

24 January 2009

## Guiding Principle of the Week

**Vision means seeing what could be and what will be and living the difference.**

## Phil Fest 09 Community Talent & Art Showcase Tonight!

Join Aveson friends and family tonight - Saturday, January 24th - for Phil Fest 09. This is 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! Let's show Phil how much we love and support him! See you at Phil Fest 09!

## The Precious Gift of Democracy: Inauguration Day at Aveson

The word **inauguration** was on everybody's lips on

Tuesday, January 20th. Aveson's K-2 students watched together - popcorn and juice in hand - in our Library/ Flex Room as President Barack Obama took the Oath of Office. Our 3-5 cadre also came together to watch a live feed online. Upper school students gathered in our multi-purpose auditorium to witness history-in-the-making. There were cheers and tears! Here's one real conversation from the day:

Kindergartner: "Mommy, what's that Barack just said about a **\*\*precious gift\*\***?"

Mommy: "The precious gift is the idea that we're all created equally... and that we all deserve a chance to be free and to do our dreams."

Kindergartner: "Mommy, what's that mean, 'created equal'?"

Mommy: "It means that, even though we have differences, deep down we're all the same. Every single person is special."

Kindergartner: "Oh." Mommy: "OK. What did Barack say was the precious gift? What's the big idea?"

Kindergartner: "Everybody is equal!!! WE'RE ALL THE SAME!"

Two days later... Mommy: "What's the precious gift?"

Kindergartner: "We're all equal, Mommy! Don't you remember?!"

## **Rummage, Glorious Rummage**

Help us build on last year's Rummage Sale success by donating household goods or urgently needed storage

space. This year's Rummage Sale will be a two day treasure hunting extravaganza on May 2nd and 3rd! For more information, please contact [erinbuoen@aveson.org](mailto:erinbuoen@aveson.org).

## **Don't Miss Out on the Fun-D! Annual Fund Update**

Contributions continue to arrive!! We want to celebrate and thank our current donors by name in the Compass next week, so please let Susan know if you are a contributor and do not want your name listed. [susanhixon@aveson.org](mailto:susanhixon@aveson.org)

## **Good Neighbors: Thursday's Neighborhood Forum**

We had a successful meeting with neighbors on Thursday, Jan. 22. One of the greatest concerns for Aveson's residential neighbors is traffic safety and parking. For everyone's safety and goodwill, please be certain to adhere to the following rules:

- Pinecrest traffic has the right of way; our access road/ parking lot (Skyview) does not. Yield to Pinecrest traffic.

- Traffic patterns are designed as one-way for safety reasons; please adhere to the one-way rules and always drive north out of the parking area.

- Our lease says we will contain all parking on campus; please do not park on the streets. If you are coming in at the front office during school (lock-down) hours and there are no spots in front of the office, use the lowest

spots in our parking lot or, as a last resort, park on the Aveson side of Pinecrest.

We had a chance to share our great story with our neighbors and we enjoyed the "I Am" video that was shown at the December Celebration of Learning. Thanks to all the nearby Aveson families and to our leadership students who were able to attend.

## **Read This: Sales Tally from December's Scholastic Book Fair**

We had a very successful Book Fair at December's Celebration of Learning with book sales totaling \$2,587. This translates into more than \$1,233 in book credits for our school! We will be using these credits to stock teaching materials and classroom libraries. Also, thank you to all the Aveson families who purchased books and gift certificates for our classrooms. Your contributions enrich our students literary adventures. The next book fair will coincide with our Spring Celebration of Learning.

## **Burn for a Cause: Fat Burning Fitness Boot Camp to Begin February 16th on Aveson Campus**

What better way to start your morning than to get moving and get in shape!

Beginning Monday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, Aveson parent, P.E. Action Team Leader, and Certified Personal Trainer, Stephen

Cooper will be offering a Fitness Boot Camp here on the Aveson campus.

If your goal is to shed fat, tone, and tighten your entire body in only 3 short workouts per week, then this is for you.

Class size will be limited to no more than 20 participants.

Summary of benefits...

You will see accelerated fat loss in only 3 workouts per week with my high-intensity training program.

You will become strong, slim, and lean with my resistance training program.

You will boost energy, reduce stress, improve your posture, and be prepared for the demands of everyday life with our functional total body workouts.

**10% of your class fees will go to Aveson School**

The training philosophy for my boot camp involves the use of compound functional movements done in a circuit training format for maximum fat loss and muscle toning.

I'm also offering a 100%, no questions asked, iron-clad, money back guarantee. There's absolutely no reason for me to overstate the amazing benefits of this boot camp program. If you're not completely satisfied with the experience, and with your results, I will happily refund all of your money. No hard feelings. (First 3 week camp, 3 times per week, is only \$135)

Please visit [www.bootcamppasadena.com](http://www.bootcamppasadena.com) or call (626)674-0408.

\*I'd also like to hear what times you prefer. A.M.'s P.M.'s...let me know.

Sincerely,

Stephen Cooper 4th Grade Aveson Parent - aka Sean's  
Dad P.E. Action Team Leader

## **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

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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.

SAVE the DATE: Rummage Sale, May 2-3, 2009

SAVE THE DATE: June Jubilee, June 6, 2009