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~Alder Grove News~

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Hello Alder Grove Families,

Ah, Spring...as of the time I wrote this, we're getting plenty of rain and there's snow on the mountains. I hope this precipitation can help quench a thirsty California! I always appreciate the time change and later light...I can sometimes get a rare hike in after work when I'm lucky.

CAASPP Testing: We cannot thank you enough for bringing your students in for testing. We realize this isn't the most fun activity we offer, but it's essential to the well-being and continuation of our amazing school. The state puts so much pressure on us to test ALL of our students and the consequences of not doing so through AB 1505 is the eventual denial of charter renewal and the closure of the school. 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. If you were unable to bring your student in during our scheduled testing weeks, please make a plan with your CT to bring them the week of April 17th. State testing sessions will feature enhanced PBIS rewards, school-provided meals, and other fun things. We appreciate that you care about Alder Grove and all of the students we serve! It takes teamwork...

Governance Council: Would you be interested in helping plan the future of the school? We need new members to fill 1 vacancy. Meetings are Tuesday mornings at 10:30. If you're interested, please call Jenifer Doane at 707-268-0854. We really appreciate our current GC members: David Turner, Sarah Weltsch, Geri Emberson, and Matt Wilton. They continue to make wise decisions while always considering what is best for our students, families, and our school. We couldn't do it without you all...

Home Tests for Spring Break: We have plenty of home COVID tests for you to use before spring break travel, if you have symptoms, before you return to school after spring break, etc. Come and get them in the front office! We appreciate your diligence and for keeping our students and staff safe.

Prom: I can't wait to see you high school students at our prom! The dance is May 13th at the Wharfinger from 7-9 pm. See more info in the newsletter about procuring tickets and other details.

Class Drop Off/Pick Up: Thank you so much for dropping your students off no more than 10 minutes before their classes start and picking them up no later than 10 minutes after classes end. This really helps our staff to monitor students for safety as well as contributes to smooth transitions between classes. We appreciate it!

I can't believe how close we are to the end of the school year AND a summer break. I know I can speak for our staff and teachers when I say how much we appreciate you choosing Alder Grove Charter School and supporting our shared vision of flexible personalized learning and parent choice.

I hope you have a relaxing spring break and please stay safe and healthy!

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.

Graduation information has been mailed.

High School graduates don't forget to turn in your grad forms by April 3rd. Send your senior portraits to yearbook@aldergrovecharter.org by April 28th.

Space is limited to 10 guests for each graduate for both the HIgh School and 8th Grade graduation ceremonies. Contact your CT for questions regarding graduation.



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Participates in any of the following assistance programs: SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in any of the following Tribal specific programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or Tribal Head Start (income based);
- Participates in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income internet program.

TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1

Go to **AffordableConnectivity.gov** to submit an application or print a mail-in application

2

Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must <u>both</u> apply for the program <u>and</u> contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

LEARN MORE



Call 877-384-2575, or



Visit fcc.gov/acp



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	
See Math Lab 1:30-3	See Math Lab 1:30-3	Cassie 1:30-3	Jasper 1:30-3	10-3	

On Campus and Virtual Math Lab

Virtual - students can log on to meet.google.com with the code mathlab123

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



MEAL PROGRAM / WELLNESS POLICY

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 at 9:35 am Friday.

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

For information about our meal program, school wellness policy, and more, please visit our website at aldergrovecharter.org.



SPRING TESTING UPDATE!

Hello Students and Families,

For our 3rd-8th and 11th grade (and some 12th grade) families, Spring CAASPP is fully underway. If you haven't read Tim's note 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**. <u>I am not exaggerating when I say that the future of our school depends on our students' participation in CAASPP!</u>

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

April 3 - April 7: 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.*



REMINDER: A link to the CAASPP practice tests is available on the Alder Grove website under Quick Links. <u>Please</u> consider sitting down with your student and going through each practice test TOGETHER. You can help 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!

ATTENTION SENIORS!

The <u>FAFSA</u> 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 <u>jenburtram@aldergrovecharter.org</u> if you have any questions!

Additional Scholarship Opportunities:

https://www.fastweb.com/

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



DEVELOPING NUMERICAL FLUENCY: SIMPLIFYING MULTIPLICATION FACT PRACTICE: HELP STUDENTS DELIMIT WHAT THEY MAY NOT KNOW. (P. 122)

Use this graphic to help students see that they really already know the first three rows and columns (57 facts) plus the 15 remaining facts that include ten and 13 facts that include 5 (85 facts total so far).

Now down to 36 facts. Commutative property makes that only 18 facts!

