



# 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

- 26 **Mamma Mia!**, 6pm
- 29 **Ryland's Restaurant**  
7:30-8:10am, Bruce and Poppy Avenues

### 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** 8:15am, Room B
- 7 **Play Applications Due!**
- 8 **Picture Retakes**
- 12 **District Board Meeting**  
6:30pm, District Office
- 14 **Math Olympiad Starts**
- 15 **Most Likely to Succeed Screening**  
6:30pm, Los Gatos Theater
- 21 **Daves Avenue Fun Walk**
- 26-30 **30th Annual CASA Week**
- 26 **Special District Board Meeting**  
6:30pm, District Office
- 30 **Halloween Parade** 8:30am, Blacktop

### November

- 2-6 **Conference Week - Minimum Days**
- 3 **ABC Reader Training** 8:15am, Room B
- 5 **Evening H&SC Meeting**, 6:30pm, MU
- 9 **LGEF Board Meeting** 7pm, District Office
- 10 **5th Grade Science Camp**

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

## Principal's Letter

Dear Daves Avenue Families:

Many of our teachers went before the Board of Trustees for Los Gatos Union School District Monday night to present work in the area of mathematics instruction. Teachers Jana Morse, Lisa Gessner, Mary Hellman, Julia Holman, Rebecca Setziol, Megan Mahoney, Julie Young, and Libby Rosenbaum showcased work in the area of lesson study and teaching through problem solving, both of which have had a tremendous impact on student engagement and confidence in the area of math. I would encourage you to attend our Site Council meetings in order to learn more about our initiatives in the area of curriculum and instruction.

Our community truly sets us apart! Our Home & School Club sponsored **Family Fun Night** was a huge success. I want to especially thank **Michele Grancell and Barbara Black** for co-chairing this event. I am always amazed by the level of commitment from our volunteers. Friday's event was phenomenal!

We also were able to promote bike safety, by hosting our **4th grade Bike Rodeo** last week on the blacktop. This event was made possible by the hard work of **Donna Leu**, our Safe Routes to School coordinator. In partnership with the Los Gatos & Monte Sereno Police Department, parent volunteers simulated traffic conditions on our blacktop in order to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety. I found the event both fun for the children and educationally valuable.

Sincerely,  
**Kit Bragg**  
Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

### Please Join Us at our Next H&SC Meeting! Thursday, October 1st at 8:30am in the MU

District Math Specialist Jana Morse and Daves Avenue teachers Megan Mahoney, Lisa Gessner, and Rebecca Setziol will present on the lesson study for math. Additionally, CASA will also give a presentation at the meeting. Join the fun and take part in the raffle!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Calling all 4th and 5th Graders! Announcing the Blossom Hill and Daves Avenue 2015-2016 School Play:



**A Musical Comedy that reminds us to follow our dreams!!**

The local high school is facing budget cutbacks and the school's drama club is caught in the cross hairs. In an effort to avoid certain disaster, Pam, the president of the high school drama club, rallies her fellow actors and attempts to put on a huge production of Peter Pan. Across campus, Coach Rook, the captain of the football team, has other plans. Also facing a budget crisis, he enlists his *Pirates* to wreak havoc on the drama club. Before long, football players are auditioning for parts, cheerleaders become mermaids, and even students from detention play the Lost Boys. Just when all seems lost, star quarterback Tinkerman, who plays – you guessed it – Tinkerbell, sacrifices everything, including his football career, so the show can go on and Pam can see her dream come true! This refreshingly clever and fun homage to the original classic is full of heart and will remind both the young and the young-at-heart to always follow their dreams!

**[Click Here to Access the Online Application!](#)**

**Applications Due:** Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
**"All About Me" Biography Due:** Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Auditions:** October 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>  
**Rehearsals Begin:** Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Performances:** Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

To access the application and biography form, or for more information, please visit the [DABH play website](#) or contact your Daves Avenue Play co-producers [Kim Simon](#) or [Elizabeth Adams](#).

