

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're faring well through a lot of winter rain and high tides. We have to be pretty resilient to live up here on the North Coast!

I loved the recent music class performances, and the spelling and geography bees! I spend most of my days writing reports, putting numbers in boxes, and attending meetings, so to see our students performing and excelling is very heartening to me. It's just so fun to experience the products of our talented and hard working students!

State Testing: CAASPP testing is just around the corner! *As you may 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 "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 preparing for the Physical Fitness Test, which is due to be turned in by your CT by March 11th. Look for more information about testing in general 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.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports): Join us Friday, February 16th from 2:30 to 3:30 for our second PBIS popsicle party! All grades are welcome with activities for everyone: popsicles, cartoons, games, etc., all that fun for only 10 Bark Bucks. Speaking of Bark Bucks, the store is stocked with new items and some old favorites and students continue to be awarded to support their positive behavior. Thank you to teachers and staff who are working so hard to create a PBIS school!

Community Schools Implementation Grant: I'd like to thank all of our students and families who participated in the surveys we sent out for the Community Schools Implementation Grant application. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have submitted a hefty and extensive application. Wish us luck! We've got our fingers crossed that we will get it and be able to implement many of the cool things you suggested. Thank you goes to Shana, our Community Schools Coordinator who has spent a lot of time, blood, and tears putting this project together.

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 meet every Monday afternoon. It's been so fun to see them grow and expand, take on more responsibility, and plan amazing events. Thank you to Randi and Nichole, their advisors. 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, Superintendent/Executive Director

ALDER GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL HOURS OF OPERATION:

8:30am—4:30pm

Library Hours: 9am—4pm

Check your Catapult Messages Regarding Alder Grove's New Visitation Policy—Going Into Effect on Monday, February 5

Humboldt Fastpitch
Serving Youth Girls Ages 4-16
Throughout Humboldt County

Check us out on Facebook
OR
at our new website

www.humboldtgirlsfastpitch.org

https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/407949

Deadline is February 29, 2024

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.



NO MORE CLIPPING



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

SEE HOW AT BTFE.COM

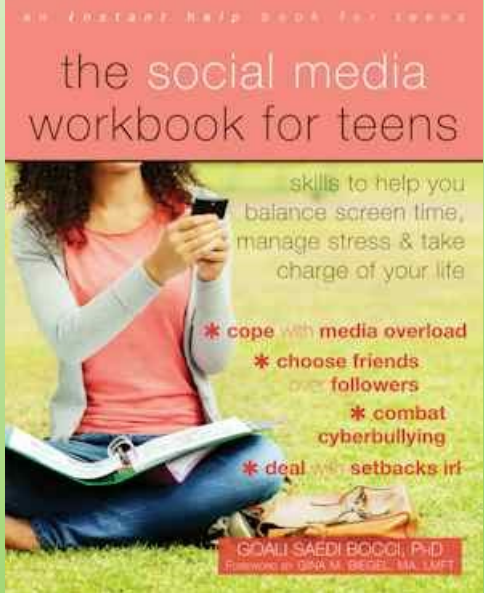
PBIS BOOK OF THE MONTH

Social media has drastically changed how we communicate with one another. In many ways this is a good thing. For example, it's easier than ever to stay connected to family and friends who live far away. But social media can also become addictive, stressful, and even alienating. If you're like many teens, you probably check your smartphone several times throughout the day to stay up to date on the news from friends. But what happens when you're so worried about missing the latest posts on your feed that you end up missing out on real life adventures and connections?

Grounded in evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), this unique and relatable workbook will help you manage the stress and anxiety that can result from excessive screen time. You'll discover how to choose friends over followers, find tips for navigating cyberbullying, and discover new ways to get back in touch with your own life—without your smartphone or other devices.

Social media has an important place in your life—but it shouldn't *rule* your life. It's also important to remember that the "highlight reels" you see of your friends' lives aren't necessarily the "real" truth. If you're ready to reduce social media stress, gain confidence in yourself, and become more engaged in the world around you, this workbook will show you how.

Click here for more information:
<https://www.newharbinger.com/9781684031900/the-social-media-workbook-for-teens/>



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)	Travis (9:00-3:00) *Learning Lab is in Room 2 on Fridays
	Tavia (10:15-12:00)		Tavia (10:15-12:00)	
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
(on campus or virtual)

Virtual Link:



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

Google Classroom Join Code: 7wl4szh

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
(on campus or virtual)

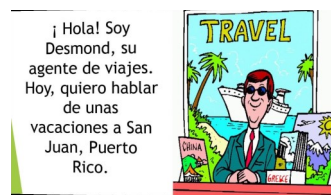
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7282229011?pwd=aDQ3NDlDdkdtZXBxOVZaU0piTXZaQT09>

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.



