



Hello Alder Grove Families,

I can't believe that autumn is upon us already! As school is in full-swing, I love the semi-warm days and crisp nights that lead into fall.

It looks like the Alder Grove staff, our students, and the families we support have experienced a smooth start and are finding an educational groove. We have the most students participating in campus classes since the pandemic, so it's exciting to see so many students! Please let your CT know if your student needs anything to support their academics, including tutoring and labs in math and language arts and many online supports/courses. We are here to support you and your students!

**Events:** By the time you are reading this, we will have already had Back to School Night. We hope you were able to come have a snack, meet staff, and see some curriculum ideas and programs. Thanks to Randi and Sunshine for organizing this event. In addition, Randi also organized picture day on Tuesday, October 10th. Come down to get pictures taken and a free ID card will be included!

**Breaks Between Classes:** Students who have breaks between classes should be working on homework in Study Hall or meeting with their CT. *Please send students who have breaks in their day with homework to complete so that they can use their time wisely. High school students can leave campus with parent permission. Unfortunately, we just don't have enough space for unproductive hanging out and meeting-space priority will be given to teachers meeting with students. Thank you for understanding and thank you to our Study Hall teachers for supporting students and keeping everything running smoothly.*

**Test Prep:** And finally, it's not too early to start thinking about standardized testing. In the spring we are mandated to test all students in 2nd-8th and 11th grades in language arts and math, and science once in high school. We appreciate your student's participation. This year, in an effort to continue increasing those CAASPP (Smarter Balanced) test scores, we will be adding online test preparation classes from Mr. D. (math) and WriteAtHome (writing). **Our charter's renewal in 2026 is largely dependent on the test scores showing improvement three years in a row.** *Thank you for understanding our balancing act between parent choice and accountability as we strive to provide a personalized education for each student as well as keep our charter and stay open. Stay tuned for more information!*

We deeply appreciate our students and families. Thank you for choosing Alder Grove! Happy fall, y'all!

Tim Warner, Director



## ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION:

**8:30am—4:30pm**

Library Hours: 9am—4pm

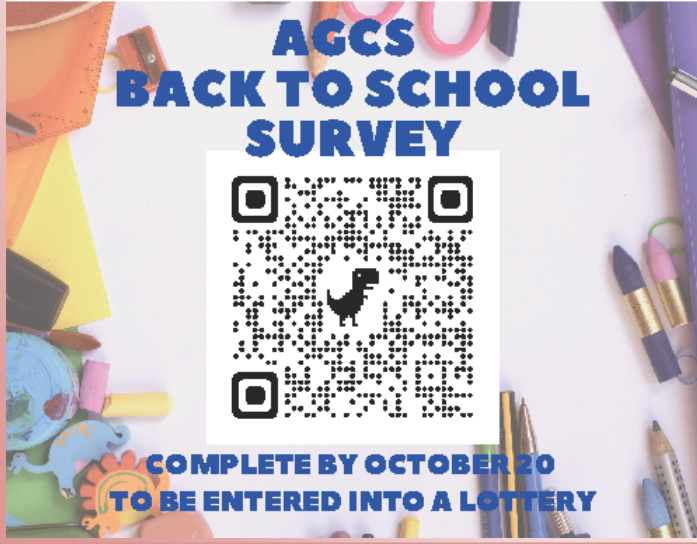


### Reminder:

If your student is going to be absent, or miss a meeting, please contact the teacher, ed specialist, or tutor directly to let them know with as much notice as possible. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR CORNER:

Evolving as a school needs the entire community's input.  
We hope you join us in this effort.  
PLEASE fill out this [short survey](#) by October 20th!  
We want to hear your voice!  
Look for our table at Back to School Night to win a prize!  
We sincerely appreciate your time and your opinions.



**AGCS  
BACK TO SCHOOL  
SURVEY**

**COMPLETE BY OCTOBER 20  
TO BE ENTERED INTO A LOTTERY**

## MEAL PROGRAM / WELLNESS POLICY

Check out the Alder Grove Meal Program tab on our website for links to healthy celebration treats and non-food rewards for students, healthy school fundraising ideas, and a Smart Snacks calculator and list of food and beverages that meet the Smart Snack nutrition standards.

Also, don't forget that Alder Grove serves breakfast and lunch to all students FREE of charge with no application or sign-up required!

Breakfast: Monday-Friday at 8:35am

Lunch: Monday-Thursday at 12:40pm  
Friday at 12:00pm.



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**MEDIA ARTS RESOURCE ZONE**

**INKPEOPLE.ORG/MARZPROJECT**

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

## MEDIA ARTS TRAINING FOR YOUTH AGED 12-26

627 3RD ST IN EUREKA

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND THE LATEST  
UPDATES & DROP-IN IN HOURS!

