



# 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!

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 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 **Principal's Coffee** 8:30am, MPR
- 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
- 20 **2nd Grade Math Night** 6:30pm, MPR
- 22 **Spirit Day: Change Your Name**
- 27-29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

**This week is Conference Week !**  
**Minimum Day Schedule All Week**

All Kinders: 8:15am - 12:05pm  
Grades 1-3: 8:15am - 12:10pm  
Grades 4-5: 8:15am - 12:15pm

## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

I truly enjoyed our Halloween festivities. One of my earliest memories as a brand new fifth grade teacher twelve years ago was dressing up as Harry Potter for our Halloween parade. More than a decade later, I still love dressing up and seeing all the creative costumes children wear. I also love to see the number of parents lining the halls to snap a picture of all our ghouls and goblins! I hope your evening festivities were fun and safe.

I would like to invite you to our Principal's Coffee on **November 12th at 8:30am** hosted by the School Site Council and the Home and School Club. This is a forum to discuss any questions you may have about curriculum and instruction, program, or student activities. I welcome your input and feedback. If you are not able to attend, we will be summarizing items discussed and share those back in our Wednesday Wave. You may also submit questions in advance to [Kathy Granger](#) who will bring these to the meeting as well.

Lastly, the holidays are approaching and at this time of year we often see an increase in absences due to travel. Please understand that only absences related to health are excused, all other absences are recorded as un-excused. We highly encourage you to plan your vacations around our natural school breaks so students do not miss out on valuable class time.

Warm Regards,

[Kit Bragg](#)

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

*Amy Says:..*

**Don't forget to call the Attendance Line!**

It is critical that you call the Attendance line at **408-335-2245** prior to the start of school if your child will be absent that day.

**Lost and Found is Overflowing!**

Please come by the lost and found outside of the office to check for lost sweatshirts, lunch boxes and other items.

Any unclaimed items will be donated on **Thursday, December 19th!**

**NOW YOU CAN 'LIKE' DAVES AVENUE ON FACEBOOK!**



Check out our new Facebook page to stay on top of all of the latest news and happenings at Daves Avenue!

<https://www.facebook.com/davesaveelementaryschool>

# 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 - 13th!**  
Please contact [Sally Ellis](#) with any questions.

## ORDER YOUR 150TH LGUSD ANNIVERSARY ART BOOK IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS



The 150<sup>th</sup> LGUSD Art Books are a collection of student self-portraits and writing done by K-5 Art students during the 2012-2013 School Year with District Art Teacher, Kelly Martin. There are four books, one for each Elementary School in our district. A committee of volunteers from the [Art Docents of Los](#)

[Gatos](#) designed the covers of each book. Within the books, you will find portraits by students from each grade level along with their writing placed underneath. These grade level portraits are a demonstration of the skills the students have learned throughout the year in their art lessons with Mrs. Martin.

Each self-portrait is aligned to the California Visual and Performing Arts Standards as well as the district art curriculum. 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 our district, which embraces Our Community, Our Students, and Our Future. 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.

[Order your Art Book now online](#) - stop by your child's elementary school main office or the Art Docent office to see one before you order. The books are very high quality and will make a great keepsake.

## COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL



**Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.

## 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!**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## OCTOBER RAFFLE WINNER: MAYA KULICK!

October's Walk and Roll Raffle winner is Maya from 2nd grade classroom #10 (Setziol/Spencer). Congratulations, Maya! Your classroom is the new official holder of Daves Avenue's "Golden Sneaker Award".



A new winner will be selected for November, so keep walking, rolling or carpooling to school to have a chance this month!

**Donna Leu**, Daves Avenue SR2S Coordinator



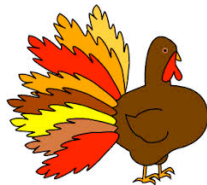
## 2ND GRADE MATH NIGHT! FOCUS ON ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION



**When: Wednesday, November 20**  
**Time: 6:30-7:30 pm**

**Where: Daves Avenue Multi-Purpose  
Room**

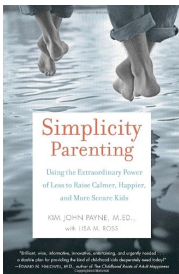
**Who: 2nd Grade Families - siblings  
welcome!**



Play games with your child to promote the learning of addition and subtraction facts!