ALDER GROVE SCIENCE FAIR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 AT 2PM!

There is still time for students to join in Alder Grove's Science Fair! Please contact our Science Fair Coordinator, Kathy Yeager, if you are interested or would like support for your student to develop their project!! With so many different types of scientific research, the possibilities for interesting projects are endless.

Each year, the Alder Grove Science Fair follows the protocol outlined by the Humboldt County Science Fair. This year, The County Science Fair has added a non-competitive science poster showcase for TK-12 students. In the poster showcase, students can make a poster to share the Science concepts that they are learning. Posters can include pictures and student art.

The Humboldt County Office of Education is offering a free printed 11x17 poster for any entry received by February 27th!



To learn about more 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 to ask questions, discuss ideas, and sign up for our science fair!!



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.

HEALTH CARE CAREER FAIR



Sponsored by Humboldt County Office of Education

Ready to learn more about various careers in health care from the professionals directly? Join us February 28th from 10-1:30 for this informal and interactive opportunity!

Lunch provided.

FEATURING THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONS:

NURSING
DENTAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

OPEN TO GRADES 8-12

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more information and to register contact:
Megan Freitas - mfreitas@hcoe.org | (707) 445-7563

Alder Grove Workshop

**Redwood Writing Project:
Encouraging
Curiosity
and Critical
Thinking Through
Inquiry with
Anne Hartline**



**Wednesday,
February 7
4:15-5:45 pm
AGCS Stage**

- Come get inspiration and information!
- Learn how to help your children create fun writing projects based on their research and inquiry.
- Walk away with trusted research sources for kids.

Email sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org with the subject "2/7/24 workshop" to sign up.

Do you need childcare? Let me know how many children need care and how old they are.



Cursive or Joined Italics Handwriting?

Did you know that writing with a pencil on paper stimulates the brain? It has been shown to improve brain development in the areas of thinking, language, and working memory. Cursive/Joined Italics handwriting specifically contributes to creating brain synapses and synchronicity between the left and right hemispheres, something that doesn't happen when we print or type. These connections contribute to greater reading success and memory functions, among other benefits.

In California, our education code 51210 was amended to include instruction in cursive or joined italics for grades 1-6 effective January 1, 2024. If your student is not currently learning cursive or joined italics, adding this element to your language arts program is now expected and will contribute to their brain development.

When I homeschooled my children, I started by teaching my first-born the joined italic style. I used the curriculum listed below (#2) and he has great handwriting! However, he stumbled when it came to reading birthday cards from his grandparents. So with the next two children, I taught cursive. Do they write in perfect cursive? Nope! But they do have their own style, it's legible, and they can read cursive handwriting (like primary documents in high school.) And now that I've read about the handwriting studies, I know their brain grew specifically from learning cursive/joined italics.

Give it a try! --Erica Alston, CT



Some recommended workbook resources are:

1. Cursive Handwriting (Learning without Tears) workbooks and teacher guides available through rainbowresource.com, a current vendor.
2. Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting Series Fourth Edition. This series offers 7 books instructing the joined italic method and is available through rainbowresource.com.
3. D'Nealian Cursive Handwriting for grades 1-5. This program is available from savvas.com, one of our vendors.

Some online resources are:

1. <https://consistentcursive.com/> This completely free course has downloadable worksheets with accompanying video instruction. Looks like a great one for older children, but younger ones can access it with parent support.
2. <https://www.k5learning.com/cursive-writing-worksheets> K5Learning has free cursive writing worksheets starting with the alphabet and progressing all the way to passages.



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



MCKINLEYVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PACIFIC UNION SCHOOL PTO PRESENT A


MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

THEME: DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES - 60'S, 70'S & 80'S

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024
 7:00PM - 9:30PM

MCKINLEYVILLE ACTIVITY CENTER, 1705 GWIN ROAD
 OPEN TO ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS
 CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
 TICKETS SOLD 3 TO 2 WEEKS BEFORE: \$12
 TICKETS SOLD WEEK OF: \$15
 TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

TICKETS: 1656 SUTTER RD. OR ONLINE @ REC.MCKINLEYVILLECSD.COM
 COMPLETED CODE OF CONDUCT & STUDENT BODY ID CARD REQUIRED!!!



ALDER GROVE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS....

Talent Show

SIGN UP BY EMAILING
 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.

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!



