

25 April 2008

### Guiding Principle of the Week

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

### Restaurant Nite

Join Aveson friends at Maria's Italian Kitchen in Hastings Ranch on Tuesday, April 29th for our monthly restaurant nite fundraiser. Maria's will donate 15% of each bill so come one, come all and eat hardy!! Check out their mouth-watering menu online - [www.mariasitaliankitchen.com](http://www.mariasitaliankitchen.com)

### Show What You Know - Testing May 5th–16th from 8:30am-10:40am

Please make sure your children are well-rested, on time, and prepared to respond with confidence and show what they have learned throughout the year.

### Test-Taking Tips for Students

#### Read Directions & Follow Them

Read all the test directions first. Pay attention to key words—those in bold, underlined, or in capitals. Clarify any questions before beginning. Some test questions ask you to choose which answer is not a correct answer. Be careful.

#### Search and Destroy (Process of Elimination)

Remember that the right answer is always there. Search for the right answer by getting rid of the wrong answers. Look for distracters that test writers put into tests to "trick" you. Every answer choice you identify as wrong is one step closer to finding the one that is right.

#### Know What You Know

Try to answer the question before you look at the choices. Once you have an answer in your head, check the choices to see if there is one like it. Test writers try to make all the answer choices sound good, so knowing what you are looking for first will help.

#### Know What You Don't Know

It's okay not to know every answer. Once you read a question and you get rid of the obvious wrong answers AND you still don't know the right answer, make a guess and move on. You won't have time to keep staring at a question that confuses you.

#### Keep the Right Pace

Look at the test section before you begin to answer. Ask yourself, how much time will I have? How many questions will there be? Find your right pace and keep it. Keep an eye on the clock, but take your time to get the right answers. Take breaks if you feel yourself getting tired or if you lose focus. Remember, you only get credit for right answers and you don't get in trouble for wrong answers.

We are so proud of all your growth this year... **SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW!!**

## Testing Oath

### ATTITUDE

I will do my very best.

### VIGILANCE

I will fill my test booklet with all the knowledge I know.

### ENERGY

I will eat a healthy breakfast.

### SLUMBER

I will get plenty of sleep the night before.

### ONSITE & ON TIME

I will come to school everyday.

### NUMBER

I will help the school reach the goal of "804" OUT THE DOOR".

## Culinary Arts to Go-Go

Aveson introduces its Culinary Arts Dinners 2 Go. Order your hand-crafted dinner made by Mr. B for only \$35 per meal and take home deliciously prepared, complete dinners to feed a hungry family of four! All proceeds go to the management and further development of both the school lunch and Dinners 2 Go programs. Yum!

Orders must be placed and paid for by the Wednesday preceding the meal. Dinners will be available for pick-up from 3:30pm – 6:00pm on scheduled Mondays. Order forms will be brought home by students and are available on the web site under the Healthy Living/Culinary Arts tab or in the office. Any questions or for further information, please contact Mr. B. at [lowellbernstein@aveson.org](mailto:lowellbernstein@aveson.org).

## May Menu Selections

May 5th: Cinco de Mayo Fiesta! Chicken or Cheese Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Chips and Salsa

May 12th: Roasted Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Tossed Green Salad

May 19th: Meat or Vegetarian Lasagna, Garlic Cheese Bread and Tossed Green Salad

## Mystery Reader in Motion

The silence in D6 was suddenly shattered by a series of rhythmic knocks at the door. "Who could it be?" the teachers asked.

As the door opened, the children stretched their necks in anticipation.

The room was suddenly filled with the sounds of pulsating Salsa music and our very own Felipe leaped

onto the scene with a dazzling display of footwork, claps and salsa spins. The children cheered, screamed with surprise, and clapped along as Felipe gave them an amazing surprise performance.

Every Thursday in D6 the children are visited by a Mystery Reader, someone from the community who comes in to read and share experiences with the students.

Felipe was very animated as he read a book from the Olivia series to the children. After his reading, the children "interviewed" Felipe and found out a lot more about the man they always see smiling as he moves through their campus.

At the end of the interview, Felipe taught the children some Spanish lyrics and they sang along as he showed them some basic Salsa steps. The class then broke into free dance as our Mystery Reader gracefully Salsa'd his way out the door.....

With Much Appreciation,  
The D6 Team

#### Get Crackin: Eggshells Needed for June Jubilee

We need your egg shells for the confetti egg booth at the June Jubilee, simply remove the top of eggs after using for breakfast or baking, rinse egg shell and allow to dry in the original carton. Once you have a full dozen please turn them into your child's advisory teacher!

#### Got Shade?

We are in need of EZ-up shade tents for the June Jubilee. If you have one and would be willing to let us borrow it, we would be extremely appreciative. Please contact Sonja Alarr at [salarr@earthlink.net](mailto:salarr@earthlink.net) to arrange the details.

#### Around the Table: First Annual Aveson Cookbook Fundraiser

In celebration of our community and the pleasure of a good meal, we invite all Aveson families to contribute a favorite recipe - or two or three - for publication in our first annual Aveson Community Cookbook. While it can be difficult to find time to volunteer on site, the ease of this online system makes it possible for everyone to contribute to this delicious fundraising project.

The cookbook will contain personal recipes from the Aveson community as well as more than 50 pictures of our students from culinary arts classes taken throughout the year. The process is easy: simply visit [www.gatebook.com](http://www.gatebook.com), scroll down to the middle of the page and look for the "General User" button.

Enter the user ID: aveson  
Enter the password: school

Enter your recipe along with any personal notes about the recipe, it's origin, or memories you may have associated with it (use the comments section). The more personalized the information, the more

interesting the reading!

We hope to receive at least one recipe per family. The deadline for all submissions is May 11th - Mother's Day.

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Nurture the Caregivers in Your Life

Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation Day are fast approaching. Give a gift certificate for a healing, rejuvenating Dr. Hauschka Treatment at Petal Holistic Skincare and 10% of your purchase will go to Aveson Charter School. Using pure botanical preparations and a nurturing touch, the holistic Dr. Hauschka Treatments cleanse and revitalize the skin while encouraging deep relaxation.....all of the mothers and caregivers in your life deserve a bit of pampering! And, it is an easy, painless way to give back to our beautiful school.

Petal Holistic Skincare  
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Kathleen Van Dusen  
Owner; Fellow Aveson parent

Many Thanks to Volunteers from Pasadena Federal Credit Union

Thank you Dina, Kathy and Rhonda for reading to our students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. We value your wonderful contributions to our vision to build meaningful partnerships for the benefit of all students.....

Mark Your Calendar - New Performance Dates for Grease

Due to a series of unfortunate events (C.S.T. testing, our costumers schedule, our ability to build and paint everything in time....) We are changing the Grease performance dates to THURSDAY May 22 and FRIDAY, May 23rd. Curtains will rise at 7:00pm.

Our rehearsal schedule remains the same:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8AM-9:20AM  
Mondays and Wednesdays 4PM-5:30pm  
Fridays: 2PM-5:30PM

During Heck Week - the week of the show - our rehearsal schedule will be as follows:  
Monday, May 19 4-8pm

Tuesday, May 20 4-8pm

Wednesday May 21 4-8pm

On these days we will do a full dress TECH rehearsal. This is our chance to get it just right with music, lights, singing and dancing.

### Keep Your Eyes Peeled

Aveson families and Pasadena community members showed up in force for Saturday's Day of 1,000 Volunteers! When you return to campus on Monday keep your eyes peeled for new improvements throughout the campus. More on this community building event in next week's Compass!