



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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 22-27 **LGUSD 150th Anniversary Celebration Week**
- 27 **Family Fun Night**
5:30 - 8:30pm, Daves Ave Field
- 28 **LGUSD Anniversary Celebration**
11am - 4pm, Vasona County Park

October

- 3 **School Picture Day**
- 3 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, Room 4
- 7 **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Development Day
- 7 **Parenting Continuum** - Benjamin Zander 7-9pm, LGHS Auditorium
- 9 **Fun Walk**
10:00am, School Field
- 9 **Play Applications Due**
- 14 **Play Auditions Begin**
- 15 **Parenting Book Circle** info session
1:30 - 2pm, Conference Room B
- 16 **4th Grade Math Night**
6:30 - 7:30pm, MPR
- 21-25 **CASA Red Ribbon Week**
- 21 **Mom's Night Out** 6:30pm, Vival
- 22 **FunVisor Training with Linda Silvius, Project Cornerstone**
8:30am, MPR

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

Please mark your calendars for one of our biggest community events of the year! **Family Fun Night is this Friday** on the Daves blacktop! In addition to relaxing under the stars while watching a movie, families can either enjoy your pre-ordered dinner through the Home and School Club website, or bring in a picnic. Candy and popcorn will be available during the movie as well. This year is extra special, as we are also celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Los Gatos Union School District. We have taken the opportunity to showcase the incredible work students produce by integrating technology into the classroom. Our newest pilot, SMART boards, will be on display with Kinder teachers on hand to provide input on how these interactive white boards are being utilized to improve student achievement in the classroom. In addition to showcasing SMART technology, we will have a table of iPads packed full of the educational apps teachers are currently utilizing in primary grades through small group learning centers for enrichment and intervention. We will have a staff member on hand so that you can "ask the iPad expert" about technology integration in the classroom. Our fifth grade team will also be stationed at a table with laptops to share how our 1:1 TLDA program has benefitted student achievement. **All of this will be taking place in the Multi-Purpose Room from 6:30 to 7:30.** Families are free to pop in at anytime during the hour showcase. We will also have our Art Docents on site to take orders for the incredible art work coffee table book students created to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our school district. Look for an article in the subsequent pages of this Wednesday Wave. We hope very much to see you on Friday night!

Following Friday's event, please plan to continue the celebration at Vasona Park with the entire LGUSD community. There will be boat shows on the lake as well as kayaks, canoes, paddle-boats and sailboats to rent. There will be many children's activities including pony rides, petting zoos, face painting, balloons, caricatures, and a climbing wall. There will be sport events such as basketball, soccer, golf, baseball, and lacrosse. We are also excited to announce that Los Gatos High School will be celebrating their 125th anniversary with LGUSD at Vasona County Park on Saturday, September 28, 2013 by hosting an Alumni Court as a meeting spot. There will be two stages located in the vicinity of the boat house. Los Gatos talent is the star on both stages! The main stage will have live performances and the second stage will have musicians of Los Gatos playing all day long. Community booths will promote local business and organizations in Los Gatos. There will also be wine and beer tasting from local venues and gourmet foods. **Mayor Barbara Spector** and **Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman** will host the commemoration at 1:00 p.m. on the main stage, alongside the **Los Gatos Union School District Superintendent, Diana Abbati** and Board of Trustees.

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

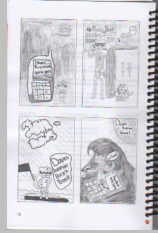
Sincerely,
Kit Bragg, Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT AND TIME SENSITIVE BUZZ BOOK INFORMATION!!!



**LAST CALL
FOR BUZZ
BOOK
ARTWORK!**



**Deadline for
entries is Thursday, Sept. 26th at 3pm!**

5th Graders should hand in their original, creative Buzz Book drawings to Mrs. Torres in the main office by Thursday, Sept. 26th at 3:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact your 5th grade teacher or the Buzz Book Team, [Chris Benadom](#) or [Lynn Hubbard](#).

TIME TO CHECK OUT YOUR BUZZ BOOK LISTING!!

Here's your chance to take a look at your child's Buzz Book directory entry. A draft copy of the directory listings will be available in the office from **Wednesday Sept. 25th to Monday Sept. 30th**. Also, watch for your H&SC Membership memo (with directory listings info) coming home this week.

