



# WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter



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### Important Dates

#### OCTOBER

- 6 Picture Day
- 9 Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
- 12 **CASA General Meeting**, 8:30am, LGHS Community Room
- 13 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MPR
- 14 **Oktoberfest Fundraiser**, 6pm
- 16 **District Board Meeting**, District Office
- 17-20 **5th Grade Science Camp**
- 19 **Parenting Continuum: Raising Financially Aware Kids**
- 23-27 **LGUSD Red Ribbon Week**
- 31 **Halloween Parade**

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:30am, Conference Room B
- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MPR
- 10 **Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 13 **District Board Meeting**, District Office
- 13-17 **Conference Week - Minimum Days**
- 13-17 **Book Fair**, Library
- 17 **Picture Day Retakes**

MPR = Daves Multi-Purpose Room

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Please save the date and join me for an important Parent Education Event to learn about the new Standards-based Report Card scheduled for **Wednesday, October 11th from 6:30 to 7:30pm** in the Daves Avenue Multi-purpose Room. This shift in grading and reporting is based on research-based best practices in pedagogy and assessment. Below I have included a chart that highlights some of the major differences.

Traditional Grading System	Standards-Based System
Student work may be compared to other students' work (Grading on a curve).	Student work is compared to a standard describing what students should know and be able to do at a specific grade level or in a specific subject.
Grades may include non-academic factors such as attendance, behavior, and effort.	Grades are a report of academic achievement; non-academic factors such as attendance, behavior, and effort are reported separately.
Grades communicate achievement based on the teacher's individual interpretation of standards.	Grades communicate academic achievement based on district-defined standards.

If you are not able to attend the meeting on October 11th at Daves Avenue, additional meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

- Blossom Hill: Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - MPR
- Van Meter: Thursday, October 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - MPR
- Lexington: Tuesday, October 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - MPR
- District Office: Friday, October 20, 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Board Room

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the Parent Information Night, so we know approximately how many people to expect. Registration, however, is not required to attend.

Sincerely,  
**Iqbal Chadda**, Principal  
 Daves Avenue Elementary

### TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS!



Presenting this year's play...



Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Applications due Wed. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>

Auditions Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

See [hsc.blossomhill.org/the-play](http://hsc.blossomhill.org/the-play) for details



## LOS GATOS UNION

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our Community, Our Students, Our Future

### Informational parent meeting on the new *Standards Based Report Cards* For Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

Each school site principal, along with Arcia Dorosti (Director of Curriculum & Instruction) will host a parent meeting to present and answer questions regarding the new Standards Based Report Cards.

#### MEETING DATES and TIMES:

**Blossom Hill:** 6:30-7:30 pm, Tues., October 10, 2017  
16400 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, Principal Lisa Reynolds

**Daves Avenue:** 6:30-7:30 pm, Wed., October 11, 2017  
17770 Daves Avenue, Monte Sereno, Principal Iqbal Chadda

**Van Meter:** 6:30-7:30 pm, Thurs., October 12, 2017  
16445 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos, Principal Rick Rauscher

**Lexington:** 6:30-7:30 pm, Tues., October 17, 2017  
19700 Old Santa Cruz Highway, Los Gatos, Principal Lauren Honda

**District Office:** 8:30-9:30 am, Fri., October 20, 2017  
17010 Roberts Road, Los Gatos, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Arcia Dorosti

*If you are unable to attend your student's school site meeting, please join us at any other site meeting.*

# DOLLARS FOR DAVES



Hi wonderful Daves families!

We are currently at **36%** participation for our **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** campaign. **We need your help** to continue to raise money for the programs that we support. Please click **HERE** to learn how your money helps our school.

**THANK YOU** to all the families who have donated so far. **We are so thankful!**

Donate at the supporter or benefactor level by October 27th and join us for Donor Appreciation Night on November 8th!

# Picture Day



**SMILE!** School Portraits will be taken at Daves Avenue Elementary on **Friday, October 6th.**



Click [HERE](#) to direct order your child's portraits.

## fourleaf...IS HERE!

The Home & School Club (H&SC) and the Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF) are pleased to announce that FourLeaf, our online school directory, is up and running for the current school year! Accessing the online school directory is an easy **3-step process**:

**1) Register:** For most of you, this was done automatically based on your approval when you originally registered your child at Daves. If you did not provide this approval, you will need to **REGISTER**.

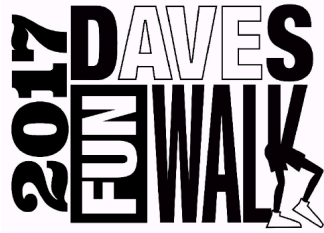
**2) Activate:** If you are a **new family** and said "YES" during the registration process, you should have received an activation email from "FourLeaf" last week. Follow the email instructions to activate your account and set up a password. You can also review and modify your personal contact data and choose what you want published. If you are a **returning family** and activated your FourLeaf account last year, no further action is required on your part, however you may want to make sure your information is up to date. Log onto [www.fourleaf.net/daves](http://www.fourleaf.net/daves), click on the green "Daves Avenue Elementary School 2016-2017" button on the side of the screen, and choose the "Change Year" option, then "2017-2018". Note that searches in the side bar on the right part of the screen will turn up results from all directories you have access to, including past years (which is why you may see siblings who have already graduated from Daves in your search results).

**3) Access:** Access to listings in the directory other than your own will only be available to families that have donated to the H&SC through the **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** program. Donate **HERE** today! After you have activated your account and completed your **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** donation, you will receive an email confirming your access. Note that, if you had full access to last year's directory but have not yet completed your **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** donation for this current year, you will lose access even to last year's directory until you make the new donation.

