



# 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

### October

- 9 **Play Applications Due Today**
- 14 **Play Auditions Begin**
- 14 **Last day to RSVP for Moms' Night Out**
- 15 **Parenting Book Circle** info session 1:30 - 2pm, Conference Room B
- 16 **4th Grade Math Night** 6:30 - 7:30pm, MPR
- 18 **Parents' Night Out** 6:15-10:30pm, Daves Avenue Clubhouse
- 21-25 **CASA Red Ribbon Week**
- 21 **Moms' Night Out** 6:30pm, Viva!
- 22 **FunVisor Training with Linda Silvius, Project Cornerstone** 8:30am, MPR
- 31 **Halloween Parade** 8:30am, Daves blacktop and corridors

### November

- 4-8 **Conference Week** Minimum Day Schedule
- 7 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, MPR
- 7 **Photo Makeup Day** 8:30-11:30, MPR
- 11 **NO SCHOOL** - Veterans Day
- 11 **LGEF Board Meeting** 8pm, District Office
- 15 **Beach Blanket Family Bingo Night** 6:00pm - 8pm, MPR
- 22-29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### Membership has its privileges...like reserved parking

Daves Avenue Families,

At the last Home and School Club (H&SC) Meeting, we discussed many important topics, including "Photo Bombing" and "Why Thor's Hammer is more powerful than that of Fix-it Felix, Jr." We got other stuff done, too.

Among the hot topics for the morning was the fact that the H&SC has two reserved parking spaces in front of the school. One was auctioned off at our fundraiser, the Circus, last school year. The other has gone largely unused for the first month of school. The H&SC Board has decided to hold a monthly drawing for the use of the space. There are only two requirements: 1) Be an H&SC Member 2) Be present at the H&SC Meeting to win. Congratulations to **Erica Mittelhauser** on being our first winner. Next drawing will be held on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the H&SC Meeting.

### Are You a Member of the H&SC?

Being a member of the H&SC is a requirement to win the parking spot. Although some think they are members, it can be a bit confusing. If you only participated in the One-and-Done campaign, (first of all, thank you!), you are **NOT** a member (yet!). Membership in the H&SC is separate. The One-and-Done is specifically our fundraising campaign. It allows our families to contribute to the school without having to participate in any of the other fundraisers (i.e. FUN Walk) that are organized throughout the year. Your contribution to One-and-Done is completely tax deductible and may also be eligible for company matching (check with your HR department).

Membership in the H&SC is \$20 for the year. Membership includes: 1) A copy of the Buzz Book (our school directory), 2) A vote at the H&SC Meetings and now... 3) Eligibility to win the reserved parking space for a month. You are still able to join the H&SC! Hard copy membership forms are available in the school office. However, please note that Buzz Books have been ordered and are now on a first come, first serve basis. I encourage you to sign-up for H&SC membership as soon as you can!

Finally, I wanted to thank **Sally Ellis** for all the time and energy she gave to organize our recent Family Fun Night. It was a great evening with over 300 in attendance. As you know we tied this together with the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our School District. As part of our evening we had a Technology Showcase. Many of our Daves Avenue teachers were on hand to demonstrate what is happening in the classrooms. A big thank you to all of them for their time that evening. It was a great night!

Always,

**Jeff Milde**  
H&SC President

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PLAY APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY!

Get Your Applications in for this Year's Play with Daves Avenue, Blossom Hill **and now LEXINGTON, too!**



**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).

**Please turn in your All About Me's ASAP and complete the online application.**

Audition song now available on the [play website](#).

### Updated Audition Schedule

Students attend 3 auditions based on their school and grade, as follows:

- Mon. Oct. 14th** Daves Ave 4th & 5th grade students 3-5:30pm, at Daves Ave
- Wed. Oct. 16th** Blossom Hill 4th & 5th grade students 3-5:30pm, at Blossom Hill
- Fri. Oct. 18th All** 4th Graders 3-5pm at Daves Ave
- Fri. Oct. 18th All** 5th Graders 5:30-7:30pm at Daves Ave
- Sat. Oct. 19th All** 5th Graders 10am-12:30pm at Blossom Hill
- Sat. Oct. 19th All** 4th Graders 12:30-2:30pm at Blossom Hill

*Mandatory Parent Meetings (attend either one)*

**Friday, Oct. 18th at 5:15-6pm at Daves Ave**

OR

**Saturday, Oct. 19th at 1:45-2:30pm at Blossom Hill**

Also, please welcome **Madeleine Korling** to the production team in the role of **Daves Avenue Producer!** Madeleine's contact email is [madeleine.korling@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.korling@gmail.com)

## COME ONE COME ALL FOR ....

### 4TH GRADE FAMILY MATH NIGHT Multiplication and Division



When: **Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Where: Daves Avenue Multi-Purpose Room

Who: 4th Grade Families (and siblings!)

