



# 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

### September

- 10 **H&SC Chair and Coordinator Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 10 **Art Docents Open House** 9am, 17000 Roberts Road
- 10 **Moms' Night Out** 7-8:30pm, Handyside Residence
- 14 **LGEF Board Meeting** 7pm, District Office
- 14-18 **Walk & Roll Week**
- 15 **Bike Rodeo**, 8:30 - 11:40am, Blacktop
- 18 **One & Done Deadline for Buzz Books**
- 18 **Family Fun Night**, 5:30pm, Blacktop/Field
- 21 **District Board Meeting - "Daves Showcase"** 6:30pm, District Office
- 26 **Mamma Mia!**, 6pm

### October

- 1 **School Site Council Meeting** 3 - 4pm, Library
- 1 **H&SC Meeting**, 8:30am, MU
- 5 **NO SCHOOL - Teachers Professional Development Day**
- 5 **LGEF Board Meeting** 7pm, District Office
- 6 **ABC Reader Training** 8:30am, Room B
- 8 **Picture Retakes**
- 12 **District Board Meeting** 6:30pm, District Office
- 14 **Math Olympiad Starts**
- 21 **Daves Avenue Fun Walk**  
MU = Daves Multi-Use Room

## President's Letter

Hello Daves Avenue Families!

When I walk the halls of Daves Avenue Elementary School, it amazes me the amount of parent volunteers on campus. Whether you are a chair or a co-chair of an event, a room parent, class room helper or contributing in any other way, I want to say THANK YOU to all of you who volunteer your time and support in making Daves such a special community.

In addition to the wonderful parent community, we have an incredible group of teachers and support staff. They are all dedicated to the enrichment of our children and work hard every day to inspire their young minds! We are grateful for all they do!

The Home and School Club will be sponsoring a variety of community building activities in the next few weeks. **Moms' Night Out** will take place tomorrow night, September 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to reacquaint with friends and meet new Daves' moms, hope to see you there. **Family Fun Night is on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. This is an event for the whole family and one not to be missed! It is such a fun night for the kids and parents and really shows the strength of our community. Please come and bring a picnic dinner or purchase pizza from Oak & Rye and snow cones from Kona Ice (both will have concession booths set up on the school grounds) and then sit back, relax and watch a movie under the stars.

All of this could not be possible if it wasn't for YOU! In order for Daves to continue these traditions and support all these different programs, it takes all of us contributing at any level possible. For those of you who have already completed your ONE and DONE contribution, THANK YOU! If you have not, please follow this link to be [ONE and DONE!](#)

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events!

DAVES ROCKS!  
[Nicole Reginelli](#)  
H&SC President

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Are you ready to Walk and Roll?

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk and Bike to School Week  
September 14-18, 2015**

Get ready to walk, bike, scooter, skateboard or carpool to school during our **Annual Walk & Bike to School Week**. Using active transportation to and from school reduces traffic and pollution around our school. Look for fun activities and incentives at each school and visits from Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police officers.

We are also looking for new team members for Safe Routes to School (SR2S). If you are interested please contact [Donna Leu](#), **Daves Ave SR2S Coordinator**.

## Volunteers Needed to help with the Daves Avenue Bike Rodeo!

**Location:** Daves Avenue School Blacktop  
**Date:** **Tuesday, September 15**  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.



**Available Shifts:**  
**7:00am to 8:00am** (Event Set Up)  
**8:15am to 9:35 am** (12 people)  
**10:30am-11:45am** (12 people)

Volunteers will help 4th grade students learn about bicycle safety and improve their riding skills. Only a few hours of your time are needed and **no** experience is necessary! Volunteers will be trained at the event.

Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/2zB1ws>

For additional details contact Safe Routes to School Parent Coordinator for Daves Avenue, [Donna Leu](#).

## Our FunVisors would like to say Congratulations to September's Estimation jar winners!

Kindergarten: Our estimation jar contained **72 Frogs**. Our winner, with a guess of **71 frogs** is **Henry from Ms. Peattie's classroom 5!**

Grades 1 - 5: Our estimation jar contained **191 rings**. Our winner is **Cameron from Ms. Bonner's classroom 17** who guessed **195 rings!**

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**  
Adults and Fisher students [click here](#) to sign up!

**CONCESSIONS OPEN @ 5:30pm**  
Wood-fired pizza from OAK & RYE  
Shaved ice from KONA ICE

**7:30pm screening of  
Gnomeo & Juliet**



**FREE ADMISSION!!!**

For questions contact:  
[Barbara Black](#) and [Michele Grancell](#),  
Family Fun Night Chairs

Fun with pompoms, pipe cleaners and paper rolls!

