



# 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 flyers and information from our School, District and Community partners!

[Click here](#) to make your H&SC One and Done donation!

## Important Dates

### October

- 16 **4th Grade Math Night**  
6:30 - 7:30pm, MPR
- 18 **Parents' Night Out** 6:15-10:30pm,  
Daves Avenue Clubhouse
- 21-25 **CASA Red Ribbon Week**
- 21 **Moms' Night Out** 6:30pm, Viva!
- 22 **FunVisor Training with Linda Silvius, Project Cornerstone**  
8:30am, MPR
- 29 **Author Visit (Grades 2nd-5th)**
- 31 **Halloween Parade** 8:30am,  
Daves blacktop and corridors

### November

- 4-8 **Conference Week**  
Minimum Day Schedule
- 7 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, MPR
- 7 **Photo Makeup Day** 8:30-11:30,  
MPR
- 11 **NO SCHOOL** - Veterans Day
- 11 **LGEF Board Meeting** 8pm,  
District Office
- 15 **Beach Blanket Family Bingo Night**  
6:00pm - 8pm, MPR
- 27-29 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving  
Break

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

## Principal's Letter

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

I would like to congratulate students, staff and parents in coordinating a delightful **Fun Walk!** This event is one of our best displays of community throughout the year and I am excited to see how many parents come out to walk, run and cheer on our students. A huge thank you goes out to **Kirsten Grado** for chairing the event and the many parents who volunteered to assist her. Thank you to the **Grabinski and Keady families** for donating cones and Jamba Juice, respectively. Additionally, please join me in recognizing our many sponsors who helped make the event possible.

### PLATINUM SPONSORS:

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The Drotar Family

### GOLD SPONSORS:

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Kelley Solberg  
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### SILVER SPONSORS:

Los Gatos Baby and Kids  
Oak Tree Children's Club

Please join me in making a concerted effort to address safety during pick up in the afternoon. Unfortunately, we cannot as a staff or in partnership with the police department, manage behaviors behind the wheel. It takes our collective effort to make a conscious choice to affect change in the area of traffic safety. Understand that we are in a small neighborhood with few access points - if you drive, expect it to be crowded. Finding alternatives to driving is your best option. If you must drive, please respect the following:

- 1) Do not leave cars unattended in the drop off circles and always pull forward while waiting.
- 2) If you enter from Daves Avenue to Poppy, please only pull into the Daves parking circle, if you enter from Poppy via Bruce, please only enter into the Poppy parking circle.
- 3) Identify a meeting place with your child that is consistent.
- 4) Do not leave children unattended in parked cars.

Collectively, I hope we can address this issue and ensure safety for all students.

Best,

**Kit Bragg**

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

# SCHOOL NEWS

**TONIGHT!**

## 4th Grade Family Math Night

**Multiplication and Division**



When: **Wednesday, October 16, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Where: Daves Avenue Multi-Purpose Room

Who: 4th Grade Families (and siblings!)

Play multiplication and division games with your child to promote fluency and understanding.

Questions? Please contact your teacher or [Jana Morse](#), Math specialist.

**See you there!**

## Audition Schedule Oct 18/19



**Fri. Oct. 18th** All 4th Graders 3-5pm at Daves Ave  
**Fri. Oct. 18th** All 5th Graders 5:30-7:30pm at Daves  
**Sat. Oct. 19th** All 5th Graders 10am-12:30pm at Blossom Hill  
**Sat. Oct. 19th** All 4th Graders 12:30-2:30pm at Blossom Hill

*Mandatory Parent Meetings (attend either one)*

**Friday, Oct. 18th at 5:15-6pm at Daves Ave**

OR

**Saturday, Oct. 19th at 1:45-2:30pm at Blossom Hill**

[Meredith Aston](#), Daves Avenue Play Chair 2012/2013

**Important: Check the [play website](#) for updates!**

Daves Avenue Clubhouse Presents:  
**Parents' Night Out!**

**Friday, October 18th**

**6:15pm – 10:30pm**

**Pizza, Games & a Movie!**

\$20 for first child, \$10 each sibling



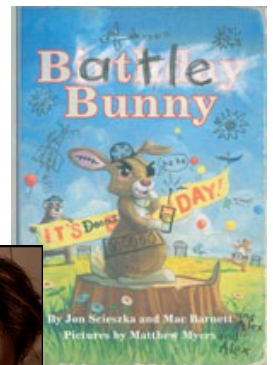
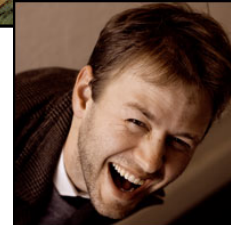
[Click Here](#) for further information and a registration form, or drop by the Clubhouse on campus (next to the MPR).

Announcing: Authors' Visit

Children's book Authors **Jon Scieszka** and **Mac Barnett** will speak to most of our 2nd-5th grade classes on **Tuesday, October 29th** at 10:30am! We thank Hicklebee's book store (supplier of our book fair) and publisher Simon & Schuster for this visit!

**Amy Goldsmith** (aka Mrs G.)

Daves Avenue Librarian



**Conference Week = Book Fair!**

**8am-3pm, November 4-8th**

Daves' book fairs happen during conference week, twice a year, so families can shop with less rush. Students are encouraged to think about favorites they love to re-read... they make great gifts! If a favorite is not at the Fair, we can order it!

And buying books at the Fair supports our Library as part of the proceeds come back to us!

To order your books, make a wish list with your child and either email our lovely librarian, [Amy Goldsmith](#) or drop by the library and Mrs. G will process your order.