## Celebrate National Biscotti & Coffee Day with Ryland's Restaurant!

Did you know that next **Tuesday, September 29th** is National Biscotti Day AND National Coffee Day?!? Well it is (really - Google it!), so Parents and Students alike REJOICE! and celebrate with a stop at Ryland's Restaurant, conveniently located at the **corner of Bruce and Poppy Avenues**.



Ryland will be open from 7:30am to 8:10am and baking an assortment of biscotti as well as some of his most popular bakery treats using baking ingredients donated by **Cherryvale Farms** in Santa Cruz. And of course, coffee will be available thanks to the generous donation from **Starbucks Los Gatos**.

Remember that half of the proceeds from the sale are donated directly to Daves Avenue School, so please stop by and say **Hip, Hip Hooray!** to Biscotti and Coffee!

## 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.



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

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Daves Avenue Bike Rodeo a Huge Success!

I am so excited to share with the entire school how extremely well our **4th Grade Bike Rodeo went on Tuesday, September 15th**. The entire 4th grade class learned some basic bicycling skills, bicycle safety and rules of the road.



The students learned:

- Controlled riding, right turn and stop
- scanning and moving left
- driveway yielding
- intersections, yielding and eye contact
- wearing a helmet

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Rodeo: the parents, teachers/staff/principal, police department, and community volunteers who all helped with running the bicycle stations, fitting helmets, pumping up tires, organizing bikes and teaching students. Lastly, I would like to thank the students who came prepared for the Rodeo and were very attentive and cooperative. The Rodeo was a huge success!

I look forward to continuing the Rodeo for years to come.  
Your SR2S parent representative, [Donna Leu](#)

## 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 Chair

## Congratulations to our Walk & Roll Raffle Winners!

The Walk and Roll winners were:

- Roman in classroom 22 - McCullough (4th grade)
- Rowan in classroom 10 - Setziol/Spencer (2nd grade)
- Navya in classroom 1 - Dariano (Kindergarten)
- Maddie in classroom 11 - Pescatore (1st grade)

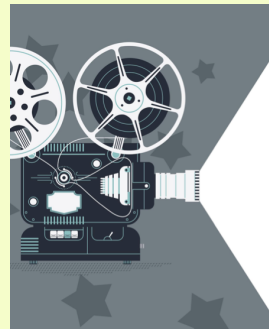
Congratulations to all our winners!

Each winner received: Jamba Juice gift cards, Walk and Roll T-shirts, YoYo's, Hacky sacks, pencils and sunglasses.

Keep walking and rolling!

[Donna Leu](#), Safe Routes to School Chair

## Oh What Fun!



We want to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers, staff, student helpers, prior event chairs, advisers, H&SC, vendors, community sponsor, and attendees that made **Family Fun Night** a truly fantastic event. We were repeatedly amazed with, and grateful for,

the amount of support we received from numerous people. In addition, we wish to applaud **Oak&Rye** and **Kona Ice** for their continued support and for **donating 25% of their event profits to Daves Avenue!** Having so many families and friends gather together on campus to share a lovely, star-filled evening was truly a heart-warming experience. What a great community!

[Barbara Black](#) & [Michele Grancell](#)

Family Fun Night Chairs

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for more information about the Artwork Search, or contact [Melissa Raycroft Difu](#).

## Cornerstone Corner

### Mark your calendars and reserve your ticket!

Dear parents!

We are excited to bring the movie screening of "Most Likely to Succeed" to the Los Gatos Parenting Community. The Los Gatos Union School District with Parenting Continuum and CASA in collaboration with Hillbrook School are inviting parents to the **Los Gatos Theater (43 N. Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos) on Thursday, October 15th at 6:30pm.**

**Most Likely to Succeed** is a documentary about education and curriculum reform in 21st century America produced by Greg Whiteley. It has sparked discussions about how the American School System can suit the demands of our time. After showing the film we will have a panel discussion to learn more how our schools are helping students to succeed. Join in to have your voice heard about creative approaches for 21st Century learning.

On the panel are:

**Diana Abbati**, LGUSD Superintendent  
**Bram Bout**, Director of Google for Education  
**Christina O'Guinn**, Tech Museum of Innovation  
**Aimee Giles**, Director of Teaching and Learning at Hillbrook

We hope to see you at the theater for this great community event - a fun night out at the theater with many people you know. Educate yourself and help make our schools a better place and benefit them directly with profits going to LGEF! The event is also open to High-School Students and Upper Middle School Students.

