



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 information from our School, District and Community partners!

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

IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 21-25 **Earth Week**
- 24 **School Site Council Meeting**
3:00 - 4:00pm, Library
- 24 **Fisher Middle School Orientation**
7:00 - 9:00pm, Fisher MPR
- 25 **K-Kids Applications Due**
for interested 3rd & 4th Graders

May

- 1 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, MPR
- 5 **Inaugural K-Kids Meeting**
Lunch time, Location TBD
- 6 **Teacher Appreciation Day**
- 7 **Annual H&SC Planning Meeting**
Fanya Hull's House, 8:30am
- 7 **New Kinder Parent Orientation**
1:00 - 2:00pm, MPR
- 15 **Kinder Music Concert**
6:00 - 6:30pm, MPR
- 15 **Daves Ave Open House - Min Day**
6:30 - 7:30pm
- 16 **Daves Ave Carnival and Talent Show**
4:00pm, Blacktop
- 19 **LGEF Board Meeting**
8:00 - 9:30pm, District Office
- 20 **District Board Meeting**
6:30pm - 10:00pm, District Office
- 23 **5th Grade Music Concert**
1:30pm - 2:30pm, MPR
- 26 **No School - Memorial Day**
- 29 **LAST H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, MPR
- 29 **School Site Council Meeting**
3:00pm - 4:00pm, Library

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Daves Avenue Families:

The state of California recently implemented a new method of funding public schools called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). The LCFF, passed by legislation and Governor Brown in June 2013, is a change in how the state of California funds school districts and the accountability structure that supports it. The change represents a major shift in that the state is moving from funding school districts with a "one size fits all" approach, to a new funding formula that provides extra support for students who need it most. School districts will receive funding based on the demographic profile of the students they serve and gain greater flexibility to use these funds to improve student outcomes.

An important component of this process is the district's development of a Local Control Accountability Plan, referred to as the LCAP. The function of the LCAP is to ensure that district funding is targeted to the needs of students, including the identified subgroups of English Language Learners, socio-economically disadvantaged, and foster youth.

The district staff has started the process of developing the LCAP. The plan's components include a description of the district's overall vision for students, annual goals, and specific actions the district will take to achieve these strategic goals. The plan will also demonstrate how the district's budget will help achieve the goals, and assess each year how well the strategies in the plan were able to improve outcomes.

As a valued member of our learning community, Superintendent Abbati and I invite you to share your input on the priorities established by the California Department of Education for the LCAP by completing a District survey. We encourage you to visit the District's LCAP website below with useful resources, links, and the survey:

http://www.lgusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=222269&type=d&pREC_ID=572271

Your input will be taken into consideration for the development of the Los Gatos Union School District's Local Control Accountability Plan.

Sincerely,

Kit Bragg, Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS!

RJ Fisher Middle School is holding its annual Orientation for Parents of incoming new students **tomorrow, Thursday, April 24th, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00pm.**

[Click here](#) for all the details!

SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1ST ANNUAL DAVES AVE SPELL-FOR-FUN WINNERS!

We held our first annual Daves Avenue Spell-for-Fun event the week of March 31st, and the kids (and the volunteers) had a blast! We would like to congratulate all of our grade level winners!

FIRST GRADE TEAM

Ava Delarossa
Ava Protter
Caitlyn Lee
Aanya Singh
Ishika Korla

FOURTH GRADE TEAM

Dani Blomquist
Kat Benison
Sarah Lockert
Maddie Maas
Maya Josifovska

SECOND GRADE TEAM

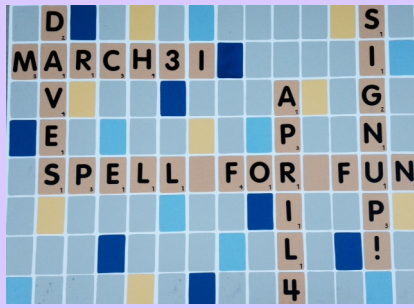
Georgia Verheyden
Kate Gruetter
Rane Bartkowski
Pierce Drotar

FIFTH GRADE TEAM

Lexi Kupor
Caroline Wagner
Ava Sandoval

THIRD GRADE TEAM

Xander Genske
Calvin Milde
Gabriel Schwartz
Ben Monastyrsky
Zoe Gaube
Matias Johnston
Tommy Wilkens



WALK AND ROLL EARTH WEEK SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWINGS! Today (Weds) and Friday!

