



~ Alder Grove News ~

March 2011

From The Director...

I would like to take an opportunity to thank all of the families who are making a commitment to bring their children in for reading, math and writing intervention programs. We are averaging over 40 students a week in the Accelerated Math program. Students and parents are very happy with the program. Requiring students who need extra support to attend these sessions is not meant to be a punishment, it is meant to offer great instruction using a structured program. Thanks again to those of you who have made the commitment! See the full schedule of opportunities for extra help in this newsletter. Reading instruction for younger students is also available with our reading specialist, Wendy Schulze. Sunshine Lee is offering both a language arts and math workshop for students in grades K-3 and their parents. Talk to your teacher for more information about any of these opportunities.

We will stop placing curriculum and material orders on March 18th. Funds for this school year are for materials to be used this year. The end of the year is quickly approaching and it takes time to process, ship and deliver materials.

Please check with your teacher and make sure your student has funding available before having vendor forms filled out. Also, please check the vendor list on our web page and make sure the vendor you are talking to has been approved. If you would like to work with a vendor not on our list, please have them call Sarah at the office to find out the procedure to become an approved vendor.

We will have a visit from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges to update our accreditation at the end of March. If your child attends onsite classes on Tuesdays, they will have lunch with the visiting team and perhaps meet with them in small groups. Parents will also have an opportunity to meet with the team. Your teachers will let you know the exact day and time of this meeting.

Our school enrollment is over 260 now. Thanks to all of you for telling your friends and neighbors about the great options we offer families in Humboldt County. Thank you all for your ongoing support and dedication to your children's education.

Happy Spring!

~Jenni Allen San Giovanni

WELCOME!!

... to our new teachers: **Gary Grannis** and **Mary Ann Hytken!** Welcome Back to **Rachel Weiss!** They each bring their own individual talents to help serve the needs of our students. Please join us in welcoming them to our staff!

REMINDER:

STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASSES AT F & SONOMA DO NOT HAVE USE OF A MICROWAVE. PLEASE PACK A LUNCH THAT DOES NOT NEED TO BE HEATED.

Leadership Meeting:

Friday, March 4th

2:30 p.m., F & Sonoma site

also

Friday, April 1st

Governance Council Meeting:

Monday, March 14th

6:30 p.m., 433 M St.



Become a Governance Council Member!

This is an excellent way to be involved and continue the success of Alder Grove Charter School.

Experience is not required.

The Governance Council meets once per month. Positions are open to all interested parties. You do not have to be a parent to participate. If you know of anyone who may be interested in being on the Governance Council, have them contact the school at 268-0854. Our next meeting is scheduled for
Monday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONS

MATH

Exit Exam Preparation Class (7th-12th): This class is held at Christie Hall, located on the corner of and Sonoma Streets in Eureka.

Time: 10:40am – 11:40am

Days: Every Thursday

Accelerated Math: These classes are held at our 5th and 'M' site (5th Street entrance).

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 (You may attend the 2:00 session or the 3:00 session or you may come for both hours.)

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (You may attend one day, two or three days, or all four days.)

LANGUAGE ARTS

Exit Exam Preparation Class (7th-12th): This class is held at Christie Hall, located on the corner of F and Sonoma Streets in Eureka.

Time: 9:30am – 10:30am

Days: Every Thursday

Language Arts and Exit Exam Preparation Class (7th-12th): This class is held at our 5th and 'M' site (5th Street entrance).

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Days: Every Wednesday

Step Up to Writing (7th-12th): This class is held at our 5th and 'M' site (5th Street entrance).

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Days: Every Monday

Reading Skills (5th-12th): This class is held at our 5th and 'M' site (5th Street entrance).

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Days: Every Wednesday



Scenes from "*Coral, The Strongest Hugger In The World*" starring **Gabrielle Jensen** (crying the Columbia River), **Karina Bazan**, **Silvio Salmeron**, **Coral Ciarabellini** and **Hunter Ciarabellini**. Written and directed by Julie Hochfeld.

From our School Coordinator...

STAR TESTING

4th and 7TH GRADE

WRITING ASSESSMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 1st, 2011

Location:

5th & M (5th Street Entrance)

TIME:

9:30am – 10:30am (7th Grade)

11:30am – 12:30pm (4th Grade)



STAR TESTING REMINDER!!!!

DATES: APRIL 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH

This spring, your student(s), along with public school students throughout California, will take part in the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. STAR testing is the first week of April for all students in grades two through eleven. It is very important your child attends the three or four days (depending on grade) of testing. These tests measure how well students are achieving California content standards for each subject area tested and are mandated by the state of California. Even though we know that multiple-choice testing implemented by the state is not necessarily the best indicator of your child's academic progress and future academic success, it is necessary and important for the continued operation and success of our school.

Attention 8th Graders!!

This year all 8th grade students will be required to attend a High School Informational Meeting. During the meeting, we will discuss the difference in accountability from elementary to high school, the earning of credits, concurrent enrollment at CR, Alder Grove on-site classes, and course sequencing. In addition, we will review the requirements for a high school diploma as well as college entrance requirements. Every 8th grade student will leave the meeting with a tentative high school educational plan. Ideally, we hope that students/families leave having a clear idea of the expectations and requirements for high school work.

I will begin meeting with students **April 16th** and continue through the end of the school year. Please call the office to set up an appointment. If I do not hear from you by May 1st, then I will contact you to arrange a meeting.

