



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

August

- 20 **Back to School Night - MINIMUM DAY**
6pm (3rd-5th) 6:45 (Presentation) 7:15 (K-2nd) Classrooms and MU
- 22 **Mad HATter T-Party**, 6pm
- 27 **Project Cornerstone and FunVisors Kick-off Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 28 **Picture Day**
- 31 **ABC Reader Training**
8:15am, Room B

September

- 1 **New Parent Coffee**, 8:30-9:30am, MU
- 3 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 7 **Labor Day - NO SCHOOL**
- 10 **H&SC Chair and Coordinator Meeting**, 8:30am
- 10 **Moms' Night Out**, 7pm, Handyside Residence
- 14-18 **Walk & Roll Week**
- 18 **Family Fun Night**, 5:30pm, Blacktop/Field
- 26 **Mamma Mia!**, 7pm

MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Elementary School,

I want to congratulate all staff, parents and students for an exciting start to the school year! Due to the hard work of so many, we experienced a smooth transition back to school, made all the more wonderful by the nearly 600 smiling faces walking the halls and entering classrooms. As I begin year four at the helm of this truly unique community, I am reminded of just how incredibly fortunate we are to have such a strong population of diverse learners! Together, we make it a great 2015-2016 school year.

I want to ensure you are able to attend **Back To School Night this Thursday**. This evening event is a critical component of our communication plan. You will receive in depth information about the academic, social and emotional education of your child(ren). To assist you in your planning, Daves Avenue Clubhouse is open for all students and siblings (potty trained and 3 years of age and older) on the evening of Back To School Night. Please register using the information provided in this newsletter.

As the year begins to unfold, please reach out to our staff to ensure all children are flourishing in all areas of growth. I wish you the very best for the school year!

Warmly,

[Kit Bragg](#)

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

So much Info - So little Time!! 2 easy ways to keep up with everything Daves!

- 1) Bookmark the [NEW AND IMPROVED H&SC WEBSITE](#) with the latest news, events, links and more!
- 2) Follow [Daves Avenue on Facebook](#) where posts will provide you with key reminders on events and upcoming to-dos!

SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder from SR2S: Driving and Parking in and Around Campus

School is back and so too is the traffic! Traffic and parking are major problems at drop off and dismissal times, but the safety of the children is paramount. In this spirit, the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) would like to note a few important reminders.

For those of us who drive to school, please remember to:

- Slow down and follow the speed limit
- Come to complete stops at intersections with stop signs
- Keep an eye out for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Eliminate any distractions: cell phones, radio adjustments, etc.
- Plan ahead and leave extra time to accommodate for traffic and congestion

The Student Handbook also reminds us to:

- Not encourage your children to run to your vehicle for pick up. The designated pick up area is at the "Waiting Area" close to the office.
- NOT DOUBLE PARK.
- NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED IN THE LOADING ZONE.
- Please pull forward as space becomes available. Stopping in these areas blocks traffic and creates a major hazard for our children.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to a great year!

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

SafeRoutes



Welcome to PE 2015/16

PE is up and running! It is often very hot the first few weeks of school and activities will be adjusted accordingly. PLEASE send each child with a re-usable water bottle, not only during the Indian Summer but all year. They play better when hydrated, and as I only have them one short period each week, it prevents lost game time running to water fountains.

PLEASE also help them to remember PE shoes; it is very important to prevent injury which is prevalent during youth growth spurts. All grades will work on endurance, team work, individual or small group skills and nutrition and hopefully will have fun in doing so. Please feel free to attend your child's PE session; they love to have you and an extra pair of hands is always great!

Yours in health,

[Sally Ellis](#), PE Specialist

GRADES 1-3: 45 Minutes; ONCE every 5 weeks!

VOLUNTEER!

5 volunteers needed for PE's Mileage Club, grades 1-3. If your child likes to run for fun, at lunch on Friday's, then the job is yours. I need 5 parent volunteers (so that I can be a parent volunteer at Fisher!!), only one of you attends at a time, on Fridays from 11.50-12.30, to tally the kids who want to run Mileage Club. Please email me. Thanks for your consideration!

