



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

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**
- 8 **CASA General Meeting** 8:30-10am,
Professional Development Center, Fisher
Middle School
- 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 Red Ribbon
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,

I want to personally extend an invitation to our **Home and School Club and School Site Council meetings this Thursday at 8:30am and 3:00pm, respectively.** Our Home and School Club meeting will welcome to the agenda our Math Specialist **Jana Morse**, joined by teachers **Lisa Gessner, Rebecca Setziol** and **Megan Mahoney**, to present our work in improving student achievement in Math. The School Site Council meeting agenda will include presentations on the recently released SBAC baseline scores, our school achievement plan, and the potential to use busing services for school field study trips. Please plan to attend one or both meetings if these topics are of interest.

Professional learning is a critical component to improving the educational experience of your children. All staff will be participating in professional development on **Monday, October 5th** for the entire day. As a result, school is closed. Please enjoy this three day weekend!

Warmly,

Kit Bragg

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

REMINDER: H&SC Meeting Tomorrow 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

Attention 4th and 5th Graders Only One More Week to Submit Applications

**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 7th
"All About Me" Biography Due: Wednesday, October 7th

Auditions: October 9th-17th

Rehearsals Begin: Monday, October 19th

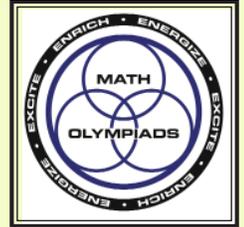
Performances: Jan 29/30/31, and Feb 4/5/6 2016

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](#).

Calling all Young Mathematicians! Sign Up for Daves Ave Math Olympiads Team 2016

We are in the process of forming our Daves Math Olympiads Team for 2016. The goals for [Math Olympiads](#) are:

- To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics
- To learn creative problem solving skills



This is a parent coaching activity with 100% commitment from both the parents and students. For students to be successful, we need parent coaches! Coaches will guide and help students during our meetings. Practice meetings will be once a week on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30. We will explore a topic in depth and practice for the contests. Our first meeting is Wed Oct 14th.

Math Olympiads is open to all 4th and 5th grade students. Please complete a registration form by **October 12th**, 2015. [Click here](#) to register. To learn more please go to www.moems.org.

If you have questions, please email [Erica Schleicher](#) Math Olympiads Chair.

A Note from the District Nurse



Flu season has begun. We are seeing bacterial and viral infections, bronchitis, and cases of flu at each school.

Following a night's sleep, it may be difficult to determine whether or not to send your child to school. The following are the guidelines to use. Keep your child home if he or she has:

- A fever of 99.4 or more
- Chills
- Vomiting, diarrhea or stomach cramps
- Nausea
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing, cough
- Unusually red, watery,

Please keep your child home if he or she is generally not feeling well or is unable to actively participate in school activities. Children must be symptom free, without any medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.

As a preventative and protective measure, wash your hands frequently and thoroughly and keep them away from your eyes, mouth and nose. **Please, keep your child home if there are signs of illness.**

SCHOOL NEWS

13th Annual Daves Ave Fun Walk

Wednesday, October 21st



The 13th Annual Daves Avenue Fun Walk is fast approaching! It will be held on **Wednesday, October 21st at 10 am** on the school field. The Fun Walk is an important fundraising event for Daves Avenue Home & School Club (H&SC) and raises money to support critical programs such as PE, technology, teacher grants, math and literacy support.

Our fundraising goal is \$150 per student. Each child will be sent home with a sponsor/pledge sheet this week. Children are encouraged to ask neighbors, family members and friends to sponsor them in their efforts in the Fun Walk. This is a great opportunity for the children to "give back" to their own school. For the families that have already donated towards the H&SC "One and Done Check" this year, we thank you for your generous support.

If you would like more information, please contact [Laura Walker](#) or [Jackie Childers](#).

