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## ~Alder Grove News ~

April 2018

Hello Alder Grove Families,

Ah, Spring...you are finally here. Welcome! Let's see some of that sunshine and evening sunlight you bring...

A hearty thank you to Stefani and the CTs who worked so hard organizing and staffing the Interimpalooza event. We had about 90 students attend over two Saturdays to practice taking the CAASPP test, eat pizza, and win prizes. We're excited to see how test scores will be affected as these events continually increase familiarity with the test interface and style of questions asked. More Interimpalooza events will happen early in the 2018-2019 school year.

Speaking of testing, CAASPP (Smarter Balanced) testing is coming up soon! **State mandated assessments begin April 23rd, and on-campus classes will be cancelled April 23rd to the 27th.** (Classes will resume on the 30th.) Please contact your CT to schedule a time to have ALL 3rd-8th, and 11th grade students assessed. CAST (science) testing will include 5th, 8th, many 11th, and all 12th grade students. Ask your CT if you have any questions. Thank you for bringing your students to CAASPP testing so we can gauge how best to meet the educational needs of AGCS students and comply with state mandates. A big thank you to Stefani and Brett, our testing and technology coordinators, for organizing this huge task!

Watch for Governance Council ballots in a separate mailing. Please cast your vote for our next Governance Council members ASAP. Thank you to Stephanie, Kellie, Vicki, Wendy, and Delcie for your service and dedication to AGCS this year! We really appreciate those AGCS parents who volunteer their time in Governance Council to make decisions for the school. It was an interesting and challenging year, but wise decisions were made while always considering what is best for our students and our school. We couldn't do it without you...

Also included in that separate mailing will be a parent survey about our CTs. It's very helpful for CTs to receive feedback from families about what they are doing well and what needs improvement. Thank you for filling these out and returning them to the school.

I can't believe how close we are to the end of the school year. It sure has gone quickly! I know I can speak for our staff and teachers when I say how much we appreciate you choosing Alder Grove Charter School and standing up for personalized learning and parent choice in education. We are strong together!

Happy Spring.

Tim Warner, Director

### UPCOMING GOVERNANCE COUNCIL ELECTION

Be watching your mail the week after Spring Break (April 9th – 13th) for the 2018 Governance Council Election Candidate Statements and Ballot. Also included in the mailing will be a Teacher Survey that parents complete evaluating their Credentialed Teacher.

These are two very important documents, and we hope you will take time to read and complete both. To make the forms easy to return, an envelope with postage will be provided.

### Help Wanted:

#### AGCS Vendor Relations and Special Education (SPED) Secretary

Are you organized, patient, and eager to work with a fantastic team of educators, parents, and support staff?

Do you handle deadlines with advanced planning and grace?

If so, we might have the position for you!

**Time:** 20-24 hours a week, flexible.

**Vendor Relations:** Contact vendors as needed, process paperwork and timecards, answer questions.

**SPED Secretary:** Schedule 504s, IEPs, and SSTs.

Communicate frequently with SPED staff, administration, CTs, parents, and specialists. Help in front office as needed.

Please submit resumes to: [tim.warner@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:tim.warner@aldergrovecharter.org)



### Graduation Ceremonies!

**The Eureka Theater**  
**612 F Street, Eureka**

**Thursday, May 31st**

**8th Grade: 3:30 PM**  
**(graduates arrive by 3:00)**

**12th Grade: 5:30 PM**  
**(graduates arrive by 5:00)**

# Talented Students!



## Spelling Bee Winners!

**Aurora Pitts** won the Elementary Humboldt County Spelling Bee, and **Abigail Wagner** won the Junior High category for the Humboldt County Spelling Bee. Both of these bright young ladies also will be going to the **California State** competition which will be Saturday, May 5th in San Rafael for Junior High, and Saturday, May 12th in Stockton for Elementary.

**Congratulations!!!**

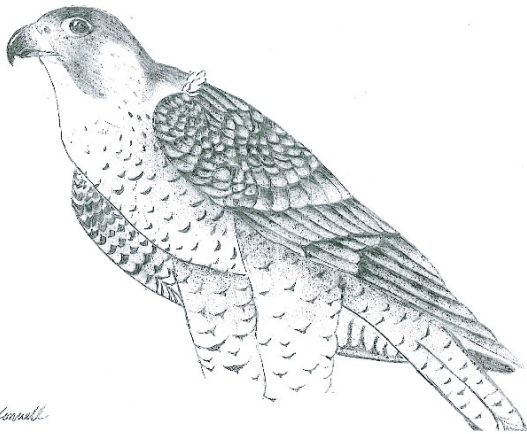


## Congratulations to our student scientists!

We had a great time at Alder Grove's 8th Science Fair! Thanks to participants Karuna Moore, Jadon Wickizer, Meguire Bartosz, and Merlin Newcomb, who attended the Alder Grove Science Fair, and presented the findings from their scientific studies. It was a wonderful and informative time for all who attended!

