



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!

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Important Dates

October

31 **Halloween Parade** 8:30am, Daves blacktop and corridors

November

4-8 **Conference Week**

Minimum Day Schedule

4-8 **Book Fair** 8:00am-3:00pm

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** 8:00pm, Viva! Restaurant

12 **Parenting Book Circle** 1:30pm, Conference Room B

13 **Last day for Candy Collection for Troops**

15 **Beach Blanket Family Bingo Night** 6:00pm - 8:00pm, MPR

22 **Spirit Day: Change Your Name**

27-29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

Principal's Letter

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

We are so very excited for our Halloween parade on Thursday morning. Please note that we will begin on the blacktop at 8:30am. Traffic that morning, will be extra heavy, so please plan accordingly to ensure your child(ren) arrive on time. To make this a healthy and safe Halloween, here are some guidelines we ask that you follow for your child's costume: avoid toy weapons, masks, scary characters that would frighten young children, fake blood, hair dye or spray because of allergic reactions to the chemicals, and finally, please consider age appropriate costumes.

Have your child come to school in costume. Please be aware that unattached parts of costumes sometimes get lost at school, so you may want to leave them at home. The day will begin with a parade around the school at approximately 8:30am. We invite families to come with cameras and/or videos, but we ask that you respect the boundaries that are set, as well as daily school guidelines.

After the parade, the parties will begin in individual classrooms. All students will change out of their costumes during the morning recess and need to bring a change of clothes to school. After recess, the classes will resume their regular academic schedules. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Warm regards,

[Kit Bragg](#)

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

Conference Week

Nov 4 - 8

Minimum Day Schedule

All Kinders: 8:15am - 12:05pm

Grades 1-3: 8:15am - 12:10pm

Grades 4-5: 8:15am - 12:15pm

SCHOOL NEWS

Beach Blanket Bingo

Friday, November 15th at 6pm

An evening of Beach Blanket Bingo awaits you! Come and enjoy a beach-themed Bingo Night on **Friday, November 15th at 6pm** in the Daves Avenue Multi-Purpose Room. We are planning a fun family event filled with bingo and beach trivia games, raffles, and great prizes. The Bingo sheets are kid-friendly and the ink stamps are washable. Optional dinner can be ordered (catered by Pizza My Heart) and will be served from 6pm to 6:30pm. Dinner will include 1 large pizza, 4 drinks, and dessert. Order forms are available [online](#) and in the office until **November 11th**. Popcorn, veggies, and fruit snacks will be provided. Prize donations, baked goods, and volunteers are all appreciated - check out your class [Qlubb](#) to sign up.

Questions? Contact Event Chairs
[Kristine Zehner](#) or
[Roxanne Panicci](#)



Cornerstone Corner

Let's continue to "fill buckets" and learn to "swim free" when being teased.

Let's remember, we can teach our kids the tools, we can guide them gently, but they need to make their own experiences and learn!

It is not what you do for
your children,
but what you have taught
them to do for themselves,
that will make them
successful human beings.

Ann Landers

Coffee with the Principal



Tuesday, November 12th
8:30 am to 9:30 am-MPR

The Daves Ave School Site Council is hosting coffee and conversation with Kit Bragg. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions or seek understanding on specific issues as they relate to Daves Ave.

Can't make the event? Feel free to email your questions ahead of time. A summary Q&A will be posted after the event.

Questions for or about the event, contact [Kathy Granger](#), School Site Council President.

Daves Avenue's Parenting Book Circle

Tuesday, November 12th

Last week we discussed the first chapter of [Simplicity Parenting](#), by Kim John Payne. This chapter was about the many reasons to simplify including providing space for "childhood's slow, essential unfolding of self." We also discussed the importance of putting our family's needs before the demands of the world, and the dilemma in this community regarding disposable party favors and excessive gift giving at birthdays.



Next meeting: **Tuesday, Nov 12th at 1:30pm** in **Conference Room B**

Questions? Contact [Daniel Swid](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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](tel:408-335-2074).

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.
- **Wimpy 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!



H&SC Monthly Drawing!

Join us at the next H&SC meeting for our monthly drawing and enter to win your own reserved parking space for the month of November! No more car lines, no more fighting for a parking space. You'll even be closer to the entrance than Principal Bragg!

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.

Next Home & School Club Meeting Thursday, November 7, 2013 8:30 am - Room 4

Our Special Guest
Diana Abbati, LGUSD Superintendent

Join the Home and School Club for our monthly meeting, which will be held on Thursday, November 7th in Room 4 at 8:30 am.

LGUSD Superintendent Diana Abbati will be joining us and sharing the latest developments in and around the district.

Also, get updates on the various projects supported by you through the Home & School Club.

We hope you can join us for this informative meeting.



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



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 and approved by the district prior to being included on the Wednesday Wave web page.



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