



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

September

- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 4 **Ryland's Restaurant**, 7:30-8am, Corner of Poppy & Bruce
- 7 **Labor Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 8 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:30am, Room B
- 10 **H&SC Chair and Coordinator Meeting**, 8:30am
- 10 **Art Docent's Open House**, 9am, 17000 Roberts Road
- 10 **Moms' Night Out**, 7-8:30pm, Handyside Residence
- 14 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, District Office
- 14-18 **Walk & Roll Week**
- 15 **Bike Rodeo**, 8:30 - 11:40am, Blacktop
- 18 **Family Fun Night**, 5:30pm, Blacktop/Field
- 21 **District Board Meeting - "Daves Showcase"**, 6:30pm, District Office

26 **Mamma Mia!**, 6pm

October

- 5 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, District Office
- 6 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:30am, Room B
- 8 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 12 **Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL**
MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Dear Daves Avenue Families:



We hope picture day was a painless process for our little ones. It is no small task for our kiddos to keep hairstyles looking sharp and clothes looking wrinkle-free. We worked with a new company, Lifetouch, and welcome your feedback about your experience.

Our first Home and School Club meeting is **Thursday at 8:30am in the MU**. Please join us to hear the many ways you can be involved in supporting all students on campus. I will always have a brief summary of curriculum and instructional progress, as well, but always encourage you to check our calendar and join us for School Site Council meetings. Site Council meetings dive much deeper into explaining and showcasing the instructional program at Daves.

Lastly, our march toward appropriate integration of technology into curriculum continues under your gracious donations to Home & School Club. Our fourth grade team joins our fifth grade team through our Chromebook 1:1 Google Classroom initiative. Migration to cloud computing offers a whole new world of collaborative, project-based learning. Fourth grade teams are training tomorrow, district-wide, in order to roll out Chromebooks in September. Fifth grade is now one full year into implementation and are valuing the results.

Warmly,
Kit Bragg
Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

First H&SC Meeting of the Year is Tomorrow!

EVERYONE is invited to attend our monthly Home & School Club (H&SC) meetings. They are held on the **first Thursday of every month** at 8:30 am in the Multi-Use Room (MU). Our first meeting is tomorrow, on **Thursday, September 3rd**. At this meeting, we will have a special presentation of the **new Daves Ave School Chant** from Mrs. Setziol's second grade class.

We will also be raffling off something fun! You must be present to win. Hope you can join us!



Volunteers Needed to help with the Daves Avenue Bike Rodeo!

Location: Daves Avenue School Blacktop
Date: Tuesday, September 15
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.



Available Shifts:
7:00am to 8:00am (Event Set Up)
8:15am to 9:35 am (12 people)
10:30am-11:45am (12 people)

To volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Donna Leu at donna@louieleuarch.com.

Volunteers will help 4th grade students learn about bicycle safety and improve their riding skills. Only a few hours of your time are needed and no experience is necessary! Volunteers will be trained at the event. Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/>

FAMILY FUN NIGHT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th FREE ADMISSION

CONCESSIONS OPEN @ 5:30pm
 Wood-fired pizza from OAK & RYE
 Shaved ice from KONA ICE
 Popcorn, drinks and fun glow toys also available for sale

7:30pm screening of



Adult and Fisher Middle School volunteers are needed for this event. Sign up via VolunteerSpot at <http://vols.pt/Ck2Sco>

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

This event is generously sponsored by
[Hall & Burnett Orthodontics](#)



Last Call Ladies!

"Moms' Night Out" is next Thursday and is a chance 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](#).

One and Done Corporate Matching

Many companies may match your donation thereby doubling your contribution! Please [click here](#) to see the list of companies that are known to match, and then contact your HR department. Keep in mind, your company may match and not be on this list or be willing to start a matching program. If your company matches but isn't listed – or if you have any questions – please contact [Kylie Heintz](#).

Be Daves Proud and Wear it Loud!

Get your Spirit Wear before your sizes run out. Spirit Wear will be on sale at **Family Fun Night** or [click here](#) to make sure you don't miss out on your choices!

[Cathy McDonald](#), Spirit Wear Chair



Daves Ave Families Spared the New School Year Supply Shopping....



Did anyone miss the hustle and bustle of having to run out and buy all of your children's school supplies and wonder if you were getting the right item? [Click here](#) to read one account of what parents of Daves Avenue students are "missing".

Supplying student school supplies to each classroom not only saves you time and stress but makes sure each student has exactly what they need to start the year off right. This is just one small way your Daves Avenue Home & School Club supports our students, school and community...but we couldn't do it with out your support and your ONE and DONE contribution.

