



# WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Important Dates

### JANUARY

- 12 **Take it Personally Workshop 1**, 8:30am, MPR
- 15 **Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 19 **Take it Personally Workshop 2**, 8:30am, MPR
- 22 **District Board Meeting**, 6:30pm, District Office
- 25 **School Site Council Meeting**
- 26 **Science Fair Registration Deadline**
- 26 **Take it Personally Workshop 3**, 8:30am, MPR
- 30 **Chat with the Principal/Jan-Feb H&SC Meetings**, 8:30am, MPR

### FEBRUARY

- 2 **Take it Personally Workshop 4**, 8:30am, MPR
- 2-4 **Daves Ave/Blossom Hill School Play Performances**, Blossom Hill MPR
- 6 **ABC Reader Training**, 8:30am, Conference Room B
- 7 **New Parent Orientation**, 9:30am
- 9 **Take it Personally Workshop 5**, 8:30am, MPR

## 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 built a doghouse with my boys for a dog who has absolutely no interest in it at all!

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 and staff. With initiatives in Standards Based Grading and assessment, much has been done to strengthen the school experience for all children. To this end, teachers will be having two upcoming grade level Professional Development days. Teachers will be out of the classroom on these days. They will have the much needed time they need to work with their colleagues at their grade level from other school sites within the district to deepen their understanding of Standards Based Grading and design benchmark assessments that are aligned across grade levels and school sites. The dates for each grade level are as follows:

Kindergarten: 1/17, 2/02

First Grade: 1/22, 2/09

Second Grade: 1/19, 2/08

Third Grade: 1/18, 2/12

Fourth Grade: 1/23, 2/06

Fifth Grade: 1/16, 2/05

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**PLEASE NOTE A FEW CHANGES TO OUR CALENDAR!**

**OUR ORIGINAL JANUARY AND FEBRUARY H&SC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED. OUR NEXT H&SC MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL.**

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US!**

**Principal's Message Continued...**

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 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.

Thank you for all that you do to ensure your child's success here at school!

**Iqbal Chadda**

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

**The Daves Avenue Home & School Club  
Presents the  
Daves Avenue Science Fair!  
March 1st & 2nd**



Please click [HERE](#) to visit our Science Fair website.

There is a lot of great information regarding deadlines, project ideas, and how to set-up your projects. All participants will get their presentation boards courtesy of the Home & School Club.

**REGISTER** today!

**The deadline to register is  
Friday, January 26th.**

Thank you



for sponsoring this year's Science Fair!



**FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

featuring Bob Luton, Emcee' Extraordinaire!

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**

**THE FUN STARTS AT 5:30PM IN THE MPR!**

Links coming soon to order pizzas, contribute to the bake sale, and to volunteer.

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### Town of Los Gatos School Bus Service Feasibility Study

The Town of Los Gatos is exploring the feasibility of a local school bus service that is independent of the schools with the primary goal of reducing traffic congestion near schools. The primary consideration of the study include:

- Traffic Congestion Relief – each school bus can remove 36 vehicles from the road.
- Convenience – Neighborhood based pickup and drop-off balancing user fees with local transportation funds.
- Safety – working to ensuring parents are comfortable with all aspects of the proposed service.

Look for a survey to be released this month to get feedback from the community on interest and support. More information is available [HERE](#). If you have questions or need additional information contact the Town of Los Gatos at [SchoolBus@losgatosca.gov](mailto:SchoolBus@losgatosca.gov).



### The Daves Avenue Home & School Club Thanks Del Grande Dealer Group for Being a School Level Sponsor

Del Grande Dealer Group is the largest Family-Owned Automotive Group in the Bay Area with 17 stores and 17 brands. Check out [DGDG.com](http://DGDG.com) for more information!



### Calling all families to make a difference

**Your participation matters. Donate to LGEF's annual campaign.**



Participation from every family in our school community makes a vital difference to LGEF's annual campaign. Your donations enable us to fund essential teacher and staff positions that impact our local Los Gatos schools.

**Start the New Year by making a difference for our students.**  
Donate today at [www.LGEF.org](http://www.LGEF.org).

**So much information!  
2 easy ways to keep up  
with everything Daves:**

Bookmark the [H&SC WEBSITE](#) for the latest news, events, links and more!

Follow Daves Avenue on [Facebook](#) for key reminders on events and upcoming to-dos.



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# PROJECT CORNERSTONE FOR PARENTS

## Take It Personally 6-Week Workshop

Discussions will be primarily focused on topics related to elementary school youth (ages 5-10).

**DATE:** 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16  
**TIME:** 8:30AM - 10:00AM  
**PLACE:** Daves Avenue Elementary  
**SUGGESTED DONATION:** \$20.00 for workbook/materials

**Kids want support from caring adults and parents want tools to support kids**

### Join us for this 6-week research based series!

- What are the 8 Keys To Success?
- Tools for building stronger family communication.
- Setting and keeping safe boundaries/rules that teach.
- Passing along our values, like lifelong learning...
- Skills for growing, living and connecting with others.
- Taking every moment as an opportunity to build stronger relationships with youth.

**PARTICIPANT COMMENTS**

"I came here to change my children. By the end, I changed myself."

"Parenting today is difficult. Children are exposed to a lot of influences in every day life. It's daunting trying to raise children that grow up to be upstanding and productive adults."

"Take It Personally" is a great course where parents can share ideas and information and have valuable conversations around difficult issues."

**FOR DETAILS CONTACT:**  
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Sign up today at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945aba72d6-take>

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## Cornerstone Corner



This month the Asset Building Champion (ABC) volunteers will read *When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry* by Molly Bang. Sophie is searching for ways to cope with angry feelings.

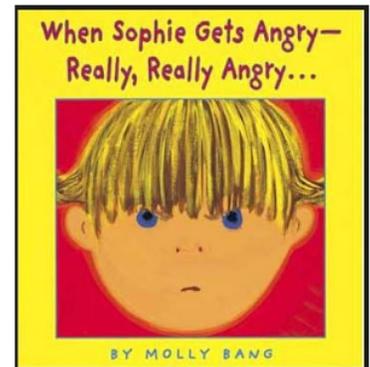
“She kicks. She screams. She wants to smash the world to smithereens.” She eventually finds constructive ways to calm herself by running, climbing and being mindful of her surroundings and the elements of nature. Anger is a powerful and complicated emotion and part of being human. While anger has an evolutionary value in defending against danger, holding onto and accumulating anger is not healthy.

The goals of this month’s lesson are:

- Identify, acknowledge and express feelings in safe, positive, healthy ways.
- Stop and think and choose how to react when our emotions feel out of control.
- Be able to switch directions and make positive choices.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Help your child identify and acknowledge how they are feeling with words. “You are frowning, is that puzzle frustrating? Can I help?” “You are using a loud, angry voice. Are you mad? Tell me about it.”
- As a caring adult, notice and acknowledge your own feelings. Role model the techniques you use to stay calm and in control. Share your successful strategies with youth.
- Help your child choose safe ways to calm themselves:
  - Do physical activity. Put on music and dance away the anger.
  - Go on a walk or bike ride.
  - Take deep breaths.
  - Count to 10. If still angry, count to 10 again and add deep breaths.
  - Remove yourself from the situation. Take a break in a safe, quiet place.
  - Use art materials such as markers, paint, or other supplies to express feelings.



For more information about Project Cornerstone, visit [projectcornerstone.org](http://projectcornerstone.org) or contact **Michele Grancell** or **Jyoti Kelly**.



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 5pm** 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 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.

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