

Alder Grove Charter School Newsletter Summer 2024

Photos From High School Graduation

Congratulations 12th Grade Graduates

Honora Beth Arana	Isaiah Lueras
Madeline Bartlett	Julian McGowan
Keith Jaxon Beam	Kashmir Nelson
Joseph Michael Bishop	Void Portlock
McKenzie Jewell Bishop	Marius Armando Renzullo
Skilynn Campbell	Zachariah Allie Rogers
Michelle M. Caylor	Cheyenne Chloe Ross-Donahue
Yarah J. Chomicki-Tolan	Michael K. Ruiz
Natasha Elisabeth Coleman	Marley K. Sandeen
Koda Curtright	Colton Ray Simpson
Carlo V. DeKruise	Skylar Thompson
Jayden Edwards	Malachi Velasquez
Wade Nicholas Hall	Dillan Welch
Naomi Harrison	Julia Weltsch
Loralei Iguess	Jo Whitsonbell
Lilah P. Ireland	Tanner D Zelanick
Joseph LaRue	

We are so proud of you!







Photos from 8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations 8th Grade Graduates

Maatpasho Isaac Aaron
Hehaka Boazman Wakina

Martha Ellen Boltzen
Jonah Carter

Jesse Andrew Cleenewerck

Sean Archer Deno
Steven Dixon

Berlyn Joelle Downey

Marley Evan Haze
Falicki-Souther

Maliek Fitts Gagliardi

Jeremiah W Hanson

Floyd Johnson

Brooke K Jones

Hannah Kavanaugh

Julianna Kellogg

Daryah Na'amah
Krigel-Armstrong

Eli Kubin

Odin Ash Lane

Zachary Mason

Maryce McCovey

Juliet Moran

Johnny Joaquin Najarian

Jasmine Aurora Neiva

Levi Edman David Nichols

William

Trillium Pitts

Arianna Porter

Lilyana Richardson

Hans N Riegel

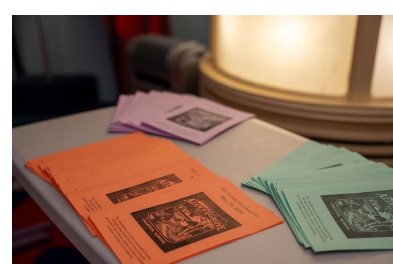
Calvin James Salazar

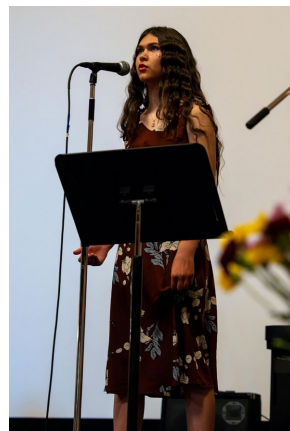
Skyler Sullivan

Irene Taylor Hayes

Cadence Willburn

We are so proud of you!









Letter from the Director

Happy Summer Alder Grove Families,

Well, we did it! We reached the end of another school year. And while every year has its challenges, it seemed a lot smoother than many previous ones! It's time to enjoy your summer and refresh yourselves with some restful and fun activities.

Graduation was so exciting. It was awesome to be in the Eureka Theater, and seeing all of the 8th and high school graduates as they walked across the stage after working so hard was satisfying and heart-warming. The performances were also excellent. You graduates worked hard and deserved a special day. Congratulations to you all!

I have to send a HUGE thank you to our staff and teachers for working so hard this year. Our office staff kept operations smooth while supporting teachers and families. Teachers delivered educational opportunities in many creative ways. I appreciate our robust class offerings, appreciate our expanding CTE options, and love all of the partnerships we've built with community organizations. *You all are amazing and so valued.*

Great news: We were selected to receive the Community Schools Implementation Grant! The

grant will be used to support our efforts to increase math skills, bring more mental health supports, increase opportunities for students and families to gather and give input on our school, and bring more Native American Studies to our students. Watch for more information in August from our Community School Coordinator, Shana!

Speaking of August, we are already planning many details for next year, including classes, schedules, and staffing. We will continue serving free breakfast and lunch every day for students who are on campus and will continue working with the Westside Community Center (Jefferson) kitchen to serve healthy, largely homemade meals. Check the August newsletter for more information!

