



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.

Check It Out

- [Art Docent Open House](#)
- [LGUSD 150th Anniversary Showcase](#)
- [Screen on the Green](#)

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

Important Dates

September

- 5 **First H&SC Meeting of 2013/14**
8:30am, MPR
- 9-13 **Walk and Roll to School Week**
- 9 **LGEF Board Meeting**
8pm, District Office
- 10 **New Family Welcome**
8:30-9:30am, MPR
- 10 **Project Cornerstone Presentation**
7pm, MPR
- 13 **Family Fun Night Dinner Orders Deadline**
- 16 **FunVisor training** 8:30am,
Conf. Room B (behind Library)
- 20 **Mama Mia Party** 6:30pm
- 22-27 **LGUSD 150th Anniversary Celebration Week**
- 24 **District Board Meeting**
6:30, District Office
- 27 **Family Fun Night**
5:30-8:30pm, Daves Ave Field

October

- 9 **Fun Walk**
10:00am, School Field

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

Principal's Letter

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Please join us for our first Home and School Club meeting on **Thursday, September 5th at 8:30 a.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is a great opportunity to meet the H&SC Board, and hear more about parent supported programs at Daves Avenue. Our Home & School Club supports integral programs that we could not do without - areas include technology integration, math and literacy support, physical education and social/emotional learning. Please join us to learn more.

Additionally, please plan to attend our parent night on **September 10th at 7:00 p.m.** in the MPR for our Project Cornerstone 41 Assets presentation by **Linda Silvius**. Learn about ways that you can positively reinforce good behavior at home and at school, while helping students build a positive view of oneself.

Attention new parents! We are so very pleased to have you join our community this year. Please mark you calendars for our New Family Welcome on **September 10th at 8:30a.m.** in the MPR.

All My Best,

Kit Bragg, Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

Our First H&SC Meeting Is Tomorrow!

Please join us tomorrow morning at 8:30am in the Multipurpose Room for our first H&SC Meeting of the 2013/14 school year!

SCHOOL NEWS



Announcing the 2013-2014 Daves Avenue Family Math Nights K-5!

Oct 16 - 4th Grade - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Nov 20 - 2nd Grade - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Jan 15 - 5th Grade - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Feb 5th - 3rd Grade - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 12 - 1st Grade - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

March 26 - Kinder - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Please make sure to mark the calendar for your child's grade level math night. The focus of the evening is to enjoy math together as a family with hands on games and activities. You won't want to miss out!

Jana Morse, Math Specialist

Are you ready to Walk and Roll?

4th Annual Walk and Bike to School Week September 9-13, 2013

Get ready to walk, bike, scooter, skateboard or carpool to school during our Annual Walk & Bike to School Week. Using active transportation to and from school reduces traffic and pollution around our school. Look for fun activities and incentives at each school and visits from Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police officers.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact lgsr2s@gmail.com, or reach out to our Daves Ave SR2S coordinator

Donna Leu.



CASA Volunteer Opportunity Daves Avenue School Representative



CASA (Community Against Substance Abuse) is currently looking for a Daves Avenue school CASA representative. The Daves representative will hold a position on our local CASA Board and attend monthly meetings at the Los Gatos High School. These meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Responsibilities also include:

- Coordinating Red Ribbon Week at Daves Ave (Week of October 20th)
- Working on a proposed Healthy Choices Week in the Spring

For more information, or to express interest in the position, please contact

Becky Hanson

Cornerstone Corner

Project Cornerstone's ABC Readers will visit your children's classroom once a month to read a book, lead activities that help teach valuable lessons, and build positive connections.

This year, we are starting the first year of the three-year reading cycle. This is the Asset year which lays the foundations for our Asset Building Champions (ABC).

Our September book is "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" Please ask your child what it means to be a bucket filler and remember to be bucket fillers whenever you can!

For more information check out www.projectcornerstone.org or the Cornerstone Section on our school's website!

Andrea Anderson
Project Cornerstone Coordinator



Fun Walk! It's Just Around the Corner...

The **11th Annual Daves Avenue Fun Walk** is fast approaching! Please join us on **Wednesday, October 9th at 10am** on the school field.

The Fun Walk is an important fundraising event for Daves Avenue Home & School Club (H&SC) and raises money to support critical programs such as PE, technology, teacher grants, math and literacy support. Our fundraising goal is **\$150 per student**. Each child will be sent home with a sponsor/pledge sheet in the next few weeks. Children are encouraged to ask neighbors, family members and friends to sponsor them in their efforts in the Fun Walk. For those families that have already donated their "One and Done Check" this year, the H&SC thanks you for your support. You are not obligated to donate further.