To learn more about ONE and DONE and to donate [click here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the Daves Avenue **ONE and DONE** campaign, please contact [Carolyn Harnish](#), H&SC Vice President.

Sponsors' Spotlight YogaSource



YogaSource is Silicon Valley's premier yoga studio. Voted "Best Yoga", "Best Pilates" and "Most Community Minded Business in Los Gatos", we offer the largest schedule of classes under one roof on the West Coast with the most talented teachers in the area.

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

Free Money for Daves Avenue!

Did you know you could be earning **FREE** money for our school every time you shop? In fact, stores and restaurants that you shop at every day may be giving back a percentage of your bill to Daves Avenue! It only takes a few minutes to sign up and start earning **FREE** money that would otherwise go unclaimed. The best part is, you are already shopping and eating at most of these places...so why not earn money for Daves Avenue at the same time?

There are many ways to shop:

* Enroll in **eScrip**. Just register your Debit and Credit Cards. Select Daves Avenue as the school that should receive the contribution. [Click here](#) to register now!

* **eScrip Online Mall** allows you to earn money while shopping at popular stores such as Macy's, Nordstrom, Toys R Us and so many more...[Click here](#) and go shopping!

* **eScrip Dining**, earns up to 5% at participating restaurants. <http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/>

* Shop on **Amazon** through the Daves Avenue link. <http://www.davesavehsc.org/free2me.html>

* Shop at **Target** and use your REDcard. You can select Daves Avenue as your organization of choice.

* Shop at **Office Depot**. Mention Daves Avenue at checkout.

* Shop at **Vardy's Jewelers** in Cupertino. Vardy's has generously offered to give a percentage of in store and custom design sales back to Daves.

* We have two new programs: CA Fruit Crate and Sports Basement. Log on to the [Free 2Me website](#) for more information. Stay tuned as we update and add more programs for ways to earn **FREE** money!

[Nina Kulick](#) , Free2Me Chair

Cornerstone Corner

Dear Parents,

Every month, Project Cornerstone focuses on one of their 41 Assets that will help us improve our family or school life. The SEPTEMBER Asset of the Month is PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOLING and focuses on The Importance of Parent Involvement in Schooling.

Research shows that youth whose parents are actively involved in their schooling are more engaged in school. Students are less likely to be delinquent or drop out, and more likely to achieve higher grades and standardized test scores. Studies show that students from poor families whose parents are highly involved with their education do about as well as students from wealthier families.

Joyce Epstein of the National Network of Partnership Schools developed a framework for understanding six different kinds of parent involvement:

- **Parenting:** families establish home environments that support children's learning
- **Communicating:** families and schools engage in effective two-way communications about student expectations and progress
- **Volunteering:** parents directly support the classroom or school
- **Learning at home:** families help students with homework and school-related decision-making and planning
- **Decision making:** parents are involved in school decisions
- **Community collaboration:** community services are resources integrated to strengthen schools and families

Parents whose schedules don't allow volunteering can still support their children's academic success through parenting, communication, and learning at home.

Unfortunately, Project Cornerstone's 2011 survey revealed that only 52% of 4th-6th graders and 35% of 7th-12th graders reported that their parents are involved in their education. To help raise awareness of this important asset, September is Parent Involvement in Schooling month in Silicon Valley.

The activities below are a starting point to help create greater parent involvement in schooling.

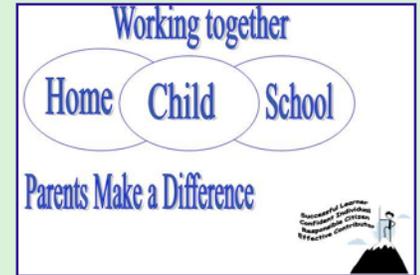
For families...

- Make a point of staying in touch with your children's teachers, even if your kids aren't having problems. Most teachers are glad to communicate with you after school hours by telephone or email.
- Make sure that your kids have a clean and organized location to do their homework, and help them establish a regular schedule for schoolwork.
- Instead of asking "How was your day?" ask open-ended questions like "What was the best part of your day?" and "Did any of your classmates do anything funny?"
- Help your children maintain a positive attitude about school. Make sure they know that you will be their advocate to resolve any problems or challenges that they encounter.

Of course, we love you being involved in the classroom and school programs! Remember, you can stay involved in your child's education even if your other commitments don't allow you to be on campus. Stay connected with your child and stay interested in what is going on in their life.