Play multiplication and division games with your child to promote fluency and understanding.

Questions? Please contact your teacher or [Jana Morse](#), Math specialist.

**See you there!**

## DAVES AVENUE CLUBHOUSE PRESENTS:

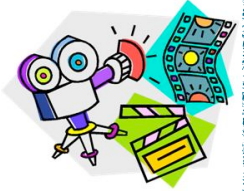
### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

**Friday, October 18th**

**6:15pm - 10:30pm**

**Pizza, Games & a Movie!**

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



[Click Here](#) for further information and a registration form, or drop by the Clubhouse on campus (next to the MPR).

## MOM'S NIGHT TO BE OUT!!



**Back by popular demand!**

Time to reconnect, make new friends, and enjoy a little "me" time!

Meet at [Viva!](#) on **Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm.**

Cost: \$20.

The H&SC will provide hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar available.

**RSVP by Monday, October 14th** by filling out [the online form](#). Questions? Please contact [Alex Potts](#).

**See you there!**

## Translators Needed Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Telugu, Hindi

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.

## DAVES AVE HOME & SCHOOL CLUB MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2013 HIGHLIGHTS

### I. President's Report - **Jeff Milde**

- Jeff talked about Family Fun Night that took place September 27<sup>th</sup>. He thanked **Kit Bragg** and **Sally Ellis** for their work on the event, and **Becky Hanson** for recruitment of volunteers.
- H&SC Membership-Discussed the difference between "One & Done" and H&SC membership.
- Ruffled off H&SC parking space for the next month. Congratulations **Erica Mittlehauser**.

### II. Vice President's Report - **Becky Hansen**

- One and Done Update
- **\$62K** has been raised thus far. About 200 families have signed up yet. **Goal is \$92K**.

### III. Principal's Report - **Kit Bragg**

- Discussed the Family Fun Night. The presentation on technology was well received.
- Health Clerk Update - We have received a number of applications. Interviews are being set up. They hope to have the position filled and the person in place by the end of October.

### IV. Committee Reports

- Buzz Book - Lynn Hubbard:** They are still working on the Buzz Book. LGEF is expected to be done next week with advertising. Drawings by 5<sup>th</sup> graders were submitted and Kit chose the "winning" drawings.
- Fun Walk - Kirsten Grado** by Erica Mittlehauser
  - Fun Walk - Wednesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am-11 am.
  - Thank you to **Jackie Childers** for designing the logo and their company, Brandvia for supplying the t-shirts.
  - Thank you to our Platinum Sponsors: Vardy's Jewelers (Hull Family), DreamFactory (Appleton Family) and the Drotar Family

- Thank you to our Gold Sponsors: Keller Williams' agents Mark Von Kaenel and Kelley Solberg; Brian Hanson Relocation; Los Gatos Eye Care, Brandvia, Sound in Motion, ACMS and The Bra Smyth

- Thank you to our Silver Sponsors: Oak Tree Children's Club & Los Gatos Baby & Kids

### c. LGEF - **Claire Nippress**

- LGEF has raised about \$100K at this point. There is usually only about 30% parent participation. Most funds are from local business and organizations.

### d. CASA Red Ribbon Week - **Jodi Holbrook**

- Red Ribbon Week: Healthy choices week. October 21-25<sup>th</sup>.

### e. Project Cornerstone/Parenting Continuum - **Andrea Anderson**

- Project Cornerstone running well this year. ABC Readers are working with FunVisors.

### f. Bingo Night - **Roxanne Panicacci & Kristine Zehner**

- Beach Blanket Bingo - November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- Winners of Bingo will win a prize and other raffles will also take place.
- Look for more details coming soon!

### g. Qlubb - **Jean Melax**

### h. Mom's Night Out - **Erica Mittlehauser & Alex Potts**

- Monday, October 21. Sign up on the [H&SC website](#).

