



Alder Grove News ~ April 2010

Alder Grove Open House

Please join us on Wednesday **May 5 from 4:30-6:30 pm** for an Open House/ Curriculum and Project Share to be held at the Sonoma and F 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 know if you would like to bring and share curriculum or projects so that we can have space available.

SPRING BREAK!

Tues. April 5th — Fri. April 9th

(NO SCHOOL)



**STAR TESTING - MANDATORY FOR
2nd through 11th Graders!!**

April 13th — 16th

- No On-Site Classes -

(See mailings for schedule and following page for details)

Spelling Bee Winners

Thank you everyone who participated in the Alder Grove Spelling Bee. The top spellers were: Stella Matteoli McNeil (First), Ciara A. Cheli-Colando (Second) in the 4th-6th grade group and Freija Curren (First) in the 7th-9th grade group. Extra congratulations to Stella who went on to win the Regional Spelling Bee!

Please bring your 8th & 12th grade graduating student's baby picture to the office for a special page in the yearbook! They *must be turned in by April 16th to guarantee enough time* for the staff to have the pages ready before our publishing deadline. You can also scan the image and send it to the yearbook instructor's e-mail:

rachaelhernandez.agcs@gmail.com. Thank you!

Reserve a Yearbook Coupon

Student name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Number of yearbooks you would like to order: _____

Please return this coupon to the school office to reserve your yearbook. You can still order a yearbook! The cost is \$15. However, any further payments must be paid with exact cash (no checks accepted).



Become a Governance Council Member!!

Alder Grove has governance council seats available!

Becoming a Governance Council member is an excellent way to be involved and continue the success of Alder Grove Charter School.

Experience is not required.

The Governance Council meets one time per month and members receive a monthly stipend. 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 by

TUESDAY, APRIL 13th!

Our next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 6:30pm

5th-12th Grade School Musical Presentation...

The Headless Horseman

Saturday, May 15th 3:30p.m.

The play will be held at Eureka First Baptist Church, 422 Del Norte St. (Del Norte & E - across the street from the Sonoma school site.) The play will be a free event for the school community.

Please save the date!



North Coast Repertory Theater Fundraiser

On Friday May 21st at 8:00, Alder Grove Charter School will have a fundraising event at the North Coast Repertory Theater at 300 5th Street in Eureka. The musical *Gypsy* will be performed with part of the proceeds supporting Alder Grove Charter School. Tickets are \$16 each and will be available in the school office later this month or at the theater.

We hope that many of you, including all of our students participating in musical theater this semester are able to come out and enjoy the show! Two of our students are part of the cast!

Gypsy may not be appropriate for all ages; it is the ultimate story about an aggressive stage mother. Join Rose, June and Louise in their trip across the United States during the 1920's, when vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born. Songs include "Let Me Entertain You", "Some People", "You'll Never Get Away from Me", "If Momma Was Married", "All I Need Is the Girl", "Everything's Coming Up Roses", "You Gotta Get A Gimmick" and "Together Wherever We Go". This is a gripping story of one of the most frightening aspects of show business.

For a plot synopsis go to: <http://musicals.net/cgi-bin/synopsis?sn=37&show=Gypsy>

Field Trips! (with Tickets—space is limited to 30)

Student tickets will be paid for from their school budget. However, family members must reserve their spot by paying for their ticket with exact cash. Give exact cash to Sarah Garrett at the school administrative office. Spots will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. For a refund, you must call to cancel five business days before the field trip.

Friday, April 30, 11a.m.—Center arts Calypso Band—\$3.50, RSVP by 4/22

Wednesday, May 26, 11 a.m.—Center Arts Folk Dance & Music Ensemble—\$5.50 RSVP by 5/18

HSU Parking Information: For your convenience you may purchase daily parking permits for \$3.50 in advance or purchase passes through the parking pass dispenser. You may also pay for metered parking with quarters or park off campus and walk.

Garden Work Day

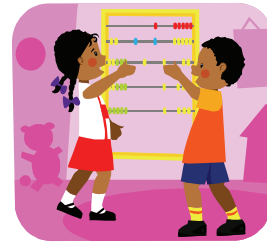
When you go to STAR testing, take a look at the “garden” of our Sonoma St. school site. There’s a jungle on the right as you walk into our school that needs to be tamed. Please help us tame this bit of jungle on a garden work day,

Saturday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Come for an hour, or stay til it’s done. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, loppers, clippers, and your strength and willingness to beautify our school. If you don’t have any gardening tools, you’re still very welcome to bring just yourself. We are in need of a truck, with driver, willing to take green waste to the dump on that day. If you are the driver of a truck who is willing to help on that day, or anyone with questions/comments, email me:

loparnell@gmail.com or 442-7509.

Lorraine Parnell



Daily Math

Most elementary school students are not able to sit down with a math book, read the explanation of a new (or review) concept, then just go on to work to produce a page of correct math calculations. Although it is time-consuming (especially if you’re teaching multi-grades), parents/teachers need to sit down with each child to:

- 1) Explain new math concepts,
- 2) Model the way to do the problems,
- 3) Help the student to do a few problems,
- 4) Let the child try a few problems independently,
- 5) Check over the problems the student has done independently, and
- 6) Reteach, if necessary. Also, be sure to correct each page of math before allowing the student to go on to the next page. It’s better to catch mistakes early, rather than letting a student practice an incorrect method.

END-OF-YEAR PARTIES!!!

K– 8th Graders:

Saturday, May 8th 4:00 to 6:00

Pool Party at Arcata Community Pool

High School:

Saturday, May 22nd 6:00 to 8:00

Cyber City in Eureka

(sponsored by our Student Council)



Graduation Information

Graduation Ceremonies will be

Thursday, May 27th:

8th grade ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m.

12th grade will be held at 5:30 p.m.

at the Humboldt Grange, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road. If you would like to be involved with planning and organizing the ceremony, please email Terri Tripp at-terri@superchargedconnection.com