

28 March 2008

Guiding Principle of the Week

Our growth together requires us to grow individually.

Many, Many Thanks

Thank you to all the parents that joined together to host the K-2, 3-5 and 6-9 Social Mixers. Three tasty and memorable evenings were enjoyed by Aveson families and staff!

Celebrating Diversity: Aveson's 3rd Celebration of Learning April 4th & 5th

Aveson's Celebration of Learning events are an opportunity for Aveson students to showcase personalized learning, social leadership and healthy living. Students are scheduled to lead and facilitate conferences with their families during the first hour and showcase/perform their work the second hour. The Celebration of learning will include presentations, artifacts, performances and of course....food!

K-5 LOGISTICS:

Your children will be scheduled for a two-hour appointment either at 4, 5 or 6pm on one of the two days.

Part One- The student-led conference component will be completed by the end of the first hour. During this first hour, students will lead you through three 20-minute rotations—the literacy/English Language Arts classroom, the math classroom and the projects classroom.

Part Two- Students will showcase school wide presentations, projects, and artifacts of learning.

6-9 LOGISTICS:

Your children will be scheduled for a two-hour appointment either at 4, 5 or 6pm on one of the two days.

Part One- The student-led conference component will be completed by the end of the first hour. During this first hour, students will lead you through four 15-minute rotations—English Language Arts, Math, Social Science and Science. Please make sure you ask to see your child's Self-Efficacy Mastery Sheet.

Part Two- Students will showcase school wide presentations, projects, and artifacts of learning.

All students are scheduled by cohort and must complete their conference at the scheduled time. Please check your email, talk to your child, or contact the main office for your child's scheduled time.

Coming to a Coop Near You! TEAM CLUCK

Have you ever raised chickens? The K-2 Project Classrooms will be hatching baby chicks in April and May. As they get older, we would like to transfer them into our chicken coop. We need community members to help us in this huge endeavor! We need people to help us learn to care for the chickens! We

need people to help revamp our coop build roosts and learn where to locally buy chicken feed. We will need community members who would be willing to help care for the chickens over holiday breaks and over the summer. We will also need people to help us start a garden of foods chickens like to eat. If you are interested, please email Jennee Sonnenberg at jennifersonnenberg@aveson.org. We will be starting an action team called Team Cluck. Our first meeting will be after Spring Break on Thursday, April 24.

June Jubilee Needs Crafty Arts & Crafts Booth Captain

We have a volunteer opportunity for the June Jubilee which is open immediately. We need someone to be a Team Captain for an Arts and Crafts Booth during the event. The job would entail thinking of arts and crafts projects for kids to do while at the Jubilee, procuring supplies and setting up and running the booth.

We have two advisory classes on board to help, so getting volunteers to help with the event won't be a problem. We just need a coordinator. If you're interested, please get in touch with Sonja Alarr at 626-797-7871 or salarr@earthlink.net.

Meet MAT, FLAT & E-HAT...

Making Music: Aveson's Music Action Team (MAT)

Greetings from the Aveson Music Action Team: Cary Belling, Kimberly Berry, Michael Greiner, Lissie Quishenberry and Doeri Welch Greiner

The music action team was created with the belief that the arts, and specifically music are an integral part of the three core academic values of Aveson Charter School: Personalized Learning, Social Entrepreneurship, and Healthy Living.

Our top priority is to establish a working music education program at Aveson, creating a program as unique as Aveson, where each student joyfully experiences music as they grow musical independence, creativity and proficiency. Our goal is that Aveson students will see music as an integral part of their own lives as well as an elegant and provocative way to experience, understand and change the world.

If you have suggestions or would like to be part of the MAT please contact Kimberly Berry at kimberlina@earthlink.net or Doeri at doeri.welch@disney.com. We will post past team meeting notes on the Aveson website soon.

In next week's Compass: Current MAT Action Items & "Music is a Great Fit for Aveson's Academic Goal of Personalized Learning!"

HOLA from Aveson's Foreign Language Action Team (FLAT)!!

We are the Foreign Language Action Team (FLAT) currently manned by Sonsoles Cardalliguet, Greta Durelli, Adrian Allin and Karen Aenlle. We are fortunate to have Mey Ling Molina, a native Spanish speaker, who is our current teacher for all the classes in K-2 and 3-5 cadres at this time.

The FLAT action team was born of the dream of teaching our children another language other than their mother tongue. Surely English is not enough to satisfy their curiosity and the appetite for diversity in learning that Aveson students have. We are very lucky that Spanish is currently taught, twice a week for 30 minutes each segment, in our K-5 classrooms. This was largely due to generous donations by a few families this past year. However, in order to continue next year we will need to fund raise and reach out again to all parents for your support. We hope in future years to extend this to the upper grades as funding allows. We welcome participation and new ideas, and we need more members to help continue and expand this valuable enrichment we are giving to our children. Please feel free to contact us with ideas for fund raising and curriculum at:

sonsoles cardalliaguet@hotmail.com, adriana@conscious-design.com, johngreta@earthlink.net, and Karen Aenlle@yahoo.com

PS: Look for us at the upcoming June Jubilee!!!!

Beyond Green with Aveson's Eco Health Action Team

The Aveson Eco Health Action Team is devoted to caring for the health and well being of our planet, our children, our teachers, our school and our community. Our goal is to bring eco-literacy and healthy living concepts to our children, who will then carry this message out to the greater community. The vision of our Eco Health team goes beyond "green". We strive to use products that are not only green but that are also healthy for all. We strive to be a model school for sustainable, ecological and healthy practices in order to teach our children and others ways to live in harmony with the earth. Our action team acts as a resource for all other action teams within the school. We are deeply committed to creating a healthy environment for children so that they may learn and experience in the best way possible.

Aveson Eco Health Team in Action

- *natural and non toxic cleaning supplies
- *no and low VOC paints
- *healthy building practices and materials
- *eco-literacy
- *no waste lunches
- *recycling
- *student run Eco Health store
- *integrated pest management

For more information please contact Maria Blum ~ blum@earthlink.net

Ms. Sally's Library is Growing

We've had some wonderful library donations. I'd just like to thank everyone who has dropped off books. The kids notice new books right away and are so excited to read them. Thanks to everyone. Keep them coming!

Sally Seymour

D-6 Update

Thank you for your response to some of our needs in the classroom. We appreciate your support. The following is a quick update on the volunteer schedule.

Volunteer schedule: We have 3 families that have committed to regular block times...thank-you. There are a total of 15 blocks per week (3 block per day)...so there is still plenty of need and opportunity to be involved.

You are always welcome to stop in during any of the block times to assist and help us meet our goal of individualized learning.

Thanks for your support,
Kristen van Rooyen
Parent Liaison

Reading Road Trip

Join us on our reading road trip! Aveson's spring selection of books will educate, amuse, and take our young readers on adventures they will not want to miss! The Reading Road Trip will take place Monday, March 31 through April 4 between 3:00 pm and 6:00 p.m. And mark your calendar for our Family Event Nights on April 3rd and 4th from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm when you can shop, join in activities, enjoy refreshments and purchase books for your child's classroom library.

For every dollar spent at the book fair, up to 60% comes back to our school. All profits generated from this book fair will be reinvested in books for our school! Click here to visit the Aveson Book Fair Homepage!