

~Alder Grove News ~

February 2018

Hello Alder Grove Families,

After a rainy weekend, I look out my office window and see sunshine! While I know better than to get used to it quite yet, I sure am appreciative of the sunshine while it's here. Welcome to the spring semester, named after the longer days and blooming flowers right around the corner!

This month we are rolling out the Interimpalooza! This event will happen February 10th and March 10th from 10 AM to 3 PM, and will help prepare 3rd to 11th grade students for CAASPP (Smarter Balanced) testing later in April. We're hoping that by making the event fun, students will come and participate in test practice. Interimpalooza will feature door prizes, a pizza lunch, and drawings for bigger prizes. We will have a few math modules from the interim CAASPP assessments ready to take by grade level, and the useful thing about these interim tests is that we can access detailed results. It will be handy to know what concepts your students have mastered and which they haven't. Ultimately, this makes the interim assessments a helpful teaching tool. Hope to see many AGCS students there! Let your CT know if you're planning to attend so we can plan for space and food. A big thank you goes out to Stefani Gambrel who worked hard to organize this event.

If you would like to join our dedicated and hard-working Governance Council, we will have one opening coming up for the 2018-2019 school year. Join us at our next regularly-scheduled meeting on March 13th at 10:30 AM to see what the Council does at meetings, what kinds of decisions are made, and how members have a voice in leadership at the school. Regular meetings are monthly, and it's a great way to support Alder Grove Charter School. Thank you Governance Council for your dedication to AGCS!

On February 13th, from 10 AM to 3 PM, the Northern California Community Blood Bank will be on campus to take donations for qualifying students, staff, and parents. This is one way AGCS is pitching in to help our community. Please join us. Thank you to Jen Burtram for setting up this time!

As always, we are deeply appreciative of all of you. Thank you for choosing AGCS as your personalized learning option for education!

-Tim Warner, Director

Free Parent and Student LA and Math Workshop Class:

Parents and students in TK, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and struggling 2nd graders are invited to attend the Wednesday workshop class with teacher, Terri Tripp.

This class is held every
**Wednesday in the Rainbow Room from
11:30-12:30.**

**Participants can come every week
or drop in when available.**

The class is free of charge and does not require signing up. Our classroom assistant is available for childcare for younger siblings or to assist older siblings with school work, if requested. The class focuses on math skills and reading and writing skills (language arts) for beginning learners. Parent/child teams participate in group activities, games, partner activities, and hands-on lessons designed to teach skills that can be practiced at home for academic success. Learning periods 1, 3, and 5 will focus on language arts skills and learning periods 2, 4, and 6 will focus on math skills. Feel free to drop in and try it out!

Thank You, Talented Aldergrovians!

...for entertaining us with all the music and dance (and signing!) last Friday for our annual Winter Performance starring all the teachers and students of our Semester 1 Friday music, dance, and ASL classes!

The play, *The Fairy Tale Network*, was very entertaining and funny! Teacher, Terri Tripp pulled it off again along with a great cast of characters! Also thank you to Brooke Sayre and her Maker Space class for volunteering their time to make the pigs' houses of straw and sticks. A big thank you to the cast members and their parents who helped make the production a success!



Sign up for Interimpalooza!

What? Interimpalooza is a fun, low-pressure test-practice event. Students will practice for the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress), eat pizza, and enter to win fun prizes. There will be door prizes for all students who attend!

Why? The Interim assessments are an effective and meaningful way to help students practice for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) assessments they will be taking in April. Interimpalooza is a fun, low-pressure way for students to get firsthand experience with the types of questions and technology they will encounter on the CAASPP. Furthermore, Interim results are highly detailed, giving parents and teachers data that can inform instruction over the next couple of months.

Who? Interimpalooza is open to all students in **3rd through 11th grade**.

When and Where? Interimpalooza is happening over the course of two Saturdays: **February 10 and March 10, from 10am-3pm at Alder Grove Charter School.**

For more info about the Interim assessments check out this website:

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/interim-assessments/>

Sign up for one (or both!) days with your CT today!



-Practice!

-Pizza!

-Prizes!

Congratulations to our **Spelling Bee winners** from last Monday!

Aurora Pitts won 1st place of the 4th - 6th grade level.
Joy Turner won 2nd place.

Abigail Wagner won 1st place for the 7th - 9th grade level. Merlin Newcomb was 2nd place. Hazel Baker won Alternate.

