

The Avenue
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Bingo Night and Carpool to School Day were great successes this week. Your participation, energy and involvement helped to make these events memorable for all! Hopefully your family had a chance to watch this year's musical, *Hot Rod!* The music, costumes and staging were exceptional while the combined casts from Blossom Hill, Van Meter, Lexington, and Daves Avenue, exemplified the talent and unity that exists in Los Gatos Union School District. Way to shine! Thank you to the producers and parent volunteers who helped to make this production a success.

Congratulations to our new Spring Student Council Officers! Abby Nelson elected as President, Emma Dragonetti elected as Vice President, and Milli Perroud elected as Secretary. Their leadership will be instrumental in coming months as we work towards achieving our 3 Student Council Goals: Community Goal, School Goal, and Student Goal. When Cool Cats unite, anything is possible!

Another congratulations is in order for Mr. Ben Horwath and Mrs. Weiwei Gu for being recognized as extraordinary volunteers at the Junior League of San Jose this afternoon. Ben and Weiwei lead the Champions of Math after school program which is aimed to further develop 4th and 5th grade

math skills, expose students to practical mathematical applications, and create an environment for collaborative problem solving in an exciting way. On behalf of the Daves Avenue community, we thank you for your leadership and gift of time!

Keeping our Cool Cats healthy remains a priority! Children may not attend school if they have a fever of 100.0 degrees or greater. They must be fever free for 24 hours without any medication before returning to school. An absence for an illness of three consecutive days or more requires a note from a physician before a child is able to return to school. Thank you for doing your part to help our community stay healthy.

Finally, please remember that there is no school next week, February 17-21. If you are staying local, I wish you sunshine and relaxation. If you are leaving town, safe travels!

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

P.S. Don't forget to purchase your tickets to Tropic Nights soon as the ticket prices increase in March! This year's Cool Cat Auction will be on April 18th at The Palms in Los Gatos. Hope to see you there!

Cool Cat Auction 2020

Stay Palm and Carry on at the 2020 Cool Cat Auction
Presented by the Daves Avenue Home & School Club

Saturday, April 18th
6:30 - 11:00 pm
The Palms (downtown Los Gatos)

Please visit www.davesavehsc.org/auction for all the details about this tropic-themed fun-filled night that you will NOT want to miss!

Registration Is Now OPEN!

Advance tickets are \$100 per person. Prices will go up in March, so buy your tickets today! Your ticket includes 3 drink tickets per guest followed by cash bar, delicious food, music, and dancing, and a Raffle + Silent & Live Auction featuring can't miss items.*

Purchase tickets at

<https://davesavenueelementary.schoolauction.net/auction2020/homepages/index>

This week's featured can't-miss auction item:

The 49er Faithful Package

Cheer on this year's NFC Champions in style! The 49er Faithful Package includes four lower bowl tickets to a 2020 home game, as well as field passes, parking, and a swag bag. Don't miss out on this golden opportunity, and the many other amazing items and experiences up for auction this year. Proceeds support our school and our kids!

Questions? Contact the auction committee at auction@davesavehsc.org

Authors' Day and Book Fair

Authors Day is Thursday, March 26

On Authors' Day this year, we welcome Eric A. Kimmel (for grades TK/K-2nd) and Wendelin Van Draanen (for grades 3rd-5th). Authors' Day is a school-wide celebration. We were happy to be able to gift a book to every student last year. We hope to make that happen again. But order info must go out, as we continue to work on that! If you want to help, please contact

Mrs. G. Thank you Home and School Club for your continued support of Author's Day

Our Authors' Day Book Sale opens today! Please use the button below to order books by either or both authors, regardless of your child's grade level. Paper order forms are also available in the front office.

The last day to order books is February 28th.

Eric A. Kimmel will visit our TK/K-2nd grades. He wanted to be an author from Kindergarten, when he first discovered that authors make books! He grew up in New York City, and his family history goes back to the Ukraine. *Herschel* and the Hanukkah Goblins and *Anansi* and the Moss Covered Rock are two of his most well known stories. Mr. Kimmel has written an astonishing range of books, many of them folktales, and many humorous versions of folktales. He visits us from Portland: www.ericakimmel.com.

