting. Math is derived from nature and life. Keep it alive and applicable for your kids. Keep curiosity active.

Check out www.youcubed.org to find out a lot more than here and to see why her mission is to "get the word out" that what we know about brain science can improve the way we teach! It contains a free online class to work on growth mindset with your child in 6 sessions.

A couple of recommended Math online games (touching real stuff is always better!):
http://www.brainquake.com
http://motionmathgames.com
https://mathbreakers.com
For further Parenting Continuum events, check www.parentingcontinuum.org
We look forward to seeing you at our events in the new school year! Thanks for all your interest and support.
Your Parenting Continuum Team in Los Gatos

DISTRICT NEWS

Fisher Picnic & Pops

The Fisher Music Department welcomes 5th grade families and the entire Fisher Middle School community

Enjoy performances by all Fisher music groups as well as the Elementary Honor Orchestra, Band and Choir

Tuesday, May 24th from 4:30– 8:15 PM

Fisher Middle School Quad

Pizza My Heart

Picnic Dinner Menu

$10 choose one

1 slice, small salad, 1 drink

or

2 slices & 1 drink

or

All you can eat salad, 1 drink

Baskin-Robbins

$3 Bakery sweets

$1 drinks

CASH OR CREDIT

Proceeds benefit

Fisher Music Programs!

Performance Schedule

4:30-5:00- Elementary Honors- MPR

-Orchestra

-Choir

-Band

5:00-5:15- Open Band (outdoor stage)

5:15-5:30- Open Strings (MPR stage)

5:30-5:45- Jazz Band B (tech central stage)

5:45-5:52- Fisher Drum Line (outdoor stage)

5:52-6:00- Principal Fraser's Welcome

6:00-6:15- Concert Band/Int Orchestra outdoor

6:15-6:30- Open Choir (MPR Stage)

6:30-6:45- Chamber Strings (MPR stage)

6:45-7:00- Women's Choir (MPR stage)

7:00-7:15- Mixed Choir (MPR stage)

7:15-7:30- Symphonic Band (outdoor stage)

7:30-7:45- Advanced Orchestra (MPR stage)

7:45-8:00- Jazz Band A (tech central stage)

8:00-8:15- Sing A Cappella Choir (MPR)

Questions? Donations? Support? Contact: Margaret Kvamme

Seeking Applications for the Daves Parent Representative to LGUSD's Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)

Are you a parent with a financial background and a child at Daves Avenue that would like to contribute to the financial planning of LGUSD going forward? If so, the FAC might be for you.
Applications being sought by 5/31/16. Please click here for more info.

The Art of Appreciation: Thank you, Donors, for Celebrating with LGEF and the Art Docents of Los Gatos

LGEF and the Art Docents of Los Gatos Donor Night of Art, Chocolate and Music was a fun event and a chance to thank our donors. For over 40 years, the Art Docents of Los Gatos have enabled every child's art in the district to be showcased at the Annual Student Art Show.

LGEF is a major sponsor of the Art Docents of Los Gatos. With generous donations from our supporters, Art is funded in all classrooms in our district, reaching over 3300 students, approximately 9 times per year, by the Art Docents of Los Gatos. Jr. Art Docents, students from RJ Fisher Middle School and Los Gatos High School played an important role in the success of the evening, as they assisted with button pin making, the scavenger hunt, and helping families find their child's artwork.

Music was provided by the RJ Fisher Jazz Band and Orchestra.

If you are interested in becoming an Art Docent of Los Gatos, please join us at our Open House in September 2016, and visit our website: **www.artdocents.com**

LOVE ART? BECOME AN ART DOCENT!

Have you thought about becoming an Art Docent of Los Gatos? Do you love art or want to learn more? Do you enjoy volunteering in your child's classroom? Would you like to meet an exciting group of new friends who share your passion for art? Then **mark your calendar for September 15, 2016, 9:00am 11:00am** for the **Art Docents of Los Gatos - Open House** to learn more about our training program and becoming an Art Docent.

Art Docent Office
17000 Roberts Road, Los Gatos, CA.
Please RSVP using our **contact form**.

www.artdocents.com
See you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Attention families of all boys entering Grades 1 – 5!

Come join the FUN and ADVENTURE of Daves Avenue Cub Scout Pack 502!

www.cubs502.org or email **info@cubs502.org**

Scouting is a fun and family-oriented way to expand on your child's education! Unique experiences, like camping in state parks and working together on STEM badge work, are just one of the exciting ways you will grow your friendship with your child(ren). Through the scouting program, boys develop many skills including leadership, character, fitness, responsibility, independence and confidence.

What is involved in being a scout? Dens meet once every other week. The whole Pack gathers on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Meetings and events usually include the whole family! As the Cub Master, I invite you to join us at our upcoming events to learn more:

Cub Carnival / Fire & Ice with Mad Science
Thursday, May 19, 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Daves Avenue, MU

Meet our den leaders and pack families
Have some fun with the cub carnival games organized by the Bear Den (third-grade scouts)
Join the experiment and madness with special guests Mad Science

Raptors & Rockets, BBQ in the Park
Thursday, June 8 from 5:30-7:30pm, Oak Meadow Park

Another chance to meet the pack and to sign-up for next year
Make a rocket and launch it into the sky – how high can you go?
Meet our special raptor guest and learn more about this amazing bird of prey
BBQ dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers served to all guests

We hope to see you there!
Sincerely,

John Ford
CubMaster
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Daves Avenue Home & School Club

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 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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