

Hello Alder Grove Students and Families,

First off, I just want to say how much I love seeing you on campus. I am grateful we can have classes, programs, and events in person! It's been a really fantastic and exhausting 4 months! Big props to AGCS staff for hanging in there and working so hard for our students and families.

In addition, I hope you were able to spend Thanksgiving break with your family relaxing and enjoying the cool Humboldt fall weather. My break was cozy and quiet, which was exactly what I needed.

Governance Council: Would you like to give more input on school operations? We would love your participation on the Governance Council (which is what we call our school board). The AGCS Governance Council meets regularly on the second Tuesday of most months at 10:30 am virtually, and reviews and approves policies and procedures, staffing, budgets, and other nuts and bolts areas of the school. *The next meeting is Tuesday, January 11th at 10:30 am. Come join us if you can. We would love more parent participation! Email Jenifer for more info: jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org*

PBIS: We are continuing to build the foundation for our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program on campus. See our call for student art later in the newsletter and stay tuned for more information!

COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate:

Recently, the state has issued a Covid-19 vaccine mandate for students and staff in schools. We will wait to add this particular vaccine to the list of shots needed for students to be on campus until full FDA approval (most likely in July 2022). As of writing this, personal belief exemptions are still an option, but we will keep you updated as we hear more. And similar to the other vaccines, independent study remains an option for students who aren't vaccinated.

Science Fair: If your student is interested in creating a science project, please attend the virtual science fair information meeting with Kathy on Wednesday, January 12th. You can find more details in this newsletter. It's always fun and educational to see what our students are working on in the world of science.

Safety: If you visit the building even briefly, be sure to put on your face covering before entering the building. The front office staff have extras in case you forget yours. Thank you for helping us follow the law and for keeping us all healthy!

Finally, from all of us at Alder Grove Charter School, we hope you have a relaxing and joyous holiday season! Please stay safe and healthy. Talk to you next year!

Tim Warner, Director

Happy
Holidays!

Breakfast Program / Wellness Policy

Check out Alder Grove's School Wellness Policy under the breakfast program tab on our website. You can also find the Wellness Policy posted in the entrance hallway and in the breakfast eating area.

If you would like to be on the School Wellness Committee, which meets monthly with the Leadership Team, please contact Stefani Gambrel at stefani.gambrel@aldergrovecharter.org. Hope to see you there!

Also on our website are links to healthy snack guidelines for classroom parties and school events, and a smart snack calculator to help you determine if your treat meets federal guidelines for a healthy snack. Fresh fruits and veggies, nuts and seeds, whole grain baked items, and cheese are always great options!

Please consider joining Student Council if you are interested in helping to plan future events!
The Student Council meets on campus on Mondays at 2pm. Talk to your CT if you are interested.



Halloween
Party Success!



Thank you
Student Council for
planning
this event!!!

HANGING
OUT!

COSTUME
CONTEST
WINNERS!



Best Overall: Richard Wagner
Scariest: Lydia Willette
Funniest: Vaylin Pate
Most Creative: Ivy O'Shaughnessy
Most Creative (tie): Logan Richardson



Movie
Time!



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN

On-Campus Labs
Study Hall - M-F
 9-1 with Tony
 1-3 with Jasper

On-Campus Math Lab
 Grades 3-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Charity 10:00 - 12:30	Jasper 10:00 - 12:00	Charity 10:00 - 12:30	Jasper 10:00 - 12:00	Jasper 10:00 - 12:00
Charity 1:00 - 3:00	Cassie 12:00 - 3:00	Charity 1:00 - 3:00	Cassie 12:00-3:00	Cassie 12:00-3:00

Science Lab with Brooke (also available Virtually)

Grades 5-12
 Mondays, 2:00-3:30
 Room 1

Spanish Lab with Erica (also available Virtually -

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72446300526?pwd=dkq4KzlaYjR4RlZua2NmbThjMFF3QT09>

Meeting ID: 724 4630 0526

Passcode: spanish

All Grades

Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00

Room 2

Writing Lab with Jeff

All Grades

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:30-12:40

Room 2

Virtual Labs

Virtual Math Lab

Grades 3-12

Students can log on virtually to meet.google.com with the code **mathlab123**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jasper 10:00 - 12:30		Jasper 10:00- 12:30		Adelinea 10:00- 11:30
Sandy 1:00-3:00	Sandy 12:00 - 3:00	Sandy 1:00-3:00	Sandy 12:00 - 3:00	Adelinea 12:00- 3:00

Virtual Writing Lab with Sunshine -Writing homework help (Grades 3-8)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76465093175?pwd=UIJaS1VuRytOV0Q2d2RzWmlZbFVodz09>

Meeting ID: 764 6509 3175 Passcode: GQ9DPH
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:40-9:50



NEW CLUB STARTING IN JANUARY!!

