



# WEDNESDAY WAVE

The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Important Dates

#### MARCH

Today-9 House of Hope Food Drive (pg.3)

1 Science Fair - Family Night, 6pm, MPR

1-2 Science Fair - Classroom Tours

1 Parenting Continuum Event, "Parenting Toward Positive Self Image", 7pm, Fisher Library

2 H&SC Meeting, 8:30am, Room 4

2-9 Book Fair, Library

5-9 Conference Week - MINIMUM DAYS

6 ABC Reader Training, 8:30am, Conference Room B

8 1st Grade Music Concert, 8:30am, MPR

8 2nd Grade Music Concert, 9:15am, MPR

8-11 "HONK!", Fisher MPR

12 District Board Meeting, 6:30pm, District Office

20 Family Math Night, 6:00pm, MPR

20 Parenting Continuum Screening of "Angst", 7pm, Fisher MPR

22 Mom's Night Out, TBD

29 Authors' Day

29 School Site Council Meeting

\*The Cool Cat Auction is April 28th!  
Buy Your Tickets on Page 4!\*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe, but the second round of Parent/Teacher Conferences is just around the corner. They will be held next week, March 5 - March 9. Restructured days have been calendared for the week with students in grades 1-3 being dismissed at 12:10, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will be dismissed at 12:15. All kindergarten classes will follow the AM kindergarten schedule Monday through Friday and be dismissed at 11:30.

Parent/Teacher Conferences provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to share information that will promote social/emotional development and academic achievement. Both parties bring their own expertise to the meeting. As parents, you are the experts on your child. You understand what motivates them: their strengths, challenges, dreams, and qualms. Teachers bring important information about learning styles, age appropriate skills, developmental milestones, peer relationships, and an understanding of where your child is on their educational journey.

In order to maximize the value of the home/school connection for student learning, consider these tips for a successful conference:

1. Prior to the meeting, ask your child questions, such as, "What is your favorite subject?" "In which subject would you like to improve?" "In what subject have you learned the most so far this year?" Also, ask your child if he or she has any concerns they want you to discuss with the teacher.
2. Look over recent assignments and test grades so that you know how your child is progressing.
3. At the conference, ask the teacher questions to better understand your child's progress and needs. "What is my child particularly good at doing?" "Are there things my child is reluctant to try right now?" "Are their things that he or she does that surprise you?"
4. Be open to suggestions from the teacher. Check to see if there are things you can do at home to help your child be more prepared for school.
5. Share positive comments about your child and their experiences at school.

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### Principal's Message Continued...

6. Expect to hear about something your child will be challenged to improve.
7. Share any concerns so the teacher can understand your child, along with any relevant information that may point to a solution.
8. Since conferences are tightly scheduled, please arrive promptly.
9. Please do not leave your child unattended anywhere on campus, inside or outside, during the conference.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. Upon conclusion of the conference, be sure to share with your child what you learned and discuss how you will continue to help with learning at home. Also, ask for his or her suggestions. Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully prepare and actively participate in your child's Parent/Teacher Conference. We are deeply committed to building a strong partnership to ensure your child's ongoing growth and success.

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Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

#### Daves Avenue Memory Book

##### ONLINE SALES ARE OPEN!

**Memory Books are on sale for \$20.00, now through March 25th.**

If you are a **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** Supporter or Benefactor (contributed \$450.00 or more per child), you will automatically receive a Memory Book - so, no action needed on your part.

If you have NOT made a **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** contribution at a Supporter level or above, but would like a Memory Book, please follow these simple instructions to order online:

**Step 1: Visit the Memory Book [WEBSITE](#)**

**Step 2: Enter pay code **86476** and click next**

**Step 3: Buy a Memory Book for \$20.00**

**WE ARE ONLY TAKING ONLINE ORDERS**  
(NO check or cash orders).

We will have some additional books for sale at the end of the school year but don't wait - guarantee your Memory Book by ordering TODAY!



