

Hello Alder Grove Families,

Welcome to the spring semester, named after the longer days and blooming flowers right around the corner! I am hoping you've fared well through a break seasoned a little spicy with earthquakes, power outages, and wild storms. We have to be pretty resilient to live up here on the north coast!

I loved the recent music class performances and spelling and geography bees! It's so fun to experience the products of our talented and hard working students.

**State Testing:** We are so excited to host assessments again in person this year. *As you know, we need more than 95% participation with assessments in order to renew our charter and remain open. In preparation, we have teamed up with Mr. D's Math and WriteAtHome for online math and language arts test prep which we will offer at no cost to any student who wishes to participate!* These weekly "Conquer the CAASPP" sessions will help prepare 3rd-8th and 11th grade students for the math and language arts portions of the CAASPP (Smarter Balanced). We are also excited for the return of the Physical Fitness Test, which is due to be turned in by your CT by March 17th. Look for more information about testing in this newsletter or in your email. A big thank you goes out to Stefani who works so hard to assess our students, to the proctors who administer the tests, and to our participating students.

**Field Day:** Join us Thursday, February 9th at 2:30 at the Jefferson Community Park for our first annual AGCS Field Day! We have wanted to have an event like this for a while and it's finally coming together. There will be games, fitness events, snacks, and stations that will give students the opportunity to complete the state's Physical Fitness Test for 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students.

**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 in person and reviews and approves policies and procedures, staffing, budgets, plans and reports, and other nuts and bolts areas of the school. *The next meeting is Tuesday, February 10th 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](mailto:jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org)*

**Student Council:** I would like to give a shout out to our Alder Grove Student Council! This dedicated group of middle and high school students meets every Monday afternoon. It's been so fun to see them grow, expand, take on more responsibility, and plan amazing events. Thank you to their advisors, Randi and Nichole. What a dynamic team!

As always, we are deeply appreciative of all of you. Thank you for choosing AGCS as your personalized learning option for education!

Tim Warner, Director

## **ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:30am—4:30pm**

Library Hours: 9am—4pm

No appointment needed, but please check in at the front desk.

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Looking ahead to Graduation—

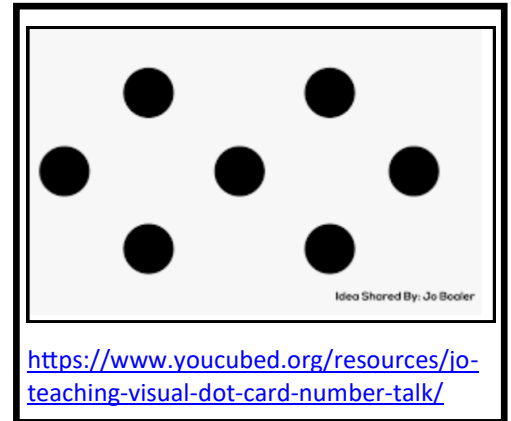
It looks like we will be holding graduation at the Eureka Theater on Thursday, May 25th.

8th and 12th grade graduation information will be mailed out shortly.

## DEVELOPING NUMERICAL FLUENCY—DOT TALK (P. 51)

This is a fun practice in subitizing (instantly seeing how many). Though meant for a large group, this can be modified for one on one work.

- Dot Card Number Talk
  1. Begin by making a dot drawing then flash the drawing to the student and ask the student: How many dots were in my diagram?
  2. Then ask the student to draw a visual representation of what pattern they saw in order to determine how many dots.
  3. Then look at the dots together and describe/draw other visual representations that you see.
  4. Finally share a short clip from the video (1:10-3:50) that shows how many different ways students saw and counted the dots.
  5. Then try a new dot formation together and share your experiences/visualizations.



From: *Developing Numerical Fluency: Making Numbers, Facts, and Computation Meaningful* by Kanter, Patsy and Leinward, Steven. Heinemann Publishers, 2018.

## EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT



Based on your annual earnings, you may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit from the Federal Government (Federal EITC). The Federal EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The Federal EITC has no effect on certain welfare benefits. In most cases, Federal EITC payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, low-income housing, or most Temporary Assistance For Needy Families payments. Even if you do not owe federal taxes, you must file a federal tax return to receive the Federal EITC. Be sure to fill out the Federal EITC form in the Federal Income Tax Return Booklet. For

information regarding your eligibility to receive the Federal EITC, including information on how to obtain the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice 797 or any other necessary forms and instructions, contact the IRS by calling 1-800-829-3676 or through its website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

You may also be eligible to receive the California Earned Income Tax Credit (California EITC) starting with the calendar year 2015 tax year. The California EITC is a refundable state income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The California EITC is treated in the same manner as the Federal EITC and generally will not be used to determine eligibility for welfare benefits under California law. To claim the California EITC, even if you do not owe California taxes, you must file a California income tax return and complete and attach the California EITC Form (FTB 3514). For information on the availability of the credit eligibility requirements and how to obtain the necessary California forms and get help filing, contact the Franchise Tax Board at 1-800-852-5711 or through its website at [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov).

## ON CAMPUS AND VIRTUAL LABS

### Study Hall

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

### 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
Mo 12-1:30	Adelina 12-1	Cassie 12-1:30	Adelina 12-1	Virginia 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

## ATTENTION SCIENTISTS—SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION!

Tuesday March 7 at 2:00 pm is Alder Grove's annual Science Fair! Even if your student is not participating, please consider attending to see this year's science projects.

If your student is still interested in taking part in the science fair, please check out our Science Fair Information Slideshow (use this link or the URL below). Once you have completed this step, contact our science fair coordinator Kathy Yeager at: [kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org) to ask questions, discuss ideas, and sign up for our science fair!!

**To participate, students must be signed up for the Science Fair by February 13.**

Science Fair Information Slideshow URL that you can copy and paste into your browser: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MvnXwgTCxdx6oJCQDkyzWBM-8cVhIFX1Rslsg5z-fCU/edit?usp=sharing>



# February Events

## FLIPS FOR KIDS GYMNASTICS CENTER

Thursday, February 9 - 11:30am - 12:30pm  
1489 Hoover Street, Eureka  
30 People - \$4 per person - Cash Only  
Sign up in Front Office

Kids can play on most of the equipment.  
The trampolines, bars, beams, floor, and an abundance of mats are up for use.

## HEALTHSPORT POOL EUREKA

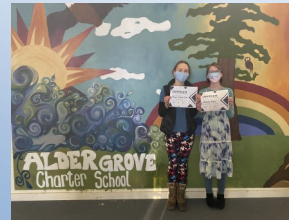
Thursday, February 23 - 1pm-2pm  
3441 Pennsylvania Ave, Eureka  
50 people - \$10/person - OUT OF BUDGET  
Sign up in the Front Office

Kids can come enjoy a day at the Healthsport Pool. Swim instructors will be in the pool playing games with the kids.  
**PARENTS NEED TO ATTEND.**

more info @ [randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org)

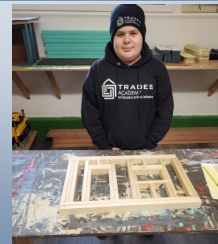
## GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS!

1st place—Morgan Niehold-Pratt  
2nd place—Arianna Porter  
3rd place—Everett Queen



## SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

1st place—  
Arianna Porter  
2nd place—  
Celilo Whitfield



CTE Building and Construction  
Trades student Devlin O'Neill  
with his scale-model sized wall!  
Students are learning career  
and life skills in our Career and  
Technical Education classes!

Our CTE Culinary II students opened the J Cafe at Jefferson Community Center, where they took orders, made espresso drinks, sold delicious snacks, counted back change, and provided great table



service to many! Our Culinary instructor, Chelsea Sterling does a tremendous job teaching important hospitality and food service skills!





## CONQUER THE CAASPP



**CONQUER**  
the  
**CAASPP**

Build confidence ✓  
Reduce test anxiety ✓  
Gain skills ✓

MR. D MATH  
Write At Home

Choose Math,  
Language Arts,  
or both!

★ Paid for by  
Alder Grove  
(a \$75-150 value!)

