



~Alder Grove News ~

August 2014

From The Director-

Welcome back to school! We have a lot of exciting things happening at Alder Grove this year! Make sure to check your newsletter, either online or hard copy each month for an up to date list of activities, field trips and reminders.

In order to personalize education for your children, we have adopted a new online assessment called Let's Go Learn. All of students in grades 1-11 will be taking the online assessment this fall. The results from this test are incredibly useful and will pinpoint specific areas of strengths and weaknesses. In addition, there is an optional online instructional piece that corresponds directly to the areas your student hasn't mastered. Students who qualify for our Academic Support programs in math and reading will be utilizing the Let's go Learn program. Other students may use the program as well. Talk to your CT if you are interested in having your student work on Let's go Learn in math or reading at home. Check out <http://www.letsgolearn.com/> for more information.

If you are a returning family, you will receive a letter later this month if your student qualifies for the mandatory Academic Support program. If so, you will be filling out an Academic Support Plan with your CT detailing how your child will work on the areas he is struggling with. If you are a new student, we will use the results from the Let's go Learn assessment to determine your child's eligibility for the Academic Support program.

Enclosed in this newsletter, please find the onsite class schedule and information on enrolling your students in these optional classes. Please fill in the forms completely before faxing, mailing, emailing or dropping off your enrollment paperwork beginning August 11th.

Some things to note about our onsite class program:

- Since our school has no outside play space, we encourage all K-5 students attending Monday and/or Wednesday afternoons to meet at the park at 14th and E (only about 7 blocks from school) for play before coming to school. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents.
- Our M/W morning middle school classes are at grade level. If you have a student performing below grade level, he or she probably won't succeed in the Math, Science or Spanish M/W morning classes. Instead, your child should take advantage of math and writing labs to get extra help at his/her level. Tutors and online support programs are also available. The T/Th General Math class may be appropriate. Please talk to your CT about options.
- The General Math class is designed for students in grades 7-11 who haven't mastered the concepts necessary to pass Algebra 1. It will be a class focused on review of math concepts.
- Practical Math is a new class we are offering for students in high school who have passed algebra and are not headed to a four year college who need a second year of math. It will focus on consumer and practical life skills math.
- Our Thursday afternoon the Language Arts Workshops for K-2 beginning readers is an opportunity for you to attend with your student to learn valuable tools to teach reading at home. Please let your CT know if child care is an issue for you for younger siblings and we may be able to arrange child care on site.
- This year we will offer our first online class, Health for 9th-12 graders. There will be an hour a week reserved in the computer lab for students to work on this class and occasionally get together for presentations, but all of the other work will be completed online. Make sure that your student has access to computer and internet before signing up for this class as the one class time reserved each week will not be enough time to complete all of the work. Please put the student's email address on the enrollment form so we can get their account set up to access the class. Students need to attend the first Tuesday, for a course schedule and instruction in how to use the online learning platform, Moodle.
- We will also be offering a high school Literature and Writing class. This class is geared for juniors and seniors who plan to go on to college. Students are expected to be reading and writing at grade level in order to succeed in this class. Jeff Gonzalez, who is also an instructor in English at College of the Redwoods, will be teaching.
- This year we will increase the number of hours for Math Lab from 12 to 20. The Math Lab schedule will be posted later this month.

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- Also, later this month we will be posting hours in a newly developed Writing Lab. This is an opportunity for students of all grade levels to come and get support with writing assignments for any class. Teachers will be available to edit, and offer suggestions for student writing.
- We are happy to announce that Lorenza Simmons will be joining our staff taking over choir on Fridays. Marian has done an excellent job with the choir but homeschooling her own three children is taking up a lot of her time so she is stepping away from it for a while.
- We are also happy to announce the addition of Zumba and Pilates, both on Fridays. These classes are appropriate for students in grades 4 and up and will count toward high school PE credits.

Looking back over what I just wrote, I realize that we have a lot of new and exciting offerings this year! It is my honor to be part of the evolution of this amazing learning opportunity. It is always our goal to personalize your child's education to enhance all areas of learning. Thank you all for being a part of Alder Grove!

I welcome your ideas, comments, and input on our program. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason.

Jenni Allen-SanGiovanni
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What: Language Arts Workshop
Who: K through 2nd grade students with parent or guardian
When: Thursdays, 1:00—2:30 p.m. for Session 1
Thursdays, 3:00—4:30 p.m. for Session 2



Come join Alder Grove Charter students, parents, and teacher Sunshine Lee in a fun and dynamic workshop exploring Language Arts. All are welcome! Get great ideas for how to build a full Language Arts program at home. This will be a great time to work in community with other families who do home-schooling and pass on your good ideas! Think of it as a weekly Language Arts party!

Sign up on the enclosed on-site class enrollment form. Make sure to indicate Session 1 or 2 on your enrollment form.

Important Dates:

Governance Council Meeting: Monday, August 11th, 6:30 p.m.
 1st day of school: Monday, August 25th
 1st day of onsite classes: Tuesday, September 2nd
 Governance Council Meeting: Monday, September 8th, 6:30 p.m.

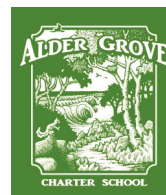
**Our office will be closed
 Tuesday, August 19th
 for a Staff Meeting**


Our regular office hours are:

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. (excluding school holidays)

Director: Jenni Allen-SanGiovanni
 Administrative Assistant: Jenifer Doane
 Inventory Account Clerk/Library Aide: Rebecca Robison
 School Coordinator: Debbie Lammers
 Secretary: Ruth Baker

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10a & 1p Orientation for new families	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 p.m. - Governance Council	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Office Closed - Staff Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25 First Day Of School!	26	27	28	29	30
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day - No School	2 On Site classes begins	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 6:30 p.m. - Governance Council	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 1st day of fall 	24	25	26	27
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