



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 information from our School, District and Community partners!

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

IMPORTANT DATES

May

- 1 **H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, MPR
- 2 **Parents Night Out!**
6:15pm - 10pm, Daves Clubhouse
- 5 **Inaugural K-Kids Meeting**
Lunch time, Location TBD
- 6 **Teacher Appreciation Day**
- 7 **Talent Show Applications Due!!**
- 7 **Annual H&SC Planning Meeting**
Fanya Hull's House, 8:30am
- 7 **New Kinder Parent Orientation**
1:00pm - 2:00pm, MPR
- 8 **FisherFest Open House** 6:30pm, Fisher
- 15 **Kinder Music Concert**
6:00pm - 6:30pm, MPR
- 15 **Daves Ave Open House - Minimum Day**
6:30pm - 7:30pm
- 16 **Daves Ave Carnival and Talent Show**
4:00pm, Blacktop
- 19 **LGEF Board Meeting**
8:00pm - 9:30pm, District Office
- 20 **District Board Meeting**
6:30pm - 10:00pm, District Office
- 23 **5th Grade Music Concert**
1:30pm - 2:30pm, MPR
- 26 **No School - Memorial Day**
- 28 **Fisher Picnic & Pops**
5:00pm - 8:15pm, Fisher Quad
- 29 **LAST H&SC Meeting** 8:30am, MPR
- 29 **School Site Council Meeting**
3:00pm - 4:00pm, Library

June

- 5 **Last Day of School!** Minimum Day

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Daves Avenue Families:

Our community is made great by the special people who care deeply about our children and our families. As a leader, I constantly reflect on the actions taken by those who impact children on a daily basis. I am surrounded by adults who guide our students with compassion and grace - our staff, our parents and our community volunteers.

I am privileged to share the Los Gatos Union School District has selected our very own **Jolynn Dariano** to be recognized as Teacher of The Year. Mrs. Dariano has a celebrated career in teaching. She has dedicated her life to positively impacting the lives of our young students. She is a model educator - combining kindness, compassion, enthusiasm and high expectations into a teaching style that has ignited a life-time love of learning in all students. Above all, she exudes passion and grace with a talent that exceeds the very best in our profession.

We are also excited to announce three Daves Avenue staff members will be joining Mrs. Dariano by being recognized as LGUSD Distinguished Employees. A committee of peers has chosen **Julie Young** (Second Grade Teacher), **Melissa McDaniels** (Custodian), and **Doris Montoya** (Health Clerk) for their incredible commitment to the lives of our children. Each staff member combines their own talents in providing for a caring and warm school environment for our students.

Please join me in celebrating our honored educators and all adults who make an ongoing commitment to what is great about Daves Avenue!

Fondly,

Kit Bragg, Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

H&SC MEETING TOMORROW, MAY 1ST!

Please join us at **8:30am on Thursday** in the Daves MultiPurpose Room for this month's H&SC Meeting. We will be **reviewing and voting on the 2014-2015 school year budget**, which can be [viewed here](#).

SCHOOL NEWS

DAVES AVE CLUBHOUSE: PARENTS NIGHT OUT THIS FRIDAY!



**Forms Due
Thursday, May 1st!**

When: Friday, May 2nd from 6:15pm – 10:00pm

Cost: \$20 for the first child and \$10 each sibling

The Details:

- ❖ 6:45pm Pizza Dinner and Ice Cream for Dessert
- ❖ 7:30pm Flashlight Games / Indoor Crafts
- ❖ 8:30pm Movie

Daves Clubhouse will accept all students and their siblings three years of age and older who are potty trained. The fee will be \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each sibling registered for the evening. Please be sure to return your form and payment to Clubhouse **by May 1st** to reserve a spot for Parents Night Out. Forms can be [downloaded here](#) or picked up in the office or at Clubhouse.

If you have any questions please call Clubhouse at **408-335-2223**.

WALK AND ROLL RAFFLE WINNER

Our latest Walk and Roll raffle winner on April 23rd, 2014 is **Kate Gruetter**.

When you see Kate at school, give her a big **Congratulations** for helping us keep our school's air pollution as low as possible!

Once again, we have another student from **Ms. Pupkin's 2nd grade classroom** winning the Walk and Roll raffle. Their classroom will continue to hold onto the Golden Sneaker Award for the third time this year! Great Job classroom #18! Keep up the good work!



[Donna Lev](#), Safe Routes to School Chair

COMPOSTING AT DAVES AVENUE



Last week as part of Earth Week, students began using and learning about the new composting and recycling bins on campus. Be sure to ask your student about the bins and see how it affects their (and your) recycling habits at home!

