



# 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

- 14 and 15 **Carnival Wrist Bands on Sale**  
After School, Office & Kinder areas
- 15 **Kinder Music Concert**  
6:00pm - 6:30pm, MPR
- 15 **Daves Ave Open House - Minimum Day**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm
- 16 **Last Ryland's Restaurant of the year**  
7:30 - 8am, Poppy and Bruce Streets
- 16 **Daves Ave Carnival and Talent Show**  
4:00pm, Blacktop
- 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, **Library**
- 29 **School Site Council Meeting**  
3:00pm - 4:00pm, Library

### June

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

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Please plan to join us on **Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30pm for our year-end Open House!** I am witness to the amazing talent of our students on a daily basis. I encourage you to attend our Open House to see the many excellent examples of quality student work. Our students not only achieve at high levels, but are learning the tools necessary to be creative and adaptive in their learning. Please don't miss this chance to celebrate our teachers and students. Also, as our staff prepares for the Open House, please note that **Thursday is a Minimum Day.**

Then, plan to arrive right back at school the next afternoon for our Carnival! **The annual Daves Avenue Carnival is Friday, May 16th from 4PM-8PM.** Families can enjoy our student Talent Show, DJ, Cake Walk, carnival games and prizes, photo-booths, arts & crafts area, and inflatables. Wristbands for \$10 will 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 faire will be available for purchase. To purchase wristbands and dinner in advance, please [click here](#).

Lastly, as you begin to plan for next year, know that the Home & School Club, in partnership with the site, have allocated monies to purchase all back to school supplies - no need to scour Office Depot for those 24 packs of Crayons and Highlighters in every color of the rainbow!

Have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

**Kit Bragg**

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

### Amy Says...

#### CHECK OUT LOST & FOUND!

The Lost and Found is so overflowing with lunch boxes and coats, chances are good your child has left something behind. Please check for lost items next to the school office.

**And Don't Forget - Thursday is a minimum day to allow teachers to prepare for the evening's Open House. We look forward to seeing you there!**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## LAST CHANCE FOR BAKED AWESOMENESS!

**This Friday, May 16th**, will be the last 'Ryland's Restaurant' of the school year! This year, Ryland has raised **over \$500** for Daves Avenue's technology fund and library by selling his amazing baked creations and coffee (graciously donated by Starbucks). Please stop by on your way to school for some breakfast and start your day with a smile!

Hours: **7:30am to 8am**

Location: **Corner of Poppy Avenue and Bruce Street**

## CONGRATULATIONS ON AN AMAZING RACE!

If you were on campus Monday or Tuesday at lunch, you had the treat of experiencing a number of students participating in an amazing race around the world!

The **Daves Avenue FunVisors** would like to Congratulate our winning teams:

### 1st Grade:

#### 1st Place:

Nate Jacobs  
Alex Benadom  
Claire Zehner  
Cameron Burke  
Dylan Jacobs  
Fenton Balfus

#### 2nd Place:

Kayley McDonagh  
Emma Arbitaylo  
Aubrey Glover  
Tallula McDonald

### 2nd & 3rd Grade:

#### 1st Place:

Matias Johnston  
Xander Genske  
Blake Lennan  
Colin Dooley  
Julian Leto

#### 2nd Place:

Trent Splaine  
Angel Mia Nautu  
Tate Cristofano  
Martin Panicacci  
Felicity Panicacci  
Titus Manley

### 4th & 5th Grade:

#### 1st Place:

Lexi Kupor  
Charlie Thompson  
Amelia Petroff  
Caroline Wagner

#### 2nd Place:

Hannah Granger  
Avery Puumala  
Reese Drotar

We would also like to thank all of our Amazing race participants and volunteers - we look forward to seeing you on our next season of the Amazing Race!

## RECOGNIZING GREATNESS!

Daves Avenue staff and administration joined others from across the Los Gatos Unified School District last week to recognize the hard work and dedication of a few of the District's best! We'd like to share with you our Daves Avenue award recipients (pictured here with other Daves staff and administration):

Teacher of the Year: **Jolynn Dariano**

Distinguished Employees:

**Julie Young** 2nd Grade

**Doris Montoya** Health Clerk

**Melissa McDaniel** Night Custodian

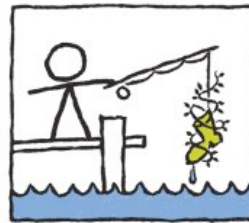


Please join us in congratulating them and the rest of our staff for making Daves Avenue GREAT!

## KINDER CORNERSTONE CORNER

Dear Parents,

In Kindergarten this month, we will read *The OK Book* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. In this book, the OK kid embraces exploring and trying new things, learns from his/her mistakes, and turns "I can't" into "I can".



I'm an OK fisher.



I'm an OK swimmer.

This book encourages and empowers children to discover their own individual strengths and passions. And, by trying new things, being just OK may (with practice) lead to being great.

If you would like more information about the Kinder Project Cornerstone program, please contact me or visit the Project Cornerstone web site at [www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org).

**Claire Nippres**

Project Cornerstone Kindergarten Coordinator

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DAVES AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# CARNIVAL & TALENT SHOW



**IT'S HERE!! THIS FRIDAY!!**

**And Adult Volunteers are still needed!  
Please sign up via your classroom Qlubb**

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](#).

