



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

August

- 10 **School Office Opens**, 7:30am-3:30pm
- 14 **Ice Cream Social**, 5:30-6:30pm, Blacktop
- 17 **First Day of School**
- 17 **Back to School Coffee**, 8:15am, MU
- 20 **Back to School Night - MINIMUM DAY** 6pm, Classrooms and MU
- 22 **Mad HATter T-Party**, 7pm
- 28 **Picture Day**

September

- 1 **New Parent Coffee**, 8:30-9:30am, MU
- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 7 **Labor Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 10 **Moms' Night Out**, 7pm, Handyside Residence
- 14-18 **Walk & Roll Week**
- 18 **Family Fun Night**, 5:30pm, Blacktop/Field
- 26 **Mamma Mia!**, 7pm

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Elementary School,

It is with a feeling of joy and warmth that I welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year at Daves!!! I hope your summer was filled with fun, relaxation and a little excitement. My days were lazily spent in the backyard testing my DIY skills, while we made sure our little guy got his daily naps! I will become father to a Transitional Kindergarten student this year, as my daughter goes off to public school. My son recently celebrated 6 months on this planet and eats bananas and avocados like nobody's business!

I am so excited to see the faces of parents and students alike at our **Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 14th at 5:30pm** and again on the **following Monday, August 17th for the first day of school!** Teachers are already hard at work, and we have another amazing year of learning in store for your children. Please join me at our **Back to School Coffee on Monday, August 17th at 8:30am** in the Multi-Use Room and again on **Thursday, August 20th at 6pm for Back to School Night** to learn more about our academic program. These are also great events to **find out how to get involved in our Home and School Club** as a parent volunteer.

The beginning of the 2015-2016 school year also celebrates several additions to an already amazing Daves Avenue teaching and support staff. We are fortunate to have a dynamic team always ready to put children first! **Meghan Clark** joins the fourth grade team, with a strong background in upper grade instruction. **Aria LeMenager** is taking a leave of absence to welcome a new member of the family into the world. She will work with our long-term substitute, **Sarah Vaden**, who is passionately committed to the children in room 18! Also, please make sure you stop by the office and meet **Amy Garza, our new Admin Assistant**. Amy brings a wealth of experience in public schools and will be a tremendous asset to our community.

I look forward to another year of partnership and progress!

Warmly,
Kit Bragg
Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

Check your Mailbox for your Summer Mailer!

You should have recently or will shortly receive a mailing with important information about the upcoming school year and links to the forms and details you'll need to start the year off right! Don't forget that there is **NO NEED to buy school supplies** this summer, as the H&SC will be coordinating with teachers to provide the necessary supplies for all students!



SCHOOL NEWS

Save the Date: Back to School Night is Thursday, August 20th

Back-to-School night is your chance to hear from your child's teacher about his/her plan for this school year. It's also an opportunity for you to hear directly from the school leadership, the H&SC, and LGEF on how these groups come together to support the growth and academic success of our children.

To accommodate families with children in multiple grades, the evening's schedule will be as follows:

6:00-6:45 p.m. Grades 3-5 Classrooms Open

6:45-7:15 p.m. Principal, H&SC, LGEF Presentation in the Multi-Use Room

7:15-8:00 p.m. Grades K-2 Classrooms Open

Thursday, August 20th will be a minimum day in order to allow teachers to prepare their presentations and their classrooms.

Children should not be in attendance this evening.

Drop in childcare will be available on campus through Clubhouse - see article below to access the pre-registration form.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT CHILDCARE

Daves Ave Clubhouse will be providing childcare for Daves Avenue Students and their siblings (who are potty trained) during Back to School night.

Cost: \$10 for the first child, \$5 for each additional child

Time: 5:55pm – 8:05pm

Clubhouse will close promptly at 8:10pm. An additional charge of \$5 per child will be assessed for late pick up.

Registration is on a first come first serve basis, and space is limited. In order to hold your spot, please print and complete the [registration form](#) and return it **with payment** (checks made payable to LGS Recreation) to Daves Avenue Clubhouse (located next to the Multi-Use Room).

Questions? Please contact Daves Avenue Clubhouse at **408-335-2223** or davesch@lgsrecreation.org.

Daily Bell Schedule

Clubhouse Opens: 7am - 6:15pm

Campus Opens: 7:55am

Kindergarten:

8:10 - 11:30am

(Morning/AM),

11:10am - 2:30pm

(Afternoon/PM)

Wednesday/Minimum Days:

8:10 - 11:30am (All Kinders)

Grades 1-3:

8:15am - 2:33pm

Wednesday/Minimum Days:

8:15am - 12:10pm

Grades 4-5:

8:15am - 2:38pm

Wednesday/Minimum Days:

8:15am - 12:15pm

Ice Cream Social Friday, August 14th, 2015 5:30-6:30pm



All students and families are invited to join us on the Daves Avenue Blacktop from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Catch up with friends and see who will be in your class! Enjoy ice cream, music, games and fun!

Questions? Please contact [Jeff Milde](#), Ice Cream Social Chair

Everyone is invited to the annual Back to School Coffee Monday, August 17th at 8:15am - Multi-Use Room

Join Principal Kit Bragg and the Home & School Club for our annual Back to School Coffee. Parents, this is your opportunity to learn more about the activities available to your student(s), about the programs the H&SC supports, and how you can help the Daves Avenue students and staff. Sign up for volunteer opportunities during this fun event. Younger siblings are welcome.



Questions? Please contact [Heather Regoli](#).

So much Info - So little Time!! 2 easy ways to keep up with everything Daves!

- 1) Bookmark the [NEW AND IMPROVED H&SC WEBSITE](#) with the latest news, events, links and more!
- 2) Follow [Daves Avenue on Facebook](#) where posts will provide you with key reminders on events and upcoming to-dos!

H&SC President's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

My name is Nicole Reginelli, and I am very excited to be part of the Home and School Club (H&SC) and have the opportunity to work with such **AMAZING** Children, Teachers and the Daves Avenue Parent Community.

As my oldest son starts his last year at Daves, my middle son is entering 3rd and my youngest son is starting kindergarten, I am reminded of how fast time goes and how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful community at Daves Avenue Elementary School.

Parent and Community involvement is a big part of our school's success. Another is fundraising. With the recent State school budget cuts, the Home & School Club plays an integral role in helping to fund the gap for technology, special programs and activities for our children.

With the generous support of our Daves community over the past few years, we are fortunate to provide technology in **ALL** of our classrooms. This year we are proud to announce that each grade will have the following:

- 1 Chrome Book to 1 child for 5th Grade
- 1 Chrome Book to 1 child for 4th Grade
- 1 Mac Book to 1 child for 3rd Grade
- 1 iPad for every 2 children for 2nd Grade
- 1 iPad for every 3 children for 1st Grade
- Smart Boards in each Kindergarten classroom

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to me or anyone on the H&SC Board of Directors. We are here to help! Looking forward to a **TERRIFIC** year together!

Nicole Reginelli

President,
Daves Ave H&SC

In addition to technology, the H&SC helps provide the following benefits to our students and teachers:

- A Health Clerk
- Science Grants to the teachers
- Emergency Kits for ALL students
- FunVisor program for ALL students at lunchtime
- School Supplies for ALL students
- Project Cornerstone in every classroom
- Assemblies and Student events
- Teachers: Math, Reading and PE

The only reason this is possible is because of **YOU!** In order to keep these activities, programs and updated technology for our children, we need your continued support. Our goal is to raise approximately **\$400 per student** in order to meet our annual budget. The easiest way to meet this objective is through the **ONE and DONE** donation. For more information and details on the **ONE and DONE** campaign, see the article on page 4 or click on the One and Done links above!

And last, but definitely not least, a special thank you to our 2015-16 school year H&SC Board of Directors for their continued support and dedication to the Daves Avenue Community:

Vice President : **Carolyn Harnish**

Co-Treasurers : **Kim Simon** and **Beth Jackson**

Secretary: **Heather Regoli**

Communications Officer: **Kylie Heintz**

Parliamentarian: **Becky Hanson**

Save the Date:
FAMILY FUN
NIGHT!
Friday, Sept 18th
Daves Avenue
Blacktop and Field

5:30pm - food & drink concessions open & fun activities begin on the blacktop

7:30pm - join your Daves friends on the field for a movie under the stars!



... an animated family comedy of epic proportions!

More details coming soon!

Barbara Black and
Michele Grancell,
Family Fun Night
Chairs



The **Daves Avenue Home & School Club** **ONE and DONE** raises funds every year for the following programs:

- ✓ Academics – Literacy/Reading, Math, Science and Physical Education
- ✓ Technology and Technology Supplies
- ✓ Student Enrichment and Supplies - Student Supplies, Project Cornerstone, Assemblies, etc.
- ✓ Student Events – Author’s Day, Family Fun Night and the Carnival

We need your help to continue to support these programs for the 2015-2016 school year. There are three contribution levels to select from to support the Home & School Club, designed to accommodate all financial situations:

★ **Supporter - \$400 per child** (H&SC’s suggested contribution level):

Your Donation Covers:

- 75% of all H&SC Funded Programs
- Classroom Student Supplies
- Emergency Kit Purchase and Maintenance

Your Supporter Level Membership Includes:

- Daves Avenue H&SC Car Magnet
- H&SC Membership
- 1 Buzz Book per family*
- 1 Memory Book per child

★ **Benefactor - \$750 per child** (For those who can give a little more):

Your Donation Covers:

- 100% of all H&SC Funded Programs
- Classroom Student Supplies
- Emergency Kit Purchase and Maintenance

Your Benefactor Level Membership Includes:

- Supporter level membership PLUS
- Preferred parking at Family Fun Night and the Carnival
- Special luncheon with Principal Bragg
- Recognition in The Wave

★ **Contributor - \$75 per child** (Covers student supplies for those unable to give more):

Your Donation Covers:

- Classroom Student Supplies
- Emergency Kit Purchase and Maintenance

Your Contributor Level Membership Includes:

- H&SC Membership
- 1 Buzz Book per family*

*Buzz Books guaranteed for all donations made **prior to 9/18/15**.

