



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.

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

29 **Last Day for Spirit Wear Orders!**

September

2 **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day

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

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

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Thank you for your incredible attendance at our Back To School Night. I received so many affirmations of the incredible work we are accomplishing in partnership as staff, parents and students! I am excited to grow your participation in realizing our vision of a highly successful academic, social and emotional experience for all children. Please continue to reach out to me in support of your child. I believe in on-going dialogue between parents, teachers, and principal.

I want to highlight our Home and School Club for funding our school supplies. We have heard great feedback from teachers and parents that the HS&C effort streamlined the opening of school and saved parents a few trips to Office Depot! Home and School Club also pre-ordered Comfort Kits in the case of emergency. For clarification, HS&C is asking for a donation to reimburse the cost.

Hopefully you were able to attend our address in the MPR during Back To School Night. In addition to sharing information about Common Core Standards and technology integration, I spoke about social and emotional learning in the context of Project Cornerstone. Please plan to join us 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.

I wish you all the very best for the year and look forward to supporting your children in their educational journey.

Warmly,

[Kit Bragg](#), Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO PE!

We have had a great start to our 2013/2014 Physical Education (PE) year! I'm so looking forward to experiencing Mileage Club (with a twist), Personal Best, The Great British Egg and Spoon Race, Nutrition and Health discussions and more with your children this year. The hot weather we had this week will likely continue into late September, so **please supply your child with a water bottle** and I will do my best to train them to bring it with them to PE! On very hot days I also have a rose spray with cool water which they love!

We welcome family members to participate in their child's PE session - the kids love it and crowd control gets easier! Please contact me at sellis@lgsd.k12.ca.us to arrange this in advance.

Elementary age children are starting sports earlier than ever before; some sports are even all year round which can result in overuse of muscle groups and joints. Changing up sport choices or 'cross training' can help prevent injury. At this age the children's bones are still growing and the ends (growth plates) are susceptible to trauma along with the usual joint sprains and strains.

Please teach your child to remember to set out appropriate footwear the night before their PE day. Uggs, knee high boots, sandals, Crocs, Texas, etc. are **not** safe footwear and provide no ankle support. Below is your child's PE day so they can plan ahead! 5th graders have PE first thing Friday mornings, so please remind them (as I will) to eat a healthy breakfast as they will be going to class having used up their stored energy!

Yours in Health,
Sally Ellis, Daves Avenue PE teacher

Monday

10.40-11.10 Pescatore
11.15-11.45 Ludeman
1-1.45 Devlin/Bonner
1.50-2.35 Rossi/McCullough

Tuesday

10.40-11.10 Wooley
11.15-11.45 Halliday
1-1.40 Mee/Brown
1.50-2.30 Robb/Larkin

Thursday

10.45-11.15 Peattie
11.30-12.00 McCulloch
1.15-1.50 Young/Mahoney
1.55-2.30 Pupkin/Setziol/Spencer

Friday

8.30-9.15 Martin/Gessner
9.30-10.15 LeMenager/Hellman
10.50-11.15 Splaine
11.30-12.00 Dariano

A SECOND CHANCE... MAMA MIA! (Sorry gentlemen - Ladies Only!)

The infamous Mama Mia Party will be held at the Pollock Residence on **Friday, September 20th at 6:30 pm.** If you signed up for this party at the Circus (Dinner & Auction in April 2013) you should have received a Postmark Evite. For those who did not sign up, there are still about 15 spots available! This is a one-of-a-kind evening with the ladies where unique cocktails and an exquisite buffet dinner is served poolside. It is an excellent way to meet other moms. The donation is \$150 and benefits the Daves Avenue Home and School Club. If you or a friend are interested please email [Kirsten Grado](mailto:Kirsten.Grado).

Don't miss this last opportunity to attend this fabulous evening!

LAST CHANCE TO PLACE A FALL ORDER FOR DAVES AVE SPIRIT WEAR

New Daves Avenue Spirit Wear for 2013-14!



Don't miss this opportunity to get the new Daves Ave gear and show your school spirit by wearing your green and white with pride!

Last day to be part of the fall order is Thursday August 29th! Orders can be dropped off after school by the flagpole, or by dropping in the Spirit Wear box in the office. The order form is available in this week's check it out section of the Wave. Orders will arrive in approximately 2 weeks!

Questions? Please email [Jackie Childers](mailto:Jackie.Childers), Spirit Wear Chair.

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](mailto:Donna.Leu).