Happy Parenting!

Andrea Anderson for **Project Cornerstone**



DISTRICT NEWS

Let's Be Great! Together, We Educate.

LGEF
Los Gatos Education Foundation

It takes Two - To Make A Great Education
Donate to LGEF.org and [Daves H&SC](http://DavesH&SC.org) Today!

Did you know that it takes two privately-funded groups—Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF) and your local Home & School Club (H&SC)—to cover the essential program, resource and staffing costs that fall outside the district budget?

LGEF science, music, art and counseling programs are applied district wide, ensuring our campuses offer the same programs to students within the same grade levels. While each H&SC provides supplies, technology and supplemental programs tailored to the needs of each campus.

By donating to LGEF and your local H&SC, you help our schools offer consistency yet flexibility in delivering the K-8 programs that take our schools beyond good to great!

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It Takes Two!

Q: What does a \$50-a-month donation to LGEF get you?

A: Totally great Science, Music, Art and Counseling programs for your child.



(that breaks down to less than a daily cup of coffee!)

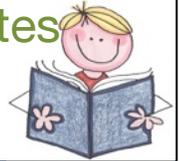
Keep our programs strong!

Donate Today at LGEF.org

Let's Be Great! Together, We Educate.

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Curriculum and Instruction News and Updates



California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Student Score Update

This past Spring Los Gatos Union School District students in grades 3-8 took the 2015 CAASPP, also known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC), which included a new test in English language arts/literacy and Mathematics. These new, online assessments have replaced former tests in these subject areas to provide better information and help students learn. The scores should not be compared to results from the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program tests in these subject areas. Because this is the first year that all California students in grades 3-8 and 11 are taking these new tests, your child's overall scores may be viewed as a basis from which to compare his/her performance in future years.

The District has not yet received the student reports from the state. It is our hope we will be able to mail the student reports in the month of September. We will give periodic updates, as we know more regarding the receipt of the student reports. While we are waiting to receive student reports from the state please take a look at this link and familiarize yourself with the new score reports. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/caaspp15elamathscrgde.pdf>

As this assessment is only one component of a child's overall progress we encourage you to discuss these results with your child's teacher to get a full picture of your child's progress.



Art Docents Open House September 10th at 9am

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

- What:** Open House for prospective volunteers
- When:** Thursday, September 10th
- Where:** 17000 Roberts Road, Los Gatos (on right hand side of driveway into District Office)
- Time:** 9am to 10:30 am
- Other:** Training will be held for 10 weeks on Thursdays from 9-11:30 beginning September 17th

Mrs. Martin's Art Lessons

Please visit Mrs. Martin's Art blog at: <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

COMMUNITY BOARD

School is Open and so is Ryland's Restaurant! Friday Sept 4th

(Corner of Poppy and Bruce Avenues)

It's Friday morning and the kids are looking for something different for breakfast. Why not drop by Ryland's sidewalk cafe **this Friday from 7:30am - 8am** for some home baked goodies and an excellent cup of Joe (courtesy of Starbucks)? 50% of his proceeds go to support Daves Ave School!



Community Support for Master Edmunds Martial Arts

Members of the Los Gatos community have launched a campaign in support of Grandmaster Edmunds who was critically injured last year and is now forced to close his popular studio. For further information and how to support this campaign, click this link: <http://igg.me/at/Ado4G2TrDCQ>.

Attention families of all boys entering Grades
1 – 5

Come join the FUN and ADVENTURE of Daves Avenue Cub Scout Pack 502!



www.Cubs502.org or email info@cubs502.org

Scouting is a fun and family-oriented way to expand on your child's education! Unique experiences, like camping in state parks, and working together on STEM badge work are an exciting way for you to grow your friendship with your child(ren). Through Scouting boys develop many skills including leadership, respect, responsibility, independence and confidence.

Dens meet once every other week. The whole Pack gathers on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Meetings and events usually include the whole family! As the Cub Master, I invite you to join us at our upcoming events to learn more:

Parent Orientation

**Wednesday, September 9th from 7 - 7:45 pm
Daves Avenue, MU**

Find out what it means to be a Scout, meet the Den Leaders and complete your registration. All family children are welcome and will be entertained with organized games outside.

First Pack Meeting

**Thursday, September 24th from 7- 8pm
Daves Avenue, MU**

Another chance to meet the Pack and complete your registration! Boys kick-off the scouting year with a treasure hunt. Siblings are welcome to join the fun.

We hope to see you there!



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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