## NO MORE CLIPPING

**BOX  
TOPS  
FOR  
EDUCATION**

SCAN  
YOUR RECEIPT

SEE HOW AT  
**BTFE.COM**

Please support Student Council  
and buy delicious See's Candy!

'Tis the Season for  
Holiday Yum-Raising

Use this link or QR code to shop our  
store: (Thank you!)

GET STARTED ►



[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/aldergcs\\_student\\_council\\_candy\\_shop\\_79/Nic\\_DoI5878/](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/aldergcs_student_council_candy_shop_79/Nic_DoI5878/)



## On Campus & Virtual Labs

All labs are free.

### Study Hall/Math Lab

Monday-Friday

9:00-3:00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Suzanne (9:00-1:00)	Jasper (9:00-10:15)	Cassie (9:00-1:00)	Jasper (9-10:15)	Cassie (9-10)
	Leslie (10:15-12:00)		Leslie (10:15-12:00)	Travis (10-3)
Tavia (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	Rachael (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	

### Science Lab

Grades 5-12

Mondays, 2:10-3:30  
(on campus or virtual)

Virtual Link:

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98450313082?pwd=UzhWUkw2dmpFSGZPWGpicFvYTFBUT09>

Google Classroom Join Code: 7w4szh

The Science Lab is a place for students to come for help with their science coursework or to complete hands-on science labs. Additionally, the Science Lab supports students pursuing A-G Independent Study credits in Biology and Chemistry using the Inspire Biology or Chemistry curriculum and is supported with online labs.



### Spanish Games/Homework Help

Grades 4-12

Mondays, 1:10-2:05  
(on campus or virtual)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7282229011?pwd=aDQ3NDIDdkdtZXBXOVZaU0pITXZaQT09>

Meeting ID: 728 222 9011

Passcode: **Hola2023**

The first half hour of this free lab will focus on in-person games designed to increase students' Spanish fluency. The second half hour will include any student who needs homework help with their Spanish both in person and online.

### Virtual Math Lab

students in Algebra 1/Math 1 or higher

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00

Students taking Algebra 1/Math 1 and higher can sign on for extra help with HW as needed. This will be separate from the regular math lab offered on campus.





ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL

# SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 16-20TH

**Unleash Your School Spirit**

**Monday:**  
Ugly Holiday Sweater Day

**Tuesday:**  
Bro Day- hat backwards, skater shoes, big shorts, etc.

**Wednesday:**  
Monochrome Day

**Thursday:**  
Facial Hair Day- we will have fake moustaches at the front office for you!

**Friday:**  
Pajama Day

TK-7th Grade  
Halloween Party  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 2023  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Alder Grove Charter School

EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY IS INVITED. PARENTS MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN. COME IN COSTUMES AND ENJOY GAMES AND ACTIVITIES. COME AND ENJOY FRESH PRESSED APPLE JUICE.

JOIN US FOR A  
**Halloween party**  
8th-12th grade  
ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL  
FRIDAY | **27** | 6-8 PM  
OCT.

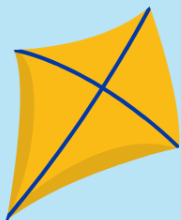
- COSTUME CONTEST
- PRIZES
- GAMES
- FOOD
- MOVIE
- SNACKS
- DRINKS

-NO COSTUMES THAT ARE PROVOCATIVE, REVEALING, OR SEXUAL IN CONTEXT  
-NO COSTUMES THAT DEPICT VIOLENCE, ALCOHOL, OR DRUGS.  
-FAKE WEAPONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.  
-NO COSTUMES THAT COULD BE OFFENSIVE OR PERPETUATE A STEREOTYPE OF SOMEONE'S CULTURE, GENDER, HERITAGE OR RELIGION

# SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10  
9-3 PM  
ON SCHOOL STAGE

THIS IS YOUR ONE AND ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO GET PHOTOS TAKEN, AND STUDENT ID CARDS ORDERED. THERE ARE NO 'MAKE-UP' DAYS.  
ORDER ONLINE  
@[HTTPS://V2.MYPROIMAGES.COM/KATIE-ANNE-PHOTOGRAPHY-2103/CODE/CJDX](https://v2.myproimages.com/katie-anne-photography-2103/code/cjdx)



# OCTOBER

## FIELD TRIPS / EVENTS

### ORGANIC MATTERS RANCH PUMPKIN PATCH

OCT 5TH, 10-11 AM GRADES TK-6

\$5 CASH. 40 TK-6TH KIDS. SIGN UP WITH THE FRONT OFFICE.

FULL

### LITTLE RIVER FARM-EUREKA

OCT 5TH 11-12 PM. 15 CARS AND 30 PEOPLE. COME AND PICK APPLES.

