



~Alder Grove News ~

From The Director-

Hello Alder Grove Families,

I can't believe that autumn is upon us already! It feels like school just started. I love the semi-warm days and crisp nights that lead into the chillier parts of fall.

It seems like the Alder Grove staff, our students, and the families we support are finding an educational groove, and things are running pretty smoothly. Thank you to our office staff, Ruth, Becca, Tatianna, Lexi, and Jenifer for working so hard in the forefront and in the background to be sure you all get the information and materials you need to educate your students at home. I would like to give a big shout out to Becky, who organized the on-campus classes, and to all of our on-campus teaching staff, who are making the campus part of education fun and academically challenging.

Please remember that students who have breaks between classes should be working on homework in the math or writing lab, or meeting with their CT. Please send students who have breaks in math or writing lab with homework to complete, so that they are using their time wisely. High school students can leave campus with parent permission. Unfortunately, we just don't have enough space for unproductive hanging out and meeting-space priority will be given to teachers meeting with students. Thank you.

As you know, Alder Grove Charter School's personalized learning program operates on federal, state, and local funding, including specialized funding and grants that are based on the income of our families. Our school's regular governmental funding pays for the basic operational costs of the school and funding your children's individual student accounts. By filling out and returning the Annual Information Update (income form) that was mailed to you last month, our school will qualify for many grants and additional funding, allowing us to provide more services and supplies for your child's education. If you've already returned this form, thank you very much! ***If you haven't, please return it ASAP by using the self-addressed, stamped envelope that was included. If your form is missing, please contact your CT.***

And finally, it's not too early to start thinking about standardized testing. This year, in an effort to continue increasing those CAASPP (Smarter Balanced) test scores, we will be adding the interim assessments as test preparation. The interim assessments allow students to practice with the CAASPP interface and answer similar math and language arts questions, just like the practice tests, but they also provide results. These interim results can help you and your CT understand which concepts our students still need to increase test scores and be successful at grade level or above. Thank you for understanding the balancing act between parent choice and accountability as we strive to provide personalized education for each student as well as keep our charter and stay open. Stay tuned for more information!

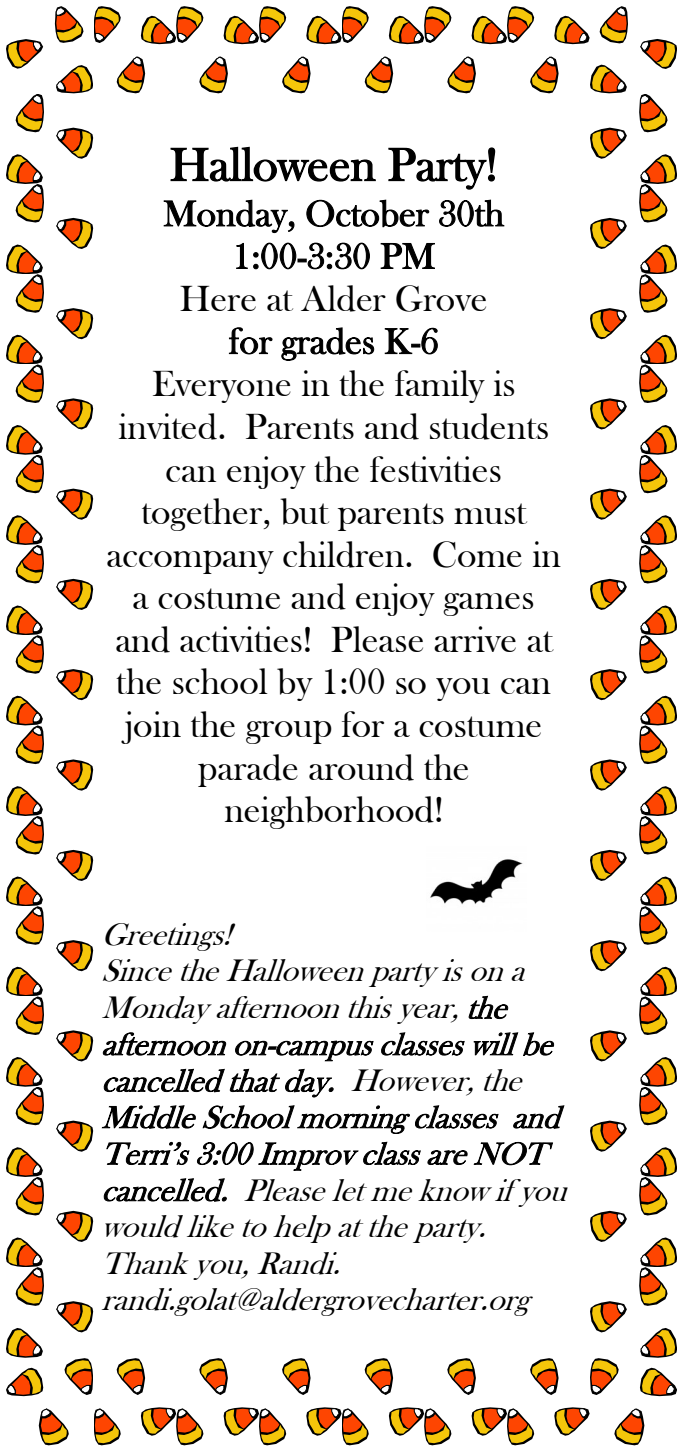
Happy fall!

