



THE WEDNESDAY WAVE

Daves Avenue Elementary School Newsletter

Volume 5, Issue 15 December 4, 2013

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

December

- 4 **Friday Knight Fever Crew Applications Due**
- 5 **H&SC General Meeting**
8:30am, MPR
- 9 **LGEF Board Meeting**
8:00pm - 9:30pm, District Office
- 10 **Parent Book Club Meeting**
1:30pm, Conference Room B
- 12 **3rd Grade Music Concert**
8:30am - 9:00am, MPR
- 12 **4th Grade Music Concert**
10:45am - 11:15am, MPR
- 13 **5th Grade Music Concert**
1:50pm - 2:30pm, MPR
- 18 **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
- 20-Jan 3rd **Winter Break**

January

- 8 **H&SC Meeting**
7:00pm, MPR
- 15 **5th Grade Math Night**
6:30pm - 7:30pm, MPR

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

Like us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/davesaveelementaryschool>



Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

I hope your holiday was spent with friends and family, resting, relaxing and "catching up" on what really matters. I had a lovely time with my family visiting my wife's parents in Santa Barbara. I hope wherever your travels took you, even if to your own dining room, that you enjoyed your time with loved ones.

Much is happening in the few short weeks between Thanksgiving and Winter Break. We will be recognizing the generous efforts of our Funvisor parent volunteers at our next District Board Meeting.

As you may know, under the direction of Nicole Reginelli and the many parents who support the program, we are able to offer game tables and activities every lunch recess. These efforts provide a safe and healthy alternative to students who may otherwise not choose to play traditional recess games. The change in student culture is palpable. Both the staff and parents recognize and report an increase in positive relationships between students, a more united sense of community school-wide and in the classroom, and a significant reduction in bullying and peer conflict. Dedication under this model of social and emotional support, paves the way for an increased focus on academic rigor. In other words, a happy child is an engaged, curious and inquisitive child.

Many grade levels are also participating in service based projects with academic ties to the curriculum. I encourage you to involve your child in making decisions about how he or she would like to be involved in giving. Research has shown that the single most powerful asset of the 41 Project Cornerstone assets is service.

With that being said, I am grateful to serve the students, teachers and parents of Daves Avenue Elementary.

Warmly,

Kit Bragg

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

Amy Says

Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING!

Is your child looking for their warm coat now that the weather is changing? Tired of bringing lunch in a brown bag as they can't find their lunchbox? **Check the lost and found** to see if they left it on the playground earlier this year! All unclaimed items will be donated mid-December!

SCHOOL NEWS

4th Grade Community Project Sneakers for Success!

For the holidays, the 4th grade teachers have decided to provide the children with an opportunity to focus on charitable giving.



So... 4th grade families: My New Red Shoes is an organization dedicated to providing low income kids with new shoes and clothing. They've already reached over 15,000 kids! Let's make it possible for even more local, underprivileged kids to have new shoes for school! The kids will all get together on **December 18th** to compile the shoes and create cards to go to the shoes' new owners.

Each 4th grade family should receive a Qlubb invite with more information. Please talk to your kids about charitable giving and community support!

If you would like to donate (not limited to the 4th grade), there are guidelines on the donation bins placed at the school office and near the 4th grade classrooms

Questions? Please contact [Erica Mittelhauser](#).

Crew Applications Due TODAY!



Crew applications "Friday Knight Fever" are due today, **December 4th**. Crew kickoff will be **December 11th**.

Interested applicants can download the application directly from the play [website](#) or can pick up a hard copy from the front office.

Questions about crew positions can be directed to dabhplay@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Corner

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

This is a message 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 that 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 the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to 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 of 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 how 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 all right 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 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](#).

A Message from the District Nurse

Dear Parents,

There are cases of head lice identified at all the schools throughout the district. Signs to watch for with your child(ren) are intense itching, especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck, live lice on the scalp and nits (eggs) glued to the hair shaft. Check your child's head frequently and thoroughly for evidence of lice.

Please let the school, your child's friends, day care know if your child has head lice. The earlier the intervention, the more quickly the cycle is broken. If you have any questions, contact **Maureen O'Hara**, District Nurse at 335-2074.



Annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon Your Talents are Needed!

