



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

November

- Oct 30 - Nov 6 **Book Fair** 8-4 daily, Library
- 2-6 **Conference Week - Minimum Days**
- 2-6 **LGEF's Celebrate Education Week**
- 5 **Evening H&SC Meeting**, 7pm, MU
- 5 **Parenting Continuum presents: The Hidden Face of Anxiety**, LGHS Library, 7pm
- 6 **Ryland's Restaurant**, 7:30-8:10am, Bruce and Poppy Avenues
- 10 **LGEF Maker Workshop**, 6-8pm, MU
- 10-13 **5th Grade Science Camp**
- 11 **Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 16 **District Board Meeting**
6:30pm, District Office
- 17 **Chat with the Principal**, 8:30am, MU
- 18 **Lost and Found Monthly Layout**
- 25-27 **Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL**

December

- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 7 **District Board Meeting**
6:30pm, District Office
- 10 **School Site Council Meeting**
3-4pm, Daves Library
- 14 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm District Office
- 16 **Lost and Found Monthly Layout**
- 16 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
- 18 - Jan 1 **Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL**

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

We are halfway through conference week. I hope your meetings have provided insight into the current performance of your child(ren) with a plan for how educational goals can progress in the classroom and in the home through the parent/teacher partnership.

Please join us **Thursday night at 7pm in the MU** for our **Evening Home and School Club meeting**. Daves Avenue Math Coach **Jana Morse** and several of the Daves Avenue teachers have been working together to adopt a collaborative planning model for improving mathematical instruction and student outcomes - Lesson Study. What does that mean, you might ask? This presentation will help you understand the critical shifts in the necessary elements of a balanced math program aligned to Common Core, which promotes critical thinking, collaborative problem solving and conceptual understanding, and the design and critique of mathematical models, alongside a strong foundation in skills and math facts. Also this evening, **Lisa Fraser**, Fisher Middle School's principal, will be presenting the digital initiative rolling out next year to the incoming 6th graders. This is not to be missed, especially if you have a 5th grader. Come and find out all the details and get your questions answered! **Clubhouse will be open** that evening for child care. Please pick up a form in the school office or at Club House to reserve your child(ren)'s spot.

Lastly, we celebrated a wonderful Halloween and just beat the rain! Thank you to those who attended our Halloween Parade and contributed to classroom festivities. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween weekend!

Warmly,
Kit Bragg
Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

SCHOOL NEWS

If it's Conference Week, it Must be the Book Fair!

THIS WEEK! 8am - 4pm, in the Daves Avenue Library

The Daves Avenue Book Fair happens during conference week twice a year. Buying books at the Fair supports our Library, as part of the proceeds come back to us! Think about those favorites your child and family likes to re-read as these make great holiday gifts! And if your child's favorite is not at the Fair, we can order it (it usually comes in a week or less!)*.

A few tips:

- Shop during school and surprise your child with a new book!
- Right after school is typically the busiest time, so eat lunch first and then come visit for more leisurely browsing.
- **25% of the proceeds** of the books sold go back to Daves Avenue Library! - It's an amazing source of funding!
- If your child is enjoying a book their teacher is reading aloud in class, note that these books are targeted at the class' listening level, so be ready to have this book be a family read aloud.
- **Cash, Check and Credit Card** are accepted!

* To order books, make a wish list with your child and either email our lovely librarian, [Amy Goldsmith](#), or drop by the library and Mrs. G will process your order.

See you at the Fair!



This Friday, November 6th, Stop on by Ryland's Restaurant!

Come celebrate the real fall feeling in the air 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.**

Half of the proceeds from the sale are donated directly to Daves Avenue School, so please stop by!

Save the Date for a Chat with the Principal!

Tuesday, November 17th at 8:30am in the Multi-Use Room (MU)

Are you curious or have questions about how funds raised for Daves Avenue are being used? Join **Principal Kit Bragg** for coffee and an informal chat on how the ONE and DONE program dollars are supporting Daves Avenue School programs. Bring your questions too!

Campus Care Lost and Found

Located In Front of the Cafeteria
(or inside on rainy days)

Last Wednesday of Each Month

- Student Council will lay out all items and check for names. We will distribute items if possible.
- Student Council will announce the "Lost & Found Layout" at the last Wednesday Wave so that classes may weave by the items on their way back to class.
- Any unmarked items will be boxed for donation to a worthy local cause in our area.

TIPS:

- Mark all of your lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets, hats, etc. with your **FIRST AND LAST NAME**.
- Check for jackets after recess, after lunch, and at the end of the day.
- Check the lost and found frequently!



