



Hello Alder Grove Families,

If you're new to AGCS, welcome! If you are returning, welcome back! I hope you had a summer that included at least some rest and rejuvenation.

What a wild ride the last couple of years have been. We are excited to welcome you back and are fully open with classes, clubs, events, and meetings on campus.

Here are some items we are looking forward to sharing with you:

**Synchronous Instruction/Supports:** Our CTs (credentialed teachers) will continue to offer opportunities for daily live instruction to TK-3 grade students, daily live interaction to 4-8 grade students, and weekly live instruction to 4-12 grade students. These opportunities include:

- More opportunities to interact with your teacher and utilize other supports offered by AGCS
- Academic and Attendance Intervention Meeting (AAIM) procedures for students who are missing work
- Strategies to re-engage students who are missing work and/or meetings

We are excited by the opportunities to see our students more! Talk to your CT for scheduling information, and more information about additional supports like tutoring, labs, support classes, etc.

**Mental Health Workbooks:** We realize that the last few years have been rough, and are offering free (not out of student budget) mental health and wellness workbooks to late elementary to high school students. Come see our display in the waiting area, and/or talk to your CT about ordering.

**New Staff:** I would like to welcome three new staff members: New CTs Stephane, Rachael, and Tara, new Speech and Language Pathologist Wendy, new Education Specialist (SPED) Steve, and School Psychologist Fieldwork Student Sean. I would also like to thank the wonderful employees who have moved on to other careers: Terri and Catarina (teachers), Teri and Nina (SLPs). We will miss you all.

**Governance Council (school board):** We are in need of two more Governance Council (GC) members. The GC is our school board, and these wonderful, hard-working folks make important decisions about our school ensuring smooth operations, wise spending of taxpayer dollars, reasonable and sound policies, and many other crucial areas. Please email [jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org) if you would like any information or would like to join! Thank you to our current GC members, and welcome to our newest member [David Turner](#)!

If you have any questions about anything in this letter, please contact your CT. They are a wealth of information!

Once again, welcome. I am looking forward to a fantastic school year. Thank you for choosing Alder Grove Charter School!

Tim Warner, Director

## **Alder Grove Charter School Hours of Operation: 8:30am—4:30pm**

Library Hours: 9am—4pm

No Appointment Needed

Check in at the Front Desk

We have a new phone system.

When you call, please listen to the list of extensions to reach staff members directly.

Remember, your CT should be your first contact for any questions you may have.

## WHAT IS GS7 FROM THE ALDER GROVE CLASSES SCHEDULE?



### GS7 is College and Career Readiness with Financial Literacy:

- Year long class.
- Can be taken **in person** with Jen OR **online** with Brooke.
- Concurrent class (3.0 credits), all students will apply to CR and complete concurrent paperwork with help from Jen and Brooke, and a representative from CR.
- Meets the graduation requirement for College and Career Readiness.
- Meets the graduation requirement for Additional Math.

### Additional Info:

- This class will complete some of the requirements for your student to earn the Seal of Civic Engagement on their high school diploma.
- Does your student prefer to work independently? This class can be taken online with no class meetings required. (Not eligible for CR credits, must complete the entire course to meet the College and Career Readiness graduation requirement).

FINANCIAL LITERACY



**OCTOBER 5TH—9:30 AM—HSU CENTER ARTS—CIRQUE MECHANICS IN ZEPHYR—30 SEATS—\$8.00 PERSON—CASH ONLY**

Cirque Mechanics returns to Cal Poly Humboldt with their newest production Zephyr, a theatrical circus show that, unlike historical windmills, harnesses human power, instead of wind to generate an energetic acrobatic experience. Cirque Mechanics, although inspired by modern circus, finds its roots in the mechanical and its heart in the stories of American ingenuity. The stories are wrapped in circus acrobatics, mechanical wonders and a bit of clowning around.

## DEVELOPING NUMERICAL FLUENCY

Every month we will feature a new math tip or resource from the book *Developing Numerical Fluency* by Patsy Kanter and Steven Leinwand.

