



WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Important Dates

January

- 12 **H&SC Evening Meeting,**
7:00 PM, MU
- 16 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day -**
NO SCHOOL
- 20 **Bookmobile**
- 23 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 6:30 PM,
District Office
- 26 **Safe Routes 2 School Meeting,**
8:30 AM, Blossom Hill Elem. MPR

February

- 3 **H&SC Meeting,** 8:30 AM
- 3 **Bookmobile**
- 3-4 **Nonsense in the Northwoods**
Performances, TBD
- 7 **Bingo Night,** 6:00 PM, MU
- 17 **Bookmobile**
- 13 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 4:00 PM,
District Office
- 20-24 **Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL**
- 27 **LGUSD Board Meeting,** 6:30 PM,
District Office
- 28 **H&SC Recruitment Event,** 7 PM

March

- 3 **H&SC Meeting,** 8:30 AM, MU
- 6-10 **Conference Week - MINIMUM DAYS**

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

On behalf of the entire Daves team, welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope you had a fun-filled holiday with family. We spent our holiday resting and relaxing with the family and took a short trip to Lake Tahoe sledding and sitting by the fire sipping hot cocoa.

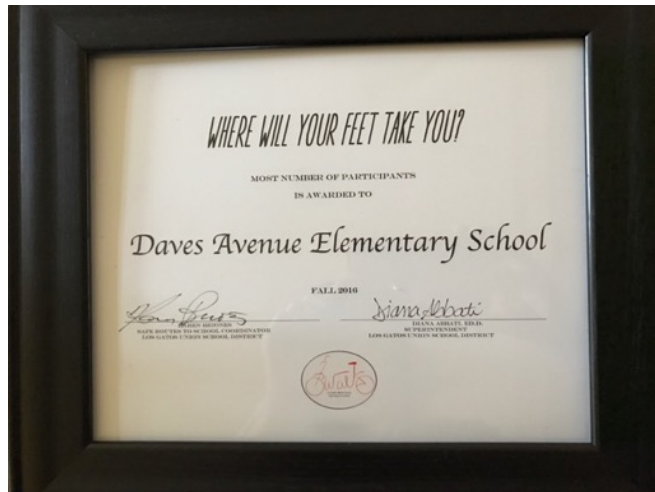
As we transition back, I often take this time as a mid-point to celebrate our accomplishments and hone our goals for the remainder of the year. Your children have accomplished so much under the strong guidance of our teachers, staff and parents. With initiatives in assessment, community and inclusion, much has been done to strengthen the school experience for all children. I look forward to continuing this work in the latter half of the year and invite you to attend our School Site Council meetings and Home and School Club meetings to learn more about our progress.

Lastly, what follows are a few reminders from our office staff to ensure a smooth transition in the new year. **1)** Please arrange and discuss any after school plans with your child before sending them off each morning. It is very difficult to locate and interrupt teaching in the classroom for messages. **2)** Call the attendance line (24 hours a day) if your child will be late or out of school. This line must be called even if you email or let the teacher know. We have a safe call procedure and all your numbers will be called to notify you that your student is not here. **3)** Please try to send your child to school with his/her lunch or snack everyday. It is very difficult to have to locate and have that child leave their lesson time for retrieval of the lunch or snack. **4)** Please be prompt when picking up your child after school. Please sign up for after school care and have your child aware that they should go to that safe place when you cannot make it on time. Pick up should never be later than 2:45 on a regular schedule day, or 12:45 on a minimum day unless there is an emergency. **5)** If you need to check out a student early try to let the teacher know by e-mail 24 hours in advance if possible. Then, come to the office allowing enough time for us to locate and have your student come down. Please do not call the office and ask for this to be done ahead of time. We will do this at the time you arrive as to not have the student spend more time out of the classroom than necessary.

Sincerely,

Iqbal Chadda

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary



Thank you Daves Avenue for all your participation in our most recent Los Gatos Union SR2S district event “Where Will Your Feet Take You?”

Daves Avenue was awarded a certificate of recognition for the most number of participants during our event in the fall of 2016. Keep up the great work!

Daves Avenue Elementary
STUDENT COUNCIL
Presents

Cozy Nights Drive

Donate New Books and Pajamas

Anyone can donate!

