



~Alder Grove News ~ Please note updated email address above
September 2014

From The Director-

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to our new space. In case you haven't noticed yet, we have taken over the other half of our building, where St. Joseph's used to be. At this moment, our tech guy, Brett Docherty is busy setting up an additional computer lab and a larger Math Lab in the new space. By the time you read this, we should be using the space to offer some additional opportunities for students. I appreciate Brett's work going above and beyond his job duties to make things work.

You may have also noticed the changes to the outside of the building. Kudos to our maintenance man, Dave Gaddis, who has spent countless hours throughout the month of August to get the work completed. Northcoast Awnings and Jim's Signs also did work on the front of the building. Jim said we can show appreciation by liking his Facebook Page, so if you're on FB, check it out!

As our school continues to grow and to get better, there are countless other people to show gratitude to for exceptional work. Special thanks always to Ruth, the first smiling face you see when you come to Alder Grove, Becca and Becky who have worked non-stop on getting orders to you this month and Jenifer, who you might not see as often, but who is tirelessly making sure all of our data is accurate and reported on time. It truly takes a team to run this school efficiently and I am grateful for each of them!

Make sure to read this newsletter for some fun opportunities—the Back to School Night/Idea Fair should be inspirational and there are also some great field trips planned. We are pleased to offer the Language Arts workshops where parents attend with their young students and explore ideas for creating a great Language Arts Program. Child care will be provided for both younger and older siblings.

Thank you all for being a part of Alder Grove Charter School. Sometimes I look around and I can't believe how far we've come. I am truly grateful every day to have this opportunity. Have a great first month of school! As always, I welcome your ideas, comments, and input on our program. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason.

Jenni Allen-SanGiovanni
Director
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Updated Onsite Schedule

There have been some changes to the onsite schedule since it was mailed out to everyone on August 1st. Please refer to our website at www.aldergrovecharter.org or come to the office to see a few updates such as the hours for the new Math Lab and Computer Lab. We also have a new Monday Science Fair enrichment class, History Day project class, and Local History class offered on Mondays!

Upcoming College Admissions Test Dates:

PSAT

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

\$14 (Exact change brought to testing site(s) TBA)
(Fee waiver available for qualifying students)

Email Jen Burtram at

jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org to register.

Please include student's full name,
grade level and CT name.

Here is a link to more information
about the PSAT/NMSQT:

<http://www.princetonreview.com/college/about-psat-test.aspx>

SAT

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Register NOW and practice online at

www.collegeboard.org

\$52.50 (Fee waiver available for qualifying students)

ACT

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Register www.actstudent.org/regist/

Without writing: \$38.00

WITH writing: \$54.50

(Fee waiver available for qualifying students)

Immunizations!

Please turn in the forms—if you choose to waive immunizations, (even partially), we still need forms filled out and returned.

Call 268-0854 and ask for Ruth if you have any questions.



Alder Grove Charter School's Back to School Night / Idea Fair

Friday, September 19, 2014
5:00—7:00 p.m.

Come and join us in celebrating a new school year. Parents and students can look around the school, meet the teachers, and check out our new additions to the school. Hot dogs, fruit, vegetables and water will be provided.

Let's make this year work for us! Join Alder Grove teachers and parents in the first of a series of workshops designed to connect, educate, and support our parent teachers. Wander on over to the New Side of our building and explore a set of tables designed to help you establish and fine-tune your child's homeschooling program and make this year full of learning and joy.

Tables may include:

- How to set up a learning environment
- How to make a home-school blog
- Waldorf Education information
- Join in a Student Project
- Curriculum-share

Feel free to bring your questions and inspirations! Bring curriculum you use and love for the curriculum – share table, unit studies and student projects from years past to inspire others, copies of your daily learning schedule if you have one, and pictures of your favorite learning environments to share on a community bulletin board. Also bring your ideas to add to a list of desired parent workshops as well as desired workshop days and times. We look forward to seeing you there!

Language Arts Workshop— Where parents and kids work and learn together!



