



# WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Important Dates

### NOVEMBER

- 13-17 Conference Week - Minimum Days
- 17 Picture Day Retakes
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

### DECEMBER

- 1 H&SC Meeting, 8:30am, MPR
- 2 Los Gatos Holiday Parade, 11am
- 5 ABC Reader Training, 8:30am, Conference Room B
- 11 District Board Meeting, 6:30pm, District Office
- 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
- 12 H&SC Meeting, 8:30am, MPR

MPR = Daves Multi-Purpose Room

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue Community,

I wanted to take a moment to share the letter, I wrote to the 5th grade families in Dr. Martin's class last week.

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to inform you of a change in your child's classroom teacher that will take place on December 1, 2017. Dr. Martin has been offered an Assistant Principal position in another school district. While we will miss Dr. Martin, we are proud of his accomplishments in STEM education and, more importantly, the hundreds of student's lives he has touched in his time here at Daves Avenue. In my time at Daves, I have marveled at the relationships he forms with students and how he personalizes education for each and every one. Dr. Martin makes the classroom fun, safe, and an amazing learning experience for all kinds of kids. We wish him only the best in his future endeavors!

Rest assured, we have selected an experienced and accomplished replacement for the 5th grade team. Anna Kearney comes to Daves with 14 years of teaching experience in Palo Alto Unified School District. A graduate of Santa Clara University, her background in Palo Alto includes 7 years as a fifth grade teacher as well as spending time as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) working with teachers across all grade levels at twelve different elementary schools on mathematics instruction and the rollout of the Common Core standards. Anna brings an enthusiasm and passion for teaching and the social emotional well being of students. She will be working with Dr. Martin in the classroom to ensure a smooth transition for your children. She will officially begin on November 27, 2017. We are pleased to be able to recruit such an accomplished educator to the Daves Avenue Staff.

I know you will join me in congratulating Dr. Martin and warmly welcoming Anna to the community and enjoy getting to know her this year.

Sincerely,

**Iqbal Chadda**

**Principal  
Daves Avenue School**

## Girls On The Run (GOTR) Scholarships & Registration



### GOTR Scholarships

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

### GOTR Registration

**Saturday, December 2 - Tuesday, December 5:**

Program lottery registration will be open for the 2018 Girls on the Run season.

**Wednesday, December 6:**

Program registration for the 2018 Girls on the Run season available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### 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](http://www.girlsontherun.org), or contact Daves Avenue's [Coach Claire](#).

**learn. dream. live. run.™**

## 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-serve basis.

Crew Application window open:

**Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Crew Kick-off Meeting:

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> (\*time and location TBD\*)**

Questions? Please email [Kim Simon](#),  
Play Co-Producer

## A Message from the District Nurse...

Cases of head lice are being reported and discovered daily. This is an expected occurrence 3-4 weeks after Halloween, Thanksgiving, December recess, February recess, and Spring break.



Head lice are spread by direct contact, such as sharing of brushes, combs, hair ties, helmets, caps, hats, scarves. They are also spread easily at sleepovers, camps and other sharing events.

During the upcoming Thanksgiving break, check your child's head for evidence of head lice. Continue to check often once we return to school after Thanksgiving and frequently throughout the school year.



**This Friday,  
November 17th**

Not completely happy with your child's school picture? Simply return your child's picture package on Friday, November 17th and request a retake from your child's teacher.

We are looking for **two volunteers** to help get children organized for picture retakes between 8:30am - 12:30pm.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact [Amy Garza](#) in the front office.

**Thank you!**

## 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.



## DAVES AVENUE BOOK FAIR

**NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 17th  
from 8AM-6PM in the DAVES AVE LIBRARY**

### *A message from Mrs G...*

I'd really like to thank families for turning out. Many turned out on Thursday, and I went Friday afternoon to restock (11 more boxes need unpacking!)

One of my favorite things about the fair is the amazing chance to TALK to whole families that are often busy. Especially in the times after 1 pm, which are often quieter, and I can wander around both the fair and the library finding books to fit them.

Especially as student book needs become more complex (30 book challenge in 4th grade, for example), longer conversations are helpful. These can also be via email if that is helpful, of course. Families with both voracious and choosy readers tend to need longer conversations.

Last but not least, even those saving up for something else can shop with confidence at the fair, and give me their list of books to add to the library, where they can borrow them for free.

Book fair is my favorite time of the school year, though I am hustling rather than having those conversations if the line is long. ❤️

- Mrs. G

**P.S. Don't forget that buying books at the Fair supports our Library, as 25% of the proceeds come back to us!** Think about those favorites your child and family likes to re-read as these make *great holiday gifts!* If your child's favorite is not at the Fair, we can order it (it usually comes in a week or less!). To order books, make a wish list with your child and either **email me** or drop by the library and I will process your order. **Cash, Check and Credit Card** are accepted!



## LGEF Annual Fund



### Your Participation Matters to Our Los Gatos Students

Please join Dr. and Mrs. Greg Burnett in support of our Los Gatos students by donating to LGEF.

Next school year, LGEF is responsible for funding supplemental teachers and staff. Participation of every family is vital to ensure the excellent education expected in our Los Gatos schools.

LGEF graciously thanks Hall and Burnett for their generous support. Since 1996, Dr. Burnett and his staff have provided exceptional care to their patients, many of whom are students at Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue, Lexington, Louise Van Meter, and Fisher. Also, thank you to the amazing Los Gatos students and current patients of Dr. Burnett who gathered at the Hall and Burnett office to show their support!