Tim Warner, Director

Leadership Team

We would love to have more parent input on our Leadership Team! We are a team of teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians who meet once-a-month to review policies and procedures, discuss hiring and other needs, and bounce ideas off of each other to make Alder Grove a positive, academically-minded school choice. Our next two meetings are October 6th and November 3rd, both at 11 am. Please come if you can!

**Reminder!
Back To School Night and
Curriculum Share this
Friday, September 29th,
5:00 to 7:00PM!!**



Halloween Party!

Monday, October 30th

1:00-3:30 PM

Here at Alder Grove
for grades K-6

Everyone in the family is invited. Parents and students can enjoy the festivities together, but parents must accompany children. Come in a costume and enjoy games and activities! Please arrive at the school by 1:00 so you can join the group for a costume parade around the neighborhood!

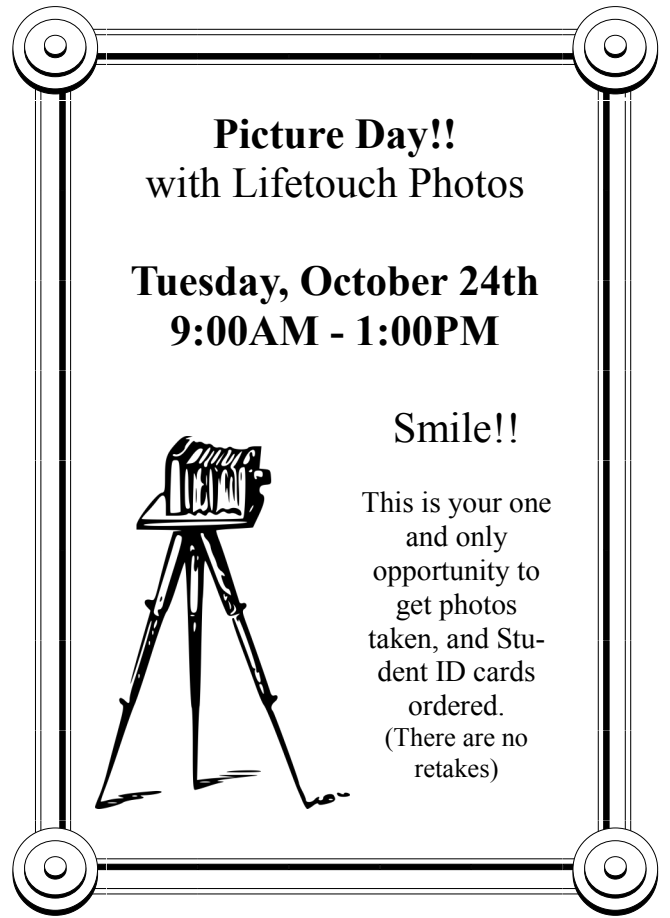


Greetings!

Since the Halloween party is on a Monday afternoon this year, the afternoon on-campus classes will be cancelled that day. However, the Middle School morning classes and Terri's 3:00 Improv class are NOT cancelled. Please let me know if you would like to help at the party.

Thank you, Randi.