Look for Information in your Class Registration Packets!



EUREKA - KAMISU
SISTER CITY

BUKATSU CLUB

Bukatsu (部活) means "club activities" in Japanese!!

**Did you know that Eureka has a
sister city in JAPAN?**

**Come learn about Japanese culture, language and
history from students in KAMISU!**

Mon. 1pm - 1:55pm (Group C+)



PLEASE complete the student mental health surveys immediately, by this Friday Dec 3rd!

(More info was sent out in previous newsletters, and can be provided upon request.)

All students get an AG Frisbee for survey completion.

Teachers with high participation rates get entered into a raffle for awesome prizes!

Help your school and help your teacher!

Contact Crystal Collins with questions. crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org 707-572-6846



2021/2022 Reading Academic Support: Weekly Virtual Reading Schedule

Virtual Meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:30-11:20, 11:30-12:20, 1:10-2:00

On-Campus Meetings on Wednesdays: 10:30-11:20, 11:30-12:20, 1:10-2:00

Contact Sunshine Lee at sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org to sign up for a weekly spot, reschedule, or add meeting

Feel free to meet with Sunshine once to get placed in the program and then use this program at home anytime you like with support available.

Writing Classes with Laurie — 2021-2022

These classes are intended for any student who needs extra support for writing. Please contact your CT with any questions, and/or to sign up.

Tuesdays:

Session 1 - 10:15am-11am (grades 2-4)

Session 2 - 11:35am-12:20pm (grades 4-12)

Wednesdays:

Session 1 - 11:30am - 12:15pm (grades 4-12)

Session 2 - 1:00pm - 1:45pm (grades 4-12)

Thursdays:

Session 1 (Virtual) - 10:15am - 11am (grades 4-12)

Session 2 - 11:35am- 12:20pm (grades 7-12)

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Alder Grove Mindfulness Class is doing a donation drive for people in need.

We need:

- Blankets/Bedding
- New socks
- Underwear
- Food donations (Non perishable food preferred. Baked goods are accepted as well.)
- Camping gear
- Warm clothes

Drop things off in the front office any time through the second week of December.

If you are leaving perishable items please notify the front office.

Wednesday Parent/Student (TK-2) Virtual Workshop with Terri Tripp:

I will be continuing a primarily virtual workshop this year, and I am hoping it will allow for more families to join the Google classroom. If you were in the group last year, you will still be receiving my weekly posts.

All participants will have access to last year's posts to refer to and utilize. I will post new resources and activities to assist with teaching reading, writing and math in your home each Wednesday with a live workshop opportunity on the last Wednesday of each learning period.

I will invite you to join the live workshop from 11:30am-12:30pm on the last Wednesday of each learning period in the Rainbow Room. Parents and students can share their projects and engage in activities together.

Even if you are not able to join in the live class, you are welcome to join the Google classroom for the resources. We will spend learning periods 1, 3, and 5 on reading and writing. Learning periods 2, 4 and 6 will focus on math.

Parents are welcome to message me at any time through the Google Classroom or email me directly for assistance or resource help.

Please email: terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org if you would like an invite.

THE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST IS BACK

The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is part of the California state testing program. California has chosen the FITNESSGRAM as the annual PFT for students in public schools.

The FITNESSGRAM is a comprehensive health-related fitness test developed by The Cooper Institute.



WHO?

AGCS Students
5th, 7th & 9th
Grades

WHEN?

February 14 -
March 18

WHAT?

The FITNESSGRAM measures:

- Aerobic Capacity
- Abdominal Strength & Endurance
- Trunk Extender Strength & Flexibility
- Upper Body Strength & Endurance
- Flexibility

HOW?

The PFT can be administered over multiple days. Students will participate in each of the five fitness areas and will be provided with their individual results.

Students with disabilities have the chance to participate in the PFT and should be given as much of the test as possible.

WHY?

FITNESSGRAM results are one measure of information students and their families may use, along with other information, to monitor overall fitness.

