

Hello Alder Grove Students and Families,

I hope you had a wonderful long weekend for the Presidents' break. The snow was a fun and challenging surprise!

I am dedicating most of this note to you to address the importance of statewide assessments.

To be frank, our school's future is dependent on our students taking the CAASPP. This is absolutely *not what WE want, but it is the position we are in as a public charter school. Just like you, many families come to Alder Grove because they love the personalized and non-traditional education that we offer. We hope that we can continue offering this to your students and others for many years to come!*

Please consider the following:

- 1) While the state of California recognizes a parent/guardian's right to opt out of CAASPP testing, the federal government does not. As a public school, we receive roughly a third of our funding from the federal government. Dipping below the 95% participation rate threatens a significant part of our funding, which would, in turn, directly impact our capacity and the quality of education that we can provide to Alder Grove students.
- 2) As a California public charter school, we have to "prove our case" every few years in order to be rechartered. Unfortunately, most of what is considered as "proof" that our school is worthy of existing is our standardized test scores. When students opt out of testing, it not only impacts our participation rate, it also means that each student who opted out is assigned the lowest possible score for each test! We are doubly punished.

Until these laws change, our hands are somewhat forced into asking that all eligible students participate in CAASPP.

To make testing easier on our students, we are implementing the following accommodations/strategies:

- Bark Bucks rewards and store opportunities
- small group setting if requested
- shorter test sessions
- breaks as needed
- an extended testing window to allow spacing between sessions if desired
- practice tests so that your child will be more comfortable with the testing platform

If you have other ideas for reducing testing stress and anxiety, please let us know! We are always open to feedback.

With care and warm wishes,

Tim Warner, Director
Stefani Gambrel, Academic Support and Assessment Coordinator

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.

Reminder - students should be dropped off no earlier than 10 minutes before their first class and picked up no later than 10 minutes after their last class. Students arriving early or staying late will be sent to Study Hall to work on their school work. Students should always come to campus with plenty of school work to do, and they should know what school work they will be working on, should they find themselves in study hall.

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.

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!



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!

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

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EITC

Put extra cash in your pocket!

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.

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.

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	Adelinea 12-1	Cassie 12-1:30	Adelinea 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!

Alder Grove's Science Fair is happening next week, **Tuesday, March 7, at 2pm.**

Even if you have not already signed up, this is a great opportunity for you and your student(s) to attend and see what Science Fair is all about. It is also more meaningful when Science Fair participants have an audience, so please consider attending this year's showcase created by Alder Grove students! Support our student scientists!



DEVELOPING NUMERICAL FLUENCY—CHUNKING BY 5s (p. 82)

This activity refers to knowing and using the “fives” inside numbers to add or subtract.

Example: Knowing 8 is 5 + 3 and 7 is 5 + 2 so 8 + 7 must equal 5 + 5 + 3 + 2. Example: 15 - 7 can be thought of as 15 - 5 (10) minus 2 more is 8.

Activity: provide students, one at a time with the following facts and direct them to “use fives to make this sum or difference easier. Be prepared to explain your thinking.”

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

6+6	7+6	8+6	9+6	12-7
6+7	7+7	8+7	9+7	13-8
6+8	7+8	8+8	9+8	14-9
6+9	7+9	8+9	9+9	15-6
				15-7
				15-8
				15-9

TESI

Technology Exploration Summer Institute
An Education at Work Initiative

Explore Tech Careers!
June 20 - July 14 at College of the Redwoods

TESI is a free four week summer education program that provides local high school students* the opportunity to explore career fields in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).
*Space is limited, priority may be given to graduating Seniors.

Covered topics to include:
Introduction to ICT • IT Concepts and Terminology • Infrastructure Applications & Software • Software Development Database Fundamentals • Security • and more!
Visits to local worksites will be included in this opportunity

 <https://hcoe.org/tesi>
Apply by Friday, April 7
Questions? Email mfreitas@hcoe.org

HESI

Health Career Exploration Summer Institute
An Education at Work Initiative

Explore Careers in Health Care!
June 12 & June 13 (evening)
June 20 - June 30 | July 6 & July 7

HESI (Health Careers Exploration Summer Institute) is a free two-three week summer education program sponsored by HCOE's Career and College Resource Department. It provides high school students the opportunity to discover if they are interested in a career in health care. This year, the program will be accepting 26 students.

Interested in a career in health care?
Gain experience in the health care industry

 <https://hcoe.org/hesi>
Apply by Friday, March 17
Questions? Email mfreitas@hcoe.org

*Must be 16 years and older to apply
Must be fully vaccinated*

CAREER EXPLORATION DAY & OPEN HOUSE

Searching for employees?
Faculty for CR programs will be tabling with information on career pathways and prospects, and how College of the Redwoods programs can help students get there. This is an opportunity for local businesses to connect with current and potential CR students and encourage them to pursue the skills and knowledge that will make them highly employable in the future. Advisors will be on hand to talk to students about short-term certificate pathways that can lead to improved careers.

