



WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Important Dates

DECEMBER

- 14 **5th Grade Music Concert**, 8:20am, MPR
- 15 **4th Grade Music Concert**, 10:45am, MPR
- 15 **3rd Grade Music Concert**, 2pm, MPR
- 20 **Staff Appreciation Lunch**, 12pm
- 22-31 **Winter Break – NO SCHOOL**

JANUARY

- 1-7 **Winter Break – NO SCHOOL**
- 9 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:30am, Conference Room B
- 12 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MPR
- 15 **Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 17 **New Parent Orientation**, 9:30am
- 22 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, District Office
- 25 **School Site Council Meeting**
- 30 **Chat with the Principal**, 8:30am, MPR

FEBRUARY

- 2 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MPR
- 2-4 **Daves Ave/Blossom Hill School Play Performances**, Blossom Hill MPR

MPR = Daves Multi-Purpose Room

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

You're invited to a workshop for caring adults!

I am extremely excited that Daves will be hosting a six-week parent workshop titled: **Take It Personally (TIP) – Valuable Insights for People Who Care About Kids**. Project Cornerstone of Santa Clara County sponsors the workshop, and Andrea Anderson, a former Daves Avenue parent and current Fisher parent, will be our resident trainer this year.

Recently, Fisher Middle School completed hosting this workshop geared towards middle school aged students and those who attended shared rave reviews regarding the impact of having attended the series. The sessions at Daves will be focused on elementary aged students and bolstering family communication, tackling tough issues like discipline, and building assets in children. Also, an added benefit is sitting in a workshop with like-minded parents and building a support network. Let's face it - parenting is HARD work and we need all the help we can get!

This 6-week workshop hosted at Daves Avenue is open to all adults. If you care about kids, you are invited! Today's children need you in their lives. You have much to offer young people. Chances are you already do many things that build assets and strengthen relationships with young people. But this series will help point you in the direction of doing it so much more intentionally. You don't have to be an expert to build these assets. You just need to be someone who cares about kids, and who is willing to actively use moments in time to help them grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

Please strongly consider joining us for this upcoming series of meetings. You will not be disappointed. **The series begins on January 12th.**

Class Title: Take It Personally

Dates: 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/02, 2/09 and 2/16

Time: 8:30 to 10:00 am

Place/Host: Daves Avenue School MPR (Parents/adults from all schools welcome)

Register [HERE](#)

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Daves Avenue Food Drive (through December 20th)

I am sure you have noticed the large food bins in the front of the school. Please read the article below for more information about our Food Drive, and consider donating what you can to support local families. As always, I sincerely appreciate all that you do for Daves Avenue and the community!

Iqbal Chadda

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary



Daves Avenue Food Drive December 6-20, 2017



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
of SANTA CLARA and SAN MATEO COUNTIES

The annual Second Harvest Food Drive will begin December 6 and end December 20, 2017. I realize that recovery from the recent local, state, national and international disasters and events have drawn much needed support from this community. Please contribute what you can to the food drive for The Second Harvest Food Bank which supports Santa Clara and Marin County families. - Maureen O'Hara, LGUSD

1 in 10 people in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties turn to **Second Harvest Food Bank** for food every single month. The good news is we have the power to make a difference by hosting a Food Drive to help connect local hungry families to the healthy and nutritious food they need to thrive.

The Food Bank accepts all non-perishable food donations, but especially needs these nutritious items:

Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)	Low-sodium canned vegetables	Tuna or canned chicken
Olive or canola oil	Low-sugar whole grain cereals	Spices
Canned foods with pop-top lids	Peanut butter	Canned fruit in juice or water
Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)		

**Please avoid items packed in glass. No candy or soda please.*



Together as a community, we can ensure an excellent education for our students at Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue, Lexington, Louise Van Meter Elementary, and Fisher Middle schools.

We are making great progress...but we need your support. Please donate to LGEF's annual fund. Any amount is greatly appreciated and will help us fund teachers and staff at our local schools. Visit LGEF.org and donate today.



4th Grade Holiday Book Drive

Fourth graders are collecting gently used books for families in an underprivileged South Bay school district. **We need your help!** Please bring gently used books for school-aged children and drop them in a donation bin outside a 4th grade classroom at any time before **Thursday, December 21st.**

We look forward to this season of giving and making a difference in the lives of those in our community! If you have any questions, please contact **Heather Regoli**, or any 4th grade teacher.