[Sally Ellis](#), PE Specialist



SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder: Back to School Night is Tomorrow Thursday, August 20th

Back-to-School night is your chance to hear from your child's teacher about his/her plan for this school year. It's also an opportunity for you to hear directly from the school leadership, the H&SC, and LGEF on how these groups come together to support the growth and academic success of our children.

To accommodate families with children in multiple grades, the evening's schedule will be as follows:

6:00-6:45 p.m. Grades 3-5 Classrooms Open

6:45-7:15 p.m. Principal, H&SC, LGEF Presentation in the Multi-Use Room

7:15-8:00 p.m. Grades K-2 Classrooms Open

Thursday, August 20th will be a minimum day in order to allow teachers to prepare their presentations and their classrooms.

Children should not be in attendance this evening.

Drop in childcare will be available on campus through Clubhouse - see article below.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT CHILDCARE

Daves Ave Clubhouse will be providing childcare for Daves Avenue Students and their siblings (who are potty trained) during Back to School night.

Cost: \$10 for the first child, \$5 for each additional child

Time: 5:55pm – 8:05pm

Clubhouse will close promptly at 8:10pm. An additional charge of \$5 per child will be assessed for late pick up.

Registration is on a first come first serve basis, and space is limited. Drop by the Clubhouse to register.

Questions? Please contact Daves Avenue Clubhouse at **408-335-2223** or davesch@lgsrecreation.org.

Daves Ave Running Club Fall 2015 Begins Friday, August 28th!

The popular **Cheetahs' Running Club** continues for the Fall season under the guidance of Coach Nick Goddard, Coach Guy Bazan and Coach John Halsey! We will develop a love of running with instruction on proper form, warm ups and pacing as well as multi-sport conditioning - culminating in the **Turkey Trot 5k - Thanksgiving morning, November 26th 2015.**

The team is open to all 1st-3rd Graders with 4th-5th Graders who have been through the program before to return as Assistant Coaches. For the kids who were in 3rd and 4th grade last season, we would really love to have them back.

Registration is \$75 per child, per season, [click here](#) to register online. Kids who participated last year must re-register each season. The club practices **every Friday on the Daves Ave track from 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

Please contact [Coach Nick Goddard](#) if you have any questions or if your child has any health concerns he should be aware of.

Daily Bell Schedule

Clubhouse Opens: 7am - 6:15pm

Campus Opens: 7:55am

Kindergarten:

8:10 - 11:30am

(Morning/AM),

11:10am - 2:30pm

(Afternoon/PM)

Wednesday/Minimum Days:

8:10 - 11:30am (All Kinders)

Grades 1-3:

8:15am - 2:33pm

Wednesday/Minimum Days:

8:15am - 12:10pm

Grades 4-5:

8:15am - 2:38pm

Wednesday/Minimum Days:

8:15am - 12:15pm

You're Not Too Late for a Very
Important Date!
Mad HATter T-Party

This Saturday, 6pm

The March Hare says it's not too late to don your hat or favorite wig for a fantastical evening under the stars at 6:00 p.m. this Saturday, August 22nd, at the Kupor residence in Monte Sereno. Support Daves Avenue School and make new friends while enjoying a Mad Hatter inspired evening featuring nonsensical entertainment (begins at 7pm), whimsical cocktails and culinary delights!



Benefitting Daves Avenue School, \$200 per couple grants you a trip down the rabbit hole with a VIP spot at the T-Party! [Sign-up here!](#)

Hey, ladies!

The kids are in school and we want to celebrate with you! Please join us for "**Moms' Night Out**" to reconnect with old friends and meet new Daves Avenue moms. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while escaping cooking, homework and bedtime extension requests for a night. We hope to see you.



Tickets are \$20. (This event is not a fundraiser. Any extra funds will be donated to the H&SC.) Please RSVP by completing the [form](#) by **September 7th**.

