ALDER GROVE

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~Alder Grove News~ December 2023

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Hello Alder Grove Students and Families,

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

I just want to say how grateful I am to AGCS staff for working so hard for our students and families. You all deserve a relaxing and rejuvenating winter break!

Leadership Team: Would you like to give more input on our awesome school? We would love your participation on the Leadership Team (which is similar to what some schools call a school site council). The AGCS Leadership Team meets virtually on the first Monday of most months at 10:00 am, and participants give input on policies and procedures, programs, priorities, and other nuts and bolts areas of the school. *The next meeting is Monday, January 8th at 10:00 am. Join us if you can. We would love more parent participation! Email Jenifer for more info: jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org*

Community School Survey: As part of the community school planning grant, we're asking families to take our community school survey. If you haven't already, please scan the QR code in the newsletter and take this quick survey...the data will be used to apply for an implementation grant that will be used to bring more services and supports to the students and families of AGCS.

Flu Season: We are back in cold and flu season, so please stay home and rest if you have flu symptoms. Let's work together to keep each other healthy. If you need COVID-19 tests, please ask the front office. We have plenty!

PBIS: We are continuing to build our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program on campus. We continue to see the results of encouraging students to make good decisions, and the Bark Bucks store is enjoying a robust business. Way to go, team!

Craft Fair: Our annual Winter Craft Party is scheduled for December 21st from 3:00 to 5:00. Students can be dropped off at this fun event, but please pick them up promptly at 5. Thank you!

Science Fair: If your student is interested in creating a science project, you can find information about how to sign up later in this newsletter. It's always fun and educational to see what our students are working on in the world of science.

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, Superintendent/Executive Director

ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION:

8:30am-4:30pm

Library Hours: 9am—4pm

If you ride your bike to school, please use the bike rack in the outside lunch area.

Thank you!

DECEMBER 2023 PBIS UPDATE

The days are getting shorter as the year comes to a close, but this also brings us closer together. The PBIS committee wants to thank all of our wonderful students for making Alder Grove such a welcoming place. Our student store will have some holiday festive items that would be perfect for gifts among family and friends.



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

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.

LAST CHANCE FOR SURVEY!

We've received completed surveys from 40% of families so far.

We want to hear from everyone.



If you have not yet completed this short survey, please do so right away.

Your voice is important!



We sincerely appreciate your time and your opinions.

PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH

If you have anxiety, your fears and worries can keep you from feeling confident and independent. Teen milestones such as making

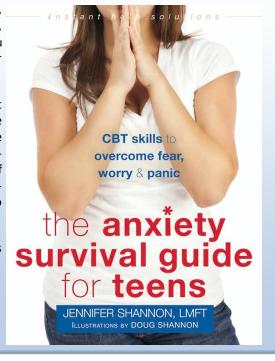
friends, dating, getting good grades, or taking on more mature responsibilities, may seem much more difficult. And if you're like countless other anxious teens, you may even avoid situations that cause you anxiety altogether—leaving you stuck in a cycle of worry and avoidance. So, how can you take control of your anxiety before it takes control of you?

Based in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), this book helps you identify your "monkey mind"—the primitive part of the brain where anxious thoughts arise. You'll also be able to determine if you suffer from generalized anxiety, phobias, social anxiety, panic and agoraphobia, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), or separation anxiety. Full of powerful yet simple cartoon illustrations, this book will teach you practical strategies for handling even the toughest situations that previously caused you to feel anxious or worried.

If you're ready to feel more independent, more confident, and be your best, this unique book will show you how.

Click here for more information:

https://www.newharbinger.com/9781626252431/the-anxiety-survival-guide-for-teens/





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)	Jasper Cassie (9:00-10:15)		Cassie (9:00-10:00)	
	Leslie (10:15-12:00)	(9:00-1:00)	Leslie (10:15-12:00)	Travis (10:00-3:00)	
Tavia (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	Rachael (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	(10.00-3.00)	



Science Lab
Grades 5-12
Mondays, 2:10-3:30
(Room 1 or virtual)
Virtual Link:



Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/i/98450313082?pwd=UzhWUkw2dmpFSGZPWGpiclFvYTFBUT09

Google Classroom Join Code: 7wl4szh

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 (Room 2 or virtual)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 728 222 9011 Passcode: Hola2023

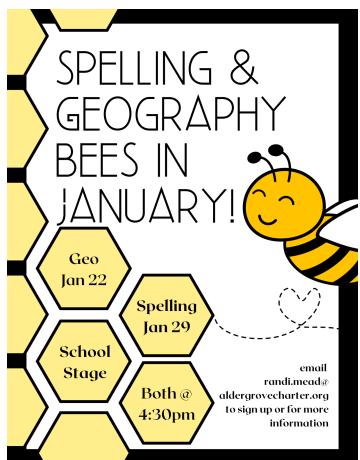
The first half hour of this free lab will focus on in-person games designed to increase students' Spanish fluency. The second half hour will include any student who needs homework help with their Spanish both in person and online.



