

~Alder Grove News~

December 2017 / January 2018

From The Director-

Hello Alder Grove Students and Families,

We are very excited about the upcoming Parent Conference Day! On Saturday, December 2 from 9:45 to 4, AGCS will feature guest speakers and break-out sessions that focus on mindfulness and self-care in tumultuous times. "When things go wrong, look for the helpers. We can all be helpers," is the Mr. Rogers-inspired theme. Topics cover elementary, middle, and high school topics, so families of all students are welcome! Sessions will cover cultural mindfulness and literature, conscious parenting/teaching, suicide prevention, autism and first responders, writing about current events, yoga/math and movement, and more. A light breakfast and taco lunch are included, and child-care for younger students and siblings will be provided, all at no cost. Please join us!

As a celebration of the upcoming holidays, we will have the annual Alder Grove Holiday Craft Party on Friday, December 22nd from 3-5. This is our only student drop-off event of the year for grades K-6. Students will practice their crafting skills and will move between teacher-supervised stations making gifts for loved ones. It's always a good time!

Thank you to Sunshine and Randi for organizing these events, and to everyone who pitches in to make them run smoothly!

And finally, from all of us at Alder Grove Charter School, we hope you have a relaxing and joyous holiday season!

-Tim Warner, Director

Reminders:

Tues, **Nov. 28th**, 9:00A - Noon = Free Vision & Hearing Testing for TK, Kinder, 2nd, 5th, 8th, 10th Grades

Wed., **Nov 29th**, 2:30P = Science Fair Meeting

Saturday, **Dec. 2nd**, 9:45-4:00p = Parent Conference Day (see next page for details)

Thurs., **Dec 7th**, 9:00A-11:00 = Ice Skating Field Trip (see more info. in this newsletter)

Tues., **Dec. 12th**, 10:30A = Governance Council meeting

Thurs., **Dec 14th**, 10A = Ferndale Rep. Field Trip, Gr K-6, "It's About Time". (full, call for Wait List only)

Thurs., **Dec. 14th**, 2:30P = Student Council Meeting

Class schedules and forms to be mailed soon...

Wed., **Dec. 20th**, 2:30P = Science Fair meeting.

Fri., **Dec. 22nd**, 3:00-5:00P = Holiday Craft Party
Grades K-6 - parents may drop off students to make gifts!

Monday, **Dec. 25th - Fri., Jan 5th** = Winter Break!!

Tues., **Jan. 9th**, 8:30A = Registration for On-Campus Classes begin.

Monday, **Jan. 15th** = Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday-
No School

Thurs., **Jan. 18th**, 10:00a = Grades K-6 Samoa Coast Guard field trip. (see more info. in this newsletter)

Friday, **Jan. 19th**, 10:00A-12:00N = Annual Winter Performance starring students of Friday music & dance classes

6:30PM = Alder Grove's Theater Production Class:
"The Fairy Talk Network" (see page 5)

Mon., **Jan. 22nd**, 4:00P = Spelling Bee, Grades 4-9

Wed., **Jan. 24th**, 4:00P = Geography Bee, Grades 4-8

For ALL Grades:

Ice Skating Field Trip

Humboldt Ice Rink
Newburg Park, Fortuna

Thursday, December 7, 2017

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Free!!

100 participants

(Alder Grove students only unless adult support is required on ice)

**Thank you to all the families
who donated Box Tops for our school!!
Thank you to Idyath Yassemi for organizing this!**

Sign up at the front desk and **fill out a liability form.**
Cancellations must be done by Dec. 6th.

Snacks will be available for purchase at the snack bar.



Grades K-6

U.S. Coast Guard Station Humboldt Bay , Samoa
200 New Navy Base Rd., Samoa, CA

Thursday, January 18, 2018

10:00 AM

40 people, Free



Geography Bee

Grades 4-8 (MUST NOT have reached their 15th birthday on or before September 1, 2017)