Follow Parenting Continuum on Facebook for updates and information:

<https://www.facebook.com/parentingcontinuum>

Follow the film on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MLTSfilm>

There will be an admission charge of **\$15 per person** to cover the cost for the movie rights and theater. All profits beyond this will go to LGEF to benefit our students directly. Concessions will be available at the theater. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-screening-most-likely-to-succeed-tickets-18579878918>

See the information flyer for the event [on the Daves Avenue Wednesday Wave page](#) or the [Parenting Continuum](#) site.

[Andrea Anderson](#) for Project Cornerstone and Parenting Continuum

## Sponsors' Spotlight



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Daves Ave would like to thank [Hall & Burnett](#), our lead sponsor of the Daves Ave Family Fun Night!

Hall and Burnett offers comprehensive orthodontics for adults and children in the Los Gatos area, specializing in early intervention treatment for younger patients.

## 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.

### More about the film:

For most of the last century, entry-level jobs were plentiful, and college was an affordable path to a fulfilling career. That world no longer exists. The feature-length documentary *Most Likely To Succeed* examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of our school model in today's innovative world. Directed by acclaimed documentarian Greg Whiteley, the film has been named "among the best edu-documentaries ever produced" by Education Week, and called a "smart and engaging look at education in the 21st century" by The Hollywood Reporter. Film Threat stated that "this film should be a required course for all parents and educators." *Most Likely To Succeed* is an official selection of many of the nation's top film festivals, including the prestigious 2015 Sundance Film Festival and Tribeca Film Festival.

Watch the trailer for the movie here:

<http://mltsfilm.org>

# DISTRICT NEWS

## Los Gatos

### Education Foundation News

Let's Be Great! Together, We Educate.

#### Why Do Public Schools Need Private Funding?

**LGEF and your campus Home and School Club need EVERY parent to donate, donate, donate.** The competitiveness of our schools is directly related to the curriculum and resources they offer. Our taxes only fund 75% of the cost of educating our children. That covers only a basic curriculum. Your LGEF donation pays for your child's science materials, music teacher, art teacher, and counseling services. Your Home and School Club donation pays for an array of services, resources and programs specific to your child's campus. Do your share. [Donate today](#) and keep these programs strong.

#### See How Your Tax Dollars Are Distributed To Schools

LGEF showed a must-see video at Back-to-School Night that explains the surprising way our tax dollars are distributed for education. Check it out at [LGEF's YouTube site](#).

#### Who Is Your LGEF Campus Captain?

LGEF is made up of parent volunteers who are passionate about ensuring that all of our children receive an education that goes beyond the basics. If you'd like to know how you can help, contact your campus captain:

- ☒ **Fisher Middle School:** Claire Nippress at [fishercaptain@lgef.org](mailto:fishercaptain@lgef.org)
- ☒ **Blossom Hill School:** Kate Hatton at [blossomhillcaptain@lgef.org](mailto:blossomhillcaptain@lgef.org)
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- ☒ **Van Meter:** Tom Thimot at [vanmetercaptain@lgef.org](mailto:vanmetercaptain@lgef.org)

*Thanks to everyone who has donated so far! If you haven't, please do so at [LGEF.org](http://LGEF.org).  
Support your district's Science, Music, Art and Counseling programs.*

Have You Donated?



LET'S BE GREAT! TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE.

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Los Gatos Education Foundation

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[LGEF.org](http://LGEF.org)!

### *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

## Cub Scout Pack 502 First Pack Meeting Tomorrow!

Please join us in the **Daves  
MU at 7pm on Thursday,  
September 24<sup>th</sup>**



We kick-off the year with a treasure hunt for the boys and siblings. Parents can meet the den leaders, complete the registration process and get to know our other pack families. There are many events and adventures planned for the year. Come and find out what Scouting can be for your family!

Have any questions? Send them to [info@cubs502.org](mailto:info@cubs502.org) or find more information at [www.cubs502.org](http://www.cubs502.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](mailto: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

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