When: Thursday, September 10th, 2015, 7pm

Where: The Handside Residence - 17401 El Rancho Avenue, Monte Sereno

Any questions? Please contact [Nikki St. Angel](#).

Project Cornerstone: ABC Reader and Fun Visor Kick off Meeting
Thursday, August 27th, 8:30am

Are you interested in being an ABC Reader or a FunVisor? Or just want to learn more about Project Cornerstone? We are holding an informational meeting on **Thursday, August 27th at 8:30am** in the Multi Use room. Join us for a great overview of the programs and how you can get involved too!

[Andrea Anderson](#), Project Cornerstone Chair
[Loly Stacey](#) & [Lianne Verheyden](#) FunVisor Chairs

Save the Date:
FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Friday, Sept 18th
Daves Avenue Blacktop and Field

5:30pm - food & drink concessions open & fun activities begin on the blacktop

7:30pm - join your Daves friends on the field for a movie under the stars!



... an animated family comedy of epic proportions!

More details coming soon!

[Barbara Black](#) and [Michele Grancell](#),
Family Fun Night Chairs

Be Dave's Proud and Wear it Loud!

Get your Spirit Wear before your sizes run out. Spirit Wear will be on sale at **Family Fun Night** or [click here](#). Don't miss out!

[Cathy McDonald](#), Spirit Wear Chair



Sponsors' Spotlight

Oak Tree Children's Club



Oak Tree began in 1983 as a ministry of First Baptist Community Church to provide a safe, fun, and interactive environment for elementary students who attend Daves Avenue. For more information on our after school program, please visit <http://www.oaktreelg.com>.

Questions about our Community Sponsorship Program? Please contact [Becky Hanson](#) or [Kim Simon](#), Community Sponsorship Program Chairs.

Cornerstone Corner

Dear Parents,

We are a [Project Cornerstone](#) school and invite you to be a Cornerstone Parent!

Project Cornerstone is a Silicon Valley wide initiative that seeks to build a community where all adults support children and youth so they can thrive.

The underlying scientific background of the program is based on research by the [Search Institute](#), which identified 40 developmental building blocks that kids need to succeed. These "developmental assets" are subdivided into 8 key areas:

- **Support:** "I mean something to the people in my world."
- **Empowerment:** "I make a difference in the world."
- **Boundaries and Expectations:** "I know what's expected of me and what behaviors are 'in bounds' and 'out of bounds'."
- **Constructive Use of Time:** "I have balance in my life between activities that challenge me and activities that refresh me."
- **Commitment to Learning:** "I like to learn new things."
- **Positive Values:** "I try my best to 'do the right thing,' and I believe it's important to help others."
- **Social Competencies:** "I know how to make good choices and build positive relationships."
- **Positive Identity:** "I feel good about myself and I have a bright future."

Kids who agree that these statements are true for them, are thriving. They have the relationships and experiences they need to be **resilient**, to **overcome adversity**, to **resist risky and dangerous behaviors** and to **achieve success as a positive, contributing member of our community**.

At Daves, our main programs to develop assets in our children are **ABC Readers** and **FunVisors**.

The **ABC Program** consists of trained volunteers who connect with children in class every month by reading specially selected books. If you would like to be that parent for your child's class, please get in touch with [Andrea Anderson](#). You will receive training and materials at school.

The **FunVisors** run our lunchtime program. We have 3 parents or more on campus to make lunch time a positive experience with games, Legos, Scooters, art and more. All materials are provided, all we need is your friendly presence to connect with the children. If you are considering becoming a FunVisor, contact [Loly Stacey](#).

We can all help the children in our community feel that they belong by **creating thousands of moments when they feel valued, respected and known**.

We will keep you informed in our weekly Cornerstone Corner in the Wednesday Wave! In the meantime, Watch this [Youtube video](#) to see Cornerstone in action!

