



# 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

### March

- 31 **H&SC Budget Planning Meeting**  
Conf Room B, 8:30am
- 31 **Last day for K-Kids Clothing Drive!**

### April

- 4 - 8 **Spring Break - NO SCHOOL**
- 11, 12 & 14 **FunVisors' Spell for Fun!**  
Lunchtime, MU
- 11 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, DO
- 12 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:15am, Room B
- 14 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 14 **CASA Meeting**, 8:30-10am  
LGHS Dance Studio
- 18 - 22 **Earth Week**
- 18 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, DO
- 25 & 26 **FunVisors' Amazing Race!** Lunchtime
- 27 **H&SC Planning Meeting**, 8:30am
- 27 **Administrative Appreciation Day**
- 28 **School Site Council Meeting**  
Daves Library, 3-4pm
- 29 **LGEF/Art Docent Donor Night**  
Fisher MU, 6-9pm

### May

- 3 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:15am, Room B
- 3 **Teacher Appreciation Day**
- 5 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30, MU
- 9 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, DO
- 12 **Open House, MINIMUM DAY**
- 18 **Staff Appreciation Party**

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

## Principals' Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Thank you to **Amy Goldsmith**, Daves Avenue Librarian, and **Vivian Gabel** and her committee for a wonderful Author's Day. The day was another Daves Avenue success!

### Safety Reminders:

- Have your child ready to exit the car in the morning, without your assistance. This will help us to keep the lanes moving quickly and safely.
- When dropping off or picking up your child, make sure he or she exits or enters on the curbside, not in drive through lanes. This keeps our children safe.
- Parents, please do not exit your car when dropping off your child(ren) in the morning. We're trying to keep the cars moving and your child(ren) safe. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We will be conducting an Earthquake Drill on **Wednesday, March 30th**. There will be no Wednesday Wave.

Daves is hosting a Math Lesson Study Research day on **Thursday, March 31st**. Teachers from other schools and districts will be on campus observing 2nd and 4th grades conduct pre-lesson discussion, research lessons, and post-lesson discussions. The 2nd grade topic is comparative subtraction and the 4th grade topic is measurements. Thank you to all staff participants.

Best wishes to all for a happy, safe break. School will be closed April 4th- 8th.

See you on April 11th.

Most Sincerely,

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### Please join us Tomorrow!

The Daves Avenue Home & School Club 2016-2017 Budget Planning Meeting will be held **tomorrow, Thursday, March 31st in Conference Room B at 8:30am**. All are welcome!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Congratulations to our Trash Free Tuesday Winners!

Way to go **Aanya Singh** in Mrs Larkin's class and **Oscar Hanson** in Miss Clark's class for doing your part to help save the environment by bringing a totally trash-free lunch last Tuesday!



**Vivian Gabel and the Green Team**

## Schools Traffic Study & SR2S

The Town of Los Gatos has commissioned a traffic study around schools in the community. The goal of the study is to build on Safe Routes to School programs currently in place and improve traffic flow in the Town.

This is an exciting opportunity for schools and the community. You may notice individuals collecting data and observations through the end of April. They will be counting cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians as well as reviewing traffic flow during drop off and pick up times. Once that phase is complete there will be an opportunity to review new SR2S maps and ask questions. Look for information regarding those meetings in your Wednesday Packet after Spring Break.

If you have any questions please contact the LGUSD SR2S Coordinator, **Karen Briones**, at [kbriones@lgusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:kbriones@lgusd.k12.ca.us).

## Earth Week Art & Poetry Contest

Earth Week is coming up in a few weeks and our week long celebration of our Earth will also include our Art & Poetry Contest! While over spring break, your kids can take a moment to reflect on all that is going on around them and draw a picture or write a poem about our environment. There will be winners at every grade level.

Requirements:

- 8.5x11" flat paper
- All entries must include name, grade and teacher
- **Artwork:** 2D art only (we will not accept art that has stuff glued or taped onto it making it 3D); hand drawn/colored/painted artwork that depicts ways we can help our environment. Be creative!
- **Poetry:** Poem/Haiku legibly hand written or typed poetry that reflects on our environment or ways we can help our environment. Be creative!
- Submissions due to a box in the front office by **Monday April 18th**

Winners announced and prizes for each winner will be awarded at the Wednesday Wave on **April 20th!**

Brought to you by:



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Who is this Dynamic Duo?