SAT Testing

May 7th (register by April 8th)

Register online at <http://sat.collegeboard.com/home>

LOCATION: Eureka High School Testing Center

FEE: \$47.00

Students usually take the SAT the spring of their junior year and often repeat taking the test the fall of their senior year. The SAT website mentioned above offers a full-length FREE practice test for students. For more information, call 1-888-SAT-HELP.

Alder Grove's SAT code is 051238.

Thank you for your support!

*~Debbie Lammers, School Coordinator
707-268-0854, aldergrovedebbie@hotmail.com*



Yearbook Pictures:

The Yearbook class is asking parents to submit a picture to the yearbook class, so that we can reach our goal of getting everyone's picture in the yearbook this year. This picture should be a head shot, and doesn't need to be any bigger than a 4x6. There were some students that had their school picture taken at school this year, so if you are satisfied with that picture then we can just use that one. You may also bring other photos of school events. Bring photos to the office at 433 M St. If you have questions, call 268-0854 and leave a message for Randi.

~Thanks from the Yearbook Class



Alder Grove's Kinderland opening in August 2011!

Terri Tripp is starting a partially site-based Kindergarten at the Unitarian Fellowship classroom in Bayside. Class hours will be 9:00 - 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Kindergarten program will offer an alternative education serving as a foundation for beginning learners in reading, writing, hands-on math and science, community based learning, social skills, and instilling a desire for life-long learning. Children will participate in nature studies, literature based learning, farm education, drama, music & creative movement, cooperative games and rotational centers for academic learning. The program will compliment and support home education and family involvement. If interested call Terri Tripp at 826-0682.

Alder Grove Open House



Please join us on **Friday April 15** from 4:30- 6:30 for an Open House/Curriculum and Project Share to be held at the Sonoma and F Streets Learning Center site. Bring curriculum, books and other materials that you have used to show and discuss with other new and returning parents. Also, bring your students' projects to display. Meet teachers, other parents and students and discuss the opportunities available at Alder Grove. Tell your friends and neighbors who are thinking about home schooling that this is a great opportunity to visit and learn about our school. We will have fun activities for the younger students. Please call or email and let Jenni or Ruth know if you would like to bring and share curriculum and projects so that we can have enough space available. 268-0854, ruth.aldergrove@sbcglobal.net

REMINDERS:

Field Trip:

Voyages of Discovery Sailing Ship

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

\$35.00 (exact cash only) to reserve space

268-0854

Last call for school photos and

student ID pick-up at the

main office. 268-0854

Graduation for 8th grade and 12th grade

will be **May 26th!**

Fundraisers for the Student Council:

Open Mic Night



When: **Friday, March 18th, 6pm**

Where: Alder Grove classroom site,

Sonoma & F in the Fireside Room

What to bring: Yourself and an instrument

if you want to perform

Cost: Suggested donation \$1

Alder Grove Game Night

When: **March 8th, 4:30-7:30pm**

Where: Alder Grove classroom site,

Sonoma & F in the Fireside Room

Cost: Suggested donation \$1

March 13th: Daylight Savings (set clock ahead 1 hr)

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day!



March 20th: First Day of Spring!



FIELD TRIP!

Chapman's Gem & Mineral Shop and Museum

Tuesday, April 19th
12:00 noon



The Chapmans have traveled to all 50 states and every continent to acquire this vast collection. Chapman's has gems, minerals, petrified woods, and Native American artifacts on display. The museum holds the largest known collection of petrified palms, as well as an ultraviolet room for viewing phosphorescent minerals. In the shop visitors can purchase rocks, gems, shells, art, jewelry and other collectables starting as low as \$1.00.

Directions: Drive south on Highway 101 a few miles past Fortuna and you will see the shop on the west side of Hwy 101.

Location: 24 Metropolitan Rd., (707) 725-2714

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...then on to:

Loleta Cheese Factory 2:00 p.m. (4-19-11)

Invitation from the shop: Watch cheese-making through tall windows, sample the many different kinds of cheese, then browse through the cheese factory store where you can also find other locally produced food items as well as some of Humboldt's own varietal wines. Stay for a picnic in our gardens.

Directions: Take Loleta exit off Highway 101, about 12 miles south of Eureka. Loleta Cheese Factory is just minutes off the highway in downtown Loleta. Phone: (707) 733-5470.



~ Yoga ~

Friday, March 18th, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Eureka Healthsport

7th grade - 12th graders
3441 Pennsylvania Ave., Eureka
443-3488



!!!GAME CLUB!!!!!!!GAME CLUB!!!

Monday, March 7, 2:30pm- 4:30pm
at Alder Grove's main office: 433 M St.

Come play unique and challenging independent board games, card games and role-playing games. No experience necessary, learn how to play while having fun! This meeting, we will be playing:

Wrath of Ashardolon:

A cooperative board game of adventure for 1-5 players set in the world of Dungeons & Dragons.

A heavy shadow falls across the land, cast by a dark spire that belches smoke and oozes fiery lava. A cave mouth leads to a maze of tunnels and chambers, and deep within this monster-infested labyrinth lurks the most terrifying creature of all: a red dragon!

Scotia Band

*If you are a current or former graduate of a Humboldt County high school, you may apply for The Sewell Lufkin Memorial Scholarship from The Scotia Band. One \$500.00 award is available. Visit www.scotiaband.org on the Scholarship page for more information. Applications must be received by **April 29th**.*