

19 April 2009

Guiding Principle of the Week

Your commitment is to make others around you successful.

Encore!

Our congratulations to the cast and crew and of Aveson's Drama Club for putting their own stamp on Shakespeare's Hamlet and delivering three memorable performances this weekend.

**Your Support is Needed: Critical PUSD Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday**

While we have no further news since last week's update, we still need your support on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. The PUSD Board of Ed will meet at the district offices located at 351 S. Hudson. Please arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Aveson Students in Action: Community Day Follow Up

The theme of our April 8th community day was COMMITMENT to ACTION. Aveson villages learned about problems such as hunger, homelessness, and the impact that AIDS has had on women and children in South Africa. Students also learned about organizations that work to address these issues such as Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, and ArtAidsArt. Our world citizens in training can put their turn their newfound knowledge and compassion into action in any of the following ways:

ArtAidsArt: New or gently used books, dolls, and stuffed animals can be turned to any Aveson advisor for donation to children in South Africa.

Habitat for Humanity: Students can bring change and place it in the "Nickels for Nails" containers located in every advisory.

Heifer International: Students can ask to be sponsored to read books or do extra chores at home in order to earn money to donate to Heifer International. The donation will provide a family with animals that will produce income and food. All donations should be turned into D-6 in an envelope labeled Heifer International. Boxed cereal is also being collected in D-6 for women and children at a homeless shelter here in Southern California.

Please ask students about what they learned during our last community day and encourage them to follow up with one or more of the ideas listed above. All donations can be turned in next week, April 20-24. You can also visit the websites for these organizations to learn more about their work.

ArtsAidsArt organization www.artaidsart.org

Habitat for Humanity www.habitat.org

Heifer International www.heifer.org

Bannerman Foundation Supports Culinary Arts Instruction & Free/Reduced Lunches

We are very grateful to the William C. Bannerman Foundation, located in West Hollywood, for their generous gift of \$30,000 to support Aveson's Culinary Arts Instruction and to partially underwrite Aveson's free and reduced Fresh Lunch Program. Thank you to Mr. B, Kelly, Aveson students and volunteers who have dedicated themselves to making healthy living and the culinary arts a cornerstone of our school.

3rd Graders Take the Lifestraw Challenge to Heart

Third graders are really fired up about helping with the Lifestraw project! They have had tons of questions about it. We learned that it costs a little less than \$2 per straw and one straw can help one person for one whole year!

We discussed what we can buy for \$2 and what do we use those items for. One student expressed that she can buy about two packs of gum for that amount and she goes through the gum in less than a week! We talked about how amazing it would be if everyone considered how they spend \$2 on a regular basis and how many people we could help if we donated it to the Lifestraw project.

We are on a mission to have 100% participation in our class by collecting and bringing in as many recyclables as we can over the next week.

I just wanted to pass along how passionate our students can become over issues that can be participated in simply. It was great to see my students show such eagerness and compassion.

Casey Moore
3-5 Literacy

Collection Extended for LifeStraw Challenge

The Lifestraw Challenge will continue this week through Friday! If you have aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and glass containers please bring them to the collection areas located at drop off. Please We have a lot of other recyclables to haul that don't fit in to this category which people have brought. We're doing great as a school!

Reserve Your BINGO Seat Now!

You've been reading about Bingo Night in the Compass and take home flyers.

You've marked your calendar and saved the date. Now it's time to save your seats! Don't miss out on this fun night for the whole family. Use the Bingo form - linked to Aveson's [home page](#) - to make your reservation. Then, print it out, write a check and drop it by the office. The ORANGE DROP-OFF box at our front steps - in front of the office - is handy if you don't have time to park and come in.

Hot Off the Compost Heap: Aveson's Learning Garden Thrives

The Aveson Learning Garden is full of Spring life.! A wheelbarrow full of lettuce (in bags of course) was sent down to kitchen for Fridays' salad. The K-2 students recently discovered examples of every stage of a ladybugs' life. Much to everyone's excitement, there were ladybug eggs everywhere we looked! We are preparing for Spring planting. Six wheelbarrow loads of soil have been sifted from the compost pile this week. The sunflowers are sprouting on the orange level. Ms. Davis' class was busily spreading mulch over the area on Wednesday to help retain moisture. They received a lesson in decomposition and microorganisms when some of the students discovered that the mulch was very hot underneath. Hopefully we will continue to see more plant life on that level. Next week we will be planting pole beans around the garden's 8ft tipi. We will also begin a Three Sisters garden - a traditional Native American garden comprised of beans, corn and squash. We will use our compost and chicken manure to amend the soil.

Smooth Fundraising - April 20-24, 2009

Aveson Week at Jamba Juice Hastings Ranch kicks off on Monday for tasty fundraising all week long!

Remember we will earn \$ for Aveson if you bring Jamba Juice flyers into the Hastings Ranch location and enjoy some delicious fruit smoothies. Hand out flyers to neighbors and friends and invite them out to support our school! The flyer will be posted on our Aveson home page - simply [click here](#), print and get your smoothie on!

Grow Your Business; Buy-A-Booth

June Jubilee is fast approaching and reservations for booth space are now being accepted. Showcase your business and network with the community with your own June Jubilee booth. For \$150 you'll receive your own piece of June Jubilee real estate including 1- 6ft table, 2 chairs and a shade cover. For more information, please contact Cynthia Cohn at Cynthia.Cohn@Sothebyshomes.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 22 6-10 Community Forum
- April 25 Aveson Family Camp Out (full)
- April 27 Eaton Canyon Field trip 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