



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

- 20 **2nd Grade Math Night**
6:30pm, MPR
- 20 **Friday Knight Fever Crew Applications Available**
- 21 **School Site Council Meeting**
3pm, Library
- 22 **Spirit Day: Change Your Name**
- 25 **FunVisor Thanksgiving Lunch fun!**
Lunch time, MPR
- 27-29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 4 **Friday Knight Fever Crew Applications Due**
- 5 **H&SC General Meeting**
8:30am, MPR
- 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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue Families:

Last year you will recall our efforts to improve safety and security on campus. We improved the fencing along Poppy and around the Kindergarten playground. We invested time and resources in staff training and held a community forum on safety in partnership with the High School and Police Department. Our efforts continue this year. You probably have noticed our large safety storage container at the side of our field. Currently, we have supplies to support our students in the event of an emergency, but what we don't have is a basic safety kit with food rations for all children.

In previous years, teachers asked parents to donate a comfort kit that was housed in the classroom. In an effort to streamline the process, Home & School Club fronted the cost to purchase an emergency kit for all students that will last five years in our storage container. This long-term investment benefits all students.

Emergency Kit Facts:

- It will be stored in our storage container onsite.
- They are identical in what they contain: water, food ration, poncho, dust mask, and emergency blanket.
- The kits are nut/allergy free and vegetarian.
- They have a shelf life of 5 years. You will only need to purchase one while your child is at the school.

Procurement Facts:

- The H&SC is not providing the funds for the emergency kits.
- The kits are being purchased with donation funding provided by parents/families.
- Currently, we have only taken in enough donations to fund 200 kits. We have just under 600 students at Daves Avenue.
- If necessary, the H&SC will provide supplemental funding, as will the school.
- You are not required to purchase a kit; we are asking for a donation of \$15/kit/child.

You can [donate online](#), or by check in the school office. There will also be tables set up in front of the school on Thursday and Friday of this week. You can purchase then, as well.

If you can't remember if you've already donated for Emergency Kits, you can check the H&SC website [here](#), or check the listing that's on the H&SC bulletin board outside of the school office.

Thank you,
Kit Bragg
Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

STAFF LOUNGE

Parents, please be mindful that the Staff Lounge at Daves is for **staff only**. Parents and other community members should only be in the staff lounge at the request of staff or to drop something off for staff (e.g., H&SC setting up for a staff appreciation).

Please respect that this is their space when they have a few free, quiet moments. Thank you!

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



SCHOOL NEWS

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. Your child will be called right up to you.



TONIGHT! 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!

MILEAGE CLUB WITH A TWIST!

We've had some wonderful weather for PE, practiced many skills and then followed through by putting those skills into action; be it relays, obstacle courses, cooperation games or volleyball and hockey (with our newly donated equipment from parents, **thank you!**).



This week we are starting our Mileage Club running program where 4 laps equals a mile (not quite, but that's ok!). This year the whole school will add up their miles and run from Los Gatos, up to Sacramento and through the State Capitols to the East Coast; maybe we will even get back to California by June! Our wonderful

cartoonist/artist Dad, **Jef Bambas**, drew our map which will be on view for all to see, and follow the kids progress. Thank you, Jef!

As the weeks go by the PE shoes are also going (good)bye! The UGGS are in, as are flat shoes and boots, and we've had a few turned ankles on the field. Please remind your child to wear appropriate shoes as we will be running laps to start our mileage across California and the United States.

Yours in health,
Sally Ellis, PE

Amy Says

Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING!

Is your child looking for their warm coat now that the weather is changing? Tired of bringing lunch in a brown bag as they can't find their lunchbox? **Check the lost and found** to see if they left it on the playground earlier this year!
All unclaimed items will be donated mid-December!

SHOP AT LUNARDI'S AND OUR GROUP EARNS!

Through the eScrip program, **up to 4%** of your Lunardi's purchases will be contributed to our group.

What is eScrip?

eScrip is the hassle-free way for schools and community groups to raise funds through everyday purchases made at Lunardi's and many other retailers and restaurants.

How do I sign-up?

Sign-up online at escrip.com

You must register your credit/debit cards to start earning!

It's Easy! It's Free! Sign-Up Today!

Group Name: **Daves Avenue Elementary**

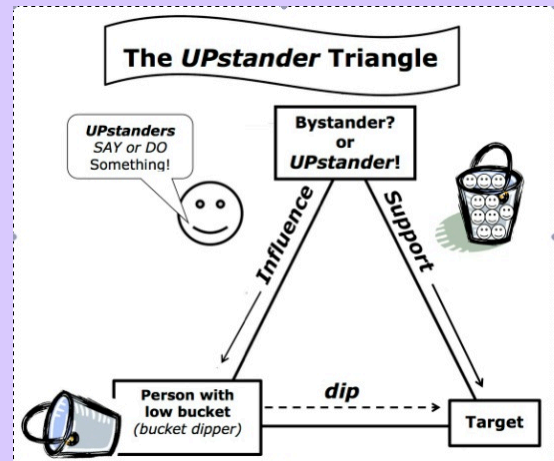
Group ID: **139887055**

Coordinator Name: **Jennifer Appleton**



CORNERSTONE CORNER

In their ABC lessons this month, the children are practicing to be UPstanders and learn about the dynamic of bullying situations. Please keep an open dialogue with your child about the situations they encounter or observe and encourage them to be UPstanders.



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

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.