JOIN THE DAVES AVENUE H&SC!

We need your help to continue to support our valued programs and services, enrich our children's experiences, and keep Daves Avenue the great school it is!

2018: January 12, February 2, March 2, May 4, May 31

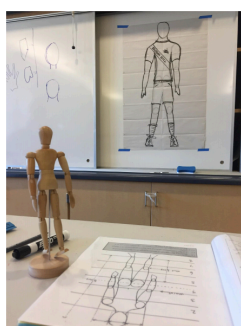
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Do you have an amazing salad, soup, dessert, baked specialty, or other delight that you save for that extra-special occasion? 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 20th.**

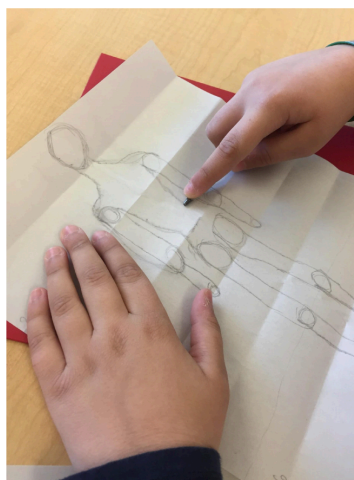
If you are able to help, please contact **Anne Cristofano** or **Elizabeth Adams**, Hospitality Committee Chairs.



FACE & FIGURE DRAWING – 4th Grade

Face and Figure Drawing workshop is an Art Docents' class presented to all 4th graders in the district, in November through January. The goal of this workshop is to explore the principle of proportion, learn and practice drawing techniques using artist pencils.

To learn more about our curriculum visit www.artdocents.com



CONGRATULATIONS ESTIMATION JAR WINNERS!

The 1st - 5th Grade Estimation Jar had **53** Beaded Necklaces:

Winner: Ella Rabitz

Teacher: Ms. Hellman

Estimate: **53**

The Kinder Estimation Jar had **42** Pompom Snails:

Winner: Arthur Tochilnik

Teacher: Ms. McCulloch

Estimate: **40**

DOLLARS FOR DAVES

Happy Holidays to all of our fabulous Daves Avenue families! This is a kind reminder that the deadline for your tax-deductible charitable donation is just around the corner. Please make your **DOLLARS for DAVES** donation before December 31st to take advantage of the 2017 tax-write off. Once you have donated, you'll receive a receipt with our tax ID number. And, don't forget about corporate matching! It's a great way to deliver more money to our school. For questions on corporate matching, please email corpmatching@davesavehsc.org.

We are currently at 47% participation and are hoping for at least 65% participation.

Every dollar counts! You can donate **HERE!** If you have any questions, feel free to email vp@davesavehsc.org.



We want to send a grand **THANK YOU** to the 165 families that have already contributed to our **DOLLARS for DAVES** campaign.

We are lucky to have supporters like you.

We hope your holiday season is filled with love, peace, and joy...from the Daves Avenue Home & School Club.

SR2S Holiday Walk and Roll

Please keep walking and rolling during SR2S's Holiday Walk and Roll Week, December 11th-15th. We will have fun and prizes for those who walk, bike, skate and carpool this week.

Shine All Winter

SR2S reminds everyone to be visible and shine when walking and biking after dark. Consider reflective clothing while walking and scooting around town. Bike lights and bike headlights help motorists see you. SR2S has reflective strips provided by Brilliant and Safe Reflections to add to your bikes, helmets and clothing this winter. Ask your School Site Lead for a pack before riding home.



Double your DOLLARS FOR DAVES? Yes please! Did you know many organizations match their employees' donations to 501(c)3 donations? Please check if your employer does, and make your **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** donation grow! See more information [here](#) or contact [Karin Luton](#), the Corporate Matching Chairperson. If you have already made a donation through your company, please let [Jen Lambert](#) know so you have H&SC membership.

THANK YOU!

Attention 4th and 5th graders... are you interested in Crew for this year's play?



