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The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Important Dates

<u>August</u>

- 25 Back-to-School Night MINIMUM DAY 6 PM, Classrooms and MU
- 27 Dad's Night Out Fundraiser, 8 PM

<u>September</u>

- 1 H&SC Meeting, 8:30 AM, MU
- 5 Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- 6 ABC Reader/FunVisor Orientation,

8:20 AM-10 AM, MU

ABC Reader Book 1 Training

10:15 AM-11:40 AM, MU

- 7 Chair Meeting 8:30 AM, MU
- 8 Moms' Night Out, 6 PM
- 12-16 Walk & Roll Week
- 13 Room Parent Meeting, 8:30 AM, MU
- 13 4th Grade Bike Rodeo
- 15 Picture Day
- 16 Family Fun Night, 6 PM,

Daves Ave Field

- 18 Mind & Body Morning Retreat Fundraiser, 9 AM
- 20 Chat with the Principal, 8:30 AM, MU
- 24 Mama Mia! Fundraiser, 6 PM

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue Community,

We had a wonderful start to the 2016-17 school year! There were so many happy faces in the classrooms, office, and on the playground. It is so nice to see all those smiling faces happy to be back at school learning with friends. I want to thank the entire Daves Avenue staff for working tirelessly to prepare for our opening day. We really do have a dedicated group of teachers and staff who love Daves Avenue! Also, a HUGE thank you goes to our Home & School Club for hosting our new Family Orientation and our extremely popular Ice Cream Social.

I have been thoroughly impressed with all our Cool Cats. I have seen them model our 3 B's, i.e., (Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible) in the classrooms and out at recess and lunch last week. Keep up the good work students!

Back to School Night

I hope that you will be able to join us this **Thursday, August 25th from 6:00- 8:00 P.M. for Back to School Night**. You will have an opportunity to meet your teachers as well as discover ways in which you can contribute to making sure Daves Avenue continues to be the amazing school that it is.

<u>Safety</u>

Safety is a priority for us here at Daves Avenue, so here are just a few safety reminders to go over with your students:

•Thank you for waiting until 8:00 A.M. to come onto campus. We do not have supervision until that time.

•Thank you parents for following all traffic and safety rules in the parking lot. This is the one area of the school that I depend on everybody to help me make it safe and convenient for all to use. I appreciate your cooperation.

Thanks again for all that you do to make Daves Avenue the amazing place that it is for student learning and growth!

Sincerely,

Iqbal Chadda Principal



Daily Bell Schedule

Kindergarten:

8:10 - 11:30 AM (Morning/AM), 11:10 AM - 2:30 PM (Afternoon/PM) Wednesday/Minimum Days: 8:10 - 11:30 AM (All Kinders)

Grades 1-3:

8:15 AM - 2:33 PM Wednesday/Minimum Days: 8:15 AM - 12:10 PM

Grades 4-5:

8:15 AM - 2:38 PM Wednesday/Minimum Days: 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Hearing Screening 2016

Daves Avenue students in grades 5, 2, 1 and kindergarten will have their hearing screened by Hearing Conservation West on Monday, August 29, 2016. If the student does not pass the hearing screening, you will be notified. S/he will be rechecked at school by the district nurse within a couple of weeks or referred for medical care.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the hearing screenings.

Please sign-up here: http:// signup.com/go/5WnY1m

Back-to-School Night

Thursday, August 25th at 6 - 8 PM

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 PM Grades 3-5 Classrooms Open 6:45-7:15 PM Principal, H&SC, LGEF Presentations in the MU 7:15-8:00 PM Grades K-2 Classrooms Open

Thursday, August 25th will be a minimum day in order to allow teachers to prepare their presentations and their classrooms. Children should not be in attendance. (See below)

Back-to-School Night Childcare

Daves Ave Clubhouse will provide childcare for Daves Ave Students and their (potty trained) siblings during Back-to-School night.

Time: 5:55pm – 8:05pm Clubhouse will close promptly at 8:10pm

Look for registration forms in the front office or at the clubhouse. Questions? Please contact Daves Avenue Clubhouse at408-335-2223 or davesch@lgsrecreation.org.

Calling all Room Parents!

Every classroom needs Room Parents to support the teacher and act as H&SC liaisons to the class. To find out more about what it takes to be a Room Parent for your child's classroom, please check out the Room Parents page of the H&SC website.

Information sheets will also be available at Back to School Night. Email the Room Parent Coordinator, Michelle Badger, to sign up.