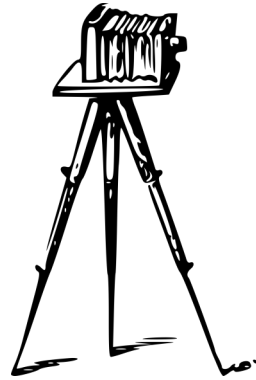
randi.golat@aldergrovecharter.org



Picture Day!!
with Lifetouch Photos

Tuesday, October 24th
9:00AM - 1:00PM

Smile!!



This is your one and only opportunity to get photos taken, and Student ID cards ordered. (There are no retakes)

There are some 'Bee's coming up!!

January 22, 2018

Spelling Bee for grades 4-6 and for junior high grades 7-9.

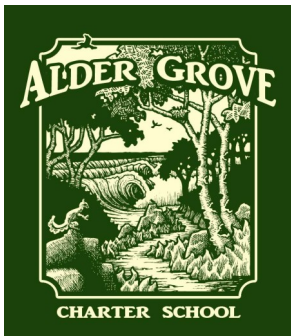
January 24, 2018

Geography Bee for grades 4-8



We will inform you when the practice books are available.

T-Shirts / Sweatshirts



We still have Youth size T-shirts for sale in the colors green and brown. We have Youth size hooded sweatshirts also in green and brown.

We have Adult size maroon T-shirts
Adult light blue V-neck T-shirts
Adult light blue hooded zipper sweatshirts
Adult brown hooded zipper sweatshirts

All T-shirts = \$10
Youth sweatshirts = \$20
Adult sweatshirts = \$25
Zipper sweatshirts = \$30

Once we make room by selling what we have, we will be working on the next idea for getting new T-shirts/sweatshirts.

Field Trips!

K-6th Grades:

**North Coast Co-Op's Pumpkin
Patch Mad River Road
Arcata Bottoms**

**Tuesday, October 3rd
11:00 AM
for 50 participants**



**Patrick's Point State Park
Watch for Weddings Wedding Rock**

**October 10, 2017
11:00 AM
for 45 participants**



**Sorry - These are full already!!
Call to be put on waiting list only...**

6th - 12th Grades:

**Paddle Boarding
Aquatic Center**

921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka

Tuesday, October 3rd

9:30-11:00 AM

or

11:00-12:30 PM

\$20.00

(with student budget or cash to front desk)



- 10 student spots available in each session **(filling up fast!)**
- Life jackets & wetsuits provided (suggest wearing swimsuit underneath)
- Bring your own towel and water shoes.
- No experience necessary, but participants need to be able to tread water & feel comfortable in the water.
- If you have questions, please contact Terri at 407-8196 or by email: terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org

Zip Line / Ropes Course

**Mendocino Adventure Ropes Course
Leggett, CA**

Saturday, October 7th

10:30-3:30 PM

\$30.00 student

\$35.00 check or cash adult



- 30 spots available
- Fill out paperwork at front desk to be on list.
- Students can use their student budget to pay if desired. Adults may pay by cash or check.
- If you need to cancel, please do so by October 5th.
- Distance is about 1.5 hrs from Eureka
- If you have questions, please contact Terri at 407-8196 or by email: terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org

2017 Cash for College Workshops

Drop-in basis • Open lab time

Attention Seniors!

Financial aid experts will be available to assist families with completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, **CA Dream Act** for Eligible AB 540 students, and **Chafee Grant** for foster youth applications.

These workshops are **100% Free!**

See reverse for list of dates and locations



Questions? Contact Alyssa Palchick
707-445-7762 • apalchick@hcoe.org
decadeofdifference.org/calsoap

WHAT TO BRING

- Driver's license, if you have one
- Social Security card or number
- Alien registration number, if you are not a U.S. citizen
- 2016 income & tax information for you & your parent
- 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
- Your FSA ID information, if you have already set one up

