



~ Alder Grove News ~

April 2011



From the Director:

As you read this we will be meeting with the visiting team from WASC (Western Association for Schools and Colleges). I will let you know the accreditation recommendation in next month's newsletter. Thanks to all of the teachers, staff, parents and students who offered their insight into the strengths and weaknesses of our school over the last year. Completing an intensive self study as is required for this process makes me realize how great our school is. We have a dedicated teaching and support staff who are always willing to go the extra mile to ensure our students are receiving the best education possible.

Our raffle drawing for those students who have been attending the Accelerated Math and other academic intervention programs will be held Thursday March 31 during the Accelerated Math program at approximately 2:30. You do not need to be present to win, we will contact you. We have I-pods and other great prizes to reward those of you who have been attending.

High school exit exam results are in for our tenth graders and I am happy to report that over 90% of our tenth graders passed both English language arts and math the first time they took it! These are the best results we have seen and I know that in part these passing scores are due to the great academic intervention work that Terri, Wayne, Wendy and Jen have been doing with our students! Good job everyone!

April 15 is our Curriculum Share/Student Work Showcase. Please consider bringing your favorite curriculum to share with other parents. We are also encouraging all students to bring poetry, stories, art projects, science projects, and any work they have completed this year to showcase. Call or email and let us know you are coming so we can make sure we have enough room! You are welcome to come as an observer if you don't want to bring anything!

Our first annual Talent Show/Open Mic will be held in May. I know there are many talented gymnasts, dancers and marital artists out there! Time to show us your skills! Magic, juggling, comedy, playing and/or singing are also encouraged as well as any other talent you possess!

Remember that all school materials you are no longer using must be returned to the school. Your teachers will collect them at the end of the year. We need to be careful with state funds and make sure we are using all materials for the education of the students. Please help us by telling your teacher each month how you are using the materials the school has purchased for your student's use.

As always, remember that this is your school; I welcome your ideas, input and suggestions for our school. Don't hesitate to call or email.

Don't forget STAR testing! Please encourage your children to do their very best!

~Jenni Allen-San Giovanni

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Reminder to all 6th through 11th graders:

Californians 13 years and older are required to be vaccinated with Tdap now to protect them against the ongoing threat of pertussis and to meet the new Tdap requirement. Families should not wait until the summer to get their children immunized with Tdap. Information available at 222.shotsforschool.org.

Alder Grove Open House

Friday, April 15th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

F & Sonoma Streets Learning Center site

Bring and share curriculum and projects to display and discuss.

Meet teachers, other parents and students. Tell your friends.

Call or email Ruth or Jenni at 268-0854,

ruth.aldergrove@sbcglobal.net



Graduation !!



Thursday, May 26th

3:00 p.m. - Junior High

5:00 p.m. - High School

Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka

Please see the calendar on the last page for more Reminders.

Congratulations!

...to **Stella Matteoli McNeil** for winning the Regional Spelling Bee! Now she will represent Alder Grove at the Humboldt County Spelling Bee which will be held Sat., **April 2nd** at the County Office of Education - Go Stella!



Congratulations to Evelyn Santana and Alexis McNeil for participating in the Regional Spelling Bee.

The Governance Council is the equivalent to a school board. Our Governance Council is comprised of parents and community members. Enclosed is the Governance Council Election information. Please take a few moments to read through the information and vote. The next Governance Council meeting is **Monday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m.**

Also, please take another moment to fill out the enclosed Parent Survey and return both in the pre

Governance Council Candidates

Susan Harincar-Driscoll - I am a current Governance Council Member. I would like to continue my service to Alder Grove by being re-elected to serve another term on the Council. I have two children attending Alder Grove. I am the Director of Transportation for HCAR. My community involvements include being the Cheer Coordinator for Eureka Jr. League Football and Cabinet member for First Christian Church of Eureka. We have a wonderful school and I look forward to being a part of it in whatever capacity possible.

Kellie Leahy - As a parent of a 5th grade Alder Grove student and as the current council president, I believe our unique charter school needs a strong, cohesive governing body. I have been serving on the council since the first school meeting which allows me to bring knowledge of our school's history and a solid understanding of the laws, policies and practices that govern our school to each council meeting. I recognize the role of over-site, not of micro-management, as a council member, and that it is crucial to the successful operation of our school. Alder Grove is in an excellent fiscal position due the diligent and pragmatic work of Jenni San-Giovanni and the honest over-site of the council members. Working together with respect and openness has enabled the council and school staff to accomplish many goals, such as the WASC accreditation, while ensuring freedom of parental choice, expanding educational opportunities and improving the academic standing of our students. I am committed to the goals of the charter and if I'm re-elected, I will continue to work hard on behalf of everyone who cherishes our wonderful school.

Stephanie Lyons - My daughter has been a student at Alder Grove for three years. I have been homeschooling for five years. I was raised in Fortuna and after living in other states for some time, I moved back to Fortuna three years ago. I have a BA in Business Management from Concordia University at Austin. I have been pleased with our experience with Alder Grove and I feel that it is important to do my part in support of the school. I would be honored to serve on the Governance Council should you choose to elect me.

Brad Woodward - As father of two Alder Grove students, I take seriously the notion of honoring parent choice in education. Through the years, my wife and I have volunteered in various capacities at Alder Grove. Included in this service was one year as President of the Governance Council and one year serving on the board. During this tenure, Alder Grove earned WASC accreditation, saw an increase of students, and raised API scores. While serving on the Governance Council, it was my goal to keep elective level math, science, and music available to every student.

