



WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Important Dates

May

- 25 **5th Grade Music Concert**,
8:20am, MU
- 25 **Screenagers**, 7pm, Fisher
Middle School Gym
- 26 **Library Books Due!**
- 26 **Bookmobile on Campus**
- 29 **Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 31 **Picnic & Pops**, Fisher
Middle School Large Gym

June

- 2 **5th Grade Party**,
Saratoga Springs
- 2 **Amazing Race**, 2nd/3rd Grade
- 5 **Amazing Race**, 4th/5th Grade
- 3 **Laser Tag & Lemon Drops**
(Auction Sign-up Party)
- 7 **School Wide Dance**, 8:15am
- 7 **Disco Dance Party**
(Auction Sign-up Party)
- 8 **Last Day of School! -**
MINIMUM DAY
- 14 **School Office Closed for Summer**
Will re-open on August 7th.
- 16 **Tap It Back, Soul Cycle Ride**
(Auction Sign-up Party)

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

I have been asked by staff and parents to get this information out to you this week to avoid any confusion as to how children are placed in classrooms for the upcoming school year. Many times, parents and teachers use the Spring Conference to talk about a child's progression into the next grade level.

Our staff will make plans for classroom assignments for the 2017-18 school year in June. Your child's current teacher will make balanced class assignments. We feel the teachers are in the best position to make this decision. Teachers have worked with your child throughout the year and have the best "handle" on each child's strengths and opportunities for growth.

The staff considers a number of variables when classroom groups are prepared. Areas taken into consideration are: range of academic abilities; numbers of boys and girls; leadership skills-- academic, social, and athletic; individual learning styles; behavior, special education needs; students benefiting from being together or separated; student personality and interaction; and class size. The objective of the process is to produce the most "workable" heterogeneous combination of student groups. This important task contributes significantly to the creation of a positive class environment that enables students to reach their potential. Staff members are assigned to these classes during the summer based upon the best possible "match" of teaching skills and student needs, number of class sections needed at each grade level, and staff preferences for grade level assignments. Teaching assignments may change over the summer as enrollment shifts and personnel changes occur.

Parents may want to share information about their child's learning style to help us in the placement process. This should be put in writing with the reasons outlined and related to the educational areas mentioned above. Requests for specific teachers are not appropriate and will not be considered when student placement is made.

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Principal's Message continued...

In the past, parents have expressed concern that there is an “underground system” at work in which a parent makes a special classroom request through their child’s teacher or the principal. This places the both in a very uncomfortable position, if parents make a request--they may feel their request was honored or denied--depending on the class placement, when in fact the name request was not used in any way when the child’s placement was made. Individual requests may actually backfire for a child if a request is honored that skews the balance particularly in the area of social and emotional needs of a class. Honoring even just a few requests leaves other parents, who follow protocol, with the feeling that the system is unfair.

The Daves Avenue staff takes classroom placement of all children very seriously and wants only the best for your child. Our goal is to provide fair and equitable treatment for all children as a means to encourage and support their learning. Please rely on our professional judgment, and trust that we will group children to provide the best possible learning environment. Students and parents will be informed of class assignments in late August prior to the opening of school. When placements are announced, your cooperation and support of this process provides the best possible outcome for students and staff.

Sincerely,

Iqbal Chadda

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

OhmConnect - Save Energy & Get Paid!

Daves Avenue! Help the environment and raise BIG MONEY for the school FOR FREE.

Daves partners with OhmConnect to get cash for Daves by having our school families conserve electricity at home during high-use energy times, with alerts called “Ohm Hours”. You simply load your smart devices into their system OR manually turn them off for 1 hour when alerted - they tell you a day ahead of time when the Ohm Hour will be. We raised nearly \$1,000 this year from 12 families, and now we are up to 22 families - if you register then we will possibly generate thousands of dollars over the summer (by turning off your AC or car charger or pool pump for 1 little tiny hour).

It is super easy. You don’t need to do all of them, there are 2-4 per week it seems. You’ll need your online user ID for PG&E when you register. OhmConnect can only see the activity on the smart meter on your home, it cannot see your banking information or other personal details. Use OhmConnect's energy service to "Save Energy & Get Paid" Click here to get started: ohm.co/davesav1

Brought to you by the Daves Avenue Green Team!
Contact [Lisa Hanson](#) for help!



Back to School Coffee

Thursday, August 17th at 8:15am
in the Multi-Purpose Room

Join the Home & School Club for our annual Back to School Coffee! Parents, this is your opportunity to learn more about the activities available to your student, about the programs H&SC supports, and how you can help the Daves Avenue students and staff. Sign up for volunteer opportunities during this fun event. Younger siblings are welcome.