If you are interested in being member of the Crew, please note the important dates below. We have a limited number of spots on crew so applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Crew Application window open until
December 15th:

Click **HERE** to apply.

Crew Kick-off Meeting:
January 12th (*time and location TBD*)

Questions?

Please email **Kim Simon**, Play Co-Producer

Girls On The Run (GOTR) Scholarships & Registration



GOTR Registration

There are still 10 spots available for the Daves Ave GOTR Team! Registration for the 2018 Girls on the Run season is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

GOTR Scholarships

[Scholarship applications](#) for Girls On The Run are open. **All need-based scholarships must be approved before families can register a girl for the program.**

GOTR at Daves Avenue

Grades: 3-5

GOTR Season: March 5, 2018 – May 19, 2018

Meeting Days and Times: Tuesday 2:45-4:15pm
and Thursday 2:45-4:15pm

Girls on the Run 5K: Saturday, May 19, 2018,
Vasona Park

If you have any questions about the Girls On The Run program, please visit www.girlsontherun.org, or contact Daves Avenue's [Coach Claire](#).

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Handy Helpers

Are you handy? Well, we could use your help!

There are a number of jobs around school requiring a helping hand.

Would you be willing to be on the "Handy Helpers" email group? Mr. Chadda will send out an email to the group when needed.

Please email vp@davesavehsc.org if you're interested.

Thank you!



Message from the District Nurse

The flu season is quickly

approaching. Following a night's sleep, it may be difficult in the morning to determine whether or not to send your child to school. The following are the guidelines we use. Keep your child home if he or she has:



- A fever of 99.4 or more
- Chills
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or stomach cramps
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Unusually red, watery, itchy or burning eyes
- Says he or she does not feel well

Please keep your child home if he or she is generally not feeling well or is unable to actively participate in school activities. Children must be symptom free, without any medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.

As a preventative and protective measure, wash your hands frequently and thoroughly and keep them away from your eyes, mouth and nose.

Please, keep your child home if there are signs of illness.

Maureen O'Hara, RN, MS

District Nurse

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Cool Cat Auction 2018



Want to support the school?

Meet new friends?

Have fun for a good cause?

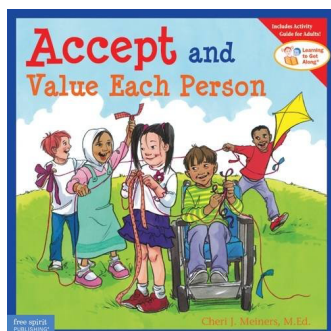
Join the 2018 Cool Cat Auction Committee!

Our next meeting is

Tuesday, December 19th, 7pm-9pm

The Auction will take place in late April 2018.

Email **Jessica Johnson** for more information!



Cornerstone Corner

December/January's Book for Kindergartners:
"Accept and Value Each Person", by Cheri J. Meiners



Our coming Kindergarten Project Cornerstone topic is about acceptance, value, and respect. Each of us is unique and this is what makes our world colorful and interesting. When it comes to diversity, we often talk about the physical differences, but there is so much more to it, e.g., different skills and talents, lifestyles, and ideas. The important thing to know is that we should be proud of who we are, and we should also respect and appreciate each individual person's uniqueness. Embracing differences gives us opportunities to share with and learn from each other. Accepting differences also helps us approach problems from different perspectives, developing empathy and creativity.

There are many activities that can illustrate the beauty of difference/uniqueness. A flower bouquet is beautiful, and each flower contributes to the beauty in its unique way. No two snowflakes are alike, but aren't they just all beautiful? Every morning in the kindergarten classroom I hear the song "The world is a rainbow, filled with many colors..... You be you, and I'll be me..." How lovely!

A quick summary: this Fall we discussed three important topics with the Kindergartners: "Listen and Learn", "Join in and Play", and "Talk and Work it out", with books, songs, and activities! They even shared the song "Join in and Play" with the whole school at a Wednesday assembly!

For more information about Kinder Project Cornerstone, contact **Lan Jiang**.



So much information! 2 easy ways to keep up with everything Daves:

Bookmark the **H&SC WEBSITE** for the latest news, events, links and more!

Follow Daves Avenue on **Facebook** for key reminders on events and upcoming to-dos.



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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 5pm** 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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