I currently work as a contracted grant writer and consultant for [local public schools](#) and other non-profit organizations. I am also the Ferndale High School girls varsity soccer coach and I'm involved with 4-H. If re-elected to the Governance Council, it will be my goal to see that Alder Grove not only weathers the current [California budget crisis](#), but flourishes. Since its inception, Alder Grove has been on the forefront of education by honoring parent choice. Under my leadership, this tradition of excellence will continue.

Governance Council Election Ballot

(detach along dotted line and return in the provided envelope by April 7th)

Please vote for 2 candidates:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Susan Driscoll | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stephanie Lyons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kellie Leahy | <input type="checkbox"/> | Brad Woodward |



Kinderland Update

A parent information, kindergarten enrollment day will be held at the Unitarian Fellowship school site on **Saturday, May 7th** at noon. The school address is 24 Fellowship Way in Bayside, approximately .5 mile down Jacoby Creek Road, on the right side of the road.

Terri is looking for high school students who are interested in helping in the kindergarten classroom. Students interested in early childhood education/elementary education, can earn elective credits working with students a couple hours a week. If interested, contact Terri at 826.0682.

Alder Grove Game Night

When: **April 14th**, 4:30-7:30pm

Where: Alder Grove classroom site, Sonoma & F in the fireside room

Cost: Suggested donation \$1

There will be games to play and snacks to buy, so come and support your student council while having fun!

You can bring friends that don't go to Alder Grove too!

Thank You!!!

...to **Officer Jon Luken** and the Eureka Police Department for the donation of scales for our science department.

and

...to **Liz Tieck** at the UPS Store for binding the booklets for the WASC self study booklets.

I want to extend a special thank you to **Sally Grover**, the Manager of the Floral Department at the Arcata Co-op, for donating several large bouquets. The Tuesday 7th-12th Grade Art class and the Wednesday Groups B and C Art/Art History classes all had the opportunity to draw beautiful, live flowers.

~ Julie



Come and See...

The **Reader's Theater** and **Puppet Theater** classes will perform a play and a puppet show on **Wednesday, April 20th** at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at F & Sonoma school site.



Friday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Alder Grove Charter School Presents:

Fiddler On The Roof

Eureka Women's Club on J St. between 15th & 16th

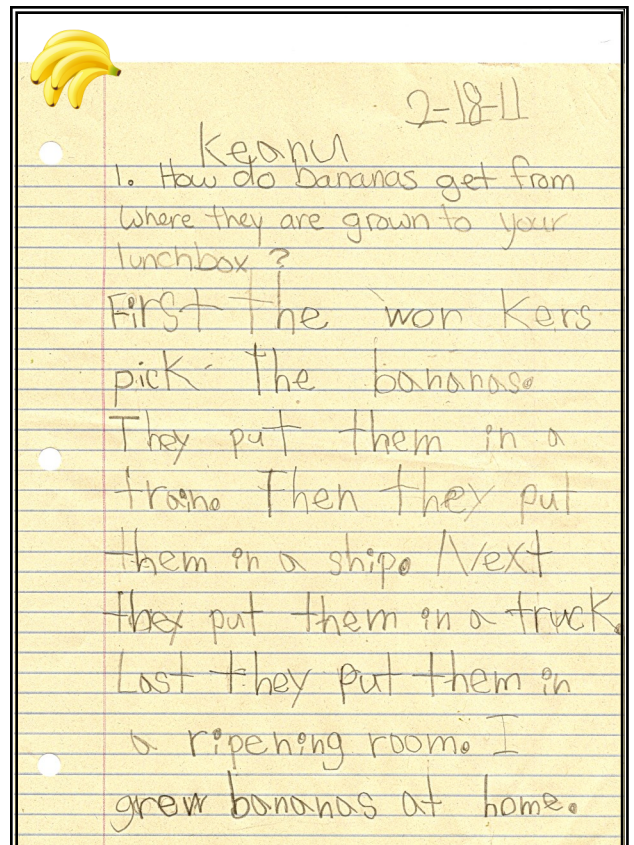
Save The Date!....

Wednesday, May 11th, 6-8:00 p.m.

Alder Grove Talent/Open Mic Show!

Start Practicing now!!

(location to be announced)



"How We Get Bananas"











by Kanua Naranjo, Age 8

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Alder Grove Charter School's Calendar Of Events...

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Remember to bring in photos of your students for the year book to the office - 433 M St., Eureka </div>			2:30 - Leadership Meeting (F & Sonoma St)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		 -----S T A R T E S T I N G----- 2nd - 11th Grades See STAR Test Schedule which was mailed to you... there will be no on-site classes this week Mon-Fri.			Deadline to register for SATs on May 7th	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	 6:30 p.m. - Governance Council Meeting - New Officer Election		 -----P. E. T e s t----- 5th, 7th, 9th Grades 3-4:00 p.m., 1 mi. run @ Eureka High Track	Game Night - 4:30 - 7:30 F & Sonoma	4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Open House at F & Sonoma site 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		 Field Trip - Noon - Chapman's Mineral Shop & Loleta Cheese Factory (1st day of Passover)	 Play & Puppet Show 2:30 p.m. at F & Sonoma school site.		Earth Day 	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
(Easter) 	~~~Spring Break~~~					Arbor Day