



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!

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Important Dates

September

- 18 **One & Done Deadline for Buzz Books**
- 18 **Family Fun Night**, 5:30pm, Blacktop/Field
- 21 **District Board Meeting - "Daves Showcase"** 6:30pm, District Office
- 26 **Mamma Mia!**, 6pm

October

- 1 **School Site Council Meeting**
3 - 4pm, Library
- 1 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 5 **NO SCHOOL - Teachers Professional Development Day**
- 5 **LGEF Board Meeting** 7pm, District Office
- 6 **ABC Reader Training**
8:30am, Room B
- 8 **Picture Retakes**
- 12 **District Board Meeting**
6:30pm, District Office
- 14 **Math Olympiad Starts**
- 21 **Daves Avenue Fun Walk**
- 26-30 **30th Annual CASA Week**
- 30 **Halloween Parade**
8:30am, Blacktop

November

- 3 **ABC Reader Training**
8:30am, Room B
- 5 **H&SC Meeting**, 6:30pm, MU
- 10 **5th Grade Science Camp**

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Principal's Letter

Dear Daves Avenue Families:

I hope you are enjoying a bit cooler of a week. These hot temperatures have been unseasonably high! I want to take this opportunity to re-familiarize parents with a few protocols that really help us support learning throughout the day.

Firstly, if you know your child is going to be absent, please call the attendance line to report the absence. It is also nice to send the teacher an email ahead of time if you anticipate an absence. Conversely, when you arrive to pick up your child early, please do not ask to send them down to the office to be ready. We will call when you arrive. Lastly, when you drop off materials for a child in grades 3-5, you will be asked to place the item on a cart in the office. Encourage your children to check the cart for missing items at recess or lunch. In grades K-2, we will call the classroom directly. Understand we are trying to minimize classroom interruptions, which take away from learning.

On a different note, please take a moment to re-familiarize yourself with traffic safety protocols on campus. Traffic flows into the Daves and Poppy drop-off circles from a specific flow pattern shown on our traffic signs. Please take care to drive slowly, set down phones, and stay with your car. Should you wish to walk in for pick-up, please use our parking lots or the Oak Tree overflow parking area. Please respect parking places marked "staff" as we have many employees who come and go throughout the day. Also, please be very mindful of our neighbors on Poppy Lane and ensure you are not blocking traffic or driveways.

Sincerely,

[Kit Bragg](#)

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

SCHOOL NEWS

Coming Soon Daves Avenue Play!

This year's 4th/5th grade Blossom Hill & Daves Avenue play will be announced next **Wednesday, Sept. 23rd**!

Check next week's Wednesday Wave or the [H&SC](#) website for details! In the meantime, here are some important dates!

- * Applications available **Wednesday, Sept. 23rd**
- * Applications due **Wednesday, Oct. 7th**
- * Auditions **Oct. 9th thru Oct. 17th**
- * Rehearsals begin **Monday, Oct. 19th**
- * Performances **Jan. 29, 30, & 31 and Feb. 4, 5, & 6**
- * Cast Party **Feb 7th 11 am to 1 pm**

Keep Walking and Rolling! Jamba Juice Anyone? 6th Annual Walk and Bike to School Week September 14-18, 2015

We hope you are having fun walking, biking, scootering, skateboarding or carpooling to school during our **Annual Walk & Bike to School Week**! Using active transportation to and from school reduces traffic and pollution around our school.

To add to the excitement, **we will be holding a raffle on Thursday (that's tomorrow!)**. We will be giving out Jamba Juice raffle tickets to anyone Walking and Rolling to school and the winner will be announced at the end of the day on Thursday. Keep your ticket in a safe place until the winner is announced!

We are also looking for new team members for Safe Routes to School (SR2S). If you are interested please contact [Donna Leu](#), Daves Ave SR2S Coordinator.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



THIS FRIDAY!!

YOUR APPETITE IS OUR GAIN

OAK & RYE and KONA ICE

are sharing their profits from this event with Daves!
Get pizzas, salads, shaved ice & more starting
at 5:30 pm

BRING YOUR QUARTERS and \$1 BILLS

POPCORN	FUN TOYS
- \$1 each	-

7:30pm screening of
Gnomeo & Juliet

FREE ADMISSION!!!

For questions contact: [Barbara Black](#) and [Michele Grancell](#), Family Fun Night Chairs

Fun with pompoms, pipe cleaners and paper rolls!

Supplies needed for the FunVisors Creation Station

The Creation Station has opened at FunVisors and the students are making many fun projects. To help ensure they don't run out of supplies, please consider donating to the **Creation Station collection bin located in the front office, across from Sue's**

desk. We are accepting paper towel and toilet paper rolls, buttons, pipe cleaners, egg cartons, tape, glue, ribbon, cotton balls, q-tips, pompoms, etc.