MARCH 27 11am-2pm
Eureka Campus
Learning Resource Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION, and to arrange for your business to participate in the fair, please contact:
CR Retention Coordinator Katrina Hanson at 707-476-4201 or email katrina-hanson@redwoods.edu



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BRIGHT FUTURES!

Inviting students in grades 10-12

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
10am - 2pm • Cal Poly Humboldt

FREE Lunch • Fun Activities • Photo Booth • Art Projects • Job Readiness
Gift Bags • Prizes at Each Location • Create Fun Memories!
Learn about Student Support Services with a Scavenger Hunt!

TALK TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO SIGN UP!

CONQUER THE CAASPP

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Build confidence ✓
Reduce test anxiety ✓
Gain skills ✓

MR. D MATH
Write At Home

Choose Math,
Language Arts,
or both!

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

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

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 has been extended to March 2.
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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JDiBbLSpSFestgu092jmY_iNHyhYcc3Lk6SCNXNOvCs/edit

TESTING SCHEDULE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Hello Students and Families,

I cannot believe it, especially with this weather, but Spring is just around the corner, and with that comes state mandated testing, i.e. CAASPP. If you haven't read Tim's notes about the high stakes of testing all eligible students, new laws impacting charter renewal have made it more critical than ever to test ***all of our eligible students***. *I am not exaggerating when I say that the future of our school depends on our students' participation in CAASPP!*

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

March 28 - March 31: Week One of CAASPP testing will take place from March 27 - March 31. Students in 3rd through 8th grades, along with 11th graders, will be tested in Mathematics and Language Arts. All students in 5th, 8th, and some 11th and 12th graders will also take the California Science (CAST). Your CT will be contacting you about scheduling these sessions soon! ***Week One of testing coincides with on-campus classes and labs.***

April 4 - April 8: Week Two of CAASPP testing will take place from April 3 - April 7.
There will be NO ON-CAMPUS CLASSES during Week Two of testing.

The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is also coming up for 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students. The test involves several quick aerobic, strength, and flexibility activities, including a timed one-mile walk/run. Contact your CT to ask any questions you might have about your student's completion of the PFT. Forms, along with links to instructional videos, are also available on the Alder Grove website. ***These forms are due NO LATER than Friday, March 17th.***

REMINDER: A link to the CAASPP practice tests is available on the Alder Grove website under Quick Links. Please consider sitting down with your student and going through each practice test TOGETHER. You and your student will benefit from getting better acquainted with the testing platform and the type of questions that will be on these assessments. You can find an answer guide here: <https://www.caaspp.org/ta-resources/practice-training.html>.

Thank you in advance for helping us achieve 100% participation in state mandated testing!

BLUE OX MILLWORKS

Eric Hollenbeck, his family and staff welcome you to the Blue Ox Millworks, where the craftsmanship tools and techniques of the last century are utilized to produce authentic custom millwork for private homes and commercial buildings throughout the United States.

Thurs, March 16, 1-2 pm
1 X St, Eureka
30 people / TK-6
\$10.00 person
Sign up in the front office



CLARKE MUSEUM

The Clarke Museum proudly displays the rich history of Humboldt County, which includes vibrant Native American cultures, gold rush settlements, the lumber industry, prosperous ranching, farming and livelihoods wrung from the sea.

Thurs, April 6, 12-1pm
240 E St, Eureka
30 people / TK-6
\$1 per person
Sign up in the front office



CNA CLASSROOM FIELD TRIP

Alder Grove students have an opportunity to meet with Angie Beeson, the Certified Nursing Assistant program instructor on setting up a field trip to her classroom. The classroom is located across from Eureka High. The field trip would include viewing the classroom, and Angie discussing what being a CNA entails, the schooling or training involved to become one, and the opportunities available.

The date has been set for **Tuesday March 28th from 10-11am**. Transportation is available for up to 8 students.

Contact [Jen Burtram](#) if you have any students interested in joining us on this field trip!



SCHOOLS TO SYMPHONY

Come and join us to watch the Eureka Symphony perform at the Arkley Center. Our orchestra members are local. More than 50 musicians travel from all parts of Humboldt County including Garberville, Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata, Trinidad and Willow Creek. Each musician devotes about 150 hours each year to rehearsing and performing concerts-in addition to personal time spent practicing and learning music.

Thurs, April 20,
11:30am-12:30 pm
412 G St, Eureka
30 people / TK-6
FREE
Sign up in the front office



ATTENTION SENIORS!

The [FAFSA](#) FREE Application for Federal Student Aid opened October 1, 2022. 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.

Registration for CR Spring Classes Opened December 6, 2022. 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 if you have any questions!

Additional Scholarship Opportunities:

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.hafoundation.org/Grants-Scholarships/Scholarships-Apply-Now>



YEARBOOK COVER ART CONTEST

Theme: Forest/Natural

This contest is open to all grades and the whole school gets to vote for their favorite submission!

