

The Avenue
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Greetings Daves Avenue Families,

During our monthly Wednesday Wave this morning, 5th grade students and staff spoke about the character trait of acceptance. Positive anticipated outcomes for our Cool Cats include:

- More inclusive of peers in play and conversation
- Greater acceptance of another's appearance, culture and preferences
- A noteworthy decrease in teasing or making fun of others

Please take time to ask your child what acceptance means to them and how they plan to help make a positive difference at school and in the community. Congratulations to Antonio, Ford, Jonah, Isabella and Diego for being our lucky PAWS Club March recipients.

I am hopeful that you have seen the communications from our District Administration and District Nurse in light of the monitoring of Coronavirus. As your Principal, I can assure you that the health and wellness of students is my top priority. Remember, please continue to take precautions in effort to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases. **To promote a healthy campus, please keep children home if they have:**

- fever of 100.0 or higher
- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- sore throat
- difficulty swallowing
- unusually red, itchy, watery, or burning eyes
- body chills
- or generally feel ill

If your child is feeling under the weather, please err on the side of caution and keep them home. We will work with you to support assignments and additional time to complete work as needed. Our District is continuing to monitor updates from the [Center for Disease Control](#) and [Santa Clara County Office of Education](#) regarding the Novel Coronavirus. If you have any health –related questions, you can reach out to our District Nurse, Sheila McConville, at smcconville@lgusd.org.

Also visit www.cdc.gov/covid19

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

Messages from the Health Office

Volunteers Needed!

The Lions Club and Sheila McConville, the District Nurse, will be conducting student vision screenings at Daves on **Monday, March 9th**. We are looking for four volunteers, two for 8:40am-10am and two for 10:20am-12pm. It's super easy and a huge help to Daves! No experience is

needed. The parent volunteers will help walk the students to and from the vision screening room and double check student lists. If you are interested, please bring [**this form**](#) to, or speak with Amy or Sue, in the front office. Thank you!

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 starting March 18th, 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:
Beach Getaway!

Stay for 3 nights at this gorgeous, gated 3 bed/4 bath oceanfront home in the Las Olas Community of Aptos!

The house sleeps 12, with 3 queen beds and an annex with 6 bunk beds. A huge brick patio (steps from the sand) features a grill and large fire pit with plenty of seating to enjoy those ocean sunsets.

Also included in this amazing package is a gift certificate to Cafe Rio!

Wine and Whiskey Donations Needed!

One of the fun ways we are raising money is with a wine and whiskey pull. We are asking each class to donate 3 bottles of wine OR whiskey. Each bottle should be of gift giving quality (have a minimum value of \$30.) Please consider donating a bottle (or two) to help raise funds for the students. Drop off bottles in the library with Ms. Goldsmith, in the box designated "pull".

Please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/QObNwob>.

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

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School Presents Crossing Guard Appreciation Week
March 9th-13th

Please join Safe Routes to School as we show appreciation for our fantastic crossing guards. Over 35% of our students walk or bike to our schools, which means over 1000 students are using crosswalks every single day. Our crossing guards play an important role in the safety of our students and we would love for you to help us show our appreciation. During the week of March 9th, please take a moment to say thank you, give a card, or a small gift if you feel inclined.

Parenting Continuum

Should I Be Worried? Mental Health, Tech, and Our Kids' Well-Being

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location: Fisher Middle School MPR

Free Event Presented by Common Sense Media and Parenting Continuum

It seems like every time you turn around today, you hear stories about how smartphones, social media, and video games are negatively affecting our kids. These fears can be amplified by talk of apps with risky features—like interaction with strangers, anonymity, privacy concerns, and iffy content. But how can parents decode what they need to be concerned about and what they don't?

Join us to better understand the current digital landscape and how it's really affecting our kids. With a focus on what Common Sense's latest research can tell us about how screens affect sleep, anxiety, depression, body image, and more, this presentation, developed with support from the Child Mind Institute, will provide parents and educators with practical tips, signs to watch for, and a better understanding of how to help kids take charge of their own digital well-being and make media and tech a positive force in their lives.

The focus is on middle school and high school scenarios but elementary parents can attend and get a good look at what's to come and valuable insight in how to help prepare your child for his/her future with technology.

To register, please go to: support.commonsemmedia.org/losgatos

Family Math Night

Tuesday, March 17th

5:00 - 6:30pm, Daves MPR

Please join this free event with fun math games tailored for TK/K-5th graders.

All completed passports will be entered into a drawing for lunch with Mrs. Mittleman.

Parents and siblings are encouraged to participate; this is not a drop-off event.

Sponsored by the Daves Avenue Home & School Club

For more information, email Sherry Lee at sherry95030@gmail.com

Mom's Night Out

Calling All Daves Moms!

Mom's Night Out

Please join us for a free evening of fun and friendships!

Thursday, March 19th

6pm at the Wend Home

RSVP to Bryce Wend for further details at brycewend@gmail.com

Art Docents

Stephanie Metz

Guest Artist at Daves Avenue - March 6th

Every Year, Art Docents' Guest Artist Program brings the artist studio directly to the children.

In March, all the students in elementary school will have the honor to meet Stephanie Metz, a well-renowned local artist, who creates biomorphic abstract touchable sculptures. Stephanie works primarily in wool and industrial felt to create detailed, complex, and mysterious forms that defy their humble origins.

To learn more about our Guest Artist Program, visit www.artdocents.com.

Los Gatos Youth Theatre

Did you enjoy watching or being a part of **Hot Rod**? If so, Los Gatos Youth Theatre (LGYT) has summer opportunities that will get your engines revved up. LGYT has day performance and workshop camps for ages 6 to 13 with optional before and after care options. Already have summer camp plans? LGYT has full scale musical productions where the rehearsals are in the late afternoons. Interested in doing both the day camps and full scale production? Great news, you can do both! Check out all of the details at LGYT- www.lgyt.net. See flyer for more information - <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Aea5bcfb8-acaa-47c0-89ee-a4d615d311f5>

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.

Sponsor Spotlight

C&O Painting

[C & O Painting, Inc.](#), established in 1986, is a Union Commercial Painting Contractor doing work in the Bay Area.

Calendar

THE WEEK

Thru Friday 3/6 - Conference Week - MINIMUM DAYS. Book Fair.
Wednesday 3/11 - K-Kids Meeting, 12:20pm, Rm. 27
Wednesday 3/11 - Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
Friday 3/13 - H&SC Meeting #5, 8:30am, MPR