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ABC READER UPDATE

PROJECT

It was great seeing so many of you at the Back to School Coffee. AND, thank you to those who have volunteered to be readers in their children's classrooms.

Please note, several classrooms do not yet have ABC Readers. We are looking for a caring parent (or two) from each class listed below to join the team.

Kindergarten - McCulloch, Peattie and Wooley 1st GRADE - Ludeman, Pescatore and Splaine 2nd GRADE - Mahoney 3rd GRADE - Brown 4th GRADE - McCullough and Clark 5th GRADE - Baker and Martin

Volunteers would be trained to read a specially selected children's book and lead related activities and discussions in the classroom each month. The ABC Reader program is a great way to have consistent and meaningful connection with the children, teachers, and other adults in the Daves community.

Sign ups available in the classrooms at Back To School Night or contact:

Michele Grancell & Kristen Kinczel (Grades 1-5) Jyoti Kelly (Kindergarten)

Daves Avenue Project Cornerstone Leadership Team

Love a Little Exercise in the Morning? Well the kids sure do!

The Mileage Club has announced it has added a new session: before school, from 8am to 8:15am! However, to make it successful, the program needs an additional parent volunteer to assist the teacher. You don't have to be a runner (or a walker), just a bit of enthusiasm will do!

You can do one day or several days, it's up to you! Please contact Loly Stacey, FunVisor Chair, if you are interested.

Jano Hindi

We are so excited to be offering Hindi after school at Daves Avenue!

Every Friday starting **September 23, 2016 thru May** 19, 2017

From: 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

Classes employ games, puzzles and interactive materials to make learning fun!

Click Here to sign up!

Any questions? Please contact Jyoti Kelly



New Walk & Roll Suggested ROUTES MAP

New Bike Racks Were Installed Over the Summer!



Through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) - Bicycle Rack Voucher Program (BRVP), Daves Avenue Elementary School has now received additional bike racks. Less Cars = Less exhaust = Better air quality for all! **Check out their new locations** on our new Walk & Roll to School Suggested <u>Routes Map</u>

SAVE THE DATE: Walk and Roll to School Week is scheduled for the week of September 12th-16th. Daves Avenue annual 4th grade Bike Rodeo is scheduled for September 13th. Lots of volunteers are needed!



TRASH FREE TUESDAYS!!

Every Tuesday is Trash Free (aka TFT) at Daves Avenue! Please help make our school and community greener by helping your child bring a trash free snack and lunch every Tuesday for the rest of the school year.

Please help us reduce the amount of waste that we send to the landfill and teach some important lessons about conservation to our kids in the process!

How do I know if my child's lunch is trash free?

• All food must come in reusable containers (no ziploc bags or commercial packaging)

• Use cloth napkins that they can bring home (not paper napkins or paper towels)

• Send reusable cutlery rather than plastic spoons and forks

• We are aiming for all reusable or edible items....no trash and no recyclable items on Tuesdays!

As an added bonus, your child will have a chance to win fun prizes on TFTs! There will be random raffles held on some Tuesdays at lunch throughout the year. All kids with completely trash free lunches brought from home will receive a raffle ticket and a chance to win.

Let's do all we can to help our environment. TFT lunches are a great place to start! Please help your child by packing a trash free lunch together every Tuesday.

To learn more about TFT and the Daves Avenue Green Team visit: <u>http://davesavehsc.org/daves-ave-green-team.html</u>

Brought to you by:



Daves Avenue Declares Orange is the Official Color of Fun!

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

Hello! My name is **Loly Stacey**, and **Lani Harr** and I 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 Lani or I if you would like to volunteer or would like more information about the program.

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

Loly Stacey Lani Harr FunVisor Co-Chairs



Orange = Fun at FunVisors!

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THANK YOU!!

to Erik Swanson Orthodontics for sponsoring the Ice Cream Social!



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 16th** to ensure advertising on Fun Walk T-shirts.

For more information, click **here**, or contact **Nicole Reginelli** or **Bryce Wend**, ACSP Chairs.

THANKS to those who have already contributed for the 2016-17 school year; we appreciate your support and generosity!

Family Fun Movie Night!

Friday, September 16th - On the Daves field FINDING NEMO

Join Daves Families for a FUN MOVIE NIGHT

Concessions, fun, and face painting starting at 6 p.m., Movie at dark! (about 7 p.m.)

Pizza from OAK & RYE, hot dog stand and Kona Ice! Or pack your own picnic! Bring a blanket and a chair and enjoy this fun and family filled night under the stars....