Last Call for 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

Red Ribbon Week

The Importance of Healthy Lifestyle Choices

Healthy lifestyle choices minimize depression and help young people resist alcohol and drugs. The foundation for a healthy lifestyle starts in elementary school with:

- Positive self-worth/self esteem
- Clear parental boundaries
- Healthy diet
- Regular exercise



CASA helps parents and youth foster healthy lifestyles through the following programs:

- **Education of young people**
(Red Ribbon Week; Drug Awareness Week; Life Skill Classes)
- **Education of adults**
(S.T.E.P. Parenting Class; Monthly Meetings with Guest Speakers)
- **SafeRides of Los Gatos**
(free, confidential, non-judgmental, safe rides home to high school students who find themselves in unsafe situations)
- **Under 21 Club**
(monthly "youth only" open mic U21 Club at the Los Gatos Coffee Roasting Company)
- **Prescription Drug Drop-Off**

How can you help?

- Encourage your child's participation in CASA's educational programs.
- Attend a S.T.E.P parenting class or CASA guest speaker event.
- Become (or have your child become) a SafeRides of Los Gatos volunteer
- Donate to CASA.

www.casalg.org

CASA General Meeting

Thursday, October 8th

8:30am - 10am

Join us for updates from CASA, Parenting Continuum, School personnel & special **guest speaker, Lisa DiMarino of Pacific Wellness** who will discuss "The Hidden Face of Anxiety".

We will be meeting in the Professional Development Center at Fisher Middle School, 19195 Fisher Avenue, Los Gatos. Questions? Contact [Wendy Riggs](#)

Mamas Went to Morocco

Mama Mia - what a night!

Thank you to all who joined in on this beautiful occasion- we had 100 ladies in attendance. WOW! The hosts donate this party which means that 100% of the \$150 spent on your ticket goes directly back to the school, allowing **Mama Mia to raise \$15,000!!!!!!**



What we are super excited about was not only that a lot of money was raised for our kids, but also the community of Daves Avenue has grown in both number and strength. We all forged new connections and broadened our reach. How fantastic a group to spend an evening together!

A most heartfelt thank-you to **Guy and Kris Bazan** for welcoming us into their home and providing such an elegant backdrop to this fantastic party.

We hosts are so grateful for all the love and support you all brought to Mama Mia and we look forward to making many more memories. -**Kris Bazan, Stacy Carlson, Jen Conwell, Anne Cristofano, Paige Goddard, Becky Hanson, Leasa Joos, Mary Rabitz, Nicole Reginelli, and Kim Simon**



My name is **Jana Morse** and I am in my 9th year as the math coach at Daves Avenue. Through a series of partnerships with Mills College and Silicon Valley Mathematics Initiative, my work has centered around supporting teachers through lesson study cycles at different grade levels to improve teaching and learning through professional collaboration. I was very fortunate to have traveled to Japan in June of 2014 to learn more about how math is taught and how Japanese teachers experience professional development through Lesson Study. These partnerships have allowed teachers to grow in their practice, affecting all children at every grade level. It is the best work I have been a part of in my time at Daves, as evidenced by our examination of student thinking and learning. I also enjoy supporting individual teachers with number talks, a method designed to teach number sense, reasoning and critical thinking skills.

The Daves Avenue Home & School Club ONE and DONE campaign supports our students, teachers and community; including math coach Jana Morse. If you haven't already, please consider contributing to support our school! Simply [click here](#) to donate now.

Cornerstone Corner

Dear parents!

The movie screening of "Most Likely to Succeed" (<http://mltsfilm.org>) at Los Gatos Theater on **October 15th** has had a huge resonance and sold out online the day we published it in the Wednesday Flyers. Thank you for having such great interest in following educational discussions and coming to our community events.

We apologize if you were planning to go and didn't get a ticket. I have another good option to present to you! On **October 21st** you have the opportunity to watch the documentary, "The Mask You Live In". This movie follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity. Written, produced and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2015. [CASA](#) hosted a very successful viewing for this in Los Gatos last year and you now have the opportunity to watch it in Campbell, organized by [Girls on the Run](#) of Silicon Valley. [Click on this link](#) to book your ticket for "The Mask You Live In".

We hope this gives a good alternative for you or even another movie night out! Stay tuned - we will offer more interesting events throughout the year.

[Andrea Anderson](#) for Parenting Continuum and Project Cornerstone to make families thrive!

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 LGFE**



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.

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