



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

April

- 11, 12 & 14 **FunVisors' Spell for Fun!**
Lunchtime, MU
- 14 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 14 **CASA Meeting**, 8:30am - 10am
LGHS Dance Studio
- 18 - 22 **Earth Week and
Take it to the Streets 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**
- 20 **Daves Avenue Carnival**, 4pm, Blacktop
- 23 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, DO
- 26 **FINAL H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 27 **5th Grade Party**
- 30 **Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL**

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room
DO = LGUSD District Office

Principals' Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,
We hope you all had a restful and fun-filled spring break. It is always nice to get a little recharge before heading into the final weeks of the school year! **Below is some important information regarding state testing which grades third, fourth, and fifth will participate in starting next week.** Please contact either of us if you have further questions.

[Rhonda Farber](#) and [Patricia Larkin](#)

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress System (CAASPP) System Assessments 2015-16 Grades Three through Eight: Parent and Guardian Notification Letter

Each spring, most students in California participate in the statewide testing program, which is the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System. The tests in the CAASPP System provide information to teachers, parents/guardians, and students about students' progress and readiness for college and career. In grades three through eight, most students take the Smarter Balanced online tests for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics. However, students who have a significant cognitive disability (as designated in their individualized education program) are eligible to take the California Alternate Assessments (CAAs). In grades five and eight, students are also tested in science.

This year, your child will take the following assessments for ELA and mathematics:

- Smarter Balanced tests for ELA and mathematics or
- One of the following assessments for science for students in 5th grade:
 - California Standards Test (CST) for Science
 - California Modified Assessment (CMA) for Science
- **Smarter Balanced Assessments**
- The Smarter Balanced online tests are based on the new California Content Standards, also known as the Common Core State Standards, for mathematics and ELA. While last year's test results provided parents with **baseline** information on how their children were performing in ELA and mathematics, in 2016 parents will be able to compare results across **two years** (2014-15 and 2015-16) and determine their children's progress in meeting California's rigorous academic standards. (Exception: Only one year of data will be reported for students in grades 3.)

The California Department of Education (CDE) has developed several resources to help students and parents understand the grade expectations of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments:

- The *Parent Guides to the Smarter Balanced Assessments* (in English and Spanish) are posted on the CDE's CAASPP Web page, under the Students and Parents Tab, at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/index.asp?tabsection=3#ssr>. Separate guides have been developed for each of the two grade spans tested: 3-5 and 6-8 grades. Each guide explains the grade-level expectations for students in ELA and mathematics and provides sample test items.

If you would like more information about the CAASPP System, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE's CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/index.asp?tabsection=3#ssr>.

SCHOOL NEWS

Next Week is Earth Week!

Get ready for an amazing week April 18th - 22nd to celebrate our environment!

Here is what we have in store:

Make a Difference Monday: Students make a pledge to make a difference in being proactive at preserving our environment. Look for the Earth Week mural during lunch to include your pledge.

Trash-free Tuesday: All students are asked to bring a TOTALLY trash-free lunch, meaning no plastic water bottles, no paper napkins, no straws, no other trash, no ziploc bags, etc. All containers reusable, cloth napkins, no trash.

Walk to school Wednesday: In cooperation with Safe Routes to School's Take it to the Streets, we will have a raffle including all students who walk, ride, roll or carpool with more than one family to school that day. There will be prizes for the raffle winners. If you live too far to walk, try parking a half mile from school - reducing the congestion at school and exhaust fumes plus you will be getting a little exercise!

(Not) Thirsty Thursday: Learn about native plants and how they help our environment. In addition Funvisors will have an estimation jar of the accumulated recycled color markers before we mail them into Crayola for their recycling program.

Freaky Friday: All students and staff are encouraged to wear green and BE green for our final day of Earth Week! Join us at Lunch Recess to take a picture by our pledge mural outside the MU!

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Earth Week Art & Poetry Contest

Earth Week is next week and our week long celebration of our Earth also includes our Art & Poetry Contest! 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**
- one (1) entry per student per category

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

Ryland's Restaurant is Open THIS FRIDAY!

Come by the corner of Bruce and Poppy Avenues **this Friday from 7:30-8:10am**, Rain or Shine, and warm up with some coffee and some tasty treats from Daves Avenue's resident restaurateur, Ryland! Don't forget that Ryland donates a portion of his proceeds to Daves, so fill you tummy and help your school all in one fell swoop!