Visit [www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org) and donate or pledge today.

**LGEF**  
Los Gatos Education Foundation

Supporting elementary and middle school students at our five Los Gatos schools  
Learn more and donate at [www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org)

Student Council Backpack Drive Update



Thanks to everyone who donated!

We delivered to Napa Valley Unified School District on Monday:

- \* 65 student backpacks
- \* Extra student supplies: pencils, paper, notebooks, folders, markers, glue sticks, lunch bins, pencil boxes and MORE!
- \* Lots of teacher goodies like Sharpies and Flair pens, sticky notes, and coffee gift cards!

SPECIAL THANKS to our Student Council President, Katie Nelson, and her family. They delivered our donations all the way to the North Bay! They were met by the Superintendent Sweeney and the Foundation Director for Napa Valley. →→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→



ALSO! A Cool Cat thanks (meow!) to our parent volunteers and their kiddos that helped sort and load all the donations!

# DOLLARS for DAVE\$



Help support our school!

**We need your help to support our valued programs and services. Every dollar counts! Thank you!!**



- ★ Technology
- ★ Assemblies
- ★ Community Events
- ★ Student Enrichment
- ★ Professional Development
- ★ Classroom & Grade Level Grants
- ★ Student Materials & Supplies

<https://davesavehsc.org/dollars-for-daves.html>

Donations to LGEF are essential as well and can be made at [www.LGEF.org](http://www.LGEF.org).

## 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!

2017: December 1

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

Our next H&SC meeting is Friday, December 1st at 8:30am in the MPR. One of the agenda items will be member approval of the H&SC's First Amended and Restated Bylaws, available for review [here](#). Please join us for the vote and to discuss any questions you may have!

## Los Gatos Holiday Parade

**Thank You** to all the 3rd-5th graders who signed up to participate in the Los Gatos Children's Holiday Parade to help represent the Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF).

Even if you didn't sign up your family can still join in on the fun! The parade will take place in downtown Los Gatos on **Saturday December 2nd at 11am**. Be there to cheer on fellow classmates as they show off their musical talents. We hope to see you then!

**Alyson Ancheta** (Daves & Van Meter)

**Ana George** (Blossom Hill & Lexington)



**Cornerstone Corner**

**Cultivating Gratitude: Another way to be BIG**

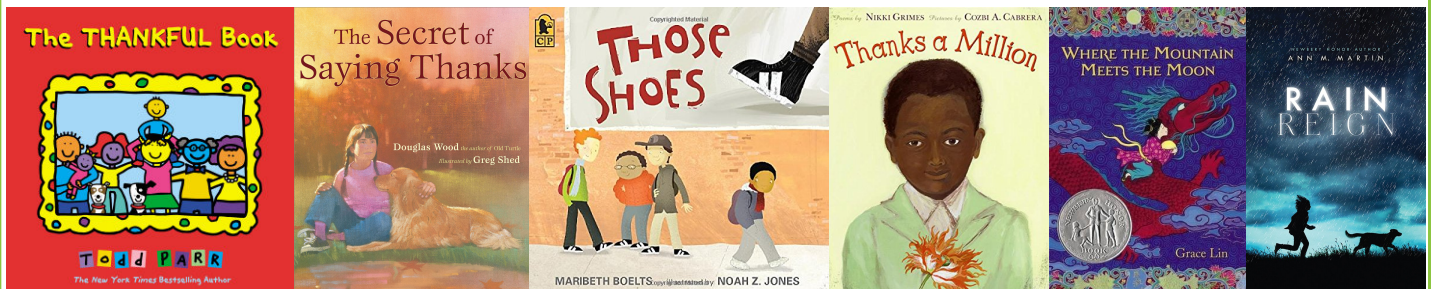


As mentioned in an earlier issue, this month the Asset Building Champion (ABC) volunteers are reading *BIG* by Coleen Paratore. The book refers to *BIG* as being the best you can be to yourself and others. Taking small steps to be kind, healthy, helpful, and caring can lead to *BIG* outcomes at home, school, and in the community. Another *BIG* action that is not directly mentioned in the book is gratitude. Robert A. Emmons, UC Davis professor of psychology and author of *Gratitude Works*, defines gratitude as “awareness of how we are supported and sustained by others, and a desire to give back the good that we have received”. Without a doubt, expressing gratitude is a kind action and is one way to be *BIG*. And, did you know studies have shown the practice of gratitude can also improve your health? Having an attitude of gratitude may positively improve personal well-being, sleep, immune system function, and heart health. Showing gratitude is being *BIG*!

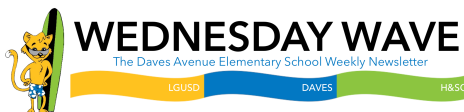
Here are a few ways to cultivate gratitude and bring a practice of gratitude to your lifestyle:

- Keep a written gratitude journal
- Use an online gratitude journal like [Thnx4 Journal](#)
- Write short notes of gratitude and keep them in a special jar or basket to read later
- Send a handwritten thank you note to the person that helped or supported you
- Take turns at the dinner table sharing what you are grateful for

If you want to share the spirit of gratitude with children through the magic of books, here are a few recommendations:



For more information about Project Cornerstone or the ABC Reader program contact **Michele Grancell** or **Jyoti Kelly**.



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](mailto: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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