

## ~ Alder Grove News ~



June 2011

### From The Director:

It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone! Our school continues to grow and has become one of the strongest personalized learning options in the area. Our teachers and staff are dedicated to student success and parent choice, a sometimes difficult balance.

I'd like to take this time to thank all of the teachers and staff, especially Celeste DuBose and Wendy Schulze who have worked tirelessly to get our students on track academically. Your efforts are appreciated by all!

I'd also like to thank the parent volunteers who have served on our School Leadership Team and Governance Council: Kellie Leahy, Carole Porter, Susan Driscoll, Randy Davis, Angela Koken, ElizaBeth Schatz, Audine Abrams and Linnette Woodward. The entire school community appreciates the time and effort you have put into making our school successful.

We've had some wonderful activities and events this year. Some of the highlights were: Fiddler on the Roof, directed by Terri Tripp and Marian Baker, two open mics sponsored by our active student council, choir, Readers Theater and other student performances, great Halloween and craft making parties, and a Math Fair. If you are interested in getting involved with any of these activities, or have ideas for others, please contact us either by phone or email.

We have had many changes this year, including the mandatory attendance at academic interventions for low performing students. I want to thank all of the staff and parents, and especially the students who participated in these activities. Let's hope our test scores reflect this added effort.

I recently attended a seminar on brain research and learning. The innate things that we as parents have always known have been proven in the scientific community as well; a person needs sleep, food, exercise and water to be able to learn. Please remember this as you work with your children throughout the summer and next year.

Be watching for the schedule of onsite classes and sign up information to arrive in early August.

I hope that you all, parents, students, teachers and staff, have a wonderfully refreshing and relaxing summer and get to spend time with those you love! Remember this is your school and your comments, ideas and suggestions are always welcome! Take care and see you next year!

~Jenni

### Our High School Graduates...

Joshua Aslakson  
Angelica Aubrey  
Roy Fulton  
Gerardo Cortez  
Joel Pittman  
Robin Trembly  
Bianca Ramirez  
Mariah Aldous  
Suzanna Church  
Calvin Comarsh  
Norman Grant  
Miranda Hanna  
Spirit Herzog-Bottom  
Shane Jordan  
Julie Ruth-Lungi

### Congratulations!!!

Both of the graduation ceremonies were heartfelt joyous occasions. Our director, Jenni Allen-San Giovanni, proudly presented the diplomas for the 5th year. Marian Baker spoke at 8th grade graduation, and David Holper spoke at the High School ceremony. Both made inspiring speeches making it clear that graduates have the freedom to become whomever they choose to be. Marian Baker and her sister, Theresa, sang the song "There You'll Be" by Faith Hill while our H.S. graduates presented roses to the meaningful people in their lives.

### Our 8th Grade Graduates

Jess Adams	Laura Noel
Lumina Adams	Annaliese Parkhurst
Whyatt Bueler	Angela Petricca
Therese Burns	Connor Rowland
Jamie Conoboy	Brianna Schatz
William Forman	Scott Shaw
Kara Fox	Gabriel Smith
Paige Harris	Israel Smith
Michaela Hoaglen	Dominic Vanden Branden

## More Congratulations...



Congratulations to Jasmine Schatz for being chosen as an international ambassador with the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program. The Eureka Old Town Rotary Club of District 5130 is sponsoring her year abroad. Jasmine will be spending her senior year as an exchange student in Italy. She will be living and attending school in Modica, Sicily. This city of about 55,000 people is known for its Baroque architecture and amazing chocolate! It is located near the southern coast of Sicily, about 9 miles from sandy Mediterranean beaches. Jasmine is already in contact with her first host family, and will leave for Sicily in early September. If you would like to know more about the RYE program, visit the website at: [www.youthexchange5130.org](http://www.youthexchange5130.org).

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### Fiddler On The Roof

Congratulations to the cast, staff, musicians, and crew who did such a splendid presentation of *Fiddler On the Roof* on May 13th at the Eureka Women's Center...

Pictured above: Jasmine Ortiz, Marco Bazan, Taylor Sloper, Evelyn Santana, Allicea Davis, Amy Peterson, Alex Castellanos, Andrea Peterson, Wesley Fuller, Kathryn DeLoach, Karina Bazan, Tiffany Aslakson, Stella Matteoli-McNeil, Esme Williams, Sierra Abrams. Thank you to Terri Tripp who was our drama teacher and Marian Baker who was our music teacher for this classic musical. A special thanks to Bob Ebenstein who stepped up to do such a lovely job of piano accompaniment at the last minute! Bravo Everyone!!

*Congratulations!*

Jenni Allen-San Giovanni,  
our School Director,  
has been recognized as the  
Secondary Principal of the Year for Humboldt County!  
The recognition comes from the  
Association of California School Administrators and its community.  
Congratulations, Jenni!  
We appreciate you too and thank you for all you do for Alder Grove!

Natalie Luken's poem, *Slowly*, was accepted in the *California Poets in the Schools Statewide Anthology*. This is a great honor since the poem was chosen out of student poems from around the state. Congratulations, Natalie!!

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Stella Matteoli-McNeil won 15th out of 54 at the California State Junior High Spelling Bee competition in Santa Rosa on May 14th.



Alder Grove's 7th grade student,  
*Isabella Myers'* drawing of two eagles.  
She won 1st prize in the  
Student Bird Art Contest

Alder Grove's teacher, Julie Hochfeld's poem, *Loss*, was chosen from poet teacher poems around the state and will also be published in the *California Poets in the Schools Statewide Anthology*. Congratulations, Julie!