Your Daves Team

Andrea Anderson, Heather Wright, Claire Nippres for ABC Readers
Lianne Verheyden and Loly Stacey for FunVisors



The **Daves Avenue Home & School Club** **ONE and DONE** raises funds every year for the following programs:

- ✓ Academics – Literacy/Reading, Math, Science and Physical Education
- ✓ Technology and Technology Supplies
- ✓ Student Enrichment and Supplies - Student Supplies, Project Cornerstone, Assemblies, etc.
- ✓ Student Events – Author’s Day, Family Fun Night and the Carnival

We need your help to continue to support these programs for the 2015-2016 school year. There are three contribution levels to select from to support the Home & School Club, designed to accommodate all financial situations:

★ **Supporter - \$400 per child** (H&SC’s suggested contribution level):

Your Donation Covers:

- 75% of all H&SC Funded Programs
- Classroom Student Supplies
- Emergency Kit Purchase and Maintenance

Your Supporter Level Membership Includes:

- Daves Avenue H&SC Car Magnet
- H&SC Membership
- 1 Buzz Book per family*
- 1 Memory Book per child

★ **Benefactor - \$750 per child** (For those who can give a little more):

Your Donation Covers:

- 100% of all H&SC Funded Programs
- Classroom Student Supplies
- Emergency Kit Purchase and Maintenance

Your Benefactor Level Membership Includes:

- Supporter level membership PLUS
- Preferred parking at Family Fun Night and the Carnival
- Special luncheon with Principal Bragg
- Recognition in The Wave

★ **Contributor - \$75 per child** (Covers student supplies for those unable to give more):

Your Donation Covers:

- Classroom Student Supplies
- Emergency Kit Purchase and Maintenance

Your Contributor Level Membership Includes:

- H&SC Membership
- 1 Buzz Book per family*

*Buzz Books guaranteed for all donations made **prior to 9/18/15**.

Contributing is easy! You can [click here](#) and take care of your contribution right now! We will also be at the Ice Cream Social, Back to School Coffee and Back to School Night in bright green shirts ready to take payments by credit card or check.

THANK YOU in advance for your generous contribution. All contributions, at any level, are accepted and greatly appreciated. YOUR dollars support critical programs at Daves Avenue and enhance our children’s learning experience! Questions regarding the Daves Avenue **ONE and DONE** campaign? Please contact [Carolyn Harnish](#), H&SC Vice President.

Calling All Local Business Owners

Are you looking for a way to receive YEAR ROUND robust advertising, WHILE enriching program and materials at Daves Ave Elementary? Well, look no further as we have you covered with our

ANNUAL COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM!

With this program at Daves, you donate ONCE, and receive advertising throughout the school year at Home and School Club events. Not only that, but your contribution is fully tax

deductible, and will enhance educational opportunities at Daves. With four different levels to choose from - there is a little something for everyone!

We are currently looking for participants in our 2015-16 Annual Community Sponsorship Program (ACSP). The **deadline for enrollment is September 25th** to ensure advertising on Fun Walk T-shirts.

For more information, click here, or contact [Becky Hanson](#) or [Kim Simon](#), ACSP Chairs.

DISTRICT NEWS

LGEF

Los Gatos Education Foundation

\$50 a month for a Great Education

Did you know that for the past 20 years, Los Gatos Education Foundation (LGEF) has issued grants to ensure all K-8 students in our five schools receive an education that includes science, music, art and counseling programs?

All of these programs—critical to educating the “whole child”—fall outside the core curriculum afforded by the Los Gatos Union School District General Budget to support your child who attends either Blossom Hill Elementary, Daves Avenue Elementary, Lexington Elementary, Van Meter Elementary or Fisher Middle School.

That’s why your annual donation to LGEF makes all the difference between our children receiving a good education and a great one.

This year, LGEF is asking EVERYONE to donate \$50 per month (or \$600 per year) per child. **For less than the price of a daily cup of coffee, you have the power to truly transform the lives of your children.**



Let’s be Great! Together, We Educate.

Donate at www.lgef.org



Are you a H&SC Committee Chair, Daves Teacher or Administrator, or () Representative? Do you have school-related news or events 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 or other image file type.

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.

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.



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