We hope you and your students love these tips as the Alder Grove CTs do!

### What is Numerical Fluency:

- Numerical fluency is about understanding, not memorization.
- Numerical fluency is supported by fingers, pictures, and all sorts of materials- that is, multiple representations that best fit individual students' conceptions.
- Numerical fluency develops when students communicate their understanding and construct and share their strategies.
- Numerical fluency is developed much more through engaging tasks and activities with rich questions and student discourse than through endless practice with mindless "get-the-answer" worksheets.

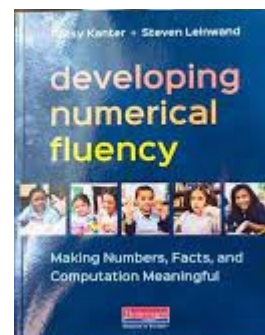
### What Numerical Fluency is not:

- Fluency is not instantaneous recall.
- Fluency doesn't mean that students don't use their fingers.
- Fluency doesn't always indicate a student's mathematical ability.
- Finger activity: <https://www.youcubed.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Finger-Activities-vF.pdf>

**Specifically for lower grades:** <https://www.youcubed.org/tasks/mouse-count/>  
(Book needed for this task: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=mouse+count+read+aloud](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mouse+count+read+aloud))

**Also for lower grades:** <https://www.youcubed.org/tasks/pig/>

Materials: dice (Most students have these at home and this works well during Daily Live Interaction)



## ON CAMPUS AND VIRTUAL LABS

### Study Hall

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (Room 2)
Tony 8:45-1:30	Tony 8:45-1	Tony 8:45-1	Tony 8:45-1	See Math Lab 10-3
See Math Lab 1:30-3	See Math Lab 1-3	Cassie 1-3	Jasper 1-3	

### On Campus and Virtual Math Lab

Virtual - students can log on to [meet.google.com](https://meet.google.com/mathlab123) with the code mathlab123

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (Room 2)
Jasper 10-12	Jasper 10-12	Jasper 10-12	Jasper 10-12	Cassie 10-11
Myah 12-1:30	Adelinea 12-1	Cassie 12-1:30	Adelinea 12-1	Myah 11-1
Jasper 1:30-3	Cassie 1-3	Jasper 1:30-3	Cassie 1-3	Jasper 1-3

### Spanish Lab

ON CAMPUS: Wednesdays from 1:10-2:05pm in **Room 2**

OR VIRTUALLY (ZOOM):

<https://zoom.us/j/92285207482?pwd=NUVWSTFTL1U0bzR4bi9KSXVXeWpMQT09>

Meeting ID: 922 8520 7482

Passcode: 22espanoL

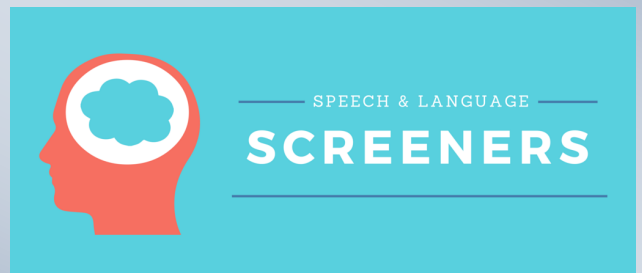
## MANDATORY SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SCREENING

Dear Teachers and Parents/Guardians,

Beginning this October, we will be offering an intensive Pre-Literacy Skills program to primary grade students. This program will target phonemic awareness and narrative language skills in a small group setting. The purpose of these groups is to strengthen the foundation of oral language skills needed for students to become future readers. Research has shown that early identification and intervention of these skills has the greatest impact on future literacy development.

In order to identify the students who would benefit most from the Pre-Literacy Skills program, or may benefit from additional speech and language support, we will be conducting a mandatory speech and language screening to all TK-1st grade students. CT's and families with TK, K, and first grade students will work together to find a time for the student to come on campus for the screening. Please see the sign-up sheet emailed to CT's and schedule any available 30 minute slot with your student's name. After the screening, the speech-language pathologist will contact you with the results and recommendations.

