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**18 January 2008**

## **Guiding Principle of the Week**

*Vision means seeing what could be and will be and living the difference.*

## **GRAND OPENING: Student Entrepreneurs Open the Aveson Student Store**

*By Kristen Sheehy - Aveson Student & Aveson Student Store Signatory*

The student store is now open! The owner/operators are one sixth and one seventh grader who are both level threes. They started off with the read-a-thon. There they earned plenty of money to get started. And they personally asked me to thank all of the donors who made the student store come to life. They have a variety of snacks and school supplies. The food went fast. Now, before they restock they are going to meet with Mr. B. To those who don't know that is the school Culinary Arts Advisor. They have high hopes that they will go from junk food snack shop to student cafe! They hope to have fresh salads, baked goods, and parfait that they will make with the guidance of Mr. B. They also hope to fulfill Mr. B's dream of making the students' lunches.

Here is a list of the items they hope to sell:

Paninis

Salads- Tuna, Fruit

Bagels

Fresh Fruit

Yogurt Parfait with Granola

Smoothies

Juices- Apple, Cranberry

Trail Mix- Homemade

Popcorn with mix-ins

Baked Goods

*The three student signatories to the Aveson Student Store account set up by Pasadena Services Federal Credit Union are Jennifer Thompson, Madison Williams and Kirsten Sheehy. Congratulations! You are great role models for all Aveson students.*

## **Community At Your Fingertips: the Aveson Directory**

The First Aveson Directory is almost complete! If you have not turned your form into the office at Aveson, you can still email your contact information to Julie Sheehy, [Julie@freelanthropy.com](mailto:Julie@freelanthropy.com). I'll accept email requests until Sunday, January 20, 2008.

## **Attention Aveson Business Owners!**

We are offering an opportunity to place an ad for your company in the back of the first edition of the Aveson Directory. This is a great opportunity to support Aveson while increasing your company's exposure throughout the Aveson community. If you are interested in putting your company info into the Aveson Directory, please email Julie Sheehy, [Julie@freelanthropy.com](mailto:Julie@freelanthropy.com) for details.

*Please respond by Tuesday, January 22, 2008.*

## **Yearbook**

On behalf of the 2007-2008 Aveson Yearbook Staff, I would like to encourage anyone interested in advertising or dedicating a page or pages for the coming yearbook to contact us at [avesonyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:avesonyearbook@gmail.com) or [emeralderidor@gmail.com](mailto:emeralderidor@gmail.com).

com.

Thank You,  
Janus Stechel  
English/Language Arts Advisor 6-9

## Restaurant Nite

Restaurant Nite will be on Tuesday, January 22nd between 5:00-9:00 pm at [Islands Restaurant](#) in Hastings Ranch. The flier will be distributed at pick up Friday and drop off on Tuesday morning.

## All Hands Service Day

Mark your calendar for Aveson's next community wide campus clean up on **Saturday, February 2, 2008**. Join us anytime between 8am to noon as we roll up our sleeves to beautify our school.

## LAUREATE Education Takes an Admiring Look

Last week Laureate Education, Inc, (formerly Sylvan Learning Systems and Canter & Associates) came to Aveson School to videotape exemplary teaching and learning. Laureate, a leading provider of video-based online and campus-based teacher education programs, is currently developing a teacher preparation program for Walden University ([www.waldenu.edu](http://www.waldenu.edu)). Teacher candidates will view videos featuring leading experts in the field of education as well as school practitioners demonstrating research-based practices.

The Laureate team spent a full day shooting at Aveson. The morning was spent in Tom Hyatt's 9th grade advisory and 6th - 7th social studies block before migrating to Jennifer Carey's 3rd-5th grade literacy block. In the afternoon they videotaped an entire lesson in Scott Houston's 9th-grade biology class followed by an after-school interview in which Scott engaged in a reflective on-camera discussion about his teaching practices.

Jacqui Hook, Executive Director of Product Development at Laureate, who attended and participated in the video shoot, observed enthusiastically: "Everywhere you look at Aveson, you see evidence of students actively engaged in critical thinking and taking ownership of their learning. The culture of the school combined with effective, thoughtful teaching practices seemed to create an ideal atmosphere for meaningful learning."

The footage captured at Aveson will be used in video programs alongside some of the top thinkers and nationally-recognized experts in education including Robert Marzano (*Classroom Instruction That Works*), Jay McTighe (*Understanding by Design*), and Carol Ann Tomlinson (author of numerous books and articles on Differentiating Instruction) to name a few.

Laureate Education is an educational company that offers professional development for teachers nationwide. The video segments they produce will showcase the supportive learning environment at Aveson Charter School and allow teachers across the country to see classroom examples of effective instruction and students engaged in meaningful learning experiences. The classroom footage will support research presented by leading experts in the field of education.

To learn more about Laureate visit [www.laureate-inc.com](http://www.laureate-inc.com).

## 6-9th Grade Friday Electives Line Up

The Aveson Team extends its gratitude to the community members who generously responded to our request for volunteers to lead our Friday elective workshops.

Ralph Seymour - "Shakespeare Production" Drama elective (12 students)

John Serembe - Video Production Elective (15 students)

Mollie - Visual Arts--(20 students)

Kelly Peters - Junior Achievement (for grades 6-9)

Tom Hyatt - "The Aveson Monthly" Journalism Elective (10-15 students)

Aaron Abdus-Shakoor - Life Skills Workshops (up to 32 students)

Janus Stechel - Yearbook Elective (12 to 15 students)

Lori Koop & Doug Maxwell - Visual Arts (up to 20 students)

Eric Kinley - Two Film Electives (40+ students)

Myshia Moten - Dance Elective (20+ students)

We are still seeking more volunteers to offer workshops/electives to our students on Fridays. If you are interested in sharing your talents and interests with the Aveson student community, please contact Tom Hyatt at [tomhyatt@aveson.org](mailto:tomhyatt@aveson.org) for more details.