Earn Free Money for Daves!

Did you know that since 1997, **Target** has donated over \$387 million to K–12 schools and is on track to give \$1 billion for education by the end of 2015? Use your Credit or Debit REDcard, and Target will donate 1% of purchases made at Target and Target.com to Daves Avenue!



Talk about extra credit!

Just be sure to [enroll your card](#) and elect Daves as the recipient school (click 'Select by Target School ID' and search by zip code '95030').

For more ways to earn money for Daves, be sure to check out the [Free2Me Website](#).

- [Nina Kulick](#), Free2Me chair

Sponsors' Spotlight

Kim Richman, Sereno Group

A Silicon Valley native, Kim Richman has been associated with some of the area's most prestigious real estate brokerages as a sales associate and manager, currently holding the Sales Manager position for the Sereno Group in Los Gatos. She has been recognized as one of Real Trends Best Real Estate Agents for 2014 and 2015. Kim's kindness, enthusiasm, keen business sense, masterful negotiation skills, interior design education and 20+ years of Real Estate sales experience make her one of the best in the industry. She prides herself with being able to provide her clients with superior marketing and an exceptional results-oriented approach to the negotiating process. Kim is also proud to support Daves Avenue School, the Los Gatos Education Foundation, Girls on the Run, the Great Race, Jazz on the Plazz and Sereno Group's 1% for Good.

For any of your real estate needs, please call or email Kim for a confidential on obligation consultation.

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ONE and DONE Spotlight

Your donations at work

Last month our Daves Avenue Home & School Club approved donation dollars to be spent to bring **Schmahl Science Workshops** into our classrooms. With quick working and dedication from our teachers and Science Chairs, **Liz Olson and Janea Ghaziani**, we kicked off our first of 12 science labs from Schmahl last week.

All four kindergarten classes got a very fun and educational class about spiders! They learned about spider body parts and web making and did science experiments to see how venom works and how spiders don't stick to their own webs. The kids had a great time and didn't realize how much they were learning.



Special thanks to Liz and Janea for their dedication to bringing more science to our children. And thank you to everyone for supporting our Daves Avenue Home & School Club - we could not do this without your support!

Next up, our fourth graders will be discovering more about electricity on November 10th!

To learn more about Schmahl Science Workshops, visit: <http://www.newprod.schmahlsience.org>.

The Daves Avenue Home & School Club ONE and DONE campaign

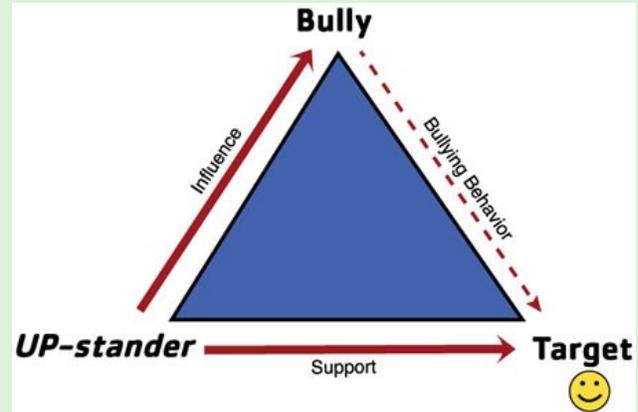
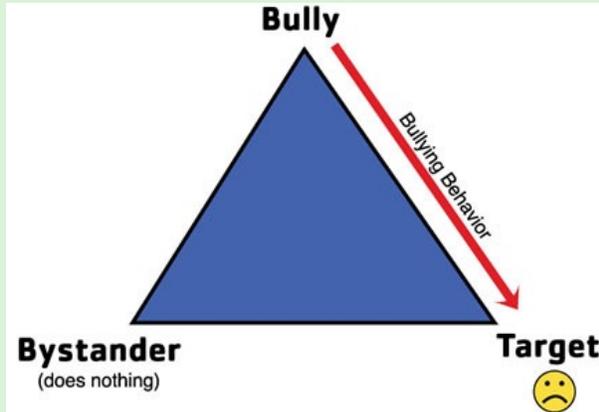
supports our students, teachers and community; including Schmahl Science. If you haven't already, please consider contributing to support our school!