Thank you for your help in coordinating this mandatory screening for TK-1st grade students. Please contact Wendy Bade, speech language pathologist, with any questions at [wendy.bade@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:wendy.bade@aldergrovecharter.org)





ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL

# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

September 30 from 5-7pm  
in the AGCS parking lot



Feeling healthy and excited to start school? Join us outside of the school to tie-dye a school t-shirt, meet with teachers, parents, and students, check out curriculum tables, and student learning projects.

Have a favorite curriculum, game, or student project to share? Please contact Sunshine Lee at [sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org) to reserve a table

Visiting Author:

**Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen**

Friday, October 21st, 2022  
9:30-11:30am



Come and meet our visiting author and take part in one or both of her presentations (9:30-10:30, and 10:30 to 11:30). There will be a drawing for 2 students to have a free lunch with Sudipta on October 21st at 12 pm. 2 Students will also have the chance to win an Author Festival t-shirt! Look for the box on the office counter to enter the raffle. Fill out a free raffle ticket to be drawn on October 14th, and drop it in the raffle box! (Only 1 raffle ticket per student please). There are also raffle tickets you can buy for \$1 to win 25 autographed books, or 1 autographed book.

**BOOKS WRITTEN BY SUDIPTA BARDHAN-QUALLEN:**

If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, email Randi at [randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org). Please check out the bulletin board at school for more information! <https://www.sudipta.com/>

Chicks Run Wild  
Pirate Princess  
Half-Pint Pete the Pirate  
Hampire  
Purrmaids  
The Adventures of Caveboy Merida

## GENDER AND SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE CLUB

The Gender and Sexualities Alliance club is actively recruiting club members!

The club meets every Friday at 11am; it's free and everyone is welcome!

Cassie, the club's faculty advisor, has been a teacher with Alder Grove since 2012.

The GSA actively works to create a safe environment for all people, no matter who and no matter what.

Please email [cassie.moulton@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:cassie.moulton@aldergrovecharter.org) to join, or with any comments, suggestions, and/or questions you might have.



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY Teen Court**

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE REDWOODS**

# JURY TRAINING FOR 8TH-12TH GRADERS

ATTEND EITHER:  
**OCT 27 OR NOV 10**

4:15PM TO 6:15PM

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!  
[hcteencourt@bgcredwoods.org](mailto:hcteencourt@bgcredwoods.org)  
Call: 707-444-0153  
Text: 7073621514

TEEN COURT:  
939 HARRIS ST,  
EUREKA

TEEN COURT is a real court run by youth for youth. It is teens creating positive and restorative change for our community through advocacy and action. [www.hcteencourt.org](http://www.hcteencourt.org)

# Upcoming Events

SEP  
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## EUREKA WATERFRONT: CLEANUP DAY FIELD TRIP

Waterfront trail from Blue Ox Millworks to Tydd St  
Meet in CVS parking lot @ 11 am  
No Cost - Siblings Ok  
Guardian must attend with student, not a drop off event.  
Sign up with the front office.

SEP  
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## MAD RIVER ROAD PUMPKIN PATCH FIELD TRIP

Grades K-6 - No cost.  
In Arcata from 9-10 am - Please no siblings.  
Guardian must attend with student, not a drop off event.  
Please arrive and leave on time.  
Sign up with the front office.  
30 spots available, only 15 parking spots available.

OCT  
11

## PICTURE DAY!!

9:00AM - 2:00PM - **There are no 'make-up' days!**  
This is your one and only opportunity to get photos taken,  
and Student ID cards ordered.  
(Order online or bring cash or check on the day)

INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

# MARZ

MEDIA ARTS RESOURCE ZONE

marzproject@inkpeople.org | (707) 442-8413

**DROP-IN UPDATE**  
**TUE-THU. 3-6PM**  
**@ 627 3RD ST IN EUREKA**

Continue your CTE Experience after school! The  
MARZ Studio is open to all students interested in  
the Arts, Media, and Entertainment industry!