Questions? Contact **Laura Cereceres-Walker**

#### DAVES AVENUE BOOK FAIR

**March 2nd - 9th**

**DAVES LIBRARY**

Conference week is coming up and that means the Daves Avenue Book Fair is back! **Remember, buying books at the Fair supports our Library, as 25% of the proceeds come back to us!**

- Shop during school and surprise your child with a new book! (Right after school is usually the busiest time.)
- If your child is enjoying a book their teacher is reading aloud in class, note that these books are targeted at the class' *listening level*, so be ready to have this book be a family read-aloud.
- If your child's favorite is not at the Fair, **Mrs. G**, our Daves Avenue Librarian, can order it! It usually comes in a week or less!
- **Cash, Check and Credit Card** are accepted.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT DAVES AVENUE!

### - How WE Can Help Make a Difference -

If you've ever walked or driven past **House of Hope** (next to Calvary Church), on Los Gatos Blvd, on a Saturday morning, you may have noticed a line of people patiently waiting. The people in line are from local families - families that struggle with poverty, homelessness, mental health issues, substance abuse, or just trying to make ends meet. They come to the House of Hope for food and nourishment.

This small 800 square foot building distributes food to over 50 local families in need, every week. On Saturdays, House of Hope offers meals that are generously donated, prepared and served by caring community groups who volunteer their resources and time. House of Hope also provides educational programs for children, students, adults and families.



Our school has an opportunity to collect various needed food items to help stock the shelves of the House of Hope food pantry. **From Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Daves Avenue Cool Cats will collect the following food items:**

- **Kindergarten:** peanut butter (or equivalent) and jam/jelly
- **First Grade:** pasta and sauce
- **Second Grade:** canned beans (all types)
- **Third Grade:** canned fruit or fruit cups
- **Fourth and Fifth grade:** boxed cereal (low sugar and regular sized boxes, please)

**Please place your donated items in the House of Hope food boxes located outside of each classroom.**

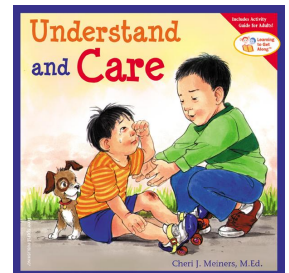
Poverty touches many people at some time in their lives. And, although we may be helpless to change a family's circumstances, we do have the power to deepen our empathy - to truly see the struggles others face and ask how we can help.

For more information about the House of Hope and its programs, please email: [houseofhope@calvarylg.com](mailto:houseofhope@calvarylg.com). For questions about the food drive, please contact **Michele Grancell** or **Claire Nippres**.

## Cornerstone Corner



### February Book for Kindergartners: "Understand and Care", by Cheri J. Meiners



This month our Kinder Project Cornerstone topic is empathy, trying to understand others, standing in their shoes and feeling their emotions. This process starts from understanding different emotions! We tell the children that we experience many different emotions in our everyday life, and all these emotions are normal, positive and negative. What's important is that we should be able to identify our emotions and others' emotions, enjoy those pleasant emotions, and learn to deal with the negative emotions. Then through role-play, we ask them to actively pay attention to others' emotions, imagine "if I were you", and think of a way to respond. The best way to develop empathy is to be conscious about others, listen and pay attention. When reading a book or watching TV, or just watching others interact, ask your kids the questions "How do you think they feel", "What would you do in that situation". Gradually they will develop the habit of thinking from multiple perspectives, which is the foundation of empathy.

February is also the month of love – a great time to practice empathy!

For more information about Kinder Project Cornerstone, contact **Lan Jiang**.



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**Rock & The Rose**  
Cool Cat 2018

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APRIL 28, 2018 | 6-11PM | JACK ROSE

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section row seat

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VIP TICKET

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!! [davesavehsc.org/cool-cat-auction](http://davesavehsc.org/cool-cat-auction). Space is limited.

We want to make this a huge success for our school and need your help to pull off a red carpet event:

**VIP AUCTION ITEMS**

Do you have a rockin' spot (or know anyone who does) in the **Napa/Sonoma area or another A-list location**? How about extra **tickets** to a game or concert? Maybe some **gift cards** lying around worth \$25-50 or a special service or item? Email **Courtney Burry** and she will create a fabulous auction package to feature at the party. We appreciate your generosity!!

