

From The Director-

~Alder Grove News ~

June 2018

Hello Alder Grove Families,

Well, we did it! We reached the end of the school year. It's time to enjoy summer and recharge those learning batteries.

Graduation was wonderful. It was fantastic seeing all of the 8th and high school graduates as they walked across the stage after working so hard. Congratulations!

There have been some questions about why our new enrollment forms indicate "Alder Grove Charter School-2." Here is the explanation:

On February 22nd of this year, the South Bay Union School District (SBUSD) board approved a new charter for Alder Grove for the next 5 years (2018-2023). Families and community members who could make it really showed SBUSD how supportive our families are, and how successful AGCS students can be in a personalized learning school. We have had a fantastic relationship with our district for almost 12 years and are excited to continue working with them.

Why did we have to submit a new charter instead of a renewal? It's a long story.

In 2016, an appellate court decision changed a nearly two decade-old interpretation of law regarding where an independent study charter facility could be located. Because we are physically located in the Eureka City School (ECS) District boundaries, but our new charter is authorized by SBUSD, and because the interpretation of law changed, ECS was threatening to litigate against both us and SBUSD. But, the law also says that if a charter school conducts a facilities search in its authorizing district and finds no facilities, that school can physically locate one facility in another district within the County as long as the charter school notifies that district in advance. We have conducted many facilities searches over the years, and as you may guess, there are no facilities in South Bay's boundaries that we can use for our school. It's a beautiful, but very rural, area. In order to fully comply with a poorly written law that seemed to indicate the notice should be sent before operations commence, we submitted a new charter. To minimize confusion, we called the "new" school Alder Grove Charter School-2. The intention is to change the name back to the original "Alder Grove Charter School" once the entire process is complete, hopefully by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

As always, our mission is to provide students with personalized learning and to support parent choice in education. We haven't changed our school's programs, our staff, our location, or our mission. We intend to continue working toward the success of our students and to enrich the community in which we are located.

Thank you for choosing Alder Grove Charter School.
Have an amazing summer!

Sincerely,
Tim Warner, Director



Thank you to all of the students who showed up and worked hard on assessments over the past two weeks!
Thank you to the parents, guardians, and extended families that helped our school by bringing students in to test!
Thank you to Brett, our Technology Guru, for putting in countless hours making sure everything ran smoothly!
Thank you to the office staff for all of the behind-the-scenes work that went into this process! And, last, but not least, thank you to the teachers for scheduling and proctoring our students! It is awesome to be a part of this amazing Alder Grove School Community.

-Stefani Gambrel, School Coordinator



Dates To Remember:

- ◆ Alder Grove office hours will be M-F 8:30-4:30 through the month of June. We are closed in July, and open again August 1st.
- ◆ Be sure vaccinations are up-to-date.
- ◆ First week in August: The on-campus class schedules will be mailed.
- ◆ August 17th: First day to register for on-campus classes
- ◆ August 27th: First day of school.
- ◆ September 4th: First day on-campus classes.
- ◆ January 21, 2019: Last day of 1st semester
- ◆ Semester 2: January 22, 2019 - May 30, 2019
- ◆ *Have a fun, safe, fantastic summer vacation!!!*



Graduation Photos!

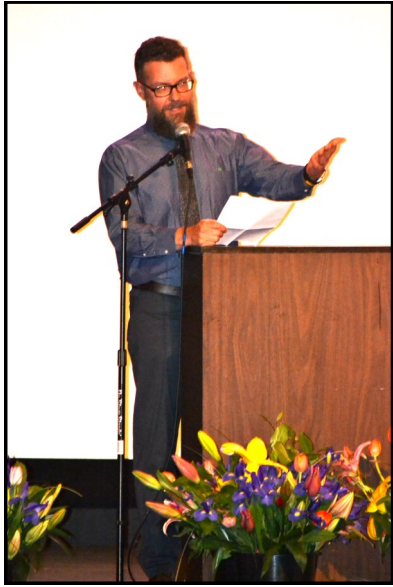
8th grade and

High School

Congratulations!

If you're interested in seeing more photos that Becca took of students walking down the aisle, etc. on graduation day, please email Ruth at ruth.baker@aldergrovecharter.org.