Additionally, some students went on to participate in the Humboldt County Science Fair and two Alder Grove students received recognitions: Jaydon Wickizer earned a Science Excellence Award, and Meguire Bartosz won first place for 6th grade!!

Congratulations!! Thank you for bringing your interest and enthusiasm in science - it enriches our community!



*Jeff McConnell*

Hawk  
by *Jeff McConnell, Grade 11*



This Week's Student Art Gallery  
-Abigail Wagner, Grade 7



***Bufflehead***

by Meguire Bartosz, Grade 6

Update!! Meguire's Bufflehead drawing won 1st place from Friends Of The Library/Godwit Days!! Congratulations!



***Falcon***

by Logan Smith, Grade TK



***Marbled Godwit***

by Riley Smith, Grade 2

These will all be displayed at Godwit Days at the Arcata Community Center, April 20-22nd. Go see them!



***Bald Eagle***

by Olivia Smith, Grade 4



## My First Cruise

Day 1 Today is the first day at sea on my cruise ship. Its name is the *Grand Princess*. On the first day there was a bon voyage party and also a safety meeting,, so if I got lost, I would know where to go.

Day 2 Today was the first full day at sea. I went swimming. The pool was weird because it had walls, so when the boat was moving, the water was splashing everywhere .

Day 3 at sea was the best. I met someone who wanted to be friends; his name was Bryan, but it was so loud I though he said Ryan.

Day 4 was when we saw a land-arm of Mexico, so we were officially in Mexican waters. This is when it got hot, 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit; the wind started to get fast, so I almost lost my hat.

Day 5 We saw the first town; it was weird because a lot of the houses were on the side of a cliff to save space. I would not want to live there since I'm scared of heights.

Day 6 was our first stop on land; we docked at Puerto Vallarta where they had a lot of tire art. Yes, tire, like a car tire. I found it weird but cool. They also had a really big church with lots of stained glass.

Day 7 We went to Manzanillo to some of the wealthiest places in Mexico; they had a great view of the deepest bay in the world according to our tour guide.

Day 8 In Mazatlan they had more tourists than any of the ports because they had the most advanced tours like hang-glider, scuba diving, and swimming in the sea.

Day 9 We are done with the land tours in Mexico and starting to go back today. The pool was splashing even more than the first day, so they had to close and drain it to three feet because it was dangerous.

Day 10 Today, we got back on U.S. ground after driving for five hours. It was so boring that I slept almost all the way. I'm still off my sleeping times. Overall, I loved the trip.

-by Ian Rowley, Grade 7



Foggy Bottom Run

in Ferndale last month.

Winners from Alder Grove again!!  
The Brown Family, the Porter  
Family, Cedar Smith, & Randi Golat

# Save These Dates!



## Testing Schedule: Mark Your Calendars!!

Hello, Students and Families,

April is here and with that comes state mandated testing. As you know, California takes testing seriously, so we must test *all of our eligible students*.

*Please mark your calendars with the following dates:*

**April 23-April 27:** CAASPP (Smarter Balanced) testing will take place from April 23-April 27. Students in 3rd through 8th grades, along with 11th graders, will be tested in Mathematics and Language Arts. **Your CT will let you know when you can sign up for morning and/or afternoon testing slots during that week. Your CT can discuss with you the length of time necessary for each student to complete all sections of the test. There will be NO ON-CAMPUS CLASSES during this testing week.**

**April 30 and May 2:** In addition, the California Science Test (CAST) field testing will take place April 30 and May 2. All students in 5th, 8th, and 12th grades should schedule a morning or afternoon time slot on one of these days. **Selected 11th graders will also be asked to take the CAST.** This is a computer-based assessment, and should take approximately 1-2 hours.

*On-campus classes will resume this week.*

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is also coming up for 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students. The test involves 6 quick-strength and flexibility activities, including a timed one-mile walk/run. Contact your CT to get a form or to ask any questions you might have about completing the PFT. Forms, along with links to instructional videos, are also available on the Alder Grove website.

*These forms will be due NO LATER than May 17th.*

**Thank you in advance for helping us achieve 100% participation in mandated state testing!**

***Spring Performance, Friday, May 25th 10A-Noon***

### **End Of The Year Party!**

**Friday, May 25th  
5:00—7:00 PM**

**Alder Grove Parking Lot!**

Face Painting! Nature Joe! Photo Booth!  
Hot Dog Guy! Popcorn!! Shaved Ice!  
Lots of Games!!



Alder Grove's musical production class  
will be performing:

### ***Captain Bree and Her Lady Pirates***

**Friday, May 18th  
7:00 PM**



Look for play location and more info.  
in our May newsletter.



# Announcements!



It is track season and Alder Grove students are invited to run with Humboldt County Schools at various Track and Field Events during the month of April and May. There will be two K-4 events and five grade 5-8 events. If you are interested in running please email Cedar at cedar.smith@aldergrovecharter.org. It's not too late to sign up!