Elementary Regional Spelling Bee

February 8, 2018

9:00 AM

at Kneeland Elementary School:

Aurora Pitts

Joy Turner

Junior High Regional Spelling Bee

February 2, 2018

1:30PM

South Bay School:

Abigail Wagner

Merlin Newcomb



Spelling Bee participants, Hazel Baker, Abigail Wagner, and Merlin Newcomb



(not pictured is Aurora Pitts and Joy Turner)

Congratulations to our **Geography Bee winners** from last Wednesday!

1st place to Isaac Lockwood, grade 4
2nd place to Amira Wanden, grade 5
3rd place to Andrew Lockwood, grade 7

Unfortunately, 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 Bee. Since only 3 students participated we can't send the winner on to take the qualifying test and be considered for advancement to the state Bee.



Geography Bee participants Andrew Lockwood, Isaac Lockwood, and Amira Wanden



K-6th grades:
Fire & Light Field Trip!
 100 Ericson Ct., 100A, Arcata
Thursday, March 9
 9:45 am
 Office- 268-0854

Full - Sign up for Waiting List Only



6th - 12th grades

To Be Announced...
hopefully rock climbing!

SAVE THE DATE
7th/8th grade
College of the Redwoods Visit
Friday March 9
9am-1:30pm

Join us for a meaningful and engaging interactive College and Career Exploration Day at College of the Redwoods. Students will get an up close look into all the opportunities available to them at CR.

This is a great introduction and orientation for any students who are considering taking CR classes while in high school. Students should bring their own lunch. Parents are responsible for drop off/pick up. I would love a couple chaperones;) Please sign up by emailing jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org

**The Blood Mobile
 will be parked at Alder Grove
 Tuesday, Feb 13 from 10am-3pm.**

Help Save A Life!

We will need a few volunteers-students or adults-just to help with set up/snacks/clean up etc.
 Students who are 16 and would like to donate need a consent form signed by their parents.
 Students 17+ including parents, teachers, staff are welcome to participate as well!

Eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating!

**BRING PHOTO ID with you to donate.
 Bring signed consent form if needed.**

Student who donate 3+ times (at the blood-mobile or at blood bank) over their HS career receive a red cord at graduation in recognition for their donations.

For more info., www.nccbb.org
 Thanks for your support! ~Jen



Science Fair News

This Spring, Alder Grove will be having it's 7th annual Science Fair! The fair does not take place until March, so there is still 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, our science fair coordinator is Kathy Yeager, look for her at school or email at: kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org

**Congratulations to our January 2018 |
high school graduates!!**

~Noah Batema	~Brenden Houseworth
~Daphne Brower	~Darian Huffman
~Allivia Clements	~Sebastian Laskar
~Payge Collings	~Katherine Leahy
~Serephina Dollar	~Serenity Pace
~Jerusha Ford	~Kara Pearce
~Desiree Gonzalez	~Kyle Smith
~Jordan Hirsch	~Brianna Stone
~Hope Hoaglen	~Aria Windbigler

- A Heads Up!



**Graduation!
The Eureka Theater**

**Thursday, May 31
3:30 - 8th grade
5:30 - High School**

FAFSA Completion:

- 1) Create An FSA ID. The FSA ID serves as your legal, electronic signature for FAFSA. Parent and student each needs own ID. Each will need their SSN. Use the "show text" feature. Don't use your school email.
- 2) Fill Out The FAFSA. You will need:
 - A. Your student's FSA ID to create the application (parent's FSA ID is only good as a signature).
 - B. Driver's license, if you have one.
 - C. Social Security card or number (alien registration # if you are not a US citizen).
 - D. 2016 income & tax info.
 - E. Any records of untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, combat pay, short-term disability, or worker's compensation.
 - F. List of colleges you are interested in attending.
 - G. Verify all information for accuracy before submitting.

Graduating Seniors!!

Don't forget about the FREE application for student aid. 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 information.

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. (see next page)

-Jen Burtram

Available Local Scholarships:

United Indian Health Services H.D. "Tim" Williams Memorial Scholarship (must be clients of UIHS)

[Cabrillo Civics Club Scholarship](#) (students of Portuguese decent)

[Humboldt Area Foundation](#)

If you would like frequent updates about scholarships, college and career info, workshops, and work opportunities in the community, please email jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org and request to be added to the High School Parent and Student email group.

