

9 May 2008

Happy Mother's Day!  
Guiding Principle of the Week

Your commitment is to make others around you successful.

#### Junior Achievement

Third graders in Anne Hastings and Jennifer Carey advisories recently completed Junior Achievement's "our City" curriculum. The purpose of this 5 week course was to teach the children about economic development, local businesses and career options.

Throughout the weeks, the children had the opportunity to learn about city zoning, how to read a blueprint, and participated in hands on activities that included building a city, opening a restaurant, writing newspaper articles, and how to manage a checkbook.

We hope that this experience increased the children's awareness of business and economics-related skills and concepts.

#### UBUNTU & Open Source Technology at Aveson

We've worked through many of the bugs in our Ubuntu operating system, but we still have so much more to learn.

The students and most of the staff have been using the OpenOffice Productivity Suite throughout the year. To download a free copy or learn more about OpenOffice Productivity Suite, go to <http://www.openoffice.org>.

Many of the students have been exploring the Open Source software within the Ubuntu Operating System. To learn more about Open Source, visit the Oregon State University Open Source Lab <http://osuosl.org> or MIT OpenCourseWare <http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/web/home/home/index.htm>. It's a great resource for secondary students.

An Open Source link with an abundance of software to investigate with Aveson students this summer: <http://www.schoolforge.net>.

SchoolForge's mission is to unify independent organizations that advocate, use, and develop open resources for education. We advocate the use of open texts and lessons, open curricula, free software and open source in education.

Anyone interested in being part of the Aveson New Media Technology Action Team next year please email [amymccammon@aveson.org](mailto:amymccammon@aveson.org).

Ubuntu general meaning "We are who we are because of who we all are!"

## Aveson Arts Rummage Sale—Golden Boot Contest!!!

The first Annual Aveson Arts Rummage Sale is in full swing! We need more volunteers in the sorting center. We'll have a sorting crew working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 6-8pm and on Thursdays between 3-8pm - come join the fun. If you are not able to come in, we also have projects that can be done at home - please call Michael Greiner, Aveson Arts Rummage Sale Chair at 818-554-6678. All volunteers will receive a ticket to the pre-sale - a \$10 value!

We have stockpiled a collection of amazing donations including vintage comic books, antique furniture, televisions, a high-end bar-b-q grill and other treasures, but we still need more. Bring in all of your stuff on Saturday May 17th from 8am-noon. The advisory that brings in the most loot will win the prestigious Golden Boot Award. Be the first advisory in Aveson history to win this coveted prize!

### Mr. Melkonian's 5th Grade Advisory Plant & Greens Booth

My name is Erin Buoen and I am part of our AMAZING fundraising team. We have our big fundraising event the "JUNE JUBILEE" coming up on Saturday, June 7th and I know that all of you will want to participate in making Mr. Melkonian's booth the absolute BEST! So, this is what I will need from every student:

At least 1 plant (value of at least \$15) to be sold at our booth. You can either buy a plant, grow a plant or plants or go to your local Nursery and ask for a donation. The more plants we get, the more money we can make, the more great things we can get for our school.

I will also need some students to make a banner to hang on our booth.

I will need parents/students to staff the booth. The Jubilee is from 10-4 so I will need either 6 people for an hour .PLEASE let me know what time you can help. I will also need help with set-up (9am) and clean-up (4pm).

I would like to have a composting bin on site to show people how we compost and what this does for our environment. If anyone has knowledge about composting and/or a bin, please let me know.

We will also need several umbrellas or a pop up tent to keep the plants shaded and our helpers too. If anyone has either please let me know.

Please bring your plant donation(s) on Thursday or Friday June 5 & 6 to Mr. Melkonian's classroom.

If we have 100% participation, I will raffle off a \$40 gift card for KB TOYS! Please contact me at 626.432.6859 or ebuoen@mac.com and let me know what responsibility you and your family want to commit to. Let's be creative and make this booth SPECTACULAR!

Erin

### June Jubilee Piggy Bank

As we gear up for the June Jubilee, we would like to ask for your financial help. While we are getting

most things donated for the event, we still require cash for things like game rentals, a shuttle to and from our rented parking lot, supplies to make banners and table rentals.

If you have an extra \$5 or \$500, please come by the office and put it in the box marked June Jubilee. You can make checks payable to Aveson Charter School. If we have a surplus, the money will be put into the fundraising account and will be used to benefit our children. Your donation is tax deductible!

Thanks!  
Sonja Alarr  
Fundraising Action Team

### Call for Jubilee Raffle and Auction Items!

Disney tickets, iPods, museum memberships, sports and summer camp opportunities are just a few of the growing list of items we will raffle and auction off throughout the day at Aveson's upcoming June Jubilee on Saturday, June 7th!

Be a part of our fundraising efforts!!! If you have theater tickets, vacation spots, fun summer items or services you'd like to donate towards the Jubilee Raffle or Silent Auction, please let us know as we continue to plan what is sure to be an exciting day!

There is a box set up in the Aveson office to receive your donations or feel free to contact parent volunteers:

Lucy Bloom-Hagerty at (818)219-2907 or [guacamole@earthlink.net](mailto:guacamole@earthlink.net)  
Rebecca Nevarez at (626) 228-5016 or [rebecca@nevarez.us](mailto:rebecca@nevarez.us)  
Kelly Peters at [peterskell@gmail.com](mailto:peterskell@gmail.com)

### Buy-a-Booth: Community Networking for Independent Business Owners

An area of the June Jubilee will feature community businesses. If you are an entrepreneur or have a business that you would like to introduce to the Aveson and surrounding community, please consider purchasing a booth. For \$150 or a commission of your sales, you will be provided a table and 2 chairs where you can present your business as attendees, mingle and meet you. This is a fantastic marketing opportunity! Contact Cynthia Cohen to reserve your booth now. Sign ups are due by May 16th!

### Get Crackin: Eggshells Needed for June Jubilee

We need your egg shells for the confetti egg booth at the June Jubilee, simply remove the top of eggs after using for breakfast or baking, rinse egg shell and allow to dry in the original carton. Once you have a full dozen please turn them into your child's advisory teacher!

### Got Shade?

We are in need of EZ-up shade tents for the June Jubilee. If you have one and would be willing to let us

borrow it, we would be extremely appreciative. Please contact Sonja Alarr at [salarr@earthlink.net](mailto:salarr@earthlink.net) to arrange the details.

### If You Make It, They Will Come

Sell your handmade goods at our Handmade Items Booth during the June Jubilee. If you can make jewelry, pottery, quilts, wooden toys, paintings, sculpture or strawberry jam, we have the venue for you! Best of all, the money made will directly benefit our terrific Aveson community.

Please get in touch with Sonja Alarr at [salarr@earthlink.net](mailto:salarr@earthlink.net) or with Jane Walker at [janiewalker@earthlink.net](mailto:janiewalker@earthlink.net) if you'd like to sell your wares. Thank you!  
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