

The Avenue  
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

The second trimester is coming to a close and Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week, March 2- March 6. Please note that all TK/Kindergarten classes will follow the AM schedule Monday through Friday and will be dismissed at 11:30 A.M. Students in grades 1-5 will follow the Wednesday minimum day schedule for the entire week. Hopefully you have already had a chance to respond and sign-up for a conference on the schedule that was sent out by your child's teacher. Attending a conference helps to build a strong home to school connection where parents, teachers, and students can discuss learning styles, academic progress and strengths, targeted growth opportunities, peer relationships and more. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing partnerships with families as your child's success and well-being is our guiding light.

Enjoy the gorgeous California sunshine this week. Our Cool Cats are soaking in the rays during recess and lunch daily ☺

Kind regards,

Jenna Mittleman - [jmittleman@lgusd.org](mailto:jmittleman@lgusd.org)

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

## Messages from the Health Office

Welcome back from the break. Hopefully, you were able to have fun, rejuvenate, and stay well.

We continue to be in the midst of the flu season.

As a community, we can help ensure the general health of our students at school. Remember, please continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases. 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

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 additional questions, contact LGUSD District Nurse, Sheila McConville, at (408) 335-2074.

### 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!

Senior at the University of Portland Nursing School and Daves Avenue Alumni, Sara Cullinane, is conducting a research study and would love your input. Please consider taking this survey which will help her complete her research project:

**[https://uportland.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bkZkV71mCt86XMp](https://uportland.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bkZkV71mCt86XMp)**

## **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](http://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:**

## **Girls Day on the Row**

**\*Includes\***

Limo transportation for 8 to Santana Row

Lunch at your favorite restaurant

Parties at 3 pre-selected stores of your choice

Questions? Contact the auction committee at [auction@davesavehsc.org](mailto:auction@davesavehsc.org)

## **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.commonsensemedia.org/losgatos](http://support.commonsensemedia.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](mailto: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](mailto:brycewend@gmail.com)

## **Authors' Day and Book Fair**

**Authors Day is Thursday, March 26**

### **Meet Our Visiting Authors**

**Eric A. Kimmel** ([ericakimmel.com](http://ericakimmel.com)) will visit our TK/K-2nd grades.

**Wendelin Van Draanen** ([www.wendelinvand.com](http://www.wendelinvand.com)) will visit our 3rd-5th grades.

Visit our Authors' Day page to learn more about our visiting authors. A large selection of books by both authors are available for pre-purchase. All books purchased through the sale will be signed by the authors! Paper forms are available in the front office and there will be a sales table on campus this week after school. **Last day to order is this Friday 2/28!**

Suggestions? Questions? Need advice about which books your child would most enjoy? Please come to the library or email [Mrs. G!](#)

Authors' Day Webpage: [www.davesavehsc.org/authorsday](http://www.davesavehsc.org/authorsday)

Order Books Link: [www.davesavehsc.org/book-sale](http://www.davesavehsc.org/book-sale)

Authors' Day FAQs: [www.davesavehsc.org/book-sale-faqs](http://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.

## Cornerstone Corner

February's Character Trait: Determination

In February, Project Cornerstone ABC readers in grades 1-5 read *Long Shot*, by NBA player Chris Paul. In the book, readers visit Chris Paul's childhood and experience how his dream to play basketball required hard work and dedication. Initially teased because he was small, Chris Paul shows readers that you are *never too small to dream big*.

ABC readers are facilitating discussions and activities to help kids identify their sparks, passions, and their goal champions who support them. Kids are learning how to create a goal-setting plan or use a GPS to reach a goal. Sometimes there are unexpected or challenging roadblocks in a planned route, so students are practicing shifting gears and navigating an alternate route to reach the destination. ABC readers are also discussing the growth mindset by sharing inspirational stories of people who failed or were rejected many times before finding success, such as Thomas Edison and J.K Rowling. We encourage our Cool Cats to dream big, make a plan, and persevere!

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)

## **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](http://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](mailto:support@treering.com).

## **Sponsor Spotlight**

### **Los Gatos Youth Theatre**

Los Gatos Youth Theatre provides children in Los Gatos and the surrounding communities an opportunity to participate in local theatre, through multiple shows and workshops.  
LGYT serves school aged kids 6-18 in a safe, real-life theatre environment.



For more info on the Los Gatos Youth Theatre, visit <https://lgyt.net>

## **LGS Recreation**

Please see this [flyer](#) for a Conference Week Camp (March 2nd-6th) with Play-Well.

## **Estimation Jar Winner**

1st-5th grade estimation jar had 111 colorful rubber rings

Winner: Misha in Ms. Mahoney's class.

Estimate: 110

Winners get a Pizza My Heart gift card!

## **Calendar**

### **THE WEEK**

**Wednesday 2/26** - School Site Council Meeting, 3pm

**Friday 2/28** - Authors' Day Book Sale Ends. Book Fair Begins.

**Monday 3/2 to Friday 3/6** - Conference Week - MINIMUM DAYS. Book Fair