37th Atlanta Victory Run and Walk-on



Crystal and Arianna Porter ,
and Randi Golat and Tatiana Ferrington Golat



3 Generations: 1st place Lavonne Cookman, Jordan and Stephanie Brown.
2 Generations: 3rd place Randi Golat and Tatiana Ferrington Golat



Travis says that the animal shelter was grateful to get all of the generous donations from Alder Grove families. The student council says Thank You to all of you who

So many great events happened in May:

- Terri's musical theater class presented Captain Bree and her Lady Pirates
- Our annual spring concert
- The End Of The Year party!
- Graduation!

Stephan Chittenden's love of creative writing has recently gained some regional attention. Stephan has placed third in this years Redwood Writing Contest in the 7th and 8th grade poetry category. There was an awards reception on May 20th. His poem will be published in the winders' anthology:

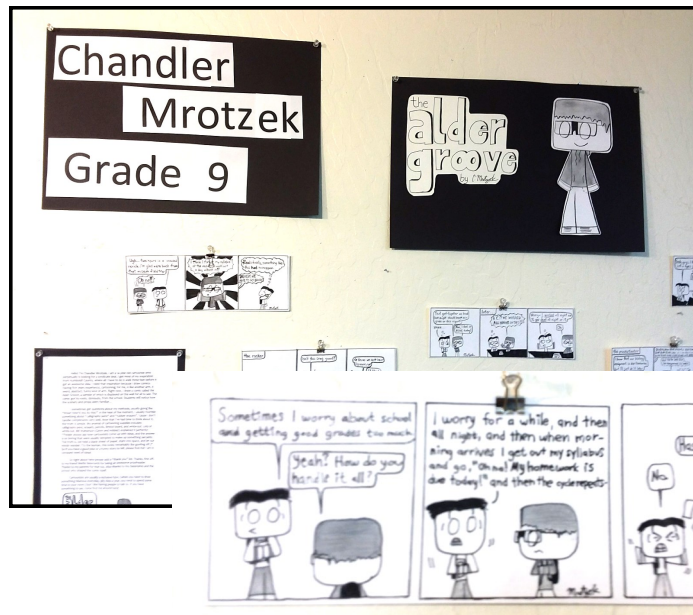
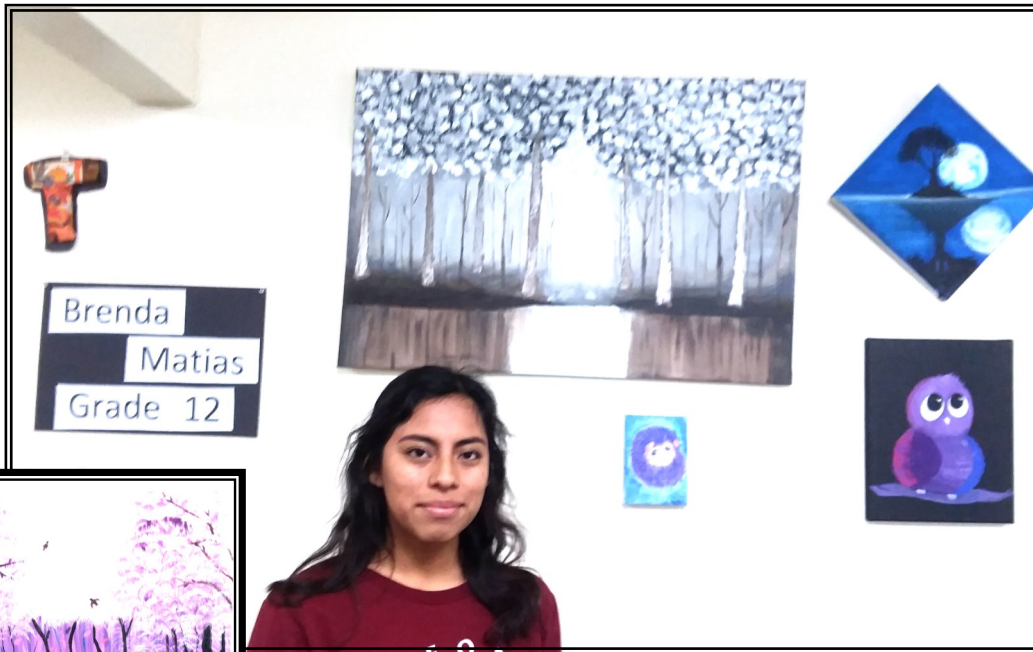
The Belly Dancer

