



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

- 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

Library Luau

Join us for the last H&SC Meeting of the Year!!!

May 29, 2014
8:30am
Daves Library



Everyone is invited!!

Hawaiian Dress is highly encouraged. Tropical Drinks (the energizing kind) will be served

**E ke kamipulu, pehea la kou 'ano
kauka 'ana mai?**
(win a special prize if you can correctly translate this saying!)

Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

The year is rapidly drawing to close. As we run from activity to activity and task to task, I encourage you to reflect on the amazing accomplishments of our students, staff, and parents. As I walked through the classrooms at Open House, I was in awe of the amount of learning that has taken place in classrooms this year. I often contrast examples of student work from the beginning of the year with what is on display in May. I am struck by the progress in ten short months. Congratulations to our students!

I want to recognize the incredible efforts of **Lee Ann Wade** for chairing this year's Carnival. The evening was a great community building event. I spoke to many families who were very complimentary of the food and activities. I saw plenty of smiling faces at the carnival games and inflatable area. A big thank you to **Kristina Schmidt**, as well, for coordinating an outstanding Talent Show.

Lastly, with so many end of the year activities, I look forward to seeing many parents and younger siblings on campus. Remember to check in at the office and keep a hold on the hands of our little visitors. With that, parents, please monitor students after school during pick up. We've have a few near misses at the front lawn during pick-up and have to ask that students stand with parents while waiting for older siblings to dismiss, rather than run and play at the front lawn.

Sincerely,

Kit Bragg

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you Daves Ave Bike Rack Decorators!

You may have noticed that on May 6-7th, our bike racks looked rather decked out. That's because Daves Avenue Elementary School entered into a SR2S bicycle rack decorating contest, open to all SCC schools. While we did not win a spot on the podium, the racks sure looked awesome and the kids had a great time!

I would like to thank all the children that helped decorate the bike racks during their lunch hour and to all the parent volunteers that helped as well.



Donna Leu, Safe Routes to School Chair

Amy Says

Time is Running Out Check the 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.

Daves Ave School H&SC 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
- Safe Routes to School
- LGEF Co-Captain



Daves Avenue GOTR Girls Community Impact Project

Last Thursday, the Dave's Avenue GOTR girls held their community impact project right here on the Dave's campus! All girls chipped in and collected over 12 bags of trash and spent time weeding the flower and shrub beds outside of the MPR. They did this just in time to show off our beautiful campus during Open House and the Carnival. Girls on the Run is so much fun!

Leasa Joos, Daves GOTR



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](#).

SCHOOL NEWS

Cornerstone Corner Thank You Volunteers!

Our sincere THANK YOU to all the volunteers who come on campus to build connections and create positive experiences for our children. Based on Project Cornerstone ideas, we are facilitating "Asset-Building" at school to help children thrive.

The **ABC readers** have been coming into your child's classroom every month to read a story and do a project that teaches and equips the children with "tools" that help them to cope and become more resilient in a wide range of life situations. Thank you, ABC readers! You nurture belonging, trust and a positive, caring environment and make a huge difference in our children's lives.

The **FunVisor program** grew and evolved this year. In its second year, the FunVisor program expanded to four days per week, offering children a variety of activities at lunchtime (we would offer five days but Wednesday is a minimum day!). In addition, we ran four special activities this year: Halloween Scavenger Hunt, Thanksgiving Celebration, Spell For Fun and The Amazing Race, as well as several clay days. These activities were well received by the kids indicated by the bustling activity at all the tables! All of you volunteers are AMAZING and this program would not be possible without your support year round. Thank you for everything you did the entire year on the playground!

We are planning to continue our activities in the new school year and have a couple of new plans too. If you would like to get involved, please contact us.

We wish you a wonderful summer,

Andrea Anderson, Project Cornerstone &
Nicole Reginelli, FunVisor Chair

FunVisors Lunchtime Recess Activities



ABC Lessons and Vocabulary



Thank you to our 2013/14 Cornerstone Readers and FunVisors!

Alex Potts
Alison Markowitz
Andrea Anderson
Andrea Ivarsson
Anne D'Addio
Barb Stevenson
Becky Keady
Bianca Gruetter
Birgit Johnston
Carolin Harnish
Catherine Grabinski
Catrin Anckarman
Christian Guier
Christina Enneking
Claire Nippress

Corrie Freiley
DeEnna Holohan
Ed Dee
Elaine Herzig
Elizabeth Adams
Erica Mittelhauser
Erik Olsen
Flor Handyside
Heather Wright
Heidi Sherry
Jane Lapour
Jean Melax
Jennifer Caukin
Jill Lacher
Jodi Holbrook

Jodi Mendez
Kate Hatton
Katrina Kabral
Kerri DiCicco
Kirsten Grado
Laura Kupor
Laura Murphy-
Wilkins
LeeAnn Wade
Lianne Verheyden
Lilo Campeau
Lisa Christman
Liz Olson
Lori Lennox
Margaret Smith

Melissa Difu
Michelle Conrad
Nava Bernstein
Nelly Cotto
Paige Goddard
Pamela Wilde
Patrice Petroff
Robin Bartkowski
Roxanne Panicacci
Sue Neufeld
Todd Pace
Vivian Gabel

DAVES AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CARNIVAL & TALENT SHOW



Thank You!

