

16 June 2009

Guiding Principle of the Week

Your commitment is to make others around you successful.

Restaurant Nite Date Change! Join Us TONIGHT at El Torito

It was on the calendar for June 23 (during Celebration of Learning), but the folks at El Torito Hastings Ranch are expecting us TODAY, June 16. If you can make it, great. If not, skip the enchiladas this time. Next year, we will try to write it all in stone. The flyer is on our webpage at www.aveson.org.

Public Hearing and CEQA Update

Thank you to the parents and friends who came to the public hearing last Wednesday. We listened well to the concerns of our neighbors. The members of our community who spoke did a great job of articulating support for Aveson, while at the same time maintaining a positive and receptive tone. It was a good dialog and, we hope, the beginning of an ongoing, constructive connection with those who live nearby and are impacted by our presence on this campus. We will send out news of our lease negotiations when we know more this summer.

Sweet Success: A Love Letter from Amy McCammon

I had the opportunity to attend opening night of James and the Giant Peach and what a "Sweet Success."

- * Acting was tremendous (sharks were super scary)
- * Set was spectacular (I'm still speculating on how the balloon expanded)
- * Music was ingenious
- * Stage direction was awe inspiring

The vision of a multi-age school was apparent throughout the performance, from the smallest Pre-K pigeon to the "mature" father. Tom, the evening was magical.... you are peach.

Thank you Tom Hyatt for all you do... and thanks to Ralph Seymour, Michael Greiner, Lynette Serembe, Scottie Jack, Doeri Welch, Kristen Stephens and all the talented student actors who made it so great. A special shout out to all the families that contributed their precious time and resources, and who supported their children in this endeavor. Bravo!

In gratitude,

Amy McCammon
& the Aveson Team

A Missive of Gratitude form Mr. Ralph

Aveson Drama Club Flies High on a Giant Peach!

Mr. Ralph and Mr. Tom would like to congratulate the Drama Club cast and crew for their dedication, hard work and 'marvelous, magical' spirit over these many weeks of rehearsal. From your passionate presentation of 'Hamlet' to this past weekend's joyful 'James & the Giant Peach' -- you put the Aveson guiding principals to work each and every day.

Also, congratulations and thank you to the Music Club and 3-5 Drama students for their outstanding artistic contributions to 'James & the Giant Peach' -- the music rocked, the seagulls soared and marshmallows flew! And to all of the parents and Aveson staff who contributed their time and skills, a very big thank you -- we couldn't have lifted the Peach out of the water without you.

Thanks, Ralph

One more note: You can buy your very own copy of James and the Giant Peach! DVD's will be available at the Celebration of Learning. A 3 camera set up captured the magic on Sunday afternoon and can be yours for just \$20. The DVD will also feature still photos of the production.

Volunteer Tea: Wednesday, June 17th 2:00p.m. Aveson Cafe

It's time for Aveson to give thanks to you great souls who have given so many hours to our school. No matter in what capacity, if you have volunteered your time and talents during this academic 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. If you haven't yet RSVP'd, email erinbuen@aveson.org. See you there!

All School BBQ: Friday, June 19th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Aveson Field

Join us this Friday night for some old fashioned BBQ! It's time to celebrate - and gab about- what a great year it has been. Bring your own side dishes to go with the great BBQ'd hotdogs, burgers and veggie burgers that will be served by staff. Bring your chairs. Let your hair down. Beverages will also be provided or you can bring your own (no alcohol, please).

NOTE: We still need fire! If you can lend us a propane BBQ for the evening, please contact Erin at erinbuoen@aveson.org.

Calling All Bibliophiles: Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers Needed - June, 19, 22, 23rd

Aveson will continue the great tradition of the Scholastic Book Fair in the cave during the next Celebration of Learning... but we need your help! If you can give us a few hours, we need 2 people for each of the following slots:

Friday, June 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Setup
Monday, June 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sales and stocking
Monday, June 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sales and stocking
Tuesday, June 23, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sales and stocking
Tuesday, June 23, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Sales and Pack-up

Please email Susan at susanhixon@aveson.org if you can help.

Our Capstone Celebration of Learning: Monday & Tuesday, June 22nd and 23rd, 4:00-8:00p.m.

Please plan on joining your student(s) at Aveson's year-end Celebration of Learning on June 22 and 23 (depending on your advisory's schedule). This is the culmination of many weeks of hard work on the part of students and advisors. As usual, this quintessential Avesonian event is the talk of the campus this week. We can't wait to see you there!

Dive Into Summer: Last Day of School June 24th

This is an early release day (1:30 for all students). Have a happy and safe summer!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Click here to peruse the 2009-2010 School Calendar!