**Register now!**  
Email Stefani:  
stefani.gambrel  
@aldergrovecharter.org

CAASPP testing can be stressful, time-consuming, and distracting from other things students could be doing and learning. Unfortunately, though, test scores matter - especially for charter schools like Alder Grove. A huge part of our charter renewal depends on demonstrating, mainly through test scores, that our program is working for students.

Fortunately, Mr. D Math and WriteAtHome have teamed up to create effective, engaging, self-paced test prep courses for both Math and ELA to equip your students to *conquer the CAASPP!*

In Conquer the CAASPP test prep classes, students will:

- learn the 3 secrets of successful test taking
- become familiar with the format of the CAASPP
- practice using the online tools necessary to take the CAASPP
- practice solving problems and answering questions found on the CAASPP
- have access to supplemental materials for further preparation
- gain confidence
- have fun, because Mr. D and Mr. Wasko are awesome!

**Deadline to sign up is February 10**

**These courses are FREE for all 3rd-8th and 11th graders!**

**Talk to your CT to sign up today**

**or**

**email Stefani:**

**stefani.gambrel@aldergrovecharter.org**

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

The [FAFSA](#) FREE Application for Federal Student Aid opens October 1.

These first come, first served funds that you do not have to pay back is your ticket to reduced university costs, as well as the TWO free years of community college.

Students who graduate from a California high school and meet certain income and GPA requirements are also eligible for the [CAL GRANT](#) which is additional money that can be used for college/training including books, computers, etc. The FAFSA is also used mandatory for many scholarships!

Please welcome our Student Success Coach, Yasmin, who is joining us this year to assist our seniors in completing the [FAFSA](#)! They might be calling you soon to set up a time to chat about your future plans and help you complete this important application.

Registration for CR Spring Classes Open December 6. Students must have a CR application and a current 2022-2023 Concurrent Enrollment Form on file to register.

We have lots of help for students applying to college. Please make an appointment with our college and career counselor:  
<https://calendly.com/jen-burtram/college-and-career-counselor-meeting>

Please contact [jenburtram@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:jenburtram@aldergrovecharter.org) if you have any questions!



**IT'S  
FAFSA  
TIME!**

START YOUR FALL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION EARLY FOR PRIORITY AWARD CONSIDERATION.

**SISTER CITY CONNECT!**  
**JOIN US ON**  
**FEB. 17TH @ 5PM**  
**FOR A LIVE VIDEO CALL**  
**WITH KAMISU, JAPAN!**

Everyone is welcome to join!  
Come learn More About Eureka's  
Sister City In Japan.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-  
UP IS FEB. 10TH.**  
VISIT [EUREKA-KAMISU.ORG](http://EUREKA-KAMISU.ORG)  
FOR MORE DETAILS!



## VIDEO CALL WITH KAMISU

The Eureka-Kamisu Sister City Project is excited to be hosting our first LIVE community video call between Eureka and its Sister City, Kamisu, Japan!

Students, Teachers, and Staff are all welcome to join! Those that have been corresponding with Pen-pals in Kamisu are extra encouraged to join.

Join us on **February 17th, 2023 @ 5-7 PM (PST)** in-person at The Ink People Center for the Arts (627 3rd St, Eureka). You can also join us virtually! (A link will be sent out to those registered at a later date.)

Registration is open to everyone from the greater Eureka area! Please fill out this Google Form if you are interested in participating by copying and pasting the following into your browser: <https://forms.gle/BRBM4Fok9MpKhPBC6>

**Please register before February 10th!**

On Monday the 13th of February we will be holding a meetup before the call to present a short overview and prepare our questions.

Please fill out an application for each person attending, including youth accompanied by a parent/guardian. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@eureka-kamisu.org](mailto:info@eureka-kamisu.org)

## MEAL PROGRAM / WELLNESS POLICY

Check out Alder Grove's School Wellness Policy under the meal program tab on our website. You can also find the Wellness Policy posted in the entrance hallway and in the breakfast eating area. For a copy of the School Wellness Policy implementation plan and documentation, please contact Aimee Nicholson at [aimee.nicholson@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:aimee.nicholson@aldergrovecharter.org).