While the state's legislature continues to pass laws making the operation and success of a charter school more difficult, such as increasing the stakes for standardized testing, we will continue to persist and thrive through innovation and flexibility. As always, our mission is to provide students with personalized learning and to support parent choice in education as we strive for academic excellence. We have maintained this mission for 18 years and intend to continue supporting our students and enriching the community in which we are located. Stay strong, everyone.

Thank you for choosing Alder Grove Charter School. Have an amazing summer!

Sincerely,
Tim Warner, Superintendent/Executive Director

More End of the Year Photos!



**Community
Service
Club
at
Humboldt
Bay
Fire
Station
Tour**



Maryce McCovey in Seattle for the National Indian Child Welfare Act Conference in April. Jo Whitsonbell, one of our seniors this year, was also there with the Transition Age Youth Organization.



Photos from the End of the Year Party



Huge shout out to the Alder Grove runners who participated in the first season running with Coast League! Ocean Goodrich took first individual in the 200 meter, the mile, the standing broad jump and shotput!! Keilani, Fia and Talullah came in first, second and forth in their heat of the 50 meter dash. Karianna came in first in her heat of the 50 meter dash.



Alder Grove placed second overall, mainly due to the other school having more runners. Hopefully we can get a few more runners next Fall in running Cross Country!





**Photos
from the
Spring
Performance**





Photos from The Big, Bad Musical



June 2024 PBIS Update:

We did it! Congratulations to all of the hardworking students, families and staff of Alder Grove for making it through another exciting school year! The PBIS team has been working hard to improve our social-emotional learning and positive behavior systems here at Alder Grove; and there are new surprises coming for next year too—so stay tuned. For example: what was once called the “Bark Bucks Store” is now the “Sasquatch Station”, and “Bark Bucks” are now “Sass Cash”! Don’t worry, if you still have some bark bucks left, you can use them through the first month at the beginning of next school year.

In the meantime, you can still encourage the positive behaviors you want to see throughout the summer! To make it a little easier, here are some free/cheap reward ideas to use with your kids:

- **Praise:** Words of encouragement, a high five or fist bump, nod of the head, etc.

Later Bedtime: Even 15 minutes can make a big difference to some kids.

- **Special Activities:** A board game together, going to the park, or an extra bedtime story are just a few special activities that your child might want to earn. Look for free community events and utilize resources like your local library which often have special events.
- **Extra Electronics Time:** Although it's important to ensure your child's electronics use is limited, you can make time on digital devices a reward. Just make sure you put a cap on how much time your child can earn each day (such as a two-hour limit). You can offer screen time rewards in 15-minute chunks.
- **Crafts:** Paper bags make great puppets. Cotton balls and glue can lead to endless creations. Build a model, make some jewelry, or get out the finger paint as a reward for good behavior.
- **Coupons:** Kids love to earn coupons that say things such as "get out of having to do one chore" or "choose your favorite meal for dinner." Allow your child to use their coupons whenever they want (within reason).
- **Social Activities:** Allow kids to earn extra social opportunities such as inviting a friend over or having a sleepover. Other free rewards can include inviting a friend to the park or going to a community activity.
- **Food:** Although it's not a good idea to offer junk food as an incentive, there are some ways to incorporate food into a reward system. For example, allow your child to choose what's for dinner or earn an indoor picnic.
- **Tokens or Stickers:** [Token economy systems](#) provide kids with chips or tokens on a daily basis that can later be exchanged for rewards. Provide your child with a varied reward menu that allows them to earn bigger rewards.

PBIS Committee Members: Tim Warner, Superintendent; Stefani Gambrel, Principal; Crystal Collins, School Psychologist; Becky Garraway, Class Coordinator and Classroom Aide; Cedar Smith, Credentialed Teacher (CT) and On-campus Class Teacher; Kim Gagnon, School Volunteer

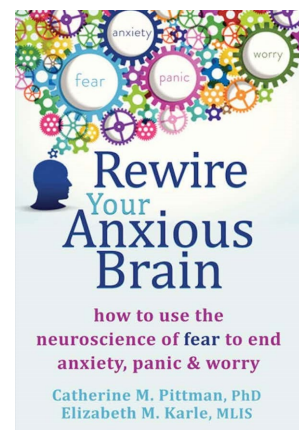
PBIS Vision Statement: Our PBIS Committee will work to improve school climate by creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment at Alder Grove with the goal of increasing positive social, emotional, and academic outcomes.

