

Hello Alder Grove Families,

If you're new to AGCS, welcome! If you are returning, welcome back! I hope you had a summer that included at least some rest and rejuvenation.

As of this writing, we just completed teacher in-service trainings and are collectively excited about the new school year! It's my sincere hope that we can support you and your student(s) in achieving academic excellence in our unique school model.

Here are some items we are looking forward to sharing with you for the new year:

**Synchronous Instruction/Supports:** Our CTs (credentialed teachers) will continue to offer opportunities for daily live instruction to TK-3 grade students, daily live interaction to 4-8 grade students, and weekly live instruction to 4-12 grade students. Talk to your CT about scheduling, and for more information about additional academic supports like tutoring, labs, support classes, online programs, etc.

**Mental Health Workbooks:** We realize that the last few years have been rough, and are offering free (not out of student budget) mental health and wellness workbooks to late elementary to high school students. Come see our display in the waiting area, and/or talk to your CT about ordering.

**Staff Changes:** I would like to welcome new staff members: New Education Specialist (SPED) Cary, Community School Coordinator Shana, and School Psychologist intern Monica. I would also like to welcome Secondary Support Specialists Jay and Sarah as well as our new Principal/Director of operations Stefani, to their new positions. We've also updated Jen's title to Director of Secondary Programs. Thank you to the wonderful employees who retired or resigned at the end of last year: Sandy and Rebecca (Teachers), and Becca (Purchasing and Receiving Specialist). We will miss you all.

**New Transportation for CTE:** Jen (Director of Secondary Programs) applied for a Strong Workforce grant for transportation and we received it late last year. After an intensive search, she found and procured the school's first ever passenger van! Getting our students to their CTE classes will be the main focus. Thank you Jen for your hard work on every aspect of this, and to Sarah who will be our new "busdriver!" (Jen also named the van...you should ask her about that!)

**Governance Council (school board):** We are in need of one more Governance Council (GC) member. The GC is our school board, and these wonderful, hard-working folks make important decisions for the good of our school ensuring smooth operations, wise spending of taxpayer dollars, reasonable and sound policies, and many other crucial areas. Please email [jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org) if you would like any information or would like to join! Thank you to our current GC members, and welcome to our newest member, Sarah Weltsch!

If you have any questions about anything in this letter, please contact your CTs. They are a wealth of information!

Once again, welcome. I am looking forward to a fantastic school year. Thank you for choosing Alder Grove Charter School!

Tim Warner, Superintendent/Executive Director

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

Library Hours: 9am—4pm

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## Reminder:

Parents and Visitors—Remember to Stop and Check In  
at the Front Desk When Visiting Alder Grove

# New Family Training for Teaching Beginning Reading

Wendy Bade, speech-language pathologist, is offering a drop-in timeslot to AGCS families and staff who are teaching beginning readers. Please come by Wendy's office any Friday starting September 1 between 9:40 and 10:25. She can answer questions about teaching foundational reading skills, including: How does the brain learn to speak and read? Why don't flashcards work for reading? Why isn't my curriculum working? How can I teach my child phonemic awareness, letter names and sounds, spelling, and comprehension? She is also available by phone at (707) 572-0243 or email at [wendy.bade@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:wendy.bade@aldergrovecharter.org)



Welcome  
Back  
Alder  
Grove  
Students!



## EXCITING NEWS!

Alder Grove Students will have the opportunity to participate in Cross Country meets.

We have been invited to join with other local alternative education schools and participate in a total of 5-6 meets with Fall Coast League Cross Country League.

Race distances will be 2 miles.

Any High Schoolers that might be interested in running should email Cedar:

[cedar.smith@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:cedar.smith@aldergrovecharter.org)



## There is room in the online Poetry Workshop, Groups B/C+

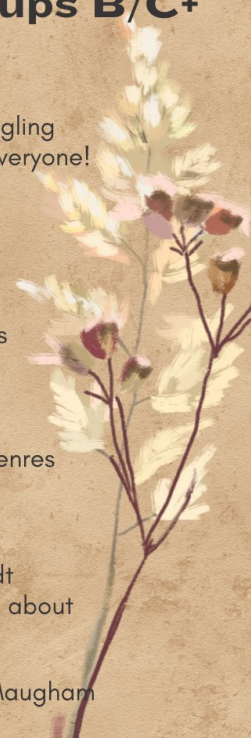
When? Mondays 1:10-2:05  
Where? Virtual - log in from home or study hall  
Who? Creative students who love writing, struggling writers who need a boost, anyone and everyone!

