

~Alder Grove News~  
**January 2024**

Hello Alder Grove Families,

Happy New Year! We hope your break was full of rest and comfort. The school year is going fast! Spring semester begins later in the month. I can't believe we're almost halfway to summer!

**Community School Grant:** Thank you to all of our families and students who completed Community School surveys! We'll use this data to apply for the implementation grant, which will help fund much-needed programs for our students, like additional mental health supports. Thanks to Shana for working so hard on this project, and to the parents, staff, and community members who joined the Community School Advisory Team to help guide us in using this money wisely.

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

**Effective Test Prep:** We have partnered with Mr. D's Math and WriteAtHome for a new, proven-effective, self-paced test preparation program called **Conquer the CAASPP**. Studies show that students who prepare for testing not only score better, but feel less anxiety and more confidence while taking the CAASPP. Check with your CT and see your email and texts for sign-up information.

To quell the doldrums of winter, this month will feature (or start the planning for) some exciting events:

- *Winter Performance: Witness the fruits of each student's musical labors, attending classes, and practicing to entertain and wow us on **January 12th**, 10-noon on the stage!*
- *Our annual Geography Bee (**January 22nd**), Spelling Bee (**January 29th**): Contact [Randi](#) if you're interested in participating. If you would like to be an audience member and watch our cartophile and hyperlexic students show off their skills, please join us at 4:30 each day.*
- *Science Fair: If you're interested in flexing your scientific method muscles in a **March 5th** science fair project, contact our science fair coordinator [Kathy](#) to sign up or to meet and discuss ideas after watching the explanation video (link later in this newsletter). There are so many different types of scientific research and options, offering endless possibilities for interesting projects.*

**Community Partners:** A reminder: For those families using our community partners (vendors), please let your CT know if your student is planning on attending so they can complete the paperwork process *BEFORE* the services start. Contact your CT if you have any questions.

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

Tim Warner

**ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION:**

**8:30am—4:30pm**

Library Hours: 9am—4pm

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Don't forget—there's still a week left of the Fall Semester when we get back on January 8!

## DECEMBER 2023 PBIS UPDATE

Bark Buck Store Has New Surprises!

Looking for a gift? Gather up your Bark Bucks and head on over to the Bark Buck Store.

Check out our new items like fidget rings, slinkies, squishy balls, polished rocks, yo-yos, and MORE! (Of course, there are also good things to eat.)

You've earned those bucks, so treat yourself, or someone else, to something new!

Do you have more questions or any suggestions about bark bucks or positive behavior at Alder Grove?

Please let us know! Email us at: [pbis@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:pbis@aldergrovecharter.org)

**PBIS Committee Members:** Tim Warner, Superintendent; Stefani Gambrel, Principal; Nichole Dollarhide, Director of Special Services & School Psychologist; Shana Langer, Community Schools Coordinator; Crystal Collins, School Psychologist; Becky Garraway, Class Coordinator and Classroom Aide; Cedar Smith, Credentialed Teacher (CT) and On-campus Class Teacher; Luana Nelson, SPED/Vendor Relations Secretary; Jasper Severn, Math Proficient Lunch Lady.

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



## MEAL PROGRAM / WELLNESS POLICY

Check out the Alder Grove Meal Program tab on our website for links to healthy celebration treats and non-food rewards for students, healthy school fundraising ideas, and a Smart Snacks calculator and list of food and beverages that meet the Smart Snack nutrition standards.

Also, don't forget that Alder Grove serves breakfast and lunch to all students FREE of charge with no application or sign-up required!

Breakfast is offered:

Monday — Friday from 8:35am until 8:55am.

Lunch is offered:

Monday — Thursday from 12:40pm until 1:05pm, and on Friday from 12:00pm until 12:25pm.

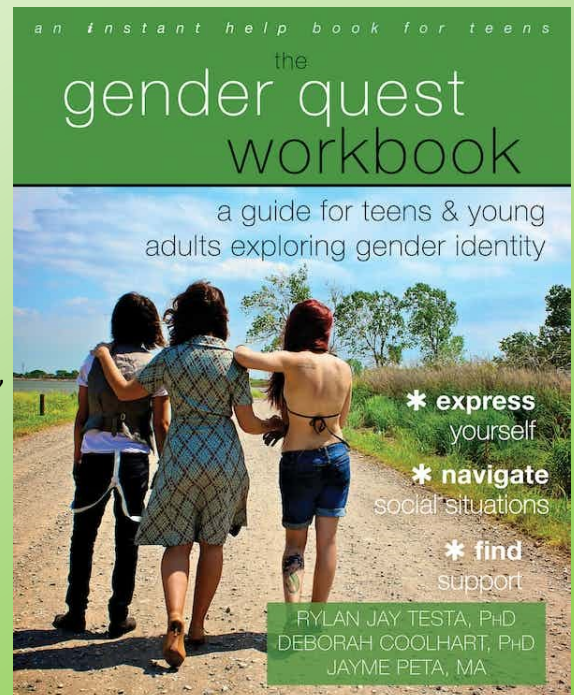


## PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH

If you are a transgender and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) teen, you may experience unique challenges with identity and interpersonal relationships. In addition to experiencing common teen challenges such as body changes and peer pressure, you may be wondering how to express your unique identity to others. The Gender Quest Workbook incorporates skills, exercises, and activities from evidence-based therapies—such as cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)—to help you address the broad range of struggles you may encounter related to gender identity, such as anxiety, isolation, fear, and even depression.

