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Guiding Principle of the Week

When identifying problems, offer strategies and solutions.

Day of 1,000 Volunteers: A Historic Event

Aveson Charter School was honored to be included in the 4th annual Day of 1,000 Volunteers. The Community Without Walls organization worked with Aveson over the past 2 months to prepare for the culminating event that took place at the Aveson campus on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Over 125 people arrived on campus early Saturday and by 1:00 in the afternoon, when all gathered for lunch, much of the school had been transformed. It was amazing to watch community members, parents, and students from Aveson and from other schools working together on various projects. In the auditorium, folks were colorizing the walls with Altadena mountain scenes, creating culinary art decor including bright fruits and vegetables and painting a mural of California Poppies under a sky with clouds in the shapes of continents. Also on lower campus, a hardworking crew cleared the area that will soon become the Zen learning space while another crew trimmed many feet of Ivy. The majority of volunteers dedicated their time and energy to our Aveson garden on the upper campus. Weeds were cleared, garden beds were prepared and a beanpole tee-pee was raised. It was a phenomenal effort by all!

We would like extend our gratitude to all the site leaders, task managers, and volunteers who made our first Aveson Day of 1,000 Volunteers a brilliant success. See you all next year!

Culinary Arts to Go-Go

Order your hand-crafted dinner made by Mr. B for only \$35 per meal and take home deliciously prepared, complete dinners to feed a hungry family of four! All proceeds go to the management and further development of both the school lunch and Dinners 2 Go programs. Yum!

Orders must be placed and paid for by the Wednesday preceding the meal. Dinners will be available for pick-up from 3:30pm – 6:00pm on scheduled Mondays. Order forms will be brought home by students and are available on the web site under the Healthy Living/Culinary Arts tab or in the office. Any questions or for further information, please contact Mr. B. at lowellbernstein@aveson.org.

May Menu Selections

May 12th: Roasted Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Tossed Green Salad

May 19th: Meat or Vegetarian Lasagna, Garlic Cheese Bread and Tossed Green Salad

Your Best Loved Recipes, Please

In celebration of our community and the pleasure of a good meal, we invite all Aveson families to contribute a favorite recipe - or two or three - for publication in our first annual Aveson Community Cookbook. While it can be difficult to find time to volunteer on site, the ease of this online system makes

it possible for everyone to contribute to this delicious fundraising project.

The cookbook will contain personal recipes from the Aveson community as well as more than 50 pictures of our students from culinary arts classes taken throughout the year. The process is easy: simply visit www.gatebook.com, scroll down to the middle of the page and look for the "General User" button.

Enter the user ID: aveson

Enter the password: school

Enter your recipe along with any personal notes about the recipe, it's origin, or memories you may have associated with it (use the comments section). The more personalized the information, the more interesting the reading!

We hope to receive at least one recipe per family. The deadline for all submissions is May 11th - Mother's Day.

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Grease

Grease performance dates are THURSDAY May 22 and FRIDAY, May 23rd. Curtains will rise at 7:00PM.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8AM-9:20AM

Mondays and Wednesdays 4PM-5:30PM

Fridays: 2PM-5:30PM

During Heck Week - the week of the show - our rehearsal schedule will be as follows:

Monday, May 19 4-8PM

Tuesday, May 20 4-8PM

Wednesday May 21 4-8PM

On these days we will do a full dress TECH rehearsal. This is our chance to get it just right with music, lights, singing and dancing.

Smile A-While Summer Employment Opportunities

SAW has volunteer and paid positions that will be available for our summer camp this year. The volunteer positions available are for Counselors In Training (CIT), and Junior Staff, open to 6th-12th graders. They will also have the opportunity to acquire community service hours during this program.

The paid positions are open to our Aveson teachers between the dates June 30th- August 1st. We are looking for open, creative, and fun teachers. They can contact us at the SAW Main Office (626)794-3864 or email us at behavioralservices@yahoo.com.

It's Already May!

June Jubilee is fast approaching. Join us in making this event our biggest community building and fundraising success this year! Following is a slew of opportunities to contribute your time, resources, eggshells or EZ-Up tents or market your artistic and entrepreneurial gifts.