



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.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"Reflect upon your present blessings – of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." - Charles Dickens

Daves Avenue Families,
Although I love this time of year, there is a lot of craziness that is associated with it. I'm sure the last thing you have time for is to read another article about reflection. However, seems appropriate for me. If you have seen my hairline you know that a lot of things reflect off my head including the sun and holiday lights.

As I do reflect on just these last few months of school, I feel very proud and thankful to be part of such a great community here at Daves Avenue. In addition to our amazing teachers and staff, we have such a great group of families involved that are making a very positive difference in our school. If you have been to a Home & School Club Meeting, you see it. Sure we have a lot of fun, but as someone pointed out to me, you really see the passion for our kids and respect for each other that is present in each discussion that we engage in. I love that.

Before I go on to wish you all a great holiday, I wanted to highlight a couple of key things:

January H&SC Meeting (January 8th at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room)

This is an evening meeting. Why an evening meeting? We recognize that not everyone can make it to our morning meetings. This is your chance to check out the H&SC meeting (and my head reflector). Superintendent Diana Abbati will be our guest that evening to talk about District facilities.

Emergency Kits

In the event of an emergency, these kits are designed to help our kids through those first crucial hours. These are an important part of our emergency plan. While the H&SC made the initial purchase to ensure every student have one of these kits right away, we need your help to off-set the cost. Flyers are going home in the Wednesday packets. Please do your part and purchase one.

Now, I can wish you a great holiday with friends, family and all you cherish. Thank you for all you do to make Daves Avenue such a great school for our children. See you in 2014.

Always,

Jeff Milde

president@davesavehsc.org

Amy Says

Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING!

All unclaimed items will be donated during Winter Break, so please come the rack by outside the office and take a look for those missing mittens and warm jackets.

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

December

- 12 **3rd Grade Music Concert**
8:30am - 9:00am, MPR
- 12 **4th Grade Music Concert**
10:45am - 11:15am, MPR
- 13 **5th Grade Music Concert**
1:50pm - 2:30pm, MPR
- 16 **Simplicity Parenting Meeting**
1:30pm, Conference Room B
- 18 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
- 20 - Jan 3rd **Winter Break**

January 2014

- 6 **School Resumes!**
- 8 **EVENING H&SC Meeting**
7:00pm, MPR
- 15 **5th Grade Math Night**
6:30pm - 7:30pm, MPR
- 17 **Spirit Day: Pajama Day**
- 20 **No School - MLK Day**
- 30 **School Site Council Meeting**
3-4pm, Library

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

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SCHOOL NEWS

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SR2S)'S NOVEMBER RAFFLE WINNER IS...



Aubrey Glover from 1st grade classroom #8 (Ms. Splaine). Congratulations Aubrey! Your classroom is the new official holder of the school's "Golden Sneaker Award"!

Aubrey - Enjoy your raffle prize pack, and everyone else please keep walking, rolling and riding to school for your chance to win next month!

4TH GRADE COMMUNITY PROJECT SNEAKERS FOR SUCCESS!

For the holidays, the 4th grade teachers have decided to provide the children with an opportunity to focus on charitable giving.



So... 4th grade families: My New Red Shoes is an organization dedicated to providing low income kids with new shoes and clothing. They've already reached over 15,000 kids! Let's make it possible for even more local, underprivileged kids to have new shoes for school! The kids will all get together on **December 18th** to compile the shoes and create cards to go to the shoes' new owners.

Each 4th grade family should receive a Qlubb invite with more information. Please talk to your kids about charitable giving and community support!

If you would like to donate (not limited to the 4th grade), there are guidelines on the donation bins placed at the school office and near the 4th grade classrooms

Questions? Please contact [Erica Mittelhauser](#).

THE SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

The Second Harvest Food Bank drive will continue at all schools **through December 18, 2013**. Last year the LHUSD collected close to 4,000 pounds of food. Please donate to this worthy cause!

Did you know:

- 1 in 10 people in Santa Clara County will receive food from the food bank this year
- 250-275 pounds of food feed 100 people 3 times a day for one week
- 295 pounds of food feed a dozen children 4 times a day for one week



Recommendations from the food bank for nutritious, non-perishable, foods for children and families include: pop top tuna, raisins, unsweetened applesauce, fruit juice boxes, meals in a can, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter.

Thank you for your generosity to the Second Harvest Food Bank!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT NURSE: MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

California Ed. Code, Section 49423 states that if any medication, prescribed or over the counter, needs to be administered at school, a written statement signed by the health care provider must be completed detailing the name of the medication, method, amount and time the medication is to be given. Please keep the medication in the original pharmacy or over the counter container.

If you have any questions, please contact the district nurse, [Maureen O'Hara](#), at 408-335-2074.

