



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.

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 9-13 **Walk and Roll to School Week**
- 13 **Family Fun Night Dinner Orders Deadline**
- 16 **FunVisor training** 8:30am, Conf. Room B (behind Library)
- 18 **Play Applications Sent Home**
- 20 **Mama Mia Party** 6:30pm
- 22-27 **LGUSD 150th Anniversary Celebration Week**
- 24 **District Board Meeting** 6:30, District Office
- 27 **Family Fun Night** 5:30-8:30pm, Daves Ave Field

October

- 3 **School Picture Day**
- 3 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, Room 4
- 7 **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Development Day
- 8 **Play Auditions Begin**
- 9 **Fun Walk** 10:00am, School Field
- 16 **4th Grade Math Night** 6:30pm, MPR
- 21-25 **CASA Red Ribbon Week**
- 21 **Mom's Night Out** 6:30pm, Viva!

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Daves Avenue Families,
If you attended Back to School Night and listened to my presentation on the Home & School Club, or if you at least gave me the courtesy of staying awake during my boring speech, you know that Daves Avenue is an incredibly active community. **It doesn't stop there.**

We have 580 students attending Daves Avenue Elementary School this year. In order to educate these students we have an incredibly dedicated group of teachers that work very hard on a daily basis. **It doesn't stop there.**

We have an amazing support staff that works just as hard to sustain the day to day operations of the school and the teachers. **It doesn't stop there.**

We have over 40 Active Committees with almost 100 volunteers, including Room Parents, that work hard to support the efforts of the teachers and staff, and to provide needed programs to enrich our Daves Avenue community. **It doesn't stop there.**

The Daves Avenue Home & School Club sponsors critical programs throughout the school year that enhance our children's classroom learning, including:

- Literacy Support
- Math Support
- Physical Education
- Computer Technology
- Teacher Grants

To have a great school and an active community, it takes dedicated teachers, staff, volunteers and money. Specifically, **\$325 per student**. If you enjoy the quality education that your student is receiving, if you enjoy the enhanced classroom learning for your student, and if you enjoy being a part of the Daves Avenue community, then I urge you to give to the **One and Done Fundraising Campaign** for the Home & School Club.

The **One and Done Fundraising Campaign** is our answer to the barrage of fundraising activities and asks during the year. We are asking **One** time for your donation and be **Done** with fundraising for the year. Visit the [Daves Avenue H&SC website](#) for more information. Can't get to a website? Watch for tables outside of school the next two weeks.

We count on each family to do their part to help us raise funds so that we can continue to enjoy the classroom enhancements, the hard work of our support staff and the fantastic education that our children are receiving. If the recommended \$325 per student is a challenge, any amount your family can contribute is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

If we all do our part to raise money, then **it doesn't have to stop here.**

Always,
Jeff Milde
H&SC President

SCHOOL NEWS

ARE YOU WALKIN' AND ROLLIN'?

It's the 4th Annual Walk and Bike to School Week!

Hopefully you are joining your classmates who are walking, biking, scooting, skateboarding or carpooling to school during our Annual Walk & Bike to School Week. Look for fun activities and incentives at each school and visits from Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police officers.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact lgsr2s@gmail.com, or reach out to our Daves Ave SR2S coordinator [Donna Leu](#).

DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Stanford is offering a **free online course** to PARENTS and educators called "How to Learn Math." All of the helpful information presented is research based and will help you understand the shift we are making to the Common Core State Standards. It will also give you insight into how children learn best. To take a peek, [click here!](#)



Hurry! **The class goes offline on September 27th.**

[Jana Morse](#), Math Specialist

CASA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Daves Avenue School CASA Representative



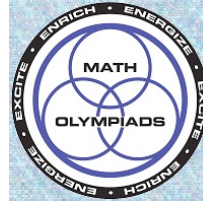
CASA (Community Against Substance Abuse) is currently looking for a Daves Avenue school CASA representative. The Daves representative will hold a position on our local CASA Board and attend monthly meetings at the Los Gatos High School. These meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Responsibilities also include:

- Coordinating Red Ribbon Week at Daves Ave (Week of October 20th)
- Working on a proposed Healthy Choices Week in the Spring

For more information, or to express interest in the position, please contact [Becky Hanson](#)

MATH OLYMPIAD IS COMING SOON!



Attention all 4th and 5th graders who love Math. Math Olympiad is returning to Daves. Math Olympiad (MOEMS) is an international program designed to foster the love of mathematics and challenge students to solve problems in innovative and creative ways. Check out their website www.MOEMS.org for more information.

This year the program will be run through the H&SC and will start October 2nd from 12:45-1:45 on Wednesdays through March. [Click here](#) to access the sign up form. If you have any questions, please contact [Alex Potts](#).