Brought to you by the Daves Avenue Green Team

CORNERSTONE CORNER

Dear Parents,
Last week, about 300 moms and dads (!) came to listen to **Dr. Brad Sachs**. He titled this talk "**Creating Conversations that Change Children's Lives**" - that surely sets the bar high! I am pleased we could get hold of Dr. Sachs' presentation and you can [download it here](#) (see the 'Presentation' link). Personally, I would recommend to scroll to the end of the presentation and read some of the dialogues he has with children. I am sure I am not the only parent that can very well relate to the "Minecraft" dialogue (slide 71). Check it out!

We all noticed in our interactions with our children that it is ultimately not **WHAT** we say, but **HOW** we say it and **how we LISTEN**. This is what determines our influence as a parent.

Have you ever had to deal with blame in your family? I admit, we get it. I trust I am not the only one. Dr Sachs' explanation of blame makes me rethink my approach: Children blame us not because of their lack of responsibility but because they feel so disappointed/embarrassed/humiliated in themselves for not being responsible. They project onto us the feelings they are feeling. They would rather fight with us than with themselves. It's almost like a "Psycho-Dialysis": Kids throw their emotions onto us for smoothing/cleansing so that they can tolerate it.

The more you can develop a conversation style that is characterized by true curiosity, the more you nurture your child's "curiosity muscle". It will lead to the child having their own internal dialogues to weigh up different possibilities. This develops more maturity, reflection and independence.

Check out our website www.parentingcontinuum.org if your "Curiosity Muscle" wants more! Information about previous speakers is in the resources section.

[Andrea Anderson](#), Parenting Continuum

TALENT SHOW APPLICATIONS DUE THIS MONDAY!

Deadline for applications to the Talent Show is **Monday, May 7th**. Applications should be turned in to (and are still available in) the front office. Please contact [Kristina Schmidt](#) with any Talent Show questions.

DAVES AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CARNIVAL & TALENT SHOW

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Deadline for applications to the Talent Show is **Monday, May 7th**. Applications are available in the front office. Contact [Kristina Schmidt](#) with any Talent Show questions.

The Daves Avenue Carnival is **Friday, May 16th from 4 to 8pm**. This is our annual school wide end of the year event where families enjoy our Daves Ave Student Talent Show, DJ, cake walk, carnival games and prizes, photo-booths, arts & crafts area, inflatables, and more. \$10 wristbands cover the price of admission to all of these fun activities. A delicious BBQ by Los Gatos Meats, pizza from JJ Magoo's and the traditional carnival food will be available for purchase. To purchase wristbands and dinner tickets in advance, please [CLICK HERE](#).

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 20+ Tasks still open!

We are **looking for volunteers** to assist with various Carnival duties on Friday, May 16th between 2-9pm. Carnival hours run 4-8pm and shifts are also available for pre-event set up and post-event clean-up. If you can help out by taking a shift or two, please sign up via your classroom's Qlubb.

If you have Fisher or Los Gatos High students who would like to volunteer at the event and earn community service hours, please email [Leah Williams](#).

BAKERS NEEDED

To volunteer to bake goods for the CAKE WALK sign up via your classroom's Qlubb.

Questions? Contact [LeeAnn Wade](#), Carnival Chair



OUR GLASS IS ONLY HALF FULL!

With a **47% participation** in our annual ONE AND DONE campaign, there is still much room to positively impact our children's education. We understand that a public education is free, but a GREAT education is not!! Our extraordinary parent community is the reason Daves Avenue has the ability to continue providing one of the most enriched and well-rounded elementary school experiences in the state, despite the fact that California's education budget continues to diminish, year after year.

It is not too late to be a part of something amazing for your children. [Click here](#) to donate in one easy step. Please reach out to [Becky Hanson](#) with any questions.

OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Are you interested in serving your school and community? There are a few chair and coordinator positions still available for the next school year. You can find out additional information about these positions on the [Get Involved](#) section of the H&SC website. Please contact [Becky Hanson](#) with any additional questions!

Available Positions:

- CASA representative for Daves Ave (filled!)
- Bingo Night Chair
- Assistant Buzz Book Coordinator
- Assistant Fun Walk Chair

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL H&SC PLANNING MEETING ON **Wednesday, May 7th** **Fanya Hull's Home** **8:30am**

Each year the H&SC Board and Members (that is YOU if you have paid your \$20 H&SC membership dues!) meets to discuss the calendar of events for the upcoming year, budget, volunteer positions, and other amazingly mind blowing topics. Your opinion is important so please join us if you are able to, and help shape the 2014/15 school year for our children!

