

The Avenue
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,
September has been a busy month for all Cool Cats! The 4th grade Bike Rodeo last week was absolutely outstanding. Thank you to Meaghen Foley Spencer and all volunteers who helped to make this event possible. Educating students and families about safety precautions on and off of campus remains a top priority. Last Thursday night, the Monte Sereno Better Streets Commission and the Los Gatos Safe Routes to School held a meeting in the MPR to discuss existing conditions around our campus and the surrounding neighborhood streets, proposed circulation, and next steps. For more information, please visit <http://www.montesereno.org>.

Dollars to Daves is off to a great start! To promote grade level spirit, we are monitoring overall grade level participation. As of today, team 3rd grade is in the lead with 48% participation. WOW! If you would like to help your child's grade level achieve our goal of 80% participation, it's easy to do and you will find the link below. With your continued support, we will be able to sustain or current model of supplying school supplies, technology, study trips and buses, recess and lunch enrichments, and so much more!

Principal hat aside, I know parenting is hard work! We can all benefit from regular tips on how to help our children succeed in school. With the

support of Student Services and <http://www.attendanceworks.org>, here are some tips:

- Develop a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Help your child lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Turn screens off two hours before bedtime.
- Avoid missing school unless your child is truly sick and seek help if chronic illness is a challenge. Check with our school nurse or office staff if you have questions.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other families for advice on how to help your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Arrange medical appointments when school is not in session.
- Avoid extended vacations when school is in session.

Your child's success depends on their physical presence in class daily, from the morning bell to the afternoon bell. Thank you for making this a priority for your family.

Have a PAWSitively awesome week!

Kind regards,

Jenna Mittleman, jmittleman@lgusd.org

Principal, Daves Avenue Elementary School

Picture Day

Smile! It's Picture Day! We are looking for a few parent volunteers to be runners to classrooms. Full day (8:15 - 2:30pm) volunteers are preferred but half-day will be accepted as well. If interested, please talk to Amy or Sue in the front office. Volunteers will be compensated with a free picture package!

Important District Message Number 1

A Very Special Parent Information Evening

October 16, 2019

Fisher Middle School Library

6:00 pm

Please join us for a preview of the Be Seen and Heard® 2.0 assembly program presented by Victor Pacini. This is a very dynamic and important prevention oriented child sexual abuse program, for all students in grades TK- 8. 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.

Important District Message Number 2

Local Climate Survey for Students

A Message from Student Services

Thank you to all of the families who have already completed the Strategic Planning Survey. The voice of students is also critical in this process. We have thoughtfully revised our local district climate survey to gather student's perspectives surrounding safe, supportive, and engaging school experiences.

Participation will be voluntary. You will be able to review a copy of the survey in your school office between October 1 and October 11. **The survey will be given to students in grades 4-8 between October 21 and October 25.**

Family Movie Night Event

Friday, September 27th

5:30pm

Daves Avenue Blacktop & Field

Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy this family fun-filled night under the stars. Admission is free!

Concessions, fun and sparkle tattoos start at 5:30pm.

The movie begins at 7:15pm.

Enjoy Oak & Rye, Oaxacan Kitchen, and Kona Ice Shaved ice for purchase.

Popcorn is free! Or, pack your own picnic.

Parents, please volunteer for this event at <https://signup.com/go/nJiEfas>.

Thank you [Hall & Burnett Orthodontics](#) for sponsoring this event!

Dollars for Daves

The grade-level challenge for our annual **DOLLARS FOR DAVES** fundraiser continues! Participation is increasing weekly, but we still have some work to do. Please consider supporting our school TODAY. Our students, community, and teachers benefit greatly from your support. Here is our current standing:

TK/Kindergarten at 36%

1st grade at 32%

2nd grade at 33%

3rd grade at 48%

4th grade at 39%

5th grade at 22%

It's easy to participate, just the link below and your donation will go toward your child (or children's) grade level. We are asking for a \$400 donation per child, but any amount is appreciated and will go towards the challenge.

Results will be updated weekly. Remember, yearbooks are included when you donate \$400 or more per child.

Donate at 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

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

17th Annual Fun Run Event

Wednesday October 16, 2019

On the Daves Blacktop and Field

The Fun Run has always been one of the most anticipated and fun events at Daves!

This event will need lots of volunteers! Please click <https://signup.com/go/PXpHhEb> to volunteer for this fun event! Be on the look-out for a class-specific email from your room parent later this week!

A special THANK YOU to our sponsor www.brandvia.com

The Play

Calling All 4th & 5th Graders

Cast and Crew!

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

This year's musical production will include students from all four Los Gatos elementary schools and is going to be a cruisin' adventure! Get details and begin the application process online at

<http://hsc.blossomhill.org/the-play.html>. All 4th & 5th graders are encouraged to participate...no experience necessary! We have new things for this year!! Cast (Performers) and Crew (Backstage) applications are at the same time. We will also have mandatory parent meetings during the first week of the application process. Join us for the fun!

Green Team

Green Team Registration Continues

Now Open to 2nd Graders!

In previous years, Green Team was only open to students younger than third grade if they had an older sibling already registered. Due to increased

interest expressed by younger students this year, we are **opening registration to 2nd grade!**

We've had our first meeting, and discussed our new agenda for the year. We plan to continue and improve on existing activities like **TRASH FREE TUESDAYS** with Trash Sorting, and **EARTH WEEK**, and are very excited for some new ones, like **COMPOSTING**, and **PLANTING** and **HARVESTING** our mobile gardens. We call this our "**SEED TO FEED**" Initiative. We will also have green-themed **SCAVENGER HUNTS!**

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

Oktoberfest (Auction Party)

Limited Number of Tickets Available for Oktoberfest 2019

Put on your lederhosen and dirndl for the 3rd Annual Oktoberfest fundraiser for Daves Avenue! Join us for a beer garden themed party complete with a pretzel and wurst bar and other heavy appetizers. Come celebrate with music, fun and Ein Prost cheers!

Saturday, October 12

6:00 – 11:00 PM

Zimmerhaus

Costumes optional, good times are mandatory!

This has been a sellout event each year, so get your tickets today at <https://davesavenueelementary.schoolauction.net/auction2019/catalog?id=44>

Thank You Bike Rodeo Volunteers!

A huge thanks to all the parents who made the 4th grade bike rodeo a success! Y'all were amazing!

Donna Leu

Beth Jackson

Yan Chen

Lani Harr

Angel Randazzo

Weiwei Gu

Lan Jiang

Chanel DeSmet

Victor Sergiienko

Simine Carlo

Dan Snyder

Laura Sarfatti

Vanessa Mockler

Nicole Reginelli

Varsha Manek

Emily Campion

Michelle Marren

Mat Piro

Penny Del Grande

Barbara McInerney

Anthony Robinson

Chris Delaossa

Ray Tufts

Lauren Roseman

Neha Chugh

Pooja Sharma

Mark Hogenhout

Calendar

THE WEEK

Friday 9/27 - Family Movie Night!

(www.davesavehsc.org/family-movie-night), 5:30pm, Daves Blacktop & Field

Wednesday 10/2 - 5th Grade Park Playdate, 12:30pm, Oak Meadow Park

Wednesday 10/2 - Custodian Appreciation Day

Friday 10/4 - Picture Day!