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](mailto:stefani.gambrel@aldergrovecharter.org). Hope to see you there!



INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

# MARZ

**MEDIA ARTS RESOURCE ZONE**

[marzproject@inkpeople.org](mailto: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!



# Meet ZACH FUNK



## About Me...

My name is Zach and I'll be your TRIO Educational Talent Search advisor. I'm looking forward to offering services and guidance to help career and academic dreams come true! I'll be on campus Tuesdays, and I'm looking forward to meeting you all, if I haven't already.

I have lived in Humboldt for about 20 years, and during that time I've earned a M.A. from Cal Poly Humboldt, helped start and operate a local family business, and raised three daughters (including one that is an Alder Grove student).

I know that many students don't attend on-site classes, so I've set up an online calendar in Calendly that can be used to schedule a time to meet up virtually, or in-person.

[calendly.com/zfunk](https://calendly.com/zfunk)



Alder Groves First Annual

Prizes!

Games!

LET THE GAMES

FIELD  
DAY

Snacks!

BEGIN!

Races!

Thursday, February 9  
2:30-4:30pm

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY PARK  
1000 B Street, Eureka

All AGCS students are encouraged to attend!  
Students in TK-3 should be accompanied by an adult.  
Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

GRADES 5, 7, & 9 CAN COMPLETE THEIR PFT HERE!

AGCS INVITES YOU TO:

## VALENTINE'S DAY Dance

February 14th, 2023 6-8 pm

Jefferson School 1000 B St Eureka Pizza, drinks, and dessert will be served	Semi formal wear is recommended Grades 8th And Up
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SIGN UP IN THE FRONT OFFICE AND HAVE PARENT FILL OUT FORM. IF YOU BRING A STUDENT FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL THEIR SCHOOL NEEDS TO FILL OUT FORMS TOO.  
DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED BUT NOT REQUIRED.  
ALL DONATIONS GO TO AGCS STUDENT COUNCIL

## ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Important message from Student Council!!!

Do you need help paying  
for a dress or tux for  
prom?

If so, please let us know ASAP!

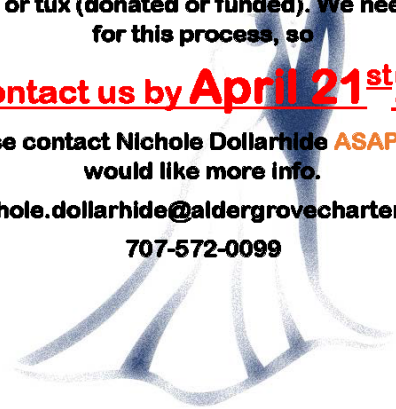
We will discreetly (between you and us!) try (unfortunately no promises) and help you find a dress or tux (donated or funded). We need time for this process, so

**contact us by April 21<sup>st</sup>!!!**

Please contact Nichole Dollarhide ASAP if you would like more info.

[Nichole.dollarhide@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:Nichole.dollarhide@aldergrovecharter.org)

707-572-0099



## PBIS UPDATE

As part of our schools Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) systems we have a school wide Bark Buck currency. Bark Bucks are awarded to students for a variety of reasons. Bark Bucks are given to students who exemplify safe, responsible and respectful behaviors, such as: helping other students, making personal growth, and setting positive examples.



Students can use their Bark Bucks at our student store to shop for a variety of snacks, toys and other fun prizes. The store is located at the far end of study hall, formerly the white cubby, and is open Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:15. We also accommodate the students who are not on campus during regular store hours to make sure they can also purchase items at the student store.