SCHOOL NEWS



APRIL 18 - APRIL 22, 2016 Daves Avenue Elementary School "Take it to the Streets"

• TUESDAY APRIL 19th - INCENTIVES

Walk and Roll incentives will be passed out at the gates.

• WEDNESDAY APRIL 20th – RAFFLE DAY!

Win raffle prizes by walking, riding your bike/scooter or by carpooling to school.

• THURSDAY APRIL 21st – INCENTIVES

Walk and Roll incentives will be passed out at the gates.

Students can get raffle tickets for the drawing from parent volunteers in the morning at any main entrance to the school. Students who ride a bike/scooter, walk or carpool to school can receive one ticket per student. **Be on time because tickets will only be given to students who arrive to school by the first bell!** Students should bring their raffle ticket to the Wednesday morning assembly where the raffle winners will be announced. **Do not loose your raffle ticket! Keep it in a safe place until the winners are announced!**

REDUCE AIR POLLUTION! BIKE, SCOOTER, WALK OR CARPOOL!

Contact Donna Leu (SR2S Daves Avenue parent rep)
with any additional questions at
donna@louieleuarch.com

Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: "One" by Kathryn Otoshi is a colorful story of **acceptance and tolerance** and tells the tale of how just **one voice can make a difference**.

Goals of lesson:

1. Students **know, accept and value who they are**.
2. Students **believe that they have the power to make a difference** in their own (and other students') lives.
3. Students recognize that they have **power within themselves to react/respond in bullying/bucket dipping situations**. We hope you will invite your child to share tonight about "One".

Help reinforce the positive messages at home:

- * Ask your child in what areas of their life do they feel they have the most control? The least control? Why?
- * **Talk about ways that each family member counts!**
- * Practice with your child ways to **de-escalate emotionally charged conversations** using a calm tone of voice, positive words, and comforting body language.
- * Remind your child that you think they are **ONE** great kid!

When you "catch" kids using positive behaviors... Notice it, Name it, and Celebrate it!

www.projectcornerstone.com

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 today for your tickets

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

WHERE: Raymond J. Fisher Middle School Cafeteria

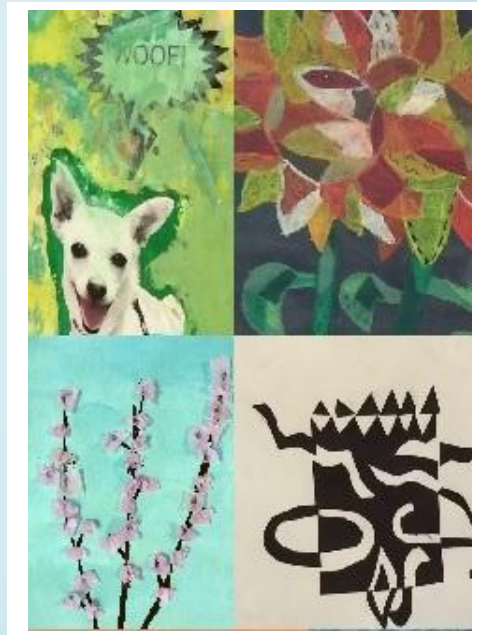
WHAT: LGEF and Art Docents of Los Gatos invite all of our 2015-2016 school-year donors and their family members to attend a sneak peek of *The Art Docents of Los Gatos 42nd Annual Student Art Show*. At this fun-filled, family event, you and your guests will enjoy the following, **exclusive to this evening:**

- 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 featuring the **Fisher Jazz Ensemble** and more!
- 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 or artdocents.com. Then go to lgef.org for tickets.

Don't delay. Get your tickets today!



LET'S BE GREAT! TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE.

LGEF
Los Gatos Education Foundation

Art Docents
of Los Gatos, Inc.





Join us Tomorrow morning for our penultimate H&SC Meeting of the school year!

we will be voting on the money for technology for the 2016/17 school year.
We look forward to seeing you in the **Daves Avenue MultiUse Room at 8:30am!**

Wednesday Wave Co-Editor wanted!

Are you looking for a great way to get involved but can't make it into school during the day? Do you like to be 'in the know' as to the day in and day out happenings at Daves and around the District? Then this is the gig for you!

We are looking for a co-editor to share duties - All you need is a Mac computer and about 3 to 5 hours twice a month. We will show you the rest!

Please contact [Janet DelVillaggio](#) or [Lianne Verheyden](#) if you are interested!

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.

You can find additional information at the [CASA website](#).

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



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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