H&SC Memberships are due Wednesday Oct. 2nd!

Go to www.davesavehsc.org to join the Daves Avenue H&SC (and be guaranteed to receive your complimentary copy of the Buzz Book).

Any questions? Please contact [Lynn Hubbard](#).

Please contact the [School Principal](#) for information on scholarship opportunities.

Secondary Addresses for Students

The Daves Avenue Buzz Book will include each student's primary address and contact information (based on the LGUSD online student registration forms completed in August).

Parents or guardians who would like a secondary address included in their child's listing, or who have any questions or changes regarding their existing information, please contact [Lynn Hubbard](#).

CALLING ALL 4TH & 5TH GRADERS!

Applications are now being accepted for this year's play with Daves Avenue and Blossom Hill!

**A musical comedy
tribute to the 1970's**



It'll be lots of fun at the roller skating rink, as plans for a Friday night disco for the local high school get complicated by a jewel thief and his cohorts....read more about it and find links to the application at the play's website: blossomhill.org/play.

Important Dates:

- Applications are due **Wed. Oct. 9th**
- Auditions are the week of Oct. 14th
- Rehearsals begin Mon. Oct. 21st
- The shows run Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2; Feb 7, 8, and 9

[Meredith Aston](#), Daves Avenue Play Chair 2012/2013

WANT TO BE PART OF A FANTASTIC PRODUCTION? BE THE DAVES AVENUE PLAY PRODUCER!

We are looking for a parent volunteer for the role of Daves Avenue Play Producer. The role is focused on coordinating the activities with parent volunteers, artistic directors, cast and crew.

Interested? Please reach out to [Meredith Aston](#), Daves Avenue Play Chair 2012/2013.

Amy Says...

The Lost and found is growing!

If you are missing a lunch box, water bottle, sweater, or jacket, it's probably in our Lost and Found. Please stop by the hallways near the office and have a look.

SCHOOL NEWS

MOM'S NIGHT TO BE OUT!!



Back by popular demand!

Time to reconnect, make new friends, and enjoy a little "me" time!

Meet at [Viva!](#) on **Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm.**

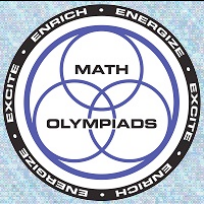
Cost: \$20.

The H&SC will provide hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar available.

Please indicate that you're coming by filling out [the online form](#).

Questions? Please contact [Alex Potts](#).

See you there!



MATH OLYMPIAD IS COMING SOON!

Attention all 4th and 5th graders who love Math. Math Olympiad is returning to Daves. Math Olympiad (MOEMS) is an international program designed to foster the love of mathematics and challenge students to solve problems in innovative and creative ways. Check out their website www.MOEMS.org for more information.

This year the program will be run through the H&SC and will start October 2nd from 12:45-1:45 on Wednesdays through March. [Click here](#) to access the sign up form. If you have any questions, please contact [Alex Potts](#).

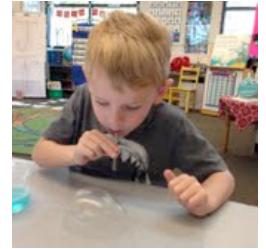
AMAZING VISITING AUTHORS AT HICKLEBEE'S!



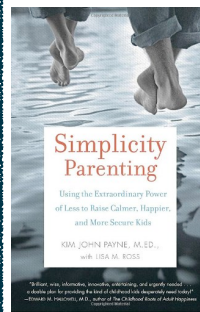
The month of October brings a number of award winning children's authors to Hicklebee's in Willow Glen with new releases! Additional details and the schedule can be found at the [Hicklebee's website](#). If you are not able to attend, please visit [Mrs. Goldsmith's website](#) where you can find a form to order these hot new titles, and optionally request your books be inscribed and delivered back here to Daves by the one and only **Mrs. Goldsmith!** Questions? Please contact [Mrs. G.](#)

KINDERGARTEN BUBBLE FESTIVAL

The Kindergarten classrooms at Daves Avenue were recently transformed into bubble laboratories where students could engage both hemispheres of the brain—the creative and the analytical. The Kindergartners worked with bubble solution to explore variations in bubble size, bubble lifespan, and bubble structure. Each classroom was filled with animated discussions related to cause and effect in physical science. The Bubble Festival also provided a chance for students to use expressive and descriptive language as related to the investigative process. After the Bubble Lab, the students were introduced to the idea of labeling a drawing to share information and were able to record their observations by creating their own scientific illustrations. The Kindergarten Bubble Festival is an example of a Hands-on-Science activity that allows students to apply language skills (vocabulary development), writing skills (labeling an illustration), and science skills (scientific process) to an engaging and dynamic project. It is also a great deal of fun for everyone!



