

Your Company  
8 June 2009

### Guiding Principle of the Week

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

### The Joy of Fundraising

Hopefully you've still got confetti on the inside of your car and a smile on your face from all the fun we had together at Saturday's June Jubilee 2009! From the water balloons to the face painting, from the spin art to the snow cones to the scrumptious lunch and the generous silent auction.... what a terrific and valuable event!!

You were not only asked to contribute to a gift basket for each child's advisory, but also to volunteer in the class booth, buy raffle tickets, buy game tickets and then bid on some of the very items you contributed! And, guess what else? You did it! Together we grossed over \$16,000 for our school!! We are so grateful.

Thank you to the businesses who brought their wares and services to us and to the musicians, hip hoppers and belly dancers who had us moving to the beat (without the heat!) on the blacktop. Thanks also to the tireless members of the Fundraising Action Team who made it all happen and to one special Aveson family who underwrote almost every expense (so we will net \$14,000!!). And thanks for no rain!

In these very tight times, we had a chance to critically help our great school and to celebrate the season. It was such a positive event that, by the end of the day, Kate Bean was seen coloring the bottoms of all the lollipops so that every choice from the lollipop tree was a winner! And to the highest bidder who now gets to turn Mr. Tom into a chocolate sundae: good luck with that!!

Incoming 6-11th Graders Community Forum  
Wednesday June 10, 6:00p.m.

All new and returning upper school families are encouraged to attend this important meeting about our plan for academy-based learning. The new structure is slated for implementation in the 2009-2010 school year, so let's come together and share questions and answers.

Public Hearing at Aveson - Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

The CEQA study about Aveson that was commissioned by PUSD and conducted by a consulting group is now complete. The findings were minimal and we are confident that we will be able to mitigate them. See below for a recap of the findings or you can read the whole report. We have a copy in the office or here it is online: <http://www.pusd.us/avesondocs>. We are now in the public comment period, from June 1 - June 30.

The next critical event is a public hearing that will be convened by the consulting group at Aveson on Wednesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. We need all hands on deck. Please sign up to make a public comment and speak to the findings of the study. Here are some possibilities:

- \* Talk about work we have already done to make traffic less of a problem (parent education, following the drop-off and pick up-policies, taking alternative routes, etc.).
- \* Emphasize that there is always plenty of parking available.
- \* Speak about Aveson's green commitment and how we are thrilled to provide separate containers so that recycling is more visible to our students, instead of a behind-the-scenes sorting process by Athens Waste, our service provider.
- \* Mention our campus beautification efforts (volunteers are clearing the exterior beds and, at the right time of year, will be planting drought resistant plants which students help to select).
- \* Speak also about our desire to be good neighbors; invite everyone to our All School BBQ on Friday, June 19, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Let's really get to know each other!

The Neighborhood Action Team led by Diane Simonsen and the admin team, will immediately begin on a plan to address specific concerns identified by the CEQA. Anyone interested in helping with these efforts, please email [myshiamoten@aveson.org](mailto:myshiamoten@aveson.org).

James & the Giant Peach is Here - June 12th & 13th

You can't miss this fantastic production! The sets alone are worth a gander. Join us Friday and Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Note: marshmallows play an important role in this production. If you can donate a bag of big ones, please turn it into Alma in the office before Friday. Thank you, thank you!

Ready, Set, Compete!

The Aveson Olympics (grades 1-10) will take place on Friday, June 12, from 9:00-11:00. Mind you, this is much less time than Coach Eric wanted! However, we also have Community Day this week and we do need students to spend some time in class. So, all those who are hot to win gold, please report to the field on Friday so Coach Eric can present your challenge! Contests will include the 40 yard dash, mile run, basketball free throw, 3 point and lay up, etc. Good luck!

Calling All Volunteers, Come to Tea, Pretty Please  
Wednesday June 17, 2:00p.m.

It's time for Aveson to give thanks to you great souls who have given so many, many hours over this year. No matter in what capacity, if you have given of your time and talents during this school year, please let us thank and honor you with tea and sandwiches on Wednesday afternoon, June 17, starting at 2:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Come hungry. Tell your volunteer tales. We'll try not to use this opportunity to ask you to do it all again next year!

Hot Summer Ahead, Garden Watering Help Needed

When you're parched and crackly this summer, just think of how our plants feel! We need at least 4 local families to commit to watering on campus one day each week this summer. If we have more kind people sign up, that will mean less work for all. Vacations will be accommodated. Email [erinbuoen@aveson.org](mailto:erinbuoen@aveson.org) if you can help.