The activities in this book will help you explore your identity internally, interpersonally, and culturally. And along the way, you'll learn how to effectively express yourself and make informed decisions on how to navigate your gender with family, friends, classmates, and coworkers. The book also includes chapters on sex and dating, balancing multiple identities, and how to deal with stressful challenges when they arise. Click here for more information:

<https://www.newharbinger.com/9781626252974/the-gender-quest-workbook/>



# On Campus & Virtual Labs

All labs are free.

## Learning Lab

Monday-Friday

9:00-3:00



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Suzanne (9:00-1:00)	Jasper (9:00-10:15)	Cassie (9:00-1:00)	Jasper (9:00-10:15)	Cassie (9:00-10:00)
	Leslie (10:15-12:00)		Leslie (10:15-12:00)	Travis (10:00-3:00)
Tavia (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	Rachael (1:00-3:00)	Cassie (12:00-3:00)	



## Science Lab

Grades 5-12

Mondays, 2:10-3:30

(Room 1 or virtual)

Virtual Link:



Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98450313082?pwd=UzhWUkw2dmpFSGZPWGpiclFvYTFBUT09>

Google Classroom Join Code: 7w14szh

The Science Lab is a place for students to come for help with their science coursework or to complete hands-on science labs. Additionally, the Science Lab supports students pursuing A-G Independent Study credits in Biology and Chemistry using the Inspire Biology or Chemistry curriculum and is supported with online labs.

## Spanish Games/Homework Help

Grades 4-12

Mondays, 1:10-2:05

(Room 2 or virtual)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/7282229011?pwd=aDQ3NDIDdkdtZXBxOVZaU0plTXZaQT09>

Meeting ID: 728 222 9011

Passcode: Hola2023

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





# JANUARY

## FIELD TRIPS / EVENTS

### WINTER PERFORMANCE

**FRIDAY, JAN 12TH / 10AM-12PM**

**ALDER GROVE STAGE**

### GEOGRAPHY BEE

**MONDAY, JAN 22ND / 4:30PM**

**1ST-8TH GRADES**

**ALDER GROVE STAGE**

### FLIP FOR KIDS

**THURSDAY, JAN 25TH / 11:30AM-12:30PM**

**20 TK-6TH GRADES**

**NEED PARENTS TO HELP CHAPERONE!!**

**\$4/PERSON. SIGN UP IN FRONT OFFICE.**

### SPELLING BEE

**MONDAY, JAN 29TH / 4:30PM**

**1ST-8TH GRADES**

**ALDER GROVE STAGE**



## SCIENCE FAIR!

Wednesday March 5 is Alder Grove's annual Science Fair! Interested students should be considering ideas for a project at this time. If you would like help choosing a focus for your project, our science fair coordinator Kathy Yeager would be happy to meet and discuss ideas. There are so many different types of scientific research, offering endless possibilities for interesting projects.

Each year, the Alder Grove Science Fair follows the protocol outlined by the Humboldt County Science Fair. This year, a poster showcase option has been added. In the poster showcase, students make a poster to share the science that they are learning.



To learn about 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!!

Science Fair Information Slideshow URL: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MvnXwgTCxdx6oJCQDkyzWBM-8cVhIFX1Rslsg5z-fCU/edit?usp=sharing>

# SPELLING & GEOGRAPHY BEEES IN JANUARY!



Geo  
Jan 22

Spelling  
Jan 29

School  
Stage

Both @  
4:30pm

email  
[randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org)  
to sign up or for more  
information

ALDER GROVE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS...

# Talent Show

SIGN UP BY EMAILING  
[RANDI.MEAD@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG](mailto:RANDI.MEAD@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG).

MUST SIGN UP BY  
FEB. 7TH TO  
PERFORM.

FRIDAY  
**Feb 9th** 3:30-4:30 PM

Performances will occur on the stage/platform area!

All performances must be school appropriate and safe.