Students will:

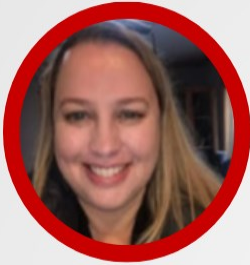
- Do fun warm-ups
- Read a variety of accessible poems
- Write original poetry
- Find their creative voices and share their thoughts and feelings
- Be part of a classroom community
- Build their confidence
- Strengthen their reading and writing skills in all genres
- Develop literary appreciation
- Be creative and have fun!

Julie has taught poetry to students in nine Humboldt schools for the last 16 years. She teaches poetry to about 125 kids per year and loves it!

"The crown of literature is poetry" ~ W. Somerset Maugham







## WELCOME BACK!

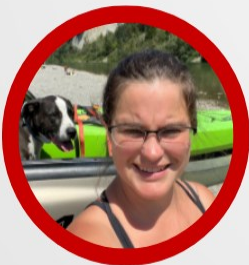
If we haven't met, my name is Jen Burtram and I'm the Director of Secondary Programs at Alder Grove!

Our College and Career Readiness Team is here to help students identify, plan, and prepare for whatever their goals are for after high school and provide support throughout this exciting process!

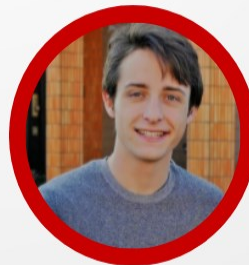
Please schedule a meeting with me through this calendly link: <https://calendly.com/jen-burtram/college-and-career-counselor-meeting>  
I look forward to meeting with you soon!

Are you interested in becoming a career mentor for our students? Contact me for more info! Thank you!

SAT and PSAT 11 School Day Wednesday, October 11 Students will be allowed to take the test on Alder Grove's campus. Please tell your CT or email me directly to be added to the schedule.



Meet Jay Tilghman and Sarah Wennerholm! They are our new Secondary Support Specialists who will be supporting our amazing high school programs and our incredible students succeed in them!



## MEET VANNA WHITE!

We finally have transportation available to and from school to our off-campus Career and Technical Programs and College and Career Field Trips!

Please contact [jen.burtram@aldergrovecarter.org](mailto:jen.burtram@aldergrovecarter.org) to coordinate pick up and drop off!



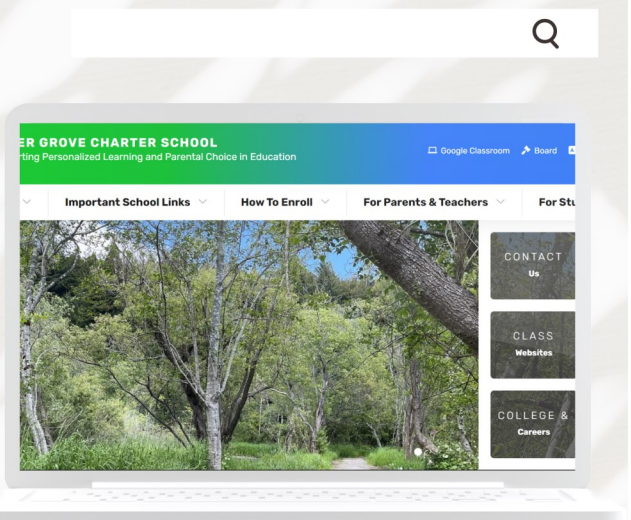
# VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

*Alder Grove Charter School has always wanted to be community-minded. Well, after our old website started to break down, we decided it was time to make a major website improvement so our educators, both at home parents/guardians and Credentialed Teachers, can easily get the school information they need.*

*We found a better hosting company that also allows us to rapidly update the information as well as post quick, timely announcements and a dynamic calendar. No longer is our website something of a static and uneventful archive of legal documents and a variety forms.*

*You can still find those legal documents on our site, and thanks to an advanced search feature, you won't have to spend time searching page by page. We hope you still find the information you depend upon ready when you need it, just more colorful and easier to spot.*

*We are very interested in your feedback! You can contact the webmaster at [help@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:help@aldergrovecharter.org). Your comments will be considered and your privacy will be honored.*








CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

# INTRO

## ART, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

### Creativity Starts HERE!

This is your first step into the creative industries!  
Prepare for a highly technical and project based learning pathway with this introductory course!