Grades K—2nd
Thursdays 1:00—2:30 pm or 3:00—4:30 p.m.
Alder Grove Charter School's new Rainbow Room



Session One: Sept 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Oct. 2nd, 9th
Session Two: Oct 16th, 23rd, 30th, Nov. 6th, 13th, 20th
Session Three: Dec. 4th, 11th, 18th, Jan 8th, 15th 22nd

You're invited to join us for six weeks of singing, games, reading, and writing fun! This is a place to meet other home-school families and network together. Please sign up at the AGCS front office. Choose one time and one session. Each session will have six parent/student teams. These sessions are FREE. There will be child care provided also for no cost.

PICTURE DAY!! (Mark your calendars!)

Monday, November 17th, 2014

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
(more details to follow...)



SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIPS:



**Patrick's Point State Park-
Sumeg Village Tour
Thursday, September 25, 2014,
12:00-2:00
K-6th grades
\$5 cost for craft project**

We will meet at the Sumeg Picnic Shelter at noon, and will be divided into 2 groups. There is space for 40 students and 20 adults, and 10-15 cars allowed. Student will take part in a Dentalium craft where the students will make a necklace. We will visit the reconstructed Yurok village - "Sumêg" - consisting of traditional style family houses, a sweat house, changing houses, a redwood canoe, and a dance house. Please sign up at the front desk or call 268-0854.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS:



**Patrick's Point State Park-
Tide Pools Exploration
Thursday October 2, 2014, 1:00-3:00
K-6th grades
Free**

We will be meeting at Palmer's Point at 1:00 pm. There is space for 40 students and 20 adults. Since there may be many vehicles some people may have to park at the Campfire Center parking lot. In small groups students seek out common representatives of seven different phyla of tide pool denizens. Each group is supplied with a mini-clipboard and pencil, tally sheet, a picture identification key and a phylum guide. Students are to be respectful during their non-invasive exploration of all things that they come across in the tide pools. Please sign up at the front office or call 268-0854.

**6TH-12TH GRADE FIELD TRIP:
PADDLEBOARDING
AT STONE LAGOON
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
1:00—4:30p
\$25.00**

On September 24th from 1:00-4:30 students in 6th through 12th grade have an opportunity to learn how to do stand-up paddleboarding on Stone Lagoon with HSU's Center Activities. Stone Lagoon is located north of Trinidad, 5 miles south of Orick on the Highway 101. We will meet at the Stone Lagoon boat launch which is located on the left side of the highway, next to the Humboldt State Park Visitor Center and across the street from the Little Red School House. The cost of the trip is \$25 and can be paid for using the student's budget or by paying privately with a check made out to Center Activities or cash. Private payments must be submitted when the student signs up for the trip. There will be 20 student spots available. To sign up for the trip the student and parent must sign the required forms that are located at Ruth's desk at our school's front office. Along with the forms there will be an information letter about what the students need to bring for the trip. All participants will have life jackets and wetsuits but should be able to swim and feel comfortable in the water. 10 students will be going out on the water at a time, so parents are encouraged to hang out and help supervise on the shore. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Terri Tripp at home: 826-0682 or by email: terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org

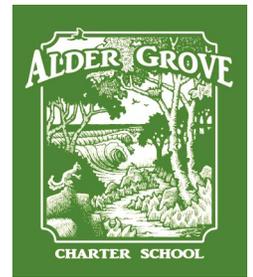


**North Coast Co-op's 26th Annual Pumpkin Patch-
Mad River Road in the Arcata Bottoms
Tuesday, October 2, 2014, 12—1pm
K-6th grades**

Farm Etiquette: 1. Parking is Limited-please try and carpool
2. Students must carry their own pumpkin-Students are allowed to pick out a free pumpkin that they can comfortably carry all the way to the parking area (No rolling, please)
Directions for cars: Take the Giuntoli Lane/Janes Rd exit and go west. Take the first right in Heinden Road, a left onto Miller Lane and then a right onto Mad River Road. Continue a ways past the 90 degree turn in the road and the patch is the first driveway on the right.

Please sign up at the front office or call 268-0854.

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 <i>Labor Day— No School</i>	2 <i>Onsite Classes Begin</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8 6:30p—Governance Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19  Back To School/ Idea Fair, 5-7:00pm	20
21	22	23 <i>1st Day Of Fall</i> 	24 1:00–4:30, Paddle- boarding Field Trip, 6th–12th gr.	25 Noon– 2:00, Patricks Point Field Trip, K-6th 	26	27
28	29	30				