

9 January 2009

Guiding Principle of the Week

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

Happy 2009! Join Us Tomorrow Morning to Jumpstart the Aveson New Year

Aveson is ready to put your New Year's resolution energy to work! Please come and join us for our Action Team Kickoff this Saturday, Jan. 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30. We will have a general session in the auditorium and then break off into the Action Teams listed below. An Action Team is a group of parents, students and staff who come together around a common passion to accomplish a positive outcome for our school.

Each Action Team will require the insights and energy of 8-10 to accomplish their team's goals for our children and our school. Please bring your indispensable ideas, your voluntary support, your Aveson friendship, and the energy and vigor that defines our school community. Facilitators will be meeting at 8:30 am, before the meeting. We are excited that many Aveson advisors will be joining action teams beginning in 2009.

AVESON ACTION TEAMS

Arts Action Team Celebration of Learning Action
Team Culinary Arts Action Team (The Foodies) Culture and
Climate Action Team Foreign Language Action
Team Fundraising Action Team (FAT) Gardening Action

Team Grants Action Team Green/ Environmental Action
Team June Jubilee Action Team Learning Differences Action
Team Library/ Literacy Action Team Music Action
Team Neighborhood Action Team Physical Education Action
Team Playground Action School Safety Action Team Service
Learning/ Global Outreach Action Team

Intention to Continue Enrollment & Sibling Preference 2009-10 *Due Friday, January*

16 Aveson is beginning the enrollment process for the 2009-10 school year. Your cooperation in completing and returning your *Intent to Continue Enrollment Form by Friday, January 16, 2009* will assist us in determining how many openings we anticipate for Fall 2009. In addition, we do offer a sibling preference for existing families. As such, we also need to determine how many siblings will be joining Aveson. The form is available in the office or [click here](#) to download from the Aveson's website.

The Gift of Your Time: Supporting Phil Hanley's Recovery in 2009

Phil is doing well at the Care Meridian facility in Artesia, where he has been living since the beginning of November. His speech and physical therapists are working with him several times a week to encourage and develop his ability to communicate. He remains in a state of semi-consciousness with periods of alertness.

What Phil needs more than anything, at this point, are visitors! While the facility provides a comfortable environment for Phil, he has had far fewer visitors since his relocation. As a result, he is receiving less of the regular

sensory stimulation required to continue progressing and rehabilitating. Phil needs visitors to keep him engaged and to remind him how greatly he is missed and how much hope we still have for his recovery. Encouraged stimulating activities include reading, telling stories, listening to music, watching TV/movies, playing a musical instrument, talking, etc.

Thanks to everyone for staying connected and positive. To arrange to spend time with Phil, please contact Meredith at meredithking@aveson.org.

Make Music!

Aveson parent, artist, musician and community treasure, Michael Greiner, is launching the Aveson Music Club this January! The primary goals of the club are individual musical development, ensemble playing, performance, recording and fun in a supportive, social and positive environment. Musicians may have the opportunity to participate in a public performance already scheduled in February on the Thongophone - aka the PVC Marimbas. Depending on the dynamics of the group in January we will work on glass harmonicas, percussion and rhythm development. If there are guitar, wind or string players, we will be arranging and writing a repertoire to include their instruments. Club meets Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00 to 6:00 with "Stage Time" (open to parents) from 5:30 to 6:00. Materials fee \$20/week. For more

information, or to save a spot for your Aveson student, call Michael at 818-554-6678

[Click here](#) to treat your ears to a You Tube clip of Mr. Grainier's musical magic - enjoyed by over 400,000 viewers worldwide!

\$735 Freelanthy Dollars & Counting

The 3-5 Cadre won the Ice Cream Party for the most Freelanthy participants! Teachers are pinning down a party date!

Cherdan Griffin (A Fifth grader in Bridget Hank's advisory) won the FREE week of Mr. B's delicious Aveson Hot lunches.

We have already raised \$735 just by searching the Internet through our special toolbar! Thank you for all your support! Keep surfing and spread the word. Every internet search helps raise money to enrich our children's Aveson experience!

To join in the Freelanthy fun, simply:

1. Get the toolbar, www.Freelanthy.com/aveson For Internet Explorer and Firefox. Safe and secure.
2. Maximize your support by making Freelanthy.com your browser start page to remind you to raise money for Aveson every single day just by searching

the Web.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sweet Rewards

Congratulations to Chavonne Long, parent of Sydney and Samuel Long. Chavonne was one of 50 supporters who participated in Aveson's Volunteer Survey. She has won the hour-long massage donated by the Taylor family and AcuSpa. Thank you to Chavonne, the Taylors and Pasadena's massage retreat, [AcuSpa!](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 10 Action Team Kickoff Event, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30a.m.

Jan. 14 Community Day

Jan. 19 MLK Holiday: no school

Jan. 20 Restaurant Night at El Torito

Jan. 22 Neighborhood Forum, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 24 Campus Tour #3

Jan. 24 Community Showcase Celebrating Phil, 6:30 p.m.

January's Hot Lunch Line Up

Mon. 1/5 Whole wheat Penne pasta with Red sauce or Meatballs & Red sauce, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread & Grapes

Meat or No Meat

Tues. 1/6 Turkey or cheese Sandwich, watermelon, crunchy snack mix

Turkey or Cheese

Wed. 1/7 Chinese chicken or Veggie chicken salad, muffin, edamame medley, grapes

Chicken or No Chicken

Thurs. 1/8 Hamburger or Veggie burger, Baked fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, ketchup, mustard, fruit

Fri. 1/9 Cheese Pizza, salad and whole baby apples

Mon. 1/12 Mac n' Cheese, green beans and fruit

Tues, 1/13 Cheese Quesadilla or Chicken and cheese quesadilla, rice and refried beans, salsa, watermelon

Wed. 1/14 Community Day Special Sandwich, veggies, fruit, and crunchy snack

Turkey or Cheese

Thurs. 1/15 Teriyaki Chicken or soy "chicken", veggie rice, green beans, pineapple

Fri. 1/16 Pizza, caesar salad with croutons, grapes

Mon. 1/19 MLK Holiday

Tues. 1/20 Grilled Cheese, edamame, fresh fruit

Wed. 1/21 Chinese chicken or Veggie chicken salad,
muffin, edamame medley, grapes

Chicken or No Chicken

Thurs. 1/22 Whole wheat Penne pasta, red sauce or meat
sauce, garden salad, garlic bread, fresh fruit

Meat or no meat

Fri. 1/23 Cheese Pizza, salad, apples

Mon. 1/26 Hamburger or Veggie burger, Baked fries,
lettuce, tomato, pickle, ketchup, mustard, fruit

Tues. 1/27 Cheese Quesadilla or Chicken and cheese
quesadilla, rice and refried beans, salsa, watermelon

Wed. 1/28 Teriyaki Chicken or soy “chicken”, veggie rice,
green beans, pineapple

Thurs. 1/29 Mac’ n’ Cheese, green beans, and watermelon

Fri. 1/30 Cheese Pizza, caesar salad with croutons,
watermelon

All unsubsidized hot lunches are \$4 each. Please use lunchdeposit.com to pay for school lunch program