

Greetings!

As we move past the business of the first few months of Fall and settle into a semester groove, we are pleased to revive Aveson's weekly newsletter, the Compass. While the Aveson Bite delivers you a short and sweet taste of the week ahead, the Compass dishes out more nutrient dense information about our community life including important updates, inspiring news from our cadres and direct calls to action. Enjoy!

Kate's Desk

I am excited to deliver my first Compass message of the 2009-10 school year! It has been a wonderful start Aveson's third year. Every day I walk the campus and am amazed at the various examples of personalized and passionate learning I witness on each level. Our staff is truly exceptional! As you know, the first two years at Aveson created strong K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 advisor teams. This year we have equally strong 9-11 and Independent Studies advisor teams. Our students are the happy beneficiaries.

Each year brings new challenges and our third year is no exception. It is easy for many to succumb to the fear of scarcity given enormous budget cuts and unfavorable political decisions by the PUSD board regarding a possible relocation of our high school students. Now is the time to invoke our first Guiding Principle: "***Vision means seeing what could be and what will be and living the difference***". The strength of the Aveson community lies in our ability to conquer scarcity with growth and optimism. All great organizations counteract mainstream fear, and make no mistake about it...we are a great organization. We will continue to be fierce regarding our vision and the rights of all our students. With the proposed addition of our Aveson International School for the Arts (AISA), we will grow our organization to ensure our collective financial strength while extending the Aveson experience to more families. I am confident we are exactly where we should be at this point in our journey. Please continue to help me lead positive dialogue about the future of Aveson and public education.

~Kate

Community Day

Social Leadership is alive and well on the Aveson Campus. Last Wednesday Aveson held its first Community Day of the school year. The 11th grade class planned, prepared, and led the day's activities. The day started on the field with 23 new K-11th grade villages finding their leaders and heading off to their rooms. As all advisors reported, the 11th grade students were simply amazing. They proudly led their villages through team building activities, including: the name game, mentor buddies, village name, village sign and secret handshake. In keeping with the theme of the day, "Sense of Self", the students read the tale

of Anansi the Spider, discussed the story, made food sculptures - and ate them, of course - and contributed a description of themselves to their village poster. We had many wonderful volunteers and invite everyone to join us at our next school wide Community Day to experience the Aveson model at its very best. Thank you to our 11th grade young adults. You shined!

Aveson's Got Talent

In the past two weeks we attempted to audition a campus of Kinder through 11th grade students for our upcoming Talent Show. Students filled out audition slips and came to the Aveson Theatre to present a multitude of talents - including singing, dancing, juggling, rapping, magic, music, acting, comedy and even speed drawing!

It was a wild experience and the turn out was overwhelming, to say the least. More than 60 Kinder through 5th grade students signed up or requested an audition. I realized right away these students deserved their own special night to showcase their talents - Also, many of them need extensive time and support to hone their skills and perfect their performance.

In response, the AVESON'S GOT TALENT November 12th performance will be limited to 6th-11th grade students, with select appearances by younger and more seasoned performers.

We have documented all interested K-5 students and noted their auditions and ability. Once we have a date set, proper community support, and a plan for rehearsals, we will be announcing the K-5 Talent Show. My feeling is early May would work wonderfully.

If anybody would like to take the K-5 talent show and run with it, I would be happy to hand the baton off and support any efforts going forward.

Yours,

Mr. Tom Hyatt
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Aveson Cooperative Educaiton (ACE) After School Program Kicks Off Session 2

The Arts are at Aveson! If you are interested in having your child participate in quality arts courses taught by arts professionals, sign your child up for Session 2 of the Arts Program through ACE. Session 2 runs from November 30, 2009 through February 26, 2010.

Enrollment forms for Session 2 are now available in the main office. All courses are \$18 per day which includes child care from the end of the school day through 5:45pm. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify.

We are offering the following Arts courses for Session 2

Drama - Tuesday / Thursday - Tom Hyatt 3:30-5:00
Music - Monday / Thursday (violin) - Alma Cielo 3:30-5:00
Dance - Monday / Tuesday - Paolo Alcedo 3:30-5:00
Visual - Monday / Friday - Bob Hernandez 3:30-5:00
Music Club - Monday/ Thursday/ Friday - Michael Grenier 3:30-6:00
Jazz Dance - Thursday - Kathleen Van Deusen - 3:30:5:00

Come by the main office to pick up a Session 2 Arts Enrollment form today!

Restaurant Night...Tonight

Join Aveson families and friends for Mexican fare and fund-raising at Rubio's Mexican Grill in Pasadena tonight from 4-8p.m. Simply [click here](#) to download the flyer from our homepage.

Rubios
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Coming Soon to a Campus Near You: Aveson International School for the Arts

Aveson International School for the Arts (AISA) Intent to Enroll Forms are due tomorrow - **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th**. Please note, your intent to enroll form is an expression of interest does not mean you've given up your seat at Aveson.

Mark Your Calendar

29 Oct. Restaurant Night
30 Oct. Expectation Assembly for K-12
Jamba Juice Smooth Fund-raising Day 3-5. Please bring \$2 on Friday.
6-11 Mixer
AGLA School Dance
4 Nov. Picture Day Make Ups
6 Nov. 3-5 Mixer
11 Nov. NO SCHOOL
16 Nov. K-2 Field Trip to Riley's Farm

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