### **Features:**

- It is **SAFE**: All information is password-protected and encrypted.
- It is **DYNAMIC**: Information can be changed, deleted and added at any time.
- It has **YOUR privacy settings**: **YOU** manage your family data.
- It is **ACCESSIBLE** via your phone, tablet or computer. An iPhone app is available (search for "FourLeaf Networks" in the App store).

Questions or concerns? Contact **Heather Regoli**



The 15th Annual **Daves Avenue Fun Walk** was held this morning! Thank you to all the volunteers, teachers and staff that came out and helped make this event so much fun for all!

Be sure to ask your kids how they did today and congratulate them on their accomplishment. It is now time to collect the pledges! Pledges are due **October 27th** to either your teacher, the Fun Walk slot in the office, or you can pledge online here: [davesavehsc.org/fun-walk-2017](http://davesavehsc.org/fun-walk-2017).

In an effort to create some excitement for the students, the grade level that collects the most pledges will be awarded with a **Kona Ice party!**

A big THANK YOU to our generous lead sponsor **BrandVia** (the Childers Family) for designing and donating the Fun Walk t-shirts!



THANK YOU to all the room parents for the ongoing help. Thank you to **Sanco Pipelines** for letting us borrow the cones for the event. A very special thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes and also to the volunteers that helped with the entire event!

**If you have any questions please contact Emelia Cellura or Ali Olivo, Fun Walk Chairs**

## LGEF funds essential teachers and staff at Daves Avenue.

- ✓ Support your child
- ✓ Support your school
- ✓ Donate to LGEF



Learn more and donate at [www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org)



### Be a Roll Model

**SR2S** reminds parents to be a roll model. While riding your bike with your student or just around town wear a helmet and always ride with traffic. If you cross at a crosswalk, walk your bike. Remind your children of these items also. Help build a community of safe and active riders.

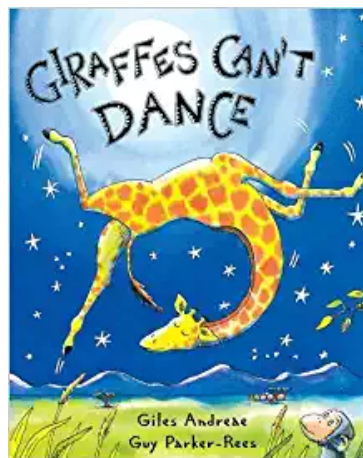
## Cornerstone Corner

### October's Book: *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae

This month, our ABC Readers will be reading the book *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae. Gerald, a gangly giraffe, wants to join in at the dance. His knees are crooked, his legs are thin, and all the other animals mock him when he approaches the dance floor. Luckily, a friendly cricket chirps a morale-boosting song of self-confidence - helping Gerald tap into his inner-self and discover his unique talents - and sets Gerald in graceful motion.

In the classroom, ABC Readers will talk with students about how:

- Positive self-talk can be used to build self-confidence.
- New skills are developed by first understanding how to improve, followed by practice.
- **We have power and control over how we respond to teases and put-downs, and react to situations!**



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## JOIN THE DAVES AVENUE H&SC!

We need your help to continue to support our valued programs and services, enrich our children's experiences, and keep Daves Avenue the great school it is!

## H&SC MEETINGS

All meetings are usually on a Friday (unless noted below) and will take place in the Daves Multi-Purpose Room at 8:30am.

### 2017

October 13th

November 3rd

December 1st

### 2018

January 12th

February 2nd

March 2nd

May 4th

May 31st (Thursday)

## CASA General Meeting Educating Parents on Tobacco and Marijuana

**October 12th 8:30-10am**  
**LGHS Community Room**

Speaker: **Bonnie Halpern-Felsher**, PhD, FSAHM,  
Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent  
Medicine, Stanford University



Dr. Halpern-Felsher has been working for years toward reducing use of tobacco products among teens. In addition to her research she participates in the Santa Clara County "Keeping Youth Safe" coalition which has developed Tobacco Prevention toolkit which she will share with us. Plus we discuss what youth need to hear from their parents about tobacco and marijuana use.

## So much information! 2 easy ways to keep up with everything Daves:

Bookmark the [H&SC WEBSITE](#) for the latest news, events, links and more  
Follow Daves Avenue on [Facebook](#) for key reminders on events and upcoming to-dos.

# Art Docents

of Los Gatos, Inc.

The Docents are back to school!

As with every year, October announces the return of the Art Docents into the classrooms, bringing print presentations and workshops to all of our students in the district.

- Kindergarten** will discover the Elements of Art
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** will learn all about Pattern and Balance, and start their printmaking workshop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** will understand the importance of Color and Value to communicate ideas and feeling
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** will explore the Impressionist Movement
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** will hear about California Landscapes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** will review the Principles of Design and Elements of Art using highlights of American Art

To learn more about our curriculum visit [www.artdocents.com](http://www.artdocents.com)



## The Daves Avenue Home & School Club Thanks HALL & BURNETT ORTHODONTICS for Being A Community Level Sponsor

Since 1947, our families have been residents of Los Gatos and K-12 students. Our focus has always been on how we can give back to this wonderful place in which we live, go to school, and raise our families. The betterment of our surrounding and the connection of our community is at the forefront of our thoughts and efforts at Hall & Burnett Orthodontics.



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Are you a H&SC Committee Chair, Daves Teacher or Administrator, or Community representative? Do you have school-related news or events you want the Daves community to know about? Submit your item by **Friday at 5pm** 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 or other image file type.

The Wednesday Wave is approved by the H&SC Board and Principal Iqbal Chadda for posting to the Daves Avenue and H&SC web sites on Wednesday, with an email link sent to parents the same day.



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