## **Building a Bridge: Introducing Parent Liaisons**

The Parent Volunteer Action Team has been working hard to get more parents on campus and in the classroom in 2008. We are happy to introduce our new team of Parent Liaisons. Each teacher now has a Parent Liaison who will collaborate with instructors to bring needed volunteers into their classroom. This parent will be contacting you by e-mail for volunteer needs. If you DO NOT want to be contacted by your child's Parent Liaison please let Felipe know by January 25th and your e-mail address will be removed from Parent Liaison contact lists.

We hope our new team of Parent Liaisons will help you to be more connected to your child's classroom.

There are still some positions open in grades 6-9, so if you are interested in helping to rally parent volunteers, please contact Michelle Williams at [michellenmark@verizon.net](mailto:michellenmark@verizon.net)

You can look forward to your first Parent Liaison e-mail update next week. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Thank you,  
Michelle Williams  
Aveson Parent

## Oh How Our Garden Grows: An Update from Aveson's Emerging Learning Garden

Our small gathering last Thursday focused on the much needed implementation of the garden's irrigation system and the garden's curriculum.

Third grade parent Matt is collaborating with Plant Manger Phil to outline next steps for bringing water to our expectant raised beds.

After exploring infinite intersections of science, math and art that could be introduced to students through the garden, we agreed to "keep it simple" and adapt Alice Waters' Edible Schoolyard & Ecoliteracy Programs as we get started - largely focusing on growing, journaling and cooking in the garden and Aveson kitchen. To learn more about these tried and true programs click here: [Edible Schoolyard](#) and [the Center for Ecoliteracy](#).

Our long term vision includes a designated Garden Teacher or Manger to collaborate with Aveson Teachers to integrate California standards into our learning garden, coordinate parent and community volunteers, pursue funding and guide our students' outdoor learning experience.

TO DO NOW:

We need volunteers interested in donating time or resources to erect our shaded learning arbor and lay down hardware cloth in our remaining beds, if you are interested please telephone Elizabeth - 626.824.3726!

For garden updates link to [www.avesongrows.blogspot.com](http://www.avesongrows.blogspot.com).

## John Serembe's Video Production Elective Wish List

For our upcoming and film/video class we've rated our production wish list from 1 to 5 - with 1 being the BEST and 5 representing the MINIMUM needed to run

our workshop. We greatly appreciate all contributions!

#### LEVEL ONE - BEST!

Newer Macs that are 1.25GHz or better, 2mb RAM, G5 or Intel processor.

A copy of Final Cut Suite 2.0 for each

An external firewire drive for each (unless they have a spare 200GHz on the hard drive)

At least two SD-DV video cameras (not mp4). We already have one.

#### LEVEL TWO - GOOD

Newer Macs that are 1.25GHz or better, G5 or Intel processor.

A copy of Final Cut Express HD 4.0 for each

An external firewire drive for each (unless they have a spare 200GHz on the hard drive)

At least two SD-DV video cameras (not mp4). We already have one.

#### LEVEL THREE - HELPFUL

Older Macs that are 867MHz or greater, G4 or G5

A copy of Final Cut Pro Suite 1.0 for each

An external firewire drive for each (unless they have a spare 200GHz on the hard drive)

At least two SD-DV video cameras (not mp4). We already have one.

#### LEVEL FOUR - NECESSARY

Older Macs that are 500MHz or greater, G4

A copy of Final Cut Express 3.5 for each

An external firewire drive for each (unless they have a spare 200GHz on the hard drive)

At least two SD-DV video cameras (not mp4). We already have one.

#### LEVEL FIVE - MINIMUM

Older Macs that are 500MHz or greater, G4

A copy of Final Cut Pro 3 for each

An external firewire drive for each (unless they have a spare 200GHz on the hard drive)

At least two SD-DV video cameras (not mp4). We already have one.

Roll sound. Roll Camera. Action!

## Safety First: CPR Training at Aveson

Thanks to parent volunteer Rick Sewell, Aveson staff will be provided training in CPR by a certified instructor from the American Red Cross. This is consistent with Aveson's vision to ensure everyone's safety on campus.

## Call for Bone Marrow: *from Aveson Parents Cynthia & Mark Cohn*

Our friend and colleague Scott Kleiman is very ill and needs a bone marrow transplant. There is currently no match for him in the bone marrow donor registry.

To learn more about Scott and the bone marrow registry, please visit [www.scottkleiman.com](http://www.scottkleiman.com). You can sign up to receive a cheek swab kit in the mail.

Donating marrow is most often now done by blood donation...NOT the previous method of extraction from the hipbone. You can save someone's life painlessly. If you would prefer to register over the phone please call The City of Hope at 626-301-8483.

Thank you very much!

Warmest regards,

Cynthia & Mark Cohn

[www.cynthiaandmark.com](http://www.cynthiaandmark.com)

## Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday - January 22nd - Restaurant Nite at Islands Hastings Ranch

Friday- February 1st - Professional Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Saturday - February 2nd - Aveson Community Service Day - 8am - Noon

Thursday-Friday - February 7th-8th - Celebration of Learning

Monday - February 11th - Lincoln's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday - February 18th - President's Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday - March 14th - Professional Development Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

April 7th-11th - Spring Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

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