JOIN DAVES AVENUE'S PARENTING BOOK CIRCLE!



We'll start with a weekly chapter by chapter discussion of the book [Simplicity Parenting](#) by Kim John Payne. Family life is often stressful, complicated, and busy. In schools we see that the fast pace and stressed atmosphere of children's lives may be compromising the best efforts of parents and the work of teachers. Using the extraordinary POWER OF LESS to raise calmer, happier and more secure children, [Simplicity Parenting](#) introduces a simple, supported way to simplify family life so that it benefits parents and children to enhance and support the endeavors of our school.

Sign up and learn more:

Tuesday, October 15th, 1:30-2:00pm, Conference Room B.

Please contact [Daniel Swid](#) for additional details.

ARE YOU 'ONE AND DONE'?

Daves Ave H&SC asks for a recommended donation of **\$325 per child**. This ONE AND DONE donation allows you to pay ONCE, and be DONE for the rest of the year. This means no wrapping paper sales, no candy sales...just DONE! These dollars remain at Daves, and are used on a variety of things that are site specific. Things including, but not limited too: Our PE program, our reading and math specialist, our future new track, our kindergarten smart boards, school technology, a new health clerk, and much, much more. It is very important that we collect these funds to maintain our current programs, and have the potential to add new ones in the future.

Your donation can be collected via PayPal on the [Daves H&SC website](#), or you can bring a check or credit card directly after school to our H&SC booth near the school entrance on the following days this week:

Wednesday, Sept 25th and Friday, Sept 27th!

Please consider making your donation, and becoming ONE AND DONE! Please contact [Becky Hanson](#) with any questions.

DOUBLE YOUR DOLLARS!



Want to know a surefire and simple way to make your donation to Daves Ave Home & School Club instantly DOUBLE? Check out our **Corporate Matching Program!** Many companies in the Bay Area offer a company matching program and it's a great

way to help your gift to H&SC or LGEF go a little bit further. In fact, corporate matching is a significant source of income for our school - last year alone, **corporate matching yielded nearly \$15,000** to the school!

Not sure if your company offers this program? Check out this [list of companies to find out](#). If yours is on the list, please contact your HR department about how to proceed. If you have questions or think your company might offer a matching program and you don't see it on this list, please email [Kylie Heintz](#), our Corporate Matching Chair.

Also, did you know that you could make your volunteer time even MORE valuable? **Many companies will match your volunteer hours with donations to approved charities!** Check with your company's HR department.

No donation is too big or too small! Thank you ahead of time for your gift to our school!

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY FOR DINNER AND A MOVIE UNDER THE STARS!

Grab a blanket, a low-back lawn chair - and of course your family - and join us on **Friday, September 27th** for Family Fun Night on the Daves Avenue blacktop and field for Dinner and a Movie. We will be celebrating 150 years of excellence in Los Gatos schools by showcasing the great technologies we have implemented here at Daves.

Pre-ordered dinner will start at 6pm or, feel free to bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy on the grass!

Following dinner, bring your low-back chairs and blankets up to the grassy field at approximately 7:30pm to enjoy a screening of [Escape from Planet Earth](#). Free popcorn will be flowing, and concessions will also be available for purchase.

We still have a few areas open for volunteers. Please sign up on your classroom Qlubb site.



Questions? Please reach out to [Sally Ellis](#), Family Fun Night Chair

Please note that no alcohol or dogs are ever allowed on school property.

THE 11TH ANNUAL DAVES AVENUE FUN WALK



The 11th Annual Fun Walk will be held on **Wednesday, October 9th at 10am** on the school field. The money that is raised will help support the following:

- Scholarships (for field trips and science camp)
- School wide assemblies
- PE Teachers
- Reading and Math Specialist
- Classroom supplies
- Grade level grants

A special thank you to the **Childers Family** for designing the 2013 Fun Walk logo. Their company, **Brandvia**, will also be providing the t-shirts this year.

