



~Alder Grove News ~

March 2018

From The Director-

Hello Alder Grove Students and Families,

I hope you had a wonderful long weekend break.

Thank you so much to those of you who could attend the Interimpalooza test prep event in February. The turnout was impressive and students had a great time! We have another Interimpalooza scheduled for March 10th, which will also feature a pizza lunch and prizes. Students who attend will feel prepared for the CAASPP when it happens in April, and more detailed test results will help you understand which concepts your student has mastered and which still need work. Talk to your CT if you would like to attend!

CAASPP (Smarter Balanced) testing will happen April 23-27. On-campus classes will be cancelled during that week. Make-up tests will happen the following week, April 30th - May 4th. Your teacher will let you know when your 3rd-8th, and 11th grade student(s) can sign up for times to take this state mandated assessment. All seniors and select 11th grade students will be required to take the CAST (science) assessment this year. Check with your CT for more information.

I can't believe we only have three more months until the end of the school year! Students, families, teachers, and staff look forward to this time every year, where all of our cooperative hard work pays off! Graduating seniors, please return your completed graduation information forms so we can order caps and gowns. Thank you for choosing Alder Grove Charter School to complete your high school education.

And finally, on February 22nd, the South Bay Unified School District board approved our new charter petition. This decision will continue our almost 12-year, positive relationship with the district. On behalf of Alder Grove Charter School, I would like to thank South Bay for their continued support of personalized learning and parent choice in education for Humboldt County.

Happy Spring!

~Tim Warner

Governance Council Upcoming Election Information

Alder Grove has experienced many successes in its almost 12 years of operation. The desire to create a public school in Humboldt County with solid educational standards that honors parent choice has long been the driving force that brought Alder Grove to where it is now.

The requirements placed on public schools are monumental. Alder Grove is constantly working to stay informed of ever-changing mandates. **Without a conscientious and reliable group of Governance Council (school board) Members, a public school cannot thrive.**

Becoming involved is the best way to want to understand how Alder Grove operates and how public funds are utilized. Knowledge is very empowering and participation in decision making offers freedom from discontent.

Experience is not required. Becoming a Governance Council member is an excellent way to make a difference and help Alder Grove continue to have a successful charter school. Meetings are open to the public and public comment is always welcome.

At the end of this school year, we will have two open seats on our Governance Council. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact, Jenifer Doane at 268-0854 as soon as possible. Ballots and candidate statements will be included in the April newsletter.

Meetings are held once a month and elected members receive a \$50 stipend for each meeting attended to cover costs of gas, childcare, etc.

Join us!

Science Fair!!



**Wednesday, March 7th
2:30 PM**

It time for Alder Grove's 8th annual Science Fair!
Each year, our students impress us with their
attention and dedication to scientific study.

This year, students will gather at school on March 7th to present their projects.
Everyone is welcome to attend this fun event!

We hope to see you there!!

If you would be interested in volunteering to judge our school science fair, please contact our science fair coordinator Kathy Yeager. Look for her at school or email at: kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org

* Save the Date! *
* Saturday, March 24th *
* AGCS Annual Spring Parent Workshop Day: *
* Featuring Kim Sutton from Creative Mathematics and more! *
* Potluck Lunch *
* (More details to follow) *



Graduation!

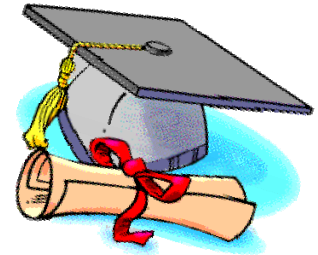
8th Grade and 12th Grade graduation

**The Eureka Theater
612 F Street, Eureka**

Thursday, May 31st

8th Grade: 3:30 PM

12th Grade: 5:30 PM





WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!!

THE YEARBOOK IS BACK AND WE NEED YOUR PICTURES FROM THE FIRST SEMSTER!!! DONATE PICTURES FOR THE GREATER GOOD :)

- FIELD TRIPS
- PERFORMANCES
- ACTIVITIES
- PHOTOS OF STUDENTS
- CLASSES
- INDEPENDANT STUDIES/SPORTS

MUST BE !!!

