

The Avenue
The Daves Avenue Elementary School Weekly Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Daves Avenue Families,

Our Cool Cats are bubbling with anticipation for the Halloween parade tomorrow morning. Parents, please consider joining us at 8:30 A.M. to watch our students proudly parade around the perimeter of the blacktop and through the hallways (back by popular demand)! After every event on campus, I always reflect with staff on how to make improvements for future events. This year, a sound system with a functioning microphone and music will accompany our Cool Cats!

Parents can view the parade from several areas:

- The cement in front of the two story building
- The picnic tables under the outdoor overhang
- The cement in front of the Multi-Purpose Building
- On either of the grassy knolls located between our main buildings

Additionally, here are a few 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 scary 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!

A huge thank you to our Safe Routes to School parent leader, Meaghan Foley Spencer and parent volunteers who provided a Pedestrian safety lesson this morning for all of our TK and Kindergarten students. Continuing education for our most prized possessions combined with parental support remains a priority at Daves Avenue.

Have a PAWSitively wonderful Halloween!

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

Dollars for Daves

OUR CHALLENGE ENDS TOMORROW!

A HUGE thank you to all families who have supported our annual DOLLARS FOR DAVES fundraiser! Participation has grown and 3rd grade and TK/Kinder are now tied with a 66% participation level!

Here is our current standing:

TK/Kindergarten at 66%

1st grade at 65%

2nd grade at 57%

3rd grade at 66%

4th grade at 56%

5th grade at 47%

It's easy to participate, just click [here](#) and your donation will go toward your child (or children's) grade level. This is the LAST chance to have your \$400/child donation count towards a free yearbook!

Donate at www.davesavehsc.org/donate

Fun Run

The deadline to submit pledges is tomorrow! Pledges count towards students' Dollars for Daves contributions. There is a Fun Run mail tray in the office for pledge envelopes or donate online at 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.

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>

Green Team

GREEN TEAM AND OUR FIRST TRASH FREE TUESDAY OF 2019!

Congratulations to our students! Our first TFT (Trash Free Tuesday) was a success. A big THANK YOU to our FunVisor team, our custodial and kitchen crew, Mrs. Mittleman and our Avenue team for their help promoting and running the event.

169 students made their best attempt at a trash free lunch, which has to be some kind of record! And congratulations to our lucky raffle winners for packing a trash free lunch.

There will be more random Tuesday raffles with fun prizes to come. Parents, please help your children bring trash free lunches every Tuesday (or even better, every day!).

As a reminder, trash free means:

- reusable food containers, instead of Ziploc bags
- washable utensils, instead of plastic forks and spoons
- cloth napkins, instead of paper towels
- a thermos or reusable water bottle, instead of plastic water bottles and juice pouches

This TFT was our first attempt at a couple new things in trash sorting over previous years. We included poster-boards around the MPR and attached them to the Trash, Recycling and Composting bins, describing items placed in each, and talked a little about that before lunch. This will be a work in progress towards education and improvement towards properly disposing of trash throughout the year.

FunVisors

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1ST PLACE WINNERS OF THE 2019 FUNVISORS HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT!

1st Grade: Grey Gardner, Zal Moghaddam, Luca Raspall, Kavi Addala & Ryan Berris

2nd/3rd Grade: Reef Rahimi, Oliver Evans, Randy Hansen, Sam Rahimi & Cade Hanson

4th/5th Grade: John Ecklund, Tyson Vaughn Baker, Calvin Vaughn Baker, Alex Halsey & Ford Spencer

The winners had a pizza party with Mrs. Mittleman.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who made the event a success!

Parenting Continuum

Parenting Continuum is excited to present our second educational event of the school year.

GET THE SCOOP ON VAPING

Kimbal Stanley, Los Gatos Monte Sereno Police Department School Resource Officer, will be presenting a close look at the dangers and

challenges of popular vaping devices. He will answer questions and help guide parents on how to handle this trend. Please join us for this free event funded by your Home & School Club donations.

Location: Fisher MPR

Date: Wednesday, November 6

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

For more information, please see the flyer available in the front office.

Please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49a5ae2baaf94-vaping1>.

Book Fair!

Starting Tomorrow...on Halloween!

It's like having a Bookstore Land inside OUR Daves Library

HOURS

October 31: 8am - 4pm

November 1 and All Conference Week: 8am - 6pm

*November 6: 8am - 9pm (extended hours for late shoppers!)

From Mrs. G...

I will be there whenever the fair is open, because the BEST part of it (as your librarian) is getting to visit with EVERYONE! Please come tell me about your reader, especially at a less busy time (usually after 1 pm), and I will help you find books for them! Do I care if they're library books or book fair books?? Not at all! Hearing from readers (and their parents) is my favorite part of the fair. It's a visiting and listening opportunity!

25% of proceeds comes back to the library - that funds almost all of our new book purchases year after year!

Cash, Check and Credit Card are accepted!

Questions? Contact Mrs. G. - agoldsmith@lgusd.org - See you at the fair!

The new Wimpy Kid (Wrecking Ball) will be at the fair at 8 am Tuesday 11/5. For pre-orders, I will have the books tagged to hand off before the first bell!

I will also take pre-orders for the new Dog Man (Fetch 22), which will be delivered on release day, Tuesday 12/10.

Los Gatos Education Foundation

School without LGEF? Now that IS a scary thought!

If you've already donated, thanks!

If not, kindly contribute at www.lgef.org.

We wish you a safe and (just slightly) scary Halloween!

Daves Avenue Cheetahs Running Club

The Daves Avenue Cheetahs want to keep the tradition going of continually producing great teams for Fisher Middle School, but we are very thin in 5th Grade Girls who would form the 2020 6th Grade Girls. To that end, for the rest of the school year, *we will prioritize 5th Grade girls over any other group to make up the numbers.*

If your 5th Grade athletically inclined daughter would like to be part of this incredible program, please register on the waitlist

<http://www.davesavehsc.org/running-club>.

For any questions about the program, please contact [Coach Nick Goddard](#).

LGS Recreation

Come join the fun with our amazing range of exciting programs and classes of all kinds for your children. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

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).

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) with any questions.

Calendar

THE WEEK

Thursday 10/31 - Halloween Parade, 8:30am, Blacktop

Thursday 10/31 - Book Fair Begins, Daves Library

Friday 11/1 - H&SC Meeting #3, 8:30am, MPR

Wednesday 11/6 - Parenting Continuum, “Vaping”, 6:30pm, Fisher MPR