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## Guiding Principle of the Week

Your commitment is to make others around you successful.

Kate's Desk

Hello Aveson!

Another week; another milestone. Monday marked the launch of Aveson's school lunch program. Mr. B, in collaboration with an amazing staff and corp of volunteers, prepared and served over 240 hot lunches to students and staff. The food critiques are being complied, but the overwhelming sentiment is clear... We all love the lunches! I have never seen students clear their plates like they have this week at Aveson. Whole wheat bread and tortillas don't slow these kids down. Fresh fruit and vegetables are being consumed just as quickly. Thanks to everyone who is supporting our program! Come join us for lunch.

On October 27th, Susan Hixon will officially assume her role as Aveson's Director of Community Partnerships. Susan will be focused on fund raising and bringing in resources to offset the deficit imposed by the current state budget crisis. And Erin Buoen, our newly minted Community Coordinator, will be organizing all internal Aveson community partnerships and initiatives. We are so lucky to have them both!

The K-5 forum on Wednesday night was very constructive. Parents and caregivers expressed enthusiastic support for community days, goal setting conferences and the school lunch program. The meeting also exemplified our guiding principle, "when identifying problems offer strategies and solutions". We appreciate your positive language and proactive ideas. If you were unable to attend Wednesday's K-5 forum, please consider joining us at the 6-10 forum on October 22 at 6:30pm.

It can't be said enough, Aveson's advisors are amazing. If you see one next week...give him/her a big "thumbs up" and share your appreciation for their work. And as always, thank you for the ongoing support of our parent volunteers!

Regards,

Kate

## GREEN MONEY

Help Aveson and the planet with our annual Green Raising Eco-Friendly Fund Raiser. From SIGG bottles to LED holiday lights, Greenraising offers a wide variety of interesting and unusual eco-friendly and fair trade items that will help your family to reduce, reuse, and recycle and make a positive impact on the world. Great for holiday gifting. Visit [www.greenraising.com](http://www.greenraising.com) and "go green" today!

REMINDER - Our school will receive 40% of all purchases made until THE DEADLINE - OCTOBER 24th!!

## Get Cooking! Calling 6-10th Graders

Do you love cooking? Are you in grades 6-10? A Student Cooking Club & Action Team is forming to explore cooking techniques and fun in the kitchen! The first meeting of the Student Cooking Club and Action Team will take place Tuesday, October 21st, 2008. We will be discussing our goals for the year and coming up with ideas to showcase our club at the Parent Student Mixer on November 21st. Please join us outside the Learning Garden on the upper terrace.

## Fashion Director Needed

Abira Ali lovingly designed, produced and sold Aveson's organic line of Team Wear last year. Help us build on the momentum. We need a motivated volunteer to order, organize and sell Aveson Team wear and merchandise ASAP. If you have time and a penchant for orange, purple and green fashion please contact Erin Buoen at [erinbuoen@aveson.org](mailto:erinbuoen@aveson.org).

## From the Compost Pile

We are composting kitchen waste from lunch preparations. Until we get an accurate measure of the amount of waste produced through an entire menu rotation please do not add personal waste to the compost pile. Thank you.

Anyone interested in helping in the garden by watering or doing light maintenance please contact Jill. Anyone is welcome to help at a time convenient for them. Jill can be reached at [freshvine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:freshvine@sbcglobal.net).

## Mark Your Calendar, Or Simply Go On line

To keep up with Community Forum meetings and all the rest, visit [www.aveson.org](http://www.aveson.org). The school calendar is now on line and up-to-date!

## Entrepreneur Roll Call

If you are self-employed, a freelancing talent or a business owner, come connect with fellow Aveson entrepreneurs at the annual Aveson Business Mixer. This year's mixer will be hosted at the home of Elisabeth Dimopolus on Monday, October 27th at from 6:30-8:30pm. 1182 Sonoma Drive, Altadena.

Featured light fare will be prepared by our very own Gwen Kenneally (daughter Emma is at Aveson in the 6th grade), co-owner and chef at the catering company and cooking school - Back to the Kitchen. This is a great way to network your business and get to know the other fantastic resources our Aveson community has to offer. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, Oct. 23 to Cynthia Cohn at [cynthia.cohn@sothebysrealty.com](mailto:cynthia.cohn@sothebysrealty.com)