



## ~Alder Grove News ~

November 2017

**F**rom The Director:

Hello Alder Grove Families,

This morning, my car was covered in golden leaves and my windshield wipers were working away on the trip to work. Autumn on the north coast is in full swing!

November is always a good month for reflection on gratitude for all of the good things in our lives. I couldn't do my job without the supportive office staff here at AGCS, our enthusiastic teachers, and our fun, interesting, and dedicated students and families! I am thankful for you all. Alder Grove Charter School is unique and strong because of you.

Parents, be sure to come to our Fall Workshop Day on December 2nd! Check this newsletter for more information. These workshops are always focused on curricular and personal ways to increase academic success while taking into account the importance of mental and physical health. Parents and guardians of all students (TK-12th) grade are invited to attend, plus lunch and childcare with activities for the younger children are provided!

Keep your eyes open for test prep information as we head into testing season. Stefani Gambrel, our testing coordinator, is working on a new and more effective way to prepare our students for CAASPP testing in the spring.

If your student has qualified for academic support, you have probably filled out an Academic Support Form with your CT. It's really important that we all support those students who are working below grade level. Please bring your student to their academic support sessions or enforce weekly work time in the online programs offered to help students bring their skills up to grade level. Academic success of our students is a huge priority for AGCS.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. I hope your November is cozy!

Thankfully,  
Tim Warner, Director

Free Vision & Hearing testing  
here at Alder Grove  
with the Humboldt County  
school nurse



Tuesday, November 28th  
9:00 to 12:00 Noon



For TK, Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th,  
8th, and 10th Grades



*Our Lost & Found box is growing  
already in the lobby—  
please see if you're missing anything...*

**For Grades TK - 6th Graders:  
Holiday Craft Party!  
at Alder Grove**



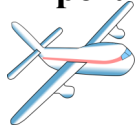
**Friday, December 22nd  
3:00 - 5:00 PM**

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



## K-6th Grades: **FIELD TRIPS!!**

### Arcata / Eureka Airport in McKinleyville



**Thursday, November 16th**  
**10:00 AM**  
**FREE**

Students will go behind the scenes of the airline counter, scan luggage, view the security process, and see where the luggage goes after being checked in. If there are pilots around at the time, students will also get the opportunity to meet a pilot. Students will also get a tour of the fire truck station at the airport, watch a video, and be able to get onto the fire trucks.

Sign up at the front desk, or call 268-0854.

**Directions:** Hwy 101. Exit 722 at Arcata Airport Rd.

Turn left onto Airport Loop Rd / Boeing Ave.

The airport is on the left. Park in the parking lot.

### TK—12th Grades:

### Ice Skating! Humboldt Ice Rink Newburg Park, Fortuna



**Thursday, December 7th**  
**9:00—11:00 AM**  
**FREE**

All students are invited to participate in our annual ice skating field trip. We have the rink reserved for up to 100 participants, all **students of Alder Grove**. If a student requires adult support on the ice, one parent/guardian can take a spot on the list.

The cost is free this year, as we will be utilizing some of our Box Top money. **A special thanks goes to Idyath Yassemi for organizing the Box Top collections and to all the families who collected them for our school.**

Sign up at the front desk of Alder Grove, where you will fill out a liability form in order to be on the list.

All additional parents/guardians hoping to participate can get on the waiting list. I will contact you if we have openings or let you know if someone doesn't show up to skate. If a participant is unable to make the trip, please call and cancel by December 6th

**Snacks will be available for purchase at the snack bar.**

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Tripp at: 407-8196 or [terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org).

### K-6th Grades:

**Ferndale Repertory Theatre**  
**"It's About Time"**  
**Thursday, December 14th**  
**10:00 AM**  
**FREE**  
**30 seats available**

This play follows the journey of a young scientist, Neoteny, and his sidekick Patricia, who set out in their time machine to discover the sweetest dance moves of all the ages in order to do well in their school dance competition.

Because they are using a time machine made in a garage with spare parts, Neoteny and Patricia find themselves in a variety of time periods offering more education than dance lessons!

### Humboldt County Office of Ed offers an annual 8th grade trip to Humboldt State in the Fall and a 7th grade trip to CR in the Spring.

**Friday, December 1 from about 9:15 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.**

Their ultimate goal is for students to preview advanced training opportunities beyond high school and motivate them to chart their academic path in a meaningful manner. It is an "eye-opening" day, one that helps familiarize, and hopefully imprint, them with a college experience.

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Students will be on campus.

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## Prepare For Science Fair!!

Attention, scientists!! Are you interested in sharing your research with the greater scientific community? Please attend one of our **Science Fair Information Meetings** at school - either on Wednesday, November 29th or on Wednesday, December 20th, both at 2:30!

Alder Grove's Science 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 are limitless! Come to ask questions, discuss ideas, and learn more about the rules and requirements for our science fair. 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. Remember, a great science fair experiment isn't flashy or extraordinarily complicated- it's one that carefully follows the scientific method! If you would like to discuss the science fair further, please email our science fair coordinator Kathy Yeager at: [kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org)

Student Artist Of The Month  
Alder Grove Student Art Gallery,  
**Lily Kitzerow!**



I'm Lily Kitzerow and I'm a thirteen year old eighth grader at Alder Grove Charter School. I've had an interest in art since the first time I picked up a crayon and made my first squiggle. I live in McKinleyville, CA and am a self taught artist. I mostly use sketch books with pencils, liner pens and alcohol markers.

I also use a digital program to scan my sketches and refine them or create new imaginations. It takes me about 15 minutes to complete a sketch, two hours to complete a regular drawing and about four hours to complete digital artwork. I really enjoy drawing and would love to hear what you think of my work.