AME courses teach essential workplace skills, industry-standard technology, and emulate professional environments to create authentic learning experiences!

For more info contact  
**Jen Burtram - College and Career Coordinator**  
[jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org)

## JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/CURRICULUM SHARE

ALDER GROVE PARKING LOT  
FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER  
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

HAVE A FAVORITE CURRICULUM, GAME, OR STUDENT PROJECT TO SHARE? PLEASE CONTACT SUNSHINE LEE AT [SUNSHINE.LEE@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG](mailto:SUNSHINE.LEE@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG) TO RESERVE A TABLE MEET TEACHERS, PARENT AND STUDENTS AND SEE THE GREAT PROGRAMS THAT AGCS OFFERS.

INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

# MARZ

MEDIA ARTS RESOURCE ZONE

[INKPEOPLE.ORG/MARZPROJECT](http://INKPEOPLE.ORG/MARZPROJECT)  
[marzproject@inkpeople.org](mailto: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!




NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS 

## SAVE THE DATE!

# NORTH COAST COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM at College of the Redwoods

OVER 70 COLLEGE AND CAREER REPRESENTATIVES  
TABLING! 10 WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM!



College overviews, financial aid, NCAA eligibility, career technical workshops and more! Visit [hcoe.org/ccx](http://hcoe.org/ccx) to plan your evening.

[hcoe.org/cal-soap](http://hcoe.org/cal-soap)

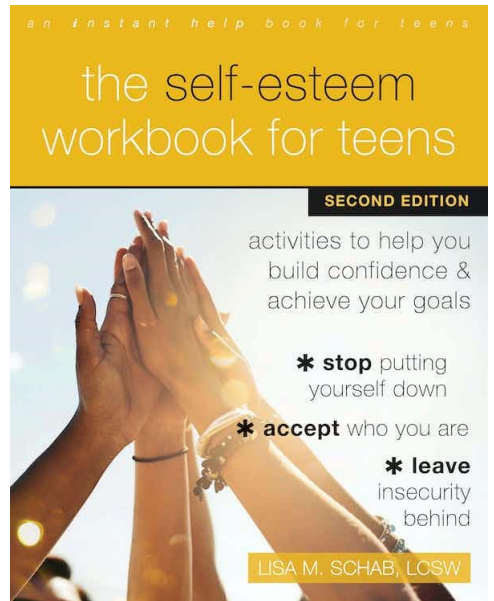
## PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH

As a teen, it is incredibly important to have self-confidence, especially when you consider all the societal pressures teens face today, particularly about appearance and grades. Growing up in today's world is difficult, and in the midst of all this life-related stress, it's easy to magnify your own weaknesses and minimize—or even ignore—your true assets. This workbook can help.

In this fully revised and updated second edition of *The Self-Esteem Workbook for Teens*, you'll learn to develop a healthy, realistic view of yourself that includes honest assessments of your weaknesses and strengths, and you will learn to respect yourself, faults and all. You'll also learn the difference between self-esteem and being self-centered, self-absorbed, or selfish. Finally, this book will show you how to distinguish the outer appearance of confidence from the quiet, steady, inner acceptance and humility of true self-esteem.

This second edition includes practical exercises to help you deal with body image issues, be more assertive and set boundaries with others, and navigate difficult social situations—including bullying, cyberbullying and social media overload. You'll also find activities that promote healthy thinking habits and problem solving; tips for handling criticism, setbacks, and self-doubt; and strategies for developing self-awareness, self-acceptance, and self-worth.

Click here for more information: <https://www.newharbinger.com/9781648480003/the-self-esteem-workbook-for-teens/>



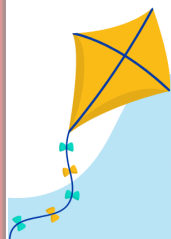
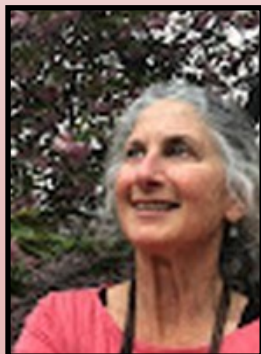
### MEET OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR!

I'm so excited to join the Alder Grove Charter School staff as the Community School Coordinator. I'm thrilled to be able to bring my background in health education, program planning and 20+ years of teaching to this new position.

A community school has been defined as "a safe place at the heart of a community where students, staff and families are connected and work together to expand opportunities and address the needs of the whole child so that all students can thrive and realize their unlimited potential."