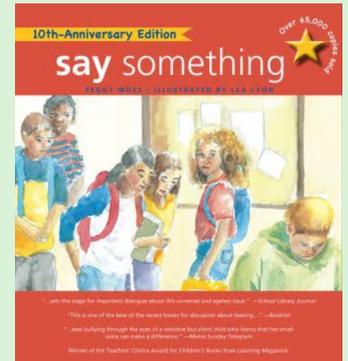
Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: **"Say Something"** by Peggy Moss is a powerful story in which the narrator sees and hears teasing, put-downs, pushing, and other forms of bully behaviors at her school. Because she's confused about what to do, **she doesn't do anything** at first. However, her responses change as she gains understanding and empathy.

Your Silence is Your Agreement!



Our goal is to help the students understand the role of an UPstander. Each of us can take initiative from being a passive BYstander to becoming an integrity-rich UPstander by stepping up for what is morally right. It starts at a young age in small daily life situations. The children will learn safe ways to make a difference. These range from actively stepping up against the bullying behavior to helping the target get away, supporting the target, getting an adult for support. The children also learn that the bully has an "empty bucket" and needs help! It doesn't take many words or big actions. It only takes a little step that can make a difference.



Andrea Anderson
Project Cornerstone

Have your children checked out the Cornerstone Book Cart?

This week we launched our Cornerstone Book Cart at our Buddy Bench, near the MU. The kids who checked it out loved it! Has your child visited yet?

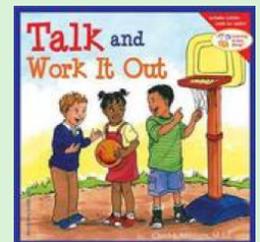
The books with social-emotional topics complement our ABC reader books.



Kinder Cornerstone Corner

In Kindergarten this month, we will read *Talk And Work it Out* by Cheri J Meiners. This book focuses on peaceful conflict resolution. The students will learn the following steps to resolve a difference of opinion and get along:

1. Talk about the problem.
2. Listen and understand.
3. Think of ways to solve it.
4. Choose the best plan.



If you would like more information about the Kinder Project Cornerstone program, please contact **Lani Harr** laniharr@gmail.com or visit www.projectcornerstone.org.

DISTRICT NEWS

LGEF: Serving Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue, Lexington, Van Meter, and RJ Fisher schools since 1982.

LGEF Education Update

Nov 4, 2015

SCIENCE
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The latest news on LGEF and the programs your donations make possible.



Answer the Call! LGEF's Call-To-Greatness Nov. 4

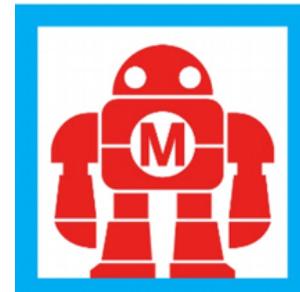
Haven't had a chance to support your child's Science, Music, Art and Counseling programs with a donation? LGEF volunteers will help out during our Call-To-Greatness Call-A-Thon on Wednesday, November 4. They'll reach out to parents who have not yet donated to ensure everyone has a chance to do their share in supporting programs that educate the whole child. To donate today, visit lgef.org.

The Most Fun You'll Ever Have Volunteering: LGEF Maker Workshop Nights Nov. 9, 10, 18 & 19

[Join us](http://lgef.org) for a volunteer experience like no other during LGEF Maker Workshop Nights. Volunteer for one, two, three or all four nights. Fisher students receive community service hours for volunteering. Just look at what you can be part of:

- Toy Hack or Fix-it Clinic (3 volunteers needed/night)
- Cardboard Construction Zone (3 volunteers needed/night)
- Make/Test Mini-Rockets/Cars/Trebuchet/Slingshot (5 volunteers needed/night)
- Marble Run or Rube Goldberg Machine Center (4 volunteers needed/night)
- Soldering and Circuitry Center (3 volunteers needed/night)

Reserve your volunteer time slot today! Visit the Maker Workshop page at lgef.org.



Thanks to These Businesses for Supporting Our Students & Education Week

We greatly appreciate these business sponsors for coupons and giveaways they gave for our students as we celebrate Education Week at most campuses this week and at Lexington Nov. 16-20: **Automobuild, Los Gatos Roasting Company, Village House of Books, The Wooden Horse, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Lunardi's, Baskin Robbins, Noah's Bagels, Safeway, Benefit, and La Tavola.** Please support businesses that support our schools!

Not sure if your company has a corporate match program? [Visit lgef.org](http://lgef.org) and click on the company match link under "Quick Links."

LET'S BE GREAT! TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE.

LGEF
Los Gatos Education Foundation

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Visit lgef.org or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For general questions, e-mail us at admin@lgef.org.