ATTENTION



If you are interested in participating in the  
school spelling bee or the school geography bee  
in January, please email Randi Mead  
at [randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org)

EUREKA-KAMISU SISTER CITY



# PENPAL PROJECT



**BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE!**

The first batch of postcards will be sent off  
on **SEPTEMBER 5th!** Make sure to get your  
letter in the mailbox before then!  
You can now find it at the front office at  
**ALDER GROVE!**

INTRODUCTION LETTERS ARE STILL  
BEING ACCEPTED! Please make sure you  
put your name and age at the top of the  
postcard, so we know who wrote the letter.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:  
[EUREKA-KAMISU.ORG/PENPALS](http://EUREKA-KAMISU.ORG/PENPALS)

Email [jay.tilghman@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:jay.tilghman@aldergrovecharter.org) if you  
have any questions.

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SUMMER HAS BEEN SO  
HOT IN KAMISU!  
WHAT'S SUMMER LIKE  
IN EUREKA??



HELLO AGCS FAMILIES,

Breakfast AND lunch are FREE for  
all Alder Grove students.

No application is required.

Come join us daily in the meal  
service area.

Breakfast begins at 9:50 am  
Monday-Thursday and 9:35 am  
Friday.

Lunch begins at 12:40 pm Mon-  
day-Thursday (hot lunch) and  
12:00 pm Friday (cold lunch).

For information about our meal  
program, school wellness policy,  
and more, please visit our web-  
site at [aldergrovecharter.org](http://aldergrovecharter.org).





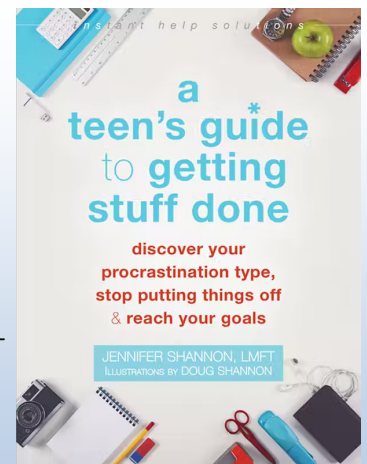
## PBIS FEATURED BOOK OF THE MONTH:

Do you procrastinate? And if so, what's your procrastination type? In this fun and illustrated guide, author Jennifer Shannon blends acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) and cognitive behavioral strategies to help you recognize your procrastination habits, discover the strengths of your unique procrastination type, and find the motivation you need to meet important deadlines and reach your highest goals.

In the midst of modern-day distractions like smartphones, social media, and endless hours of movie and television streaming, it's no wonder you procrastinate! But despite what you may have heard, procrastination *doesn't* make you a bad or lazy person. In fact, procrastination may even work for you sometimes—creating a sense of urgency that can help you focus. But if procrastination doesn't work for you, it can get in the way of meeting your full potential—in high school, college, your career, and life. So, how can you get things done and be your very best?

Click here for more information:

<https://www.newharbinger.com/9781626255876/a-teens-guide-to-getting-stuff-done/>



### INVITING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES



## NORTH COAST COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO

# SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

AT COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS • 5:30PM - 8:00PM

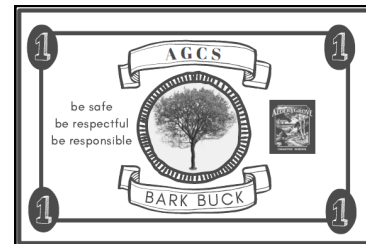
OVER 50 COLLEGE & CAREER REPRESENTATIVES TABLING!  
10 WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM!

College overviews, financial aid, NCAA eligibility, career technical workshops and more! Visit [hcoe.org/ccx](http://hcoe.org/ccx) to plan your evening.

SPANISH INTERPRETERS WILL BE AVAILABLE


EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU...