¡ Hola! Soy Desmond, su agente de viajes. Hoy, quiero hablar de unas vacaciones a San Juan, Puerto Rico.









Conquer the CAASPP is a proven, online, self-paced test prep program for California students in grades 3-8 and 11.



Here are some of the ways your students will benefit from Conquer the CAASPP:

- Growth in executive functioning skills like time management, focus, goal setting, and organization
- Increased confidence on the CAASPP and other tests
- A gamification approach to learning
- Support and encouragement to do their best
- Assemblies to engage and motivate students

Reach out to your CT to learn more and how to register!

Alder Grove will cover the cost of \$75 per student for ELA and \$75 per student for Math.



FORTUNE

Sign Up in the Front Office Cost \$5 TK-12th Grade Welcome

December 8, 2023 4-6 PM Fortuna Skating Rink

Holiday Craft Party Student Council **Bake Sale**

Students can be dropped off to make crafts for their loved ones with staff.

**If students want to sell their own crafts please email Randi at randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3-5 PM 21 DECE 2023

ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL STAGE/PLATFORM AREA

Alder Grove Charter School

Food Drive

November 27 to December 21

To support



www.foodforpeople.org

Your gift will help feed: **Seniors**



Families

in Humboldt County this Holiday Season!

Most needed items:

Canned Fish & Meat Stews, Soups & Chili Canned Vegetables

Peanut Butter Canned Fruit Pasta & Rice



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Spanish Lab

Spanish Lab is now on MONDAYS at 1:10 pm for Group C+/HS.

The first 25 minutes we will be practicing Spanish through games and activities. If you are studying Spanish, this is a fun way to have additional interaction with the language. This time will have a club-like atmosphere and students will be encouraged to listen (and speak if they want) to Spanish.

At 1:35 pm - 2:05 pm, we will shift to homework help. If you have questions about your Spanish curriculum or assignment, this is your time to work with Erica Alston, the HS Spanish teacher. At this time, a ZOOM call will be initiated to help students virtually with Spanish. Come with questions or an assignment that you want to work on together!

We look forward to seeing you there. It's in Room 2 on Mondays 1:10 - 2:05pm

Student Council went to the Betty Chinn Day Center and made some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.





Cross Country Race at College of the Redwoods

Outside Alder Grove during the TK-7th grade Halloween Party



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_Dol5878/



College & Career Readiness

The 2024-2025 FAFSA has been postponed until December. Parents and legal guardians have even more time to gather their necessary paperwork. The most challenging part is typically locating past W-2 forms.

Students attending College of the Redwoods, a university, or trade school (like Frederick and Charles Beauty School) in the Fall of next year need their parent or legal guardian's 2022 W2 forms.

FAFSA or CADAA (for undocumented students) is a state requirement for all of our graduating students. There will be an opt out form available next semester, but this should be a last resort.

<u>UC</u> and <u>CSU</u> and <u>Common App</u> (for private schools) Applications are OPEN! Deadline for UC and CSU application submissions is November 30! Still deciding on WHERE, WHY or HOW you want to go to college? Email <u>ccr@aldergrovecharter.org</u> and one of our awesome College and Career Readiness Team will schedule an appointment with you!

MEAL PROGRAM / WELLNESS POLICY

Check out the Alder Grove Meal Program tab on our website for links to healthy celebration treats and nonfood 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: M-F at 8:35am Lunch: M-Th at 12:40pm

F at 12:00pm.









Senior are required to book at least one session with Ethan. Whether in-person, phone, or Zoom, he's here to help!



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 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.

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 highimpact, 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

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	Roller Skating in Fortuna 4pm	9
10	11	12 Governance Council 10:30am	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	Holiday Craft Party 3pm	22 Winter Break School Closed	23
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