We would also like to give a big THANK YOU to **Leasa Joos** for donating so many items from her personal craft closet.

Questions? Please contact [Janae Ghaziani](#).



BUZZ BOOK DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY!

Remember to be One and Done by **September 18th** in order to be guaranteed a Buzz Book!
For further information and to donate [click here](#).

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One and Done Corporate Matching

Oh and don't forget, your company may match your donation thereby doubling your contribution! Please [click here](#) for more information, including a the list of companies that are known to match.

Any questions? Please contact [Kylie Heintz](#).

Sponsors' Spotlight

DGDG



Del Grande Dealer Group is the largest family owned automotive group in the Bay Area with 15 brands and 14 dealerships. Be sure to check out DGDG.com for over 4,000 new and used vehicles – all in one place!

For further information about our Community Sponsorship program, please contact [Becky Hanson](#) or [Kim Simon](#), Community Sponsorship Program Chairs.

Attention Local Business Owners!

Are you a local business owner interested in advertising to the entire Daves Ave community? Look no further - because the **Daves Ave Annual Community Sponsorship Program** is just what your business needs! Donate once and receive advertising across MULTIPLE platforms ALL year long and at ALL H&SC sponsored events. But don't delay - the deadline to put your company logo on our ever so popular Fun Walk shirts is FAST approaching - **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th!**

More information can be found [online](#) or please reach out to co-chairs [Becky Hanson](#) or [Kim Simon](#) with questions.

Secondary Addresses for Students

The Daves Avenue Buzz Book will include each student's primary address and contact information (based on the LGUSD online student registration forms completed in August). Parents or guardians who would like a secondary address included in their child's listing, or who have any questions or changes regarding the information they provided to the district in August, please contact the [Buzz Book Team](#).

(Note: Returning families with secondary addresses who were contacted by the Buzz Book team over the summer do not need to provide their information again at this point.)

[Heather Regoli](#), Buzz Book

Calling all 5th Graders!

The Buzz Book Artwork Search has started!

We are looking for original, creative drawings from all our 5th grade students for the Front Cover and inside pages of this year's Buzz Book. Artwork should be submitted to Ms. Garza in the main office by **Wednesday September 30th, 12:30 pm**. Please see 5th grade teachers for more information about the Artwork Search, or contact [Melissa Raycroft Difu](#).

Moms' Night Out!



We are still trying to recover from all the fun we had with the amazing moms who attended Moms' Night Out! Thank you for being part of the Daves Avenue community and for your support and volunteerism. We hope everyone enjoyed the evening and we look forward to seeing you soon. We (Flor and Nikki) would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our raffle prize donors for making the night even more special and fun:

- Ana Pace with Coldwell Banker
- Studio O
- Drywalk Blow Dry Bar
- Esteban DeLeon of DeLeon Fitness
- Kristy Schneider

And a BIG shout out to Flor and Nikki for organizing and hosting this amazing event!

Cornerstone Corner

Dear Parents,

We have been back to school for a month now and it's a good time for you to check in with your child and reflect (also for yourself!) on how your child has settled into their new environment. In reflecting, you might like to consider these questions:

- Is (s)he excited about going to school? Does your child share with you what is going on at school? In what tone do you get these stories? If there are low points, does your child have coping strategies?
- Have new interests been awakened through subjects or interactions at school? Can you support your child's enthusiasm for learning - or is (s)he intrinsically motivated and it's best to let them pursue that passion on their own?
- Is your child making good friendships with the new children in their class? Are old friendships (with the kids they so much wanted in their class) being maintained without clinging on to them?
- At lunch breaks, is your child happy on the playground and shares with you what they are doing? It does not matter so much what they do, but that they perceive the breaks as a positive time. If they feel lonely at lunch, please ask your child to visit the FunVisors in the orange vests. Feel free to tell us about your child so that we can make an intentional effort.
- Are you starting to notice a struggle in academic areas? Have the old challenges not magically disappeared over the summer? Perhaps it's time to talk to your teacher and work out a mutual support plan. Maybe it's time to look for external help for the child. Or perhaps what's needed is support and advice for yourself on how to best support and understand your child. Whatever challenge you and your child are going through, it will work best if you feel well informed and your child feels loved and supported no matter what struggle they go through. Sometimes the first step for a parent is to shed the stigma of not having a perfect child - most of us don't, and yet they are awesome! Let's keep focusing on empowering them with their strengths and giving them guidance in their areas for development.
- Are there any complaints that your child raises repeatedly? After listening to your child with an open mind and open heart, assess if (s)he just needs to talk to a supportive adult (You!) or if (s)he needs support sorting it out. Distinguish between something where change needs to be initiated versus facts of life where a child just needs to learn tolerance and acceptance.