2017 Cash for College Workshops for Humboldt & Del Norte Counties

School/Organization*	Day	Date	Time^	Location
South Fork High	Tue	Oct. 3	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Library
Del Norte High	Thurs	Oct. 5	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Library
Eureka High	Tue	Oct. 10	2 - 6:30 p.m.	EHS Navi Lab - M105
Hoopla Valley High	Wed	Oct. 11	3 - 6 p.m.	Computer Lab
McKinleyville High	Thurs	Oct. 12	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Library
Zoe Barnum High	Tue	Oct. 17	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Computer Lab
Fortuna High	Wed	Oct. 18	1 - 5:30 p.m.	Computer Lab
Ferndale High	Thurs	Oct. 19	12:30 - 4 p.m.	Library
Academy of the Redwoods	Tue	Oct. 24	4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	AR's Student Success Center
Six Rivers Charter High	Wed	Oct. 25	6 - 8 p.m.	Arcata High Library
Arcata High	Thurs	Oct. 26	2 - 7 p.m.	Library
Eureka High	Wed	Nov. 15	2 - 6 p.m.	EHS Navi Lab - M105

* All workshops are open to ALL students, not just the students at the hosting school.
^ Drop-in basis. You don't need to be at the entire workshop; you can stop by anytime during the workshop.

Don't leave financial aid money on the table!

Top 5 things YOU MUST DO to maximize your financial aid:

1. Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov between Oct. 1 - March 2.
2. AB 540 students complete the free, secure online CA Dream Act Application at www.caldreamact.org between Oct. 1 - March 2.
3. Confirm that your high school submits your verified GPA for the Cal Grant program by March 2.
4. Apply for national & local scholarships. Check out free searches online and see your school counselor for help.
5. Talk to your family about paying for college. Tell them they can assist you just by helping you complete the FAFSA or CA Dream Act application.

APPLY EARLY!

The earlier you submit the FAFSA or Dream Act application, on or after Oct. 1, the faster it will be processed, and the greater likelihood you will receive the MAXIMUM amount of financial aid you are entitled to.



It only takes about 35 minutes! 3 Steps to FAFSA Completion

1 CREATE AN FSA ID Go to 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
- Use the "show text" feature
- Each will need their SSN
- 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

- Open computer lab/drop-in basis
- HSU/CR financial aid staff on site to assist
- Spanish language assistance available
- 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



Workshops are on a drop-in basis. You don't need to be at the entire workshop; you can stop by anytime during the workshop. And all workshops are open to ALL students, not just the students at the hosting school.

California State University Application Period is October 1- November 30

Visit <http://www2.calstate.edu/apply> for more information

The University of California application for admission to the fall 2018 term is now available and can be submitted starting November 1-30

Visit <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/> for more information

College of the Redwoods

Registration for the spring semester is open!

Students in grades 9-12 may enroll at College of the Redwoods to earn up to 11 college credits per semester while also earning *up to 3x the high school credit!* Now is the time to begin that process for spring semester, if you're interested!

CR BOOKS

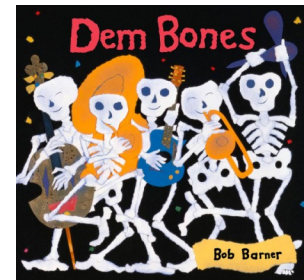
Students who are registered for a CR class next semester can order books NOW! Check Webadvisor (CR Website) for books and materials and get these lists to your CT. If your books and materials are only available at the CT Bookstore, let your CT know ASAP.

The Makerspace class is seeking donations for use in upcoming student projects. If you are willing to donate the following items, please leave them at the front desk:

- Tools
(pliers, hammers, screwdrivers, box cutters, hand drills, and saws - to be used under teacher supervision)
- Crafting supplies
- Fabric
- Cutting mats
- Old books
- Old appliances (toaster, vacuum, VCR, blender, etc.) No cell phones please.
- Working hair dryer
- Glue guns, glue sticks
- Tape (packing, duct, masking)
- Quality scissors
- Popsicle sticks
- Legos (especially wheels and axles)
- Power strips
- Picture frames



Visiting Author, Bob Barner
Friday, October 20, 2017
10:00A - 11:00A or
11:00 - 12:00N
Here at Alder Grove - stage area



Raffle tickets to fill out on counter of the main office -

- Win Author Festival T-shirt!
- Win lunch with Bob!
- Win autographed books!!!



It's never too soon to start planning for the science fair! Alder Grove will participate in the Humboldt County Science Fair which will be taking place this school year March 12-16, 2018! We will also have our own science fair at school. If you think your child may like to participate, please plan to attend one of our Science Fair Information meetings at school- the dates of which will be announced next month. If you have any questions, our science fair coordinator is Kathy Yeager. Look for her at school or email at: kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org

Debate Club!