All Art is Due on March 23rd

Submit your electronic design to yearbook@aldergrovecharter.org or your physical design to the front office.

Contest Rules:

- Your design must relate to the theme
- One submission per person
- One vote per person
- Your design must include:
 - Alder Grove Charter School
 - 2022-2023 School Year



"Luck + Preparation!"

Transition Fair

for students with disabilities

Come learn about Resources! College! Providers!

Benefits planning! Activities! Life after high school! Onward!



ASL & Español Interpretation provided



Friday, March 17th

Sequoia Conference Center, 901 Myrtle Ave, Eureka

Main Event | 4-6 pm



Humboldt County Resource Guide! Snacks! Free!

Featured Workshop!
Optional



A FUTURE INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT:

A WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES | 5-7 pm

Sequoia Conference Center A, Eureka
Dinner Provided ** RSVP to Learn

- Why is employment important for young adults with disabilities?
- What types of community supports are available?
- What are the strategies for preparing youth for real work?
- How does a person work and keep their SSI/SSDI?
- What's the next step for me?

- Families are encouraged to attend with their young people!
- Professionals working with ages 13-26 also welcome



Presenter: Sean Roy



Sean is the Chief Information and Training Officer for TransCen, Inc. He is a sought-after speaker nationally about youth and work.

Featured workshop free with RSVP!
707-445-0893 ext. 364 or
tinyurl.com/IncludingEmploymentHum

DOR DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
Empower, Collaborate & Equip

Humboldt County Office of Education

Redwood Coast Regional Center



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE REDWOODS

JURY TRAINING FOR 8TH-12TH GRADERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH

4:15PM TO 6:15PM

TEEN COURT:
939 HARRIS ST,
EUREKA

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
hcteencourt@bgcredwoods.org
Call: 707-444-0153
Text: 7073621514

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

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!

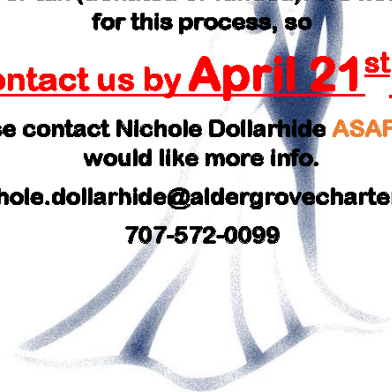
We will discreetly (between you and us!) try (unfortunately no promises) and help you find a dress or tux (donated or funded). We need time for this process, so

contact us by April 21st!!!

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

Nichole.dollarhide@aldergrovecharter.org

707-572-0099



LOOKING TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

May 12th @ 5pm

May 13th @ 7pm

May 18th @ 12pm

May 19th @ 10am

May 19th @ 6:30pm

May 26th

End of the Year School Party

Prom

Field Trip

Spring Performance

School Musical – *The Taming of Katy Lou*

8th & 12th Grade Graduation

Alder Grove Parking Lot

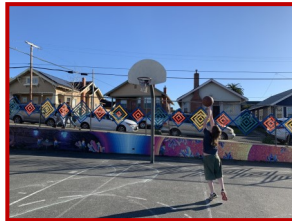
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Fort Humboldt

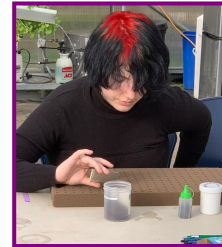
Alder Grove Stage

Eureka Theatre

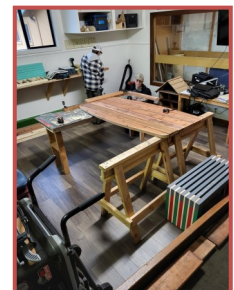
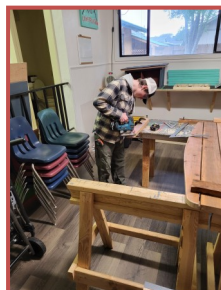
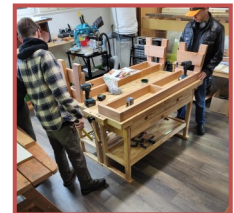
PHOTOS FROM ALDER GROVE'S FIRST ANNUAL FIELD DAY



STUDENTS FROM ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL PARTICIPATE IN A POPULAR CTE PATHWAY ON AGRICULTURE BUSINESS AND PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE AT THE HYDRO FARMS PROGRAM LOCATION IN EUREKA.



CTE BUILDING TRADES AND CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS





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



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

March 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2 Weather Station 12pm 	3	4
5	6	7 Science Fair 2pm 	8 SCHOOL CLOSED	9 Teen Court Jury Training 4:15pm 	10	11
12	13	14 Bright Futures 10am Governance Council 10:30am	15	16 Blue Ox Millworks 1pm—\$10 	17 Transition Fair 4pm 	18
19	20	21	22	23 Yearbook Art Cover Contest Deadline 	24	25
26	27 CR Career Exploration Day 11am 	28 CNA Classroom Field Trip 10am 	29	30	31	

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