Student pledge forms will be sent home this week in the Wednesday envelopes. This is an opportunity for the children to solicit sponsorships from their friends, family and neighbors for the laps they will complete. Explain to them that this is a great opportunity for the kids to help support their own school.

A big thank you to those families that have already donated to the "One and Done" Fundraising Campaign (details on the following page). The H&SC greatly appreciates your support!

It is truly a special day for the students and they love to have your support too. If you are interested in Fun Walk volunteer opportunities, please visit the following [Qlubb link](#) or visit your classroom Qlubb. Please do not hesitate to contact [Kirsten Grado](#) if you should have any questions.

On behalf of the Home and School Club, we would like to thank our corporate sponsors:

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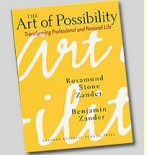
Brandvia
The Drotar Family
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The Bra Smyth
Keller Williams Realty
Mark Von Kaenel and Kelley Solberg
Sound in Motion - DJ Raffi

SILVER SPONSORS (Up To \$700)

Los Gatos Baby and Kids
Oak Tree Children's Club

CORNERSTONE CORNER: **Awaken the Possibilities in your Family**

Another "Cornerstone" of our children's education is our own motivation and our belief in the endless possibilities we have. **Benjamin Zander** is the former conductor of the Boston Philharmonics and will entertain and inspire with his witty and passionate personality. Check out his [book](#), his [YouTube video](#) and his [TED talk](#)! Remember, this is not a concert - But you will have a memorable evening!



the *parenting*
CONTINUUM



presents:

Benjamin Zander
Monday, October 7th, 2013

7:00pm - 9:00pm
Los Gatos High School Auditorium
For Parents & Students
~ Admission is Free ~

Learn how to:

- Keep the avenues of communication open and flowing
- Speak the language of the heart
- Create possibility in every aspect of your lives

See the [flyer on the parenting continuum page](#) for more details! For more information about this or other Parenting Continuum events, please contact [Andrea Anderson](#). For current programs, updates, and resources on parenting, please visit: www.parentingcontinuum.org

Community Board

DISTRICT ART CORNER

LGUSD 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY ART PROJECT UNVEILED THIS WEEK!
Come view the 6ft x 8ft print of the student artwork as well as 150th Anniversary Art Books showcasing the student art and writing!

Each school's Print and 150th Anniversary Art Book will be on view at the 150th school celebrations during the week of September 23rd - 27th. They will also be on view at the Vasona Park celebration on **Saturday, September 28th!**

Celebrating the Los Gatos Union School District's 150th Anniversary 1863- 2013

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD), each student in LGUSD, grades K-5, completed a self-portrait using a variety of materials and artistic styles during the 2012-2013 school year. A whole-school art project provided students and teachers the opportunity to see a variety of approaches and outcomes that are elicited from a common starting point, self-portraiture. Each self-portrait is aligned to the district art curriculum as well as the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards. The grade level portraits are a demonstration of the skills the students have learned throughout the year in their art lessons with LGUSD Art Teacher, **Kelly Martin**.

It is our belief that all students in LGUSD will make an impact on our community, globally and locally, in their future. Along with the artwork, students completed writing 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 the district, which embraces **Our Community, Our Students, and Our Future**. The student artwork and writing will be displayed in a hardbound 150th Anniversary Art Book for each elementary school. Each answer is placed under the student's self-portrait in this book. 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. We are so proud of this community art project, commemorating the district's 150th year of academic excellence.

The 150th Art books will be available for purchase through the Art Docents of Los Gatos. Art Docents will be taking orders at each school's 150th event during the week of September 23rd - 27th at the school sites along with the 150th celebration at Vasona Park on Saturday, September 28th. Please also check the [Wednesday Wave webpage for a PDF flyer](#) with details of how to order your schools 150th Anniversary Art Book.



Kelly Martin, kmartin@lgusd.k12.ca.us

K-5 Arts Educator, Los Gatos Union School District

Ms. Martin's Art Blog <http://mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com>

LGUSD Elementary Art Program funded by Los Gatos Education Foundation



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.

The Wednesday Wave is approved by the H&SC Board and Principal Kit Bragg for posting to the Daves Avenue and H&SC websites 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 in the "Check it Out" section, email a PDF to Amy Torres atorres@lgusd.k12.ca.us.



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