

# Alder Grove News December 2008

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## School Holidays

Monday 12/22/08 — Friday 1/2/09  
Winter Recess

School Resumes Monday January 5th



## Holiday Gift Making

Alder Grove will be hosting an afternoon of fun holiday gift making on Friday, December 19 from 1-3. There will be a Christmas performance at 3:00 by the Alder Grove Choir. Please RSVP 268-0854.

## Choir Performances

The Alder Grove Choir and musicians will be having their winter concert on Friday December 12th at 7 p.m. at the Sonoma Site. Come and share in the treasure of music!



## Jennie Mullen All Star 4-H Ambassador

Congratulations to Jennie Mullen for her 4-H achievements at the 2008 Humboldt County Fair. Among other awards, Jennie was the Round Robin Grand Champion. Jennie is an active member of the All Star 4-H Ambassadors Program. As an ambassador, Jennie visits other 4-H clubs; reaches out to other organizations within the community; and attends and participates in the 4-H State Leadership Conference, 4-H County meetings, State or Sectional 4-H meetings and events, and other activities as outlined by each individual county. The project's purpose is to provide an opportunity for intermediate and senior 4-H members to develop projects in their community.  
Way to go Jennie!



## From the Director

December is here and the year is almost half over! It's hard to believe how quickly time flies the older I get...or maybe it's just because I'm having so much fun?

In this season of thankfulness and reflection I would like to take the opportunity to thank some of the many behind the scenes people who enable our school to operate smoothly, especially the volunteer members of our Governance Council: Kellie Leahy, Carole Porter, Brad Woodward and Kathy Ortiz. Another important group in our school is the School Leadership Team; thanks to parent volunteers Linnette Woodward, ElizaBeth Schatz and Lori Knight. Teachers who are members of these groups that are also greatly appreciated are Lorraine Parnell, teacher representative on the Governance Council and Tim Warner, Marian Baker and Sunshine Lee, teacher representatives on the Leadership Team. Our entire staff and all of the teachers deserve a huge thank you from me. I appreciate your hard work and the contributions you are all making to our school. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and inspiring group of people.

I would like to remind all of you that this is your school and I welcome your questions, concerns and suggestions. You can email, call or stop by if you have anything you'd like to discuss.

A new parent activity we are planning is a monthly parent share opportunity. We envision this to be parent led and parent centered, a chance to discuss home schooling in general and specific curriculum options and learning activities. Look for day and time information in our next newsletter as this will start sometime in January.

*Enjoy the holidays with your loved ones,  
Jenni Allen San Giovanni*



## Spring Class Schedule

Attached you will find the spring class schedule. Classes fill up fast! Don't delay sending in the enrollment form.

## Upcoming Meetings

Governance Council Meeting  
Highland Office  
December 9th @ 6:30

Leadership Team Meeting  
Sonoma & F  
December 18th @ 1:15

## Student Achievements

If you would like your student's accomplishments acknowledged in the newsletter, please send the information into the school office. We would like to share their achievements.

## Exit Exam Preparation Classes

These self paced classes focus on the skills needed to pass the Exit Exam. Classes are held on Thursdays at the Sonoma Street site.

Language arts is from 10-11 and math is from 11-12. Just show up if you would like to participate - they are free!



## Local History Field Trip

When: Friday, January 9th  
Where: Clark Historical Museum  
Time: 9:30—11:00

The tour is free. All participants must sign up by December 19th at the Alder Grove office. No children under the age of 5 please. The museum is located at 240 E St., Eureka. Questions call Terri @ 826-0682.

## December 12th Field Trip

HSU Van Duzer Theatre



**Celtic Christmas**

**Friday, December 12 @ 1pm**

**Reservation Deadline: December 5**

**Adults \$7.50**

Drawing from the infinitely rich treasury of Ireland's cultural heritage, Tomáseen Foley's A Celtic Christmas has criss-crossed the country bringing to packed concert halls an authentic remembrance of a way of life that is no longer with us. It's an unforgettable staging of a typical night before Christmas in a remote west Irish farmhouse, in the days before television, cars and phones.

### **Van Duzer Theatre Field Trip Reminders:**

Reservations are required for students and family members: Student tickets will be paid for from their school budget. However, family members must reserve their spot by paying for their ticket with exact cash no later than one week prior to the performance (see above deadlines). Money must be given to Jenifer Doane at the main office. Spots will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

Payment: Family member tickets must be paid for in advance with **EXACT CASH — NO CHECKS ACCEPTED.**

Directions: From Hwy 101, take Sunset exit, go east to L.K. Wood Boulevard, left on Harpst Street, Left on Rossow Street for Parking with a day pass, or left on B Street- go to the top of the hill, cross the street, walk up the stairs to The Van Duzer Theatre.

Parking: You can pay for a parking day pass at the base of Harpst Street, use metered parking with quarters, or park off campus and walk on.

Check In: Please find Alder Grove Teacher Sunshine Lee and check in before entering the building. Come early because seating is first come first serve.

### **2nd Chance to Get a Yearbook !**

The yearbook class is creating a 2008-2009 Alder Grove yearbook. To be guaranteed a yearbook, we strongly encourage you to complete the below coupon and return to your teacher or the school office.

#### **Reserve a Yearbook Coupon**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of yearbooks you would like to order: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in having a school picture day for my students: Yes No