



~Alder Grove News ~

September 2015

From The Director:

Welcome to a new school year, the tenth year for Alder Grove!

I'd like to remind you all about the importance of supplying us with yearly income information. Our funding is based on the number of students we have in different income guidelines and we need an updated signed form each year. We are asking you to supply us with an estimated 2015 income. If you have lost your form, please ask your teacher or the office for a new one.

As our school continues to grow and get better, there are countless other people to thank. 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 upcoming opportunities—the Back to School Night should be fun and there are also some great field trips planned. We are pleased to offer the Language Arts workshop where parents can 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. We are also offering a 4th/5th grade parent and student Math workshop. During this weekly session, you will have the opportunity to learn how to teach math concepts to your student.

Very soon you will receive results from the Smarter Balanced assessment that your child took in the spring. This is the first year for this assessment. The state will now use results on the Smarter Balanced assessment to hold schools accountable, so it's important for all of our students to improve their scores. If your student needs Academic Support you will be completing an Academic Support Plan with your teacher soon.

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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Back to School Night & Idea Fair

Friday, September 25, 2015
5-7 pm

714 F St., Eureka

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, with "Alder Grove Collective Buzz" in the subject line. You need to have an active Facebook account in order to participate.



Field Trips



For Grades K-6
National Circus & Acrobats of China
At HSU
Thursday, September 17th
9:30 a.m.
\$7.50

Limit is 30 Students, and 10 Adults, so sign up
ASAP!!

One of the world's most riveting and prominent acrobatic companies, the National Circus and Acrobats of China present a vibrant visual spectacle combining elements of Chinese circus, Peking opera, and martial arts. There is room for 30 students and 10 adults. Sign up at the front office by September 10th. **Meet in front of the Van Duzen Theatre between 9-9:15 am to check in with Randi.**



For Grades K-6th:
Thursday, October 22
10:00 a.m.
\$2.00 per pumpkin

Pumpkin Patch
Organic Matters Ranch

Come join us at Organic Matters Ranch located at 6743 Myrtle Ave. This farm is located between 3 Corners Market and Indianola Cutoff. Park in the parking lot and meet in front of the building.

Sign up at the front office by October 1st.

For Grades 6-12:

Upcoming aquatic field trip for 6th—12th graders to be announced in early September! Be on the look-out for flyers and emails and info. on the website.



For Grades K-6:

Patrick's Point State Park-
Whale Watching
Thursday, October 8, 2015
10 am
Free!

We will meet at the Wedding Rock parking area and will walk to Wedding Rock to see if any whales are swimming by. (Never guaranteed, but with resident pods and incomplete migrations, it is always possible!) This is a self-guided tour and there is space for 30 students. Sign up at the front office by October 15th.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 30th 1:00–3:30 p.m.

At the school site: 714 F St.

Join us for the school wide Alder Grove Halloween Party! Everyone is invited to this family event where 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



College and Career:

COLLEGE AND CAREER WEBSITE!

(Link from Alder Grove Website home page)

Please check out the NEW website full of useful and important information regarding college and career planning, Community Connections Program, Student Exchange Programs and a GREAT online calendar for upcoming events and deadlines.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM!

We have many great community partners who have generously offered volunteer opportunities, job shadow days and internships for our students! If you work or own a business and would like to be included in this valuable program, please contact jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org or call 268-0854 ex: 312

Additionally, we would like more STUDENTS for this program! Participation in this program can not only earn you CREDITS towards GRADUATION, but is also a great opportunity to gain insight into a wide variety of possible career paths from professionals in their field! Build your resume and gain work experience and references useful for college applications and future employment!

COLLEGE AND CAREER NIGHT!

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

5:30-8:30pm at Eureka High Gymnasium.

OVER 40 COLLEGE AND CAREER REPRESENTATIVES!
15 College and Career Prep Workshops to choose from!

PSAT/NMSQT

(Grades 10/11)

Practice for SAT as well as possible qualification for National Merit Scholarship)

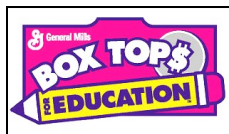
October 14 (location to be announced)

SAT (Grades 11/12)

Sep 3 is registration deadline for Oct 3 test.
Oct 9 is registration deadline for Nov 7 test
Nov 5 is registration deadline for Dec 5 test.

See www.collegeboard.com for more information

We collect Box Tops for Education and Labels For Education! We have boxes for them in the lobby. You may also include suggestions as to what to put the donated money towards at our school.



Children's Author Festival with Gwendolyn Hooks at the Alder Grove Charter School Platform

Friday, October 16, 2015

Gwendolyn Hooks will give two presentations:
9:45—10:45 AM and 11:00—12:00 PM

Both presentations will be interactive where the kids will be able to plan their own nonfiction book.

Please come gather to honor this author. A few of her books will be circulating the school. Come to the office to see her books and bulletin board, or visit gwendolynhooks.com to familiarize yourself with her books. Bring the free raffle ticket to the office for your chance to win a lunch with Gwendolyn Hooks!

Two student/parent teams will be chosen for this fun lunch treat!
The drawing will take place on
Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Picture Day!!



Tuesday, November 10th

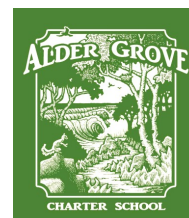
9:00—1:00 p.m.

Lifetouch will be at Alder Grove for photos and Student ID cards. More details to follow!

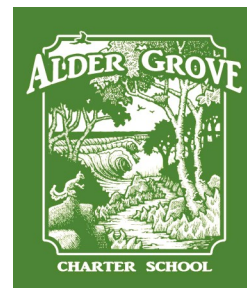
Sweatshirts! T-Shirts!!

Order the latest 2 colors: Maroon or Blue—
Or Both!! Come to the office to see the latest order as of Sept. 18th.

Art on clothing by our very own local artist and Alder Grove Parent, Matt Beard!!



September 2015



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	31 <i>Onsite Classes Begin</i> 	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i> School Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 6:30–Governance Council Meeting	15	16	17 9:30–Field Trip, K-6th grades, Natl Circus & Acrobats of China, HSU, sign up at office.	18	19
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