## Supplies needed for the FunVisors Creation Station

**The Creation Station** has opened at FunVisors and the students are making many fun projects. To help ensure they don't run out of supplies, please consider donating to the **Creation**



**Station collection bin located in the front office, across from Sue's desk.** We are accepting paper towel and toilet paper rolls, buttons, pipe cleaners, egg cartons, tape, glue, ribbon, cotton balls, q-tips, pom poms, etc.

We will be collecting throughout the year and need as many donations as possible.

Questions? Please contact [Janae Ghaziani](#).



## BUZZ BOOK DEADLINE!

Remember to be One and Done by **September 18th** in order to be guaranteed a Buzz Book! Visit <http://www.davesavehsc.org/one-and-done-2015-16.html> to donate and for more information.

## One and Done Corporate Matching

Many companies may match your donation thereby doubling your contribution! Please [click here](#) to see the list of companies that are known to match, and then contact your HR department. Keep in mind, your company may match and not be on this list or be willing to start a matching program. If your company matches but isn't listed – or if you have any questions – please contact [Kylie Heintz](#).

## Sponsors' Spotlight Mathnasium



**Mathnasium** is a specialized math only Learning Center where students can go year-round to boost their math skills. It is effective, affordable and highly specialized. Our goal is to teach math in a way that makes sense to kids; develop their number sense and mathematical thinking. All Mathnasium students receive one-on-one instruction using a customized learning plan based on the unique needs and goals of each child. We focus on filling in the gaps in your child's mathematical foundations while providing him or her with the help, guidance, and encouragement necessary to tackle what's being taught in school. The results are measurable progress, a renewed sense of confidence, and a positive attitude towards math and learning.

Mathnasium was recognized as one of the winners of Bay Area Parent Magazine's "**Best of the Best**" for 2015 in **Silicon Valley**. The "Best Technology School" was a new category introduced this year, to emphasize the growing focus & our contribution in the field of STEM education.

For further information about our Community Sponsorship program, please contact [Becky Hanson](#) or [Kim Simon](#), Community Sponsorship Program Chairs.

## Free Money for Daves Avenue!

Did you know you could be earning **FREE** money for our school every time you shop? In fact, stores and restaurants that you shop at every day may be giving back a percentage of your bill to Daves Avenue! It only takes a few minutes to sign up and start earning **FREE** money that would otherwise go unclaimed. The best part is, you are already shopping and eating at most of these places...so why not earn money for Daves Avenue at the same time?

There are many ways to shop:

- \* Enroll in **eScrip**. Just register your Debit and Credit Cards. Select Daves Avenue as the school that should receive the contribution. [Click here](#) to register now
- \* **eScrip Online Mall** allows you to earn money while shopping at popular stores such as Macy's, Nordstrom, Toys R Us and so many more...[Click here](#) and go shopping!
- \* **eScrip Dining**, earns up to 5% at participating restaurants. <http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/>
- \* Shop on **Amazon** through the Daves Avenue link you can find on our Free2Me website: <http://www.davesavehsc.org/free2me.html>
- \* Shop at **Target** and use your REDcard. You can select Daves Avenue as your organization of choice.
- \* Shop at **Office Depot**. Mention Daves Avenue at checkout.
- \* Shop at **Vardy's Jewelers** in Cupertino. Vardy's has generously offered to give a percentage of in store and custom design sales back to Daves.

[Nina Kulick](#) , Free2Me Chair

## Tomorrow is Moms' Night Out!



We can't wait to see all the ladies who have registered for Moms' Night Out! Be prepared for a night of cocktails, food, raffles and fun (and a special surprise guest).

**When:** Thursday, September 10th, 2015, 7pm  
**Where:** The Handyside Residence - 17401 El Rancho Avenue, Monte Sereno

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

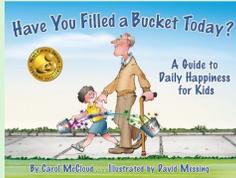
## Cornerstone Corner

Dear parents!

This month, your child's ABC readers will start reading in the classroom as part of Project Cornerstone's ABC reader program. ABC stands for **Asset Building Champions** and is a repeating three year cycle of books and themes to grow our children into resilient UPstanders based on the [40 developmental assets by the Search Institute](#).

This year, our

**1st - 5th graders** are starting with year one again with the well known book



"Have You Filled a Bucket Today? - A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids" by Carol McCloud. The bucket represents a child's mental and emotional health. We will teach the children three ways of increasing and maintaining emotional health by learning the **three laws of bucket filling**:

### 1. Be a bucket filler

When your bucket is full, you feel more confident, secure, calm, patient, and friendly. Your thoughts are positive and you expect positive results. When your bucket is overflowing, you experience an intense happiness that can spread to those around you. Bucket filling is contagious - you spread the happiness you feel in yourself!

### 2. Don't dip

When your bucket is empty it contains few, if any, positive thoughts or feelings. You easily become sad, negative, insecure, nervous, angry, depressed, stressed, worried, afraid, or physically ill.