WALK & ROLL
safe routes to school in santa clara county

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST H&SC MEETING NEXT THURSDAY!

Please join us on **September 5, 2013** at 8:30am in the Multipurpose Room for our first H&SC Meeting of the 2013/14 school year!

DAVES AVENUE FAMILY FUN NIGHT UNDER THE STARS CELEBRATING LGUSD'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY!



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 volunteer section on the following page requesting help from adults to supervise Fisher students performing community service hours for the event. Sign up for this on your classroom Qlubb site.

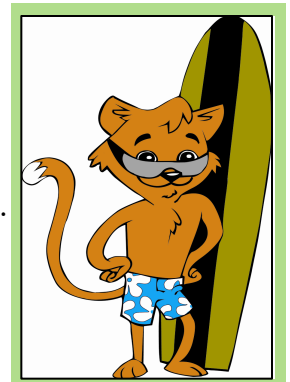
Questions? Please reach out to [Sally Ellis](#), Family Fun Night Chair

IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

The **11th Annual Daves Avenue Fun Walk** is fast approaching! It will be held 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 the families that have already donated towards the H&SC "One and Done Check" this year, we thank you for your support. Your donation has already been accounted for the Fun Walk.

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.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Our volunteers make all the difference at Daves Ave, and are an integral part of what makes our school so special. We have plenty of volunteer opportunities, both big and small, in a variety of different areas and interests. Join our Daves Ave volunteer team today! To learn about available opportunities, and to see which will fit your time and interest, please email [Becky Hanson](#), Daves Avenue H&SC Vice President and Chair Coordinator, or visit the [Volunteer page](#) on the H&SC website for additional details.

CALL FOR ROOM PARENTS!

We still have two openings for room parents! To find out what it takes to be a room parent for your class, please [click here](#). If you want to participate, please email the Qlubb/Room Parent coordinator, [Jean Melax](#).

Halliday: 1 Opening

Pescatore: 1 Opening

Adults needed:

SUPERVISE FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Family Fun Night this year is on Friday, September 27th, and includes dinner and a movie: 'Escape to Planet Earth'. To make the evening a success please consider signing up for one of the following slots **in your classroom Qlubb**. Please note that Adults are just the supervisors, as we want to help our Fisher volunteers to be responsible and hard working in order to earn their service credits. Your time is needed to guide the kids as to what to do and then keep tabs on them during your time slot. The general public of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno have been invited this year in coordination with the School Districts invitation to celebrate 150 years of service to the communities, so we want Daves Avenue to shine!

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

BECOME A FUNVISOR!

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful playground volunteers. We really appreciate your time and commitment out there on the playground. Your efforts make a meaningful impact on the positive culture of our school and the development, safety and happiness of our children!

This year is off to a great start! We are offering game tables every day at lunch for the kids and they LOVE IT!

For those of you who would like to get involved and become a FunVisor, it is easy! You can volunteer on the playground weekly, alternative schedule, drop-in or rainy day basis, whatever fits your schedule best. We need your help every day except Wednesday. The volunteer time is from 11:40am - 1:00 pm. You are welcome to assist at the game tables or circulate the blacktop and field. Your job is to hand out Character Cards and interact with the kids. You can even join in and play games with them! The important thing to remember is that we are there for the kids.

Please email me if you would like to volunteer. We will be offering a FunVisor training on Monday, September 16th at 8:30am in Conference Room B (the old literacy room behind the library - be sure to check in in the office first and get a visitors badge!). Come see what we are all about.

Thanks again for being a FunVisor and we'll see you on the playground!

[Nicole Reginelli](#), FunVisor Chair

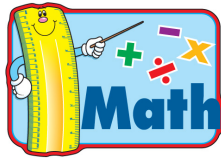
DAVES AVENUE BOOK ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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](#).

OLD NEWS RULES

DON'T MISS OUT!!!

Stanford is offering a **free online course** to PARENTS and educators called "How to Learn Math." All of the helpful information presented is research based and will help you understand the shift we are making to the Common Core State Standards. It will also give you insight into how children learn best. To take a peek, [click here!](#)



Hurry! **The class goes offline on September 27th.**

[Jana Morse](#), Math Specialist

CLUBHOUSE REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE!

- Starting this year, you can register your child/children for after school care at Daves Avenue Clubhouse on-line. Simply [Click Here](#) to access the forms.
- Printed registration packets are also available in the school office.



Qlubb is back! This great tool helps keep you informed of classroom and school events. Please [Click here](#) to find out more!



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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