## DAVES AVENUE'S PARENTING BOOK CIRCLE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>



Last time 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Conference Room B**

Questions? Please contact **Daniel Swid**

## CORNERSTONE CORNER NOVEMBER TRAIT: BE AN UPSTANDER

In November the ABC readers will read "Say Something" by Peggy Moss to the children. The children will learn how to act when they observe bullying behavior. We will be working on moving from the familiar role of a bystander to the integrity-rich role of an UPstander.



If your child tells you about bullying behavior, always be there for your child as a good listener and take it seriously. Let us know about incidents that concern you or your child.

Encourage your child to go to an adult if they observe or are the target of any bullying behavior at school. Fun-Visors are always present at recess time to talk to.

For questions or ideas please let the Project Cornerstone Team know!

But let's remember that most of the time we observe wonderfully positive bucket-fillers at school!

Let's keep it that way and spread the goodness!

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

## FOURTH GRADE VISIT TO INTEL

In October, fourth grade students concluded their study of Magnetism and Electricity with a visit to Intel to learn about electrical circuits.

Students learned to decode basic schematics and build simple series and parallel circuits with wires, batteries, bulbs and switches.



During the Intel museum tour, students learned about the importance of size, manufacturing and environment of the electrical circuits found in integrated circuits or computer chips.



**RESERVED  
PARKING**

FOR

**YOUR NAME**

**HERE!**

## H&SC MONTHLY DRAWING THIS THURSDAY!

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!

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

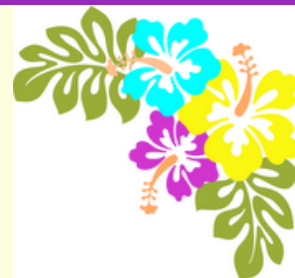
## DID YOU GET YOUR BUZZ BOOK?

If you are a H&SC member, your Buzz book(s) were sent home with your youngest Daves student early this week. So if you haven't seen it yet, check those backpacks!

Haven't signed up as a H&SC member yet? You still can and there are a few extra copies of Buzz books available if you act quickly! Hard copy membership forms are available in the office. Note that your H&SC membership (\$20) is separate from your One-and-Done donation. Please reach out to [Lynn Hubbard](#) with any questions.

## BEACH BLANKET BINGO!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 6PM



An evening of Beach Blanket Bingo awaits you! Come and enjoy a beach-themed Bingo Night on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at**

**6pm** in the Daves Avenue Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). 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 11<sup>th</sup>**. Popcorn, veggies, and fruit snacks will also be provided.

Prize donations, baked goods, and volunteers are all appreciated - check out your class [Olubb](#) to sign up! Questions? Contact Event Chairs [Kristine Zehner](#) or [Roxanne Panicacci](#).

## 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

## 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.

# COMMUNITY BOARD

## GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION!

For the Holidays, please consider giving the gift of education to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews with a donation to Los Gatos Education Foundation (the Foundation). The Foundation works directly with the District to fund grants for our elementary and middle schools in music, art, science, counseling, and technology. This gift directly benefits students in the Los Gatos Union School District and lasts all year!



To send an e-card that designates funds to the Los Gatos Education Foundation in honor of your chosen recipient, please go to:

<http://www.charitygiftcertificates.org/Purchase/HonorCards/>

Select 'Choose a Charity' from the left hand navigation, search for 'Los Gatos Education Foundation' in the search field, then follow the instructions to design and send your card!

## GIRLS ON THE RUN PROGRAM COMING SOON!



The two words that best describe Girls on the Run are "FUN" and "RUN." Every aspect of this program is geared toward helping girls feel good about who they are—physically, emotionally and socially. We are excited to offer this great program to the (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) grade girls at Daves Avenue Elementary this coming spring!

Girls on the Run begins the week of March 3, 2014, and lasts for 10 weeks, culminating in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley 5K on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. The Daves Avenue team will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45pm - 4:00pm. There will be no lessons the week of spring break.

Program registration will be ONLINE ONLY at <http://www.gotrsv.org> and will open at **8:00 am on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013**. Space is limited and girls will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a program is full, please sign up for the waiting list as spots may open. Registration information will be available on the Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley website in November if you have questions about the process. Scholarships are available.

For more information, please visit <http://www.gotrsv.org> or contact **Leasa Joos**, the head coach at Daves, at [408-348-8272](tel:408-348-8272) or [leasa\\_joos@yahoo.com](mailto:leasa_joos@yahoo.com). We hope to have your girls in Girls on the Run this spring!



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

### Questions or concerns?

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