Alder Grove Charter School

# WINTER Performance

Dance | Piano | Choir  
Theatre | Drumming | Rock Band

Friday, January 12th, 2024  
From 10am - 12pm

*Come and Watch!*

Alder Grove Stage / Platform Area

Please join  
our welcome guest



retired local educator  
Redwood Writing Project  
Professional Development Coordinator

Wednesday, February 7

Anne Hartline

4:15-5:45

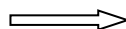
How to encourage curiosity  
and  
motivate your kids to want to read and write

Email [sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org) with the subject 2/7 workshop to sign up. Please indicate if you need childcare

## PHOTOS FROM CTE CLASSES



Congratulations  
to Ocean  
Goodrich-  
Brinckhaus,  
who was one of  
Alder Grove's  
inaugural cross  
country  
winners!



THE PEOPLE HAVE VOTED  
AND ALDER GROVE'S  
NEW MASCOT IS....

Sasquatch

# FEBRUARY

## FIELD TRIPS / EVENTS

**EUREKA POLICE STATION**  
**THURSDAY, FEB 8TH / 12-1:00PM**  
**30 PEOPLE TK-6TH.**  
**604 C ST, EUREKA. FREE.**  
**SIGN UP IN THE FRONT OFFICE**

**HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE STATION**  
**THURSDAY, FEB 8TH / 1:15-2:15PM**  
**30 PEOPLE TK-6TH.**  
**533 C ST, EUREKA. FREE.**  
**SIGN UP IN THE FRONT OFFICE**

# Meet THE PSYCH TEAM!

Hello Alder Grove Family!

We wanted to take a moment to introduce the Psych team that is here on campus. We're here to support your students with mental health support, coping skill building, individual/group social emotional skills building, and check ins.

Students can swing by any of our offices while on campus if they need additional support in emergency situations. If possible, it's always best to make an appointment to ensure availability.

Our contact information and location on campus is listed below.



## NICHOLE DOLLARHIDE

Director of Special Services

School Psychologist Office

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

(707) 572 - 0099

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*"Hello! I became a School Psychologist because I love to help kids! Come see me if you need some support."*



## CRYSTAL COLLINS

School Psychologist  
Office is next to the Director's Office

[crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org)

(707) 572-6846

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*"Come say hi! I'm here to chat, whether you are having a great day or a really hard one. All are welcome :)"*



## MONICA SIFUENTES

School Psychology Intern

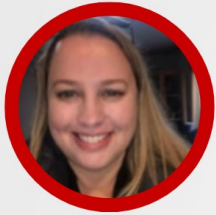
Seahorse Room

[monica.sifuentes@aldergrovecharter.org](mailto:monica.sifuentes@aldergrovecharter.org)

(707) 499-7230

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*"Come see me! We can chat about feelings, Marvel comics, pets, music, or you can teach me about your favorite things."*



# College & Career Corner

Everyone continues to await the release of the FAFSA. Opening day has been committed “by December 31,” with no further specifics about the exact time. There are, however, productive steps you students, parents and guardians can take now to help ensure students are ready once FAFSA comes available.

1. Create an FSA ID for student and parent/guardian. This will act as your login and digital signature to complete the FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
2. Watch this video for an update of the NEW FAFSA: <https://youtu.be/1Gqcl0zWvTs>
3. Gather the following information for easy access once FAFSA is released:
  - o FSA ID (For FAFSA filers ONLY)
  - o Driver's License, if you have one
  - o Social Security Card, if you have one
  - o Alien Registration Card, if you have one
  - o ITIN, if you have one
  - o List of Colleges you are interested in
  - o Most current bank statements
  - o Any records of untaxed income
  - o 2022 year tax information (1040s and W2s)
4. Attend Alder Grove CASH FOR COLLEGE workshop 1/25 at 1:10 in Media Lab
5. Help conquer MYTHS about Financial Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/articles/fafsa-myths/>

INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

# MARZ

MEDIA ARTS RESOURCE ZONE

INKPEOPLE.ORG/MARZPROJECT

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!

Meet your Cal-SOAP Success Coach

**ETHAN LADD**  
ELadd@hcoe.org

Ethan attends Cal Poly Humboldt with a dance major and kinesiology minor. His career goal is to be at a professional ballet company and in his free time, he enjoys roller skating.

MEET WITH ETHAN:

### Exciting News for Alder Grove Seniors!

We're thrilled to introduce Ethan Ladd to our College and Career Team! As our dedicated CalSOAP Success Coach, Ethan is here to guide seniors through the financial aid and college admissions maze.

**When to Find Ethan on Campus:**  
Tues & Thurs: 8:30-10:30 AM  
Fridays: 12:00-3:00 PM

Need a different time? Ethan's flexible! Reach out to coordinate based on his availability.

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





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



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

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

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

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



## 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

# January 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Winter Break—School Closed						
7	8 RETURN TO SCHOOL JAN 8th	9	10	11	12 Winter Performance 10am 	13 ← Jan 12 Last Day of Fall Semester	
14	15 MLK DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	16 Spring Semester Begins	17	18	19	20	
21	22 Geography Bee 4:30pm 	23	24	25 Flips for Kids 11:30am 	26	27	
28	29 Spelling Bee 4:30pm 	30	31				

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