



## ~Alder Grove News ~

August 2015, 2nd Edition

### From The Director ~

Welcome back to what we hope is the best year yet for Alder Grove Charter School! Make sure to read your online or printed newsletter each month for an up to date list of events and activities!

We are continuing to use Let's Go Learn, an online assessment to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses for students and to identify students who need extra academic support. If your student qualifies for Academic Support, you will receive a letter in early September and you will need to fill out a plan with your CT. Your CT will let you know when to bring in your student to take the online assessment.

Enclosed in this newsletter is our schedule of optional onsite classes along with class descriptions. Please make sure that you read the descriptions and enroll your students in appropriate classes. If you have any questions, ask your CT. Enrollment begins August 10.

This year we are planning Friday workshops on most Fridays from 10:00am to 12:00noon. We are offering these workshops on various topics as another option for all of our students to participate in group events at Alder Grove. These workshops are on various topics. See the enclosed schedule. Sign up for the workshops on the regular class enrollment forms enclosed.

A highlight of the new schedule is a math Workshop for parents and students in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade. During 4<sup>th</sup> grade, math becomes more difficult to teach at home. This weekly workshop will help you as a parent learn to present new concepts. We will continue to offer our Language Arts Parent and Student workshops on Thursday afternoons. These workshops are highly recommended for parents and students in grades K-1. These weekly workshops will help you as a parent learn to teach reading and to set up a balanced language arts program at home.

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

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### ATTENTION:

**As many of you know California has recently changed the way that schools are funded using the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Schools now receive funding based on the number of students enrolled who fall into certain income brackets. Schools with more low income students will receive more money than schools with a higher percentage of low income students. For this reason, we are required to get current income amounts verified by parents each year. Please take a minute to complete the enclosed form stating your estimated income for the year 2015. Providing this documentation will allow us to maximize the funding that we receive and allow us to continue with the amazing opportunities we are able to provide to our students. If your student lives in two households, you can use the income of either one on this form. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.**

### Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:30—4:30  
(excluding school holidays)

Director: Jenni Allen-SanGiovanni  
Administrative Assistant: Jenifer Doane  
Inventory Account Clerk/Library Aide: Becca Robison  
SPED: Jana Kirk-Levine  
School Coordinator: Debbie Lammers  
College/Career Counselor: Jen Burtram

Dave Gaddis and his crew have been very busy this summer—adding fresh paint to the walls, and even 2 more rooms! It looks great! Thanks, Dave and Brett!

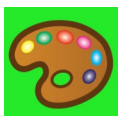


### Parents of Students Enrolled In Onsite Classes:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLASSES ARE LET OUT.

We are not responsible for students left here before or after onsite classes are in session.

Please keep your Art Donations coming in for our Alder Grove Art Gallery! We will be changing the displays each month!



## *Alder Grove Collective Buzz!*

**A new Facebook group called *Alder Grove Collective Buzz* has been set up to encourage sharing of school-related events, photos, helpful links, student achievements, questions, important bulletins, or whatever else AGCS students, parents, faculty or staff can think of. It is also a forum for any real-time virtual meetings or live discussions. This group's setting is set to "Secret", meaning that it cannot be found by searching Facebook. You must be added by a current group member, or else be sent an email link. If you would like to join this group or have any questions associated with it, please send an email to Luana Nelson at [roadster1252@gmail.com](mailto:roadster1252@gmail.com), with "Alder Grove Collective Buzz" in the subject line. You need to have an active Facebook account in order to participate.**



**Language Arts Workshop**  
**K through 2nd grade students with parent or guardian**  
**Wednesdays, 10:15—11:25**

**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.**



**Governance Council Meetings are held the second Monday of each month  
(except January and July) at 6:30 p.m.**

**Special Information For Parents in Case of Emergency**

***Telephones/Communications:***

In the event of an earthquake, flood or other natural disaster, keep your radios tuned to your local radio station (KHUM, 104.7 or 104.3 for advisory information). Please do not call the school as we must have the lines open for emergency calls.

***Dismissal:***

Should there be a major earthquake, children will remain under the supervision of school authorities until parents or responsible adults can pick them up.

***Student Release Procedure:***

1. Go directly to the entrance of the school or evacuation area. In case of fire, students will be in paved parking lot on F Street side of building.
2. Inform teacher, aide or adult responsible for that classroom that you are taking the child.
3. Proceed with child back to Student Release Table to complete a Student Release for each child you are taking. Do not remove your child or any other child from school without signing the emergency release form and showing your picture ID to the school staff. This provides us a record of where each child is when someone else arrives later looking for the child.
4. Unless you are staying to volunteer, please leave as quickly as possible after signing out your child.
5. Adults will be needed to help with first aid, dismissing students, helping with classes, monitoring traffic, etc. If you are able to volunteer to help, talk to the director or teacher in charge about what you can do to help. Volunteers should leave children with their classes and not sign a student release form until they are ready to leave.

***If You Can't Get to the School:***

Should a major disaster occur, it is likely that many parents will not be able to reach the school right away. If conditions make it necessary, we will release your child to the adult indicated on your child's Emergency Release form. We will keep a written record of the child and the adult to whom the child has been released.

The school director or teacher in charge will determine the need to leave the building. In the event the building cannot be reoccupied or if a fire requires evacuation of the school, the students will be transferred to the nearest available safe shelter.

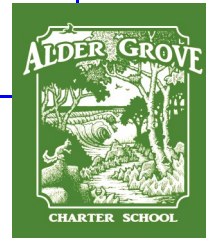
***Food and Water:***

In the event that children would need to remain on campus for several hours after any sort of a disaster, there will be a supply of fresh water and limited food, in the school emergency kit.

# August 2015



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>1st day to sign up for classes. 6:30p-Governance</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>School Begins!</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Onsite Classes Begin!</i>					



# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7 <b>Labor Day - No School</b>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>6:30p-Governance Council meeting</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 <i>Autumn Begins</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

