

Hello Alder Grove families,

Thank you for your patience during our school wide screening assessment this spring. We have always used the Scantron assessment in the fall and spring for our older students, but this is the first time we have included kindergarten through second graders. Designing a school wide screening assessment has been a challenge. We are using the DIBELS to evaluate reading development (see <https://dibels.uoregon.edu/> for more information about this program). We used two different assessment tools to measure mathematic ability. Over the summer we will be comparing both tests to figure out which one gave us the most helpful information. In the fall we hope to include a quick curriculum-based assessment of writing ability (for more information about curriculum-based assessments see <http://www.interventioncentral.org/>).

Assessment is an important part of our *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)* accreditation. We are required to use a variety of assessment tools to ensure that our students are making gains toward our school-wide learning objectives. It is also an important part of a new federal requirement called *Right to Intervention (Rtl)*. This law requires that schools monitor students' progress regularly and provide help as soon as they suspect that students are experiencing academic difficulties. This seems like something that all schools should be doing automatically. Unfortunately, in many schools it has become common for students to slip further and further behind their peers in the early elementary school grades until they reach fourth grade where there is a shift in expectation from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'. This is when many students who have not become independent readers fall hopelessly behind.

We have tried to translate the spirit of this law into a process that will benefit our students and honor the educational freedom that is so important to our school. Now that we have an assessment in place we will be able to work on the most important aspect of this process; developing a variety of "interventions" or supports for our students and families. We are in the process of developing a parent and child weekly reading group where families can meet with a teacher for ideas and support while they are teaching their children to read. Our teachers have also developed some excellent resources in the areas of language arts and mathematics that list a variety of different curriculums and how they relate to grade level expectation and California state standards. We will continue to offer math and study lab, as well as our exit exam class. There will continue to be specialized mathematics and reading instruction offered by tutors specializing in these areas. We are also in the process of expanding our mathematics intervention class.

We need your help in developing these resources and programs. What resources have you used and found most helpful? Is there a special curriculum or workbook that helped your child when they got "stuck"? What kinds of support would you like to see offered? I would love to hear from you.

This summer I can be reached via e-mail at duboseceleste@yahoo.com. Once school starts in the fall I will be in the office all day on Fridays.

Please call or stop by,
Celeste Dubose- Alder Grove's School Psychologist



We have some budding Theatrical Performers!

The Headless Horseman was performed May 15th by our 5th through 12th graders and presented by Terri Tripp, Marian Baker, and Jamaya McCabe. They proved that you can turn 'scary' into music and humor. Wesley Fuller acted as the infamous Ichabod Crane. Rounding out the cast were fellow students Jasmine Schatz, Josh Meyer, Esme Williams, Brianna Schatz, Kelsey O'Shea, Evelyn Santana, Jeremy Schulze, Sierra Abrams, Stella Matteoli McNeil, Triston Thornton, Taylor Sloper, Andrea Peterson, Alice Abrams, Amy Peterson, Hudson Ashby and Amy Peterson.

Gypsy, put on by the North Coast Repertory Theater included Brianna Schatz and Esme Williams in the cast. Jasmine Schatz was a flutist in the orchestra.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Congratulations to our 10th grader, **Lydia Adams**, and her team in the Humboldt Bay Rowing Association junior team. Here is a quote from the Times-Standard posted 5-11-10:

"...In the women's portion, the quad of Alex Torquemada, Camille Carpenter, Lydia Adams, and Lissa Daughterty took home a silver medal to qualify their crew for Nationals..."

...(It was) an astounding day for the team and a wonderful end to our regular season. Now we train for Cincinnati.,' said HBRA head coach Adrienne McConnell."



"Stormie's Heart"
by Stormie Cathay-McBride



Mariah Southworth gives eloquent (yet humorous) valedictorian speech - Well Done, Mariah!!



Daisy Yanez sings at the high school graduation ceremony a beautiful song she wrote...



"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin

"The doors of wisdom are never shut."

-Benjamin Franklin

Our 8th Grade Graduates!!

Wishing you all a safe,
relaxing, fun
summer vacation!!!

