



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

October

- 21-25 **CASA Red Ribbon Week**
- 26 **Fun Walk Pledge Envelopes Due**
- 29 **Author Visit (Grades 2nd-5th)**
- 31 **Halloween Parade** 8:30am, Daves blacktop and corridors

November

- 4-8 **Conference Week**
Minimum Day Schedule
- 7 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, **Room 4**
- 7 **Photo Makeup Day** 8:30-11:30, MPR
- 11 **NO SCHOOL** - Veterans Day
- 11 **LGEF Board Meeting** 8pm, Viva! Restaurant
- 13 **Last day for Candy Collection for Troops**
- 15 **Beach Blanket Family Bingo Night** 6:00pm - 8pm, MPR
- 27-29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

Amy Says...

Conference Week is coming!

The week of November 4th is conference week which means **every day is a minimum day.**

- All Kinders:** 8:15am - 12:05pm;
- Grades 1-3:** 8:15am - 12:10pm;
- Grades 4-5:** 8:15am - 12:15pm.

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

This Thursday our School Site Council will meet in the Library at 3:00 p.m. School Site Council is a leadership group of teachers, staff, and parents. We provide a forum to share current initiatives in curriculum and instruction where we both inform the community of our educational goals and solicit feedback from the community and parents. Our agenda will include sharing information about state-wide changes in yearly academic testing. Members of the council will have the opportunity to take a 3rd grade math pilot test to better understand the depth of knowledge measured by these new assessments that will ultimately replace STAR testing in the 2014-2015 school year. I encourage you to explore the Smarter Balanced Consortium at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>.

These new assessments are aligned to Common Core Standards and will better measure students' ability to think critically, comprehend and extend. For example, in years prior, a student might be asked the question, "list the factors of 24." The child would then choose the correct answer from a list. The same question would be asked a slightly different way on these new assessments, far better challenging a student to think critically. "Four different aliens each have a different number of eyes. One alien has two eyes, one alien has three eyes, one alien has four eyes, and one alien has five eyes. Explain the different combinations of aliens you can group together to make a sum of 24 eyes. Also, explain why the alien with five eyes cannot be a part of any group."

We have been working for two years to refine our educational practice to address new teaching strategies to challenge a student to think more deeply. Just last week, as I visited classrooms, I sat down to chat with a first grader who was using one of our new iPad minis to play a math game. In this game, a fish with a number on it floated in a sea of food labeled by numbers. The student had to feed the fish various combinations of "number food" to equal the sum on the fish. For example, a fish may be labeled 12, in which case the student could feed it food marked 6 and 6; or 2, 4 and 6; or 6, 3 and 3. Instead of memorizing $6+6=12$, our students are gaining deep understanding of numbers and how through flexibility and adaptability they can solve problems in multiple ways.

I encourage you to be a partner in our transition as we continue to undergo fundamental changes in teaching and learning.

Best,

Kit Bragg

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

SCHOOL NEWS

CASA RED RIBBON WEEK

**Local Merchants
Participating in Red Ribbon
Week!**



During the week of **October 21-25**, our community will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week, which is sponsored annually by [CASA](#).



Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign against drug abuse which promotes education, prevention and making healthy lifestyle choices in order for our young people to resist drugs and alcohol. We're building a better future for our community and the country.

Students wearing Red Ribbon Week wristbands will receive some great discounts at [these amazing Los Gatos businesses](#) that support our children's health. Unless otherwise noted, discounts are for October 21-25.

Please [click here](#) for more information, or visit the [CASA](#) website!

RAFFLES, RAFFLES AND MORE RAFFLES!

You could be a winner if you participate! All you need to do is walk, roll or carpool to school to help reduce air pollution and traffic around Daves Avenue School.

Once a month SR2S parent volunteers will be passing out raffle tickets on any random school day...so be prepared! The winner will receive an activity bag filled with lots of fun physical activity related items.

Along with winning the activity bag, the raffle winner's classroom will be the official holder of the new, one and only... GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD!

Let's get walking, rolling or carpooling together to help make our school the BEST IN THE WEST!

Questions? Please contact [Donna Leu](#), Daves Avenue SR2S Coordinator



NO SCHOOL TODAY!

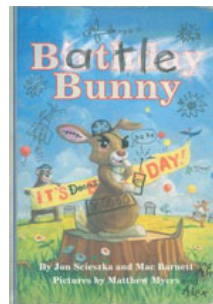
If your child has a temperature of 99.6 or higher, does not appear alert, has vomiting or diarrhea or is not well enough to play or be outside, do NOT send him or her to school.



Additionally, if your child has been sent home ill, s/he must be fever free and symptom free for 24 hours (a full school day) without medication before returning to school.

If you have any questions please call **Maureen O'Hara**, District Nurse, at [408-335-2074](#).

UPCOMING AUTHORS' VISIT!