**Please help us reduce traffic and air pollution
around our school!**

Students who ride a bike/scooter, walk or carpool to school can receive a ticket in the morning at entrances at Clubhouse, the bike rack, the flagpole or at kindergarten area. Be on time because tickets will only be given to students who get to school by the first bell! Students should bring their raffle ticket to the Wednesday morning assembly where raffle winners will be announced. Didn't win today? No worries. Students will get a second chance on **Friday, April 25th** and the winners will be announced Friday morning.

Please note that there will be extra police around the school and a radar trailer on Daves Ave. Please travel safely.

Questions? Contact [Donna Lev](#).



IT'S EARTH WEEK AT DAVES AVENUE

**We are celebrating our Earth and
doing what we can to keep it GREEN!**

Make a Difference Monday

✓ Students took a pledge to be more "green" and make a difference for our planet. Ask your student what he/she pledged!

Trash Free Tuesday

✓ Students brought lunches using all reusable bags, containers, napkins, etc.

Walk to School Wednesday

✓ Many students walked, rode bikes /scooters, or carpoled to school (today and all week!)

Turn off the Tap Thursday

- Conserve water all day by being mindful of your water usage

Freaky Friday

- **Wear green** to show your support of our planet

Please come by the MPR and view the amazing work from our **109 Earth Week Art Contest** participants who shared with us:
This is How I Keep My World Green.

Congratulations to all the grade level winners!:

Their winning artwork will be displayed in the Front Office.

Kinder: **Beth Cohen**

1st: **Luca Difu**

2nd: **Ryland Goldman**

3rd: **Eilidh Davidson**

4th: **Brooke Walton**

5th: **Sandy Jang**

Each winner will received recognition and a prize this morning, and will get to paint one of the trash cans located on campus to help their message be seen by students and staff daily. GREAT JOB!!!

Brought to you by the Daves Avenue Green Team

DAVES AVENUE K-KIDS ARE STARTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE APPLICATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY!

Dear parents:

Most of us probably want our kids to be mindful and considerate of others despite the pressure and competition that our lives naturally bring with them. Project Cornerstone bases its work on 41 assets identified by the Search Institute. It has been shown that kids who thrive in life report having a large number of the assets. We are talking about very basic every day life "assets" like: family support, positive family communication, boundaries, expectations, role models. You can find all the assets at <http://www.projectcornerstone.org/html/developmentalassets.html>.

Of the 41 assets, only one serves as a gateway asset to several others: **Service to Others**. Children who serve and help others develop other assets at the same time: self-esteem, sense of purpose, interpersonal competence, planning and decision making, responsibility, positive peer influence, to name only a few.



If you look at the list of assets, some clearly refer to school life and others to the home life. We decided to bring the "Service Asset" into our school life to facilitate providing service to others. It is not always easy finding charitable work in which children can actively participate.

Together with the Los Gatos Kiwanis Club we will be launching a K-Kids Club at school. Our 5th grade teachers, **Mr. Martin & Mrs. Gessner** have kindly stepped forward to run the K-Kids Club at our school.

The student members of K-Kids will be in charge of identifying needs in our community and organizing ways to help. The adult mentors give guidance where needed to facilitate true practicing of leadership in real world matters. As the club will start being active after the Summer holidays, we are recruiting interested current 3rd and 4th graders for the **Daves Avenue charter launch on May 5, 2014**.

All kids from our school will be able to participate in the service projects the K-Kids Club organizes. Service projects will happen a few times each year and there will be opportunities for participation during school as well as outside of school hours. Parent participation will be needed for these projects and the whole family is invited to take part in the projects outside of school.

Information flyers for current 3rd and 4th graders came home last week with your children. Please discuss this opportunity with your children and if they are interested return the completed forms to your teach **no later than this Friday, April 25th**. All Daves children will have the opportunity to drop in and out for special project days.

For questions, please contact your **Project Cornerstone Team** at Davespc@gmx.com, **Mr. Martin** at bmartin@lgusd.k12.ca.us, or **Mrs. Gessner** at lgessner@lgusd.k12.ca.us.