8 of these involve 3s and 4s (shaded in yellow) and are supported by skip-counting, doubles and adjusting already known facts. This leaves the Big Ten in Orange to focus on: 6×6 , 7×6 , 8×6 , 9×6 , 7×7 , 8×7 , 9×7 , 8×8 , 9×8 , 9×9

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

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PBIS UPDATE

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) during CAASPP Testing

When you bring your students in for statewide testing, notice the new colorful PBIS posters around our school that make our school expectations clear. Thank you Tony and the PBIS Committee for all of your hard work in making such beautiful, clear posters. In addition to the posters, we'll be working to create a positive environment for your students while they work on these mandatory state assessments by providing:

Bark Bucks: This year students will earn a bronze Bark Buck worth 3 regular Bark Bucks upon completion of the CAASPP (and CAST for high school students). In addition, upon receiving test scores from the state at the beginning of the next school year, students will earn bronze, silver, gold, and platinum bucks for improvement over last year's scores. Students, be sure to do your best! More info to come...

Well-Stocked Bark Bucks Store: We will also enhance stock in the Bark Bucks Store for more fun shopping upon completion of testing. There will be snacks, toys, stickers, and more!

Nutritious School Meals: We will be providing students breakfast, a snack, and/or lunch depending on their testing schedules. This not only contributes to the positive climate during testing, but also ensures that no student is testing while distracted by hunger.

Thank you so much for supporting state testing, our PBIS program, and Alder Grove Charter School!

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.



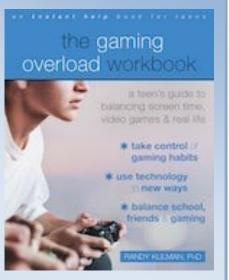
PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH: MARCH

Do you spend hours on end playing video games? Do marathon gaming sessions cause you to lose much-needed sleep? Have your grades suffered as a result of neglecting schoolwork in favor of more game time? Has your physical health declined due to extended periods of inactivity? Have you tried unsuccessfully to limit the time you spend playing? Gaming can be a fun, challenging, and rewarding activity, but when it begins to interfere with other essential aspects of life, it might be time to set some limits.

The Gaming Overload Workbook will help you explore your use of video games in a thoughtful, nonjudgmental way. This isn't a workbook for giving up on gaming. This is a guide to help you set your own limits on screen time, and apply your interest and enthusiasm for gaming to a wider variety of activities, like connecting with friends and family, excelling in school or sports, and just spending more time outdoors.

If you're ready for some healthy balance between gaming, school, family, physical activity, and social relationships, this book will provide the key to winning at the game of life!

Click here for more information: https://www.newharbinger.com/9781684035519/the-gaming-overload-workbook/



ALDER GROVE

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY!

- Learn about High School Classes and Programs
 like Early College and Career and Technical
 Education (CTE)
- Meet our High School Instructors & Support Staff!
- 8th grade & current High School Students,
 Teachers and Parents are encouraged to attend!

SPECIAL GUESTS!

Tuesday, April 25 3-5pm

Location:
Alder Grove

AGCS ALUMNI PANEL





Snacks
Provided by
CTE Culinary
Class!

CAL POLY FIELD TRIP

Our students had a great time at Cal Poly learning about all the different programs, clubs, and student supports CPH and CR have to offer. We had 8 high schoolers attend the trip. Thank you to Holly and Kim for all of your support on the trip! And thank you to Jen for putting it on my radar and helping me get things organized!



CONGRATULATIONS TO LOGEN DUHEM

Logen has been selected as an honorable mention in this year's California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest for their poem, Morning Tide. Logen will be receiving a recognition certificate and official letter soon.

Logen's poetry will be published in the May issue of Chapman University's online poetry journal *Tab: A Journal of Poetry and Poetics*.

Morning Tide

Whales dive deep as they wake from sleep
The sun rises slowly over dune shadows lowly
Birds soar overhead, always the first out of bed
Over the smooth soft sand, the gentle breeze plays like a
band

Look what has washed ashore, rinsed and tumbled more and more

Strands of kelp, broken shell, polished stones and even bones

Salty spray as winds blow playfully, enjoy a day made so beautifully

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEVI DUHEM

Levi's painting of a Chestnut-backed Chickadee (right) was judged to be a Third Prize winner for Grades 5&6 in the 20th annual Student Bird Art Contest.

This event is co-sponsored by Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) and Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM), in conjunction with the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival.

There were over 650 entries received this year, so his award is even more meaningful!

SCIENCE FAIR

We had another great year of science with our school science fair!!





We had 3 great students participate, with 2 projects presented!! Thank you to Nicholai Payne (1rst grade) for sharing your findings related to magnets and magnetic force!

Thank you Juliet Moran (7th grade) and Lily Glass (6th grade) for sharing your research on the Tasmanian Tiger and the efforts being made to bring it back from extinction!



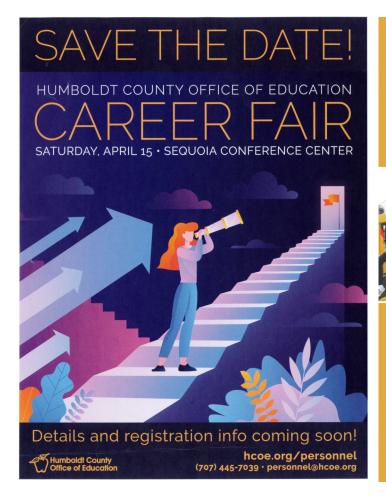


Thank you also to everyone who attended as an audience member. It is so fun and inspiring to watch our students learn and develop strong science skills!!!











