



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

February

- 25 **School Site Council Meeting**
Daves Library, 3-4pm
- 26 **Last Day for Author's Day Book Sales**
- 26 **Parents' Night Out** 6:15-10pm, Clubhouse
- 29 - March 4 **Conference Week & Book Fair**
Minimum Days all Week

March

- 1 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:15am, Room B
- 1 **H&SC information Night**, 7-9pm, Enoteca
- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 4 **2nd Grade Music Concert**, 8:30-9am, MU
1st Grade Music Concert, 9:15-9:45am, MU
- 7 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, DO
- 10 **Science Fair Family Showcase**, 6-8pm, MU
- 14 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, DO
- 19 **'Tuscan Nights' Cool Cat Auction Event**
6:30pm, Testarossa Winery
- 24 **Author's Day**
- 24 **School Site Council Meeting**
Daves Library, 3-4pm

April

- 4 - 8 **Spring Break - NO SCHOOL**
- 12 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:15am, Room B
- 14 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 11 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, DO
- 18 - 22 **Earth Week**
- 18 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, DO
MU = Daves Multi-Use Room
DO = LGUSD District Office

Principal's Letter

Dear Daves Avenue Students, Faculty, Staff, Parents and Community Members,

I'm so excited to be back at Daves Avenue Elementary! I'm still telling friends and colleagues what a good time I had during my short stay last year. You have an amazing school.

For the remainder of this year working with Patricia Larkin, Teacher on Special Assignment, I will assist teachers, staff and parents to stay on course and continue the ongoing positive strides and professional learning. Daves Avenue is a great place to learn, work and thrive. Let's celebrate together all that's working well.

If your students come home with a purple character card it comes from me. I'm outside as much as possible and want to meet and assist your students as needed.

Please stop by, say hello and tell me if there's a concern or a good thought you want to share.

Thank you for the warm welcome, I'm honored to be here.

Most Sincerely,

Rhonda Farber, Ph. D.
Interim Principal
rfarber@lgusd.k12.ca.us

Please join us TUESDAY, MARCH 1st from 7 to 9pm to learn more about the Daves Avenue Home & School Club

Please join us on **Tuesday, March 1st**, at **Enoteca La Storia** (located at 416 N. Santa Cruz Avenue in Los Gatos) to find out about Daves Ave H&SC, and the many ways (big and small) that you can get involved.

Please drop in anytime between 7 - 9 pm - the H&SC Board will be on hand and eager to answer your questions, and to share some wine and cheese as well.

We look forward to seeing you!

SCHOOL NEWS

Dave Avenue Clubhouse presents:

Parents' Night Out Childcare! THIS FRIDAY Feb 26th, 6:15-10:00pm



\$20 per child (2 years and older)
Go out & enjoy a night to yourself while the kids enjoy some games and crafts at Clubhouse! Everyone is welcome! Games (flashlight game, indoor crafts), Dinner, and movie will be provided.

All Parents Night Out sign ups & payments are now online — Please visit www.lgsrecreation.org to create or log into your PerfectMind account, then Go to: Youth—>Youth classes—>Special Events to find the parents night out enrollment.

We are no longer taking paper forms. We need 12 students minimum to have it held.

Questions? Please contact Daves Avenue Clubhouse at 408-335-2223.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Daves Avenue students will be creating an iMovie!:

Interviewing, Filming and Editing during their lunch time starting **February 22nd through March 11th**. The students' Fund the Need Film will be debuted at the Tuscan Nights auction on March 19, 2016 at the Testarossa Winery.



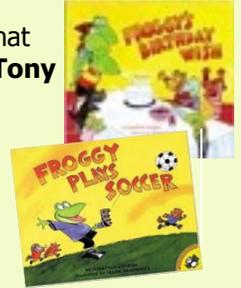
Sign-up forms will be available in the office and at lunch starting on February 22nd. If you would like your child to participate, please sign the Daves Avenue LGUSD Photo/Release Form and the student participation agreement.

Please contact [Roxanne Panicacci](mailto:Roxanne.Panicacci) with any questions.

Author's Day: March 24th On-line Ordering Available through Friday!



We are excited to announce that **Jonathan London** and **Tony Abbott** will be coming to Daves Avenue. Jonathan London of the Froggy series will be visiting kindergarten through second grades, and Tony Abbott of The Secrets of Droon series will be hanging out with our third to fifth graders on Thursday, **March 24th**.



