



Alder Grove News March 2009

From the Director

It's hard to believe we are more than halfway through the year. It has been a very successful year thanks to the hard working staff and parents! Mandatory state testing is quickly approaching. Keep in mind it is essential to the continued operation of our school that all 2nd-11th grade students participate. Dates are listed in this newsletter and each of you will receive the specific dates, times and testing locations via mail mid April. Please call or email soon if you have any concerns or scheduling conflicts.

Again, I'd like to remind you that this is your school and any time you have any questions, concerns or issues, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email. You can email me at the school at: aldergrove@sbcglobal.net

MANDATORY STAR TESTING

April 21st — 24th

Be watching your mail for details!



SPRING BREAK

Mon. April 13th — Fri. April 17th

NO SCHOOL

HISTORY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Humboldt Historical Society is hosting the 2009 Essay Scholarship Competition. Call the school office at 268-0854 to have the information packet mailed to you. Entries are due by April 10th.

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH US!

Please join families and staff from Alder Grove Charter School for kite-flying and a potluck lunch.

When: Friday, March 20th

Time: 11:00—1:00

Where: Fort Humboldt in Eureka

This is an opportunity for you and your children to meet other Alder Grove families. Bring a finger food to share, kite or other outdoor activity. Paper plates and napkins will be provided. The entrance to Fort Humboldt is located across the street from the Alder Grove Charter School office on Highland Ave.



*Stay warm and dry
during this blustery month
of March!*

Governance Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 7th @ 6:30
Highland Ave. Office

Get Involved!

**These meetings are
open to the public.**

Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, April 23rd @ 1:15
Sonoma & F Site

Jacoby Creek Land Trust ~ Kokte Ranch

When: Thursday, March 26th, 1-3 pm

Where: Kokte Ranch

Activity: Science lesson & possible tree planting

How: Call 268-0854 by Friday, March 13th to sign up.

Directions: Take Hwy 101 to Somoa, then to Bayside, watch for 2182 Old Arcata Road. Look for the Kokte Ranch Sign.

Meet Alisha Clompus: Education Coordinator

Jazz Festival ~ Eureka Municipal Auditorium

When: Friday, March 27th, 10:30-11:30

Where: Eureka Municipal Auditorium

Activity: Children's Music Festival

How: Call 268-0854 by Thursday, March 12th to reserve your spot. Space is limited to students and parents only.

Directions: The Municipal Auditorium is on "F" between 11th and 12th Street in Eureka. Alder Grove students and parents need to meet Sunshine at the door and sit as a group.



March

Field Trips

STAR testing is a state mandated component of public school education.

All students in grades 2—11 need to participate.

Testing will be held the week of April 20th, so please mark your calendars now.

No onsite classes will be held that week.

Watch your mail for testing dates, times and locations.

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Dear Parents,

I will be giving a talk on the **PHONO GRAPHIX** reading method at the Highland site on Thursday, March 12th at 1:00. Is your child a good reader, but an awful speller? Is your high school student reading below grade level? Is your 7 year old still reading beginning stories? Are you concerned about fluency or comprehension? I can help! I'm a trained reading therapist with Read America. I offer one-to-one personalized instruction at your child's pace through Alder Grove Charter School. Parents will be given full support and are encouraged to sit in on sessions to learn how to follow up at home. I currently have 3 openings.

Happy reading,
Wendy Schulze
Reading Therapist
Email: wendyschulze@gmail.com

Phono Graphix Reading Presentation

When: Thursday March 12th @ 1 :00

Where: 1615 Highland Ave, Eureka

TOGETHER WE MAKE OUR SCHOOL BETTER

a note about our school and volunteering

Alder Grove has experienced many successes in its first two and a half years of operation. The desire to create a public school in Humboldt County with solid educational standards that honors parent choice has been the driving force that brought Alder Grove to where it is now.

The requirements placed on public schools by local, state and federal governments are monumental. Alder Grove is constantly working on staying informed of ever-changing mandates. Without a conscientious and reliable group of volunteers a public school can not exist. Without volunteers filling positions Alder Grove cannot continue the excellent service it provides to students and families.

If you want to understand how Alder Grove is run and how public funds are dispersed becoming involved is the best way. Knowledge is very empowering and participation in decision making offers freedom from discontent.

Experience is not required. Becoming a Governance Council member or joining the Leadership Team is an excellent way to make a difference and help continue to have a successful charter school. Both groups meet regularly, meetings are open to the public, and public comment is welcome.

Volunteer positions, especially with enough people involved, may be as easy as giving a couple hours a month to your school. Please consider becoming involved. The future of our school depends on it.

At the end of this school year, we will have three open seats on our Governance Council. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Jenni at the school soon as possible as ballots will be included in next month's newsletter.