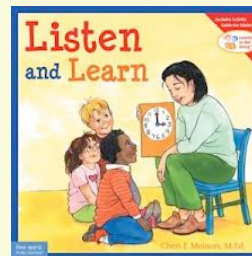
Qlubb

Still not on Qlubb? You may be missing out on classroom communication. Instructions for signing up can be found [here!](#)

Questions? Please contact [Jean Melax](#), Room Parent Chair

KINDER CORNERSTONE CORNER

In September, all students and staff at Daves Avenue will be trying to fill each others buckets. One way to fill someone's bucket is to listen with attention and interest to what a person has to say.



In Kindergarten, we will be learning to listen not just with our ears, but with our eyes, mouth (listening without interrupting) and body language. We will read "Listen and Learn" by Cheryl Meiners and do a fun activity to learn good listening skills. Look for a letter from your ABC Reader about the "Listen and Learn" lesson towards the end of September.

[Claire Nippres](#)

Project Cornerstone Kindergarten Coordinator

ARE YOU 'ONE AND DONE'?

Daves Ave H&SC asks for a recommended donation of **\$325 per child**. This ONE AND DONE donation allows you to pay ONCE, and be DONE for the rest of the year. This means no wrapping paper sales, no candy sales...just DONE! These dollars remain at Daves, and are used on a variety of things that are site specific. Things including, but not limited too: Our PE program, our reading and math specialist, our future new track, our kindergarten smart boards, school technology, a new health clerk, and much, much more. It is very important that we collect these funds to maintain our current programs, and have the potential to add new ones in the future.

Your donation can be collected via PayPal on the [Daves H&SC website](#), or you can bring a check or credit card directly after school to our H&SC booth near the school entrance on the following days:

Wednesdays: Sept 18th and 25th

Fridays: Sept 20 and 27th

Please consider making your donation, and becoming ONE AND DONE! Please contact [Becky Hanson](#) with any questions.

DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS!



Want to know a surefire and simple way to make your donation to Daves Ave Home & School Club instantly DOUBLE? Check out our **Corporate Matching Program!** Many companies in the Bay Area offer a company matching program and it's a great

way to help your gift to H&SC or LGEF go a little bit further. In fact, corporate matching is a significant source of income for our school - last year alone, **corporate matching yielded nearly \$15,000** to the school!

Not sure if your company offers this program? Check out this [list of companies to find out](#). If yours is on the list, please contact your HR department about how to proceed. If you have questions or think your company might offer a matching program and you don't see it on this list, please email [Kylie Heintz](#), our Corporate Matching Chair.

No donation is too big or too small! Thank you ahead of time for your gift to our school!

FOOD ORDERS FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT MUST BE PLACED BY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

(VISIT THE [H&SC WEBSITE](#) TO ORDER, OR VISIT THE TABLES IN FRONT OF SCHOOL THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT 11AM AND 2:15PM)!

DINNER AND A MOVIE UNDER THE STARS!

Grab a blanket, a low-back lawn chair - and of course your family - and join us on **Friday, September 27th** for Family Fun Night on the Daves Avenue blacktop and field for Dinner and a Movie. We will be celebrating 150 years of excellence in Los Gatos schools by showcasing the great technologies we have implemented here at Daves.

Dinner will start at 6pm and is being catered by Los Gatos Meats and Willow Street Pizza. You need to pre-order your selections for the event **no later than Friday, September 13th** by visiting the [H&SC website](#). Or, feel free to bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy on the grass!

Following dinner, bring your low-back chairs and blankets up to the grassy field at approximately 7:30pm to enjoy a screening of [Escape from Planet Earth](#) (rated PG - [click here](#) for movie details). Free popcorn will be flowing, and concessions will also be available for purchase.



Please see the article in the 'Volunteers Needed' section requesting help from parents to supervise Fisher students performing community service hours for the event. Sign up for this on your classroom Glubb site.

Questions? Please reach out to [Sally Ellis](#), Family Fun Night Chair

Please note that no alcohol or dogs are ever allowed on school property.

DAVES AVE HOME & SCHOOL CLUB MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 5, 2013

President's Report: **Jeff Milde**

- Gave an update on planning and preparation that took place over the summer.
- Highlighted some changes for this year.

Principal's Report: **Kit Bragg**

- Curriculum and Instruction: STAR testing and API were discussed. Kit reminded the meeting that testing is only a snap shot of a moment in time. That we need to look at the overall data. Kit walked the meeting through the process of how the data is used by faculty and staff. Anyone with questions or concerns can contact Kit.
- Facilities Update: Track is on "track" to be done over the Winter Break. The new safety gates have been installed but are not complete. Further work will done to allow them to stay open without the use of bungee cords.
- Health Aide: Kit asked the H&SC for monies to fund a Health Aide, 3 days a week. The aide would only deal with student health issues. The cost for one year is \$11,000 and reserve for another year is also necessary. Motion was proposed and passed.

Committee Reports

- Family Fun Night: **Sally Ellis**

- Event to be held September 27th. The whole community is invited to this fun event. Volunteers needed to help with the event.

• Fun Walk: Erica Mittelhauser for **Kirsten Grado**

- Event set for October 9th at 10am. T-shirt sponsorships still available.
- Pledge letters and envelopes will be going home with students soon.

