



# 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

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Oh what a night!!! **Family Fun Night**, in partnership with our celebration of the Los Gatos Union School District's 150th Anniversary, was an incredible success. To begin, I want to recognize the amazing efforts of **Sally Ellis** for coordinating and planning the implementation of the event! With over 300 students, parents and community members attending, a huge amount of work went in to ensuring everything was in place - indeed the night ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all!

Simultaneously, the Daves staff worked hard to prepare and deliver a showcase of technology integration in school. It is important our community understand the use of technology in schools has a very dedicated purpose in curriculum and instruction and can ultimately impact the academic success of our students. The following quote ran at the beginning of our slideshow Friday night:

"Students employ technology daily in the classroom using a variety of tools to complete assignments and create projects that show broad based skill acquisition and a deep understanding of content."

I encourage you to continue to be a partner in understanding the implications for learning when technology is used as a dedicated tool to enhance learning and instruction.

Finally today, I want to recognize a young entrepreneur who has recently honed his talents to create fundraising for the school. A truly exceptional young man, **Ryland Goldman**, has been selling coffee and pastries at the **corner of Bruce and Poppy on the first Friday of every month from 7:30am to 8:10am with 50% of proceeds donated directly to Daves!** I can ensure you, "Ryland's Restaurant" is much more than the makeshift lemonade stands of yesteryear. First, it was entirely his idea - he's a second grader! He coordinated with Starbucks to donate the coffee and picks it up every morning for the sale. He also is a master baker and is providing biscotti, pumpkin muffins and brownies. Orange juice and cereal are available as an option, as well. Ryland is still deciding how he would like to see the funds spent, but he has promised me he'd let me know soon!

What a truly wonderful community indeed,

**Kit Bragg**, Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

## Important Dates

### 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, Viva!
- 22 **FunVisor Training with Linda Silvius, Project Cornerstone** 8:30am, MPR

### November

- 4-8 **Conference Week** Minimum Day Schedule
- 11 **NO SCHOOL** - Veterans Day
- 15 **Family Bingo Night** 6:00pm - 7:30pm, MPR

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

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

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Get the Buzz! More Important Buzz Book Information

### Looking For a Buzz Book?

The Buzz Book (our handy student directory and parent handbook) will be going to print soon - **all Daves Avenue H&SC members will receive a complimentary copy of the Buzz Book.**

Please [click here](#) to join the H&SC and be guaranteed to get your free copy of the Buzz Book.

Please see the draft copy in the school's front office to check your Buzz Book directory listing. Contact [Lynn Hubbard](#) if you have any Membership or Buzz Book questions.

**Deadline for Buzz Book changes:** Wednesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Deadline for Membership/Buzz Book:** Friday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

*For information on scholarship opportunities, please contact the school Principal.*

### Final Call!! Buzz Book Secondary Address Info

Does your student have a 2<sup>nd</sup> address you would like included in the Buzz Book directory listings?

Take a look at your H&SC Membership memo (yellow, half-page notice sent out last week), or the Buzz Book draft copy in the school's front office.

If you are a parent/guardian who would like a 2<sup>nd</sup> address included in their student(s) Buzz Book directory listing, please contact [Lynn Hubbard](#) today!

**Deadline to add Secondary Addresses in Buzz Book:**

**TODAY, Wednesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## Mom's Night to be OUT!!



**Monday, October 21st, 6:30 pm.**  
at [Viva!](#) (next to Whole Foods)

Reserve [online](#). Cost: \$20.  
Questions? Please contact [Alex Potts](#).



## Translators Needed Korean, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Telugu, Hindi, Croatian

Volunteer adult translators are needed to help administer primary language assessments to English language learners in the district. The language testing begins in October and takes about 15 minutes per student. There are 1-3 students per language. Students identify pictures of people, animals, shapes, numbers, colors, and vehicles in their home language.

If you can help, please email [Gail Bennett](#), English Language Tutor or call 408-335-2116.

## Calling all 4th & 5th Graders! Get Your Applications in for this Year's Play with Daves Avenue and Blossom Hill!

**Applications Due Wednesday, October 9th!**

### 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](http://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



## The 11th Annual Daves Avenue Fun Walk Wednesday, October 9th at 10:00am



The Annual Fun Walk is one of the few H&SC fundraisers which raises money for necessary programs such as PE, reading and math specialists, school wide assemblies, technology and grade level grants. It is a positive way to support the school, health and fitness!

Pledge envelopes have been sent home to all students this week - even if you have already donated to the "One and Done" Fundraising Campaign. (There are extra pledge forms in the office if by chance you did not receive one.) Students are encouraged to solicit pledges from friends, neighbors and family as either a flat donation or pledge per lap. All donations will be donated directly to the H&SC. Thank you to those who have already donated to the "One and Done" Fundraising Campaign.

**Calling all room parents!** Please join us on **Thursday, October 3rd at 9:30 am** at Kirsten Grado's house (14901 Golf Links Drive) to prepare your class box. Each box will include Fun Walk t-shirts, lap bibs and water bottles. Plan to stay for approximately 1 hour to visit and pin the lap bibs on the back of each t-shirt for your class. Snacks and coffee to be served. If you can't make it, please find another volunteer to attend. Thank you!

