



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.

Principal's Message

Important Dates

September

- 18 **Play Applications Sent Home**
- 20 **Mama Mia Party** 6:30pm
- 22-27 **LGUSD 150th Anniversary Celebration Week**
- 23 **LGEF Board Meeting**
8:00pm, District Office
- 24 **District Board Meeting**
6:30pm, District Office
- 27 **Family Fun Night**
5:30-8:30pm, Daves Ave Field

October

- 3 **School Picture Day**
- 3 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, Room 4
- 7 **NO SCHOOL** - Professional Development Day
- 9 **Fun Walk**
10:00am, School Field
- 9 **Play Applications Due**
- 14 **Play Auditions Begin**
- 16 **4th Grade Math Night**
6:30pm, MPR
- 21-25 **CASA Red Ribbon Week**
- 21 **Mom's Night Out** 6:30pm, Vival!
- 22 **FunVisor Training with Linda Silvius, Project Cornerstone**
8:30am, MPR

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

Dear Families,

Thank you for joining us at our Project Cornerstone Developmental Assets training. Your partnership is invaluable in ensuring our students thrive. From our trainings, to our ABC readers, to our Expect Respect Crew, to our Funvisors - the collaborative work we do to address the social and emotional needs of our students is exceptional and ultimately has the greatest impact on academic success.

Next Monday marks the start of a week-long celebration of the Los Gatos Union School District's **150th Anniversary** culminating in a community wide event at Vasona from **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, September 28th**. Please join Daves Avenue families alongside community members, and the parents and children of other schools to celebrate!

Daves Avenue will have our own local celebration on the evening of our **Family Fun Night, Friday, September 27th**. Please visit our [Home & School Club](#) website or see the article in this Wave for further details about our picnic and movie under the stars. We will also be showcasing the incredible work of our teachers and students in the Multi-Purpose Room from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** with a display of technology integration in school. We will have a slideshow highlighting student work, iPads loaded with educational apps for you to try, and a demonstration of our new SMART Boards currently being piloted in Kindergarten. Our students also participated in a school-wide art project celebrating our history. Coffee table books of student work will be available for purchase in the MPR. Please plan to join us!

Sincerely,

Kit Bragg

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Buzz Book Reminder: Secondary Addresses for Students

The Daves Avenue Buzz Book will include each student's primary address and contact information (based on the LGUSD online student registration forms completed in August).

Parents or guardians who would like a secondary address included in their child's listing, or who have any questions or changes regarding their existing information, please contact [Lynn Hubbard](#).

Hey 5th Graders! The Buzz Book Artwork Search has Started!



We are looking for original, creative drawings from all our 5th grade students for the front cover and inside pages of this year's Buzz Book. Artwork should be submitted to Mrs. Torres in the main office by **Thursday, Sept. 26th at 3:00pm.**

Please see 5th grade teachers for more information about the Artwork Search, or contact [Lynn Hubbard](#).

Cub Scouts Pack 502 New Members Welcome!

Old and new members are invited to join us at our first Pack Meeting/ Info Night on **September 19th from 7 - 8:30 pm** in the MPR at Daves.

[Jean Melax](#)



Calling all 4th & 5th Graders!

Applications start today for this year's play with Daves Avenue:



A musical comedy tribute to the 1970's

It'll be lots of fun at the roller skating rink, as plans for a Friday night disco for the local high school get complicated by a jewel thief and his cohorts....read more about it and find links to the application at the play's website: blossomhill.org/play.

Important Dates:

- Applications are due Wed. Oct. 9th
- Auditions are the week of Oct. 14th
- Rehearsals begin Mon. Oct. 21st
- The shows run Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2; Feb 7, 8, and 9

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

Want to be Part of a Fantastic Production?

Be the Daves Avenue Play Producer!

We are looking for a parent volunteer for the role of Daves Avenue Play Producer. The role is focused on coordinating the activities with parent volunteers, artistic directors, cast and crew.

Interested? Please reach out to [Meredith Aston](#), Daves Avenue Play Chair 2012/2013.

Do you have a Fisher Student in Need of Community Service Hours?

The Los Gatos United Soccer League's annual Family Photo Fun Day will be held **this Saturday at Fisher** and student volunteers are needed for various shifts. [Click here](#) to sign up!



The 11th Annual Fun Walk



The 11th Annual Fun Walk will be held on **Wednesday, October 9th at 10am** on the school field. This is one of the very few but major H&SC fundraisers that helps raise money to support teacher grants, technology, PE teachers, math and literacy support.

A special thank you to the **Childers Family** for designing the 2013 Fun Walk logo. Their company, **Brandvia**, will also be providing the t-shirts this year.

There is still time to become a corporate sponsor for this event! There are several sponsorship levels available: Platinum, Gold and Silver. Please [click here](#) to register your company. The deadline to have your company logo printed on the Fun Walk t-shirt is this **Friday, September 20th**. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

We are grateful for our current and returning corporate sponsors:

PLATINUM SPONSORS (\$1000+)
Vardy's Jewelers
DreamFactory

GOLD SPONSORS (\$700-\$999)
Brandvia

SILVER SPONSORS (Below \$700)
Los Gatos Baby and Kids
Sound in Motion

Keep your eye out on **September 25th** for the pledge forms that will be sent home in the Wednesday envelopes with each student. The kids take great pride in how many laps they finish. Explain that it helps raise money for their school. It also gives them a chance to practice their public speaking and sales skills too!