There she stood,
There she danced,
Where her hips and veil swayed with the wind,
Sword at her side,
Scabbard near her pants,
Her arms moving up and down,
Her chest moving forward and back,
Side to side,
Across the desert sands,
In a magic land,
She danced like a Jinni,
She danced like the breeze,
Under the moonlit sky,
On the sand,
Or on a carpet in the clouds,
She brings her dance wherever she goes.



"Renewable, and Non-Renewable Energy"

-by Kaya Carson, Age 8

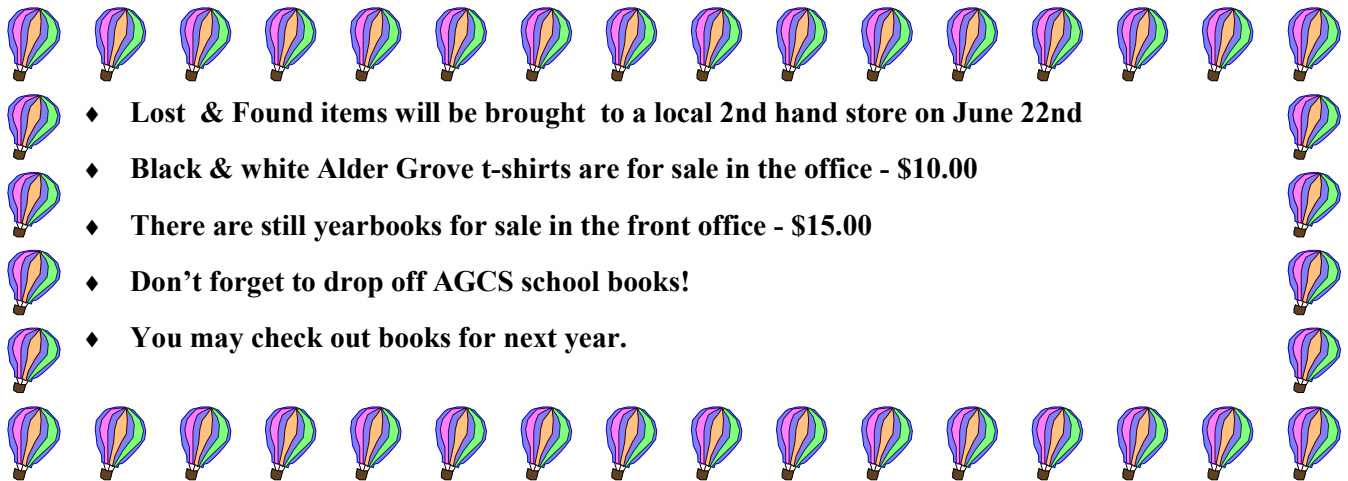


Our Student Art Gallery this month:

Brenda Matias, Chandler Mrotzek,
Stephen Chittenden, Malachi Woodard-Allen,
Savannah Campbell.

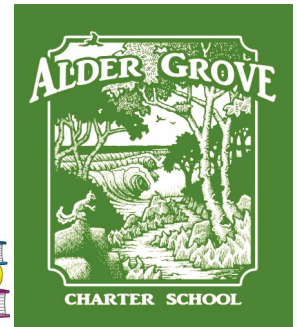
There are so many talented students at Alder
Grove!

Thank you!



- ◆ **Lost & Found items will be brought to a local 2nd hand store on June 22nd**
- ◆ **Black & white Alder Grove t-shirts are for sale in the office - \$10.00**
- ◆ **There are still yearbooks for sale in the front office - \$15.00**
- ◆ **Don't forget to drop off AGCS school books!**
- ◆ **You may check out books for next year.**

June, July 2018 - HAPPY SUMMER Vacation!



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
School reopens Aug. 1st: 8:30A - 4:30P			On-campus class registration packets to be mailed			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 ^{10:30A-} Governance Council	15	16	17 <i>1st day to accept on-campus registration</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>1st Day Of School!!</i>	28	29	30	31	