There are many volunteer opportunities to come support the kids either before or the day of the event. Please visit the following [Qlubb link](#) or visit your classroom Qlubb. If you have any questions, please contact [Kirsten Grado](#), Fun Walk Chair.

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

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- **Sound in Motion - DJ Raffi**

### SILVER SPONSORS (Up To \$700)

- **Los Gatos Baby and Kids**
- **Oak Tree Children's Club**

## H&SC's "One & Done" FAQ's

**Q) If I've paid my "ONE AND DONE", does that mean I'm automatically a member of the Daves Avenue Home and School Club?**

A) No. Our "ONE AND DONE" campaign is designed to help us reach our fundraising goals without asking you for handouts throughout the year. It does not include your annual H&SC membership. To become a member please visit our Daves Ave. [H&SC website](#). Membership is \$20 and includes a buzz book.

**Q) I've paid my "ONE AND DONE", why did my child bring home a Fun Walk pledge form? I thought I was supposed to be DONE with fundraising?**

A) If you've paid your "ONE AND DONE", you do not need to fundraise for the Fun Walk. We distribute pledge forms to ALL students because there are many families that choose to do both.

More questions? Contact [Becky Hanson](#), H&SC Vice President

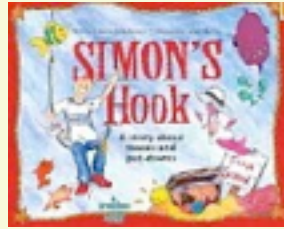
# Community

## Cornerstone Corner: Simon's Hook

This month, the ABC readers will read "Simon's Hook" to your children in class. This book demonstrates the third law of bucket filling: use your lid when needed.

The message of "Simon's Hook" is an empowering one: "Don't focus on the bully behavior. Focus on the fact that you have the power to choose how to react!" The book helps the children to recognize the CHOICES they have in responding to teasing. It empowers them to avoid perceiving themselves as a powerless victim of hurtful behaviors.

We invite you and your child to watch three wonderful, short [YouTube](#) video clips of Grandma Rose teaching the children to become 'free fish'. Or, [click here](#) to visit Grandma Rose's virtual neighborhood and attend "Fish School" with your child!



[Andrea Anderson](#) and the Project Cornerstone Team

## Kinder Cornerstone Corner

**It's fun to make friends and play with others, but it's not always easy to do.**

In Kindergarten this month, we will read *Join In and Play* by Cheri J Meiners. This book teaches some of the basic rules of play:

- ask before joining in
- take turns
- cooperate
- play fair
- be a good sport.

Students will learn how to be a friend, make a friend, and get along.

[Claire Nippres](#)  
Project Cornerstone Kindergarten Coordinator

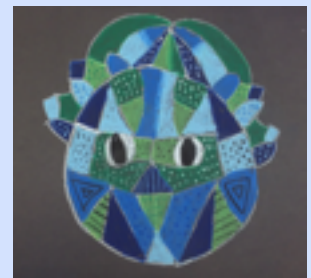
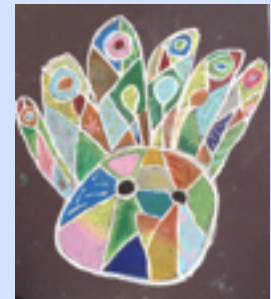


## District Art Corner 3rd Grade African Inspired Masks

Connecting to the Art Docent lesson in 3rd grade on Cubism, 4th grade students looked at a Picasso and African Masks to understand how he was inspired by the bold abstract designs of African masks. He collected masks and used them to influence his own style. This brought a fresh look to European art. For their hands-on project, students then became "Picasso" and created their own Mask using angles, big shapes, medium shapes and small shapes just like Picasso's did. This hands on art project was completed in two 60 minute lessons. In the first lesson the students learned about Picasso and Cubism. They also learned how to create a cubist shape using 3 new oil pastel techniques: Inlining, Dots and Dashes and Gradation. Lastly students created a plan for their final artwork. They used color, design or animal features to express a story about their mask and connect it back to themselves. For example, the students could incorporate animal characteristics into their mask to show emotion- such as a lion's mane to represent courage. They could also use a blue color to show a calm mask or a love of the ocean. In the second lesson, students used their mask sketch to create the final work of art where they incorporated all their oil pastel artist techniques. Enjoy the beautiful Artwork!

### [Kelly Martin](#)

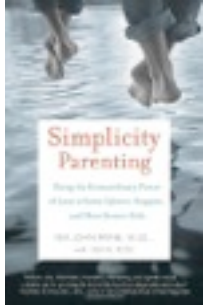
K-5 Arts Educator, Los Gatos Union School District  
Ms. Martin's Art Blog <http://mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com>



*LGUSD Elementary Art Program funded by Los Gatos Education Foundation*

# OLD NEWS

## 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. Questions? contact [Daniel Swid](#)

## Daves Avenue Club House Presents: Parents' Night Out

**Friday, October 18th**

6:15pm - 10:30pm

**Pizza, Games & a Movie!**

\$20 for first child, \$10 each sibling

See the School Links for further information and registration or drop by the Club House.



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](http://www.parentingcontinuum.org)



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.



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