SCHOOL/STUDENT RELATED

SEND TO YEARBOOK@ALDERGROVECHARTER.ORG

FIELD TRIPS

K-6th Grade :
Fire & Light
Thursday, March 1, 2018
9:45 AM
30 people
Free

This is now full.
You may call to be put on the waiting list.

For 7th & 8th Grade
College of the Redwoods visit
Friday, March 9
9AM-1:30PM
Free

Join us for a meaningful and engaging interactive
College & Career Exploration Day at
College of the Redwoods.

This is a great introduction and orientation for any
students who are considering taking CR classes
while in high school.

Students should bring their own lunches.

Parents are responsible for drop off/pick up.

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please
contact Jen Burtram at 268-0854 X312 or
jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org



Attention All Alder Grove Runners Grades K-8!

We have the fun opportunity here at Alder Grove to run with other schools in Humboldt county at meets around the county. I will know more about the times and dates of the meets March 1st. If you are interested you can sign up at the front desk! If you can only make it to SOME of the meets, that is OK.

Also- We have another running event coming up VERY quickly: The **Foggy Bottom Milk Run** on **March 11th**.

There are 2, 4 and 10 mile options.

Kids fee for 2 mile is \$10 (includes T-shirt, bib, medal). Fee for adult (15 and older) for 2 mile is \$15. The deadline to sign up and have tee-shirts delivered to the school was 2/26 BUT it is not too late to sign up and run with the school. Come get together with your schoolmates to have RUN and have FUN! Sign up sheet is on the front desk.

Please contact Cedar at
cedar.smith@aldergrovecharter.org for any questions.



End Of The Year Party!

Friday, May 25th
5:00—7:00 PM
Alder Grove Parking Lot!

Face Painting! Nature Joe! Photo Booth!
Hot Dog Guy! Popcorn!! Shaved Ice!
Lots of Games!!

K-6th Grade :

Timber Heritage Museum
930 Vance Ave., Samoa
Thursday, March 29, 2018
11:00AM - Noon
45 people
Free



Students will tour the shop, roundhouse,
and see 6 locomotives.
Students will also hear about the history of the
logging equipment, and will see 3
passenger cars.
Sign up at the front office.

5th-12th Grades:

Roller Skating

Blue Lake Roller Rink
312 So. Railroad Ave., Blue Lake
Wednesday, March 21st
3:00 - 5:00 PM

\$5.00

(budget or CASH only)

Sign up at front desk and fill out forms
in order to attend.



For All 3rd through 11th Graders!

Interimpalooza!

Saturday, March 10th

10:00 - 3:00 PM

here at Alder Grove Charter School



This is an exciting chance to practice for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) testing that is coming up:

April 23 - 27th 2018

This is a fun, low-pressure way for students to get firsthand experience with the types of questions and technology they will encounter on the CAASPP.

Furthermore, Interim results are highly detailed, giving parents and teachers results that can inform instruction over the next few months!

You will get to eat pizza and win fun prizes. There will be door prizes for all students who attend! Please sign up with your CT.

Testing Schedule: Mark Your Calendars!!

Hello Students and Families,

April is approaching fast, and with that comes state mandated testing. As you know, California takes testing seriously, so we must test *all of our eligible students*. Please mark your calendars with the following dates.

April 23-April 27: CAASPP (Smarter Balanced) testing will take place from April 23-April 27. Students in 3rd through 8th grades, along with 11th graders, will be tested in Mathematics and Language Arts. Your CT will let you know when you can sign up for morning and/or afternoon testing slots during that week. Your CT can discuss with you the length of time necessary for each student to complete all sections of the test. ***There will be NO ON-CAMPUS CLASSES during this testing week.***

April 30 and May 2: In addition, the California Science Test (CAST) field testing will take place April 30 and May 2. All students in 5th, 8th, and 12th grades should schedule a morning or afternoon time slot on one of these days. **Selected 11th graders will also be asked to take the CAST.** This is a computer-based assessment, and should take approximately 1-2 hours. ***On-campus classes will resume this week.***

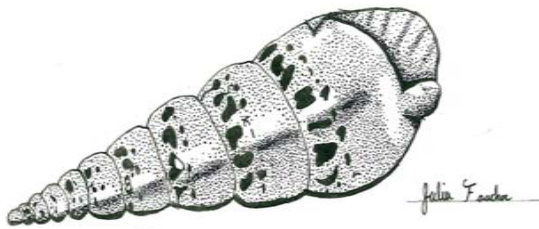
The California Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is also coming up for 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students. The test involves 6 quick strength and flexibility activities, including a timed one-mile walk/run. Contact your CT to get a form or to ask any questions you might have about completing the PFT. Forms, along with links to instructional videos, are also available on the Alder Grove website. ***These forms will be due NO LATER than May 17th.***

Thank you in advance for helping us achieve 100% participation in mandated state testing!