APR 27, 2023 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM REDWOOD ACRES FAIRGROUNDS

Schools, youth groups & individual students are invited to register for a two hour block starting from 8:30am until 12:30pm.

Students will go through a five minute safety tailgate talk upon their arrival before they enter the exhibition halls.

in Partnership With:

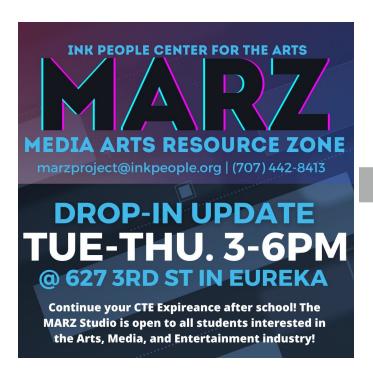
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Trades day is designed to introduce high school youth to a variety of career opportunities in the industry including general construction, sub-contracting, suppliers, heavy equipment, engineering, as well as other related trades.

We encourage trade, industry and post-secondary education, and training program partners to participate and inspire local students to build a career in construction. Bring a hands on activity for students to engage in that will allow students to learn how to build something with their hands, how to use a tool or piece of equipment and explore all the industry has to offer. Bele part in an exciting opportunity to pass along the things that excite you about your work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT TRADESDAY.ORG or contact brittany albaugh at Balbaugh@cie.foundation or 916.465.8341.



PHOTOS FROM SEWING CLASS

There is so much creativity happening in sewing class. Each week, many beloved stuffed creatures are "born" in our class. Penguins and sloths are some of the new arrivals.

















Strong Workforce Virtual Career Pathways

FALL COURSES BEGIN AUGUST 19, 2023











The Sacramento County Office of Education will offer virtual career pathways to students throughout the North Far North region that would not otherwise have access to CTE (Alternative Education settings). Courses are all online, asynchronous instruction.

SWVCP Courses Available

Computer Science Principles I Culinary I | Entrepreneurship I Fire Technology I | Sports Medicine I

New dual enrollment First Year College Experience (INDIS 313) course. Register Now For SWVCP Courses

Register Now For First Year College Experience



For more information: swvcp@scoe.net





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 <u>discreetly</u> (between you and us!) <u>try</u> (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



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



REDWOOD DAYS

Redwood Days provides **7th graders** with the opportunity to get a taste of college life and culture at College of the Redwoods. Students will learn about what CR has to offer by way of previewing Career Technical Education programs, exploring

academic programs for transfer to a four-year college or university, touring the campus and helping to familiarize and encourage students to consider post-secondary opportunities.

Friday, April 21, 9:15am-1:15pm College of the Redwoods







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



Fort Humboldt Historic State Park

Fort Humboldt was formally abandoned in 1870 and rapidly fell into decay. Today, only the hospital building remains of the original fourteen structures. It is now an historical museum dedicated to telling the story of the Fort and the Native American Groups, including the Wiyot, Hoopa, and Yurok of this region.

Thurs, May 18, 12-1pm 3431 Fort Ave, Eureka 30 people FREE Sign up in the front office



FINANCIAL LITERACY CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

College and Career with Financial Literacy (GS7) teacher Brooke Sayre, recently attended a conference in San Francisco of Personal Finance educators hosted by Next Generation Personal Finance (NGPF). NGPF is a non-profit dedicated to bringing Financial Literacy to all students in this country and the world. In addition to networking with other teachers, Brooke attended many great sessions about everything from Project-Based Learning to Racism in Finance, and also

heard a presentation from State Superintendent of Schools, Tony Thurmond about a current bill to make Personal Finance a graduation requirement in California. It is nice to see that Alder Grove has been a state leader in bringing this knowledge to our students! Brooke is passionate about teaching students these important life skills and excited to bring what she learned back to our school.





UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 12

END OF THE YEAR SCHOOL PARTY SPM - PARKING LOT

MAY 13

PROM 7PM - WHARFINGER BLDG

MAY 19

SPRING PERFORMANCE 10AM - ALDER GROVE STAGE

MAY 19 SCHOOL MUSICAL —
THE TAMING OF KATY LOU
6PM — EUREKA THEATER

MAY 25 8TH GRADE GRADUATION 8:80PM

MAY 25 12TH GRADE GRADUATION 5:30PM



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

CR COLLEGE ™ REDWOODS

- 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

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	<i>10</i>	15 HCOE Career Fair				
16	17	18	19	20 Schools to Symphony Field Trip FULL	21 Redwood Days 9:15am	22
23	24	25 CR Job Fair 11am High School Information Day—3pm	26	27 Trades Day 8:30am	28	29
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