Alder Grove will be starting a high school debate club on campus. For questions, please contact Hilson at hilson.parker@aldergrovecharter.org. Meeting time TBA



30th Annual
College of the Redwoods'
Science Night
October 20th
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Thirty interactive science-based activities.

Free Admission and parking!



POETRY
OUT LOUD

Ask your CT about details to enter poetry reading contest.

Student Art Page

Caitlyn Barry

My Love, Hydrogen

Hydrogen
My love we bonded together
And we produced a great molecule
Hydrogen
I don't know why but you
A positive atom fell for me
A negative atom
As soon as I saw you it was like a magnet
I was being pulled to you and there was no stopping it
Hydrogen
It was all you
You pulled me close
Hydrogen
Now look at us
We have formed into a thing that life can't live without
And now thanks to your cohesion we are getting pulled to more molecules
We make the world go round you and I
Hydrogen
We are being pulled to more and more molecules
But the one we formed together is the only one that matters to me

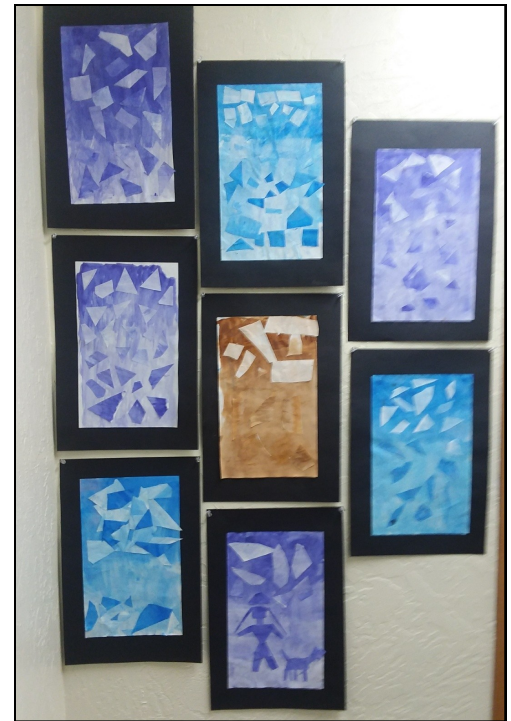
-A poem by Caitlyn Barry, 10th grade



Rathlin (4th grade) and Elly (2nd grade) are two of our proud talented Alder Grove artists!!

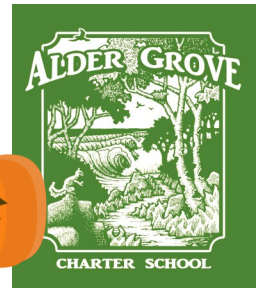
Calling ALL Alder Grove Artists!

Our Student Art Gallery is asking for submissions of original works of art from our outstanding student artists! Students of all grade levels are encouraged to apply! We will have separate galleries for K-5 and Middle School/High School. Additionally, we will be featuring one artist, group of artists, or theme every month to keep the art on our walls fresh, new and interesting! Please fill out an application which can be found in the lobby, or you can ask your CT for one. Even if you are a young artist who doesn't have much art to show, feel free to appl. We'll be scheduling out the rest of the year, and we want to be sure and save a spot for you! Also, start working now on your art projects with the theme of **SPRINGTIME!** We'll be putting up a Spring-themed show in February that YOU can be a part of! If you have any questions, please contact Ami Wruck at 707-834-8965 or ami.wruck@aldergrovecharter.org. I can't wait to see all of your amazing art!!



Visual art from Ami's Group B Art Class!

October 2017



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3 9:30 or 11:00A- Paddle Boarding field trip for 6-th-12th gr 11:00-Pumpkin Patch field trip, K-6 gr North Coast Co- Op, sign up at office	4	5	6 11:00A-Leadership Team Meeting, Upstairs	7 10:30-3:30- Ropes Course/Zip Line, Leggett, sign up at front desk. 
8	9	10 10:30-Governance Council meeting 11:00-Field trip Patrick's Point , Wedding Rock (full)	11	12 2:25-Student Council meeting	13	14
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