

4 April 2008

### Guiding Principle of the Week

Your commitment is to make others around you successful.

### Mark Your Calendars

7-14 April Spring Break Students Off  
26 April Day of 1,000 Volunteers 8am – 2pm, Saturday  
2 May Professional Development Day Students Off  
21 May Community Forum Night (K-2) 6:30 – 8 pm  
28 May Community Forum Night (3-5) 6:30 - 8pm  
4 June Community Forum Night (6-9) 6:30 – 8pm  
7 June June Jubilee 7am - 4pm  
12-13 June Celebration of Learning Shortened Day  
18 June Last Day of School

### A Special Thank You to Rick Sewell

Aveson is grateful to Rick Sewell for providing training on Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to Harriet Carlisle, Bridget Hanks, Miyoko Itokazu, Kirk Melkonian, Thea Ulmer, Annelie Lindberg and Felipe Velez.

We look forward to a future training in August for the rest of the staff.

### Aveson Widens Its Professional Learning Community

UCLA classmates Felipe Velez and Josh Brody, the Director of Sequoyah School, engaged in a dialogue about bringing professional learning communities together to share best practices. Sequoyah staff offered to host the first annual Faculty Day of Dialogue on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 from 4pm to 5:30pm. Aveson is looking forward to building this professional learning community with Sequoyah, Odyssey Charter School, Waverly and Walden.

### 29 and Counting . . .

WOW! Twenty-nine...that's right 29... parents have signed-up to participate in the Day of 1,000 Volunteers event on the Aveson campus Saturday April 26, from 8:00am until 2:00pm.

What a great show of support from our Aveson family!

The event, produced by non-profit, Community Without Walls, and 24 community partner organizations will be packed full of activities. Tasks under consideration include planting a vegetable garden, creating colorful murals and graphics, creating a Zen garden, colorizing meeting spaces, building an arbor, replacing weeds with drought tolerant plants, and more!

Students as young as five (this minimum age is new; previously I told you it would be 8 years) and as old as 11 years will have special activities planned for them as coordinated by event partner Kidspace Museum (up to 40 students and 40 parents can be accommodated on campus). Parents are strongly encouraged to stay with children they bring to this activity. Students 12 and older can participate in adult tasks. Event partner Panda Express will provide lunch for event volunteers after a hard days work.

This event is just the beginning of Aveson's developing partnership with Community Without Walls. Look for more details on ongoing projects over the summer.

Call Felipe Velez to sign-up today. The registration deadline is April 16.

Greg Apodaca also needs every volunteer, regardless of age, to complete, sign and submit a Liability Waiver prior to the event. You can find this form at the Community Without Walls website, at [www.communitywithoutwalls.org](http://www.communitywithoutwalls.org).

### June Jubilee Goes Live

A blog has been launched to keep the Aveson community updated weekly on production of our first annual June Jubilee. Go to the Aveson website and click on the June Jubilee link. Or go directly to [www.junejubilee.blogspot.com](http://www.junejubilee.blogspot.com).

Vous nous manque beaucoup!

Aveson students reflect on the friendships forged during our exchange program with Pasadena's LILA School.

"I am very amazed that Megan can speak three languages! Those crepes, they were delicious! And when they speak French, I wish I could learn it myself! I hope I can visit LILA one day!"

Celina Einem - 2nd grade

"I loved having Megan in my class. I loved it because I went to LILA and she was in my class. It was cool to go to the same school with her again!"

Hannah Berry - 2nd grade

"I loved having Megan, Mateo and Nathan. I made friends with Megan. They were all very nice. They were great friends."

Harper McCallie - 2nd grade

"It was an amazing experience. It was fun making some new friends. It was so much fun. It is something you don't get everyday."

Claire Forrest - 2nd grade