

The Avenue
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Hello Daves Avenue Families,

Today we celebrate 100 days of school! During your dinnertime conversation this evening, consider prompting your child to share their successes so far this year. Successes include academic gains as well growth in executive functioning which can include getting dressed and packing lunches and/or backpacks independently and arriving to school on time. These first grade boys, Grey Gardner, Ryan Berris, Cerick Khetani, and Jordan Mayder wore their 100 day crowns proudly during recess today.

On Monday, I introduced The Great Kindness Challenge (GKC) which is a global campaign promoting kindness in schools. The California Department of Education and State Superintendent, Tony Thurmond, are also cheerleading the need for student health and safety. This proactive anti-bullying campaign is aimed to promote a culture of kindness where acceptance, unity, and respect are core characteristics. Examples of kind acts include sitting with a new group of students at lunch, smiling at 25 people, picking up trash outside of school, eating a healthy snack, making a wish for a child in need, and creating your own kind deed. If you haven't seen your child's Great Kindness Challenge checklist, ask them! Attached is the TK-2 challenge and the 3-5 challenge. The goal is to complete as many acts of kindness by Friday. Once your child turns in the checklist to

their classroom teacher, I will be compiling the data of the number of students who participated in kinds acts at Daves Avenue. Kindness matters!

In unity,

Jenna Mittleman - jmittleman@lgusd.org

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

Message from the District Nurse

Los Gatos Union School District is working closely with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and Santa Clara County Office of Education with regards to the recent identification of the coronavirus. We have posted [information and frequently asked questions](#) on the District website located at lgusd.org

The CDC has reported 2 cases in southern California. To date, there are no confirmed cases in Santa Clara County.

The Public Health Department also has a webpage dedicated to this virus and will be updated as more information is identified. You may also use this as a reference as needed:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx>

Feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns.

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Family Bingo Night

DAVES AVENUE
ANNUAL FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th
DAVES MPR
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

Event Entry is FREE!
Bingo cards are \$2 each, payable at the door. Cash only!

Family Bingo Night is a fun evening of bingo, pizza and socializing for all ages. Come hang out, eat a treat and win a prize playing the riveting bingo game!

Registration and Food Pre-Order

Please visit www.davesavehsc.org/bingo-night to register yourself and the number of people in your group. Even if you are not ordering dinner, we would still appreciate your RSVP! To ensure your family is well fed and ready to play, PRE-ORDER pizza and salads. A variety of large pizzas and salads are available. Pizzas are provided by Pizza My Heart, and come cut into 8 slices.

Pizza slices, drinks and snacks will also be available for purchase at the event, but quantities will be limited. Please pre-order by February 7th if you plan to have dinner at the event to avoid disappointment.

Baked Goods Donations Needed!

Do you make a fabulous cupcake, cookie, brownie, or krispy treat? Please consider donating a dozen (or more!) for Family Bingo Night. Thank you! Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/qaUrxQn>

FISHER MS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT [LANI HARR](#)

2020 Cool Cat Auction

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
2020 COOL CAT AUCTION
MORE INFO COMING SOON....

The Play: Hot Rod - Cruisin' Back to the 1950s

Let's cruise back to the 1950s and see how the best street racer, Peggy Sue, moves to have aspirations to go to college. Her sister needs some help and one last race will make or break her college bound decision. Along the way, they stumble upon some trouble that puts some grease monkey trouble in the way. She brings her sister, old friends, and new friends together to help her build a car for her last race. Come see students from Blossom Hill, Daves Avenue, Lexington, and Van Meter perform this exciting show.

All shows are performed at Blossom Hill Elementary.

Buy Tickets at: <http://www.seatyourself.biz/blossomhill>

View Performance Schedule by Cast and other Play information at:
<https://hsc.blossomhill.org/the-play.html>

Yearbook Orders

Don't be slow. Hurry and purchase the Daves Avenue Yearbook. Each yearbook order includes two free totally customizable pages. Add your own photos and memories. Need more pages? Each additional customizable 2 pages is \$0.99.

To order a yearbook, visit www.treering.com/validate.
Enter your school's passcode: 1015597638844747

Regular price is \$23.31 not including tax where applicable.
Deadline to order is April 15.