Moms' Night Out





Hey, ladies!

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.

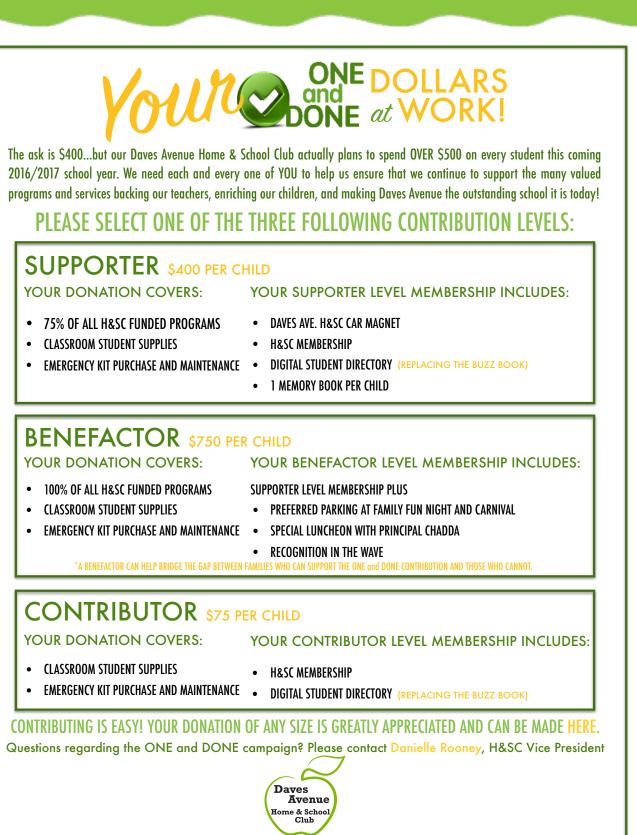
Tickets are \$20*. To RSVP <u>Click Here</u> Please RSVP by September 5th.

When: **Thursday, September 8, 2016** Where: **The Handyside Residence** (address will be provided in the confirmation email) Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Any questions? Please contact Flor Handyside.

* This event is not a fundraiser. Any extra funds collected will be donated back to the H&SC.

So much information! 2 easy ways to keep up with everything Daves: Bookmark the <u>H&SC WEBSITE</u> for the latest news, events, links and more Follow Daves Avenue on **Facebook** for key reminders on events and upcoming to-dos



Thank You in advance for your generous donation. Your dollars support critical programs at daves avenue and enhance our children's learning experience!

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Click here to sign-up for one of our amazing fall parties. We only have a few spots left - don't delay, sign-up today!



Saturday, August 27th @ 6pm - THIS WEEKEND!

CALLING ALL MEN!! Sign up to have a great time with friends, familiar and new. The night will include a professionally run poker tournament with great prizes, a taco truck for grub, a fully stocked bar, horseshoes, and bourbon tasting. Price of admission is \$150, and 100% of all proceeds go right back to Daves Avenue to help

enrich our children's education. The perfect excuse to get all your friends to sign up with you and have a night out with the guys...

MIND & BODY MORNING RETREAT

Sunday, September 18th @ 9am

Ladies, take a morning to focus on YOU. Once school starts up this year, summer vacation will seem a distant memory. On a Sunday morning in September, 20 women will gather at Carolyn Harnish's home for a restorative, fun and educational experience.

Yoga and Pilates are complimentary practices that bring balance through a series of poses. To start our morning, Christina Enneking will take half the group and lead them through a yoga practice while the other half joins Samantha Wellman for a pilates mat session. Then we will switch.



After our yoga and pilates sessions, you'll sample a delicious variety of "green" juices and raw foods. We'll even show you the kid friendly versions with recipes to take home for the family. As you enjoy your juice and healthy snacks (and maybe a mimosa or two — balance is the key!), Aelita Leto will discuss Feng Shui and how to bring balance and harmony to your home.



MAMA MIA

Saturday, September 24th @ 6pm

Calling ALL Marvelous Mammas! Please join us for our annual 'Moms Only' white party, jam-packed with incredible fellow Daves Avenue Mamas, gourmet food, spectacular drinks and dancing under the stars. enjoy this night to remember for \$150.00/ticket

The proceeds from all parties go directly to Daves!

LGUSD



2016-2017 Fundraising Drive

Ensure your child gets a High Quality education.

