



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

- 18 **Lost and Found Monthly Layout**
- 25-27 **Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL**

December

- 1 **Play Crew Applications Available**
- 2 - 16 **Second Harvest Food Drive**
- 3 **H&SC Meeting, 8:30am, MU**
- 3 **Cornerstone Holiday Party, 12:30 - 2:30pm, Anderson Residence**
- 7 **District Board Meeting 6:30pm, District Office**
- 10 **School Site Council Meeting 3-4pm, Daves Library**
- 11 **Play Crew Applications Due**
- 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 Letter

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, all of us are in a position to take pause and reflect on ways in which we can be grateful. As a parent, I share with you the amazing feeling of gratitude I have toward being a parent to two healthy and happy children. I am equally thankful for the school community we have built in collaboration with staff and parents. I decided to make a short list of the many ways we should all give thanks to this amazing community:

- An enthusiastic and engaged student population who never cease to surprise or amaze
- A talented and dedicated staff who care deeply for children
- An involved and supportive parent community who recognize the positive impacts of a strong parent/teacher relationship
- A strong funding foundation allowing for all areas of academic growth to be supported
- A beautiful facility that welcomes learning
- A connected community always ready to help students achieve their personal best

Warmly,

Kit Bragg

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary



Second Harvest Food Bank at Daves Ave School

The Second Harvest Food drive for Los Gatos Union School District will **begin on December 2 and end on December 16, 2015**. This year, only the elementary schools will participate for these 2 weeks. Fisher Middle School will have their drive in the spring of 2016.

Please read upcoming Wednesday Wave for details, and watch for Second Harvest donations bags which will be sent home with your child(ren) on December 2!

This season more than 1 in 10 of our neighbors in need will be turning to Second Harvest Food Bank for a meal – together we can help!

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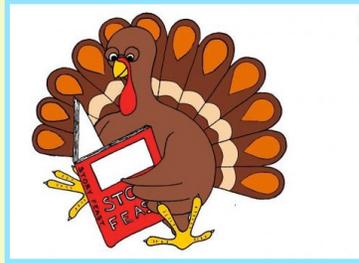
Fourth Grade is Thankful for Literature!

Thanksgiving Book Drive through TUESDAY, November 24th!!

This year, the 4th Grade Team is sponsoring a Literature Drive. We look forward to this time, when we can be thankful for literature and so much more!

We can make a difference in the lives of those in our community. Each Fourth Grade class is collecting gently used books for families in an underprivileged Bay Area school (Miss Clark's former school). Any students and parents that would like to donate books can drop them off in any book drop box outside a Fourth Grade Classroom. Books for all ages are encouraged and appreciated! You may bring your book donations anytime up until **November 24th!**

Miss Clarke and the Fourth Grade Team



Daves Ave/Blossom Hill School Play Calling all 4th and 5th Graders Interested in Crew!



- Are you a team player who would like to be part of a musical production?
- Have you always wondered what goes on behind behind the scenes?
- Then apply to be part of the Daves Avenue Blossom Hill crew for Peter Panic

Crew Applications available - Tuesday, December 1st
Crew Application due - Friday, December 11th
Crew Kick-off Meeting - Monday, January 4th

Visit <http://hsc.blossomhill.org/the-play.html> for details and a link to the application form

Questions? Please email [Kim Simon](#), Play Co-Producer

Daves Avenue Green Team Presents: TRASH FREE TUESDAYS!!

We are excited to announce the start of **Trash Free Tuesdays (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!

To make it even easier, thanks to the **Daves Home & School Club**, we will be sending home a cloth napkin for your child to use for the rest of the year on Trash Free Tuesdays (or every day!). We will also be sending home an information sheet with instructions on how to pack a trash free lunch. Please look for these 2 items to come home with your child in the next few weeks.

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.

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Safe Routes to School November 2015 Newsletter

SR2S Safety Tips

FAQ of the week: My child was asked how he gets to school. Why is this information collected and what is it used for?



In Los Gatos and Monte Sereno over 3500 elementary children travel to school each day between the hours of 7:45am - 8:30am.

LG/MS SR2S partners with Santa Clara Public Health to collect data on how students travel to and from school. This kind of data helps SR2S address educational needs in our schools. Below is a sample of data from September 2015. Approximately 40% of all students walk, bike or scoot to school. That's a lot of kids on foot and bike. Be a Safe Driver and follow the tips below if you drive around schools and the community.

- **Stop for pedestrians** – it's the law in California
- **Make eye contact** with a pedestrian before proceeding through a crosswalk
- **Never pass a vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk**—assume they are stopped for a pedestrian
- **Focus on the Road** – You are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash if you are texting while driving

September 2015 Student Travel Tally Report*

SCHOOL	WALK	BIKE	FAMILY VEHICLE	CARPOOL	OTHER
Daves Avenue	18%	10%	63%	6%	3%
Blossom Hill (2014)**	25%	15%	47%	9%	4%
Louise Van Meter	24%	6%	59%	6%	5%
Fisher Middle	24%	17%	42%	13%	4%

*The above information is based on averages per day collected by using the in-class Travel Tally questionnaire. A more complete report can be obtained from the National Center for Safe Routes to School at www.saferoutesinfo.org

** BH Student Travel Tally Report from August 2014

The FunVisors are pleased to announce a Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, November 19th

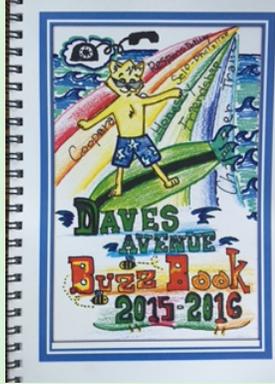
The FunVisors will be hosting a Thanksgiving-themed celebration during lunch recess this Thursday. We will have a few themed craft activities and traditional games for the children.

