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Guiding Principle of the Week

Our growth together requires us to grow individually.

All Hands Garden Work Day Saturday, December 1st *Weather Permitting*

Join us tomorrow from 9am to noon as we break ground on Aveson's Learning Garden. We'll assemble our long awaited recycled milk jug planters, weed the upper terrace, lay down hardware cloth and distribute soil. Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, and picnic lunch! Fruit and water will be provided. *Saturday's forecast is partly cloudy, however we will be forced to postpone if the rain continues.*

Thank You for Helping Us Grow

Our special thanks to first-grade parents, Chirs Wrasse and Tina Throton, who generously donated the garden's first truckload of rich topsoil and mulch!

Parent Education Series Presents Dr. Gero *Thursday, December 6th*

The Parent Volunteers Action Team proudly presents esteemed guest speaker Dr. Gero. Join us on December 6th at 7pm in the Aveson Cafe for a very informative evening as Dr. Gero share tools we can use at home and at school to help our students realize their full potential!

If you will be attending, please RSVP to alicekechichian@aveson.org by December 4th so that we may prepare for the event. *Thank you*

Culture & Climate

Culture and Climate facilitators, Myshia and Danielle, will be "taking the show on the road" running Culture and Climate Workshops in K-9 advisory on a rotating schedule of 6 weeks per topic. Some of the topics to be covered are kindness & anti-bullying, respect-based communication, restorative justice, responsibility for oneself & others, behavior modification & consequences for one's actions, celebrating diversity, and citizenship on the Aveson campus and in the greater world.

Dance, Dance, Dance with Myshia

K-5 students will have generalized instruction in dance. Students will experience traditional and recreational dance from a multicultural perspective on Fridays. Students will see Myshia once every other week and learn different dances from diverse cultures.

Their dance education will cover both performing arts standards as well as physical education standards. Students will also have the opportunity to perform towards the end of the year if so desired.

6-9 students will have more specific instruction in dance. They will learn a codified modern dance technique called Dunham Technique. The Dunham technique incorporates various Afro-Caribbean traditional dances with American modern dance and ballet. *The Dunham technique is traditionally taught with the accompaniment of Afro-Caribbean drums.*

Students in grades 6-9 will also be instructed in fundamental choreographic principles and improvisation as well as the fall and recovery and release techniques of the post-modern era. This will be a standards-based course that will give the students an opportunity to learn technique, dance history, choreography and methods of choreographing. All students will be required to dance in front of an audience - even if it is only in front of their peers.

Meaningful Giving: A Call to Action from Danielle Poulson

Hello Aveson Families!

In the spirit of supporting each member of the Aveson community to feel and practice a sense of connectedness to themselves, their families, peers, school, earth and world communities, I am spearheading an effort of giving this holiday season.

Heifer International strives to provide self-sustaining resources to families in need all over the world. Rather than giving cases of powdered milk which are consumed and then gone, this organization gives a family a cow which produces 4 gallons of milk a day to consume, share, and sell, for example.

I have given a catalog and this letter to each teacher and there are community copies in the front office and lounge. The catalog has pictures and testimonies of how gifts of livestock have changed the lives of families. A large poster charting our progress will be posted at Aveson in a common area.

The deadline for giving will be December 21, the last day before winter recess. Please have students bring donations (cash or check to Heifer International) to their advisory classes and I will check in with teachers to collect.

If every child and staff member at Aveson gives \$1 - we can buy goats

for 3 families, llamas for 2 families, or 17 families a flock of chicks. If each person gives \$2 – we can give a family a cow and another family a sheep. Whatever gift we are able to give will be meaningful to the recipients and our school community.

Thank you,
Danielle Poulsen
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Visit www.shopping.escrip.com and download Auto Track today!

Intention to Continue Enrollment 2008-09 *Due December 21st*

Aveson is beginning the enrollment process for the 2008-09 school year. Your cooperation in completing and returning this Intent to Continue Enrollment Form by December 21, 2007 will assist us in determining how many openings we anticipate for Fall 2008. In addition, we do offer a sibling preference for existing families. As such, we also need to determine how many siblings we may have. The intent to re-enroll form is posted on the Aveson website as an attachment and is also available in

the office.

Correction: Mark Your Calendars

Please note, there is an error on Aveson's master calendar. The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is on Monday, January 21st, not January 14th.

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