• Mama Mia: Erica Mittelhauser for **Kirsten Grado**

- There are still spots available. The cost is \$150 with all proceeds going to H&SC
- Ladies only event to be held Friday, September 20th

• Mom's Night Out: **Erica Mittelhauser & Alex Potts**

- October 21st at Viva. Watch for more information.

• FunVisors: **Nicole Reginelli**

- This year we are able to offer activities every day at lunch. Volunteers are still needed and welcome.

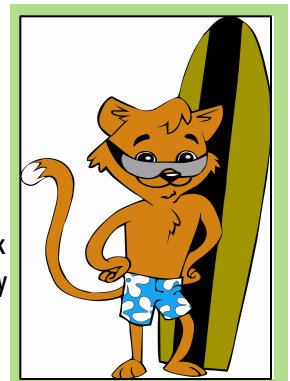
The next H&SC Meeting is scheduled for **October 3, 2013 at 8:30 am in Room 4.**

If you have any questions about the meeting highlights, contact [Kathy Granger](#) H&SC Secretary.

THE FUN WALK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

The **11th Annual Daves Avenue Fun Walk** is fast approaching! Please join us on **Wednesday, October 9th at 10am** on the school field.

The Fun Walk is an important fundraising event for Daves Avenue Home & School Club (H&SC) and raises money to support critical programs such as PE, technology, teacher grants, math and literacy support. Our fundraising goal is **\$150 per student**. Each child will be sent home with a sponsor/pledge sheet in the next few weeks. Children are encouraged to ask neighbors, family members and friends to sponsor them in their efforts in the Fun Walk. For those families that have already donated their "One and Done Check" this year, the H&SC thanks you for your support. You are not obligated to donate further.



If you would like to become a corporate sponsor, the **deadline to have your business logo printed on the Fun Walk t-shirt is September 20th**. If you would like to help volunteer, please contact [Kirsten Grado](#), Fun Walk Chair, for more information.

MAMA MIA!

The infamous party for our moms in white still has a few spots open! Last chance!

This is an event you won't soon forget: amazing women, amazing food, amazing night!

Start the evening with a signature cocktail, chat with old and make new friends, then enjoy a gourmet buffet dinner (courtesy of your hostesses - no catering here!).

Friday, September 20, 6:30 pm at the Pollock residence
Cost: \$150

For more information, please contact [Kirsten Grado](#).

MOM'S NIGHT TO BE OUT!!

Back by popular demand!

Time to reconnect, make new friends, and enjoy a little "me" time!



Meet at Viva! on **Monday, October 21st at 6:30pm.**

Cost: \$20

The H&SC will provide hors d'oeuvres.

Cash bar available.

Space is limited, so please fill out [the online form](#) to reserve your space. Questions? Please contact [Erica Mittelhauser](#).

See you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FUN TIMES WITH THE FUNVISORS!

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful playground volunteers. We really appreciate your time and commitment out there on the playground. Your efforts make a meaningful impact on the positive culture of our school and the development, safety and happiness of our children!

Just a reminder that there is a FunVisor meeting on **Monday, September 16th at 8:30 am** in the Old Lit Room (behind the Library). If you are interested in becoming a FunVisor or you are new to the FunVisor group this year, please join us.

Thanks again for being a FunVisor and we'll see you on the playground!

[Nicole Reginelli](#), FunVisor Chair

DAVES AVENUE BOOK ROOM VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

We are looking for parents or community volunteers to help in the Daves Avenue Book Room for clerical duties such as leveling, labeling, organizing, cataloguing, and copying. If you are interested, please send an email to our Reading Specialist [Bridget Solve](#).

DAVES AVENUE PLAY PRODUCER

We are looking for a parent volunteer for the role of Daves Avenue Play Producer. The role is focused on coordinating the activities with parent volunteers, artistic directors, cast and crew.

Interested? Please reach out to [Meredith Aston](#), Daves Avenue Play Chair 2012/2013.

COMMUNITY BOARD

2014 GIRLS ON THE RUN (GOTR) COACHES NEEDED!

This is a great opportunity to do something truly rewarding for the girls at Daves Avenue!



Applications are currently being accepted for new and returning GOTR running coaches - but only until **Sunday, September 15th**. The GOTR season begins the week of March 3rd, 2014 and culminates in a 5km run on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Vasona Park. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information and to complete an online application.

JOIN CUB SCOUTS PACK 502!

Daves Avenue Cub Scout Pack 502 is looking for new members, especially 1st graders! Old and new members please join us at our first Pack Meeting/ Welcome/ Registration/ Info Night on **September 19 from 7 - 8:30 pm** in the MPR at Daves.



For more info, please visit www.cubs502.org or contact [Jean Melax](#).

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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.

The Wednesday Wave is approved by the H&SC Board and Principal Kit Bragg for posting to the Daves Avenue and H&SC websites on Wednesday, with an email link sent to parents the same day.

If you have a soft copy flyer which contains a form or further information on an event or article that you want included in the "Check it Out" section, email a PDF to Amy Torres atorres@lgusd.k12.ca.us.



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