Any grade can donate!

Dec. 14 - Jan. 20

Help kids in need of cozy pajamas and books!

- Benefits the Pajama Program Bay Area Chapter
- Helps kids from infants to teens in foster care, homeless shelters, group homes
- Pajamas and books need to be new and unused, and the pajamas should be a new, complete set (top and bottoms)

Drop off your donations in the 2-Story building

Ask a Student Council Rep for more information!

Home & School Club Meeting

Daves Avenue MU • Thursday @ 7pm (Tomorrow Night)

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

CASA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 12th at 9 AM-10:30 AM

LGHS Community Room

“Providing support systems to students”

LGHS Peer to Peer Organization



If you have a High School student or will one day you should come to this meeting! We will have a student panel made up of members of five peer run organizations on campus; UP!, Students to Students, Reality Check, PAWS and SafeRides. Come and learn more about each of these organizations and see the products they produce to help support their fellow students social emotional well-being. These groups each work in different ways to provide positive support for their fellow students, with several services focused on helping Freshman integrate successfully to High School life.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

The bookmobile will now be on campus on Fridays. The next visit will be Friday, January 20th. See Mrs. G for a bookmark with all the upcoming dates!





PREPARING ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT VOTER-APPROVED FUNDING

How are Los Gatos Union School District schools performing?

Our local schools are part of what makes our community a desirable place to live. Los Gatos elementary and middle school students receive an excellent education focused on outstanding core academics and innovative classroom programs in science, technology, mathematics, engineering, arts and music. These programs, delivered by highly qualified, award-winning teachers, not only help students achieve top scores on statewide exams, but also ensure that they are prepared to compete in the 21st-century, global economy.

Is a new funding measure necessary?

For over 25 years, Los Gatos and Monte Sereno voters have supported our local elementary and middle schools with locally controlled funding that cannot be taken away by the State. This dedicated source of local funding supports the outstanding education we've come to expect in Los Gatos.

However, the fact remains that the \$2.8 million our parcel tax generates annually cannot support the same level of academic programming it could 10 years ago. In order to keep pace in the 21st Century and enhance the academic programs that set Los Gatos schools apart, we need an additional source of local funding.

Why is the Board considering a parcel tax measure for the May 2, 2017 all-mail ballot?

In order to continue our community's tradition of supporting outstanding education in our local elementary schools and middle school and to keep pace in the 21st Century, the District is considering a \$290 annual parcel tax to enhance excellent academic programs and retain quality teachers.

How would local funding enhance educational opportunities in LGUSD schools?

Locally controlled funding from a parcel tax could be used to:

- Maintain and enhance outstanding academic programs including: science, engineering, math, reading, arts, music and writing;
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers;
- Prepare students for success at top-notch local high schools;
- Support innovative science programs; and
- Provide safe and modern facilities for student success.

Would fiscal accountability provisions be included?

Yes. Any measure would continue our District's commitment to fiscal accountability.

- All revenue from the measure would be spent in our local elementary schools and middle school and could not be taken by the State.
- Independent oversight and annual reports would be required.
- No funds could be used for administrators' salaries.
- Senior citizen homeowners would be eligible for an exemption.
- The measure would expire in eight years and could not be renewed without voter approval.

Do other school districts in our area rely on local funding to enhance academic achievement in their local schools?

Yes. Many similar, high-performing districts in Santa Clara County depend on local parcel tax funding to support educational programs, including Los Altos School District (\$820 per parcel per year) and Palo Alto Unified School District (\$758 per parcel per year).

We Value Your Questions and Feedback

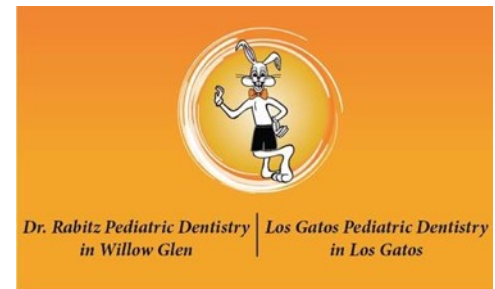
Your opinions and involvement are valuable and we hope that you share your comments and questions with us. Please feel free to contact Superintendent Dr. Diana G. Abbati by phone at (408) 335-2001 or via email at dabbati@lgusd.org. We also encourage you to complete our school funding priority survey at www.LGUSD.org/LocalFunding.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Daves Avenue Home & School Club
Thanks **Dr. Rabitz Pediatric Dentistry, Los Gatos Pediatric Dentistry**
for Being a Community Level Sponsor!

