

**20 March 2009 Spring Green Edition**

**Guiding Principle of the Weeks Ahead**

**Integrity is everything.**

**It's a Wrap!**

What better way to launch into our two week Spring Holiday than on the cheerful conclusion of another Aveson Celebration of Learning?

The dynamic body of student work on display at Wednesday and Thursday's Celebration of Learning is evidence of the dedication and creativity that defines our team of teachers and administrators. Thank you for your heartfelt work!

**The Alchemy of Giving: Transforming Recyclables into Safe Drinking Water**

Aveson has the privilege of participating in Community Without Wall's Lifestraw Challenge as part of their 4th Annual Day of 1,000 Volunteers. A lifestraw is a personal drinking water filtration system used in places in the world where drinking water is unsafe. The goal is to provide one million lifestraws to people around the world, many of them children.

Aveson can help generate funds for these life changing life straws through a campus-wide recycling drive. During spring break, please save your plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and glass containers and plan to bring them to school when we return. You will find collection bins at all school drop-off and pick-up locations through the month of April.

Feel free to get family and friends involved in your collection efforts. More recyclables translates into more life straws! To learn more visit

[www.CommunityWithoutWalls.org](http://www.CommunityWithoutWalls.org).

## **Aveson Hoop Dreams Come True**

Congratulations to all the students who participated on our Aveson basketball teams! All the teams had success.

Players showed great sportsmanship and grew as athletes and people. Our 3rd and 4th grade boys team had a lot of first time players. They learned a lot and played very hard.

Our 5th-6th grade team showed great tenacity and teamwork. They made it to the semifinals and then lost in a close game. Way to fight to the end!

Thanks very much to Mr. Ron Yee who had our ladies running every game. Our 7th-8th girls played with a lot of heart, pride and passion. They left everything on the court.

Aveson's high school boys team also really came together as the season progressed. All their hard work and dedication

led them to win a championship!

I take my hat off to all who participated this year. I am so proud of what we accomplished. It's not about the number of games you win or how many points you score. It's the work you put in, the level of dedication that you display and your growth as an athlete that will leave an impression on people. Thank you for being my players and respecting me as your coach. You all played like warrior poets and I am proud to be apart of the journey.

Coach Eric Kinley

## Hamlet's in the House

The Aveson Drama club is proud to present **HAMLET** (or does father really know best?). We've taken the greatest play ever written and have adapted it for our K-12 community.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturday April 17 and 18 at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. Bring the whole family! Running time is 1 hour, 15 minutes. Kids 10 and under are FREE. Pre-Sale tickets are available now for just \$3. (They will be \$5 at the door.)

For tickets email Mr. Tom at [tomhyatt@aveson.org](mailto:tomhyatt@aveson.org).

## The Diamonds: PVC Tubes Meets Community Activists Meets YouTube

The Aveson Music Club chose their stage name last week and it's not a rough cut. "The Diamonds" are a gem of a collection: four students, one enthusiastic instructor and a devoted parent or two make Aveson Charter School shine. The group recently stepped out to help Agape Church raise funds for a community and rehab center they are building. Watch a clip of their performance

at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HamoUpxF0sc>

You can't beat this: our students are having a ball and learning about music while playing marimbas created from recycled materials, using mallets made with flip-flops. They are helping to meet the needs of others in our community and seeing how their personal power and creativity can change the world. These students are diamonds, indeed. So are Michael Greiner, John Serembe and all the other grown-ups who keep lighting the sparks. Look out for additional performances by The Diamonds this Spring!

## **Parent Education Workshop Series Presents Sustainable Living in an Urban Environment 8 April 6:30pm**

Want to live in a more environmentally friendly and ecologically responsible way? Think you play a crucial role in shaping your child's environmental sensitivity? Our Parent Education workshop on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. will help you identify for yourself what steps can be taken "now" to make a difference and to reduce your ecological footprint.

The workshop will involve a 20-minute video presentation on The Story of Stuff. It describes how “stuff” is made, distributed, sold, used and disposed of, drawing attention to the environmental and social impacts of our production and consumption patterns. Christine Lenches-Hinkel, an Environmental Consultant and owner/founder of Waste Less Living, will provide a follow-up presentation on the environmental concerns associated with solid waste management. Ms. Lenches-Hinkel will facilitate an activity to help us describe the challenges of “living green” and identify feasible and practical solutions that can actually be implemented. At the end of the workshop, Ms. Lenches-Hinkel will provide some excellent resources for families. Parent Ed Night right after Spring Break.... don't miss it!

Can't wait? Learn more about waste less living now at [www.wastelessliving.com](http://www.wastelessliving.com)

## **Save the Date: Aveson Bingo Night! 9 May 2009**

... a family affair stocked with plenty of bingo and raffle prizes, scrumptious food from the Aveson kitchen and a movie for our littlest ones. Please stay tuned for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Apr. 6 Back to School  
Apr. 8 Community Day  
Apr. 8 Parent Education Night with Waste-Less Living  
Apr. 15 K-5 Community Forum, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 17 K-5 Potluck Mixer, 6:00 p.m.  
Apr. 22 6-10 Community Forum, 6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 25 Aveson Family Campout  
May 2-3 Annual Rummage Sale  
May 9 Family Bingo Night  
Jun. 6 June Jubilee