**We will also be selling wristbands after school TODAY (Wednesday) and TOMORROW (Thursday) in front of the office and near the Kinder area.** You can also pick up, fill out and drop off a hard copy form and payment in the office **through Thursday**.

**CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Many 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.

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

## OUR LATEST WALK AND ROLL RAFFLE WINNER IS...

...**Luc Guier** from Mrs Splaine's first grade classroom. Congratulations, Luc! Enjoy your activity bag and thank you very much for participating in our final Walk and Roll event of the school year.



Mrs. Splaine's classroom will now be the official holder of the Golden Sneaker Award until the end of the school year.

Keep walking and rolling. Active kids are healthy kids!

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

## 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:

- Bingo Night Chair
- Assistant Buzz Book Coordinator *filled!*
- Safe Routes to School
- Teacher Appreciation/Birthday Chair *filled!*
- LGEF Co-Captain

## PRESENTING THE NOMINATED SLATE FOR THE H&SC 2014/15 EXECUTIVE BOARD:

President: **Becky Hanson**  
 Vice President: **Nicole Reginelli**  
 Treasurer: **Bianca Gruetter**  
 Assistant Treasurer: **Kim Simon**  
 Secretary: **Kathy Granger**  
 Parliamentarian: **Jeff Milde**  
 Communications Officer: **Jennifer Appleton**

The H&SC will vote to approve this nominated slate at the **May 29th** general club meeting which will be held **in the LIBRARY** (to accommodate graduation practice in the MPR).

Any questions or concerns, please contact [Erica Mittelhauser](#).

Check Out the

[UPDATED Daves Ave H&SC Website!](#)



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

# COMMUNITY BOARD



## LGUSD RANKS LOW IN PER-STUDENT SPENDING

**We are still short of our goal and need your help!**

It is a fact that Los Gatos is second to last in Santa Clara County in terms of state-provided funding for education. While our property taxes and parcel taxes make up part of the difference, **our district relies on contributions from parents, local businesses and community members to fill the gap.**

**Your donations to LGEF fund whole child initiatives like Science, Music, Art, Resources and Technology.**

**We have until June 30<sup>th</sup>, to raise \$900,000 for 2014-2015.**

Currently we are at **\$620,000.**

**Please help us achieve our goal!**



Donate to the Los Gatos Education Foundation  
[www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org)



## Help Wanted!

The Los Gatos Education Foundation is looking for volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year:

- **School Captains**
  - Attend H&SC meetings on behalf of LGEF
  - Coordinate volunteers for the on campus campaign
- **Task Force**
  - Help Captains with campus campaign
  - Or solicit business partners,
  - Or create marketing collateral
- **Board Members**
  - For open positions, please contact **Tom Thimot** at [president@lgef.org](mailto:president@lgef.org) or **Debbie Sacks** at [admin@lgef.org](mailto:admin@lgef.org).

If you are interested in volunteering for LGEF or have any questions about the above positions or responsibilities please contact **Debbie Sacks**, 408-335-2229, [admin@lgef.org](mailto:admin@lgef.org).

[www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org)

## INTERESTED IN CUB SCOUTS?

**For all boys entering 1st - 5th grade  
in Fall 2014**



You are Invited to check out the fun at Daves  
Ave Pack 502!

**Pack Meeting: 7:00-8:30pm Thursday, May  
22nd**  
with [Mad Science of the Bay Area](#)  
**Daves Ave Multi-Purpose Room**

**Pack BBQ: 6:00-8:00PM Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
with Games, Activities & More  
**Oak Meadow Park; Picnic area 5-6**

For More Information Contact:  
[Jeff Milde](#) or [Jean Melax](#)

# COMMUNITY BOARD

## ART DOCENTS ART SALE/FUNDRAISER AT LOS GATOS ART MUSEUM

Docents will hold an art sale and fundraiser at the Los Gatos Art Museum on **May 16-18th** showcasing works by the Art Docents. Additionally, a boutique including prints, cards, bags and jewelry by local artisans will also be presented. A portion of the proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Art Docents of Los Gatos. Also, as part of the fundraiser, a numbered serigraph entitled Cafe Rive Gauche by famed artist, LeRoy Neiman will be offered via silent auction. The event is a family event, free and open to the public. The hours are Friday, May 16, 6-8pm, Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18, 10am-5pm.

Docents are devoted volunteers working to enable our children to create a lasting, personal connection to art. They feed the need for creative expression in our schools. Visit the newly designed website [www.artdocents.com](http://www.artdocents.com) to learn more.



## CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Los Gatos Union School District is seeking applicants for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to ensure bond funds are used in accordance with voter-approved projects. Representatives must be from business, senior citizen and/or taxpayer organizations; a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district; and a parent member of a district support organization.

For more information and an application, visit the home page at [www.lgusd.org](http://www.lgusd.org). The application deadline is **Friday, May 30**.

## 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 by [clicking here](#).

## JOIN DAVES AVENUE GOTR GIRLS and run the 11th Annual Girls on the Run 5K! This Saturday! May 17th, 2014

- 8:00am start
- Paved course in/around Vasona Park in Los Gatos.
- Register online at [www.gotrsv.org/5K\\_run](http://www.gotrsv.org/5K_run)



Participation includes a race T-shirt, award, post-race food, admission to family fun festival and music, and much, much more.

[Leasa Joos](#), Daves GOTR



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](mailto: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.

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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