Jen Burtram Credentialed Teacher (K-12)
College and Career Coordinator
Alder Grove Charter School [\(707\) 268-0854](tel:7072680854) ex:312

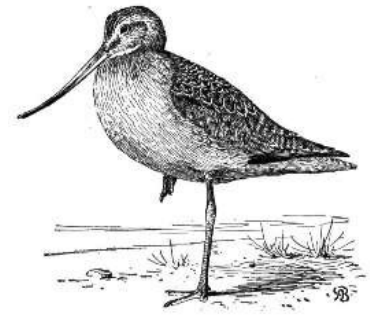
**The 15th Annual Student Bird Art Contest
At Godwit Days
Grades K-12**

Sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh
&
Redwood Region Audubon Society

**Deadline for receipt of entries is
Friday, March 23, 2018
At least \$550 to be awarded**

Complete rules are listed on fliers located in Alder Grove, or
contact Sue Leskiew at sueleskiw1@gmail.com

**The Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival will be
Saturday, April 21st.**



Godwit Days!

**The 13th Annual Children's
Nature Writing Contest
Grade 4-12
on "What Nature Means to Me"**

Sponsored by Audubon Society

Winners will be published in a booklet and
presented at the Godwit Days Festival.

Deadline for entries is Friday, March 23rd

Up to 6 cash prizes to be awarded to the best
essay(s) or poem(s). No more than 450 words
in length. For more details, come get flyer at
Alder Grove or contact Sue Leskiew at
sueleskiw1@gmail.com

**23rd Annual Spring Migration Bird Festival,
Godwit Days!!**

April 20-22, 2018

Arcata Community Center

So many activities for the whole family!

Come pick up a schedule at the school or visit
www.godwitdays.org



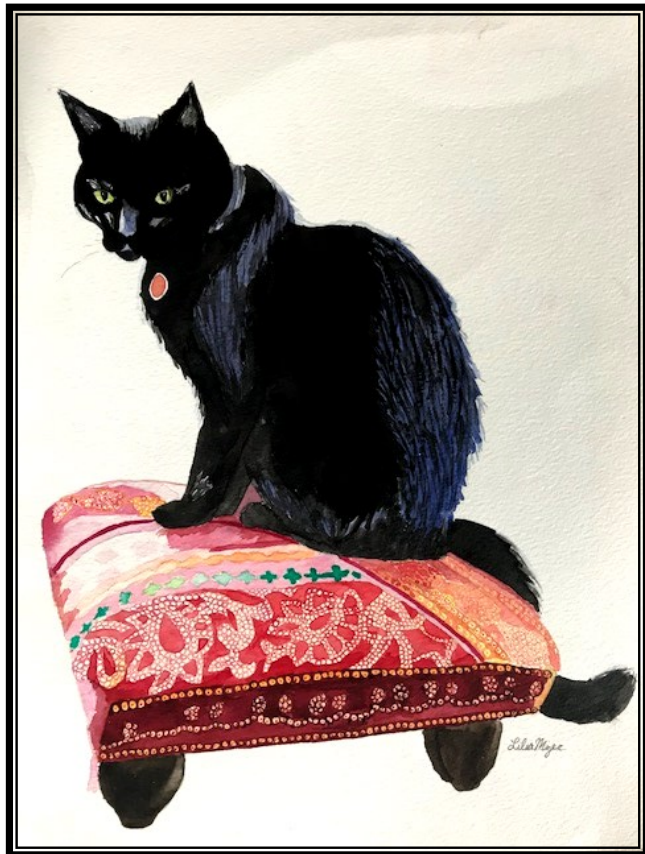
Brooke Sayre of Eureka and her
sons Gio, 12, right, and Rocco,
10, coaxing their dog Cooper
along, run on the new section of
Eureka Waterfront Trail between
Target and Blue Ox Historic
Village on Thursday afternoon.
The trail currently ends a bit east
of there, but will someday cross
the Eureka Slough and run along
U.S. Highway 101 to the
completed Arcata section of the
Humboldt Bay Trail.

*Shaun Walker —
The Times-Standard*



**STUDENT
ART
GALLERY**

**Come check out Lisa Shaffer's
Art Display for this month!**

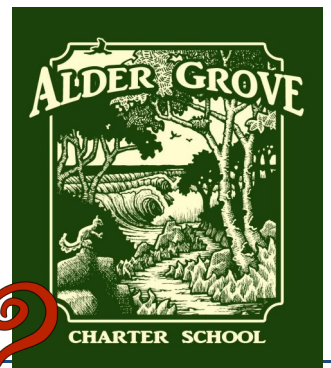


Wolf,
by Josephine Mizer

The talented Mizer sisters have kindly shared their work with us again - gifts to their dear dad!

Cat,
by Lilia Mizer

February 2018



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11	12	13 10-3:00-Blood Mobile will be at Alder Grove.	14 	15	16	17
18	19  President's Day(s)—No School	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	No on-campus classes this week— the school will be open 8:30 - 4:30		