SPIRIT WEAR MAKES A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!!

Consider ordering Daves spirit wear for friends and family this holiday season! **Every style is in stock** and will be on sale after school on **December 12th & 13th** by the flag pole.

If you would like to place an order via email, please contact [Jackie Childers](#), our Daves Avenue Spirit Wear Chair. The order form can be found on our Wednesday Wave web page links!

ANNUAL STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED!

Do you have an amazing side dish, dessert, baked specialty or other delight that you save for that extra-special occasion? How about hidden floral arrangement talents (or maybe just the inside scoop on a fabulous florist)? Well, what could be more special than saying THANK YOU to our amazing Daves Avenue Staff!?!



We are seeking contributions for the Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon, to be held here at Daves on **Wednesday, December 18th**. If you

are able to help, please reach out to our Hospitality Committee Chairs, **Meredith Aston**, and **Anne Cristofano**.

CIRCUS KICK-OFF MEETING

Monday, December 16th, 8:30am in Room 4

All are welcome to help with the planning of this year's Circus!

This is an adult only dinner and auction event, to be held this school year on **Saturday, March 29th, 2014**.



This is the Home & School Club's 2nd largest fundraising effort each year and helps to fund the many outstanding initiatives at Daves Avenue today and into next school year.

Questions? Contact **Kathy Granger** or **Kim Simon**.

CARNIVAL HOT FOOD COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED!

A volunteer is needed to chair the Hot Food Committee for this year's Carnival. The Committee is in charge of the Hot Food Booth and purchases all supplies, stocks and sets up the booth on Carnival day, supervises booth volunteers and helps with clean up. The committee also ensures the booth complies with all Health codes.



Please contact **Lee Ann Wade** if you are interested in learning more about the position.

FREE WAYS TO SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND SUPPORT DAVES AVENUE!



Here's a great FREE way to shop and earn money for Daves at the same time. Simply download eScrip's new browser app, AutoEARN, into your favorite browser and the hundreds of merchants that support eScrip through the online mall will automatically make a donation to our school.

You can also shop from Amazon by using the link below for Amazon instead of your regular link. Amazon will contribute a portion of your purchase back to Daves. Super easy!



Quick & Easy installation.

1. Log into www.escrip.com
2. Click on the "Online Mall" tab
3. Click on the AutoEARN tab at the top of the screen
4. Download the App
5. Restart your browser
6. Don't forget to register your Safeway, credit and debit cards if you haven't already done so!!!

Enter the Amazon Store [here](#).

1. Go to: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/css/homepage.html/?ie=UTF8&camp=213733&creative=393193&linkCode=shr&tag=httpdahscqlub-20>
2. Amazon will automatically contribute to our school.

EMERGENCY KITS

In case of an emergency on campus that requires a lockdown or extended stay, every student should have an emergency kit. Your child's safety and well-being are of the utmost importance.

Kits will be purchased for all students and staff and stored onsite. These kits have a shelf life of five years - so you will only be asked to donate once while your child is at Daves.

Please donate now! The H&SC and the school district will supplement funding, but will need to rely on donations to purchase the bulk of the kits.

Please [click here](#) to donate, or fill out the form in the school office. Questions? Please contact **Erica Mittelhauser**.



DAVES AVE HOME & SCHOOL CLUB DECEMBER 4, 2013-MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Scheduling Note: **Bob Mistele**, Superintendent of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District, was unable to make the meeting. He will be at the **February 6, 2014** meeting due to scheduling issue. He will be discussing the upcoming bond initiative for the high school district.

Next H&SC Meeting-January 8, 2014 at 7 pm

Vice President: **Becky Hanson**

- Don't forget to become our Friend on Facebook.
<https://www.facebook.com/davesaveelementaryschool>
- Holiday shopping - Sign up for eScrip. Daves Aves receives a percentage of certain purchases at no cost to you. Check the Daves Ave H&SC for details.

Principal's Report: **Kit Bragg**

- SMART board update: Kinder teachers were trained on curriculum instruction recently.
- iPad Pilot: The 1st Grade roll out of the program going well. The District is utilizing 2nd grade teachers from the district to help train the 1st grade teachers.
- Break in update: Several cars near the school have been broken into. Please do not leave valuables in your car and report any suspicious behavior.
- Principal's Coffee: Thank you to all who attended. Several items that were discussed have been brought back to the School Site Council and staff for further investigation.
- Service Projects: Multiple service projects are going on right now including shoe drive, coat drive & food drive. We are working on a whole school/community concept for next year.

