

The Avenue
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Greetings Daves Avenue Families,

“Service Before Self” was the theme of a school-wide assembly this morning. Currently, we are lucky to be partnered with three community organizations that provide our Cool Cats an opportunity to support those less fortunate during this holiday season.

Opportunity 1 (District Wide Service Project)- Second Harvest Food Bank delivered several barrels which are located in our school entryway. Students will be sent home with Second Harvest Food bags where they can collect non-perishable donations such as: meals in cans, tuna, canned meats, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables. Please no glass jars for safety purposes.

Opportunity 2 (Grade Level Service Project)- All 4th Grade Cool Cats are participating in a service project in partnership with Life Moves which is a nonprofit organization committed to ending the cycle of homelessness in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Bake sales will take place on December 10th and December 12th in the front of school and also on the Poppy side. Hope to see you there!

Opportunity 3 (School Wide Service Project)- Daves Avenue has partnered with Downtown Streets Team to help achieve our Student Council Community Goal of creating 600 hygiene kits. Helping ALL students better understand how compassion is empathy in action is our priority. We believe that through our words, items, and actions, we can make a difference. Mr. Pablo, Case Manager from Downtown Streets, was our guest speaker today who gently informed students of the realities of homelessness. During his presentation, our student's minds and hearts were captured by the daily realities of those less fortunate. All items donated must be new and unused. On December 18th, all classes will be helping to assemble these kits. This is a meaningful way for you and your child to contribute to those in our community.

Please use the grade-level links below to sign up to donate items and/or volunteer to help assemble the Downtown Streets hygiene kits:

[**TK/Kinder**](#)
[**1st Grade**](#)
[**2nd Grade**](#)
[**3rd Grade**](#)
[**4th Grade**](#)
[**5th Grade**](#)

Thank you in advance for your support. Together, I know that our mantra of #DavesDelivers comprised of words, actions, and items can have a profound impact.

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

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.

Students in Action!

This week we are featuring several girls from Girl Scout Brownies Troop #60371! These 3rd grade students worked on service projects that included making cards for the military, and making braided fleece dog toys and toilet paper roll cat toys. The animal toys were donated to the Silicon Valley Pet Project and the San Jose Animal Care Center. Thank you girls for being terrific Students in Action!

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](#).

Safe Routes to School

SR2S TIP #3: Texting while walking can be as dangerous and texting while driving.

Texting while walking is distracting! It makes it harder to judge traffic gaps, it makes you less aware of your surroundings and the people around you, and you're more likely to make poor decisions while doing so.

For more information on texting while walking and how to take control of it, visit

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/13/technology/personaltech/distracted-walking-twalking.html>

Sponsor Spotlight

Kim Richman Team

Kim Richman is a Silicon Valley native and has been expertly serving and selling residential real estate in the area for over 25 years. As a consistent top producer and a leader in the industry, she specializes in being a Master Certified Negotiation Expert and has a professional background in property preparation and interior design. She's been recognized for many accomplishments over the years and was named as a Top 1% Agent in Santa Clara County and America's Best Real Estate Agents by RealTrends from 2014-2019. Visit www.kimrichmanteam.com.

Calendar

THE WEEK

Thursday 12/5 - Picture Retakes

Thursday 12/5 - Victor Pacini "Be Seen and Heard" Assembly

Thursday 12/5 - Parenting Continuum: "Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER", 6:30pm, Fisher MPR

Saturday 12/7 - Annual Los Gatos Christmas Parade, 11am, Downtown

Monday 12/9 - 5th Grade Concert, 1:50pm, MPR

Monday 12/9 - Friday 12/13 - Cool Cats Spirit Week