

25 April 2009 Guiding Principle of the Week There is no such thing as too much truth.

We have been awaiting news from PUSD regarding exactly what it is that district staff will recommend to the school board on Tuesday night. Alas! Here it is:

Final Offer of Space at Former Noyes School Site by Aveson School of Leaders and Aveson Global Leadership Academy for School Year 2009-10

[BR 88-A]It is recommended that the Governing Board of the Pasadena Unified School District approve the lease for final offer of space at the former Noyes School Site to Aveson for the School Year 2009-10, and authorize staff to develop a lease agreement pursuant to Proposition 39.

The contingency has been removed! Although we will have a chance to review the language of the lease with our attorneys before signing, we welcome the CEQA and are committed to resolving all reasonable findings.

Aveson parents, your letters have been nothing short of inspirational! Thank you for taking the time and energy to put your thoughts and feelings into words. You have placed your children at the heart of the matter and have brought a sense of reality and humanity to the outrageous exchange that has been taking place. Wow and thank you. This is what we mean by leadership.

Join us in expressing our appreciation and our commitment to cooperation and keep those letters coming!

A presence at the board meeting on Tuesday night (6:00 p.m., 351 N. Hudson, Pasadena) is still important. Some of our neighbors will be present; they may be upset. We will address the board and demonstrate our commitment to mitigating concerns revealed by the CEQA. Join us in representing our school and wear your AVESON GREEN!

Disaster Simulation Drill - Thursday, May 7, 2009

We will be having an important emergency drill at the beginning of the school day on Thursday, May 7. It will last 1.5 to 2 hours. The office will be closed because all staff members have a role to play in an emergency.

Please make sure your students attend school that day. You may want to talk with them about the drill. "Simulation" means that we will have community members acting out certain roles (the hurt child, the panicked parent, etc.). Advisors will talk about these ideas with students but families play the biggest role in a child's perception of his or her safety and security. Let's help our kids feel prepared and confident!

Curtain Call

Thank you, Aveson! This past week Aveson Drama students presented HAMLET. We were able to showcase our production for the entire 3rd-10th grade community, as well as nearly 200 audience members during a successful three day run. We raised nearly \$800 dollars, as well.

Our 11 young people took to the stage and impressed everyone lucky enough to be in attendance. Hannah! Eleanor! Jacob! Adrianna! Siobhan! Savana! Tiffany! Dylan! Kirsten! Ian! Mare! Your talent and dedication to your craft is powerful. Thank you!

To Ralph Seymour, the lead director: it does not get said enough, but without you there would not be a successful drama program at Aveson! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What now? Hamlet was filmed with a three camera set up and is being edited and transferred to DVD by parent John Serembe. Professional photos done by Laura Burke will also be placed on the DVD. Order one now! \$20 - email tomhyatt@aveson.org to place your order.

Next up: JAMES and the GIANT PEACH - coming in early June. We need you, Aveson. Come to the Arts Action Team meeting Monday, **April 27th at 5PM** - in B1 (Mr. Tom's room). We will be brainstorming JAMES - costumes, set, promotion and more!

~Mr. Tom

Don't Miss Your "Wake Up Call": Aveson Students Launch School Newspaper

Ms. Jami and her students have put together an exceptional 1st issue dubbed "Wake Up Call" -[Click here](#) to check out this month's issue or go to Aveson's Homepage and click on the "Wake Up Call" button. Bookmark for future issues and contact Ms. Jami at jamiyee@aveson.org if you'd like to support the efforts of our budding journalists.

Reliving the Past

This week Mr. Tom's US History students presented on the Era of Reform, which kicked off at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848! Women's rights, education reform and the movement to abolish slavery were on the agenda. Some students donned 19th century bonnets and coats as they demanded change!

Turn Your Spring Cleaning Into Treasures: Aveson Rummage Sale Saturday, May 2

rummage - n. a confusion of miscellaneous articles.

4A. Go ahead and tackle that spring cleaning task! Aveson is ready to take your unwanted treasures and turn them into cash for our school. You can drop them

off at the K-2 gate before Friday, May 1.

4B. A Saturday morning adventure never looked so good or helped so much! Come to Aveson's **Treasure Sale on May 2** and discover gold among the things your Aveson friends have turned in for redemption.

677 E. Palm Street

Altadena

(2 blocks North of Altadena Dr., 1 block West of Lake Ave.)

Questions? Call Michael at 818-554-6678.

WASC Visit on Monday, May 4, 2009

On Monday, May 4, we will be hosting two visitors from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This is the initial candidacy phase that begins in year two. The full WASC study typically takes three years from initial candidacy to full accreditation. The WASC team will be considering both the Aveson School of Leaders (K-5) and the Aveson Global Leadership Academy (6-12).

Campus Clean Up Day Thursday, April 30, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

In preparation for the WASC visit and because we need to keep our campus in shape, there will be an All-Aveson clean up session during an extended advisory on Thursday, April 30, from 8:00-9:00.

We will be doing some weeding and trimming, pick up and organizing. Parents are encouraged to join us and have some fun taking care of this beautiful campus. Contact Erin if you can help out. erinbuoen@aveson.org.

BINGO BONANZA

Have you even played BINGO yet? It's time to start living! Check out the fun at Aveson's first Bingo Night, Saturday, May 9. Pasta dinner starts at 5:00 p.m.; gaming starts at 6:00 p.m. Reserve your spots for \$10 per Bingo player and see if you can bring home one of our terrific prizes. Download the Bingo form from our website www.aveson.org and drop it off, along with your payment, in the office or in the orange box in front of the office. You can also call and make reservations over the phone (626) 797-1440. Bring the whole family!

K-2's Final Trek to Eaton Canyon

The K-2 Cadre will be visiting Eaton Canyon for the last time this year this upcoming Monday, April 27th.

Advisor schedule is:

Ulmer, Cranston-Cuebas, Detwiler/Chadwick 9:00-11:30 (snack)

Sonnenberg, Hanley, Simonsen/Culpepper – 11:30-2:00 (sack 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 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.

School Camp Out Postponed Our school camp out has been postponed, but stay tuned for more information about our off campus camping adventure slated for the Fall! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

April 27 Eaton Canyon Fieldtrip K-2
April 28 PUSD Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. 351 N. Hudson
April 29 Restaurant Night at California Pizza Kitchen
April 30 Campus Clean Up Day 8:00-9:00 a.m.
May 2 Treasure Hunt Rummage Sale: 677 E. Palm St.
May 7 All-Aveson Disaster Simulation Drill, 8:00 a.m.
May 9 Aveson Bingo Night, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
June 6 June Jubilee