Negative life events and careless or even cruel words and behavior of others can affect the happiness in your bucket. Making fun of someone, saying or doing unkind things, refusing to help or intentionally being disrespectful are examples of bucket dipping.

### 3. Use your lid

Because your bucket represents your emotional and mental health, it is extremely important that you learn to protect the good thoughts and feelings you've collected. The lid represents a mental shield against anything that would dip into your bucket.

Practicing using your lid will help you build the necessary resilience to work through life's challenges. Using your lid can only be a temporary protection

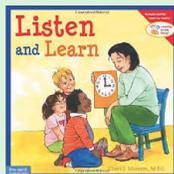
as you also stop your bucket from being filled when you use your lid. With the children, we will explore ways to fill buckets, look at examples what constitutes bucket dipping and train to trust our intuition when it is time to use our lids to protect ourselves from dipping.

The messages from this book are universally important to adults and kids. We invite you to use our Cornerstone Lingo to refer to these concepts with your kids. Keep the communication open! The bucket filler book is one of the main foundations for this year. Have you spotted the bucket in the MU at school?

To build developmental assets, we must create "**thousands of moments in the life of a child when they feel valued, respected and known**". Let's be intentional about bucket filling! It's contagious in a good way!

[Andrea Anderson](#) for [Project Cornerstone's](#) ABC readers

This month, our **Kindergarteners** read *Listen and Learn* by Cheri J. Meiners. Listen and Learn teaches children **what**



listening is, **why** it's important to listen and **how** to listen. The book discusses ways to listen in a positive manner and what to do when someone doesn't listen to you.

**Please ask your children to share what they learned about listening:**

- What body parts we use to listen? (Body, eyes and ears)
- How do you use your body to listen? (Stay quiet so everyone can hear.)
- How do you use your eyes to listen? (To watch the speaker and see what he or she is doing.)
- How do you use your ears to listen? (To listen to the speaker's words and ideas.)

We encourage you to model the same listening skills and use the same vocabulary to discuss listening at home. At home when someone is talking, model using your body,

making eye contact and waiting until the speaker is done speaking to ask a question or make a comment. Notice, name and celebrate, when your child uses good listening skills. Give them positive comments like "I like the way you're keeping your body still while you listen to me" or "I like the way that you're watching your father while he's talking."

You will get a letter home when your child's ABC reader has read and done their project in class. For further questions on Kinder Cornerstone, please contact [Heather Wright](#) or [Lani Harr](#).

# DISTRICT NEWS



## It Takes Two - To Make A Great Education

Donate to [LGEF.org](http://LGEF.org) and [Daves H&SC](http://Daves H&SC) Today!

I hope by now that your kids are back into the routine of the new school year and are enjoying all the new challenges that a new grade brings.

The representatives from LGEF enjoyed meeting many of you at back-to-school night. We appreciate the feedback from so many of you that night who found our compelling [new video](#) on school funding informative. It is surprising how underfunded our schools are and how our property taxes are spent!

As you may know, Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD) is one of the highest performing K-8 districts in the State of California. This is despite the fact that property taxes and federal/state revenues only cover about 75% of the cost of educating our children. That has meant that the District simply cannot afford programs in Music, Art, Science, and Counseling, all of which are funded in whole or in part by LGEF.

As parents, we need to not only keep these programs strong for our children's futures, we need to take things to the next level. We've got good, very good, but what we need for our children to succeed is GREAT.

If everyone in our school district invested \$50 per month in their child's success, we could start introducing programs like smaller class sizes, Global Leadership, Application Development or whatever programs we felt was necessary to make the greatest kids possible and allow them to discover their passions.

\$50 per month/ \$1.67 per day—less than the cost of a cup of black coffee—could literally change your child's life. Please join me and the hundreds of LGUSD parents who have already made this 2015-2016 school year investment. [Click here](#) to invest online or send a check to LGEF at the address above.

Over the next few weeks, our Campus Captains will be reaching out to parents at every campus and we look forward to meeting and speaking with you. Our Campus Captains are all volunteers and parents, like you, who care about our children's education – Kate Hatton at Blossom Hill, **Kristin Owens at Daves Avenue**, Erik Iversen at Lexington, Tom Thimot at Louise Van Meter, and Claire Nipress at RJ Fisher.

Please don't put this off until later. Do it now. If not you, who? If not now, when?

As we say at LGEF: Let's Be Great! Together, We Educate.

**Nick Goddard**  
LGEF President

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## It Takes Two!

**Q: What does a \$50-a-month donation to LGEF get you?**

A: Totally great Science, Music, Art and Counseling programs for your child.



(that breaks down to less than a daily cup of coffee!)

Keep our programs strong!