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

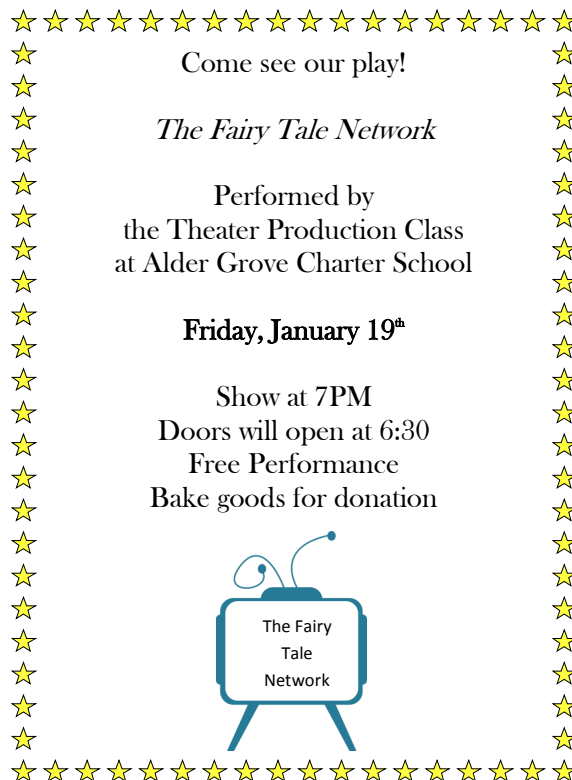
4:00 PM

Alder Grove Charter School, Platform Area

A minimum of six (6) students from any of the eligible grades (4-8) must be physically present and actively participate in the school level competition in order for the designated school champion to be eligible to take the qualifying test and be considered for possible advancement to the state.

Please sign up at the front office.

Link to the Study Corner for ideas on how to prepare:
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/study>



Come see our play!

The Fairy Tale Network

Performed by
the Theater Production Class
at Alder Grove Charter School

Friday, January 19th

Show at 7PM
Doors will open at 6:30
Free Performance
Bake goods for donation



For Grades TK - 6th Graders:

Holiday Craft Party!

at Alder Grove

Friday, December 22nd

3:00 - 5:00 PM

You may drop off your students for
an afternoon of various
supervised craft activities!

(All classes cancelled
except for Theater class)



Spelling Bee

Elementary and Junior High (4th - 6th & 7th - 9th Grades)

Monday, January 22, 2018

4:00 PM

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The Word list will be available at the front desk
in a few weeks.

Please sign up at the front desk.

Attention High School Students!

Interested in helping plan this year's High School Dance? All students who would like to participate are welcomed to join the Student Dance Committee. This committee is an extension of the Student Council, but you do not need to join the Student Council to participate. **Meetings will be held every other Tuesday, from 11:00 to 11:30 in the Media Lab.** Look for the meetings on the school newsletter calendar or check the student council bulletin board in the main hall for more info. The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 5th**. Here is the schedule:

12/5/17	1-23-18	3-20-18
12/19/17	2-6-18	4-10-18
1-9-18	3-6-18	4-24-18



This Spring, Alder Grove will be having it's annual Science Fair! The fair does not take place until the first week of March, so there is still plenty of time to consider different ideas for a project. With the many different types of scientific research, the possibilities for interesting projects is limitless! We will be following the protocol outlined by the Humboldt County Science Fair, however, unlike the Humboldt County Science Fair, our science fair will be open to all grade levels K - 12. If you think your child may like to participate, please come to the information meeting at school on **December 20, at 2:30**.

If you have any questions, our science fair coordinator is Kathy Yeager, look for her at school or email at: kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org

PORTS: Parks Online Resources for Teachers & Students

Looking for a meaningful and engaging way to connect students to science or history while incorporating technology? Want to bring real-life experiences into the classroom? **California State Parks** offers you the opportunity to dynamically engage and connect K-12 students to park resources and professionals with free videoconferencing through the Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students (PORTS) program.

PORTS is an established and successful Distance Learning program that serves more than 50,000 K-12 students each year by providing an engaging experience with California State Parks through high-quality interactive videoconferences. PORTS provides a highly interactive learning tool K-12 teachers can use to bring science and history concepts to life in the context of state parks. PORTS uses the powers of California's K-12 High Speed Network and interactive videoconferencing to enable students to speak live with a state park interpreter about life in a tide pool or to relive the excitement of gold rush days while visiting a living mining town without leaving their classroom.

The magic of the PORTS videoconferencing experience lies in the interactive, personally delivered, program. Park staff works hand-in-hand with educators to ensure program content reinforces classroom teaching. Our state park interpreters fully engage students using multiple modalities of learning.

During a PORTS program, the technology appears to fade into the background as the relationship and interaction between the class and state park interpreter take the limelight. However, the effective use of technology is at the forefront of PORTS. This program has been a pioneer in employing videoconferencing technology in educational situations. Whether it's videoconferencing from the edge of the sea with a wireless network; from miles deep into the desert badlands with a satellite vehicle; from the streets of a gold rush town; or with a state legislator from under the Capitol dome, PORTS leads the way in innovative educational programs using videoconferencing.



PORTS is a unique and mutually beneficial partnership between California's K-12 educational community and California State Parks. The ultimate goal of PORTS is providing an engaging lesson of high academic value that is taught in the context of California State Parks. For more information visit the PORTS website at www.ports.parks.ca.gov.

Alder Grove Charter School Parent Conference Day!