**PARTY LIKE A ROCK STAR**

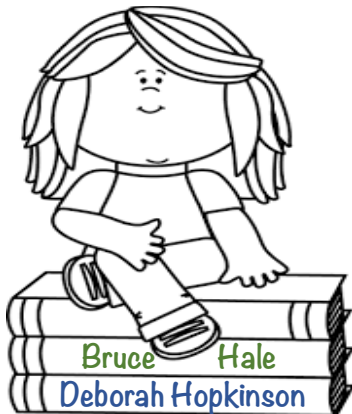
Want to host a party yourself or with your friends to support our school? It can be as small or as big as you like—for kids, adults or families. How about beer tasting, a bocce tournament, a kids' pool party or progressive dinner party? **As a host you'll raise funds, build community and have a blast!** Want to throw a party, but can't think of an idea? Email **Nicole Reginelli** and she can help.

**WHISKEY (AND WINE) A GO GO**

Looking for a super easy way to be a Rock Star? **Consider donating wine and/or whiskey for our wine and whiskey pull events.** If you have a bottle or two, please donate them. These should be special bottles that you would give as a gift. (\$30+ per bottle.) Wine and whiskey can be dropped off at Liz Olson's: 315 W. Main St. in Los Gatos, or email **Liz** to schedule a handoff.

Tickets are only \$125 per person or \$75 for **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** supporters. You get to party like a Rock Star, enjoy delicious Jack Rose food, two drinks, dessert, dancing, surprises, and tons of fun!





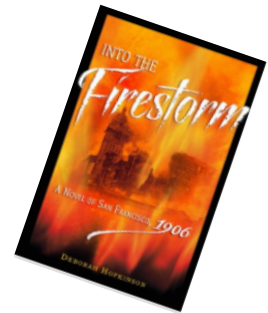
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## Authors' Day

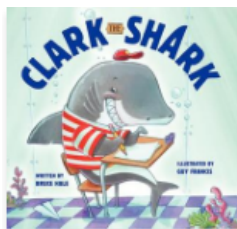
We are thrilled to announce that Bruce Hale and Deborah Hopkinson will be visiting Daves Avenue on Thursday, March 29, 2018. Mr. Hale will be visiting Kindergarten through second grade and Mrs. Hopkinson will be presenting to our upper grades. **Our book sale runs through March 2nd.** You can order online, and hard copy forms are available in the office.

If you have any questions,  
please contact **Barbara McInerney.**

Online orders: <https://davesavehsc.org/authors-day>



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## FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
6:00 – 8:00pm  
Daves Multi-Purpose Room

Please sign-up at:  
<http://signup.com/go/SQRXtiO>  
(requested by Mar. 15 but not  
necessary to attend)  
For more information, email  
[sherry95030@gmail.com](mailto:sherry95030@gmail.com)

- Join this **FREE** event for fun math games, rewards, and giveaways for the entire family
- Pizza will be provided
- Math games are tailored for TK/K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Parents are encouraged to participate; this is not a drop-off event

Sponsored by Mathnasium of Campbell-Los Gatos (408)374-MATH(6284)  
and Daves Avenue Home & School Club



### Teacher Wish Lists



Did you know that some of our teachers have a wish list for needed classroom items? You can access their lists either on their individual **staff directory pages** or the **Teacher's Wish List page** on our Home & School Club website. Thanks so much for supporting our teachers!



## H&SC Open Positions for 2018-19

Interested in getting more involved?  
Check out these positions that are still open.  
Questions or to learn more, email [vp@davesavehsc.org](mailto:vp@davesavehsc.org).

Safe Routes  
To School  
Chair

Champions  
of Math  
Co-Chair

Green  
Team  
Co-Chair

Free 2  
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Chair

Corporate  
Matching  
Co-Chair

New  
Family  
Liaison  
Co-Chair

CASA  
Co-Chair

Spirit  
Wear  
Chair

Tech  
Advisory  
Team  
Chair

Parenting  
Continuum  
Chair



### Documentary Screening

# ANGST

Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Fisher Middle School Multipurpose Room (MPR)  
For Parents and Children, 10 and older

RSVP: [bit.ly/AngstScreening](http://bit.ly/AngstScreening)  
Admission is Free!

**OVERVIEW** Angst is a 56-minute film that explores anxiety: its causes, effects and what we can do about it. Angst features candid interviews with kids and young adults who suffer, or have suffered, from anxiety and what they've learned about it. The film includes discussions with mental health experts about the causes of anxiety and its sociological effects, as well as help, resources and tools. The filmmakers' goal is to have a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety.