Wendelin Van Draanen visits our 3rd-5th grades. She has been “airborne” speaking to students for twenty years, and written over thirty novels. She has visited Daves multiple times, as every visit is memorable to a new group of students, and her books are worthy of rereads. Kindness and humor are quiet superpowers, and it is rare to see them combined so eloquently. Wendelin grew up in California, and arrived at writing unexpectedly, because fiction allows you to choose history for your characters! www.wendelinvan.com

Both authors' books are assembled in our library to share (thank you bookmobile and SCCL for this huge assist!). Students should prepare for Authors' Day by reading as much as they can. We've made the books physically accessible at Daves' library. Most of Mr. Kimmel's works are picture books, and students will hear several in class and at the library. Wendelin Van Draanen's novels make outstanding family read-alouds. See the Authors' Day link for details, or ask Mrs. G, who has read them all to

better advise. Mrs. G is hopeful that many 4th-5th graders will choose to read them all too!

Suggestions? Questions? Please come to the library or email [Mrs. G!](#)

Authors' Day Webpage: www.davesavehsc.org/authorsday

Order Books Link: www.davesavehsc.org/book-sale

Authors' Day FAQs: www.davesavehsc.org/book-sale-faqs

Book Fair Begins Friday, February 28!

Book Fair will begin on Friday, February 28th and will run all through Conference Week, March 2nd-6th. Please stop by to browse the latest selection and stock up for summer reading! Non-school hours tend to be the least crowded and offer more casual viewing. Most days during Book Fair, the library will be open until 6pm.

On both Friday, February 28th and Wednesday, March 4th the library will stay open late until 9pm to accommodate later shoppers.

Green Team

During these past few weeks we've been busy. We had our second Trash Free Tuesday(TFT) and played EPA supported eco-games including crossword puzzles, mystery-solving and word games, and also outdoor games which taught the kids how various food chains work and are impacted by plastic contamination and pesticides.

On Tuesday, February 25th, we will have our next Trash Free Tuesday and we look forward to more kids learning how to pack trash free lunches and sort their trash more effectively...and win prizes! For more information on How To Pack a Trash Free Lunch visit

<https://davesavehsc.org/uploads/3/5/0/5/35050671/trashfreelunch-howto.pdf>.

There are still many exciting things coming up, like growing our gardens, and collaborating with other schools in preparation for Earth Week (April 19-25th).

Check out this guide on Organic Ways to Control Garden Pests:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ab98b25d0-a603-4a0e-91db-6d404e732a11>

Kids are still joining and having a great time, so click here to register:
<https://davesavehsc.org/grades-of-green-registration.html>

LGEF

Double Your Donation! LGEF is at 91% but still short \$93,000. Fortunately generous local business UBS Financial Services has stepped forward to match your donation. So you can ensure our children have access to the teachers and staff they need. But hurry! This matching grant ends February 15th! Donate at www.lgef.org.

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.

LGUSD Community

The Town would like to invite the LGUSD community to provide input in the upcoming various bike and pedestrian improvement projects. The bike and pedestrian projects are a part of our new public engagement initiative, Connect Los Gatos.

Connect Los Gatos is aimed at making it easier and safer for all to bike and walk in Los Gatos!

Upcoming Community Meetings

Los Gatos Creek Trail to Highway 9 Trailhead Connector

When: Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Town Chambers, 110 E. Main Street, Los Gatos

Join us for the first community meeting to learn more and provide input about this project that will provide connections between the Los Gatos Creek Trail and Highway 9!

For more information regarding the Los Gatos Creek Trail to Highway 9 Trailhead Connector Project and the Connect Los Gatos program, visit our website at, www.losgatosca.gov/ConnectLG

Sponsor Spotlight

DeMattei Construction

De Mattei (www.demattei.com) was founded on the principle that building relationships is just as rewarding as building exquisite homes. Over 30 years ago, Mark De Mattei discovered his talent and passion for building dream homes and today, nearly 2,000 homes later, De Mattei Construction is the Bay Area's premier custom home building and remodeling firm. The award-winning De Mattei team, now over 75 strong, prides ourselves on our history and dedication to uncompromising quality. Bolstered by our core values of honesty, integrity, respect and teamwork, De Mattei remains committed to serving Bay Area customers, building their dream homes & commercial projects and foremost, building long-lasting relationships.

Calendar

THE WEEK

Monday 2/17 to Friday 2/21 - February Recess, NO SCHOOL