Do you have an amazing side dish, dessert, baked specialty or other delight that you save for that extra-special occasion? How about hidden floral arrangement talents (or maybe just the inside scoop on a fabulous florist)? Well, what could be more special than saying THANK YOU to our amazing Daves Avenue Staff!?!

We are seeking contributions for the Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon, to be held here at Daves on **Wednesday, December 18th**. If you are able to help, please reach out to our Hospitality Committee Chairs, **Meredith Aston**, and **Anne Cristofano**.



The Second Harvest Food Drive

The Second Harvest Food Drive begins **Wednesday, December 4** and lasts through **Wednesday, December 18, 2013**. In the past years, small plastic bags were distributed to all students for food item contributions. This year the bags will be given to kindergartners and first graders only.

Please donate non-perishable canned and boxed food for those in need. The most need food items include: meals in a can (stew, chili, soup), tuna, peanut butter, low sugar cereals, 100% fruit juices, canned vegetables.



Shop and Daves Avenue Gets Free Money!



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

Just by shopping you can help Daves Avenue earn money!!

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! Learn more about eScrip and how to sign up by [clicking here](#).

Questions? Please email [Kimberly Peters](#) (or give her a call 917-690-0232).

It's Time for Holiday Shopping!



Families that shop through the eScrip Online Mall easily earn hundreds of dollars for our group.

- 1-800-flowers.com
- Adidas Store
- Amazon.com
- American Eagle Outfitters
- Apple Store
- Barnes & Noble
- Best Buy
- Bloomingdale's
- Disney
- eLuxury
- Gap
- Home Depot
- Nordstrom
- Old Navy
- PetSmart
- Radio Shack
- Safeway
- Sony

It's as easy as 1-2-3

1. **Enroll** with www.escrip.com
2. **Click** on the Online Mall logo at www.escrip.com
3. **Shop** at your favorite brand name stores and automatically donate to our group.



Make your holiday shopping count for your group this year.

Toys R Us and more



NORDSTROM



eScrip.com

SAVE THE DATE

Evening H&SC Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

7pm in MPR

Daves Ave Carnival is Seeking a Hot Food Committee Chair

A volunteer is needed to chair the Hot Food Committee for this year's Carnival. The Committee is in charge of the Hot Food Booth and purchases all supplies, stocks and sets up the booth on Carnival day, supervises booth volunteers and helps with clean up. The committee also ensures the booth complies with all Health codes.



Contact [Lee Ann Wade](#) if interested in learning more about the position.

Keyboarding and Online Learning Resources

If you would like to provide keyboarding practice or other online activities for your child(ren) at home, we encourage you to use the free online resources available from our school website. Click on the [Resources link](#) found on the front page of our school website to access grade level specific websites.

Resources



Next Home & School Club Meeting Thursday, December 5, 2013 8:30 am-MPR

Our Special Guest--Bob Mistele
Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District
Superintendent

Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Superintendent **Bob Mistele** will be joining us and discuss an upcoming bond proposal for the high school.

Also, get updates on the various projects supported by you through the Home & School Club.

We hope you can join us for this informative meeting.

Emergency Kits

In case of an emergency on campus that requires a lockdown or extended stay, every student should have an emergency kit. Your child's safety and well-being are of the utmost importance.

The \$15 kits include:

- Water
- Food bars that are nut allergy safe and vegetarian
- Dust mask
- Emergency blanket
- Rain poncho

These kits have a shelf life of five years - so you will only be asked to donate once while your child is at Daves.

Currently, there is only enough funding to provide 200 kits, yet we need to be able to provide for more than 580 students.

Please donate now! You are not required to purchase a kit, but every donated dollar is appreciated. The H&SC and the school district will supplement funding, but will need to rely on donations to purchase the bulk of the kits. Please [click here](#) to donate, or fill out the form in the school office.

If you can't remember whether you've already donated for Emergency Kits, please check the H&SC website [here](#), or see the posting on the H&SC bulletin outside of the school office.

Questions? Please contact [Erica Mittelhauser](#).

Additionally, on several days in the next week, the H&SC will have a table on campus after school for donation.

COMMUNITY



Give the Gift of Education!

For the Holidays, please consider giving the gift of education to your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews with a donation to Los Gatos Education Foundation (the Foundation). The Foundation works directly with the District to fund grants for our elementary and middle schools in music, art, science, counseling and technology. This gift directly benefits students in the Los Gatos Union School District and lasts all year!