FULL

### PICTURE DAY

OCT 10TH 9-3PM PLATFORM AREA

### SEQUOIA ZOO

OCT 12TH 1PM. TOUR OF ZOO AND BARNYARD 30 TK-6TH KIDS \$4 CASH

### HALLOWEEN PARTY!

FRIDAY, OCT 27TH, 2-4 PM HERE AT ALDER GROVE. FOR GRADES TK-7TH.



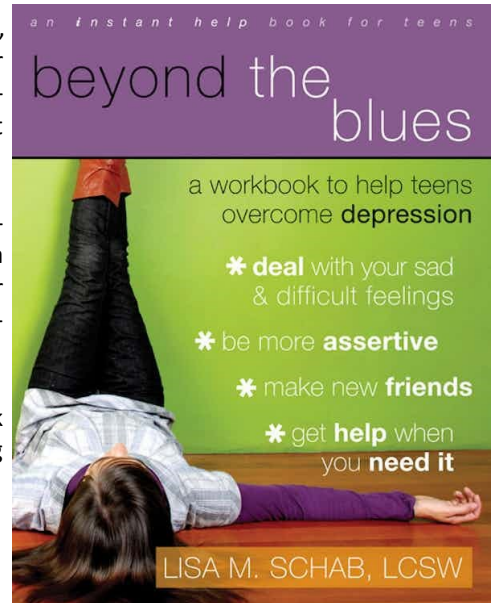
## PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH

The activities in **Beyond the Blues** can help you cope with sad and difficult feelings, find new ways to make friends, and deal with conflicts. Little by little and on your own schedule, you can make small changes in your life that will lead you to a brighter, more enjoyable future. Since everyone is different and heals in slightly different ways, this book presents a wide variety of exercises.

Know that as you work through this book, you are doing something good for yourself. You are learning to cope with your feelings and take care of yourself in a healthy way. You can learn to manage depression just like you learned to tie your shoes or read and write. Just give it a chance and be patient with yourself. You deserve to feel good, and you will if you keep working at it!

If you're feeling depressed, don't be afraid to reach out for help. This workbook offers things you can do, both on your own and with a counselor, to start feeling more like yourself again.

Click here for more information: <https://www.newharbinger.com/9781572246119/beyond-the-blues/>



## OCTOBER 2023 PBIS UPDATE

Happy Fall, Alder Grove! The PBIS team hopes that you are having a great start to the school year. It has been wonderful to see all the smiling faces back on campus, and to welcome all our new AGCS students! Here are some Bark Buck FAQs for those who are new to Alder Grove or who would like a refresher:

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- Question: What are bark bucks? Answer: Bark bucks are Alder Grove's form of currency (aka money!) that are used to purchase items from the Bark Buck store.
- Question: How do I earn bark bucks? Answer: You can earn bark bucks by following school expectations. These are found on posters all around the school campus, and your teacher may have specific expectations for your class too.
- Question: I earned a bark buck! Where do I go to spend it? Answer: The Bark Buck store is located behind the table where the teacher in charge of study hall/math lab sits (stay tuned for a new name for this area of the school too)
- Question: When is the Bark Buck store open? Answer: For the most part, the store will be open during study hall hours Monday-Thursday. Please note that there may be times that the store is unavailable during study hall, and a sign will be posted letting you know.
- Question: I don't see the prizes that I really want at the store, what should I do? Answer: Give us suggestions for the items that you'd like to see at the store by turning in a suggestion card or telling your CT. We love to receive new ideas for what to add to our store inventory!

Do you have more questions or any suggestions about bark bucks or positive behavior at Alder Grove?

Please let us know! Email us at: [pbis@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:pbis@aldergrovecharter.org)

**PBIS Committee Members:** Tim Warner, Superintendent; Stefani Gambrel, Principal; Nichole Dollarhide, Director of Special Services & School Psychologist; Shana Langer, Community Schools Coordinator; Crystal Collins, School Psychologist; Becky Garraway, Class Coordinator and Classroom Aide; Cedar Smith, Credentialed Teacher (CT) and On-campus Class Teacher; Luana Nelson, SPED/Vendor Relations Secretary; Jasper Severn, Math Proficient Lunch Lady.

**PBIS Vision Statement:** Our PBIS Committee will work to improve school climate by creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment at Alder Grove with the goal of increasing positive social, emotional, and academic outcomes.





## 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



# October 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4 	5 Pumpkin Patch 10am  Little River Farm 11am	6	7
8	9	10 Picture Day 9-3  Governance Council 10:30am	11	12 Sequoia Zoo 1pm 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>SPIRIT WEEK</b>						
22	23	24	25	26	27 Halloween Party TK-7 2-4pm  Halloween Party 8-12 6-8pm	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

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