

8 May 2009

### Guiding Principle of the Week

**Your commitment is to make others around you successful.**

### Turning Rummage Into Gold

Our heartfelt thanks to Michael Greiner and his team of Treasure Hunters who organized another rousing Rummage Sale. This year's sale raised over \$1700!

### Parent Education Night: Know Your Strengths; Change Your Life

Join us on Wednesday, May 13th for an inspiring evening with our very own Kate Bean. Kate will help make the connection between your greatest strengths and your deepest personal fulfillment. What are you naturally inquisitive about? What topics and activities thrill you? Where do you find sustenance and restoration? Kate will share concepts and techniques to help you navigate life's ruts and shine wildly. Strengths training is great fodder for parenting, too! See you Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 in the Flex Room.

### Spring into Poetry!

Aveson's third through fifth graders are heralding the changing of the seasons with poetry! This week our students have been learning about the important elements of a poem. In the coming weeks, we'll explore poetic structures like haiku, cinquain, diamante, free verse, and limericks. At the end of May we will use our knowledge to craft poems ourselves. To help us on this journey, local poets have been visiting our classrooms and sharing their lyrical expertise. The culmination of our Poetry Project will include an evening of poetry at a local gallery and - we hope - a lifelong love of poetry. The specifics of this event will be announced soon! To be a part of Aveson's Poetry Project, e-mail [jennifercarey@aveson.org](mailto:jennifercarey@aveson.org).

## Face Painters Needed for June Jubilee

Last year's June Jubilee Face Painting Booth was a huge success - with long, winding lines of eager students. In anticipation of this year's event, we need more volunteers to join in the colorful fun. The more the merrier!

All materials, including paint pallets and a book with inspirational pictures for you and the students to choose from, will be provided. All you need to do is come paint. This is a great way to get to know more of the kids at Aveson! It's amazing how much you learn about each student in the short time it takes to paint a dragon or a butterfly.

To sign up for a shift, please contact Doeri Welch Greiner at 818.460.8512.

## Summer Enrichment at Aveson: Boost Your Skills. Stay sharp. Catch up.

Summer school programs often involve a lot more hands-on learning than you'll find in your regular classes. At Aveson, our guiding principles focus heavily on social entrepreneurship, personalized instruction, and healthy living. We expect academic excellence, but try to meet the child where they are, as well as build on 21st Century Skills. Our summer enrichment program will be no exception, with more dynamic individualized learning, even smaller class sizes and more room to explore.

Currently, Aveson is in the process of building a summer enrichment program for our entering 3rd - 9th grade students. As we set about planning a program that will support our literacy guarantee and our students' individual academic needs, we need to know our potential enrollment to help us create just the right hands-on, active, and arts infused program.

If you are interested in learning more about Aveson Summer Enrichment, please take the time to fill out the form below and return to the main office no later

than Friday, May 15th. C/O Mr. Tom, Ms. Miyoko, or Ms. Myshia. Or email your interest to [tomhyatt@aveson.org](mailto:tomhyatt@aveson.org)

We will contact you soon after to set up an information meeting to discuss specifics of the program. Thanks for taking the time. Onwards!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST AREAS - Check THREE interest areas that most suits you.

- MATH SUPPORT
- ELA READING
- CULINARY ARTS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- MATH ENRICHMENT
- ELA WRITING
- DRAMA
- ASTRONOMY

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

May 8 Aveson Bingo Night, 5:00 p.m.

May 12, 13, 14 STAR Testing

May 13 Parent Education Night: Strengths Training w/ Kate Bean 6:30 p.m.

May 19, 20, 21 STAR Testing

May 25 Memorial Day: No School

May 27 Restaurant Night at Clearman's Galley (Rosemead & Hungtington)

May 28 Grades 6-8 Eaton Canyon

May 28 K-2 Aquarium of the Pacific

May 29 K-5 Planning Day: No School

June 6 June Jubilee

June 12-14 James and the Giant Peach

June 19 All School BBQ