Photo Credit: Amy Goldsmith

Why it is our magnificent Author's Day Authors, **Jonathan London** and **Tony Abbott**! Thank you Authors for a most wonderful day!

## FunVisors Present: Daves Ave School's Amazing Race!

### Planning Meeting: Tomorrow!

The FunVisors, a lunch time program for kids run by volunteer parents, is holding the second annual Amazing Race the week of **April 25th** and we are looking for parent volunteers to help make it a success. If you would like to help, please come to our planning meeting tomorrow, **March 31st at 8:20am** in Conference Room B.

Can't make it but want to help out? Email Lianne Verheyden [lianne.verheyden@gmail.com](mailto:lianne.verheyden@gmail.com)



## Cornerstone Corner

### Asset of the Month: Creativity!

Do you like to get creative? Does your kid like to be creative? Creativity doesn't limit itself to artistic activities. It's the divergence of thinking that makes the difference. Thinking outside the box, coming up with something new, being inspired by what you are making.

March's asset of the Month is Creativity. I personally believe, it's a key asset of our lives as creative approaches of thinking make life fuller and better in all aspects. Creativity and a growth mindset are closely linked together - as you trust to find ways to solve any challenge.

For children, facilitating creative activities is essential. Some of this might come from exposure to bright ideas and the stimulus to think them further. Others come out of unstructured time and a stimulating environment that invites for exploration. Having a great playtime with simple items evokes creativity for young children. Gentle guidance can lead the way to independent exploration.

Help your children find their creative sparks. Be aware of what speaks to them and let them explore interests. In the elementary years the child's brain is very much exploring and absorbing. Let them try out new interests. Each exploration leads to important connections in the brain which lay the foundation of who they will become.

For many young people, creative activities can fulfill what Peter Benson describes as a "spark"—the hidden flames that tap their true passions, motivate and inspire them to achieve and create, and keep them on a positive path. Youth who have sparks, and are surrounded by people who recognize and support their sparks, have higher grades in school, are more socially competent, are more likely to volunteer to help other people, have a greater sense of purpose, and are less likely to experience depression.

Have a "sparkling" childhood with your kids!

If you would like to get involved in Parent Education at Daves Ave or for the district, please reach out to me. We are currently seeking parents who want to be part of shaping Parent Education in our district. Let's talk!

For more information check out <http://www.projectcornerstone.org/html/assetcalendar.php#March>

**Andrea Anderson** Project Cornerstone Coordinator

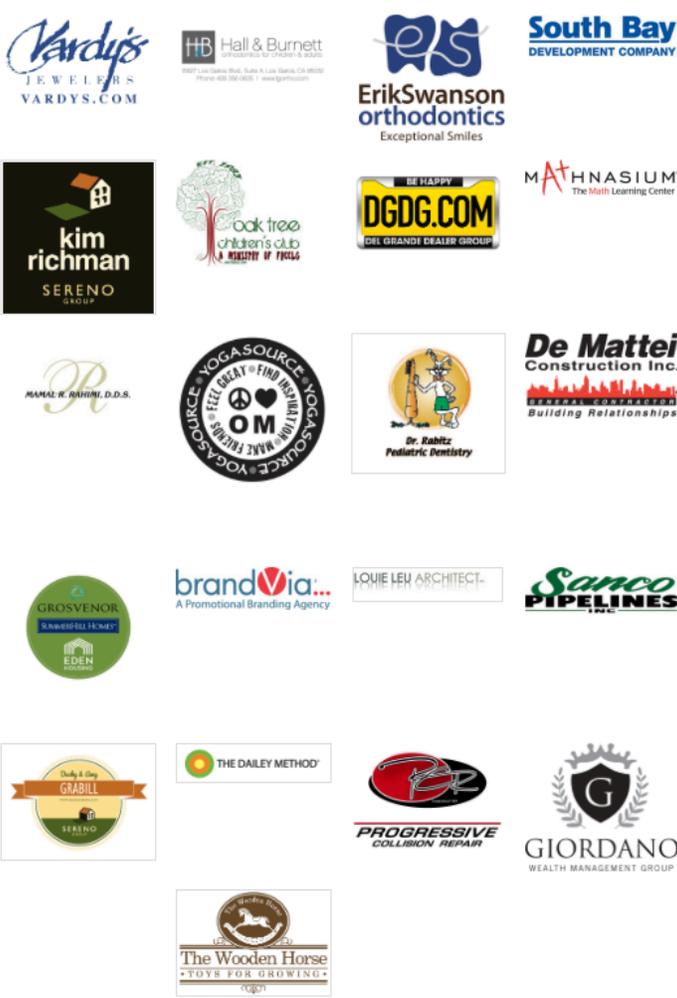


## Sponsors' Spotlight



This week we would like to offer a huge thanks to all of our Community Sponsors for their support of the Cool Cat Auction event. This amazing night would not have been possible without your generous support of our school, students and community

### OUR GENEROUS 2015-2016 SPONSORS!



Questions about our Community Sponsorship Program? Please contact [Becky Hanson](#) or [Kim Simon](#), Community Sponsorship Program Chairs.