On-line orders can be made until **Feb 26th** at: <http://davesavehsc.org/authors-day---2016.html> . Want to check out the books? Drop by our Author's Day table at pick up the week of Feb 22-26 or drop by the library any time.

If you have any questions, please contact **Vivian Gabel** viviangabel@gmail.com

This event is generously sponsored by:



Cool Cat socks were a huge hit!
Awesome way to show your school spirit, Daves Ave!

We did sell out, but another shipment will arrive soon. Place your pre-order today and ensure your pair! We have extra small (12-1) and small (1 - 5 youth).

As always we still have T-shirts, sweat shirts and hats. (limited sizes)



Please email [Cathy McDonald-Hassett](mailto:Cathy.McDonald-Hassett) to check for your size and place an order.

SCHOOL NEWS

Please Help Keep our Kids Safe!

Morning drop-off can be a very important transition to the school day. We encourage you to plan for a smooth and calm arrival to school. Too often we have seen parents rush into the parking lot and make poor choices relative to student safety.

Please use the cross walks to transition from the parking lot and drop off circles to the campus perimeter. Please do not pass through driveways with your children. Please drive slowly and be aware a student could be walking or biking right next to your car at anytime. Please do not drop off anywhere other than the drop off circles.

Above all, use the morning transition to equip your child for the day with a calm and collected sense of self. The behavior we display is the behavior they will emulate.

Daves Ave Book Fair! February 29 - March 4

with a bonus day THIS FRIDAY, Feb 26th!

If it's Conference Week, it must also be the Daves Avenue Book Fair! Buying books at the Fair supports our Library, as part of the proceeds come back to us! Think about those favorites you and your family like to re-read as these make great birthday 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:

- Right after school is typically the busiest time, so eat lunch first and then come visit for more leisurely browsing.
- **25% of sales** at the fair go back to the Daves Avenue Library! **Photo to the right shows many of the books purchased recently with proceeds from the book fair!!**
- 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](mailto:Amy.Goldsmith@mu.edu), or drop by the library and Mrs. G will process your order. See you at the Fair!

Save the Date!

We hope everyone is getting excited about Daves Avenue inaugural science fair!

Questions? Contact **Liz Olson** liz.e.olson@gmail.com or **Janae Ghaziani** janaebenassi11@yahoo.com

**DAVES AVENUE
SCIENCE FAIR**
MARCH 10TH THROUGH THE 11TH

REGISTER ONLINE BY FEBRUARY 11, 2016 AT WWW.DAVESAVEHSC.ORG

IMPORTANT DATES

THU, FEB 11, 2016
Project Applications Due

WED, MAR 1, 2016
Projects Due in the MU
(8:00am - 8:30am or 12:00pm - 12:30pm)

THU, MAR 10, 2016
Classroom Tours

FRI, MAR 11, 2016
Classroom Tours

THU, MAR 10, 2016
Family Science Showcase in the MU
(6:00pm - 8:00pm)

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DAVES AVENUE ELEMENTARY
COOL CAT AUCTION PRESENTS

Tuscan Nights at the Testarossa Winery

MARCH 19, 2016 · 6:30PM - 11:00PM

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT AND SECURE
THE EARLY BIRD PRICING THRU FEB. 29
TICKETS ARE \$120 PER PERSON
(\$60 PER PERSON FOR ONE AND DONE SUPPORTERS)

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Cool Cat Auction Presents: Tuscan Nights

**Last day for Early Bird Pricing is
Monday, February 29th!**

Registration goes up \$30 as of March 1st.

Registration is now open for the Cool Cat Auction at Testarossa Winery. By now all families should have received at least one invitation via postal mail. This event is open to all adults in our Daves Avenue Community.

Don't miss:

- Great Live & Silent Auction Items
- Premiere Board
- Party Sign-ups
- Wine Pull
- Staff Wish List
- Giving Tree
- Raffles
- Raise the Grade
- Dancing
- And more.....

Go to www.tuscannights.org for more information and to register.

We are still looking for donations as well as some people to help on our committee. Contact **Jeff Milde**, Cool Cat Auction Chair at jmilde@calmacompany.com or give him a shout at 408-656-3112.

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

At the Cool Cat Auction there will be a variety of auction items to bid on and we need your help to make it a success.