A big thank you to those families that have already donated to the "One and Done Fundraising" Campaign. The H&SC greatly appreciates your support!

Regarding volunteer opportunities, an email will be sent through Qlubb in the coming days. Please do not hesitate to contact [Kirsten Grado](#), Fun Walk Chair, with any questions.



Math Olympiad Is Coming Soon!

Attention all 4th and 5th graders who love Math. Math Olympiad is returning to Daves. Math Olympiad (MOEMS) is an international program designed to foster the love of mathematics and challenge students to solve problems in innovative and creative ways. Check out their website www.MOEMS.org for more information.

This year the program will be run through the H&SC and will start October 2nd from 12:45-1:45 on Wednesdays through March. [Click here](#) to access the sign up form. If you have any questions, please contact [Alex Potts](#).

Cornerstone Corner

We are filling buckets, practicing to be good listeners and making our school community a wonderful place. Thank you to everyone for spreading the goodness!

We encourage you to keep talking to your child about 'filling buckets' (if you don't know what that means, ask your child or us!). We also encourage you to look at the Bucket-Filler-Concept two ways: actions we can take to fill each other's buckets and second, awareness and appreciation of other's kindness towards us. Please start looking at yourself and encourage your child to do the same by asking "Where is someone filling my bucket?" This will help to create mindfulness and appreciation for the many positive things in our lives - making us very happy people!

[Andrea Anderson](#) and the Project Cornerstone Team



Are You 'One and Done'?

Daves Ave H&SC asks for a recommended donation of **\$325 per child**. This ONE AND DONE donation allows you to pay ONCE, and be DONE for the rest of the year. This means no wrapping paper sales, no candy sales...just DONE! These dollars remain at Daves, and are used on a variety of things that are site specific. Things including, but not limited too: Our PE program, our reading and math specialist, our future new track, our kindergarten smart boards, school technology, a new health clerk, and much, much more. It is very important that we collect these funds to maintain our current programs, and have the potential to add new ones in the future.

Your donation can be collected via PayPal on the [Daves H&SC website](#), or you can bring a check or credit card directly after school to our H&SC booth near the school entrance on the following days:

Wednesdays: Sept 18th and 25th

Fridays: Sept 20 and 27th

Please consider making your donation, and becoming ONE AND DONE!
Please contact [Becky Hanson](#) with any questions.

Double Your Dollars!



Want to know a surefire and simple way to make your donation to Daves Ave Home & School Club instantly DOUBLE? Check out our **Corporate Matching Program!** Many companies in the Bay Area offer a company matching program and it's a great

way to help your gift to H&SC or LGEF go a little bit further. In fact, corporate matching is a significant source of income for our school - last year alone, **corporate matching yielded nearly \$15,000** to the school!

Not sure if your company offers this program? Check out this [list of companies to find out](#). If yours is on the list, please contact your HR department about how to proceed. If you have questions or think your company might offer a matching program and you don't see it on this list, please email [Kylie Heintz](#), our Corporate Matching Chair.

Also, did you know that you could make your volunteer time even MORE valuable? **Many companies will match your volunteer hours with donations to approved charities!** Check with your company's HR department.

No donation is too big or too small! Thank you ahead of time for your gift to our school!

Dinner and a Movie Under the Stars!



Grab a blanket, a low-back lawn chair - and of course your family - and join us on **Friday, September 27th** for Family Fun Night on the Daves Avenue blacktop and field for Dinner and a Movie. We will be celebrating 150 years of excellence in Los Gatos schools by showcasing the great technologies we have implemented here at Daves.

Pre-ordered dinner will start at 6pm

or, feel free to bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy on the grass!

Following dinner, bring your low-back chairs and blankets up to the grassy field at approximately 7:30pm to enjoy a screening of [Escape from Planet Earth](#) (rated PG - [click here](#) for movie details). Free popcorn will be flowing, and concessions will also be available for purchase.

We still have a few areas open for volunteers. Please sign up on your classroom Klubb site.

Questions? Please reach out to [Sally Ellis](#), Family Fun Night Chair

Please note that no alcohol or dogs are ever allowed on school property.

Mom's Night to be OUT!!



Monday, October 21st at

6:30pm at Viva!

Cost: \$20 (The H&SC will provide hors d'oeuvres.) Cash bar available.

Reserve [online](#) before the event sells out! Questions? Please contact [Erica Mittelhauser](#).

COMMUNITY BOARD

District Art Corner 3rd Grade Landscape Artists

Last week in 3rd Grade Art with Mrs. Martin students became Landscape Artists and created a Seasonal Birch or Oak Tree scene using the artist tools of horizon line, middle ground, foreground and background to create the Illusion of Space. They were introduced to three watercolor techniques: tape resist, wet on wet color mixing and salt texture technique. Students also learned how painting shadows emphasizes the Illusion of Space in their paintings. Thinking like Landscape Artists, students used specific colors to capture their favorite season of the year. Enjoy their beautiful artwork!

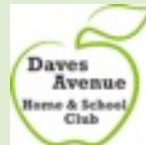
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K-5 Arts Educator, Los Gatos Union School District

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.

The Wednesday Wave is approved by the H&SC Board and Principal Kit Bragg for posting to the Daves Avenue and H&SC websites 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 in the "Check it Out" section, email a PDF to Amy Torres atorres@lgusd.k12.ca.us.

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