



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

January

- 25 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, District Office
- 28 **School Site Council Meeting**
Daves Library, 3-4pm
- 29-31 **Peter Panic Performances**,
Blossom Hill School

February

- 1 **Kinder registration packets available**
- 2 **ABC Reader Training**
8:15am, Room B
- 4 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 4-6 **Peter Panic Performances**,
Blossom Hill School
- 8 **Kindergarten Registration Opens**
- 8 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, Fisher Library
- 9 **Bingo Night**, 6pm - 8pm, MU
- 15-19 **February Recess - NO SCHOOL**
- 22 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, District Office
- 25 **School Site Council Meeting**
Daves Library, 3-4pm
- 29 - March 4 **Conference Week**
Minimum Days all Week

March

- 1 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:15am, Room B
- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 7 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, District Office
- 10-11 **Science Expo**, MU
- 14 **LGEF Board Meeting**, 7pm, District Office
- 19 **Cool Cat Auction Event**
6:30pm, Testarossa Winery

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

I hope our return to school finds you rested and eager for the second half of the academic year. It is hard to believe that so much work has already taken place to support the growth of our students. As we all know, the return from school after the holiday break means time will fly towards the end of the year. I invite you to continue to be a partner in your child's education over the next five months.

The staff has been involved in a rigorous professional development model. In this model, we have been able to improve teaching and learning in a multitude of ways. The primary focus has been on research based instructional practice and assessment design. This work will be celebrated tomorrow as we host the regional open house for the Silicon Valley Math Initiative.

Upwards of 20 different schools will come to Daves to observe lessons and engage in conversation about teaching and learning. Three grade level teams from Daves Avenue will both present lessons and be featured as panelists in discussions. I am extremely proud of the hard work of our staff.

Warmly,
Kit Bragg
Principal, Daves Avenue School
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SCHOOL NEWS



Daves Avenue Home & School Club presents

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

Tuesday, February 9th, 2016

Doors open at 6pm for dinner

Bingo starts at 6:30pm

in the Daves Avenue Multi-Use Room

ALL CALL

for event Volunteers (both adults and Fisher students) as well as for Prizes and Baked Goods!

[Please sign up here](#) to donate prizes or baked goods, or to volunteer.



Dinner Preorders available soon!

Questions? Contact [Isabel Guerra](#), Bingo Night Chair

Walkin' and Rolling All Year Long!

Make walking and rolling part of your New Year's Resolutions for 2016! Walking and biking are a great way to add physical activity to your family's daily routine and kick off the New Year on a healthy note. Here are some tips to get you started:

- **Start small.** Pick one day every month to walk or bike to school.
- **Be consistent.** Try walking or biking to school every Wednesday. Stick to this schedule for a few weeks, and then switch it up to Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday! Either way, commit to walking and rolling on 1-3 days every week.
- **Get your friends to join you.** Walking and rolling is even more fun with your friends! Do your neighbors go to the same school? Ask them to join you the next time you walk or roll to school.

Brought to you from Safe Routes to School (SR2S). Questions? Please contact our SR2S coordinator, [Donna Leu](#). Also, please visit our [Facebook page](#) for the latest from SR2S!



Blossom Hill and Daves Avenue Schools Proudly Present



A Musical Comedy that reminds us to follow our dreams is here!! Peter Pan is a fun, whimsical musical presented by our very own Blossom Hill and Daves Avenue students. This refreshingly clever and fun homage to the original classic is full of heart and will remind both the young and the young-at-heart to always follow their dreams!

Tickets Now on Sale!

Purchase tickets online at:

<u>Jolly Roger</u>	<u>Neverland</u>	<u>London</u>
Fri. 1/29, 7pm	Sat. 1/30, 3pm	Sat. 1/30, 7pm
Thu. 2/4, 6pm	Sun. 1/31, 2pm	Fri. 2/5, 7pm
Sat. 2/6, 11am	Sat. 2/6, 7pm	Sat. 2/6, 3pm

www.seatyourself.biz/blossomhill

Cast list and other play information available at: [Peter Pan](#)

Questions? Please contact **Kim Simon or Elizabeth Adams**, Daves Avenue Producers at dabhplay@gmail.com.

Need Gently Used Clothing

Our school nurse is in need of new or gently used boys and girls clothing to keep in the office for children who need an emergency change of clothes. We are in search of underwear, pants, shorts, shirts, sweatshirts, and socks.

Please bring in any donations to the office. Any and all donations are appreciated!

SCHOOL NEWS

Important Dates for Kinder Registration for the 2016-2017 School Year!



Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Registration Packets Distributed:
2/1/2016 (school offices and online)

Kindergarten Eligible	DOB on or before 9/1/2011
Transitional Kindergarten Eligible:	DOB from 9/2/2011 - 12/2/2011

Begin accepting TK and Kinder packets: **2/8/16 at 8am, School Offices**

TK and Kinder Parent Orientation: 5/11/16

First Day of 2016 - 2017 school year: 8/18/16

Enrollment packets for 1st - 5th grade will be available at the district office or online on February 1st.
Completed Enrollment packets for 1st - 5th grade can be turned in to the District Office on February 8th.

Daves Avenue Inaugural Science Fair

Get your science on!

Science Fair programs are awesome and can generate all sorts of amazing results from inspiring and engaging projects. This year's **Daves Avenue Science Fair will be held on March 10th and 11th** and is open to all Daves Avenue students. Be on the lookout for information packets being sent home with registration forms, resources to help your child choose an appropriate topic, and additional information regarding this year's fair.



Please be an advocate for scientific exploration and encourage your child to sign up!
Registration will be open until February 11th.

For more information, or to answer any questions you may have, please look for tables in front of the school at pickup this Friday.

***** Think like a proton and stay positive *****

Cornerstone Corner

To remind us adults of our influence as role models, below is a poem every adult should read, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say:

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I immediately wanted to paint another one.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you feed a stray cat,
and I learned it was good to be kind to animals.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make my favorite cake for me,
and I learned that little things can be the special things in life.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make a meal for a friend who was sick,
and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you give your time and money to help people who had
nothing,
and I learned that those who have something should give to
those who don't.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it,
and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw that you handled your responsibilities even when you
didn't feel good,
and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow
up.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw tears come from your eyes,
and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw that you cared,
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a
good and productive person when I grow up.*

*When you thought I wasn't looking,
I looked at you and I wanted to say "Thanks for all the things I
saw when you thought I wasn't looking".*

For more information about the Project Cornerstone program, please visit the Project Cornerstone [website](#), or contact [Andrea Anderson](#), Project Cornerstone Coordinator.

Cool Cat Auction Presents: Tuscan Nights

**March 19th, 2016 at
Testarossa Winery
(make sure you are
saving that date!)**



Call for Cool Volunteers! Join the Cool Cat Auction Team

We are looking for some "Cool Cats" to help us organize and coordinate various projects for our **March 19th** fundraiser.

We need your immediate help with:

- **Barrel of Fun** – Lend your creativity and coordinate the Barrel of Fun for our attendees to enjoy. (Shhhh it's a secret).
- **Raffle** – Take charge of coordinating our raffle items and how they will be displayed and promoted at the event.

No Excuses:

1. **Not going to be at the Cool Cat Auction?....**No problem, this work can be done in advance.
2. **Too busy?....**No problem, grab a friend to team up with and help us put this together.
3. **Just can't do it right now?....**No problem, you'll have more opportunities to get involved as we get closer to March 19th.

DONATIONS:

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.

To donate auction items or for any auction related questions please contact **Jeff Milde**, Cool Cat Auction Chair at jmilde@calmacompany.com or 408-656-3112.

DISTRICT NEWS

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

LGEF

Education Update

January 20, 2016

SCIENCE
MUSIC
ART
COUNSELING

The latest news on LGEF and the programs your donations make possible.
since 1982.

URGENT!

100% PARENT PARTICIPATION NEEDED BY JANUARY 29th

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, LGEF annually requests that every district family donates to our organization. These donations turn into grants that LGEF issues to the district. The grants pay for Science, Music, Art and Social-Emotional Learning programs. Programs that are part of the curriculum of every district student.

Though we've had some strong fundraising in 2015, **LGEF still needs to raise \$300,000** to reach its goal. As of early January, only 22% of our families had made contributions, leaving us at a critical juncture.

Because every student in our district is enriched by our programs, it is important that every district family supports LGEF with a donation. This is why I implore you to **donate whatever amount your family can afford at www.lgef.org**.

Your support is critical to the education of your child. **All donations need to be in by January 29.** So don't delay. Donate today at www.lgef.org.

Thank you for your support. Here's to a fantastic 2016!

Sincerely,

Nick Goddard, President LGEF

LET'S BE GREAT! TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE.

LGEF

Los Gatos Education Foundation

Visit lgef.org or find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For general questions, e-mail us at admin@lgef.org.

DISTRICT NEWS

Art of Love Luncheon
Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016
11:30 am
at Nick's Next Door
11 College Avenue, Los Gatos
for tickets: www.artdocents.com



Mark your calendars for our Valentine Lunch Fundraiser at the fabulous **Nick's Next Door on February 2nd**. What a great way to show your love to someone special and support art in the schools at the same time. \$30 from your ticket will go to the Art Docents of Los Gatos. Gift baskets will also be available for purchase.



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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