There are also many exciting projects being planned for the near future, including the introduction of the Zones of Regulation social-emotional curriculum in communal school spaces. The Zones program is described as “a systematic, cognitive-behavioral approach used to teach us how to regulate our feelings, energy and sensory needs in order to meet the demands of the situation around us and be successful socially.” For more information check out the website here:

<https://www.zonesofregulation.com/index.html>

**Wishing you all the best, and a great Spring Semester!**



**PBIS Committee Members:** Nichole Dollarhide, Director of Special Services and School Psychologist; Tim Warner, Director of Alder Grove Charter School; Stefani Gambrel, Assessment and Academic Support Coordinator; Becky Garraway, Class Coordinator and Classroom Aide; Cedar Smith, Credentialed Teacher (CT) and On-campus Class Teacher; Crystal Collins, School Psychologist; Tony Persico, Instructor and Campus Monitor; Luana Nelson, SPED/Vendor Relations Secretary; Jasper Severn, Math Proficient Lunch Lady.

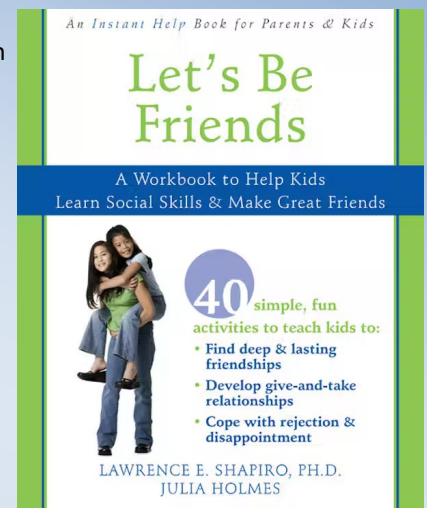
**PBIS Vision Statement:** Our PBIS Committee will work to improve school climate by creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment at Alder Grove with the goal of increasing positive social, emotional, and academic outcomes.

## PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY

Building positive friendships is a critical part of a child's development. When adults look back on their childhoods, they rate their friendships as one of the most important factors in their happiness.

But researchers report that half of children have difficulty making and keeping friends. These problems predispose them to lifelong relationship challenges. What's more, parents report that they rarely know what to do to help their children make friends. Social problems in childhood may lead to more serious problems in adolescence and adulthood, so it's wise to help your child with these skills now.

The activities in this book offer you effective tools for helping your child become a better friend-maker. The activities in **Let's Be Friends** teach kids a wide variety of social skills including the making and keeping of new friends, finding friends with common interests, ways of coping with rejection, and tips for developing give and take in relationships. With practice, the skills in this book can help youngsters locate support during transitions, build self-esteem, and develop into healthy, resilient adults.



Click here for more information: <https://www.newharbinger.com/9781572246102/lets-be-friends/>





# CaKIDS TOWN HALL

Tuesday, Feb. 7

6:00–7:30PM

Sequoia Conference  
Center, Eureka\*

\*Zoom Option  
Available

## GET FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE!



### Jump-start college & career savings

CaKIDS is a new program from the State of California providing a head start on savings for college and career. Learn more at [calkids.org](https://calkids.org).



### Newborns receive up to \$100

All children born after July 1, 2022, are automatically enrolled.



### Students receive up to \$1500

Students identified as low-income, foster youth, and experiencing homelessness receive additional funds.

### FEATURED SPEAKERS

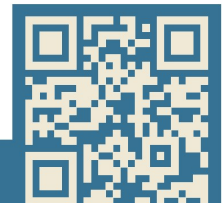


Fiona Ma  
California State  
Treasurer



Michael Davies-Hughes  
Humboldt County  
Superintendent of Schools

*Spanish interpreters will be available.  
Childcare will be available. Light refreshments will be provided.*



**REGISTER NOW AT [HCOE.ORG/CALKIDS](https://HCOE.ORG/CALKIDS)**





## 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

# February 2023

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5	6	7 CalKids Town Hall 6pm	8	9 Flips 4 Kids 11:30am Field Day 2:30pm	10 Conquer the CAASPP Deadline 	11
12	13 Science Fair Deadline 	14 Governance Council 10:30am Valentine's Dance 6pm	15	16	17 Kamisu (Sister City) Live Video Call—5pm	18
19	20 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	21	22 <b>NO CLASSES, LABS, OR STUDY HALL</b> (Check with CT, SPED, or tutors for all other meetings)	23 Healthsport Pool 1pm	24	25
26	27	28				



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Eureka, CA 95501