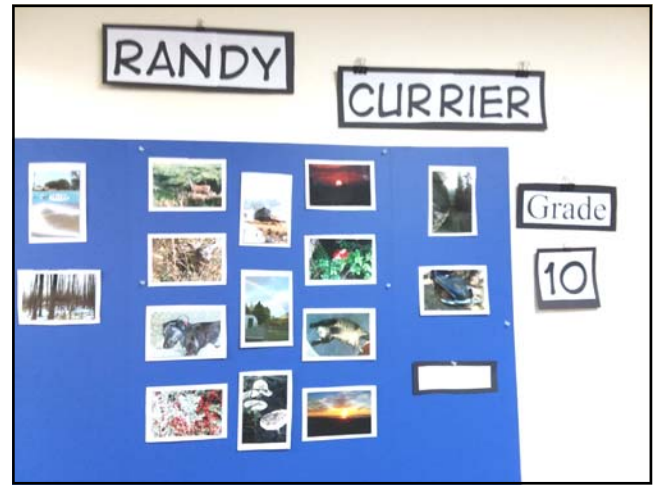
REMINDER: A link to the CAASPP and CAST practice tests is available on the Alder Grove website. Also, there is still time to sign your student up for Interimpalooza on March 10. Your student can practice for the CAASPP and win prizes for participating! Talk to your CT if you have any questions about the practice tests.



This Month's Student Art Gallery



-by Julia Faucher, Grade 7



Some new T-shirts are in. Black & White! \$10 at the front desk. Here is Malachi Woodard and Randi Golat modeling. (Nice mural, Ami & her Mural Class! Come see it in person!)

Congratulations!!!

Abigail Wagner came in 2nd place, and Hazel Baker (substituting for Merlin Newcomb) came in 4th place at the Regional Spelling Bee for the 7th-9th grade level.



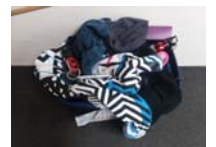
Aurora Pitts came in 2nd place at the Regional Spelling Bee for the 4th-6th grade level.

Both Abigail and Aurora will be going on to the County Spelling Bee on March 10th in the Sequoia Conference Center at the Humboldt Office of Education. The Elementary level at 10:30AM and Junior High level at 1PM

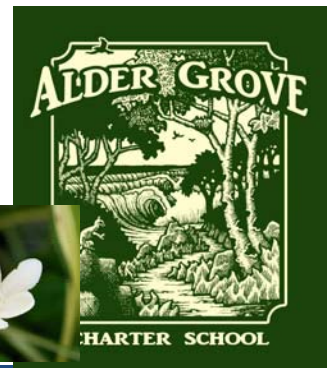


Arianna Porter, Naomi Brown, Jordan Brown, Isabella Lear. At the Sequoia Park Run on Saturday, February 17th. (And Alder Grove CT Randi Golat won 1st place in her age group!)

Are you missing your warm sweatshirts or jackets in this chilly weather? Please come and check out our Lost & Found box in the lobby. There are lots of other trinkets etc. that you might be missing!



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	<p><i>Spring Break will be April 1st through April 8th</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>9:45A–Fire & Light Field Trip (full)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2:30P–Science Fair here</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00-1:30–CR field trip for 7/8th gr.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:3:00– AGCS Interimpalooza (testing practice) 1P–County Spelling Bee at HCOE</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1st day of Spring!</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>3–5:00PM Roller Skating at Blue Lake Roller Rink–sign up front desk, Gr 5-12, \$5</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Spring Workshop Day w/ Kim Sutton Alder Grove</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00-Noon Timber Heritage Museum field trip– Gr K-6, Free</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>