



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

- 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
- 12 **LGEF Board Meeting**
8:00pm - 9:30pm, District Office
- 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

- 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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Love it or Loathe it...May is here!

Are you ready to fully engage May? As a parent, May is a double edged sword. It is a crazy time with all of the end-of-year activities. Between School, Scouts, Sports and more, there is literally something going on every single night. It is hard to keep up with it all. If you are not prepared now...better luck next year. For all the craziness that May brings, it is also a fun time with all the activities between School, Scouts, Sports and more. I love it.

While you are mired in May activities, I hope you will take some time to enjoy these final 30 days of the school year. We have a lot to be proud of at Daves Avenue and we should all take the time to celebrate another great year.

One of the best ways to celebrate is to attend our **38th Annual Carnival on Friday, May 16th**. This is our big end of the year event for the whole family. It is something that our kids look forward to every year. More information about the Carnival is in this edition of the Wave.

Please take the opportunity to **volunteer for a job to support this great event**. We have jobs available the day of and we also need more Cake Walk Bakers before the event. Visit your classroom Qlubb today to see the open Carnival positions and/or to sign up as a Cake Walk Baker.

I look forward to celebrating with everyone on May 16th at the Carnival and at our **final Home & School Club meeting on May 29th**.

T minus 30 days and counting!

Always,

Jeff Milde
H&SC President

SCHOOL NEWS

The Amazing Race Comes To Daves Avenue!

Has your child ever wished he or she could compete in the CBS reality TV show, The Amazing Race? Now is their chance!

We are hosting the 1st annual Daves Avenue Amazing Race on **May 12 (1st grade)** and **May 13 (3-5th grades)** during lunchtime. Students will team up and trek "around the world," competing in fun mental and physical challenges.

Prizes for everyone!

Kids can sign up at the FunVisor table the week of **May 5th**.

And of course, we would love some volunteers to help make this day extra fun for the kids. To sign up or questions, email [Birgit Johnston](mailto:birgit.johnston@davesdaves.com).

WALK AND ROLL RAFFLE WINNER

Our latest Walk and Roll raffle winner is...**Delaney DiCicco!** Congratulations! Delaney is in Mrs Young's second grade class which is the official holder of the "Golden Sneaker Award." Keep walking and rolling. Active kids are healthy kids.



Join Daves Avenue GOTR Girls and run the 11th Annual Girls on the Run 5K!

Saturday May 17, 2014

- 8:00am start
- Paved course in/around Vasona Park in Los Gatos.
- Register online at 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.



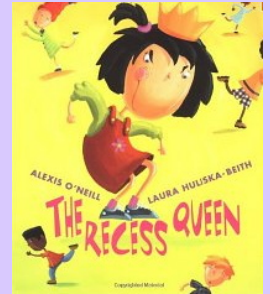
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CORNERSTONE CORNER

Dear Parents,

This month, the ABC readers will come into your child's class one more time to read the final book "The Recess Queen".

Recess Queen is written entirely in rhyme with the text and illustrations capturing the energy of the playground. Just underneath the lighthearted rhyme is the painful reality of bully behaviors that occur while "playing." This book sums up all the ABC tools learned during the past year and provides the great opportunity to:



- Remind youth of the power UPstanders have to create a more caring climate on the playground
- Reinforce friendship skills
- Practice peaceful conflict resolution skills

These 3 skills empower youth to practice the lifelong skills necessary to choose how to react when they see and hear bullying behaviors.

We believe that at Daves there is a lot of positive playful interaction going on. Our team of FunVisors has had a big impact on providing a safe and joyful recess environment.

If you notice or know about any bullying behavior, please talk to your child about it and encourage them to join the FunVisors at recess. Encourage children to share their concerns. Ask your child about the tools they learned in their ABC lessons to cope with bullying situations.

Andrea Anderson, Project Cornerstone

Lost & Found Check it out

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.

Lunch boxes! Sweatshirts! Coats! Water bottles! Jackets!

DAVES AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CARNIVAL & TALENT SHOW



Adult Volunteers 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](#).

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.

BAKERS NEEDED

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

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

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**.

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

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
- Safe Routes to School
- Teacher Appreciation/Birthday Chair
- LGEF Co-Captain

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



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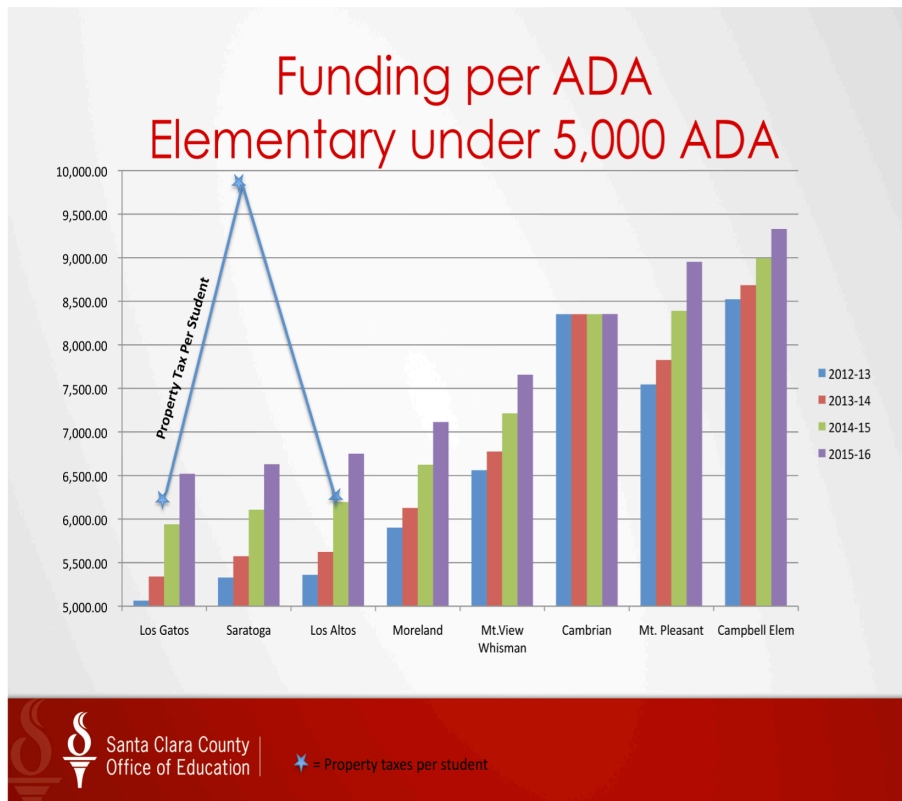
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COMMUNITY BOARD



LGUSD Ranks Low in Per-Student Spending

Even with the state's new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Prop 30, plus our local parcel tax and current parent donations, Los Gatos will be the lowest funded district in Santa Clara County. Local districts (similar to Los Gatos) that are not eligible to receive greater state/federal funding either have much higher property tax revenue (Saratoga: \$10,000/child) or higher parcel taxes (Los Altos: \$2,100/child).



Los Gatos is almost totally dependent upon local community support (through LGEF and the H&SCs) to ensure that our children have a well-rounded education that includes science, music, art, counseling and technology.

If you have not yet donated to the Los Gatos Education Foundation, please consider a donation to support the following 2014-2015 programs:

- 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).



We have until June 30th, to raise \$900,000 for 2014-2015.

Currently we are at \$600,000.

Please help us achieve our goal!

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

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 to learn more.



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**
 - Please come to the Board Meeting on May 19th to learn more about open positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

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.

www.lgef.org

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

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.**



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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