

**20 February 2009**

## **Guiding Principle of the Week**

**Our growth together requires us to grow individually.**

## **Power in Numbers - Important Meeting Tuesday Night**

The next PUSD Board of Education meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 24, 2009**. So grab an early dinner at Maria's Italian Kitchen for Aveson Restaurant Nite, then join us in a show of support as the board considers our lease renewal. We want board members to know how passionate we are about Aveson and how critical the K-12 structure is for our model.

PUSD Ed Center Board Room: 351 S. Hudson Ave

Please plan to arrive by 6:15, but note that the Ed Center Board Room holds only about 40 seats, so a number of us may not get in. However, our numbers will speak strongly about our commitment. We will likely fill up the public comment time at the beginning of the meeting with our planned roster of speakers. We will present the letter of support for Aveson to the board at the end of the public comment time.

If you have not signed the letter of support, go to <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/K->

[12avesoncharterschool?e](#) or you can sign a hard copy in the office.

Please also share this link with friends and family in Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre. The more supporters we have, the better!

## No Coincidence, World Math Day Marks Launch of Aveson's Math Club

Like Math OR Want to Like Math, then Join the 3-5 Aveson Math Club!

The first weekly meeting will be on  
World Math Day  
Wednesday, March 4  
from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
in Room C3 (Sally Davis' room)

Join us to learn fun math games and to challenge your brain.

**For questions or if you are interested in helping, e-mail Christine Goff at [christinegoff@gmail.com](mailto:christinegoff@gmail.com)**

## All the World's a Stage

Aveson Performing Arts is in its early development and is currently rehearsing two plays: Hamlet - to launch in April -

and James and the Giant Peach - to launch in June.

Mr. Ralph Seymour and Mr. Tom Hyatt warmly invite you to be part of the magic!

Come support Aveson's emerging theatrical community on Saturday, March 7th, from 9am-2pm for PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY DAY - an all hands work day dedicated to installing our stage and our Hamlet set.

Between now and then, we will be tackling the following:

1. Painting flats and backdrops for the Hamlet production. The design and work will be led by Lynette Serembe.
2. Set Construction. Alverno High School has donated platforms that will require some work to assemble. We will also be building 3 stair units and adding/fixing the stage fly space. Eric Feidler will be leading this work.
3. Costumes: The directors and the students have established a design for both shows. We would like a parent(s) to take the lead in working with both the directors and the students. We can discuss the particulars prior to March 7th.
4. Promotion. We will have a design for flyers, programs and posters ready by March 7th. We will need a parent(s) to take the lead in getting our promotional material printed and distributed as well as a parent(s) who can take the lead in doing

outreach to schools and groups that would be interested in

seeing our productions, as well as promoting us through local business and civic organizations.

5. Clean the stage and surrounding areas.

6. Install sound equipment. Build booth for light and sound board.

7. Repair anything that needs attention.

### **Resources Needed:**

We will provide a detailed breakdown of the construction tasks prior to the 7th, so you can bring and/or contribute the appropriate tools, hardware, paint brushes etc.

For more information, E-mail [tomhyatt@aveson.org](mailto:tomhyatt@aveson.org).

## **Don't Lose Heart - American Heart Association Fundraiser Postponed 1 Week**

We had to postpone our field day, Jump Rope for Heart, by one week due to a scheduling conflict with our all-cadre assembly day and the rental of our field by a local filming crew. However, we are still devoted to helping the American Heart Association and to having some field fun. Students will enjoy all kinds of athletics and games on the field next Friday, Feb. 27.

## **A Toast to Tapas March 1, 6:00 p.m.**

Apparently, some of us like to eat! There are only 5 spots left for the Toast to Tapas fundraising dinner to be held at Firefly Bistro and hosted by owner chefs and Aveson parents, Paul Rosenbluh and Monique King. Please consider joining us! This is a great way to get to know more Aveson parents and to support our school at the same time. Reserve your spot(s) by calling Cynthia Cohn (626) 818-2577. It's going to be a scrumptious evening!

## **Time to Get Crackin - Call for Confetti Eggs**

If you participated in our June Jubilee event last year, no doubt you remember one of the highlights: CONFETTI EGGS! How many did your child smash, toss, chuck or otherwise bring to demise? Well, it's time to change your kitchen habits and begin cracking eggs the conservative way. Use eggs by breaking off only the very top, then stash those whole shells in a carton until you have lots and bring them to your advisors or to the front office. We raised quite a bit of money by filling them with confetti and selling them for \$1 each. This is yet one more great way for you (and our K-2 chickens) to give back to Aveson!

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Feb. 24 Restaurant Night at Maria's Italian Kitchen

Feb. 24 PUSD Board of Education meeting, 6:15 p.m. PUSD:  
351 S. Hudson Ave

Feb. 25 6-10 Community Forum  
Mar. 1 A Toast to Tapas Fundraising Dinner, Firefly Bistro,  
6:00 p.m.  
Mar. 2 Eaton Canyon Field Trip Makeup Day K-2  
Mar. 3 Read Across America  
March 4 Aveson Math Club  
Mar. 7 Aveson 2009-2010 Admissions Lottery, 10:00 a.m.  
Mar. 11 Community Day  
Mar. 11 Parent Education Seminar, 6:30 p.m.  
Mar. 23 thru April 3 Spring Break  
May 2-3 Annual Rummage Sale  
Jun. 6 June Jubilee