*Flying Pig*  
By Isola Gaskill,, 4th Grade

**We Foresee a Spelling Bee!!**

**Monday, January 22nd  
for Grades 4-6  
and junior high  
grades 7-9**

Study books to follow...



**...and this year we will have a  
Geography Bee!**

**Wednesday, January 24th  
for Grades 4-8**

Study books to follow...







**Braeden Nystrom Broyles**, 2nd Grade, won a Humboldt County Children's Author Festival T-shirt in our school drawing!

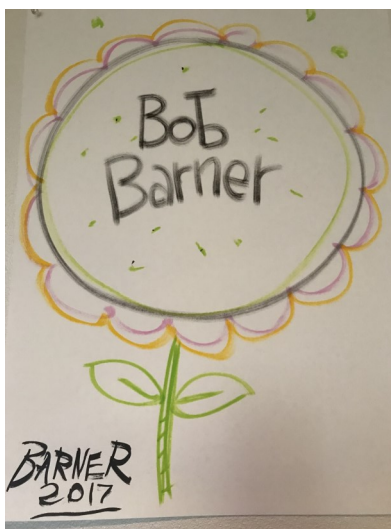
...and the winner's are...!



Kindergarteners **Ayla DiPalma** and **John Kritzer** both won a lunch out at the Black Lightning Motorcycle Café with our author guest speaker **Bob Barner** on October 20th. Here they are with Bob and Teacher **Randi Golat** (and Ayla's little sister Bonnie!)



Kindergartener **Allyssa Lawson**, also won an Author Festival T-shirt!



**Bob Barner** with Ayla— what an honor!



John explaining his interpretations of Bob's work.

## College & Career Information from Jen Burtram:

### SENIORS!!

Don't forget about the FREE application for student aid. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). I can help you if you bring in your Social Security Number, and your parent's tax return from 2016.

The whole process takes about 25 minutes if you have all your info.

I'm already getting the Cal Grant scholarship results and I see a LOT of eligible students who are eligible for up to \$12,630 at a University of California campus, up to \$5,742 at a California State University campus, up to \$9,084 at independent colleges, or \$1,672 at a two- or four-year college in addition to their Financial Award from the FAFSA.

The California Student Aid Commission thought a visual would help people see how many of our students are completing the FAFSA. There is a leaderboard which makes me feel a little competitive...but really, these numbers 'theoretically' show how many students of ours are even considering post-secondary options after high school.

<https://webutil.csac.ca.gov/Dashboard/>

(If you type in Alder Grove, you can see how many students have completed their FAFSA! Let's work together to get these numbers up! )

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### Health Occupations at CR Field Trip: Friday, November 3 12:00-2:00

Students will get a tour of the Health Occupations opportunities at College of the Redwoods! If you are interested in taking classes in dental assisting, EMT/Paramedic, or nursing, this will be an informative experience sure to get you excited about careers in the health industry!

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### Early College Classes at CR

If you are interested in taking classes at College of the Redwoods next semester, now is the time! Classes fill up quickly and some classes require placement tests before enrollment. Students new to concurrent enrollment, need to complete the online application on CR website and print, fill out and return to Jen Burtram before you can register for classes.

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### I've Been Admitted to College!!

It's time for Humboldt County Office of Education's annual *I've Been Admitted to College* 8th grade trip to Humboldt State! (there will be a 7th grade trip to CR in the Spring.)

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# It only takes about 35 minutes!

## 3 Steps to FAFSA Completion

### 1 CREATE AN FSA ID

Go to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) (5 minutes)

**The FSA ID serves as your legal, electronic signature for FAFSA**

*The FSA ID replaces the FSA PIN. (Note: FSA ID not required for CA Dream Act Application.)\**

#### Tips on creating the ID:

- Parent and student each needs own ID
- Each will need their SSN
- Use the "show text" feature
- Don't use your high school email

**Note:** Creating an FSA ID only takes a few minutes, but it can take a day or two to process, so it is best to do it ahead of time if you plan to attend a Cash for College workshop.

### 2 FILL OUT THE FAFSA

30 minutes if you have all information

#### APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 1.

#### What you will need:

- Your student's FSA ID to create the application (parent's FSA ID is only good as a signature)
- Driver's license, if you have one
- Social Security card or number (Alien registration #, if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- 2016 income & tax information
- Any records of untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, combat pay, short-term disability, or worker's compensation
- List of colleges you are interested in attending
- Verify all information for accuracy before submitting

### 3 NEED HELP? ATTEND A CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP!

**Workshops throughout October/November • See schedule at [decadeofdifference.org](http://decadeofdifference.org)**

- Open computer lab/drop-in basis
- Spanish language assistance available
- HSU/CR financial aid staff on site to assist
- Bring info for FAFSA Completion in steps 1 & 2 above

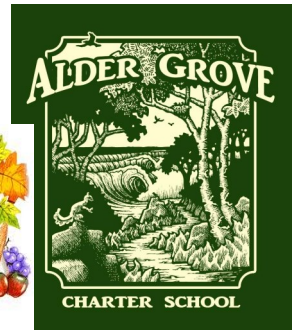
\* Free Application for Federal Student Aid - the gateway to grants, scholarships, work study & loans

^ California Dream Act Application for AB540 eligible students - [www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)





# November 2017



Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	<p>November is National American Indian Heritage Month</p> 		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> 				2:23–Student Council meeting	11:00–Leadership Team Meeting	<p>Veteran’s Day</p> 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		10:30A–Governance Council meeting		10:00A–K6 gr. Field trip to airport in McKinleyville		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				<p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> 		
<p><b>Thanksgiving Vacation—Wed, Thu, Fri</b></p> <p>No On-Campus Classes All Week</p>						
26	27	28	29	30	1 Dec	2
				2:23–Student Council meeting		<p>Parent Workshop Day!</p>