PBIS Book of the Month

Do you ever wonder what is happening inside your brain when you feel anxious, panicked, and worried? In *Rewire Your Anxious Brain*, psychologist Catherine Pittman and author Elizabeth Karle offer a unique, evidence-based solution to overcoming anxiety based in cutting-edge neuroscience and research.

In the book, you will learn how the amygdala and cortex (both important parts of the brain) are essential players in the neuropsychology of anxiety. The amygdala acts as a primal response, and oftentimes, when this part of the brain processes fear, you may not even understand why you are afraid. By comparison, the cortex is the center of "worry." That is, obsessing, ruminating, and dwelling on things that may or may not happen. In the book, Pittman and Karle make it simple by offering specific examples of how to manage fear by tapping into both of these pathways in the brain.

As you read, you'll gain a greater understanding how anxiety is created in the brain, and as a result, you will feel empowered and motivated to overcome it. The brain is a powerful tool, and the more you work to



change the way you respond to fear, the more resilient you will become. Using the practical self-assessments and proven-effective techniques in this book, you will learn to literally “rewire” the brain processes that lie at the root of your fears.

Click the image of the book for more information.

Meal Program / Wellness Policy

Summer Meals are available to all children 18 years and under!

Please click to visit the
[California Department of Education website](#)
to find a school or site near you.

Alder Grove will resume breakfast and lunch service on August 26, 2024.



Community School Corner

Get involved! Travel and even earn a stipend!

We are proud to announce that, thanks to the hard work of staff, students, families and our community partners, we are the recipient of a California State Community School Implementation Grant!

What does this mean for our school? Alder Grove Charter School will be working hard to increase the supports for the well-being of our community. Next year, you will be seeing more services for students and families. We will be asking you what you need to be successful in the role of a parent/guardian educator, and we will be asking students what they need to be successful in their education.

If you and/or students have the time, interest and energy in being more involved in the implementation of our community school strategy, please email me, Shana Langer, the Community School Coordinator. There are some exciting travel and stipend-earning opportunities I would love to share with you!

[Community School Team Interest Form](#)
Have a wonderful summer!

Visiting Author in October

VISTING AUTHOR

KIRBY LARSON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER
18TH, 2024 10-12
PM

Come and meet our visiting author in one or both of her presentations (10-11am or 11-12pm). There will be a drawing for 2 students to have a free lunch with Kirby on October 18th at 12pm. Students will also have the chance to win an Author Festival t-shirt! Look for the box on the office counter to enter the raffle. Fill out a free raffle ticket to be drawn on October 11th, and drop it in the raffle box. (Only 1 raffle ticker per student please). There are also raffle tickets you can buy for \$1 to win 25 autographed books, or 1 autographed book.



Books written by Kirby Larson:

Duke
The Friendship Doll
Audacity Jones
Hattie Big Sky
Shermy & Shake
Nubs
Two Bobbies

If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket email Randi at randi.mead@aldergrovecharter.org. Please check out the bulletin board at school for more information!

<https://kirbylarson.com/>

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Cal Grant Award Process Checklist

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Cal Grant Award Process



1

APPLICATION AND GPA SUBMISSION (October 1- March 2)

Congratulations! You have completed the FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application, and your GPA has been electronically submitted to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). Based on the information from these applications, CSAC has considered you for a Cal Grant Award.



2

CAL GRANT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION (Beginning December)

This Cal Grant Eligibility Notification informs you that you have been offered a Cal Grant. It lists the Cal Grant maximum award amounts that could be available to you and provides you with information about the Cal Grant Award. **Important: Cal Grant funding is limited to 4 academic years or the completion of your college degree (whichever happens first). In order to graduate in time, you must complete 15 units or more per semester or the equivalent quarter units. Create a plan with your academic counselor to ensure you will graduate in four years.**



3

CLAIMING YOUR CAL GRANT AWARD (Beginning February)

A) To claim your Cal Grant Award, you must create a WebGrants for Students (WG4S) account and confirm your school of attendance or make a school change. We recommend waiting until you have made your final decision as to what school you will be attending.
B) After you have graduated, you must sign into your WG4S account and confirm your high school graduation. Once both steps are completed, your award will be claimed.