Alder Grove may also use the results for the purpose of evaluating our physical education program.

PARENTS:

Support your child's fitness by encouraging them to exercise for 60 minutes a day!

Parent Zoom Workshop

When: Saturday,
December 11
Noon—1:30pm

Presented by
Rain Marshall

Indigenizing
Education,
Truth-telling
in History,
and Embracing
Local Tribal
Histories

More info: sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org



School Spelling Bee For 1st—8th Grades!!!

If you are interested in participating in the school spelling bee please email Randi Mead at randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org

If there is enough interest we will hold our school bee on January 24th at 3 pm in the platform area.

Signing up for tutoring or classes through our community partners?

1. Check with your CT **BEFORE** signing up with a vendor or tutor. Make sure the CT is aware of the lessons or services.
2. Turn in the completed community partner contract as soon as possible to your CT.
3. The student **should not** begin sessions until final administrative approval has been made.
4. The parent is responsible for any overages not covered by the student budget.
5. AGCS cannot cover sessions given during school breaks or holidays.



Attention Scientists!

This Spring, Alder Grove will be having it's annual Science Fair!

The 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!

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, please come to the information meeting at school on either on:

Wednesday, December 1st or on Wednesday, January 12th, both at 1:30.

If you have any questions, our science fair coordinator is Kathy Yeager, look for her at school or email at:

kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE LAB?

The Science Lab is a place for students to come and work on their hands-on lab or get help with their science coursework.

FREE

HYBRID (VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON)