All School BBQ BYOS (Bring Your Own Sides) June 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

In the last Compass, we asked you to save this date. We bragged about the burgers and hot dogs that staff will be cooking up for your enjoyment (plus buns and condiments). However, we said it would be potluckish....INSTEAD, we ask that each family bring the rest of THEIR OWN meal. That way, we won't need to manage a food line and lots of clean up on the field. Bring chairs, blankets and any other picnic must-haves. See you there!

Stay & Play: Restructuring Aveson's After School Enrichment Programs

In our effort to provide an equitable, flexible and enriching after school experience to the entire Aveson community at moderate to low fees, we are excited to announce the following changes to our after school enrichment offerings beginning September 2009.

Goals:

- Enrich the lives of Aveson students by offering professional, curriculum-based instruction and performance opportunities in dance, drama, music, and visual arts.
- Introduce students to alternative, enrichment activities such as sewing, costume and fashion design and more.
- Strengthen each students' social and emotional growth through site-based mentoring, counseling, and talk groups.
- Inspire critical thinking and a love for learning in the hearts and minds of each child through;
  - o Guidance in PLP integration

- o Emphasis on personal development
- o Introduction to, or coaching in project-based learning
- o Intervention and academic enrichment

Executive Director:

Myshia Moten, BFA in Dance, MEd, Doctoral Student, Director of Operations Aveson Charter School

Staff:

- Casey Rasmussen, 3-5 Literacy Specialist, Aveson Charter School
- Tom Hyatt, 6-8 Social Science Specialist, Drama Coach, Aveson Charter School
- Miyoko Itokazu, 6-8 Math and Science, Aveson Charter School
- Angela Moten, MSW, Behavior Specialist, Aveson Charter School
- Alma Cielo, Violinist, Support staff, Aveson Charter School
- 11th and 12th-grade, responsible, level 4 self-efficacy students

Professional performing artists from California Institute of the Arts, Marshall Dance Company and artists and educators from Aveson and surrounding communities will also offer their time and talents to round out our program.

Pricing:

After School: 2:45-5:45 M, T, R, F and 1:30-5:45 on Wednesdays

Daily Rate = \$18.00 per day, (billed in advance for a 2-day minimum)

2 days - \$36.00 per week x 4 = \$144.00 per month

3 days - \$54.00 per week x 4 = \$216.00 per month

4 days - \$72.00 per week x 4 = \$288.00 per month

5 days - \$90.00 per week x 4 = \$360.00 per month

Daily Drop In Rate: \$30.00 a day (payable in cash at pick up)

Full Time Commitment Discount = \$300 per month

Sibling Discount (For full time commitment only)

5% off for the 2nd child = \$585 for 2 children  
10% off for the 3rd child = \$855 for 3 children  
15% off for the 4th child = \$1,110 for 4 children

Before School: Hourly rate only, on a case-by-case basis

Sample Schedule:

- 2:35-2:50 K-2 Pick Up and check in
- 2:50-3:10 K-2 Time (Developmentally appropriate songs, games and activities)
- 3:00-3:10 3-5 Check in and assignment
- 3:10-3:20 Whole camp snack and after school business
- 3:20-3:30 Guiding Principle Activity
  
- 3:30-4:15 and 4:15-5:00 Focus groups (Tutoring, PLP integration, project-based learning development, mentoring, talk groups, etc.)
- 3:30-4:15 and 4:15-5:00 Arts development courses (music, dance, drama, visual arts)
- 5:00-5:10 Snack and reflection
- 5:10-5:45 Recreational play and camp activities (songs, arts and crafts, team sports, games),
- 5:45-6:00 Clean-up and go home!

Non School Days DISCLAIMER: The intention of the Aveson Enrichment Program is to provide services during all non school days during the academic year. This includes AEC days, staff days, and extended breaks. In order to provide these services during non school days, Aveson needs a minimum enrollment of 20 students.

Summer School 2010

Thank you to all the parents who took part in Aveson's summer enrichment survey. There was an overwhelming response, and we hear you Aveson Community. We are now in the process of creating Aveson's summer enrichment program for implementation summer 2010. Thank you for your feedback, commitment and patience. Aveson is looking forward to serving our community in new and innovative ways.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 10 6-11 Community Forum, NEW TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
June 10 Public Hearing re: Lease Renewal at Aveson, 7:30 p.m.  
June 12 Sanchez Math Final  
June 12-14 James and the Giant Peach, 7:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. Sun.  
June 16 6th & 7th Grade Awards Ceremony 9:00 a.m.  
June 17 Volunteer Tea at Aveson 2:00 p.m.

June 18 6-8 Field Trip  
June 19 All School BBQ 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
June 19 8th Grade Culmination Ceremony 7:00 p.m.  
June 22 Celebration of Learning (early release 1:30 p.m.)  
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June 23 6-8 Field Day  
June 23 Restaurant Night at El Torito  
June 24 Last Day of School