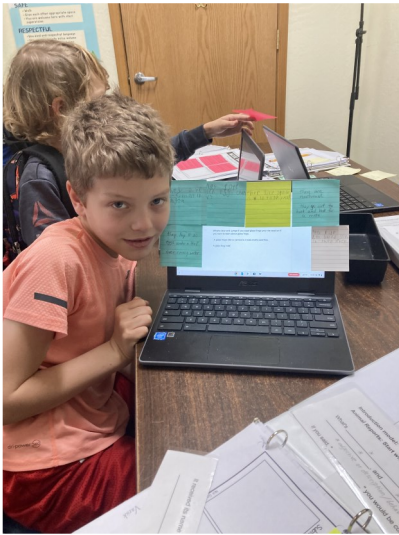
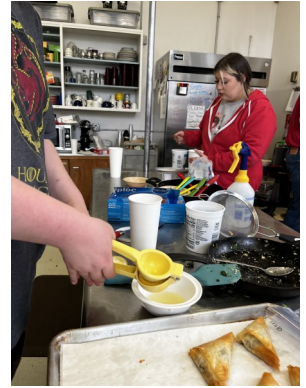


**PHOTOS
FROM CTE
CLASSES:**

HORTICULTURE

**CULINARY
ARTS**

**BUILDING &
CONSTRUCTION
TRADES**



STUDENTS ENJOYING WRITING LAB



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GEOGRAPHY BEE
WINNERS - 1ST PLACE: GLORIANA NISSON,
3RD PLACE: ARCHER CAIRNS.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPELLING BEE
WINNERS - ARIANNA PORTER AND
MORGAN NIETHOLD-PRATT!**



Alder Grove's Second Annual

Prizes!

LET THE GAMES

Games!

FIELD

DAY

Snacks!

BEGIN!

Races!

Thursday, February 29

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!

the PBIS
Committee
presents

games

FRI. FEB 16

2:30-3:30PM

MUSIC

CARTOONS

a
popsicle
party

GOOD
TIMES

ACTIVITIES
FOR OLDER
STUDENTS, TOO!

@ ALDER GROVE
CHARTER SCHOOL

ENTRY IS
10 BARK
BUCKS!

be safe. be respectful. be responsible.

THE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST IS BACK

The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is part of the California state testing program. California has chosen the FITNESSGRAM as the annual PFT for students in public schools.

The FITNESSGRAM is a comprehensive health-related fitness test developed by The Cooper Institute.



WHO?

AGCS Students
5th, 7th & 9th
Grades

WHEN?

February 12 -
March 22

WHAT?

The FITNESSGRAM measures:

- Aerobic Capacity
- Abdominal Strength & Endurance
- Trunk Extender Strength & Flexibility
- Upper Body Strength & Endurance
- Flexibility

HOW?

Your child's CT can administer the PFT, or they can attend AGCS's Field Day on Thursday, February 29, and complete it there!

Students with disabilities have the chance to participate in the PFT and should be given as much of the test as possible.

WHY?

FITNESSGRAM results are one measure of information students and their families may use, along with other information, to monitor overall fitness.

Alder Grove may also use the results for the purpose of evaluating our physical education program.

PARENTS:

Support your child's fitness by encouraging them to exercise for 60 minutes a day!

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 and the PFT. If you haven't read Tim's notes about the high stakes of testing all eligible students, 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 state testing!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES:

April 1 - April 12: Week One of CAASPP testing will take place from April 1 - April 5. 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 8 - April 12: Week Two of CAASPP testing will take place from April 8 - April 12. **There will be NO ON-CAMPUS CLASSES during Week Two of testing.**

PFT due by March 22: 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. We will be administering the PFT as part of our 2nd Annual Alder Grove Field Day on Thursday, February 29. See the flyer in this newsletter. For those who wish to do this independently, forms, along with links to instructional videos, are also available on the Alder Grove website. **The deadline has been extended, and these forms are due NO LATER than Friday, March 22nd.**

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!**



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

February 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat


8th and 12th grade graduation will be at the Eureka Theater on May 23rd.


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
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Alder Grove Workshop: Redwood Writing Project 4:15pm


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 Eureka Police Station 12pm
Humboldt Bay Fire Station 1:15pm

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 Talent Show 3:30pm
Middle School Dance 7pm—McKinleyville

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Governance Council 10:30am


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Popsicle Party 2:30pm


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SCHOOL CLOSED
Presidents' Week

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NO CLASSES, LABS, OR STUDY HALL*
Check with CT, SPED, or tutors for all other meetings

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Health Care Career Fair @ HCOE 10am


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Alder Grove Charter School
714 F Street
Eureka, CA 95501