Donate Today at [LGEF.org](http://LGEF.org)



### *Mrs. Martin's Art Lessons*

Please visit Mrs. Martin's Art blog at:

[http://](http://www.mrsmartinartclass.blogspot.com/)

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for updates on what is happening in your students art classroom, student artwork from across the district and parent child activities that connect to each lesson!

*LGUSD Elementary Art Program*

*is funded by LGEF*

# DISTRICT NEWS

Dear Daves Avenue Families:

This past Spring, Los Gatos Union School District students in grades 3-8 took the 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), also known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment, which included a new test in English language arts/literacy and Mathematics. These new, online assessments have replaced former tests in these subject areas to provide better information to educators and parents about student mastery of the Common Core Standards. The scores should not be compared to results from the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program tests in these subject areas. Because this is the first year that all California students in grades 3–8 and 11 are taking these new tests, your child's overall scores should be viewed as a basis from which to compare his/her performance in future years.

The District has not yet received the student reports from the state. It is my hope we will be able to mail the student reports this month. I will provide periodic updates, as I know more regarding the receipt of the student reports. While waiting to receive student reports from the state, please take a look at this link and familiarize yourself with the new score reports.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/caaspp15rpttalkpts.asp>

To ensure continuous improvement, teachers and grade level teams have started the process of analyzing the test results of the students they taught last year, as well as their incoming students' scores. Next steps include looking at data for cohorts of students and developing goals that are aligned to the district's Strategic Plan in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics and science.

Warmly,

**Kit Bragg**

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary



## Curriculum and Instruction News and Updates



### Tips for Understanding your student's CAASPP Score Report

As we await the receipt, from the state, of your child's individual score reports for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) also known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC), here are some tips you might think about as you look at your child's report:

- No student, parent or teacher should be discouraged by this year's scores because there are major changes in the new state assessments and everyone is learning the new system. Scores will not be used to determine whether a student moves on to the next grade.
- Remember the new state assessments are a check-in at a particular point in time.
- Do not compare your child's score report on the new state assessments to scores on previous state assessments. The new tests are too fundamentally different from the old exams to make any reliable comparisons between old scores and new. **This year's results will establish a new baseline for the progress students will make over time.**

An online video to help parents and guardians understand the CAASPP Student Report can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rccw8Jyr3k0>. In addition if you are interested in knowing more regarding the grade level assessment your child took last spring or will take in spring 2016 please view the associated parent guides at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/sbparentgde35.pdf> (for grades 3-5) or <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/sbparentgde68.pdf> (for grades 6-8).

The implementation of the new, more rigorous state assessments is an exciting and important step to provide your child with the highest quality education. Thank you for being our partners in the education of your child.

For more information regarding your child's academic progress please contact your child's teacher.

# COMMUNITY BOARD

## Art Docents Open House September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am

### Do you love art?

Come to the Art Docents of Los Gatos Open House to learn about volunteering as an Art Docent in Los Gatos elementary school classrooms. Active members are asked to complete four art appreciation presentations per month, approximately a 30- minute commitment per presentation. Art Docents also participate in a range of social activities such as museum field trips and small fundraisers. Training is on Thursdays for 10 weeks. For more information visit [www.artdocents.com](http://www.artdocents.com) or call (408) 335-2366.

### What:

Open House for prospective volunteers

**When:** Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** 1700 Roberts Road, Los Gatos (on right hand side of driveway into District Office)

**Time:** 9am to 10:30am

**Other:** Training will be held for 10 weeks on Thursdays from 9-11:30am beginning September 17th



Attention families of all boys  
entering Grades 1 – 5;

## Cub Scout Pack 502 Parent Orientation Tonight!

Please join us in the Daves Multi-Use Room at 7 pm tonight for a brief meeting and introduction to Scouting. Complete your registration, meet the den leaders and learn more about planned events for the year. Bring the whole family so that all children can enjoy organized games with the Scouts during the meeting.

Got any questions now? Send them to [info@cubs502.org](mailto:info@cubs502.org) or find more information at [www.cubs502.org](http://www.cubs502.org).

## A Warm Welcome!

Last week, Daves hosted its annual Newcomers Meeting to welcome and inform families who are new to our school. If you see any of these people on campus, please help to make them feel welcome and included. If you are new to Los Gatos and Daves Avenue and couldn't make it to the meeting, please reach out to [Barbara Black](#) and/or pick up an information pack in the office.



We hope you are all off to a great start and enjoy your time at Daves!

## Community Service Opportunity

Do you have a middle or high school student who is looking for community service hours? The Los Gatos United Soccer league is holding it's annual Family Fun Day on **Saturday, September 19th** at Van Meter Elementary and is looking for volunteers from 9-11am and 11am-1pm. If interested, please email [lianne.verheyden@gmail.com](mailto:lianne.verheyden@gmail.com).



Are you a H&SC Committee Chair, Daves Teacher or Administrator, or Community 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](mailto: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.

## Questions or concerns?

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