**Check out page 7 for the Auction Last Call!**

## Join the H&SC Nominating Committee!

We are looking for volunteers for some limited help. The Nominating Committee is responsible for proposing the slate of officers for the Home & School Club. The Committee will be putting the proposed slate together for the 2015-2016 school year. The Committee will function mostly by e-mail and a couple of phone calls at convenient times for everyone.



Please let me know if you are interested in participating on this committee. Individuals participating on the Nominating Committee are not excluded from being considered on the Board of Directors.

**Becky Hanson**  
H&SC Parliamentarian  
Chair, Nominating Committee

## CASA Meeting

Thursday April 14th  
8:30-10am

LGHS Dance Studio (located next to the small gym)\*

### "Teen views on grades and school pressure"

Inspired by the December Reality Check newsletter - "What teens don't want to tell their parents", we will have a panel of LGHS teens from the Reality Check peer-to-peer group discussing the many pressures students face at home and at school. Facilitated by Erica Smith of CASSY.

\*Parking available in the Christian Science parking lot across from the High School



# DISTRICT NEWS

LGEF and Art Docents of Los Gatos present  
**2015-2016 Donor Night**  
of  
**Art, Chocolate and Music**

Exclusive and FREE to 2015-2016 DONORS of LGEF and ART DOCENTS OF LOS GATOS

Only 200 tickets available

Ticket sales end April 20

Visit [LGEF.ORG](http://LGEF.ORG) today for your tickets

**WHEN:** Friday, April 29, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Raymond J. Fisher Middle School Cafeteria

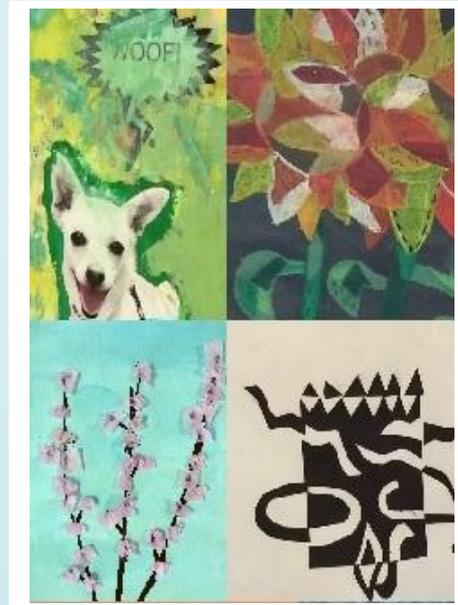
**WHAT:** LGEF and Art Docents of Los Gatos invite all of our 2015-2016 school-year donors and their family members to attend a sneak peek of *The Art Docents of Los Gatos 42nd Annual Student Art Show*. At this fun-filled family event, you and your guests will enjoy the following, **exclusive to this evening:**

- Art Show sneak peek, featuring artwork from all 3,300 district students, including that most talented artist, your child
- Chocolate Fountain
- Healthy Nibbles and Noshes
- Scavenger Hunt
- Music
- Button Print-Making Station
- Mini-STEAM Workshop

Junior Art Docents from Fisher Middle School and Los Gatos High School will be on hand, offering general information and guidance throughout the show.

If you haven't yet donated, but would like to attend this artful evening, donate today at [lgef.org](http://lgef.org) or [artdocents.com](http://artdocents.com). Then go to [lgef.org](http://lgef.org) for tickets.

Children of all ages are welcome. Get your tickets today!



LET'S BE GREAT! TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE.