As the year progresses you will be learning more about this program, and I hope to hear from you so that we can make this program best fit our school's needs. I've been in Humboldt for over 30 years, and I love living near the redwoods, ocean, dunes, rivers and mountains.

I enjoy baking, hiking, knitting, reading, swimming in rivers and spending time with family and friends. I especially love working in schools with students, watching them thrive, discover who they are, and become participating members of our society.



# ALDER GROVE FIELD

# TRIP/EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

**HEALTHSPORT SWIMMING-EUREKA**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT 14 1-2 PM**  
**30 KIDS \$10 OUT OF BUDGET. PARENTS STAY.**  
**BRING A LIFEJACKET IF A STUDENT CAN'T SWIM.**  
**SIGN UP IN FRONT OFFICE.**

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT-**  
**AGCS PARKING LOT**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT 29 5-7PM**





# EVOLUTION OF ART



EVER WONDER WHY SALVADOR DALI PAINTED MELTED CLOCKS? OR WHY VINCENT VAN GOGH REALLY CUT HIS EAR OFF? TAKE EVOLUTION OF ART ON CAMPUS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 1:10 - 2:20 AND FIND OUT!

NOT ONLY WILL YOU EARN COLLEGE CREDITS WHEN YOU TAKE MY CLASS, YOU CAN ALSO EARN CREDITS TOWARD THE FOLLOWING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- World History
- English
- Art & Foreign Language
- Electives



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## MEAL PROGRAM / WELLNESS POLICY

Hello AGCS Families, 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 8:35 am Monday-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](http://aldergrovecharter.org).



# 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 **THE MEDIA LAB** on **Mondays 1:10 - 2:05pm**

# FINANCIAL LITERACY

An online and in person class offered by Alder Grove Charter School

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 10:15 – 11:25AM

1

#### FULL YEAR COURSE - 10.0 HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

- Open to 9th - 12th graders
- Online or in person meetings over Zoom
- Students need a Chromebook or Computer and Wifi

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#### DUAL ENROLLMENT WITH CR

- 3.0 College Credits
- Students need to complete a CR Application and a concurrent enrollment form

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#### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 10.0 Credits of Math
- College and Career Readiness

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#### FINANCIAL LITERACY KNOWLEDGE

- Units in Checking, Saving, Investing, Loans, Credit, etc.
- Powerful knowledge that saves you thousands of dollars!

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#### SMALL CLASS SIZE - PERSONALIZED ATTENTION

- All assignments on Google Classroom
- Mastery Grading

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#### OPEN TO ALL LOCAL CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Northern United Charter School
- Pacific View Charter School
- Eureka Community School

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#### TEACHER: BROOKE SAYRE

- CERTIFIED BY NEXT GEN PERSONAL FINANCE
- TO ENROLL CONTACT:  
[BROOKE.SAYRE@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG](mailto:BROOKE.SAYRE@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG)

# SCIENCE Lab

The Science Lab meets every Monday from 2:10 - 3:30pm either in person in Room 1 or online via Zoom for grades 5-12. Students can join the Science Lab Google Classroom with the Class Code 7wl4szh to get the Zoom link for meetings.

Students can work on homework, get help with science assignments, or complete hands-on or virtual science labs.

If you are looking for A-G Independent Study Science options for high school, the Science Lab offers Biology, Chemistry, Earth, or Environmental Science using the Inspire Science curriculum. This is a great option for students who want to learn science on their own, at their own pace, or with a little extra support.

The online textbook has text-to-speech and other visual information so it is a great option for students who prefer to listen to texts and learn from videos rather than read.

If you have questions or want to learn more, please send an email to [brooke.sayre@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:brooke.sayre@aldergrovecharter.org)



## SUN YI'S ACADEMY OF TAE KWON DO

Classes are 5:30pm Monday through Thursday, attend whichever classes fit your schedule.

Sun Yi's Academy of Tae Kwon Do is offering a discounted semester of Tae Kwon Do to Alder Grove Students. Classes are \$80/month (or \$400 for the fall semester) for ages 10+ at 1215 Giuntoli Lane in Arcata.

Contact Travis Holter by email for phone for details, [travis.holter@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:travis.holter@aldergrovecharter.org) or 785-766-4508.





## 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



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Governance Council 10:30am		Healthsport Field Trip 1pm  College & Career Expo 5:30pm @ CR		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Back to School Night 5-7pm	

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