Our 38th Annual Daves Avenue Carnival was a huge success! The school yard was filled with kids and their families enjoying an afternoon and evening of fun and games. The Talent Show entertainment was amazing! A big thank you to **Kristina Schmidt** for organizing the Talent Show.

The event wouldn't have been possible without the volunteer efforts of the parents, local school students and the Daves Avenue Carnival Committee Leads who organized the individual booths:

Ticket Sales - **Jill Hourani**

Volunteer Coordinator - **Leah Williams**

Concession Booth - **Karen Giordano**

Prize Booth - **Carolyn Harnish**

Crafts Booth - **Coco Franklin**

Cake Walk - **Robyn Bartkowski**

Green Team - **Lisa Hanson**

Hot Food Booth - **Lee Ann Wade**

A Big Thank You to our Photo Booth Sponsors: **Liv La Vie, Giordano Wealth Management** and **Wade Construction**.

I welcome any questions or comments about the Carnival for next year!

[LeeAnn Wade](#), Carnival Chair

Check Out the
UPDATED Daves Ave H&SC Website!



Like us on Facebook!

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



Thank You for Extra Science!

Thanks to all parents who donated to the Daves Avenue H&SC in 2012-2013, we were able to provide a \$1,000 science grant for each grade level this year:

Kindergarten purchased an incubator so that students could study hatching chicks. Kindergartners counted down the 21 days until a chick hatches, learning each day about how the chick looked inside the egg. Then, over a couple of days, they excitedly watched the chicks hatch in the incubator.

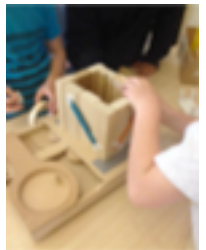


1st grade invited Berkley Hall of Science to do a Slime! workshop. Is slime a solid, a liquid, or a gas...or something in between? Students considered the differences between these phases of matter and discussed their properties. The young scientists measured and mixed liquids, categorized the slimy results, and got to take their colorful concoctions home.

2nd grade purchased Proscope microscopes for the iPad minis. The microscopes work particularly well with still objects and allowed the students to really see the grains of sand during the earth science unit, or the details on a molted mealworm skin in life science studies.

3rd grade purchased two sets of books on plant and animal adaptations. The sets include read aloud books for teacher modeling and numerous sets of six books for small group reading. These are Common Core aligned sets from the Newbridge/Sundance company that supports the Structures of Life unit.

4th grade participated in the Lawrence Hall of Science Earthquake Safety Engineering Lab. Students used shake tables to test the strength of their own designs of simple buildings and bridges. They discovered which materials would bend or break under stress, and they discussed ways to prepare for a severe earthquake in our quake-prone Bay Area.



5th grade participated in a Growing Gardens classroom visit through Walden West, in which students dissected a plant and analyzed each part to see how it helped the plant to grow. They also explored photosynthesis and the transport of sugar, nutrients and water. In addition, 5th graders participated in an in-class Mad Science workshop about body systems.

If you have not yet donated to Daves Avenue H&SC this year, please consider making a donation so we can provide more materials and resources for our children in the 2014-2015 school year. Donations can be made at www.davesavehsc.org.

[Claire Nipress](#), Science Chair

COMMUNITY



Thank you to our Business Partners!

As the year comes to a close, LGEF would like to thank those local businesses who have supported our children through their donations of dollars and/or services or their paid advertisements in the Buzz Book Business Pages. Thank you for your generosity!

If you have a business and would like to advertise in the 2014-15 Buzz Book please contact **Debbie Sacks** at admin@lgef.org.

LGEF Business Partners 2013-14

Those businesses in **boldface** have supported LGEF for more than 5 years.

Alain Pinel Realtors - Jeff Barnett

Alain Pinel - Lisa Sgarlato

The Alarm Company

An Affair 2 Remember

Baskin Robbins, Los Gatos Blvd.

BR Printers

C2 Education

Coldwell Banker- Jennifer Colson

& Kris Kamali

Drs. Escudero and Torres

Eden Housing, Inc.

Erik Swanson Orthodontics

Eye Contact Optometry

Fidelity Investments

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Green Valley Corp.

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Nothing Bundt Cakes

Oak Meadow Dental Center

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Testarossa Winery

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COMMUNITY

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 29th
with Games, Activities & More
Oak Meadow Park; Picnic area 5-6

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

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. 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](#).



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.

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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