BUY IN STORE	BUY ONLINE
 <b>BUY</b> Box Tops Products	<span style="background-color: yellow; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">1</span> <b>SIGN UP</b> on the app or at BTFE.com
 <b>SCAN</b> your store receipt	<span style="background-color: green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">2</span> <b>SHOP</b> online
 <b>EARN</b> Box Tops for your school	<span style="background-color: blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">3</span> <b>FORWARD</b> your digital receipt
	<span style="background-color: red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">4</span> <b>EARN</b> Box Tops for your school



Brand New Bark Bucks!

## PBIS UPDATE: AUGUST 2022

Welcome back to school, Alder Grove community! We are looking forward to a great 2022-23 school year, with some exciting new changes to our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS):

1. **Brand new Bark Bucks** — Our Bark Bucks have been simplified to make them more user friendly and easier to give out to students.
2. **School Store** — New this school year! Instead of holding a weekly raffle, students will be able to collect their Bark Bucks to use at our school store.

Prizes range from small to large so students have the option of saving up for a treasured item, or spending their bucks on smaller items more frequently.

The school store will be open during breakfast and lunch, and at 2:30pm each day. It is located in the last cubby, right next to the study hall area.

Coming soon: We are in the process of creating PBIS posters for each section of the school, so be on the lookout for these cool new additions!



## MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Across the country there is growing recognition of the importance of meeting the mental and behavioral health needs of children, and the critical role of schools in doing this work.



- One in five students suffers from a mental health disorder and roughly 80% of children who are in need of mental health services do not receive them
- Recent data collected during the COVID19 pandemic indicates that roughly one in four students over the age of 11 have experienced suicide ideation
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death of children between 12 and 17 years of age
- 70–80% of students who do receive mental health services receive them in school
- Students are more likely to seek help if they need it if services are available in schools

It is common practice for schools statewide and nationwide to use a mental health screening tool to gather social, emotional data to inform mental health supports. **Alder Grove Charter also uses a mental health screening tool with 4th-12th grade students to gather this data.**

### Universal screening data will be used for:

- Examining the pulse of our school and understanding the unique needs of our students as a whole and individually.
- Informing and implementing a range of mental and behavioral health supports and interventions.
- Early intervention for students identified as being at risk for mental health issues (which is known to be critical in prevention of worsening issues).
- Ongoing safety and crisis prevention.
- Engaging in a broad range of community partnerships to further support students and families.
- Informing professional development for school staff, families, and communities.

### Universal screening data will NOT be used for:

- Labeling students with mental health disorders. (Mental health disorders can only be diagnosed by medical doctors.)
- Mandating support services for individuals or groups. All supports are optional and will follow the “family choice” motto of Alder Grove.
- Pushing interventions that families would not like for their student(s).
- Sharing information about individual students with anyone outside of a relevant school team, including parent/guardians.

**The universal screening tool being utilized is called the Behavioral and Emotional Screening System (BESS) and consists of a short student survey that is estimated to take 3-5 minutes to complete.** The BESS student survey examines internalizing risk, self-regulation, and personal adjustment. All data gathered is confidential, and individual data will not be shared with those outside of relevant school staff and parent/guardians.

CTs will complete online surveys with students during the month of September. A very high participation rate is critical to informing our efforts. Even if you do not have concerns, **it is the expectation that all students in the 4th-12th grades will participate.**

Please reach out to Nichole Dollarhide, Director of Special Services, School Psychologist (572-0099), or Crystal Collins, School Psychologist (572-6846) if you have any questions or concerns. Specific information about screening tool administration will be shared with your CT in the next couple of weeks.

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[crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org)







## 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](mailto: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](http://www.redwoods.edu)



## 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.

## 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.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5  LABOR DAY <b>Labor Day</b> School Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Governance Council 10:30am 	14	15	16	17 Clean Up Day Field Trip 11am 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip K-6 	30 Back to School Night! 5-7pm 	

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