- **Would you be able to donate something from your business?**
- **Do you have a timeshare to donate?**

Any goods or services will be considered! Your donation is tax deductible and goes a long way to improving our children's education. 100% of your contribution will directly benefit the students. Contact **Jeff!**

Cornerstone Corner

FEBRUARY Asset of the Month: YOUTH AS RESOURCES

Young people are given useful roles in the community

The Importance of Youth as Resources

People of all ages want to feel that that they make a contribution and play a meaningful role in their community, whether at home, at school, or in the neighborhood. Research shows that youth who feel valued and useful have higher self-esteem, a greater sense of personal control, reduced delinquency, greater social and personal responsibility, reduced substance abuse, and better social skills.

Most youth in Silicon Valley don't feel that they have opportunities to contribute to their community. In Project Cornerstone's 2011 survey, **only 53% of 4th - 6th graders and 35% of 7th - 12th graders reported that they are given useful roles.**

To help address this problem, February is Youth as Resources month in Silicon Valley. This asset focuses on including youth in decisions that affect them and creating participation and leadership opportunities where their contribution makes a difference.

The following discussions can help youth recognize opportunities to serve as resources

- What would you like to share with adults about your experiences in your home, school, neighborhood or faith community?
- Who are some adults that you could talk to about making positive changes?
- How will you know when these changes happen?
- How would you like to be recognized for your contribution?

Keep in mind that serving as a resource doesn't have to be a large effort. Adults can help youth serve as resources simply by asking them to share their opinions, skills, or knowledge, such as how to play a game or use technology such as text messaging.

Remember, it's important that young people's efforts be recognized and celebrated! Be sure to create opportunities to show that you value each individual's unique contributions.

[Click Here](#) to access a resource kit with activities focused on building the important asset!

[Andrea Anderson](#)

Project Cornerstone Coordinator

Sponsor's Spotlight



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DISTRICT NEWS

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

LGEF

Education Update

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

84% of goal reached; first round of grants approved

Thanks to all the families who supported LGEF's major fundraiser with donations and pledges from the beginning of the school year through the end of January. We reached 84% of our target goal of \$750,000, which is enough to approve the first round of grants due this month. These grants fund the salaries of our art and music teachers.

LGEF still needs to raise \$120,000 by the end of the school year to fund remaining program resources. So if you haven't yet donated—or would like to make a second donation—do so today at our secure online site at lgef.org. Or mail a check to LGEF, 17010 Roberts Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95032.



Netflix is now matching donations

Double your donation with your corporate match program

Netflix now offers a corporate match to its employees' qualified charitable donations. If you are a Netflix employee who made a donation to LGEF this calendar year, you may be able to increase that donation through your company match program.

Many Silicon Valley companies offer this type of charitable program. To see if your company matches donations, please check with your HR department. You can also go to LGEF's "Ways to Give" page at lgef.org/ways-to-give.html. Click on "Corporate Fund Matching" to see a list of employers with match programs. Thank you for supporting LGEF!

Q&A Corner

Q: Why is it important that 100% of district families donate to LGEF?

A: Since every student benefits from LGEF programs, every family should help support these programs. Also, when LGEF approaches businesses for sponsorship, they want to know that parents are 100% behind the schools before they contribute. Please help LGEF achieve 100% participation. Donate to lgef.org today!

Mail donations to:

LGEF
17010 Roberts Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032

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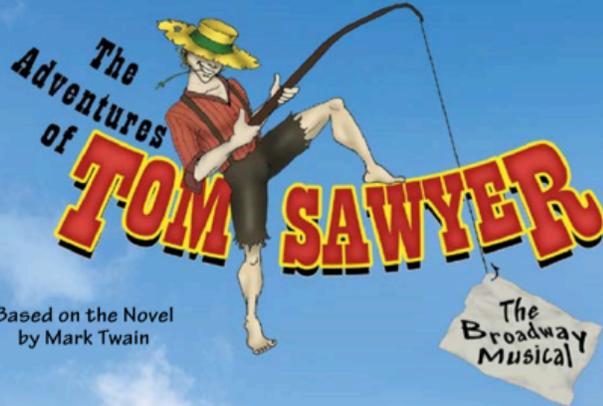
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Fisher Musical Theater Presents



Based on the Novel
by Mark Twain

Conceived and Written by
KEN LUDWIG

Music and Lyrics by
DON SCHLITZ

Directed by Heather Stokes
Vocal Direction by Andrew Ford
Choreography by Wendy Meyer and Jen Copaken

SHOWTIMES

MARK CAST

Thursday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 6, 12 noon

TWAIN CAST

Friday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 6, 5:00 p.m.

TICKETS

\$12 Adults, \$10 Students 18 and Under

For Tickets and Cast Information
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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 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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