If you would like to join us, please email either [Loly Stacey](mailto:Loly.Stacey) or [Lianne Verheyden](mailto:Lianne.Verheyden) or don your Pilgrim hat and meet us at the FunVisor tables!



Did you get your Buzz Book? It's not too late!

We still have a limited number of Buzz Books available! There is still time to complete your **ONE and DONE** contribution and receive a copy of the Daves Avenue student directory.



Also, if you are already ONE and DONE and would like to purchase an extra Buzz Book, please contact [Heather Regoli](#).

Sponsors' Spotlight South Bay Development Company



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Cornerstone Corner NOVEMBER Asset of the Month: POSITIVE CULTURAL IDENTITY

Young people feel comfortable with and proud of their identity, including but not limited to disabilities, ethnicity, faith/religion, family status, gender, language, and sexual orientation.

The Importance of Positive Cultural Identity

It is important for youth to feel that they belong. Positive identity brings self-assurance, a sense of belonging, a positive view of personal future, and better success in school. Developing a positive cultural identity—a critical element of personal identity—can be difficult for young people, especially when they may be bridging more than one culture.

The way that youth are treated in regard to their ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or gender directly affects their ability to develop a positive personal identity. As adults, it's critical that we model recognition, understanding, and celebrating all cultural identities, including the cultures to which we and/or our children do not belong. Sharing and celebrating different cultural identities increases self-esteem and promotes cultural competence among all young people. The diversity of Silicon Valley is a benefit to our youth as they are exposed to many different cultures.

The following discussion topics* can help families talk about their cultural identity:

- What is our cultural background?
- What are some things that you value about our culture?
- What are some things about our culture that you would like other people to know?
- Do you know anyone who's from a different culture? In what ways are your cultures similar and different? Do your cultural differences make it difficult to be friends? How can you share your cultural differences in a positive, nonjudgmental way?

*Adapted from the Canadian Child Care Federation's "Supporting Our Children's Social Well-Being...It's a Team Effort!" workshop

This article was provided courtesy of Project Cornerstone's Asset-a-Month program. For more information, visit

www.projectcornerstone.org.

Enjoy your culture, celebrate our mix of cultures in Silicon Valley and learn something new from your friends with different cultural backgrounds during the upcoming holiday season and all year round!

Andrea Anderson
Project Cornerstone

DISTRICT NEWS

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

LGEF

Education Update

Nov 18, 2015

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



STEAM & LGEF Maker Workshops: A Glimpse of What Can Be Done In the Classroom

Nearly **800 children and their family members** will have attended the LGEF Maker Workshops by the time the last of four workshops closes its doors tomorrow at Lexington Elementary, Nov. 19.

The Workshops, designed to promote STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) education in Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD), have sparked creativity and brought out the innovator in students district wide. Van Meter and Daves Avenue hosted sold-out and nearly sold-out workshops last week. Blossom Hill hosts its own sold-out event tonight.

Whether making sling-shots to launch marshmallows or turning a friend into a cardboard robot, kids have designed, tested, redesigned and tested again throughout the evening. The range of activity centers where young inventors pushed their creative skills have included: fabric hack, marshmallow catapult, nerdy derby, marble run, paper-rocket launch, and light-up circuits.

Kate Hatton, LGEF Maker Workshop Coordinator and Blossom Hill Campus Captain, said the free events have an important role beyond an evening's entertainment: they show parents what STEAM in the classroom could mean to the students. "LGEF would like to fund STEAM in the classroom," she told parents at the Workshops. "Your donations to LGEF can make that happen."

With enough annual funds, LGEF could expand the district's curriculum to include a full-time STEAM instructor.

To achieve this, LGEF needs all district parents to donate funds annually.

Just mail a check today to LGEF (17010 Roberts Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032) or donate securely online at lgef.org.

While LGEF asks for \$50/month/child, all donations sizes are important.

Let's put some **STEAM** in our students' curriculum!

Want to learn more
about LGEF?
Visit LGEF.org

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Holiday Lights of Vasona Art Docents of Los Gatos Fundraiser

On **Thursday, December 10**, with holiday music and cheer, a Luxury Party Bus will accommodate 56 guests on a scenic tour through beautiful Los Gatos to Vasona Park to experience the extraordinary Holiday Lights. Bus will pick up and drop off at designated locations.

A second bus with premium reserved seats will also provide a private guided art tour through the enchanted decorated home of a local family and art collector. [Click here](#) for more details and to purchase tickets or go to our website: <http://www.artdocents.com>.



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 LGFF



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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