5th - 12th GRADERS

MONDAYS from 2:00 - 3:30pm

Sign up by completing an Onsite Class Registration Form

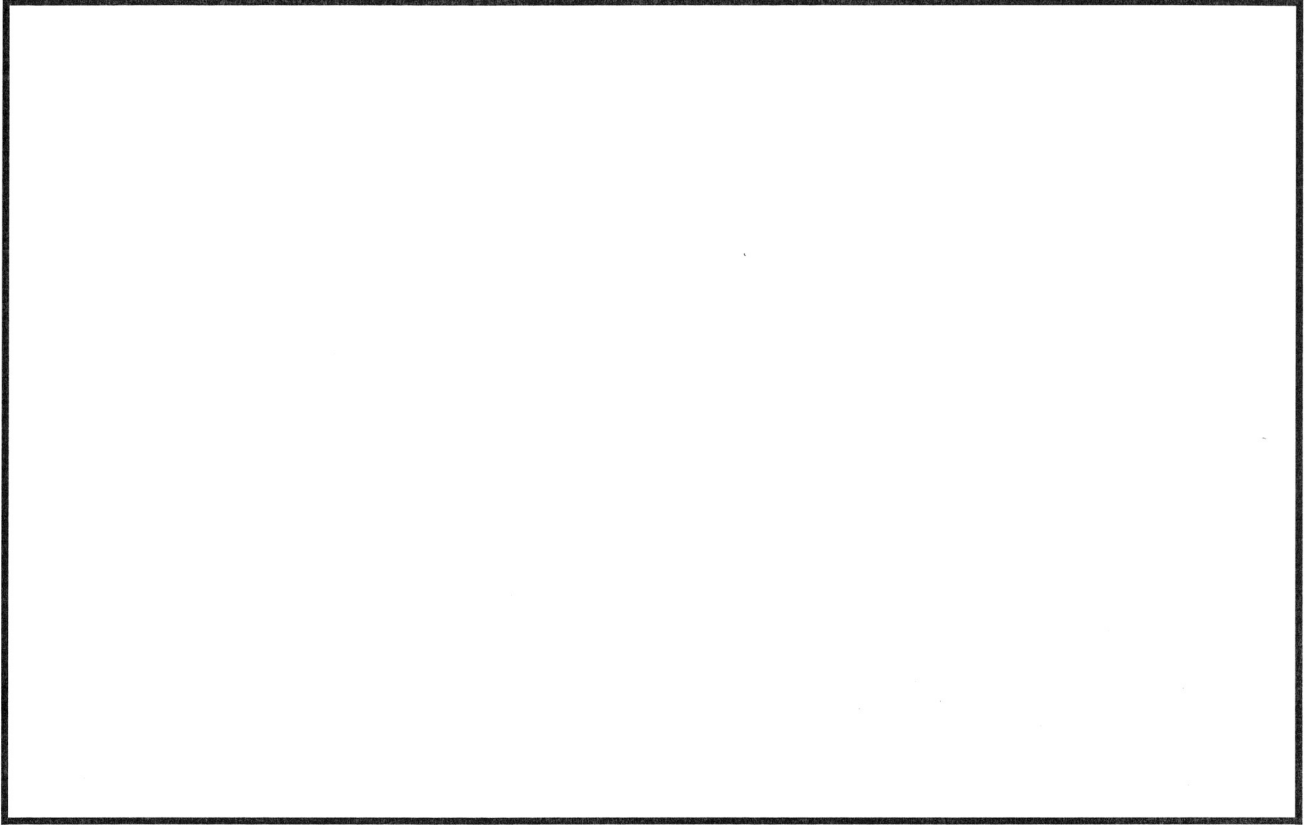


In need of food assistance during these difficult times?

<https://www.foodforpeople.org/content/are-you-need-food-assistance-during-these-difficult-times>

At Alder Grove, PBIS Rules!

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach that schools use to improve school safety and promote positive behavior.

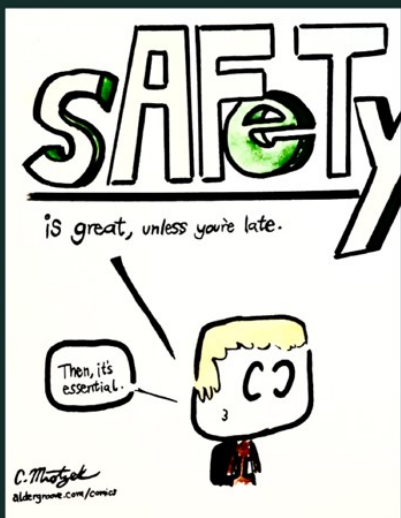


Read the Alder Grove PBIS rules below, and then draw a picture of what one of the rules looks like or means to you. Check the box next to the rule you chose. Feel free to use other paper and/or any medium (paint, digital, etc). Your picture might be featured in the school newsletter and/or on a poster hanging up in the school!

Turn your art in to your CT or the front desk at school.

- ★ Be Safe.
- ★ Be Responsible.
- ★ Be Respectful.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use kind and respectful language. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask for help when needed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use an appropriate voice volume. | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep conversations positive and school appropriate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use materials and supplies correctly. | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect learning in the school. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow directions the first time. | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect each other. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up after yourself. | <input type="checkbox"/> Use sink, toilet, and towels as intended. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a tobacco, alcohol, and drug free campus. | <input type="checkbox"/> Report problems to an adult. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give each other appropriate space. | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect privacy in the bathroom. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat and drink in designated areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash hands after touching your face. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wear your mask correctly at school. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash your hands after using the bathroom. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use computers for schoolwork only. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay home if you are sick. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be respectful of other people's property. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be an active listener. |



\$5 GIFT CARD FOR ENTERING!

ALDER GROVE
CHARTER SCHOOL

**STUDENT
ART
CONTEST**



Alder Grove needs your artwork to decorate our halls! Artists of any age are invited to create artwork in the themes of **SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, and/or RESPECTFUL**. Submit your artwork to Crystal Collins For more info, email Crystal at crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org or text or call at (707) 572-6846

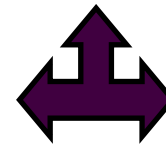




For Grades TK - 6th Graders: Holiday Craft Party! at Alder Grove

Friday, December 17th 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades K-6 parents bring students and drop them off to make gifts! Everyone must wear masks.
Parents: on the day of the event please bring your child inside and sign them in.



And Also —
More Halloween
Party Photos!



Virtual College and Career Hour

Jen Burtram and TRIO advisor Alex Banaskiewicz

Tuesdays 11:30-12:40

Open to ALL students grades 8-12

Credit determined/issued by CT

8th graders can make a four year educational plan

Get help with:

- Completing their FAFSAs
- Applying to college
- Picking CR classes
- Writing essays for scholarships
- Making resumes
- Getting connected to potential job placements for after high school.



Here is the zoom link if you have an eighth grader or high school student who could use some support.