**THE PARENTING CONTINUUM** is a community alliance empowering parents to nurture the whole child and the whole family; focusing on providing parent education and resources to parents of children in grades K-12. We are a group of volunteer parents who care and who want to bring awareness, support, and resources to support the navigation of our parenting journeys.

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[www.facebook.com/parentingcontinuum](https://www.facebook.com/parentingcontinuum)  
[parentingcontinuum@gmail.com](mailto:parentingcontinuum@gmail.com)

### CASA General Meeting

Thursday, March 8th

8:30am - 10:00am

LGHS Community Room

**TOPIC: Peer to Peer Student  
Panel Discussion**



We will have representatives from all the LGHS Peer to Peer organizations sitting on a panel discussion. They will start with a brief summary of how their peer organization works to positively affect their fellow students. Then we will spend the remainder of the meeting discussing **Student Stress**. What are their greatest stressors? What do they see and hear from other students? How can we as parents help reduce student stress? This will be a great opportunity to hear directly from teenagers about how they feel we can positively affect their well-being.

### CONGRATULATIONS ESTIMATION JAR WINNERS!

1st-5th Grade Jar had 498 Sweetheart Candies

**Winner: Emily Troy**

Teacher: Ms. Spencer/Setziol

Estimate: 500

Kinder Jar had 58 Sweetheart Candies

**Winner: Akshara**

Teacher: Ms. McCulloch

Estimate: 57



Parent Education Resources and Events  
*presents*

## Parenting Toward Positive Self Image ... Especially When Life Is Messy

Thursday, March 1, 2018  
Time: 7 - 8:30p.m.



Fisher Middle School Library  
For Parents of Middle and High Schoolers

RSVP: [bit.ly/LifeisMessy](http://bit.ly/LifeisMessy)  
Admission is Free!

**OVERVIEW** In today's achievement-focused and body conscious society full of retouched "perfection," social media highlight reels, and "do this for success" options, maintaining a healthful and positive view of oneself can be challenging. Writer and teen mentor, Robin Massey, shares her experiences with self and body image struggles, from mild unhappiness to eating disorders and depression, and offers ideas and perspectives on supporting our children towards acceptance and thriving.

**TOPICS ADDRESSED**

- What we can do as parents to support our kids, when life gets messy.
- Struggles happen in life for all of us, and each of us needs help at times.
- Positive self-image isn't a place "to get to" but rather a practice to build.

**Robin Massey** is a mom of three living in the Bay Area. She has played many roles over the years, including elite athlete, scholar-athlete at Stanford University, HR in high tech land, personal chef and health coach, and author. Robin is especially proud of her journey through (and recovery from) depression, eating disorders, and other struggles in her teens and early twenties. Life went in directions she never would have thought — and she ultimately made it out the other side stronger and wiser. She now speaks and writes in support of kids (particularly teens) as they navigate the road into adulthood. [robinmassey.com](http://robinmassey.com)

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FUNVISORS "SPELL FOR FUN" WINNERS!

**1st Grade** - Jessica B., Vyanna B., Dylan K., Clara H., Liam T.

**2nd Grade** - Savanna W., Vanessa H., Mischa P., Yilian Y., Jayden S.

**3rd Grade** - Quinn H., Jasmine, Stiene B., Louisa H., Calvin V-B., Kira V.

**4th Grade** - Margot M., Tessa L., Emma J., Katya L., Rowan L.

**5th Grade** - Lily M., Katie N., Isabella A., Katherine D., Emma



### Save The Date!



The Daves Avenue Mom's Night out will take place on  
**Thursday, March 22!**

Please visit  
<https://davesmomsnightout.com>  
for more information.

Special thanks to Sanco Pipelines  
for their support!



### HONK!

#### FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

Don't forget to buy your tickets to the Fisher Middle School Performance of "HONK!", the heartwarming musical based on the award-winning adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story, "The Ugly Duckling". Support Fisher students and the Home & School Club - buy your tickets now for **March 8th through March 11th** at [www.fisherhsc.com](http://www.fisherhsc.com)!





# Thank you for helping us bloom!



Your donations to LGEF help fund essential teachers and staff at Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue, Lexington, Louise Van Meter Elementary, and Fisher Middle School so that students receive the excellent education we expect from our Los Gatos schools. Visit [www.LGEF.org](http://www.LGEF.org) to learn more.

**Happy Spring and Thanks for Your Support!**



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 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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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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