NOTE

If you are eligible for a free yearbook through your Dollars for Daves donation, you should have already received a separate email with your own unique order link. If you have not received that email, or if you are not sure about your eligibility, please contact TreeRing support at (877) 755-8733 or support@treering.com.

FunVisors

The FunVisors Team Needs You!

Could you commit to just once a month (6 shifts)? If so, please email us so we can coordinate the day(s). We would like to start off the new year

strong. We are currently short on volunteers to make our wonderful program grow and thrive for our kiddos. The excitement and smiles of students coming to FunVisors is priceless.

We offer a variety of activities such as bottom scooters, jump ropes, bubbles, carnival games , painting, arts and crafts, Legos and MORE! We are also those extra eyes and ears on the playground/lunch area to assist the kiddos where needed. The purpose of the FunVisor program is that ALL kids have an activity to enjoy during lunch.

The program is offered every day except Wednesday.

Volunteer time: 11:45 am – 1 pm

Volunteer schedule: Super flexible. You can participate as much or as little as you'd like.

Please join the FUNVisor team to help us enhance the caring environment at school.

Consider signing up [HERE](#).

Volunteers needed especially on Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

For any questions and more information about the program.

Contact: Rachel Ruggiero & Christina Rapisura

(indigofamily1@gmail.com)

THANK YOU!

Cornerstone Corner

January's Character Trait: Empathy

In December and January, Asset Building Champion (ABC) readers in grades 1-5 read the book *The Blue Day Book for Kids*, by Bradley Trevor Greive. This book uses kid-friendly and often silly photographs of animals to describe a range of relatable emotions.

One of Project Cornerstone's goals is for students to have more self-awareness and tools to identify and name their feelings. All emotions, including blue emotions such as lonely and sad, are normal and temporary. When we recognize our emotions, there are things we can do to change direction and improve our mood. The Blue Day Book for Kids shares useful tips and tools to turn a blue day into a new day. Many kids feel an improvement in their mood after getting outside and moving their body. Many kids also benefit from breathing techniques, journaling, creating art, and unstructured play. Parents, we encourage you to role model naming and sharing your own emotions with your kids, and show empathetic listening when kids share their own. We are proud of our Daves Ave Cool Cats growing their empathy for others and continuing to develop their emotional awareness.

For additional information about Project Cornerstone please visit:

www.projectcornerstone.org

Questions? Please contact Jessie Geis and Michele Grancell,

Project Cornerstone Co-Chairs @ Daves: cornerstone@davesavehsc.org

Social Media Teen Panel

Parents, you are cordially invited to attend a Social Media Teen Panel titled, "Notes to My Middle School Self" on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, from 9:00-10:30 A.M. at Harker School. Common Sense Media will be hosting a moderated teen panel discussion on the good, the bad, and the realities of the social media landscape. Hear firsthand from a panel of teens (including some of our very own Fisher Middle School 8th grade students)

about their experiences with social media and their hard-earned advice for parents. Learn why kids love social media, where they can run into trouble, and how parents can help them manage. Please RSVP as soon as possible!

RSVP at:

<https://support.commonsensemedia.org/event/notes-to-my-middle-school-self/e261990>

View Event Flyer at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hR2djlqb9A0ZEIeI4SYafnihaRyY_4jc/view?usp=sharing

From Food Services

To access the Parent-Child Nutrition Survey, Click [HERE](#)
To view the Future Chefs Cooking Competition Flyer, Click [HERE](#)

Sponsor Spotlight

Oak Tree Children's Club

Oak Tree Children's Club has been a ministry of First Baptist Church since 1983. Oak Tree has and will continue to provide a safe and secure environment for students of Daves Avenue to grow, play, and interact with each other. Please visit Oak Tree's website for more information:

www.oaktreelg.com

Calendar

THE WEEK

Friday 1/31 - Hot Rod Play Performances Begin

Monday 2/3 - (2020-2021) Kindergarten Registration Packets Available

Wednesday 2/5 - [Social Media Teen Panel](#), 9:30am, Harker School

Wednesday 2/5 - K-Kids Meeting, 12:20pm, Room 27

Friday 2/7 - H&SC Meeting #4, 8:30am, MPR