Committee Reports

Circus: **Kathy Granger** & **Kim Simon**

- Circus is an adult only Dinner & Auction to be held **Saturday, March 29, 2014**
- Kick-Off Committee Meeting on **Dec 16th at 8:30 am in Room 4**, all are welcome to help us plan this awesome event
- Items of note for this year's event:
 - No Silent Auction Baskets
 - No Classroom Baskets
 - Some sign-up parties-with focus on parties that are also community building activities
 - Live and Premier Auction (scaled back from previous years)
 - Teacher/Staff Wish List
 - Fund the Need - main focus of event

Emergency Kits Update - **Erica Mittelhauser**

- H&SC is veering in a new direction in emergency preparedness, and purchasing emergency kits for all of our students and staff at Daves Ave. We feel that these new kits are more comprehensive than our previous "comfort kits" that were prepared individually by parents. Each kit lasts for 5 years, and will contain many of the items beyond food and water that would be needed in a true disaster. You can donate easily by PayPal via the [H&SC Website](#).

Green Team - **Lisa Hansen**

- Expanding the initiatives for this year. Working with Julia Rossi, 4th grade teacher on our expanded focus.
- Look for more information and details about these initiatives in future Waves.

COMMUNITY BOARD



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Los Gatos Education Foundation

GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION!

For the Holidays, please consider giving the gift of education to your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews with a donation to Los Gatos Education Foundation (the Foundation). The Foundation works directly with the District to fund grants for our elementary and middle schools in music, art, science, counseling and technology. This gift directly benefits students in the Los Gatos Union School District and lasts all year!

To send an e-card that designates funds to the Los Gatos Education Foundation in honor of your chosen recipient, please go to:

<http://www.charitygiftcertificates.org/Purchase/HonorCards/>

Design your card and select 'Los Gatos Education Foundation' as your charity, then follow the instructions to send your card!



EXPLORE THE NEW ART DOCENT WEBSITE

It's that time of year - you're busy preparing your holiday feast and your children suddenly declare they are bored. The redesigned [Art Docent website](#) is here to the rescue! Your children can play an interactive art game and learn about Cézanne in the process - all from our new site! The [Art Exploration & Activities page](#) offers a variety of interactive games straight from the world's finest art museums.



Perhaps you wish for an inspirational break. Feast your eyes and explore great works of art like the Mona Lisa in depth. Various interactive museum guides are accessible from the same Art Exploration & Activities page.

Before you finally take those gingerbread men out of the oven, discover what your children are learning in the Art Docent program and drop by our

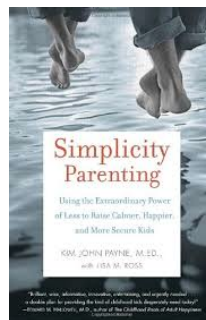
[Curriculum page](#). Sound like a lot of fun? It is! Find out how to be part of it all and [Join Us](#).

We hope you and your family enjoy surfing www.artdocents.com.

Happy Holidays!

SIMPLICITY PARENTING BOOK GROUP

In these busy times many of our lives are characterized by randomness and improvisation such as last minute business trips, irregular bedtimes and meals, event hopping, and over scheduled weekends. In our last meeting we discussed many simple ways to introduce small bits of rhythm that children can count upon, providing regular bass notes in the melody of life. "Rhythm calms and secures children, grounding them in the earth of family so they can branch out and grow." The author continues, "For parents, the advantages of rhythm are equally pronounced. Rhythm carves the necessary channels for discipline, making it more intrinsic than imposed. Where well-established rhythms exist, there is much less parental verbiage, less effort, and fewer problems around transitions." Think about your days and problem spots to see what small things you can introduce, be it watering the plants before school, a story before bedtime, weekly meals, winter walks, or just flipping through magazines over snack after school.



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 16th @ 1:30pm in Conference Room B**. For more information contact [Daniel Swid](#).

OLD NEWS RULES

GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Program registration for Daves Ave 3rd through 5th grade girls is **NOW OPEN** and is available **online only**.



Space is limited and girls will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a program is full, please sign up for the waiting list as spots may open. Scholarships are available.

For more information, please visit the [GOTR website](#) or email [Leasa Joos](#), the head coach at Daves (or call her at 408-348-8272).

CORNERSTONE CORNER



For more information about the Project Cornerstone program, please visit the Project Cornerstone [website](#) or contact [Andrea Anderson](#).



FUNDRAISER BENEFITING DAVES AVENUE SCHOOL

What: Willow Glen Bicycles will donate 10% of proceeds from bikes sold to Daves Avenue Friends & Family

How: At your time of purchase let your Willow Glen Bicycle employee know you are part of the Daves Avenue Fundraiser

When: October 1 - December 31, 2013

Where: Willow Glen Bicycles, 1016 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose



Are you a H&SC Committee Chair, Daves Teacher or Administrator, or Community representative? Do you have something 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.

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.

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