Children's book Authors **Jon Scieszka** and **Mac Barnett** will speak to most of our 2nd-5th grade classes on **Tuesday, October 29th** at 10:30am! We thank Hicklebee's book store (supplier of our book fair) and publisher Simon &



Schuster for this visit!

[Amy Goldsmith](#) (aka Mrs G.)

Daves Avenue Librarian

JUST BY SHOPPING, YOU CAN HELP DAVES AVENUE EARN FREE MONEY!

Please support our school by registering online for eScrip!!!



It costs you nothing, and it will take less than five minutes of your time to register. eScrip earns about \$15,000 a year for our school, but has the potential to earn \$30,000 if all of our families register their credit/debit and Safeway cards. It's completely safe and secure! [Click here](#) to learn more about eScrip and how to sign up.

Contact [Kimberly Peters](#), Free2Me Chair, with any questions.

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EXCESS CANDY COLLECTION FOR OUR TROOPS!



Daves Avenue 5th graders are about to embark on a community service project benefiting our troops abroad (more details to follow another time on this broader project!).



Part of our drive is to collect and send over un-opened candy which is a huge hit with the troops! As the big night of Halloween is just around the corner, we wanted to give you a heads up. When all that candy is dumped on your floor and sorted, you will be so pleased you have a plan in place as to what to do with it!

Bins will be in the office **November 1st - November 13th!**

Please contact [Sally Ellis](#) with any questions.

CONFERENCE WEEK = BOOK FAIR!



8am-3pm, November 4-8th

The Daves Avenue's Book Fair happens during conference week twice a year, so families can shop with less rush. Students are encouraged to think about favorites they love to re-read... these books make great gifts! And if your child's favorite is not at the Fair, we can order it (it usually comes in a week or less!). And buying books at the Fair supports our Library, as part of the proceeds come back to us!

A few tips:

- Shop during school and surprise your child with a new book!
- Right after school is typically the busiest time, so eat lunch first and then come visit for more leisurely browsing.
- As our fair grows, the Daves Avenue Library can earn **up to 25%** of the proceeds of the books sold at the fair!
- If your child is enjoying a book their teacher is reading aloud in class, note that these books are targeted at the class' *listening level*, so be ready to have this book be a family read aloud at your house until your child's reading level is comfortable with the book.
- Wimmy Kid #8 arrives **Tuesday, November 5th**. This is a year to order via Hicklebee's, and get your order in early! **Jeff Kinney** is coming, and Hicklebee's is hosting an event with him (they are currently looking for a large enough venue!). The book and ticket to the event are usually sold together at the cost of the book, and it is sure to be full. Contact Hicklebee's or Mrs. G. for more details!

To order your books, make a wish list with your child and either email our lovely librarian, [Amy Goldsmith](#), or drop by the library and Mrs. G will process your order.

See you at the Fair!

THANKS TO ALL WHO AUDITIONED FOR THE PLAY!



[Cast lists](#) have been posted and rehearsals are in full swing!

Next up: Crew Applications, which will be available in November.

Questions? Please contact [Madeleine Korling](#), Daves Avenue Play Producer 2013/2014, or visit the [play website](#) for details!

FUN WALK PLEDGE ENVELOPES



The laps have been counted and it's time to collect those pledges! Your child should have brought home his /her lap count tally sheet. The pledge envelopes are due **this Friday, October 26th**. You can turn them into your teacher or the main office.

If you have already contributed to the "One and Done Fundraiser" turning in your pledge envelope is optional.

Thank you to those who have donated either through the One and Done and /or the Fun Walk. Your donations go directly to the Home and School Club.

A big THANK YOU to **AC Mechanical Systems** as one of our Gold Sponsors this year (as they were not mentioned previously in the Wave.)

And a final thanks to all the students, volunteers, sponsors, parents and staff for working together to make this such a fun event. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact [Kirsten Grado](#).

COMMUNITY BOARD

CORNERSTONE CORNER

We hope your child has been talking at home about "learning not to bite" and to "swim free"!

The ABC readers are reading "**Simon's Hook**" in their classes at the moment and are teaching the children 5 strategies for responding to teasing. Posters went up on campus to remind us all to practice these strategies:



1. Do little or don't react
2. Agree
3. Distract & change the subject
4. Laugh & make a joke
5. Stay away

To learn more, visit Grandma Rose's Neighborhood at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DB6BnCYcG-4>

CALLING ALL 1ST GRADE BOYS!



Daves Avenue Cub Scout Pack 502 is looking for new Tiger Cubs. If you are interested, please come to our Pack Halloween Party on **Thursday, October 24th at 6:30pm** in Daves MPR. Wear a costume!

For more info or to RSVP, please email info@cubs502.org.



FUNDRAISER BENEFITING DAVES AVENUE SCHOOL

What: Willow Glen Bicycles will donate a percentage 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



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@lgsd.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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