Keep the dialogue open and trust your intuition about whether your child is on a good path to social-emotional and academic growth. The journey there is key. It is important to check in with yourself, and with each other, to assess the situation and create a plan to get where (s)he wants to be. It's the many little plans you make with each other that create the bond and a path to lifelong connection and success.

If you are looking for advice to be guided into your next direction, feel free to reach out to us.

Andrea Anderson

for Project Cornerstone and Parenting Continuum

Technology Tuesdays with FunVisors!

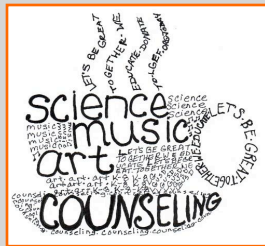
Does your child want to learn computer coding?



FunVisors is offering a series of coding lessons this year in addition to the regular lunchtime activities. The first session will be next **Tuesday, September 22nd**, and will feature an "unplugged" coding exercise. As the sessions are limited to 20 attendees, there will be a **sign-up sheet at the FunVisor table this Thursday and Friday**. It is essential that those signed up are in the MPR right after lunch to be entered in the Technology Tuesday Raffle for attendees featuring an Amazon Fire HD 6 donated by the St. Angel Family. "

DISTRICT NEWS

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Mrs. Martin's Art Lessons

Please visit Mrs. Martin's Art blog at: [http://
www.mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com/](http://www.mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com/)

for updates on what is happening in your students art classroom,
student artwork from across the district and parent child
activities that connect to each lesson!

LGUSD Elementary Art Program is funded by LGEF



Curriculum and Instruction News and



Tips for Understanding your student's CAASPP Score Report

As we await the receipt, from the state, of your child's individual score reports for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) also known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC), here are some tips you might think about as you look at your child's report:

- No student, parent or teacher should be discouraged by this year's scores because there are major changes in the new state assessments and everyone is learning the new system. Scores will not be used to determine whether a student moves on to the next grade.
- Remember the new state assessments are a check-in at a particular point in time.
- Do not compare your child's score report on the new state assessments to scores on previous state assessments. The new tests are too fundamentally different from the old exams to make any reliable comparisons between old scores and new. **This year's results will establish a new baseline for the progress students will make over time.**

An online video to help parents and guardians understand the CAASPP Student Report can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rccw8Jyr3k0>. In addition if you are interested in knowing more regarding the grade level assessment your child took last spring or will take in spring 2016 please view the associated parent guides at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/sbparentgde35.pdf> (for grades 3-5) or <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/sbparentgde68.pdf> (for grades 6-8).

The implementation of the new, more rigorous state assessments is an exciting and important step to provide your child with the highest quality education. Thank you for being our partners in the education of your child.

For more information regarding your child's academic progress please contact your child's teacher.

COMMUNITY BOARD

Daves Avenue Girls on the Run VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



- ★ 10-Week Program ★ March – Mid-May 2016 ★
- ★ Girls Learn Life Skills while Preparing for a 5K Run/Walk ★
- ★ Volunteers can be women OR men, 18 years and older ★
- ★ Parents, teachers and staff are all invited to become volunteers! ★

WHAT IS GIRLS ON THE RUN? Girls on the Run is a life-changing, **after-school program for girls in 3rd-5th grades**. Girls learn **life skills such as healthy decision-making, teamwork and being confident** through fun running games that prepare them to **complete a 5K!**

WHEN IS GIRLS ON THE RUN? The program starts the week of February 29 and continues through mid-May, with the Girls on the Run 5K on Saturday, May 14, at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. **Lessons are 90 minutes twice a week for 10 weeks** and take place **after-school on campus**. Registration opens in December!

WHO CAN BE A VOLUNTEER COACH? Volunteers can be women or men (18+), teachers, staff, parents or community members interested in healthy living and empowering girls! You do NOT need to be a runner and do NOT need to have coached before.

WHAT IS INVOLVED WITH COACHING? Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley trains all volunteers to confidently lead their teams and provides all curriculum, lesson plans, and materials for the season. Volunteers must submit a coach application online by September 21, complete coach training in October and November, and commit to being at all lessons during the season (March through mid-May).

INTERESTED IN COACHING? Contact Girls on the Run Head Coach and Daves Parent **Kerri Diccico** at diccico238@yahoo.com or Girls on the Run Program Director **Miyoko Beetem** at miyoko@gotrsv.org. Or visit www.gotrsv.org/become_a_coach.

Community Service Opportunity



Do you have a middle or high school student who is looking for community service hours? The Los Gatos United Soccer league is holding it's annual Family Fun Day on **Saturday, September 19th** at Van Meter Elementary and is looking for volunteers from 9-11am and 11am-1pm. If interested, please email lianne.verheyden@gmail.com.



Are you a H&SC Committee Chair, Daves Teacher or Administrator, or Community representative? Do you have school-related news or events 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 or other image file type.

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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