Dr. Rabitz, Dr. Suzy, Dr. Lam, Dr. Chanel and the rest of our team are dedicated to providing the highest level of service and comfort to your family. Our staff is highly qualified to offer the best dental experience for your child. We built our offices with your family's comfort in mind. They are clean, spacious, inviting and technologically sound. More importantly they are kid approved! Children can relax and watch a movie or become involved in one of the contests we have to encourage good dental habits. We look forward to providing you and your child with a positive dental experience!

Visit us at www.drrabitz.com



A Community Partnership on Student and Traffic Safety

January 26, 2017 8:30am-10:00am
Blossom Hill Elementary MPR

Safe Routes to School is a collaborative effort in Los Gatos. Join Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Safe Routes to School to hear how the Los Gatos Monte Sereno Police Department, the Town of Los Gatos, the Los Gatos Union School District, Santa Clara County Public Health and Santa Clara County Fire Department work together to address student and traffic safety in Los Gatos.

A collaborative community event sponsored by the **Los Gatos Union School District** www.lgusd.org.



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

BINGO PIZZA FUN PRIZES

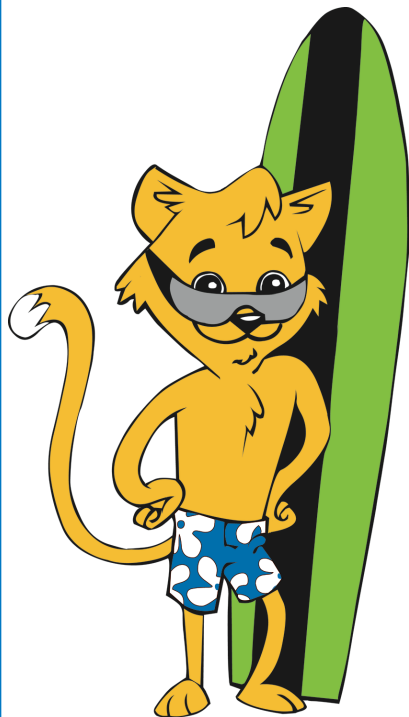
Save the Date!

Tuesday, February 7th, 2016, 6-8 pm
Daves Avenue Multi-Use Room

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

Karen Luton, Bingo Night Chair

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!



Student council members demonstrate Lost and Found best practices! L-R: Vice President Hana Wright, Secretary Sami Hull, Representative Sami Alkharrat

Educating the Whole Child

Our children deserve a high-quality education.

A high quality education goes beyond standard academics. But Los Gatos schools lack required funding when compared to similar districts. LGEF helps "fill the gap" with 2016-2017 programs for art, music, counseling and science that educate the whole child.



LGEF Mission

Los Gatos Education Foundation raises essential funds that ensure our children receive high quality programs and resources vital to their education.

Please Support LGEF

There is NO REASON Los Gatos should lag behind.

Donate to LGEF today and your children will benefit all year long.



[DONATE at www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org)

Donate your athletic shoes!

With the holiday season comes the arrival of new gifts, but also the replacement of old ones.



However, not all families got to experience the joy of the holidays. Therefore, Shoes2Reuse will be collecting gently-used athletic shoes to give to local families in need.

Shoes2Reuse is an organization devoted to giving athletic shoes to those who cannot afford them. It is founded by two local Los Gatos students: Kevin Miller at Fisher Middle school, and his sister, Lauren Miller, at LGHS.

They will be collecting shoes to donate to the Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley, who will distribute them to local families in need. The collection will take place from **Saturday, January 14th through Sunday, January 22nd**. There will be collection boxes located throughout town (House of Hope, Congregation Shir Hadash, Fisher Middle School, Los Gatos High School, and across from the old Monte Sereno Post Office at 16215 Rose Avenue, Monte Sereno 95030).

If you have any questions, please email shoes2reuse@millerz.com.



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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 Iqbal Chadda 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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