

The Avenue  
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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## **Principal's Message**

Greetings Daves Avenue Families,

What a great day to be a Cool Cat! Our 17th Annual Fun Run was a blast. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Fun Run Committee, Ali Olivo, Michele Grancell, Michelle Marren, Danielle Von Matt, and all the parent volunteers who helped make this event possible.

As Halloween is around the corner and students might be on the lookout for that perfect costume for the school parade and other celebrations, here are a few friendly tips and reminders:

1. Please remember that costumes should be age appropriate and culturally sensitive. This will help to avoid inadvertently mimicking any individual or group of people.
2. Avoid scary costumes that could frighten young children. No weapons, blood, or masks. If a costume is found to be inappropriate, your child will be asked to change out of their costume.
3. Hair Dye and/or spray should be administered at home and not brought to school.

4. Unattached parts of costumes can get lost easily at school, so you may want to leave them at home.
5. Our goal is to promote Halloween in a fun, safe, and respectful manner. Your support is appreciated!

If your child decides to dress up (it's optional), please have them come to school in costume. Children must bring a change of clothes as they will take off their costumes at recess. Kindergarteners will remain in their costumes. The annual parade will begin at approximately 8:30A.M. and will take place on the blacktop. All grade levels will be assigned space on the perimeter of the blacktop and will be provided an opportunity to show-off their Halloween spirit! We invite families to enjoy this event as there will be designated space to watch from the outer perimeter of the parade circle. Additional details will be provided in The Avenue next week.

Have a PAWSitively wonderful week!

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Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

## **H&SC President's Message**

Hi Cool Cat Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Home & School Club meeting last Friday, and to our VP Becky Tanner for running the meeting while I attended the H&SC Presidents Strategic Planning Focus Group. We had a fantastic discussion with Superintendent Paul Johnson and were able to discuss some of the most pressing topics at each of our campuses. Stay tuned for future updates from the district office.

I want to thank Ben Horwath and Wei Wei Gu for heading up Champions of Math again this year! This wonderful program for our 4th and 5th-grade cool cats started this week. Our amazing Oktoberfest hosts held another great party this past weekend so a big thank you to all of you!

One of our most eagerly anticipated events of the year, our annual Fun Run, took place today. A big shout out to our entire Fun Run committee for making this another unforgettable experience for all our kids!

Our DOLLARS FOR DAVES drive is still going strong. Please go to [www.davesavehsc.org/dollars-for-daves](http://www.davesavehsc.org/dollars-for-daves) to see what your generous donations support here at Daves Avenue. If you haven't yet donated to DOLLARS FOR DAVES you can do so at [www.davesavehsc.org/donate](http://www.davesavehsc.org/donate). Thank you all so much for your support of our school!

I look forward to seeing you at our next Home & School Club meeting on Friday, November 1 at 8:30 am in the MPR. This will be our last H&SC meeting of 2019 so please try to join us if you can.

All my best,  
Lani Harr  
President  
Daves Avenue Home & School Club

## **17th Annual Fun Run Event**

The 17th Annual Daves Avenue Fun Run was held this morning! Be sure to ask your kids how they did today and congratulate them on their accomplishments.

This event would not be possible without your support. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked behind the scenes and during the event. Thank you

to our teachers, staff, and families for cheering on the students, being positive role models, and encouraging students to be active participants in their community. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Amber Roe, parent of Felix in Julie Ludeman's class, for designing this year's Fun Run t-shirt! And, finally, a big THANK YOU to our generous lead sponsor BrandVia - [www.brandvia.com](http://www.brandvia.com) - (the Childers Family) for donating the Fun Run t-shirts!

A gentle reminder that pledges are due October 25th. There is a Fun Run mail tray in the office for pledge envelopes or donate online at [www.davesavehsc.org/funrun](http://www.davesavehsc.org/funrun).

REMEMBER - The class in each grade level with the highest Fun Run pledge participation rate wins a great looking trophy to be displayed in their classroom and bragging rights for the rest of the school year!!!!

If you have any questions, please contact the Fun Run Team at [funrun@davesavehsc.org](mailto:funrun@davesavehsc.org).

## **Red Ribbon Week**

Red Ribbon Week, October 21st - October 25th, is a national campaign that promotes healthy lifestyle choices in youth. The foundation for a healthy lifestyle starts in elementary school with a healthy diet, regular exercise, and positive self esteem. In celebration of Red Ribbon Week and healthy choices, the Daves Avenue Student Council has chosen the following spirit wear and activities:

Monday, 10/21: "Be a Team Player" - organized games focused on good sportsmanship

Tuesday, 10/22: "Trash Free Tuesday" - bring a trash free lunch and get a raffle ticket for a prize

Wednesday, 10/23: "Unity Day" - FunVisors will have small cards for kids to write a nice note to a friend

Thursday, 10/24: "Be Thankful Thursday" - FunVisors will have a "gratitude box" set up at a table for kids to write things they are thankful for.

Friday, 10/25: "Fearless Friday" - "Dream Big" poster set up at FunVisor table where kids can write a dream they have, a fear to conquer...

In addition, the following vendors are supporting our students.

- Pizza My Heart Los Gatos: A free slice of cheese or pepperoni pizza.
- Vitality Bowls: \$1 off a smoothie and \$2 off a bowl.
- Juice Co LG: 10% off any juice.