A high quality education goes beyond standard academics to educate the whole child. Unfortunately, Los Gatos schools lack funding compared to similar districts. Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF) helps "fill the gap" with over \$500,000 in district-wide education programs that benefit over 3,300 Elementary and Middle School students.



Together, we educate.

It Takes 2!

It takes **two great organizations** to ensure a great education. LGEF funds programs at the district level while the Home & School club focuses on school-specific activities. Donations to both organizations ensure your child gets a high quality education.

Donate today.

Goal is 100% participation by all families.

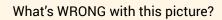
We suggest a donation of \$50/month or \$600 per child. Other, similar districts ask for \$1,000 per child or more.

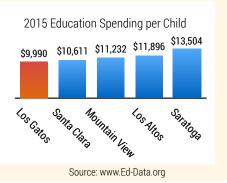
Consider giving at a higher level if practical. Impact more and be recognized as a major contributor.

We welcome and encourage gifts of all levels.

Each family should give what is meaningful to them. Every donation makes a difference and is appreciated.

DONATE at www.lgef.org





Los Gatos Schools have LESS than other, similar Districts. You have the power to change this with your donation.

COMMUNITY

A new year for Pack 502 Scouts!

Welcome back scouts! Welcome new scouts! We hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays and are ready for the new school and scout year. We are very excited to begin a new year of fun, adventure and learning together!

An exciting new program is available for boys in kindergarten. We welcome all boys ages 5+ as of

September 31, 2016 to come and join our Lion Den this year. Please contact us for more information at info@cubs502.org.

Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Registration Night

Wednesday, September 7 from 7:00-8:15 pm, MU Daves Elementary

Complete the registration and pay annual dues. Update your scout's file with any changes. Purchase your new den books. Find out about the different dens for each grade,

including our new Lion Den for kindergarten. Reconnect with and meet your den families.

New and interested Scouts are welcome too! Bring your questions and your curiosity.

First Pack Meeting

Wednesday, September 21 from 7:00-8:15 pm, MU Daves Elementary

Scouts are awarded for badge work completed last year and over the summer. All boys will have fun in the treasure hunt.



Halloween Celebration

Wednesday, October 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm, MU Daves Elementary Costume contest. Creepy fun and games. Festive treats for all.

Fall Family Campout: Big Basin

Friday, October 28 to Sunday, October 30 All family members welcome.

Day hikes in the incredible redwood forest. Den workshops to complete badge work. Pack campfire with smores, songs & skits. Saturday dinner provided.

More information about Pack 502 and Scouting can be found at <u>www.cubs502.org</u>. Questions can be sent to **info@cubs502.org**.

Do you love art?



Come to the Art Docents of

Los Gatos Open House to learn about volunteering as an Art Docent in Los Gatos elementary school classrooms. Active members are asked to complete four art appreciation presentations per month, approximately a 30-minute commitment per presentation. Art Docents also participate in a range of social activities such as museum field trips and small fundraisers. Training is on Thursdays for 10 weeks.

Art Docent Open House

What: Open House for prospective volunteers When: **Thursday, September 25** Where: 17000 Robert Rd, Los Gatos (on right hand side of driveway into District Office Time: **9 AM - 11 AM**

Other: Training will be held for 10 weeks on Thursdays from 9 AM - 11:30 PM beginning September 23.

For more information visit www.artdocents.com or call (408) 335-2366.

COMMUNITY

The Town of Los Gatos & Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad Present...

Screen on the Green A Free Family Movie Night in Oak Meadow Park

Inside Out

Date: Friday, September 30, 2016

Children's Activities • 6:30 p.m. Showtime • 7:30 p.m.



About the Event

Please join us at Oak Meadow Park for an evening of family fun. Our featured film will be shown on a 25' inflatable movie screen. Children's activities will begin at 6:30 p.m., and showtime is 7:30 p.m. For your enjoyment during the film, bring flashlights, blankets and low back chairs.

Children's Activities 6:30 p.m.

Prior to the showing join us for activities, games, face painting and more! Billy Jones will be offering train and carousel rides for \$2 per person, children under 2 are free with a paying adult. For more information on the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad or the William E. "Bill" Mason Carousel, visit http://www.bjwrr.org.

Concessions

The Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad snack bar will be open from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. selling delicious snacks, beverages and BBQ favorites ranging from \$1 - \$4.

For More Information

Contact the Town of Los Gatos at 408.399.5770

Event Sponsors

Town of Los Gatos• Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad

LGS Recreation• Los Gatos Weekly Times



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 Iqbal Chadda 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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