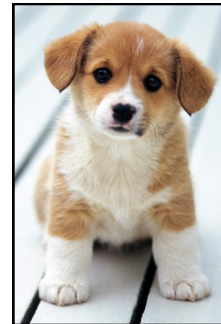
## Student Council Snack Bar Announcement!

The student council presents "Pizza Fridays" on the first Friday in April and May. Pizza will be available for sale at lunch time at the snack bar on **4/13/18 and 5/4/18**. Pizza will be \$2.00 per slice! Thanks for supporting the student council!

Hello families of Alder Grove! The student council is doing an animal shelter donation drive. We encourage you to donate what you can, but don't feel bad if you can't. Please check the wish list below for the Sequoia Humane Society and the Humboldt Animal Shelter. The box for donations will be in the lobby here at Alder Grove from April 9th to May 18.

### Animal Shelter Donations

- Chicken Soup for the Soul : Adult cat & kitten dry or wet food
- Taste of the Wild adult cat dry or wet Food
- Whole Earth Farms canned Kitten food
- PetLac kitten replacement milk
- Cardboard cat scratchers
- Small cat beds
- Comfort Zone Feliway Calming Spray or diffuser refills
- Small brooms to sweep cages
- Flea medication
- Terramycin (can be found at local feed stores)
- Purina Forta-Flora probiotics
- Food bowls
- Flea combs/ brushes
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Lysol, Green Works or Kirkland brand sanitizing wipes
- Clorox brand bleach
- Non clumping cat litter
- Grain free kitten and cat food: wet or dry, canned or kibble
- Friskies Pate/ Classic Style canned cat & Kkcten food
- Catnip or crunchy treats
- High Quality\* cat and kitten toys: Puff balls, jingle balls stick toys, ribbon toys, laser toys and feather wands
- Pig ears, dog biscuits, bully sticks, sow ears, and other dog treats (no rawhide)
- Peanut butter.
- Dog toys (no rawhide)
- Shredded paper for puppy pens--- strips, not cross cut---- no staples, envelopes, glossy or photo papers, adhesives, paperclips, etc.
- Grain free dry pet food --- Nutrisource, Nature's Domain, and other high quality, grain-free, corn free dry foods.
- Blankets (no stuffing or fluff)
- Potty pads for puppy and kitten pens



Thank you!

-Jordan Brown & Paycie

Alder Grove Student Council Members

# Field Trips

## K-6th Grade Field Trip

### Chapman's Gem & Mineral Shop and Museum

Hwy 101 between Fortuna & Rio Dell

Friday, April 27th, 11:00 AM

Free

This is a self-guided tour. We will break up into 2 groups and you will be able to visit the museum and the shop. The Chapmans have traveled to all 50 states and every continent to acquire this vast collection.

Chapman's has gems, minerals, petrified woods, and Native American artifacts on display.

The museum holds the largest known collection of petrified palms, as well as an ultraviolet room for viewing phosphorescent minerals.

In the shop, visitors can purchase rocks, gems, shells, art, jewelry and other collectables starting as low as \$1.

Sign up at the front office  
or call 268-0854.



## K-6th Grade Field Trip

### Schools to Playhouse- "Animalitos" "Puppet Show" Arcata Playhouse

Free

Thursday, May 10th, 11:00 AM

"Animalitos" is a play brought to life through a collection of Aesop's Fables woven together in magical puppet dance.

Sign up at the front office  
or call 268-0854



## Grades 8-12

### CR Field Trip

Friday, April 13

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Focus will be on the Career Trades:

Dental Assisting Program, Auto Technology, Construction Trades, Welding, and MORE!

Please call or email [jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org) to confirm attendance and meet at the circle in front of Administration and Student Services Building by 11:45.

Concurrent enrollment forms are now available for new and returning CR students 2018-2019 school year. Students who already attend CR, only need new concurrent forms; NEW CR students need to complete the online CR application in addition to concurrent enrollment forms.

Registration will be open for high school/concurrent enrollment on May 1.

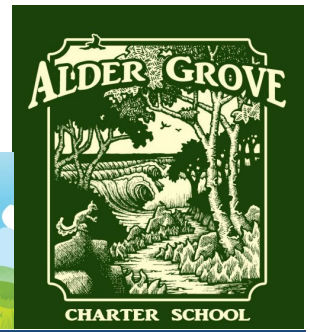
Get your schedule organized now!!

The Education at Work Program:

- Generates awareness of opportunities available within the local business community
- Gives businesses the ability to communicate directly with students and groom future employees
- Allows students to identify with and relate their interests, skills, and aspirations to local job market opportunities
- Promotes hands-on career exploration, preparation and training
- Increases morale and productivity within the organization, and allows for employees to work in teams
- Increases positive public relations and exposure and brings a fresh perspective to an organization's culture
- Gives employees an avenue to give back to the community

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Jen Burtram and visit the website: <http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/education-at-work.php>

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22	23	24	25	26	27 <small>11A-Chapman's Field Trip</small>	28 <small>4P-Humboldt Math Festival at the Adorni Center</small>
29	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                 California Science Testing             </div>					