

30 May 2008

Guiding Principle of the Week

How you say it is as important as what you say.

Gratitude From Aveson

As the amazing first school year at Aveson comes to a close, the Aveson staff wishes to acknowledge the individuals of our unique community that have given us the gifts of their time, energy and support. The Aveson staff wishes to show their appreciation by hosting the First Annual Volunteer Thank You Tea, Friday, June 13th 12:30 to 2:00 at the Aveson Café.

In order to plan and provide for everyone, we ask that you let us know if you will be able to attend no later than June 6th.

Please contact Cid Hanley at cidhanley@aveson.org or with a message at 626.797.1440. Include your name and the number of persons attending.

We hope that you will join us. All are welcome...anyone that has shown support, no matter how big or how small. Whether you've come one day or many, or if you have provided us with donations, snacks or materials, we want to express our sincere gratitude to you.

There is no school for students on this day. Childcare will be offered. Please provide a snack or lunch for each child you will be bringing. Please let us know about your need for childcare with your response to attend.

K - 5 Forum

Aveson thanks all of you who came to our forum and shared ideas to get us closer to our vision. It was an amazing night of community building while embodying our guiding principles.

More information will be shared after the 6-9 Forum on Wednesday, June 4th from 6:30 to 8pm.

June Jubilee Just Days Away

Aveson families, please plan to show your support with your presence...anytime throughout the day--
SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

Come and browse and listen to the music. If you want to play games or eat, you'll need to buy tickets. Tickets are 50 cents apiece and will be sold at the gate for CASH or CHECKS only.

The Rummage Sale will be FREE between 10:00 and 4:00. If you want to come early, between 8:00 and 9:30am, admission is \$10--unless you've volunteered or brought rummage.

TICKETS.....Food and Games

CASH and CHECKS.....Rummage Sale, plant, handmade, cookbook, booths and Raffle

CASH, CHECKS and CREDIT CARDS.....Silent Auction and Live Auction

Jubilee One Hour Shifts

Please remember to volunteer to help with your advisory booth or game. We need parents to sign up for one hour shifts to ensure the success of each game and booth. You can get in touch with your parent liaison to sign up. We need YOU! And thanks!

- Jennee Sonnenberg.....Handmade Booth
- Julie Truong.....Treasure Hunt game
- Thea Ulmer.....Fishing game
- Cyd Hanley.....Rummage Sale
- Sally Davis.....Rummage Sale
- D-6.....Basketball toss
- Jennifer Carey.....Duck race game
- Anne Hastings.....Cake Walk
- Alison Dankner.....Confetti Eggs
- Bridget Hanks.....Cookbook booth & Face Painting
- Miyoko Itokazu.....Silent Auction
- Kirk Melkonian.....Plant/Green booth
- Laura Sanchez.....Ping/pong toss
- Shakoor.....Bean bag toss
- Tom Hyatt.....Balloon burst or dunk tank

Free Hip-Hop Class

On June 7th, during the June Jubilee, noted Hip-Hop teacher Sylviane Chapoulaud will be teaching a free class, suitable for kids of all ages. Class will begin at 11:15 on the lower blacktop near the portable units.

See you there!

Saturday, May 31st RALLY

Friends -- please join PUSD parents, teachers, students, staff, and supporters tmorrow Saturday, May 31 at the "Save Our Schools" rally to protest the proposed \$4 billion state budget cuts for public schools. Please forward this message to everyone you know in Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre -- friends, neighbors, faith groups, membership organizations, etc. We need a big turnout to make sure our voices are heard.

Our progress can't continue if we don't stop the governor's drastic \$4 billion in cuts to education. California is already 46th in the nation in per-pupil spending. our kids need more funds, not less. The governor's cuts will devastate our schools, children and our communities.

What: March and Rally

When: Saturday, May 31, 10 am

Where: Meet at Blair HS, 1201 S Marengo Ave, Pasadena, parking near Blair gym
March to Memorial Park, Walnut St. and Raymond Ave. Rally at 11 am

Show your support for our children! Families, friends, relatives all welcome! Music, drinks, entertainment. Take the Gold Line back to Blair

For more information, contact tracymikuriya@earthlink.net. Send an e-mail to protest the cuts at www.edvoice.org/go/pasadena.

This is sponsored by the Pasadena Education Coalition www.savepasadenastudents.org.

Calling All Cakes - June 6th

We're having a good old-fashioned "Take the Cake" cakewalk at the June Jubilee, and we need your baked goods. Cakes, brownies, cookies, pastries, jams are all welcome.

Baked items can be dropped of on Friday June 6th, the day before the Jubilee at a table that will be set up in the morning at each drop off spot for your convenience.

Thanks!

Kindergarten Play Area

Come out for a day of hands-on work! The new kindergarten play area is in need of our help. Saturday June 14th will be our Kinder Work Day, from 9am-1pm. Be ready to build, get your hands in soil, clean, and organize. We will be assembling a Play House, Water Table, Sand Box, Art Easel, and re-enforcing the Chicken Coop.

Please meet behind D1 and D2.

If you will be attending, please email JenniferSonnenberg@aveson.org or TheodoraUlmer@aveson.org. We will be painting the concrete and wall prior to this work day. If you have paint rollers or trays, please drop them off at D1 or D2 by June 10th.

Please let us know before June 10th if you have any of these items: paint rollers, brooms, hammers, shovels, wire cutters, or other items for building.

We look forward to a Magnificent Play Area with your help!

Contributions and donations are welcomed also (made payable to Aveson Charter School).

PEACE & THANK YOU

Thea Ulmer and Jennifer Sonnenberg

Kindergarten Advisors and K-2 Project Specialist

Final Stretch

- June 4th 6-9 Community Forum, 6:30 – 8 pm
- June 5th Spelling Bee, Grades 3 – 5, Voluntary, 6 pm
- June 6th Cake Walk Contributions Due - deliver your sweet baked item during school drop off or pick up
- June 7th June Jubilee
- June 11th Celebration of Learning, 4-8pm, Students released at 1:30 pm
- June 12th Celebration of Learning, Students released at 1:30 pm
- June 13th AEC Day-School Closed for Students
- June 16th Regular School Hours
Hope Study Assessment, 6th – 9th grade
Students Only: BBQ for 5th to 9th graders
- June 17th Shortened Day: School closes at 1:30 pm
Cal State Teach Orientation, 6:30 – 8pm, Library. For anyone interested in pursuing a teaching credential online
- June 18th Shortened Day: School closes at 1:30 pm
K-2 Family Picnic: 10:45 - 1:30 pm
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- June 19th Last day for advisors/teachers