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Guiding Principle of the Week

Our growth together requires us to grow individually.

It Takes Our Whole Village: Annual Fund Progress Report

Thanks to all of the families who have already supported the Aveson Annual Fund! We've had 81 families donate almost \$28,000! Our goal of \$250 per child will help us reach \$80,000 and we've already raised enough to cover 112 children!

HOWEVER, the participation of ALL of our families is just as important as the money we receive. 100% participation strengthens our community, empowers our children and enhances our appeal for grants. There is no minimum donation. Any donation amount qualifies you as a verifiable donor. So please give what you can.

We had originally set a deadline of Dec. 15h. Family feedback says we need to have a more fluid deadline. We will happily take your lump-sum donation, or your pledge to donate monthly ANYTIME. As an expression of gratitude and community acknowledgment, we will be publishing our growing list of donors at the end of each month in the

Aveson Compass. If you are a current donor and you don't want your name listed, please let Susan know by emailing susanhixon@aveson.org.

If you are not yet a current donor, please decide what will work for your budget and donate today. Every dollar counts! No donation is too small!

Thank you!
the Aveson Team

Phil Fest 09 Community Talent & Art Showcase

On sat Jan 24th we will be having Phil Fest 09. This will be a talent & art showcase and fundraiser to celebrate and support our dear friend Phil Hanley and his family.

What: An evening featuring talent and visual art by Aveson students and community members

When: Saturday, January 24, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Where: Aveson auditorium

Cost: \$4 donation per person; all proceeds will go to the Hanley family.

Please come out and show your love and support. We will video our showcase so Phil can watch it a million times!
Artists and volunteers are needed. Here's how you can help:

- Perform or display your art (any type of music, poetry, drama or other performance art; 5 minutes max per act)

- Bring snacks or beverages to share;
- Help with set-up and clean-up on the night of the event.

Please send an email to Showcase@aveson.org to tell us how you'd like to be involved.

Let's show Phil how much we love and support him! See you at Phil Fest 09!

Aveson's Cooking Club Gets Cooking

Aveson students grades 3-10 are invited to participate in the Cooking Club. So far, we have had great fun using vegetables from the garden to experiment in the kitchen-- and we will start giving samples of our fabulous dishes during lunch on Thursdays. Parents are also needed to help out. The Cooking Club meeting will take place every Wednesday, from 1:30-3PM, in the Aveson Kitchen. We are also looking for donations of backyard fruit or local produce for our cooking explorations. Come and join the fun! The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 21st in the Aveson Kitchen.

Parents, if your child is planning to attend, please RSVP to Elisabeth Dimopoulos at Elisabeth@BacktotheKitchen.net.

Important Neighborhood Forum January 22nd at 6:30p.m.

If you live close to campus, we encourage you to join us at

Aveson's Neighborhood Forum on Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the event is to get to know our immediate neighbors and to help them get to know us!

If you live nearby, please also encourage your neighbors to join us. We'd like to see a strong representation of residents from all the blocks surrounding our school. To that end, Aveson leadership students have distributed flyers and personally invited many neighbors.

If you can help us distribute invitations again, this time to a wider radius and without knocking on doors, please join leadership students and staff on Wed., Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the front office and cover as many streets as possible in approximately 2 hours. Help us if you can!

Action Packed Action Team Kick Off: *The View from the Kitchen Garden*

Last Saturday's Aveson Action Team Kick-Off was action packed with ideas and resources for enhancing Aveson's campus and curriculum. Garden and Food team members united forces to identify ways to further Aveson's healthy living and culinary arts vision through the Learning Garden, Cooking Club and School Lunch programs. The focus of the group was on strengthening Aveson's commitment to healthy living by connecting the garden to the kitchen and making fresh, Aveson and locally grown produce an integral part of Aveson's lunch service and culinary arts curriculum.

Garden and Foodie action teams will meet again on **Wednesday January 21st at 6pm** outside the Flex Room on

the upper campus to share progress, outline next steps, and enjoy a light potluck supper. If you have a green thumb, a healthy appetite and/ or a vision for our culinary and gardening curricula, join us! For more information, please e-mail Jill McArthur at freshvine@sbcglobal.net, Elisabeth Dimopoulos at Elisabeth@backtothekitchen.net or Elizabeth Jebef at jebef@sbcglobal.net.

A Toast to Tapas: February 22nd

Follow up Valentine's Day weekend with a lively evening of adult "finger foods" and good company that benefits our school. Join us for **A Toast to Tapas** - our second Aveson fundraising dinner for the 2008/2009 school year - on **Sunday, February 22nd at 6pm at Firefly Bistro**. The evening, hosted by Owner Chefs and Aveson parents, Paul Rosenbluh and Monique King, will be a Spanish theme where a variety of delicious tapas and sangria wine will be offered. Tickets are \$75 per person and over 45% will go directly back to our school. Since seating is limited to 36, reserve your seats now by sending a check directly to Cynthia Cohn (made out to Aveson Charter School) at 2060 Paloma Street, Pasadena, CA 91104 at your earliest convenience. Any questions contact Cynthia at 626.818.2577. We look forward to putting the fun in fundraiser at this celebratory event. Thanks so much for your support and to Paul and Monique for having us! [Firefly Bistro](#) is located at 1009 El Centro St., South Pasadena, CA 91030 **Save the Date: June Jubilee Slated for June 6, 2009**

Amazingly, it's time to start planning the 2nd Annual June Jubilee! Last year's Jubilee raised over \$20,000 and proved

to be great fun! Now that we've tested the model, this year promises more egg confetti, live music, and community building magic! But we need your help! If you're interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Sonja Alarr at salarr@earthlink.net; or Kelly Peters at peterskell@gmail.com.

June Jubilee Buy-A-Booth

Calling all business owners and entrepreneurs! Once again, the June Jubilee will host a section of booths featuring community businesses. If you are an entrepreneur or have a business that you would like to introduce to Aveson and the surrounding community, please consider purchasing a booth. For \$150 or a commission of your sales, you will be provided a table and 2 chairs where you can present your business as attendees mingle and meet you. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Cynthia Cohn at 626.818.2577 or Cynthia.cohn@sothebysrealty.com. If you happen to know of someone in the community who may like to buy a booth, they are welcome to do so. Sign-ups are due by May 16th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 19 MLK Holiday: No School
- Jan. 20 Restaurant Night at El Torito
- Jan. 22 Neighborhood Forum, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24 Aveson's Phil Fest 09, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28 Parent/ Teacher Coffee for Grades 3-5, 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 6 Staff Planning Day: No School K-10

Feb.11 Community Day; Parent Education Night, 6:30 p.m.
Feb.18 K-5 Community Forum, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 22 A Toast to Tapas Fundraiser 6:00 p.m.
Feb.25 6-10 Community Forum, 6:30 p.m.

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