



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

December

- 16 **Lost and Found Monthly Layout**
- 16 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
- 18 - Jan 1 **Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL**

January

- 6 **ABC Reader Training**
8:15am, Room B
- 7 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 11 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm District Office
- 12 **Bingo Night**, 6pm - 8pm, MU
- 14 **Digital Learning Initiative**
6:30pm, MU
- 18 **Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 25 **District Board Meeting**
6:30pm, District Office
- 29-31 **Peter Panic**
Blossom Hill School

February

- 2 **ABC Reader Training**
8:15am, Room B
- 4 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 4-6 **Peter Panic**
Blossom Hill School

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

As I walk the halls and pop into classrooms to see Holiday parties taking place left and right, I eagerly await time home with my family celebrating traditions. We are blessed to work with children in a school system that values time home with family. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of spending quality time with your child(ren).

I challenge you to push aside daily routines, lock the tech in the closet, and relish in time well spent with your child(ren). Remember, community service has the biggest impact of all the 41 developmental assets outlined in Project Cornerstone. Find a way to open your child(ren)'s eye to the impact of service to others. The experience will widen his or her world view, and develop a healthy sense of empathy during a time that can quickly get consumed by the newest and shiniest toy.

I take great pride in knowing these values are alive and well in our community. Let's challenge each other to go forward with a message of empathy for others this holiday season and well into the new year!

Warmly,

Kit Bragg

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SCHOOL NEWS

It's Back!!!

Daves Avenue Home & School Club presents

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

BINGO PIZZA FUN PRIZES

Save the Date

Tuesday, January 12th, 2016, 6-8 pm

Daves Avenue Multi-Use Room

More information to follow regarding pizza orders, volunteer opportunities, prize and baked good donations.

[Isabel Guerra](#), Bingo Night Chair

A Note from the District Nurse

Parents:

There continues to be isolated cases of head lice at each school. It is anticipated that those cases will multiply and spread during the December recess. People will be traveling, sharing, spending close time with family and friends, have visitors, and be visitors. This makes for a prime opportunity to share and spread head lice. Be vigilant about checking your child's head frequently.

If you have questions, call **Maureen O'Hara**, District Nurse at 335-2074.

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Elementary School Culinary Competition

Entry Form Due Date Extended!

Hey **1st - 5th graders!** Showcase your cooking skills by participating in the upcoming **Future Chefs culinary competition!** To enter, pick up an entry form/recipe card in the cafeteria. Complete the recipe card with your favorite healthy breakfast, and return it to the FUTURE CHEF box in the cafeteria by **January 6th.**

The top 2 entries from the district will be announced on January 8th, 2016, and these finalists will compete in a multi-district cook-off Culinary Competition on **March 24th, 2016.** As an added bonus, the winner of this event will have their recipe entered into a national competition, with the chance to win even more great prizes! Check in the cafeteria or your food service web site for more information. Good luck!



DISTRICT NEWS

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

LGEF

Education Update

Dec 16, 2015

**SCIENCE
MUSIC
ART
COUNSELING**

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



Did You See Us at the Los Gatos Children's Holiday Parade?

Music teachers Ana George of Blossom Hill and Alyson Ancheta of Daves Avenue lead our wonderful band of nearly 20 fourth- and fifth-graders during the Los Gatos Children's Christmas/Holiday Parade Dec. 5.

The students played holiday tunes on their recorders to the cheers of onlookers. Thank you, teachers and students, for representing LGEF with the great sounds of our music program at this much loved community event. And thanks to our parent volunteers who helped out.

The district music program—like the science, art and counseling programs—is made possible by private donations from parents. To learn more about district funding, check out the video on our homepage at lgef.org. Then make a donation to LGEF. It's tax deductible and keeps our programs vibrant.

To see more pictures of the parade, visit our blog at www.lgef.org/lgef-blog.

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Cornerstone Corner

The power of giving without expectation

Have you ever received a gift from someone you didn't expect anything from? Feel the inner joy and sense of appreciation? That's where the true power of giving at this season lies. How do we combine this with so many expectations and wish lists? Living with the fear of not having enough gifts or not the right ones rather than truly cherishing the joy of giving something meaningful and unexpected?

Little kids always love the spark of opening a gift, the joy of the surprise and probably the toy as well! It gets more complicated as they grow older. How do we maintain that joy? It's a journey we will all experience at some stage. Awareness is the first step, from there we need our own creativity.

I want to share one sparkling idea that has worked in our family. When the children began to want to give to us and each other as well, they inevitably asked for the money to buy them. What do you say? They have a super kind idea but again, as a parent, you become the source of funding. Lovely intentions, but it is a bit too easy for them. We talked about budgets and using pocket money, but it turned into too much about consumerism.

So we shifted the focus and the new rule became that everybody in the family makes something for each other. This can be a group gift or an individual one. Decembers since then have been sparked with creativity, researching and creating. It truly lets them think within themselves what the other might love rather than looking around the shelves in the shops to find a good match. It truly fostered teamwork and partnership. It also led to an appreciation of effort rather than a perfect product. This builds connection! The deal is, we pay for any needed materials. It might not be cheaper than the shopping option, but its truly asset rich and enjoyable.

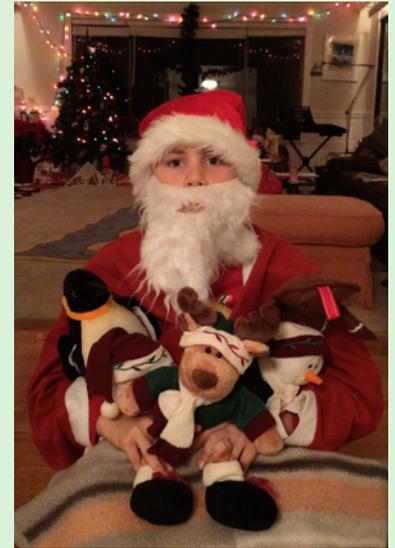
Gifts in the past have had a wide range: from clothing sewn by our youngest, the invention of a "hoverboard" from our inventor child, to baked goods and real life experiences like a Sleigh Ride with Santa down the stairs! I don't know what this year will bring, but I am looking forward to the focused activity when school holidays start.

Creativity is fun. Giving is fun. Receiving is fun.
Make family life richer by empowering your children to truly give!

Happy Holidays with whatever you celebrate!

Andrea Anderson

Project Cornerstone



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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