To send an e-card that designates funds to the Los Gatos Education Foundation in honor of your chosen recipient, please go to:

<http://www.charitygiftcertificates.org/Purchase/HonorCards/>



Design your card and select 'Los Gatos Education Foundation' as your charity, then follow the instructions to send your card!



LGUSD Music

Every year, Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD) parents proudly watch their children sing or play in their school's annual music performance. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the music teachers, the performances are as much fun for the students as the parents that watch.



Elementary school students are taught by one of four music teachers, each of whom specializes in one area: Ana Hartwick (Brass), Alyson Ancheta (Woodwind), Carolyn Snyder (Strings), and Lauren Schlueter (Voice). In Kindergarten, students concentrate on music and movement. The first and second grades focus on sounds, counting and singing. By third grade, students have the opportunity to learn the recorder. Fourth graders become familiar with the violin. Fifth graders are offered a choice of flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello or voice. Instruments for fifth grade lessons are paid for by parents, but district instruments are available for families that qualify for financial aid.

At Fisher Middle School, one-third of all students opt to take music as an elective each year. Students can choose band, string orchestra or choir. Jenny Anderson teaches three bands, 7th/8th grade string orchestra, and jazz ensemble. Carolyn Simon teaches 6th grade string orchestra and Lauren Schlueter teaches three choirs. Some instruments, especially the more expensive ones such as the tuba, cello, bass, tenor sax, and bass clarinet, are available for rent but the majority of instruments are paid for by parents.

There are five or more performances by the Fisher Middle School music students a year, including local events such as the Los Gatos Holiday Parade, and festivals hosted by the California Music Educators Association (CMEA).

With future donations to the Los Gatos Education Foundation, the music program will continue to grow, and benefit our community through student performances.

Donate to the Los Gatos Education Foundation
www.lgef.org

Part Time Job Opportunity

The Los Gatos Union School District is currently accepting applications for a part-time PE Specialist position available at Louise Van Meter Elementary School. The schedule for the current opening is 8:30 am - 2:15 pm, two days per week (Monday and Thursday) throughout the school year. Under direction of the principal, the PE Specialist provides guidance to students in organized games and physical fitness activities. For more information or to apply go to www.edjoin.com or call **Carri Williams**, Human Resources Analyst, at (408) 335-2005.

OLD NEWS RULES

Simplicity Parenting Book Club Meeting Tuesday, December 10; 1:30pm

Many parents have the uncanny ability to detect or sense when a fever is coming on with their child and we treat that fever by canceling activities, staying home from school, chicken soup, and slowing down. Just as we can sense a physical fever, we also know when our child is acting out of sorts and just isn't their normal self, perhaps throwing tantrums, sulking or avoiding connection. The author describes this as 'Soul Fever,' an emotional imbalance. To help a soul fever pass, try canceling activities, slowing down, and making yourself available.

In the following chapter we discussed the distress that a busy home environment can have upon children. We donated to Goodwill and shared before and after photos of cleaning up our children's rooms, bookshelves, and closets. With less stuff children have a greater capacity for deep play and an increased their attention span. We also discussed strategies to receive less stuff this holiday season by encouraging friends and families to give gifts that are experiences or can be consumed (such as a class, an event, or food) instead of something physical.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 10th at 1:30pm** in conference room B. For more information, contact [Daniel Swid](#).

Girls on the Run Registration Opens December 7th!



Program registration for Daves Ave 3rd through 5th grade girls opens at **8:00 am on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013** and is available **online only**. Space is limited and girls

will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a program is full, please sign up for the waiting list as spots may open. Scholarships are available.

Fundraiser Benefiting Daves Avenue School



What: Willow Glen Bicycles will donate 10% 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



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. 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 by **Friday at noon**. These are reviewed by the district prior to being included on the Wednesday Wave web page.

Questions or concerns?

Daves Avenue Elementary School
17770 Daves Avenue
Monte Sereno, CA 95030
Kit Bragg, Principal
kbragg@lgusd.k12.ca.us

Phone: 408-335-2200
Fax: 408-395-6314
Attendance Line: 408-335-2245
Website: www.daves.lgusd.k12.ca.us

Daves Avenue Home & School Club (H&SC)
Jeff Milder, President
president@davesavehsc.org
Website: www.davesavehsc.org

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.