To get directions or additional details, or if you are not able to attend and have discussion inputs, please reach out to [Becky Hanson](#) or [Fanya Hull](#).

COMMUNITY BOARD

LOS GATOS STUDENT ART SHOW MAY 5TH - 8TH!



The Art Docents of Los

Gatos will host the 40th Annual Student Art Show featuring art from every elementary classroom in the Los Gatos Union School District. This special event is the culmination of a full year's worth of achievement in art.

The mission of this volunteer organization is to provide high quality visual arts curriculum to students in Kindergarten through 5th grade with the goal of fostering innovative and creative individuals.

The Art Show is **free** and open to the public **Monday, May 5th through Thursday, May 8th from 2-4pm** at the RJ Fisher Middle School Cafeteria.

For more information on the art show or volunteering please visit us at <http://www.artdocents.com/>.

JOIN US AT FISHER PICNIC & POPS



Fisher Picnic & Pops is a great way for 5th grade families to continue getting to know Fisher! Come on down to hear all the Fisher music groups perform in a casual setting, while you enjoy a JJ Maggoo's pizza and salad dinner. A sweet shoppe and Baskin Robbins ice cream will also be available. The fun starts at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28th** on the Fisher Quad.

Meal orders are due **no later than Friday, May 23rd!** Order your meal online (or access and print the PDF form to pay by check) as well as view the performance schedule and additional details at:

http://rjfisher.lgusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=226581&type=d&pREC_ID=573793

LGEF

Los Gatos Education Foundation

For Parents of 4th Grade Students –

Your child recently was offered the choice of an instrument or choir for their 5th grade year. While your child may not become a musician for life, this music training is an exciting addition to your student's education. Studies have shown that there is a connection between music training and success in math. And, who knows, your child may develop, or further, an interest in music and continue at Fisher or into the High School music program and beyond.



Music education in the elementary and middle schools is not a mandated part of a student's education. **The only way the music program can be offered is through outside funding, primarily the parcel tax and your donations to LGEF.**

If you have already donated to LGEF for the 2013-2014 campaign we sing your praises.

If you have not yet donated, we hope you will consider a donation to LGEF to support this wonderful program. 2013-14 programs supported by your donations to LGEF include:

- ★ District Music Teachers (Alyson Ancheta, Ana Hartwick, Carolyn Snyder, Jenny Anderson and Lauren Schlueter)
- ★ District Art Teacher (Kelly Martin)
- ★ Art Docents of Los Gatos
- ★ Art and science materials at the elementary and middle schools (including FOSS kits)
- ★ Elementary School Counselor
- ★ Student Support Services (including Project Cornerstone and counseling at Fisher)
- ★ Technology (student computers, laptops or other devices).

So whether your child chooses to play a trumpet or a cello, a clarinet, flute or violin, or to sing their way through 5th grade, please consider making a donation to LGEF today.

Donations can be made at www.lgef.org, by using one of the remit envelopes in your school office, or by calling **Debbie Sacks** at 408-335-2229. Our recommended donation is \$600 per child, but any amount is greatly appreciated. You can set up automatic payments from your bank account and/or credit card on a one time or recurring basis.

**Check Out the
UPDATED Daves Ave H&SC Website!**



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

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DAVES STUDENTS ON THE MOVE!

In last Sunday's Great Race a group of 23 1st - 3rd Graders representing the Daves Ave Cheetahs Running Team successfully completed the 4 mile run from Saratoga to Los Gatos. The team has worked hard since the first of the year, every Friday afternoon, to prepare for this event, and we should be **very proud** of their dedication to their goal and their school pride!

The Cheetahs Spring Program starts **this Friday** working on shorter distance sprint type of running, footwork, agility and strength. You can register through the [Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation Department](#) (under Youth Programs - Sports & Fitness).

Questions? Please reach out to [Nick Goddard](#).



5TH GRADE
FAMILIES – YOU ARE
WELCOME TO COME
AND SEE THE
FISHER CAMPUS ON
ONE OF ITS BEST
NIGHTS OF THE
YEAR!



Fisher FEST OPEN HOUSE & Ice Cream Social
Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Student Art Show
Book Fair
Entertainment
Principal's Address
Ice Cream
Classrooms Open-

You are invited to visit the classrooms and view the remarkable work your students have done this year!

Join us in celebrating our outstanding year!
For more information: **Catherine Somers** @ 206-251-1011



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.

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