Student Workshops!
1:45-2:45
Cedar Smith-Grades K-2
with yoga & math games
Armi Wruck- Grades 3-5
with Honoring Helpers With Art
Crystal Collins-Grades 6-12
with Suicide Prevention



Free Child Care for
students and siblings of all
ages with Becky Garraway and
Tatiana Ferrington.
Cooperative games and free
art projects in the morning

Saturday, December 2, 2017
from 9:45 AM to 4:00 PM

9:45 AM - Bagels & spreads with coffee & tea for all!

10:00 AM - Dr. Marisol Ruiz, Humboldt State University School of Education
Cultural Mindfulness, Multicultural Education & Literature

11:20 AM - Break-Out Sessions for:

TK- Grade 4
Cedar Smith, CT:
Yoga & Science, Math & Movement
Marren Ellis, Parent Advocate:
Autism & First Responders
Wendy Schulze, SPED Teacher:
Special Education

Grades 5-8
Sunshine Lee, CT:
Evaluative Writing
*Using current events & Looking for
the Helpers*
Hear student samples & go through
the writing process

High School
Crystal Collins,
School Psychologist Intern:
Suicide Prevention
Learn how to promote mental
wellness in our students

12:50PM - Lunch! Rita's Taco Lunch for all!!

1:30 PM - Tim Warner, Alder Grove's Director: *LCAP*

Diana Nunes Mizer, Parent/Educator: *Conscious Parenting & Teaching
in Response to Personal & Communal Trauma.* Nurture, educate, and I
inspire service learning & helpful action.

3:15 - Closing Response Circle

Sign Up At The Front Desk
or call 268-0854



Students in Laurie's Writing class wrote some cinquain poems about ravens after she read them Edgar Allen Poe's 'Raven' poem:

Raven
Shiny, black
Eats my food
Go away bad bird
Thief!

-by Psalm Gaskill, 4th grade

Raven
Mysterious wisdom
A dream Guide
Represents pitch black darkness
Bird.

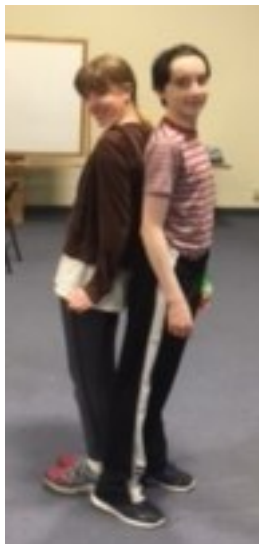
-Savannah Campbell, 9th grade



Lily Yassemi placed 1 first, 1 second, 3 thirds, 1 fourth and 1 fifth in an Irish Dance Competition in the San Francisco Bay Area. They compete in seven different dances: a novice in 4 dances, and a Prizewinner in 3 dances! Yay, Lily!!!



(Halloween was fun!)



Sunshine's PE class



Thank you to Blue Lake Roller Rink for donating passes to our Reading Support Program to use for prizes

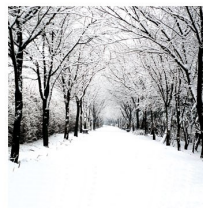
"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"
 by Robert Frost (1923)

Whose woods these are I think I know.
 His house is in the village though'
 He will not see me stopping here
 To watch his woods fill up with snow.

The little horse must think it queer
 To stop without a farmhouse near
 Between the woods and frozen lake
 The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
 To ask if there is some mistake.
 The only other sound's the sweep
 Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely dark and deep.
 But I have promises to keep.
 And miles to go before I sleep,
 And miles to go before I sleep.

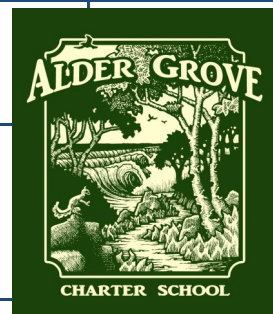


December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	On-Campus class schedule to be mailed soon...				1 11:00-Leadership Team Meeting	2 Parent Workshop Day (see enclosed flyer)
3	4	5	6	7 9:00-11:00-Ice-Skating field trip-all grades!	8	9
10	11	12 10:30-Governance Council meeting	13	14 10:00A-Ferndale Rep Theater field trip, K6	15	16
17	18	19	20 2:30-Science Fair Meeting	21 1st day of winter	22 3:00-5:00P-Holiday Craft Party	23
24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30
Winter Break - No School						
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January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6
Winter Break - No School						
7	8	9 8:30A-On-campus registration begins	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-Off	16	17	18 10:00A-Coast Guard field trip-Samoa, grades K6	19 10:Noon-Winter Performance. 6:30p "The Fairytale Network"	20
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28	29	30	31			