**LGEF**  
Los Gatos Education Foundation

**Art Docents**  
of Los Gatos, Inc.



# DISTRICT NEWS



Newsletter for Parents ♦ ***The Canvas*** ♦ March/April 2016

<b>K</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN:</b> Our youngest students will explore the colorful world of artist Henri Matisse in March as his vibrant images and compelling story generate much discussion with their literal and expressive content. <b>Workshop:</b> Our next activity with Kinders consists of Foil Sculpture in May.
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>FIRST GRADERS:</b> The paintings and murals of Diego Rivera give our first-graders a glimpse into art from other cultures. Scenes from Mexico showing depictions of children’s games to dignified images of workers toiling are sure to pique their interest.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>SECOND GRADERS:</b> Artist Romare Bearden and his experiences during the Harlem Renaissance and the Golden Age of Jazz captivate our second-graders as they learn to express their own stories through a collage work shop.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>THIRD GRADERS:</b> The focus during March is on the outdoor massive sculpture of Claes Oldenburg and Coosje Van Bruggen. From a bridge made of a giant spoon to hamburgers that sit on the floor, students become enthralled with the possibilities that fanciful sculpture bring to the discussion. The public may be familiar with “Cupid’s Span” by AT&T Park in San Francisco and “Corridor Pin” at the De Young Museum.
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH GRADERS:</b> Artist Georgia O’Keeffe is the focus for March as students compare her paintings of nature and of cities. Her individual experiences and life-long commitment to art are examined as students learn about America’s most famous woman painter.
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FIFTH GRADERS:</b> The month of March is when our 5 <sup>th</sup> graders view site-specific pieces of art and monuments created by artists as their personal response to an idea and an area. The artists profiled are Keith Haring and his pictorial subway art; Christo’s & Jeanne-Claude’s temporary-environment work, Maya Lin’s “Viet Nam Memorial,” and Andy Goldsworthy’s manipulations of nature. <b>Workshop in spring:</b> Students photograph a picture and edit to create a piece of art.
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SEVENTH GRADERS:</b> The French and Spanish language classes at Fisher receive slide shows focusing on art history from their respective countries during the time they explore their cultural offerings. French students then participate in an “art Jeopardy game.”
<b>All</b>	<b>Guest Artist: Jennifer Kretschmer</b> will visit all the schools this spring where she will demonstrate and compare digital and traditional methods of art. <b>Annual Student Art Show sponsored and installed by The Art Docents of Los Gatos: May 2-6, in the Multi-Purpose Room at Fisher Middle School.</b> All students in grades K-5 will have a piece of art exhibited in the show and select pieces from Fisher students will also be on display. K-5 students visit during school hours with their classes; the show is open daily from 2:00-4:00 to the public (except Friday when it closes at 1:00) and during the evening of Thursday concurrent with Fisher’s Open House.

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. Browse our monthly newsletter “The Palette” at [www.artdocents.com](http://www.artdocents.com) to discover more of what we do. **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.**

# DISTRICT NEWS

## LAST CALL! Online Auction ends Sunday, April 3rd

There are over 200 items available at a fixed price. You can still help out Daves Avenue. To view the catalog with no obligation, go to: <http://events.readysetauction.com/davesavenuehomeschoolclub/2016/catalog/categories>

### Daves Avenue Parking Spot

Every school day, every teacher conference, every school event, every time.  
You will have a parking spot up front, no matter what time you arrive.

### Staff Wish List

Help your favorite teachers in Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades with their wishes.

### Win It Now Certificates

Studio Kicks membership, a month at Whimsy,  
San Jose Barracuda Game and Los Gatos Farms

### Teacher Sign-up Parties – **ONLY TWO LEFT!!!!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Pizza Lunch and Activity with the Teachers (7 spots remaining)  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Fun Friday Film (Limited)  
(Open to all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

### Adult Sign-up Parties

Ladies, Laser Tag & Lemon Drops - May 7<sup>th</sup> (10 spots remaining)  
80s: Got Your Game?? – August 20<sup>th</sup> (11 spots remaining)  
Dad's Night Out - August 27<sup>th</sup> (18 spots remaining)  
Mama Mia – September 24<sup>th</sup> (Limited)  
Mind, Body Wellness - September 19<sup>th</sup> (12 spots remaining)

### FUND THE NEED

What makes Daves Avenue great?

Daves Avenue Home & School Club (H&SC) provides funding for staff, such as our reading specialist, math specialist and health clerk. H&SC also provides funding for supplies, technology, scholarships and more. The H&SC works hard to build a community and to ensure that all students have access to what they need to be successful.

A \$100 donation would help us ensure that Daves stays great!! [CLICK HERE](#) to make a donation and help us reach our goal.



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](mailto: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.

### Questions or concerns?

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