



## ~ Alder Grove News ~

August 2010

*Welcome new and returning families* to Alder Grove's fifth year! This year promises to be the best yet with new course offerings and opportunities for academic success.

Please be patient as the dust settles in our new administrative office location, at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and M. Our library resource materials are located at this site. We will also be offering reading and math intervention classes throughout the week in the front section of the building. Look for more information to come about these opportunities.

Remember to get your enrollment forms in for the onsite classes to begin August 30 at the F and Sonoma site. If you did not receive a class schedule with enrollment paperwork and you would like to sign up, please call or stop by the office.

This year we will be participating in an accreditation process through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Look for information soon about parent surveys and parent meeting times to give you an opportunity to give us feedback about our school.

As a part of ensuring that all students at Alder Grove Charter School are making appropriate progress in their learning and as a tool for evaluating the quality of our personalized learning approach to education, we will be continuing our commitment to having all students in grades 3-11 complete a fall and spring assessment of their language arts, reading and mathematics skills. Ed Performance, also known as Scantron, an internet-based and adaptive software program, is our assessment tool for student testing. Please note that these assessments are adaptive, meaning that they will adjust to your student's level of understanding and knowledge, rather than following strictly grade-level specific material. Your CT will talk to you about opportunities to complete the assessment. They need to be completed by early October. Younger students will be assessed by their CT at one of your regularly scheduled meetings.

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas. Email, call or stop by!

~Jenni Allen San Giovanni, Director

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### Welcome Back!!

The first day of school is

**Monday, August 23rd**

The first day of on site classes is

**Monday, August 30th**

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We hope everyone had a  
great summer vacation!!



### Reminder~

We have moved our main office and  
resource center to a new location:

**433 M St.**

**Eureka, CA 95501**

(corner of 5th & M Sts., brick building)

Seven parking spaces are marked "AG" in the parking lot



## September Field Trip:

### Sequoia Park Zoo

Tuesday, September 14

11 am: Visit the Contact Corral

12 noon: Bird Tour of Aviary

\*Scavenger Hunts on free time

\* can pack or purchase a lunch at the zoo

**Cost:** Adult Chaperones and kids two years or under are free ( all kids must be with a parent) All other non students must pay regular zoo admission plus one dollar for a tour (\$4.50) **Pay at the front gate as you enter the zoo.** For AGCS Students, two dollars will be taken from their school budget .\*Reserve your spot by calling Sarah at the school office and giving her the names of all who plan to attend.

### Maps & Directions

Location: 3414 W Street, Eureka, CA 95503 **From 101 Northbound:**

Turn right on Harris Street (opposite the north end of the Bayshore Mall). Turn right on W Street (approximately 2 miles). The Zoo is three blocks up on the right.

#### **From 101 Southbound:**

Turn left on V Street (the first signal after crossing the Eureka Slough Bridge). Go straight across at the next signal (West Avenue). The road becomes S Street. Keep going straight until you reach Harris Street. Turn left on Harris and then right on W Street. The Zoo is three blocks up on the right.

### Homeschooler Swim Lessons

at the Arcata Community Pool start September 15th, Wednesdays 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Classes run from 9-15 to 11-17. \$60.00 per student for the season. Sign up by September 1st. Contact Kathy Ortiz at 443-2296 or [katz75@suddenlink.net](mailto:katz75@suddenlink.net)



### School Leadership Team

The School Leadership Team (SLT) is an important part of our school. It is a group made up of an equal number of teachers and parents and the school director. The SLT is responsible for many aspects of the school, including crafting job descriptions and policies, interviewing prospective employees, determining facility needs, budget and calendar recommendations, planning events like parties and open houses and much more. The teachers vote on the teacher representative and the parents who attend the first meeting of the year vote on the parent membership for that year. Our first meeting this year will be **Friday August 27 at 2:15 at the Sonoma and F site.** After members are elected, a monthly day/time to meet for the 2010-11 school year will be established. If you are looking for a way to get more involved in your school, or if you are just interested, please plan to attend.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

*Alder Grove will begin offering academic advising for grades 9-12 every Wednesday from 10-12 at the main office at 5<sup>th</sup> & M beginning in September. Students will be using KUDER NAVIGATOR, an internet based career and educational planning tool. KUDER is free of charge and is a wonderful tool for developing career awareness, exploring various occupations, and helping students plan their educational journey after high school. If you have any questions about this interactive, academic/career planning tool, then please call the office and ask for Debbie. Look for more information regarding KUDER in next month's newsletter.*

~Debbie Lammers, School Coordinator

### From the Resource Center...

\*Due to insurance requirements, the school will no longer be able to pay for students to take horseback riding lessons.

\*For those of you who have students taking classes at College of the Redwoods this fall, classes begin on Monday, August 30th. All CR textbook orders need to be submitted to your teacher no later than Wednesday, August 25th. They will be ready for students to pick up at the office on Friday, August 27th. Please remember to give your teacher ALL of the following information: Course name and number, instructor name, title of textbook, and price.

\*We are not accepting donations at this time.