DAVES AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CARNIVAL & TALENT SHOW



The Daves Avenue Carnival is **Friday, May 16th from 4 to 8pm**. This is our annual school wide end of the year event where families enjoy our Daves Ave Student Talent Show, DJ, cake walk, carnival games and prizes, photo-booths, arts & crafts area, inflatables, and more. \$10 wristbands cover the price of admission to all of these fun activities. A delicious BBQ by Los Gatos Meats, pizza from JJ Magoo's and the traditional carnival food will be available for purchase. To purchase wristbands and dinner tickets in advance, please [CLICK HERE](#).

TALENT SHOW APPLICATIONS DUE 5/7

Deadline for applications to the Talent Show are due **May 7th**. Applications are available in the front office. Contact [Kristina Schmidt](#) with any Talent Show questions.

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 20+ Tasks still open!

We are **looking for volunteers** to assist with various Carnival duties on Friday, May 16th between 2-9pm. Carnival hours run 4-8pm and shifts are also available for pre-event set up and post-event clean-up. If you can help out by taking a shift or two, please sign up via your classroom's Qlubb.

If you have Fisher or Los Gatos High students who would like to volunteer at the event and earn community service hours, please email [Leah Williams](#).

BAKERS NEEDED

To volunteer to bake goods for the CAKE WALK sign up via your classroom's Qlubb.

Questions? Contact [LeeAnn Wade](#), Carnival Chair



OUR GLASS IS ONLY HALF FULL!

With a **47% participation** in our annual ONE AND DONE campaign, there is still much room to positively impact our children's education. We understand that a public education is free, but a GREAT education is not!! Our extraordinary parent community is the reason Daves Avenue has the ability to continue providing one of the most enriched and well-rounded elementary school experiences in the state, despite the fact that California's education budget continues to diminish, year after year.

It is not too late to be a part of something amazing for your children. [Click here](#) to donate in one easy step. Please reach out to [Becky Hanson](#) with any questions.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL H&SC PLANNING MEETING ON

Wednesday, May 7th
Fanya Hull's Home
8:30am

Each year the H&SC Board and Members (that is YOU if you have paid your \$20 H&SC membership dues!) meets to discuss the calendar of events for the upcoming year, budget, volunteer positions, and other amazingly mind blowing topics. Your opinion is important so please join us if you are able to, and help shape the 2014/15 school year for our children!

To get directions or additional details, or if you are not able to attend and have discussion inputs, please reach out to [Becky Hanson](#) or [Fanya Hull](#).

OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Are you interested in serving your school and community? There are a few chair and coordinator positions still available for the next school year. You can find out additional information about these positions on the [Get Involved](#) section of the H&SC website. Please contact [Becky Hanson](#) with any additional questions!

Available Positions:

- CASA representative for Daves Ave
- Bingo Night Chair
- Assistant Buzz Book Coordinator
- Assistant Fun Walk Chair

Check Out the
[UPDATED H&SC Website!](#)



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COMMUNITY BOARD

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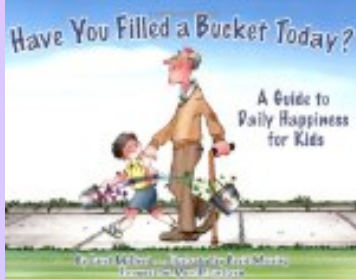
In Kindergarten this month, we will read *Have You Filled A Bucket Today* by Carol McCloud. This book uses a bucket to symbolize the effects of our words and actions on the well-being of others and ourselves.

The *Have You Filled A Bucket Today* lesson encourages bucket filling (intentional acts of kindness and appreciation), and teaches students how to protect themselves from bucket dipping (name-calling, pushing, excluding and teasing).

If you would like more information about the Kinder Project Cornerstone program, please contact me or visit the Project Cornerstone web site at www.projectcornerstone.org.

Claire Nippres

Project Cornerstone Kindergarten Coordinator



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GLASSES!

The Grado Family would like to personally thank those of you that donated reading and / or sunglasses to the Huichol Tribe in Mexico. Thanks to your donations, we collected **a few hundred** pairs of glasses which filled an entire suitcase. United Airlines graciously waived the baggage fee. We delivered the glasses to the local contact in the small town of Chacala, Mexico over Spring Break. He said that this was the single largest donation that they had received this year! They will be delivered to the tribe in the next few months as they make only a few trips a year.



Thank you once again for your consideration and donation!



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.

The Wednesday Wave Newsletter is written exclusively to provide the Daves Avenue community with school information. Articles, information, calendars, etc. may not be duplicated or re-printed in any manner without the permission of the Home and School Club or the Daves Avenue school administration.



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