Questions?

Please contact [Heather Regoli](#),
 Back to School Coffee Chair



Keep an Eye on the Mailbox for Your Summer Mailer!

Early August you will receive a mailing from the **Home & School Club** with important information about the upcoming school year and links to the forms and details you'll need to start the year off right!



Don't forget that there is **NO NEED** to buy school supplies this summer, as the H&SC will be coordinating with teachers to provide the necessary supplies for all students! A Summer version of the **Wednesday Wave** will also come out around that time with additional details to get you ready for a great 2017/18 school year.

Save the Date!



5th Grade Year End Party Friday, June 2nd

It's time to celebrate our graduates!

Where: Saratoga Springs

When: Friday, June 2nd, 9am - 2pm

Who: All Daves Avenue graduating **5th graders**

Celebration includes: 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 event a success and memorable for our graduates! To volunteer, please click on the Sign Up link below:

<http://signup.com/go/wLhkzmM>

(Note: this event is exclusively for 5th graders; no siblings please)

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

[Carolyn Harnish](#) and [Shannon Drotar](#)

FunVisor's "Daves Amazing Race"

It is time for Daves Ave "Amazing Race" which will be held on June 2nd (2nd/3rd grades) and June 5th (1st grade and 4th/5th) during lunch. The kids had an absolute blast doing this last year, we are excited to bring it back this year, but we need your help!!

Please sign up to volunteer at

<http://signup.com/go/ELyHPE>

or email [Lani Harr](#).





Picnic and Pops

A fun evening of popular music played by our LGUSD students.

Wednesday, May 31
4:30-8:00pm

Schedule of events

All performances in Large Gym

- 4:30-5:00 Fifth Grade Honor Ensembles
- 5:10-5:30 Open Band & Women's Choir
- 5:40-6:10 Open Strings & Open Choir
- 6:20-7:00 Concert Band & Intermediate Orchestra & Percussion Ensemble
- 7:10-7:30 Advanced Orchestra & Mixed Choir
- 7:40-8:00 Symphonic Band & "Sing" A Cappella Choir

Pizza My Heart Meal Options

- \$10 choose one:
One slice, small salad, one drink
or
Two slices, one drink
- \$1 baked goods
- \$1 chips
- \$1 drinks

All proceeds support the Fisher music programs

Memory Book Distribution & Sales



Memory books will be distributed on **Monday June 5th**

If you forgot to order a book, don't worry, we have ordered a number of extra copies and will be selling books at the end of the school year.

Books sales will be held **after school**:

- *Monday June 5th - Outside of office
- *Wednesday June 7th - Kindergarten area

Books are \$20, cash or check.

Not sure if your student will be getting a book or wondering if you ordered one? Please contact [Laura Walker](#).

2017/2018 OPEN CHAIR POSITIONS



One of the many reasons our Daves Avenue community is such a special place is because of our dedicated parent volunteers! We are still looking for a few people to help Chair or Co-Chair events or programs next year.

Please have a look at the open positions...

- AUCTION CO-CHAIR**
- FUNVISOR CHAIR**
- GREEN TEAM CO-CHAIR**
- PARENTING CONTINUUM**
- SAFE ROUTES-2-SCHOOL**

Spread the word...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are interested in getting involved and would like more information about any of these positions, please contact [Danielle Rooney](#)!

A Message from Ms. G It's that time of year...



Time to get all the books back, and find your public library cards, and raid bookstores for fun!

This Friday is the due date for all books. **This Friday** is also the last visit for our amazing bookmobile.

School Wide Dance!



Daves Avenue's Annual school-wide dance will happen **Wednesday, June 7 at 8:15 a.m.** on the blacktop... Check out the videos on our Facebook page for past years' dances... this is a **MUST SEE** event!

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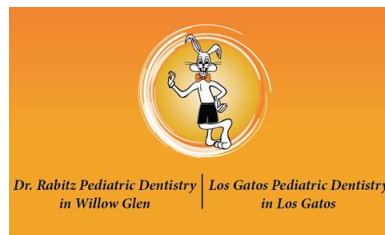
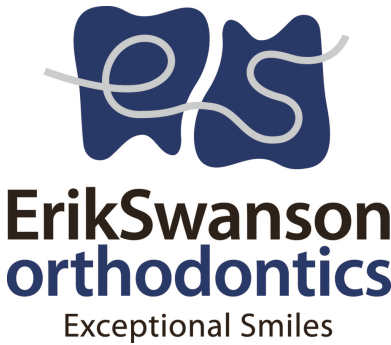


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Fisher Middle School Gym, Los Gatos, CA

All ages 10 years and up - free entry

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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. 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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