The \$15 kits include:

- Water
- Food bars that are nut allergy safe and vegetarian
- Dust mask
- Emergency blanket
- Rain poncho

These kits have a shelf life of five years – so you will only be asked to donate once while your child is at Daves.

Currently, there is only enough funding to provide 200 kits, yet we need to be able to provide for more than 580 students.

Please donate now! You are not required to purchase a kit, but every donated dollar is appreciated. 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.

If you can't remember whether you've already donated for Emergency Kits, please check the H&SC website [here](#), or see the posting on the H&SC bulletin outside of the school office.

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

Additionally, on several days in the next week, the H&SC will have a table on campus after school for donation.

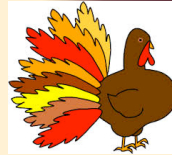
CREW APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE TODAY!



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 now apply! Crew applications are due **December 4th**, and crew kickoff will be **December 11th**.

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.



THANKSGIVING FUNTIME WITH THE FUNVISORS!

In celebration of Thanksgiving, your FunVisors are planning special Thanksgiving activities during lunch on **Monday, November 25th**. FunVisors will be supervising fun activities, including:

1. Leaf rubbing at the game tables
2. Thoughts of thanks – the kids will write their thoughts of thanks on a cut-out turkey and we will post it on the Thanksgiving banner.
3. Hoop and Spear Game – The kids will have the opportunity to throw a spear (not a real one, of course!) through a hoop.
4. Gourd and Broom Game – the kids will have to roll the gourd or pumpkin with the broom to their teammate on the other side.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to decorate the lunch tables for the kids in spirit of Thanksgiving. If you would like to 'adopt' a table to decorate (suggestions include table cloths, pumpkins, corn, leaves, etc.), or to join the FunVisor team during lunch time, please contact [Nicole Reginelli](#), Daves FunVisor coordinator.

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

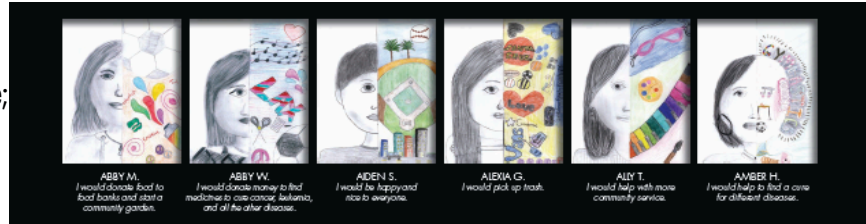
COMMUNITY BOARD



LGUSD ART: STUDENT SELF PORTRAITS

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD), students in grades K-5 worked with LGUSD Art Teacher, **Kelly Martin**, to complete a self-portrait. The grade level portraits are a demonstration of the skills the students learned throughout the year in their art lessons with Kelly Martin.

Fifth grade students created an Inside/Outside portrait consisting of two half faces. One half demonstrated a realistic pencil drawing of their outside; the other half was filled with colors, patterns and symbols that represent who they are inside.



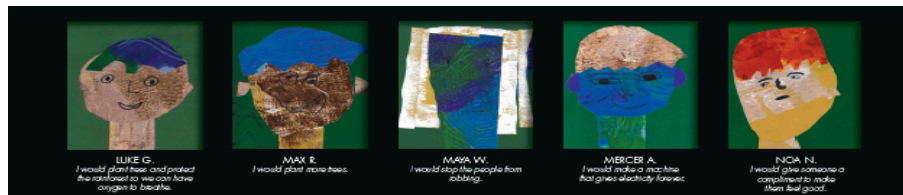
Fourth grade students exaggerated facial proportions like the artist Amedeo Modigliani. The students chose colors that expressed their interests and feelings and added color and gradation using chalk pastel.

The third grade self-portrait demonstrated an understanding of the Illusion of Space through the use of foreshortening in the body. Students traced hands and feet in the foreground and then drew in their body, hair and facial features in the background. Students then used the technique of watercolor resist to paint their clothing, shoes and the background.

Second grade students completed portraits with pencil then created a duplicate image, like Andy Warhol. After outlining in sharpie, the students used combinations of warm and cool watercolors to represent two different emotions or moods.



First grade students drew their self-portraits using pencil and added patterns in the background that represented their interests. Students then used colored pencils to color their portraits using two contrasting colors for each pattern in the background.



In Kindergarten, after reading an Eric Carle book and looking at his collaged tissue paper creatures, students created their own textured papers using paint and texture tools in warm, cool and neutral colors. The students cut a head, hair, neck and shoulders out of the painted papers and collaged them to a larger paper, then added details with marker such as eyes, nose, mouth, hair and accessories.

The middle school Art teacher and District Art Teacher, Kelly Martin, collaborated to extend the portrait project for the 150th anniversary to include students taking Art as an elective. Sixth grade students completed a symbolic self-portrait on a puzzle piece representing how we are all a unique part of our whole community. Seventh and eighth grade students completed a realistic self-portrait and a future self-portrait demonstrating how they see themselves now and how they plan to give back to their community in the future.

With future donations to the Los Gatos Education Foundation, the LGUSD art program will continue to grow, and benefit our community.



Donate to the Los Gatos Education Foundation
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 (3rd-5th) 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 11th Annual Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley 5K on Saturday, May 17th, 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 150th 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.



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!



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.

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 by **Friday at noon**. These are reviewed by the district prior to being included on the Wednesday Wave web page.



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