



~Alder Grove News ~

January 2015

From The Director ~

This year is flying by! Our school year is half way over. The days are already getting longer and it won't be long before spring is here! Please make sure to check this and every newsletter for information on all of the great opportunities we have for you and your students.

Mark your calendars now for the state mandated assessment, Smarter Balanced, to be given to students beginning April 14. Check the site, <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> for practice tests and information about the tests. Your CT will be letting you know soon about the opportunity for student rewards for completing the practice test. If you or your student is in high school, or will be soon, check out the Alumni Panel on January 13 where alumni and their parents will share their experiences.

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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Spelling Bee

Monday, February 2nd
3:45 pm on the platform at school
Contact Randi at 268-0854 for more info.

Lost & Found!

If you've lost something, look in our Lost & Found bin. If you don't see it in there, ask Ruth for more valuable things.



Contest for new quotes to put on the website!

We have started a Literary Quote contest. Give us your favorite quote from a book you have read. We will put the winner on the introduction page of our website.

You can pick up a form at the front counter at the office, or just email to Ruth at ruth.baker@aldergrovecharter.org

School Dance!! for 7th—12th Graders Eureka Woman's Club 1531 J Street Eureka, CA

Friday, January 30th
5:00 –8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00



CASH FOR COLLEGE!!

This is a great opportunity to get help filling out the FAFSA and applying for CalGrants. These workshops are especially focused on low-income or first generation college students. There will be several workshops throughout the county.

Our students are welcome to attend these events at local schools. The next upcoming workshops are:

- Jan. 6 12:30-4:30 pm - Ferndale High
- Jan. 8 2:00-7:00 pm - Mckinleyville High
- Jan. 14 2:00-7:00 pm - Fortuna High (w/Dream Act: Undocumented Students)
- Jan. 22 2:00-7:00 pm - Arcata High
- Jan. 27 2:00-7:00 pm - Eureka High (w/Dream Act: Undocumented Students)

Events are drop in and there are several people there to help.

Even if your students are planning on going to CR or a vocational school, FAFSA and CalGrants have \$\$ to help them out. You are always welcome to make an appointment with me if you are unable to make one of these events and would like personalized assistance with this process. Please email me at jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org

2015 Career Speaker Series

Learn about different careers by attending one or more of these sessions. Most sessions will be on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Arcata High School Library. All students, families and community members are welcome!

Jan. 12: High School 8 Years later; get job insight from local alumni in the early years of their careers. Jan. 26: Working in Technology; learn about careers in technology and how computers and the Internet influence every job in today's work place. Feb. 9: Working in Health Care; learn about careers in physical therapy, as medical technicians, physician's assistants and doctors!

Mark your calendar and join us for these dynamic conversations!

What: Alder Grove Charter School Alumni Panel

When: Tuesday, January, 13 / 2:30-3:30pm

Where: Stage Area Onsite

Who: Current AGCS parents and students

Come listen to a panel of speakers discuss their time at Alder Grove and how it prepared them for life after high school in the world of work and college. Parents will talk about how they supported their children as they attended Alder Grove and helped them to prepare for life after high school. Teachers Jennifer Burtram and Jeffrey Gonzalez will bring their writing class and may speak briefly as well. The talk will conclude with a brief question and answer session, snacks, and visiting.

Field Trip for K-12th Graders



North Coast Co-Op
811 I Street, Arcata,

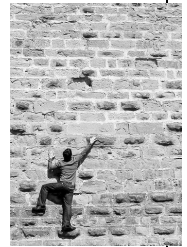
Thursday, February 12, 2015
9:30 OR 10:30 a.m.

Field Trip for 6-12th Graders

HSU Indoor Rock Climbing
HSU Gym, Arcata

Tuesday, January 20th
9:00—Noon

\$20.00 out of budget or cash
Sign up at the front office



California High School Exit Exam

Attention 10th and 12th Grade Students!

As you are aware, in order to receive a High School Diploma in the State of California, you must pass both parts of the California High School Exit Exam. The February tests are for *all* 10th grade students and 12th graders who have not passed one or both parts of the test. The tests are un-timed allowing the students as much time as possible to complete the tests. Please have your student bring their ID with them to testing. Also, this year we will be having two testing sessions to accommodate our large 10th class and students taking onsite classes. Soon, you will be receiving a letter in the mail indicating your student's time.

DAYS: Tuesday **February 3rd** (Language Arts) AND
Wednesday **February 4th** (Math)

LOCATION: Alder Grove Charter School - 714 F Street
- Eureka

TIME: 10:00-1:00 OR 1:00-4:00

(check your letter for the exact time)

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

We will be testing all of our 5th, 7th and 9th graders in PE this year. The PE test is quite simple and involves the students participating in 6 different quick strength and flexibility activities, including a onemile walk/run. You will work with your CT to complete the test over the course of the next 4 months. However, your student(s) have the option of completing their onemile run on **Tuesday, May 5th at 3:00pm** or **Wednesday, May 6th at 3:00pm at the Eureka High Track on Del Norte Street.**

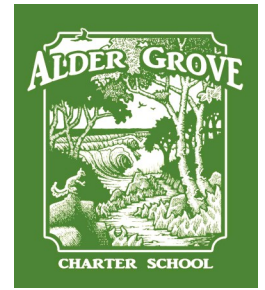
Your student can also use a treadmill when completing their onemile dash or run 22 laps around any little league baseball field (22 laps around the bases equals onemile). Your CT has a copy of the PE testing form or you may download the form off the Alder Grove website. If your student participates in the Eureka High onemile walk/run, please make sure they are wearing loose clothing that enables them to move. Thank you for your help and if you have questions, please don't hesitate to call your CT or the office at 268-0854. Thanks for your participation in this important state requirement!

**Scholarships Available
January 15th**

Humboldt Area Foundation offers hundreds of scholarships each year for students who meet a wide variety of criteria. Whether you're a high school senior who is planning on attending a community college, CSU, UC or vocational training, there is money available to help. In order to qualify for HAF scholarships, you must have 2 letters of recommendation from teachers or employers who know you well and will advocate for you, a personal statement essay and a list of your community service and extra curricular activities. I have student workbooks with details about this process if you are interested!

Please call me at the office or email me at jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org

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				<i>Winter Break—No School</i>		
4	5 <i>On-Site Classes Begin</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 2:30–4:30 - AGCS Alumni panel	14	15 10:00–K-6 grade field trip to Los Bagels	16	17
18	19  Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	20 9:00–noon–Field Trip for 6-12th grade, HSU Rock Climbing	21	22	23 11:00 a.m.–Leadership Meeting	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 8-12th Grades Winter Dance, Eureka Womens Club, 3:00–5:00 p.m. \$5.00	31