If you would like to become a corporate sponsor, the **deadline to have your business logo printed on the Fun Walk t-shirt is September 20th**. If you would like to help volunteer, please contact [Kirsten Grado](#), Fun Walk Chair, for more information.



We've got Spirit, How 'Bout You?!? Wednesday Spirit Days are back at Daves Avenue!

Come to school decked in green and white or wearing your new Daves Avenue spirit wear every Wednesday, and let your Cool Cat pride shine! Be creative! Let your colors and your Daves Avenue spirit build a school-wide wave of green and white glory! Let's show our community how much we love Daves!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Parents Needed: Supervise Fisher Middle School Community Service Volunteers

Family Fun Night is on Friday, September 27th, and includes dinner and a movie: 'Escape to Planet Earth'. To ensure the evening's success, the event will need adults to supervise the Fisher students that are volunteering. Please consider signing up for one of the slots **in your classroom Qlubb**. Please note that Adults are simply supervisors, as we want to help our Fisher volunteers to be responsible and hard working in order to earn their service credits. This year, the general public of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno have been invited in coordination with the School District's 150th Anniversary celebration. We want Daves to shine!

To see the areas still available **check in to your classroom Qlubb** or email [Sally Ellis](#).

Daves Avenue Book Room Volunteers Still Needed!

We are looking for parents or community volunteers to help in the Daves Avenue Book Room for clerical duties such as leveling, labeling, organizing, cataloguing, and copying. If you are interested, please send an email to our Reading Specialist [Bridget Solve](#).

Dinner and a Movie Under the Stars?
We Love It!
Friday, September 27th



Grab a blanket, a low-back lawn chair - and of course your family - and join us on **Friday, September 27th** 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.

Dinner will start at 6pm and is being catered by Los Gatos Meats and Willow Street Pizza. You need to pre-order your selections for the event **no later than Friday, September 13th** by visiting the [H&SC website](#). 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 (rated PG - [click here](#) for movie details). Free popcorn will be flowing, and concessions will also be available for purchase.

Please see the article in the previous page requesting help from parents to supervise Fisher students performing community service hours for the event. Sign up for this 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.

Remember, food orders* must be made by lucky Friday, September 13!

*Ordering online is super easy too!



Join Cub Scouts
Pack 502!

Daves Avenue Cub Scout Pack 502 is looking for new members, especially 1st graders! Old and new members please join us at our first Pack Meeting/ Welcome/ Registration/ Info Night on **September 19 from 7 - 8:30 pm** in the MPR at Daves. For more info, please visit www.cubs502.org.

[Jean Melax](#)

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COMMUNITY BOARD



District Art Corner

Welcome back to the new school year everyone! In the last couple weeks, I have been working with the third grade students across the district on a beautiful Landscape Painting. Connecting to the Art Docent lesson in 2nd Grade, students looked at how Landscape Artists use the Illusion of Space. For their hands-on project, students will become "Landscape" artists and create a Birch or Oak Tree forest using background, middle ground and foreground to demonstrate the Illusion of Space. This landscape painting will be completed in two art lessons. In the first lesson, we viewed the image, Grey and Gold by John Cox. Focusing on this image, we identified the horizon line, foreground, middle ground and background. Students also studied how artists use color to capture the light and convey a season in their artwork. The students will use the artist technique of tape resist to create their trees and then use watercolor techniques over the trees. When the paint is dry, they can remove the tape leaving the negative space of trees. In their second art lesson, students will design their own scene using colors that connect to their favorite Season: Autumn, Winter, Spring or Summer. For example, if a student really enjoys skiing they may choose to create a winter landscape scene using deep blues, blacks and whites. Stay tuned next week for some images of the student's Seasonal Landscape Tree Paintings! You can find more information about this lesson on Mrs. Martin's Art Blog at www.mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com for details about the hands-on in class project, as well as an activity for parents and children to engage in the arts at home.

Kelly Martin

K-5 Arts Educator, Los Gatos Union School District

LGUSD Elementary Art Program funded by Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF)

Would you like to be a 2014 Girls on the Run (GOTR) Coach?

This is a great opportunity to do something really great and rewarding for the girls at Daves! Applications are currently being accepted for new and returning GOTR running coaches - but only until Sunday, September 15th. The GOTR season begins the week of March 3rd, 2014 and culminates in a 5km run on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Vasona Park. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information and to complete an online application.



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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