Contributing is easy! You can [click here](#) and take care of your contribution right now! We will also be at the Ice Cream Social, Back to School Coffee and Back to School Night in bright green shirts ready to take payments by credit card or check.

THANK YOU in advance for your generous contribution. All contributions, at any level, are accepted and greatly appreciated. YOUR dollars support critical programs at Daves Avenue and enhance our children’s learning experience! Questions regarding the Daves Avenue **ONE and DONE** campaign? Please contact [Carolyn Harnish](#), H&SC Vice President.

Calling All Local Business Owners

Are you looking for a way to receive YEAR ROUND robust advertising, WHILE enriching program and materials at Daves Ave Elementary? Well, look no further as we have you covered with our

ANNUAL COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM!

With this program at Daves, you donate ONCE, and receive advertising throughout the school year at Home and School Club events. Not only that, but your contribution is fully tax

deductible, and will enhance educational opportunities at Daves. With four different levels to choose from - there is a little something for everyone!

We are currently looking for participants in our 2015-16 Annual Community Sponsorship Program (ACSP). The **deadline for enrollment is September 25th** to ensure advertising on Fun Walk T-shirts.

For more information, click here, or contact [Becky Hanson](#) or [Kim Simon](#), ACSP Chairs.

Calling all Room Parents!

Every classroom needs room parents to support the teacher and be the H&SC liaisons for the class. Sign-up sheets will be available at the **Back to School Coffee** and **Back to School Night**, or you can e-mail the Room Parent Coordinator, [Michelle Badger](#), to sign up.

To find out more about what it takes to be a room parent for your class, please email Michelle or check out the [Room Parents Page of the H&SC website](#).

Party Time!

For anyone that would still like to RSVP to any of the fun adult parties coming up **please use the below link to easily pay and RSVP**.

Parties offered this year include:

Mad HATter T-Party - Saturday, August 22

Tickets: \$200/couple

Mama Mia - Saturday, September 26

Tickets: \$150/person

[Party Sign-Ups](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Circus Chair [Kim Simon](#).

Hey, ladies!

The kids will be in school soon and we want to celebrate with you! Please join us for **"Moms' Night Out"** to reconnect with old friends and meet new Daves Avenue moms. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while escaping cooking, homework and bedtime extension requests for a night. We hope to see you.



Tickets are \$20. (This event is not a fundraiser. Any extra funds will be donated to the H&SC.) Please RSVP by completing the [form](#) by **September 7th**.

When: Thursday, September 10th, 2015, 7pm

Where: The Handyside Residence - 17401 El Rancho Avenue, Monte Sereno

Any questions? Please contact [Nikki St. Angel](#).

Daves Ave Declares

Orange is the Official Color of Fun!

Join the **FunVisors** and you can be fun and orange too!

Hello! My name is **Lianne Verheyden** and with **Loly Stacey**, we will be coordinating the FunVisor Program this year. This is a lunchtime program that is open to ALL kids. We offer a variety of activities such as scooters, jump rope, ball games, clay days, scavenger hunts, painting, arts and crafts, legos and MORE! The purpose of the FunVisor program is that ALL kids have an activity to enjoy during lunch!

As the kids really enjoy the FunVisor program, we would love to start the year off strong and offer these activities starting on the first day of school. In order to do that, we need YOU!

If you love to have fun and have a bit of time, please join the FunVisor team. The volunteer schedule is super flexible and you can participate as much or as little as you'd like. You can volunteer on the playground weekly, share an alternative schedule, participate on special event days, drop-in or on rainy day basis...whatever fits your schedule best. The volunteer time is from 11:45am - 1:00 pm and we offer the program every day except Wednesday. If you have a younger child, you are welcome to bring them with you or if you'd like to share a day with a friend, that's great too! You will spend the lunch hour with the kids at Daves, turning a jump rope, playing jacks, building lego cars and MORE!

Please email Loly or I if you would like to volunteer or would like more information about the program. We will also be at the Back To School Coffee on **Monday, August 17th**. Just look for the stylish orange vests!

Your time makes a meaningful impact on the positive culture of our school and the development, safety and happiness of our children!

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FunVisor Co-Chairs



Orange = Fun
at FunVisors!

DISTRICT NEWS

LGEF

Los Gatos Education Foundation

\$50 a month for a Great Education

Did you know that for the past 20 years, Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF) has issued grants to ensure all K-8 students in our five schools receive an education that includes science, music, art and counseling programs?

All of these programs—critical to educating the “whole child”—fall outside the core curriculum afforded by the Los Gatos Union School District General Budget to support your child who attends either Blossom Hill Elementary, Daves Avenue Elementary, Lexington Elementary, Van Meter Elementary or Fisher Middle School.

That’s why your annual donation to LGEF makes all the difference between our children receiving a good education and a great one.

This year, LGEF is asking EVERYONE to donate \$50 per month (or \$600 per year) per child. **For less than the price of a daily cup of coffee, you have the power to truly transform the lives of your children.**



Let’s be Great! Together, We Educate.

Donate at www.lgef.org



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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