



# 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 flyers and information from our School, District and Community partners!

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

## Important Dates

### November

- 13 **Last day for Candy Collection for Troops**
- 15 **Beach Blanket Family Bingo Night**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm, MPR
- 20 **2nd Grade Math Night**  
6:30pm, MPR
- 22 **Spirit Day: Change Your Name**
- 27-29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 4 **Friday Knight Fever Crew Applications Due**
- 9 **LGEF Board Meeting**  
8:00pm - 9:30pm, District Office
- 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

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

### SUE SAYS

#### Early Check Out

No need to call the office for early pick up for appointments or personal needs. Please just come in the office and sign your student out. They will be called right up to you. Please allow a few extra minutes for retrieval from class.

## H&SC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 2013

### I. Superintendent Update-Diana Abbati

- [State of the District Presentation](#)

### II. President's Report - Jeff Milde

- Spell-a-thon: This year it was slated not to be a fundraiser. After discussion with the teachers, it was proposed that the Spell-a-thon be eliminated completely. There was discussion about other options such as a spelling bee.
- Buzz book-The books were distributed last week.
- H&SC Evening Meeting-**January 8, 2014 at 7 pm.**

### III. Executive Board - Vice President-Becky Hanson

- Daves Ave Facebook page-Check out our [Facebook page](#). The Facebook page is just an extension of the H&SC website. Please like us!

### IV. Committee Reports

#### a. Fun Walk Wrap Up-Kirsten Grado

- 120-130 envelopes received totaling \$12,894 from students.
- There was approximately \$8K from corporate sponsors.
- Net raised from the event looks to be around \$16K.

#### b. eScrip-Becky Hanson

- Please sign up. See sign up, directions at [Daves Ave H&SC](#)

#### c. Fun Visor-Nicole Reginelli

- Last week they held a Halloween Scavenger hunt.
- There was 90% student participation.
- Everyone who participated received a prize.
- Winning teams won \$5 Jamba Juice gift card.

#### d. The Foundation (LGEF) -Claire Nippres

- Give the gift of education this holiday.
- See the link in the Wednesday Wave.

#### e. Bingo Night - Roxanne Panicacci & Kristine Zehner

- **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.**
- Volunteers needed. Check Qlubb for information.

### V. H&SC Parking Spot

- This month's winner of the reserved H&SC parking spot is **Nicole Reginelli.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5th**

Now you can 'Like' Daves Avenue on Facebook!



Check out our new Facebook page to stay on top of all of the latest news and happenings at Daves Avenue!

<https://www.facebook.com/davesaveelementaryschool>

# SCHOOL NEWS



## 2nd Grade Math night! Focus on Addition and Subtraction



**When: Wednesday, November 20**  
**Time: 6:30-7:30 pm**  
**Where: Daves Avenue Multi-Purpose  
Room**  
**Who: 2nd Grade Families - siblings  
welcome!**



Play games with your child to promote the learning of addition and subtraction facts!

## Beach Blanket Bingo!

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at  
6pm



**Today is the last day to  
sign up!**

An evening of Beach Blanket Bingo awaits you! Come and enjoy a beach-themed Bingo Night on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the Daves Avenue Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). We are planning a fun family event filled with bingo and beach trivia games, raffles, and great prizes. The Bingo sheets are kid-friendly and the ink stamps are washable.

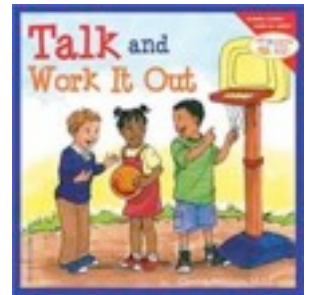
Pre-ordered dinner will be served from 6pm to 6:30pm. Popcorn, veggies, and fruit snacks will also be provided.

Prize donations, baked goods, and volunteers are all appreciated - check out your class [Qlubb](#) to sign up! Questions? Contact Event Chairs [Kristine Zehner](#) or [Roxanne Panicci](#).

## Kinder Cornerstone Corner

In Kindergarten this month, we will read *Talk And Work it Out* by Cheri J Meiners. This book focuses on peaceful conflict resolution. The students will learn the following steps to resolve a difference of opinion and get along:

1. Talk about the problem.
2. Listen and understand.
3. Think of ways to solve it.
4. Choose the best plan.



If you would like more information about the Kinder Project Cornerstone program, please contact me or visit the Project Cornerstone [website](#).

[Claire Nippres](#) Project Cornerstone Kindergarten Coordinator

## What is this eScrip I keep hearing about?

And why should I care?

Well, for starters, **eScrip donates over \$15,000** to our school annually! And Daves could double that amount without a single penny coming from YOU!! **That's \$30,000** (in case addition isn't your thing)

For **FREE**, just by taking **2 minutes** (come on, you have 2 minutes!) you can log onto eScrip and register your Safeway card, your credit card and now even your gift cards! Then every time you make a purchase, **eScrip will donate funds to directly to Daves.**

**All you have to do is shop!**

If you care to know more and continue these donations to our school which goes towards **awesome and amazing programs**, [click here](#) and REGISTER. Just do it!