Stay tuned for more information in next week's Wave!

Amy Says:..

**Conference Week is coming!**

**The week of November 4th** is conference week which means every day is a minimum day.

All Kinders come at the same time: 8:15-12:05; Grades 1-3:  
8:15-12:10pm; Grades 4&5: 8:15-12:15



## H&SC Minutes Correction

In H&SC minutes published in last week's Wave, it was incorrectly reported that the majority of LGEF funding comes from the businesses and local community members. This has been amended to read that the majority of funding comes from the parents. Currently, LGEF has only 30% parent participation.



Just by Shopping, you can Help Daves Avenue Earn Free Money!

Please support our school by registering online for eScrip!!!

It costs you nothing, and it will take less than five minutes of your time to register. eScrip earns about \$15,000 a year for our school, but has the potential to earn \$30,000 if all of our families register their credit/debit and Safeway cards. It's completely safe and secure! [Click here](#) to learn more about eScrip and how to sign up.

Contact [Kimberly Peters](#), Free2Me Chair, with any questions.

## Congratulations Buzz Book Artists!

Thanks to all grade 5 students who participated in our annual Buzz Book Artwork Search. The following 5<sup>th</sup> grade artists will be featured in this year's Daves Avenue Buzz Book:

Front Cover: **Lilly Kuta**, Mrs. LeMenager

Class Lists title page: **Sofia Olsen**, Mrs. Gessner

Alphabetical Student Directory title page: **Esther Sun**, Mrs. Gessner

Daves Avenue School Parent Guide title page: **Ariana Ekelund**, Mrs. Gessner

### Other Artwork:

#### Mrs. Gessner:

Lucie Boncher  
Lindsey Eberhardt  
Sydney Findlater  
Nelly Korling  
Carol Li  
Katrina Potts  
Caroline Wagner

#### Mrs. LeMenager:

Isabel Gajendran  
Amelia Grabinski  
Lance Hansen  
Calahan Lackovic  
Cian O'Moore  
Eliza Potts  
Ava Sandoval  
Chloe Ziegler

#### Mrs. Hellman:

Ethan Brasseur  
Christina Carter  
Ahnika Ivey  
Jake Markowitz  
Gabriel Peters  
Adrina Tang  
Fin Woodland

#### Mr. Martin:

Athena Besbeas  
Raenen Hansen  
Alexander Herman  
Hina Kim  
Colin Peattie  
Amelia Petroff

**Lynn Hubbard**, Buzz Book Chair

## Translators Needed Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Telugu, Hindi

Volunteer adult translators are needed to help administer primary language assessments to English language learners in the district. The language testing begins in October and takes about 15 minutes per student. There are 1-3 students per language. Students identify pictures of people, animals, shapes, numbers, colors, and vehicles in their home language.

If you can help, please email **Gail Bennett**, English Language Tutor or call 408-335-2116.

# COMMUNITY



## Benefiting Daves Avenue School

**What:** Willow Glen Bicycles will donate a percentage of proceeds from bikes sold to Daves Avenue Friends & Family

**How:** At your time of purchase let your Willow Glen Bicycle employee know you are part of the Daves Avenue Fundraiser

**When:** October 1 - December 31, 2013

**Where:** Willow Glen Bicycles, 1016 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose



## Calling all 1st Grade Boys!



Daves Avenue Cub Scout Pack 502 is looking for new Tiger Cubs. If you are interested, please join us at one of the following upcoming events:

- Pack Family Campout at Big Basin (Oct 18-20): Stay both nights or just come for the day on Saturday. Some activities include nature hikes, orienteering, and an evening campfire with songs, jokes, and skits!
- Tiger Den Meeting: Monday, October 21 at Never Neverland
- Pack Halloween Party: Thursday, October 24 at 6:30pm in Daves MPR. Wear a costume!

For more info or to RSVP, please email [Jean Melax](mailto:Jean.Melax).

## District Art Corner 5th Grade Inside/Outside Portrait

During the month of October, 5th Grade students across the district will complete an Inside/Outside Portrait over three art lessons with Mrs. Martin. The 5th Grade art curriculum focuses on showing value changes using various media. This portrait is created with pencil and colored pencils, demonstrating an understanding of facial features, shading, and proportions of the face. In the first lesson, students learned about Value and how to shade the features of the face. In the second lesson, students focused on the realistic side of their self-portrait which is completed using 2B, 4B and HB Drawing pencils and smudge sticks. The students used the proportions of the face as well as mirrors to draw the shape of their eyes, nose, mouth and hair. They then demonstrated an understanding of how to shade facial features and hair realistically using light and dark values. The students are now working on a rough draft of the abstract side of their self-portrait, which will symbolically use images, colors and patterns that connect to who they are on the inside. In the next two weeks, the students will complete the abstract part of their portrait using colored pencils. Stay tuned for images of the final Inside/Outside Portraits!

**Kelly Martin**, [kmartin@lgusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:kmartin@lgusd.k12.ca.us)

K-5 Arts Educator, Los Gatos Union School District

Ms. Martin's Art Blog <http://mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com>

*LGUSD Elementary Art Program funded by Los Gatos Education Foundation*



Are you a H&SC Committee Chair, Daves Teacher or Administrator, or Community representative? Do you have something 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.

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.

If you have a soft copy flyer which contains a form or further information on an event or article that you want included on the 'Wednesday Wave' web page, email a PDF document to Amy Torres [atorres@lgusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:atorres@lgusd.k12.ca.us) by **Friday at noon**. These are reviewed by the district prior to being included on the Wednesday Wave web page.

### Questions or concerns?

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