Tuesdays 11:30-12:40

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72098276219?pwd=K1pra2FYVvK9ZSTR6MUUs0SytPQzUzQT09>

WorkAbility I (WAI)	Transition Partnership Program (TPP)
	
 <p>Who we are A California transition support program serving Humboldt County by helping students prepare for life outside of high school.</p>	 <p>Who we are A statewide vocational training program designed to prepare high school students (16-21) for future employment.</p>
<p>Funded by California Department of Education (CDE)</p>	<p>Funded by California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)</p>
 <p>Who is eligible High School students with an active IEP</p>	<p>Who is eligible High School students between the ages of 16 and 21 and at least one of these options is true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a 504 Plan or are eligible for one • Have an IEP • Other documented disability
<p>What are WAI Student Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments (Career, Learning Style, Soft Skills, etc.) • Exposure to Post-Secondary Education Opportunities • Career Exploration (options that lead to a living wage) • Job Seeking Skills • On-the-Job Coaching • Practice in Self-Advocacy (communicating their disability-related work support and accommodation needs.) • Independent Living Skills (potential for paid work experience) 	<p>What are TPP Student Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Exploration • Workplace Readiness Training • Work-Based Learning Experiences (including paid employment) • Post-Secondary Counseling • Self Advocacy 
<p>How to Get Started? Request a 1 on 1 meeting Teachers: schedule classroom or small group presentations</p>	<p>How to Get Started? Contact your high school TPP office</p>
<p>Contact Tabatha Pittman, Lead Vocation Caseworker 707-441-3927 tpitman@hcoe.org</p>	<p>Contact</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>With an IEP you can be a part of both programs!</p> 	

TPP/Workability:
Students with IEP/504s who want to explore careers and get work experience, contact:
jaimemay@aldergrovecharter.org



It's time to apply for Fall 2022!
Priority application deadline is Nov. 30
[Apply Now](#) - link to HSU Office of Admissions.

What is a Cal Grant Award?
<https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award>
Humboldt Area Foundation Scholarship Workbook: <https://www.hafoundation.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Grantmaking/Scholarships/2021.2022%20Scholarship%20Preparation%20Workbook%20Updated.pdf>

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

I just wanted to remind you about the [FAFSA!](#) The FREE Application for Federal Student Aid.

This is your ticket to two free years of community college as well as extra money from the [CAL GRANT](#) for college/training to use for books, computers, etc. for school! The FAFSA is also used to determine eligibility for many scholarships!

I have two awesome Student Success Coaches this year to assist our seniors in completing the FAFSA! Their names are Brianna and Charlie. They might be calling you soon to set up a time to chat about your future plans and help you complete this important application.

Please contact jenburtram@aldergrovecharter.org if you have any questions!



Sign up for a FREE Math and/or Reading program

Did you know that is as little as 15 minutes a day, your student can work towards closing gaps they have in Reading and/or Mathematics? Ask your CT today if you would like for your student to participate in this FREE program, courtesy of Alder Grove Charter School!!

Targeted Intervention that Delivers a Better Path Forward

Edgenuity **MyPath® K-5** and **MyPath® 6-12** are personalized learning programs for reading and math that deliver high-impact, engaging lessons that target the specific skills students need to get back to grade level. These innovative programs tailor learning to the needs of each student with technology that prioritizes age-appropriate content and optimizes learning to maximize student success.

MyPath K-5

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Edgenuity
MyPath®

MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

CR COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM!

Earn high school and college credit at the same time!

NO COST TO STUDENTS!

- Complete a CR online application
- Complete a concurrent enrollment form and return to the office
- Register for classes within two business days
- Contact your CT or jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org for more info

Students can take any classes offered at CR including ASL, Science, Math, English, Art, Theater, Spanish, Construction, Computer Science, History, Music...and MORE!! Check it out www.redwoods.edu

CR COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

COLLEGE CREDIT FOR WORKING AND VOLUNTEERING!

- Apply to CR online
- Complete a Concurrent Enrollment Form
- Sign up for CR Work Experience (Through AG and put on master)
- Pick one day/time per week to check in virtually or in person with instructor (Jen) for 10 mins.
- Earn 1 college credit per semester.

December 2021

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			<p>1</p> <p>Science Fair Meeting 1:30pm</p> 		<p>3</p> <p>Deadline for Student Mental Health Surveys</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Parent Zoom Workshop 12pm</p> 
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Governance Council Meeting 10:30am</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Holiday Craft Party 3-5pm</p> <p>Class Registration Lottery 4:30pm</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>WINTER BREAK—NO SCHOOL</p> 						
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	
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