The Hidden Face of Anxiety



Lisa DiMarino, MFT from the Pacific Wellness Center
Thursday, November 5, 2015
Time: 7:00pm
Los Gatos High School Library
For Parents of Grades K-12
Admission is free

Learn how to recognize and help your child manage increasing levels of social, academic and performance pressure.

- What are the signs of anxiety?
- What tools can we use to manage stress and anxiety?
- How do we help our kids build resilience?

Lisa DiMarino is a Marriage and Family Therapist, working with adolescents and their families since 1996. She spent 9 years working with the Palo Alto School district, providing both direct student services and supervising behavior specialists. She founded the Pacific Wellness Center in 2006, and has been in private practice since then. Lisa also conducts teacher trainings on how to work with teens and children who are struggling with their emotions.

The **Parenting Continuum** is a community alliance empowering parents to nurture the whole child and the whole family by focusing on K-12 parent education. We are a group of volunteer parents who bring awareness, support, and resources on all aspects of family life. For current programs, updates, and resources, please visit: www.parentingcontinuum.org, www.facebook.com/parentingcontinuum, or email us at parentingcontinuum@gmail.com.

TRANSLATORS NEEDED!

Korean, Spanish, Hebrew, Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian, Ukrainian, **Filipino**, Hindi, Tamil, **Japanese**, French

Volunteer adult translators are needed to help administer primary language assessments to English language learners (ELL) in the district. The language testing takes about 15 minutes per student. There are 1-7 students per language. Students identify pictures of people, animals, shapes, numbers, colors, and vehicles in their home language. The volunteer translator and English language tutor administer the assessment individually to each student. If you can help, please contact Gail Bennett, English Language Tutor, [408-335-2116](tel:408-335-2116) or gbennett@lqusd.k12.ca.us

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

DISTRICT NEWS



Newsletter for Parents *The Canvas* October/November 2015

K	KINDERGARTEN: Trains and boats will transport your children into the world of art this fall. Art Docents will introduce the basic Elements of Art – color, shape, line, texture, value and form by showing art prints to your kinders. Some featured artists: Van Gogh, Derain, Kandinsky, Magritte, and Homer.
1st	FIRST GRADERS: By viewing Still Life and Genre paintings, your students will learn about Principles of Design including balance, pattern, contrast and emphasis. Some featured artists: Thiebaud, Cezanne, Vermeer, Rockwell, Gonzales, and Toyohara. Workshop: Students create Mono-Prints while experimenting with color mixing.
2nd	SECOND GRADERS: Students learn how artists use Elements of Art and Principles of Design to create images as well as mood and feelings. They are discovering organic lines and how they differ from man-made or geometric shapes. Some featured artists: Klee, Matisse, Chagall, Pollock, and Pippin.
3rd	THIRD GRADERS: A kaleidoscope of colors is greeting your students as they enter the world of 19 th -21 st Century Art. While exploring Impressionism and Post-Impressionism, they'll learn about the concepts of space, tint, shade and value. Some featured artists: Renoir, Monet, Degas, Cassatt, Seurat, and Gauguin.
4th	FOURTH GRADERS: California will be front and center as students view landscapes and Native California art. The Art Docent program fits right in with the 4 th grade social studies California history curriculum. Students will also learn about art concepts such as mood, value and positive/negative shapes. Some featured artists: Bierstadt, Obata, Adams, Curtis, and Bates. Workshop: Students will participate in a three-lesson human figure, figures-in-action, and face-drawing workshop. They'll learn how to draw a proportional human figure and face, and learn about foreshortening.
5th	FIFTH GRADERS: American Art – from the 1700's to the present era – is the focus in the final year of elementary school. Students compare and contrast as they look at some of the great art and cultural icons of the United States and learn how art reflects the time and place in which it was created. Some featured artists: Wyeth, Hopper, Warhol, Frankenthaler, Hicks, and Trumbull.
7th	SEVENTH GRADERS: Workshop: October saw the start of our Scientific Illustration lesson for the 7 th grade science classes at Fisher. Students learned how to carefully examine their insect of choice and draw a faithful rendition in the tradition of entomology. Finished drawings will be on display at the Annual Student Art Show in May of 2016.

Join the Art Docents of Los Gatos. No art experience required; training is offered in the fall of every year and membership is as varied and diverse as our community. We invite you to observe one of our monthly in-class presentations or workshops, attend a general meeting and meet your friends and neighbors. Browse our monthly newsletter "The Palette" at www.artdocents.com

The Art Docents of Los Gatos is generously supported by LGUSD, LGEF, Home & School Clubs, local governments, Silicon Valley Creates, Los Gatos Community Foundation and community groups through grants and donations.



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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