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Guiding Principle of the Week

When identifying problems, offer strategies and solutions.

Kate's Desk: PUSD School Board Update

Dear Aveson Families,

Here is the latest information we have about the PUSD Board of Education and Aveson Charter School. Although the deadline for renewal of Aveson's lease was April 1, 2009, we understood that the district needed more time to clarify certain aspects of the lease offer and we agreed to an April 28th extension.

Two neighbors opposed to having high school-aged students at the Pinecrest campus attended another board meeting on March 24, while we were on Spring Break (watch it at <http://www.pusd.us/boardmeetings>).

Superintendent Diaz and the PUSD Board of Education have decided to conduct an independent environmental impact study concerning Aveson Charter School. This means they will study traffic, parking, noise and other factors related to our use of the campus. We welcome this action! We even offered to cover some of the cost, but Mr. Diaz prefers that the district be the sole sponsor.

Our large concern now is the timing of this study. It could take up to 120 days to complete. Mr. Diaz has indicated that a decision regarding the lease renewal for Aveson Charter School will be delayed until the study is done. This would place an unconscionable burden on Aveson families.

We are in the process of talking with board members and asking them to urge the district to bring the lease renewal agreement for Aveson to the table on April 28, 2009. The mandates of Proposition 39 require that a decision be made within a specific time period. However, this is less a legal concern for us than a moral one: our students are counting on us.

Here's how you can help:

1. Plan to attend the PUSD Board of Education meeting on April 28, 2009, even if you don't get a seat in the chamber.
2. Carefully follow Aveson's established drop-off, pick-up, traffic and parking policies and **ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES TO DO SO.**
3. Be ready to help out with an email and phone calling campaign if we determine this is needed. We will provide talking points and contact info for board members if this becomes necessary.
4. Stay positive! We can continue to express our passion for Aveson and to fight for our K-12 model without becoming dispirited or resorting to rage and rancor. You might call this "Conflict Resolution 101"... and it's not just our kids who are learning!

Thanks and stay tuned.

Kate

Got School Lunch?

For your ordering convenience, Aveson's Lunch Order Form is now available for download on the Aveson website. [Click here](#) to link to the Healthy Living/ Lunch Program page and scroll down to find April's lunch order form!

It's Eaton Canyon Time

The 3-5 Cadre will be visiting Eaton Canyon for the last time this year on Monday, April 13th.

Advisor schedule is:

Hanks, Marcy, Carey– 9:00 – 11:30 (snack)

Melkonian, Davis, Moore– 11:30 – 2:00 (lunch)

Please help your student come to school prepared that day:

- Wear proper footwear for hiking and clothing for the day's weather
- Bring a snack (group 1) or sack lunch (group 2), or pre-order an Aveson sack lunch
- Bring a water bottle

- Dress in Aveson team wear

Parents are warmly welcomed to attend. Please meet us at the Canyon.

Lifestraw Challenge Update

Collection bins for your Lifestraw recyclables will be at drop off lines next week. Please bring your aluminum cans, plastic bottles, plastic containers, and glass to contribute to this wonderful project! For more information about the Lifestraw Challenge, [click here](#).

5th Grade Math Tutoring Hour

Ms. Miyoko Itokazu is offering math tutoring for our 5th grade students. This tutoring will assist in preparing students for the California Standards Test in May. The tutoring will also help our 5th graders get acquainted with 6th grade expectations, Here are the specifics regarding tutoring.

What: 5th grade math tutoring

When: Mondays and Fridays 3:10-4:00

Where: Room A-2

Please contact Miyoko if you are interested in your child participating. miyokoitokazu@aveson.org

Aveson Hosts Shakespeare

Aveson Drama club is proud to present HAMLET (or does father reeally know best?). We've taken the greatest play ever written and have adapted it for our K-12 community.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday April 17 and 18 at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. Bring the whole family! Running time is 1 hour, 15 minutes. Kids 10 and under are FREE. Pre-Sale tickets are available now for just \$3. (They will be \$5 at the door.)

For tickets email Mr. Tom at tomhyatt@aveson.org

Drink It Up at Jamba Juice

The week of April 20 - April 26th will be "Aveson Week" at Jamba Juice Hastings Ranch. They will donate 20% of the proceeds to Aveson! Look for Jamba Juice flyers soon. Drink it up all week long!!!

B-I-N-G-O! Calling All Bingo Players --- of All Ages!

Save Saturday, May 9th, 5-9pm for Aveson's first family

BINGO night! The school auditorium will be transformed into a festive BINGO hall for Aveson families and friends. Join us at 5pm for a pasta dinner and get ready for BINGO gaming which will begin at 6pm. All proceeds benefit Aveson Charter School's general fund and we are prepared to welcome 250 of you. Advance reservation is necessary and the cost of admission is \$10 per person which includes 10 bingo games (3 cards per game). Children 5 and under are FREE and will be provided a movie and childcare. Additionally, there are FANTASTIC prizes for the winners of each bingo game and lots of raffle prizes to be won. A delicious pasta (veg & meat) dinner will be available for purchase at 5pm for \$5.00 per person. Bring the whole family for a fun and festive evening benefiting our very special school.

The form for making reservations will soon be ready. You will receive it via email. Copies will also be available in the office and will be sent home with your child. Turn your form and payment into the front office. We hope to see you all there! With questions regarding Bingo Night please call or text Cynthia Cohn at 626.818.2577. Questions regarding reservations and payment should be directed to ColettePorter@aveson.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 13 Eaton Canyon Fieldtrip 3-5

April 15 K-5 Community Forum

April 17-19 Hamlet 8:00 p.m. Fri. and Sat.; 2:00 p.m.

Sunday

April 22 6-10 Community Forum

April 25 Aveson Family Camp Out (FULL)

April 27 Eaton Canyon Fieldtrip K-2

April 28 PUSD Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. 351 N. Hudson,
Pasadena

April 29 Restaurant Night at Islands (Paseo)

May 2 Treasure Hunt Rummage Sale

May 9 Aveson Bingo Night

June 6 June Jubilee