



## ~Alder Grove News ~

October 2015

### From The Director ~

Our first month of school has flown by. We have had a huge demand for our onsite classes, especially with the younger students. We are brain storming ways to enable all of our students who want to, to participate in these optional, enrichment opportunities. A big thank you to Becca, who has had your orders out super-fast this year! She has been working really hard and we all appreciate her dedication. Also, a huge thanks to Becky who has managed the onsite class enrollment in addition to her other duties this year. This first month of school has been incredibly busy, but smooth, thanks to the entire staff, and especially Becca and Becky! Very soon, if not already, you should be receiving your student scores on the Smarter Balanced Assessment taken by all California public school students in grades 3-8 and 11 last year. These scores will be part of the new measurement that California uses to hold public schools accountable. In Alder Grove, we walk a fine line between parent choice and accountability on state wide assessments. For the last couple of years, we haven't had to worry about state test scores. However, now that we are back to mandated state assessments, we will need to show improvement in scores each year in order to maintain our charter and stay open. In order to help prepare our students for the Smarter Balanced online assessment, we are offering Typing Instructor CDs for students in grades k-8 to install and use at home to develop keyboarding and computer skills. Stop by the office to pick up your copy, or ask your CT to get you one. If you haven't already done so, please check out the Smarter Balanced website for information on the new assessment at <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>. You can also find a wealth of information on the standards at <http://www.corestandards.org/>. We have developed some easier to understand grade level documents explaining and giving examples of the Common Core Standards. Please make sure to ask your CT for a copy if you didn't already receive one!

**Please remember that you can only drop off your children 10 minutes before their classes start and you need to pick them up within 10 minutes of class ending.** If your student is attending math lab, they must be seated in math lab doing their math work. We do not have the staff to watch elementary students who are dropped off 15 minutes or more before their class begins and expected to spend hours in the math lab before they are picked up. Thank you all for all that you do to make Alder Grove such a wonderful opportunity! 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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### SCIENCE FAIR WORKSHOP!

This workshop will introduce your students to all of the details associated with participating in both the Alder Grove and Humboldt County Science Fairs. Projects will be displayed at school. This is a great chance to get your kids doing some hands-on science! The first workshop is **Friday, October 16** from 10-12. The follow up workshop is on December 4th. Parents are welcomed to attend the workshop with their students to get a glimpse into what your young scientists will be working on at home! Use an onsite enrollment form to sign up for the workshops, and I'll see you there! Please call or email if you have any questions! [ami.brusca@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:ami.brusca@aldergrovecharter.org)

### HALLOWEEN PARTY



**Friday, October 30th**

1:00—3:30 p.m.

At the school site: 714 F St.

Join us for the Alder Grove Halloween Party! This is for grades K through 6 and everyone in the family is invited. Parents and students can enjoy the festivities together! Come in a costume and enjoy games and activities!

\*Is anyone interested in helping out with the Halloween festivities by helping with a fun game, setting up and/or cleaning up?

Contact Randi at [randi.golat@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:randi.golat@aldergrovecharter.org)

### STUDENT ARTISTS!! SHOW YOUR ART IN OUR STUDENT GALLERY!!



Lets get in our first new installment of the school year! Our beautiful student art gallery is located in the lobby of school- come check it out to see what's new!! Are you a student with some art that you would like to share?? We would love to see it!

Student art is displayed for two months, and we are always looking for new art!!

Talk to your CT or email [kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org) about sharing in this experience!!

# FIELD TRIPS, ETC.

## October—Grades K-6:

### Whale Watching!

Patrick's Point  
 Thursday, October 22, 2015

Sorry—this field trip is full

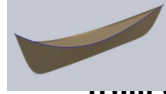
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### Pumpkins!!

Organic Matt  
 6742  
 Thursday, October 22, 2015  
 9:00 a.m.  
 \$2.00 per pumpkin

Sorry—this field trip is full

## October—Grades 6-12:



### Canoe or Kayak Humboldt Bay

from Center Activities Aquatic Center

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00—11:30

\$25.00

Details to follow

Sign up at front office

## December—Grades K-6:

### Fire and Light

45 Ericson Ct., Arcata

Thursday, December 3, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Tour the Fire and Light studio where they give a tour showing how they make beautiful glassware out of recycled glass.

## November—Grades K-6:

### Clendenen's Cider Works

96 12th St in Fortuna

Tuesday November 3, 2015

10 am

\$2.00



There is no parking at Clendenen's so please park on 12th street in Fortuna and walk to Clendenen's Cider Works. We will walk through the orchard, pick apples, look at the cider press and taste ciders. There is space for 30 people and the cost is \$2.00.

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### Fern Cottage

2121 Center  
 Thursday, November 5, 2015

Sorry—this field trip is full

\$3.00

## Children's Author Festival With Gwendolyn Hooks



Friday, October 16, 2015

9:45—10:45 or 11:00—12:00

Both presentations will be interactive. Students will be able to plan their own nonfiction book.

Win a free lunch. Two student/parent teams will be chosen for this fun lunch treat!

Fill out a free raffle ticket to be drawn on October 7th. They are found in the main office. Put your ticket in the red vase!

## Picture Day!!!

Tuesday, November 10th

9:00—1:00 p.m.

Lifetouch will be at Alder Grove for photos and Student IDs!



From Laurie's Writing Lab ~

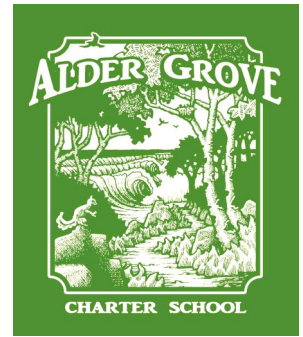
Adelinea Nissen shared her thoughts on signs that summer is ending. She writes:

*"Colder and shorter days, the beginning of school, we can't go swimming and my 'wake-up' schedule changes." For signs of fall, she writes, "dandelions send their seeds away on the wind and no more sleeping on the back porch."*



Congratulations to Alder Grove senior **Ciara Cheli-Colando**, who has been named a Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Ciara is one of about 34,000 students throughout the nation being recognized for exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Good luck in your college search, Ciara! Alder Grove is very proud of your accomplishments.

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 <p>Thank you Luana Nelson for a great idea for a booth at Back To School Night.</p>				<p>1 10:00-K-6 field trip-Mad River Pumpkin Patch</p> 	2	3	
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