## Changes to Monday/Wednesday Classes For Next Year

In an effort to better meet the needs of our families, we are making some changes in the Monday and Wednesday onsite options for our K-6 students. Many families would like to participate in these group enrichment activities, but find that the timing makes getting their home-school work completed on those days difficult. These classes are enrichment only and the students' regular math and other academic work still needs to be completed. In order to allow our families to spend the morning getting their home-school work finished, these enrichment classes will now be offered on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The schedules and sign up information will be mailed to you in early August. We encourage those families who will have students attending these classes to meet at the park for play and lunch before coming to class. This will enable the children to still have the opportunity to play with their friends and also let the parents meet each other.

Another change to Monday and Wednesday will be the addition of a core 6<sup>th</sup> grade math class. This class will be held before the enrichment classes and will require those students to attend both days. They will have homework assignments that must be completed on the other days and will be tested and graded as in a regular 6<sup>th</sup> grade math classroom. We realize that as the students get older, math is the most difficult subject to teach at home for most families and hope that by offering this class, we will enable our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to have direct instruction from a teacher with parent follow up at home on the other days.

We will also offer our language arts parent and student workshops for K-3 students and their parents on Wednesday mornings before the enrichment classes. This workshop is an opportunity for you as parents to learn how to develop and implement a great language arts program at home. You will observe and participate with your child in enriching academic language arts activities and go home each week with ideas to try.

We are looking forward to our best year ever next year! Thanks for your continued support!

~Jenni

## REMINDERS:

Be sure you have returned all of last year's supplies and books.

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There will be NO Leadership Meeting in June

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Governance Council Meeting:

**June 13, 6:30p.m.**

433 M St., Eureka

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Make sure your students are up-to-date with any needed vaccinations and that Alder Grove's office is up-to-date with that information

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When August arrives, think about what supplies you might be interested in ordering.

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Get lots of rest and nutrition to get started with the beginning of school for next fall:

**School starts August 22nd!**

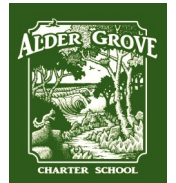
Our office will be closing early June 8, 9, 10th ...our hours will be 8:30 a.m. **to 4:00 p.m.** instead of 4:30 p.m.

We will be closed the entire month of July.

## YEARBOOKS AND T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Pre-ordered yearbooks are in the school office ready to be picked up. You may come to the office to purchase yearbooks or our Alder Grove T-Shirts or Sweatshirts while supplies last.

Yearbooks =	\$15.00
T-Shirts =	\$10.00
Youth Sweatshirts =	\$20.00
Adult Sweatshirts =	\$25.00



Forest green shirts have logo on back, chocolate brown shirts have logo on front. 433 M St 8:30 - 4:30 through the month of June.



Both of the End-Of-Year parties were a fun success. The pool party at the Arcata Community Pool was a big splash.

The Cyber City event had a great turn-out with Fun Had By All from playing Pac-Man to Laser Tag!

*Please Join  
Alder Grove Charter School's  
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Class*

*For an End of the Year  
Art Show*

*Arts Alive!  
June 4, 2011  
5:00 - 9:00 PM*

*Old Town Coffee and Chocolates  
211 F Street, Eureka*

Kinderland is still taking new enrollments for next fall:

### **Alder Grove Charter School's**

### **Kinderland Open House**

**Sunday, June 12,**  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Bldg.

24 Fellowship Way, Bayside  
(The classroom is located next to the playground)

- Receive Kindergarten Enrollment Information for 2011-2012 School Year
- See the classroom, meet the teacher (Terri Tripp), learn more about the school and ask questions.

### **Humboldt Tri-Kids Triathlon**

Arcata

**June 5, 2011**  
8:00 check-in

For ages 7 - 18. Participants get to swim, bike, and run their way to the finish line. There will be a 1/2-Mile Fun Run for youth ages 6 and under.

**Last Day to Register: Thursday, June 2**  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at  
Adventure's Edge,  
The Jogg'n Shoppe, or Sport & Cycle

Thank you to Melissa and Ernest Smith for their donation of the Laminator to our school! We're getting bigger - we could use it!

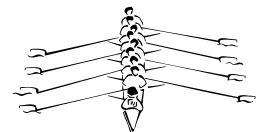
### **Invitation to Participate in National Learn to Row Day**

Please join Humboldt Bay Rowing Association (HBRA) jr. rowers in celebrating National Learn to Row Day on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 12:00 on Humboldt Bay. Get a "taste of rowing" in an Olympic-style 8-oared racing shell with the experts from HBRA! Sign up with a friend or put together a whole boat of friends! There will be two 2-hour sessions with a brief introduction to the sport of rowing from which to choose. This is a perfect opportunity to give it a try and spend a morning on beautiful Humboldt Bay!

2 sessions available: 8-10am or 10am-12pm  
Cost= \$30 per person  
Registration= Call Mary Ann at 707-443-0170  
or email: [mcculloch.m@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcculloch.m@sbcglobal.net)

Rowing is a great sport in which to participate when seeking to fulfill the Alder Grove two-year high school physical education requirement!

Thanks!  
Debbie Lammers



Our office will be open  
June and August,  
closed during the month of July...  
We wish you all a fun, safe, healthy,  
relaxing summer vacation!!