**Next H&SC Meeting Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the MPR.**

*Amy Says...*

**Conference Week is coming!**

**The week of November 4<sup>th</sup>** is conference week which means every day is a minimum day.  
All Kinders come at the same time: 8:15-12:05; Grades 1-3: 8:15-12:10pm; Grades 4&5: 8:15-12:15

## THE 11TH ANNUAL DAVES AVENUE FUN WALK WAS HELD TODAY!



The 2013 Daves Fun Walk is now a past event! Congratulations to all the students! What an accomplishment! Thank you to the many, many volunteers and sponsors that made today possible:

- Thank you to the **Childers Family** for designing the logo and supplying the t-shirts.
- Thank you to **Meredith Aston and Chris Benadom** for preparing and delivering the pledge envelopes.
- Thank you to the **Grabinski Family** for supplying the 200+ cones for the track!
- Thank you to the volunteers that helped set up and clean up today!
- Thank you to the **Keady Family** for donating the Jamba Juice for each student!
- Thank you to **Barb Vais** for valuable assistance ordering t-shirts.
- Thank you to **Kristina Schmidt** for prior Fun Walk guidance!
- Thank you to **Dan Snyder** for helping with the sponsor letters.
- Thank you **Laurie Pollock** for making the special 5th Grade Fun Walk arch.
- Thank you to **Lianne Verheyden** and **Janet DelVillaggio** for their patience with the Fun Walk articles!
- Thank you to the **room parents** for organizing the banners and coming to the Pinning Party!
- Thank you to **Sally Ellis** for coordinating the student warm up!
- Thank you to the **parent volunteers** who came and cheered today!
- Thanks to **Amy and Sue** for always being there for me!
- And finally to **Kit Bragg and the rest of the staff** for their constant support and cooperation in making this such a fantastic event!

And once again, a **BIG THANK YOU** to our corporate sponsors:

### PLATINUM SPONSORS (\$1000 and above)

- **Vardy's Jewelers**
- **DreamFactory**
- **The Drotar Family**

### GOLD SPONSORS (\$700-\$999)

- **Sweeney, Mason, Wilson & Bosomworth**
- **Brandvia**
- **Brian Hansen Relocation**
- **Los Gatos Eye Care**
- **The Bra Smyth**
- **Keller Williams Realty**  
Mark Von Kaenel and Kelley Solberg
- **Sound in Motion - DJ Raffi**

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

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

Lap tally sheets will be sent home with your child today. The pledge forms and donations are due **no later than Friday, October 25th**. You can return them to your individual classrooms or turn them into the office.

Without everyone's help, this event would not be possible. Thank you to everyone for helping make this yet another successful Fun Walk!  
**Kirsten Grado**, 2013 Fun Walk Chair

## 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.

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

# COMMUNITY BOARD



## FUNDRAISER

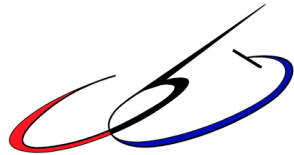
### BENEFITING DAVES AVENUE SCHOOL

**What:** Willow Glen Bicycles will donate a percentage 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



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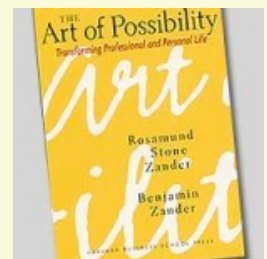
## CORNERSTONE CORNER

### "WHAT PARENT/TEACHER AM I BEING, IF THE EYES OF MY CHILDREN ARE NOT SHINING?"

As a teacher or parent it is our job to awaken possibilities in our children that they don't even know about yet.

This past Monday night hundreds of people gathered for an inspiring evening in the Los Gatos High School Auditorium to listen to the former Boston Philharmonics Conductor **Benjamin Zander**.

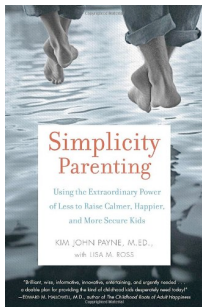
For copyright reasons, Parenting Continuum will not be allowed to post a recording on their [website](#), although you are able to find several other previous speakers recorded.



If you missed the event and still want to get an impression, check out Benjamin Zander's [Ted Talk](#) or his [YouTube Video](#) "How to give an A" on Teachers TV.

**Andrea Anderson** and the [Parenting Continuum](#) Team

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



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@lgsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:atorres@lgsd.k12.ca.us) by **Friday at noon**. These are reviewed by the district prior to being included on the Wednesday Wave web page.



### Questions or concerns?

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