4

CALIFORNIA AID REPORT

The California Aid Report confirms your Cal Grant Award offer. This notification is available on WG4S after you have claimed your award. It will list your school of attendance, identify which Cal Grant you were awarded, and list your award amount. The California Student Aid Commission communicates with you using contact information from your WG4S account, so it is important that you keep this information updated.



5

STUDENT FOLLOW-UP

A month prior to the first day of school, you should follow-up with your campus Financial Aid Office to make sure you meet all the requirements to receive your financial aid. After the campus confirms your enrollment and eligibility, a Cal Grant payment can be processed. Check with your campus financial aid office for Cal Grant disbursement dates and how it will be applied to your account.



6

Renew Cal Grant (Following Fall)

To continue receiving your Cal Grant award for the next 3 years, you will need to renew the FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application information each year. **Remember, if you want to graduate in 4 years, you must complete 15 units or more per semester or the equivalent quarter units. Create a plan with your academic counselor to ensure you complete enough units to graduate in four years.** Good luck!!



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Summer Algebra Institute at Cal Poly

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SUMMER ALGEBRA INSTITUTE

at Cal Poly Humboldt



FREE in-person STEAM day camp for rising 8th - 10th graders

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays between July 16 - August 1
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**



Meet STEAM professionals and discover diverse career paths!



Engage in hands-on activities centered on current events, environmental engineering, robotics, college knowledge, and more!



Improve your math skills from basic to advanced and potentially earn 5 elective credits toward graduation!



Engage in lively discussions about cultural knowledge and contributions to the field of mathematics!



APPLY TODAY!

Contact TRIO Talent Search, at 707-826-4791

<https://forms.gle/wPGDjPWFMkEfzSyj6>

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Trades Academy Summer Institute (TASI)



EDUCATION
AT WORK

TASI

TRADES ACADEMY SUMMER INSTITUTE
an Education @ Work Initiative



Explore Careers in Trades!

June 17-28 at College of the Redwoods

TASI is a free two-week summer education program that provides local high school students the opportunity to explore careers and acquire skills in product manufacturing, welding, and construction techniques.

Visits with local industry partners will be included in the program and participants will have the opportunity to earn OSHA 10 certification.


Topics covered include:

- Fabrication
- Welding
- Construction
- Workplace Safety



Scan the QR code to fill out an interest form!

For more info or to apply, contact **Ann Marie Rocha** at arocha@hcoe.org or 707-441-3954.

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Technology Exploration Summer Institute (TESI)



TESI

Technology Exploration Summer Institute

An Education at Work Initiative

Explore Tech Careers!

June 17 - July 12 at College of the Redwoods



Sign up to get
exclusive info here!

TESI is a free four-week summer education program that allows local high school students to explore career fields in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). *Space is limited! Priority may be given to graduating Seniors & early applicants.

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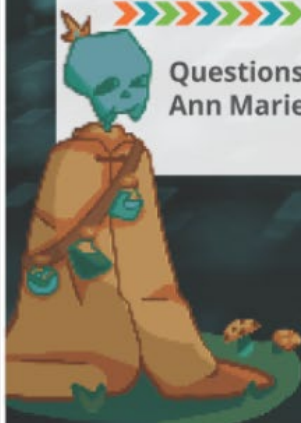
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Questions? Email:
Ann Marie Rocha at arocha@hcoe.org

Covered topics to include:

- TESI Fundamentals
 - Explore the six main domains of ICT.
 - Visit local worksites that showcase technology.
- TESI AI
 - Targeted for students who have previous experience in computer programming.
 - Dive into Artificial Intelligence (AI) and many other domains.
 - Explore careers through a short, work-based learning experience.



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Former TESI student, Varien Goode helped create the figure on the left.

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

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FOR WORKING AND VOLUNTEERING!

1. Apply to CR online
2. Complete a Concurrent Enrollment Form
3. Sign up for CR Work Experience through AGCS onsite registration
4. Volunteer=60 hrs/semester -or- Work=75 hrs/semester
5. Earn *up to* 10 high school credits and 1 college unit per semester.

Contact jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org for more information

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.



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online

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your digital receipt

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EARN

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August Calendar

2024		August				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09 Class Lottery 4:30pm	10
11	12	13 Governance Council 10:30am	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 First Day of School	27	28	29	30	31
01	02 Labor Day (Holiday)	03 First Day of On Campus Classes				