Red Ribbon Week at Daves Avenue is sponsored by CASA. CASA helps parents and youth foster healthy lifestyles through the following programs:

Education of young people and adults

SafeRides of Los Gatos

Under 21 Club

Prescription Drug Drop-Off

For more information visit [www.casalg.org](http://www.casalg.org)

## **Green Team**

**Trash Free Tuesday is Back!**

Our registration is growing, we're getting increasing support from our teachers and parents, and the kids are loving what they learn as they become stewards of our environment.

So far, we've made mosaic garden stones, had a eco-scavenger hunt and performed garden maintenance, just to name a few activities. But things are about to ramp up as we have our first Trash Free Tuesday of the year on October 21st, and it's better than ever.

We will be focusing on streamlining the process of sorting trash between the recycling, compost and garbage bins. And this year, we will have more prizes available for our lunch raffle! So bring a trash-free lunch and earn a chance to win!

Learn more about Trash Free Tuesday at  
<http://www.davesavehsc.org/green-team>.

Green Team meets every Tuesday right after school in the Daves Avenue Garden of Wisdom. Registration is still open, so register at  
<http://www.davesavehsc.org/grades-of-green-registration>

## **Dollars for Daves**

3RD GRADE STILL IN THE LEAD!

The grade-level challenge for our annual DOLLARS FOR DAVES fundraiser continues! 3rd grade has a slight lead with TK/Kinder, 1st, and 4th grades tied for 2nd place.

Participation continues to increase, but we still have a ways to go! Please consider supporting our school today. Here is our current standing:

TK/Kindergarten at 51%

1st grade at 51%

2nd grade at 39%

3rd grade at 54%

4th grade at 51%

5th grade at 30%

It's easy to participate, just click [here](#) and your donation will go toward your child (or children's) grade level. Remember, yearbooks are included when you personally donate \$400 or more per child, but any amount is appreciated!

Donate at [www.davesavehsc.org/donate](http://www.davesavehsc.org/donate)

## **Corporate Matching**

Have you made your donation? Please consider checking in with your employer's Human Resource representative today. You may be able to double or possibly triple your donation!

For further assistance or questions, please email the Corporate Matching Chair at [corpmatching@davesavehsc.org](mailto:corpmatching@davesavehsc.org)

To learn more about the Corporate Matching Program, go to  
<https://davesavehsc.org/corporate-matching.html>

## **FunVisors**

FUNVisors Presents

Halloween Scavenger Hunt!

Get Ready for a Wicked Cool Adventure!

Monday, 10/21, 11:30am-1pm: 2nd & 3rd grade / 4th & 5th grade

Tuesday, 10/22, 11:30am-1pm: 1st grade

Kids form a team (up to 6) and sign-up at the FUNVisor tables!

Solve a Trivia and win prizes!

Parents, don't miss this fun event!

Put on your best costume and join us. For more information and to volunteer for the event please visit <https://signup.com/go/fxPcWjn>.

## **Safe Routes to School Tip**

Ride with Traffic

Bicycles are vehicles just like cars. Always ride in the same direction as traffic. Cars will know to look for you. Make eye contact with drivers before turning corners or changing lanes.

## **The Play**

Last Call for All 4th & 5th Graders!

Cast and Crew!

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

Last Call to cruise on in and sign up for this year's musical production will include students from all four Los Gatos elementary schools! Today is the last day to sign up and submit you Application form!! Sign up at <http://hsc.blossomhill.org/the-play.html>.

All 4th & 5th graders are encouraged to participate...no experience necessary! Cast (Performers) and Crew (Backstage) applications are at the same time. Don't miss out on this great adventure!!

## **Donate to our Troops**

TOO MUCH HALLOWEEN CANDY? DONATE YOUR EXTRA TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Ms. Gigi in the Health Office will be collecting extra Halloween candy to donate to Operation Interdependence ([www.oidelivers.org](http://www.oidelivers.org)).

Operation Interdependence provides military care packages and support to active military members overseas and to veterans at home. You can drop your unopened, individually wrapped candy to the Health Office until November 8th.

Contact Gigi Harrell ([gharrell@lgusd.org](mailto:gharrell@lgusd.org)) with any questions.

## **Tonight!**

**October 16, 2019**

**Fisher Middle School Library**

**6:00 pm**

Victor Pacini, author and creator of the

**Be Seen and Heard © 2.0** program will be preview the information for our upcoming assembly program and be available for questions.

This program is designed to create an age-appropriate, safe and engaging environment where students will learn about the difference between safe and unsafe touch, and the importance of having trusted heroes. Please join us. If you can not attend, we will share a video link in November, before the assembly program is presented.

## **Local Climate Survey Final Message**

Next week, students in grade 4-8 will be taking the Los Gatos Union School District Local Climate Survey. A letter with survey details and opt-out information was sent home last week. We really do want to have student voice as we develop plans and goals for the District, so we hope that all students will participate in this important opportunity.

## Calendar

Conference Week Means Book Fair! At Daves Ave Library

Some New Items for Book Fair this year:

- Will begin on Halloween! Open until 4pm that day
- The new "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book will be available for pre-order at the Book Fair and will be released on Tuesday, 11/5.
- Extended evening hours on Wednesday 11/6. Will be open until 9pm that day for late shoppers!

More details next week...

## THE WEEK

**Wednesday 10/16 - Victor Pacini Preview Night, 6pm, Fisher Library**

**Monday 10/21 - FunVisors Scavenger Hunt (Grades 2-3/4-5), 11:30am**

**Tuesday 10/22 - FunVisors Scavenger Hunt (1st Grade), 11:30am**

**Wednesday 10/23 - School Site Council Meeting #1**