Contact [Becky Hanson](#) with any questions.



## Crew Applications Available Next Week

Fourth and fifth graders interested in working behind the scenes of this year's Daves Ave/Blossom Hill School musical production "Friday Knight Fever" can apply beginning **Wednesday, November 20**. Crew applications are due **December 4**, and crew kickoff will be **December 11**.

Interested applicants can download the application directly from the play [website](#) or can pick up a hard copy from the front office.

Act quickly! Only 12 crew positions are available! Questions about crew positions can be directed to [dabhplay@gmail.com](mailto:dabhplay@gmail.com).



# COMMUNITY

## Give the Gift of Education!

For the Holidays, please consider giving the gift of education to your children, grandchildren, nieces and 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/>

Select 'Choose a Charity' from the left hand navigation, search for 'Los Gatos Education Foundation' in the search field, then follow the instructions to design and send your card!

## 2013-2014 LGEF Board of Directors

### Tom Thimot, President

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*Join us as we work together  
to educate the whole child*

## Why Is LGUSD The Envy Of Other Public School Districts?

The excellence of the programs and resources offered in the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD) is supported through parent and local community generosity, in the form of donations to our Home and School Clubs and to the Los Gatos Education Foundation (Foundation).

The State and Federal governments provides almost no funding to the five public schools in LGUSD (Blossom Hill Elementary, Daves Avenue Elementary, Lexington Elementary, Louise Van Meter Elementary and R.J. Fisher Middle School). In 2011-12, California ranked 47th overall in how much it spends per student – \$8,667 when adjusted for regional cost differences, about \$3,000 below the national average of \$11,665 (source: Quality Counts 2012).

As a consequence, LGUSD relies heavily on a **blended funding model** that includes annual property taxes, parcel tax, and donations through the Foundation and the Home & School Clubs.

Funds raised by the **Los Gatos Education Foundation** directly benefit every student at **all five schools** (Blossom Hill Elementary, Daves Avenue Elementary, Lexington Elementary, Louise Van Meter Elementary and R.J. Fisher Middle School), providing equitable programs in the areas of **S**cience, **M**usic, **A**rt, **R**esources, and **T**echnology.

Funds raised by your Home & School Club benefit your child at his/her school and supplement district-wide funded programs in the areas of literacy, technology, physical education, mathematics, science, health, safety, student supplies, and other activities specific to each school site.

It is important that we as parents support both the Home & School Clubs and the Foundation in whatever capacity we can, in order to maintain current programs and resources for our children, and to keep our schools and our children thriving.



**Donate to the Los Gatos Education Foundation**  
[www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org)



# OLD NEWS RULES

## Girls on the Run Program Coming Soon!



The two words that best describe Girls on the Run are "FUN" and "RUN." Every aspect of this program is geared toward helping girls feel good about who they are—physically, emotionally and socially. We are excited to offer this great program to the (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) grade girls at Daves Avenue Elementary this coming spring!

Girls on the Run begins the week of March 3, 2014, and lasts for 10 weeks, culminating in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley 5K on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. The Daves Avenue team will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45pm - 4:00pm. There will be no lessons the week of spring break.

Program registration will be **online only** and will open at **8:00 am on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013**. 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. Registration information will be available on the Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley website in November if you have questions about the process. 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). We hope to have your girls in Girls on the Run this spring!

## Order your 150th LGUSD Anniversary Art Book in time for Christmas



The 150<sup>th</sup> LGUSD Art Books are a collection of student self-portraits and writing done by K-5 Art students during the 2012-2013 School Year with District Art Teacher, Kelly Martin. There are four books, one for each Elementary School in our district. A committee of volunteers from the [Art](#)

[Docents of Los Gatos](#) designed the covers of each book. Within the books, you will find portraits by students from each grade level along with their writing placed underneath. These grade level portraits are a demonstration of the skills the students have learned throughout the year in their art lessons with Mrs. Martin.

Each self-portrait is aligned to the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards as well as the district art curriculum. With their grade level teacher, the students answered the question, "How will you make a positive impact on the world?" This question addresses the vision of our district, which embraces Our Community, Our Students, and Our Future. This creative collection showcases students' perceptions both visually and in written form in a collaborative work of art that can be viewed for years to come.

[Order your Art Book now online](#) - stop by your child's elementary school main office or the Art Docent office to see one before you order. The books are very high quality and will make a great keepsake.



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](mailto: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.

If you have a soft copy flyer which contains a form or further information on an event or article that you want included on the 'Wednesday Wave' web page, email a PDF document to Amy Torres [atorres@lgusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:atorres@lgusd.k12.ca.us) by **Friday at noon**. These are reviewed by the district prior to being included on the Wednesday Wave web page.

### Questions or concerns?

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