

1 May 2009

Guiding Principle of the Week

Vision means seeing what could be and what will be and living the difference.

Aveson Lease Update

Dear Aveson Parents,

We are shouting out a big thanks to all who were able to attend the PUSD board meeting on Tuesday! Your green presence delivered an important message about Aveson's spirit of commitment and community. And what a confusing meeting it was. The school board voted 6-0-1 to offer us a space for the coming year at the current site. [Click here](#) to view the district's proposal. We should receive the final offer letter soon. In the meantime, we are working with our attorneys on the legal questions surrounding the lease and questions about the CEQA study. For the moment, we cannot be definitive about these issues, but hope to offer more clarity soon.

One positive note is that the district was proposing a rent increase from \$0.44 per square foot to \$3.29 per square. Yikes! This would have hit our budget to the tune of \$120,000. However, attorneys on both sides worked together to resolve some sticky issues. The rate now being proposed is \$0.81 per square foot... still an increase, but a more manageable one.

Thank you, again, to all parents and students who took the time to write to the school board and let your experiences, opinions and feelings be known. These letters have been absolutely inspirational.

Our next task is to embark on a new outreach effort to engage our neighbors. Students and parents have offered some great ideas for building bridges between Aveson and our neighborhood. We will set the date for a Neighborhood Action Team meeting soon and invite you to join us in this positive venture.

Rites of Passage: 8th Grade Culmination Ceremony

Friday June 19th, 7:00p.m.

As the end of the school year draws near, our 8th grade students are completing one leg of their educational journey and peering into the great beyond known as High School. Aveson Global Leadership Academy would like to recognize this rite of passage from middle school to high school at the 8th grade Culmination Ceremony, Friday, June 19th at 7pm.

Please join us in creating a memorable Culmination Ceremony. We are asking all parents and community members interested in making the Culmination Ceremony as meaningful and successful as possible to please contact Tom Hyatt at 626-848-7891 or tomhyatt@aveson.org. - We envision decorations, desserts, and so much more!

B-I-N-G-O - Reserve Your "Spot" by May 6th

Aveson's first family BINGO Night is right around the corner! **On Saturday, May 9th, from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**, the school auditorium will be transformed into a festive BINGO hall for Aveson families and friends. Join us at 5:00 p.m. for a pasta dinner (veg & meat) and get ready for BINGO gaming beginning at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit Aveson Charter School's general fund.

Advance reservations are necessary. The cost of admission is \$10 per person which includes 10 bingo games (3 cards per game). The pasta dinner is \$5 per person. Children 5 and under are FREE and will be provided a movie and childcare. We have some FANTASTIC prizes for the winners of each bingo game

and raffles that will be announced throughout the evening.

Please print the reservation form - available on Aveson's homepage - and return it, along with payment, to the front office. We have extended the deadline to Wednesday, May 6. Advanced reservations only! Questions about the event? Please call or text Cynthia Cohn at 626.818.2577. Questions regarding reservations and payment should be directed to ColettePorter@aveson.org. You can also call in your Bingo reservation with your credit card by dialing the Front Office at 626-797-1440.

Aveson Drama Club Gets Peachy

The Aveson Drama Club will perform Roald Dahl's perennial childhood classic, James and the Giant Peach, in June. Mark your calendars now:

11 June - Friday - 7p.m.

12 June - Saturday - 7p.m.,

13 June - Sunday - 2p.m.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Tomhyatt@aveson.org - We are in the process of making scenery and props, and promoting our show to the community at large.

Time to Get Cracking

The Confetti Eggs Booth for June Jubilee needs your egg shells! Please save egg shells and cartons to fill with confetti for our booth at June Jubilee. Simply crack off the top 1/3, rinse out the shell, collect by the dozen, and send in with your child to their advisory!

Lifestraw Challenge Update

Lifestraw Challenge a Success! Thanks to our wonderful community for taking part in this great effort. Last Saturday, volunteers from Community Without Walls took a large truckload of recyclables collected by Aveson families for this worthy cause. For now, the drive is over but please continue your efforts at home! For more information about Lifestraws or Community Without Walls, [click here](#). **Boot Camp - The Summer Shape Up Edition Begins Monday, May 4th**

Lace up your sneakers and join us for the next installment of Aveson's on campus Boot Camp.

Morning classes are: 5:45a - 6:30a (This class is almost sold out, maybe 2 spaces left)

Evening classes are: 6:00p - 6:45p

Cost: \$180 (12, 45 min. sessions)

The weather is perfect for training outdoors. Join us if you need to lose a few pounds and inches to fit into your summer outfits, or if you want to get leaner, stronger and increase your energy. [Click here](#) to learn more about Boot Camp Pasadena.

10% of your registration fee directly supports Aveson's Physical Education Program.

To secure your spot call or email Aveson parent and Certified Personal Trainer Stephen Cooper, N.A.S.M - 626.609.7399.