

The Avenue  
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## **Principal's Message**

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

As I sat among the redwood trees with our 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Science Camp this morning, I soaked in the rays of sunshine and the youthful giggles while naturalists engaged students in a wide range of camp songs. I am grateful for experiences like these, but to be truthful, every day at Daves Avenue is such a gift. Your children are simply spectacular! As the season of gratitude is upon us, I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your commitment to education and generous contributions to support our school.

On behalf of the Daves Avenue Staff, we wish you and your family a Thanksgiving filled with laughter and love.

Grateful,  
[Jenna Mittleman - jenna.mittleman@lgusd.org](mailto:jenna.mittleman@lgusd.org)  
Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

## **Los Gatos Education Foundation**

\$200 Matching Grant Ends November 22nd

Here is an easy way to support your school, your teachers, and your child. For a limited time, local business, Hall & Burnett Orthodontics, will add \$200 to every \$800 donation\* to LGEF. (\*up to \$12,000 in matching funds).

Your donation funds essential teachers and staff in literacy, math, PE, health, STEM, counseling, and much more. Visit the LGEF site for a complete list for your school

But hurry! The matching grant ends on November 22, 2019  
Donate today at [www.lgef.org](http://www.lgef.org).

## **Cornerstone Corner**

November's Character Trait: Caring

This month, Asset Building Champion (ABC) readers in grades 1-5 read the book *The Day You Begin*, by Jacqueline Woodson. In the book we meet children who feel like outsiders or different from their peers. Although she feels alone, we see Angelina bravely open up and share her stories. In doing so, she makes connections to her peers and finds friendship.

Our Daves Ave Cool Cats are discussing what inclusion *looks* like, such as smiling, saying "hi" and inviting classmates to join during recess play. We are also focusing on what inclusion *feels* like in our hearts. Students are discussing how to celebrate their uniqueness, find commonalities, and create an inclusive community where every voice counts. Students are continuing to practice intentional acts of kindness and filling buckets. We encourage parents to continue the dialogue at home.

For additional information about Project Cornerstone please visit:  
[www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org)

Questions? Please contact Jessie Geis and Michele Grancell,

Project Cornerstone Co-Chairs @ Daves:  
[cornerstone@davesavehsc.org](mailto:cornerstone@davesavehsc.org)

## **Parenting Continuum**

Parenting Continuum is excited to present our third educational event of the school year.

### **SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER**

**Do you worry about your child's presence in the digital world? Are you sometimes concerned about their mental health and wellbeing?...**  
For many of us, this is becoming more and more a reality. Join Parenting Continuum to view the film ***Screenagers Next Chapter*** - an award-winning film depicting the struggles over social media. The film was created to help youth become emotionally agile, communication savvy and stress resilient. Learn solutions to help our kids navigate the digital world.

**Location: Fisher MPR**

**Date: Thursday, December 5th**

**Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm**

**For: Parents of K-12 students. Admission is free.**

For more information, please see the event flyer at:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/380890a3701/6db6c52b-5a3c-478b-85c1-a1a5c6de8632.pdf>. Copies are also available in the front office.

**Please sign up at**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49a5ae2baaf94-screenagers>

## **Picture Retake Day**

Are you not completely satisfied with your child's school picture? Did your child miss picture day?

Just bring your child's picture package to school on December 5th and they can be retaken.

We are also requesting 2 volunteers to help out. If you're available, please talk to Amy or Sue in the front office.

## **Cool Cats Spirit Week!**

Daves Avenue Spirit Week is December 9th - 13th.

Monday, December 9th: Patriotic Day

Tuesday, December 10th: Mustache Day

Wednesday, December 11th: Cool Cat Day

Thursday, December 12th: Holiday Day

Friday, December 13th: Sports Day

For more information on each day, please see this [Spirit Week Flyer](#).

## **Sponsor Spotlight**

### **Sanco Pipelines**

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## **Special Thank You**

A Special Thank you goes out to the Daves Avenue Families for the generous candy donations. In total, Daves collected 191 pounds of candy for the organization, Operation Independence.

From,  
Gigi Harrell  
Daves Ave Health Clerk

## **Calendar**

### **THE WEEK**

**Monday 11/25 - Friday 11/29 - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL**