



## ~ Alder Grove News ~

### From The Director...

August 2011

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

I am pleased to announce that our school received a full six year term of accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The letter we received states in part: "This action was taken after a careful study of the Visiting Committee Report, which noted many laudable aspects of the school." Thanks to the parents, students and staff who were part of this huge undertaking!

Enclosed find all of the information you will need to enroll your students in our onsite classes at the F and Sonoma Streets site. Please get your enrollments in soon as some classes will fill up.

Also enclosed, you will find the schedule for the 5<sup>th</sup> and M front office. Later this month you will receive your student's test results, both from STAR and our school wide writing and Edperformance tests administered last spring. Students may be required to attend academic support sessions at the 5<sup>th</sup> and M site. Please talk to your teacher if you have any questions about these support services.

As 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 need for further support, we will be continuing our commitment to having all students assessed early in the school year. Edperformance, also known as Scantron, an internet-based and adaptive software program is our assessment tool for students in grades 3 through 11. These tests are adaptive, meaning they will adjust to the students' level of understanding rather than following strictly grade-level specific material. You may bring your student into the 5<sup>th</sup> and M office site to take this test, but please call first. Your CT will let you know about other opportunities to take the scantron test. Younger students will be assessed during one of your regularly scheduled meetings with your CT.

This year we are adding several opportunities for students to get help with math in the form of math labs. Different from accelerated math or math classes, these will be open lab times for students to bring the math book they are working on and get specific instruction on problems or concepts that are difficult. There will be no charge for these drop-in sessions. Math labs are offered from 1:15-2:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the F and Sonoma site and from 1:00-2:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays at the 5<sup>th</sup> and M site.

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

~Jenni

The first day of school is  
**Monday, August 22nd**

On-Site Classes begin the week of  
**August 29th**

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School Leadership Team's 1st meeting  
**New Parents Welcome!**  
**Friday, August 26th**  
**at 2:30 p.m.**  
F & Sonoma Site, Eureka

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Governance Council Meeting:  
**Monday, August 8th**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**  
433 M St., Eureka

**We hope you had a fantastic summer vacation!**

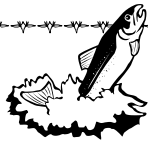


### **KUDER NEWS** **REMINDER**

Alder Grove offers academic advising for grades 9-12 by appointment at the main office. This year all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to participate in academic advising using KUDER. KUDER NAVIGATOR is a wonderful 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.

Thanks!  
Debbie Lammers,  
School Coordinator



## September Field Trip

Humboldt Bay provides habitat for approximately 100 species of fish, many of which contribute to sport or commercial fisheries, and provides habitat for [steel-head](#), [coho](#), and [Chinook salmon](#).

Join this group tour led by a biologist to observe and learn about:

Salmonid life cycles

Salmonid habitat

Current status of salmon

Importance of salmonids in our community

**Where: Scotia Fisheries Exhibit**

**When: Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 1pm**

Directions: Hwy 101 to Scotia. From center of Scotia at the museum on corner of Main and B Sts., travel 0.4 miles. On your left is 6th St., on your right is the millsite guard shack. Turn right and then make a quick left. On the left is the back entrance of the Fish Exhibit facility.

Proceed to the front of the building where the signs indicate to park and take a self-guided tour.

Call the school office to sign your family up for this free and fun field trip!  
707-268-0854

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Video of Humboldt County Salmon Run: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSj\\_NtX2aUw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSj_NtX2aUw)

Free salmon color sheets: <http://www.lucyanimals.com/Coloring-Pages-of-Fish-Salmon.html> and facts <http://www.lucyanimals.com/Facts-about-Salmon-Fish.html>

Life cycle of salmon color sheet and info: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/cgi-bin/paint/eqqlyceqDlceqQNce/subjects/fish/printouts/Salmon.shtml>

## Immunizations

We MUST have proof of updated immunizations or signed waivers for all students. Grades 7-12 now need an Hep. B and Pertussis updated with immun. form signed by doctor's office, or a signed waiver form from our office upon enrollment or reenrollment. (However, "As of August 1st, Governor Brown signed SB 614 (Kehoe) that will, until June 30, 2012, authorize county offices of education, school districts and charter schools to allow a pupil advancing to or enrolled in grades 7 to 12 who have not been fully immunized against pertussis, to conditionally attend school for up to 30 calendar days.")



## 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the F and Sonoma Sts. site**. If you are looking for a way to get more involved in your school, or if you are just curious, please plan to attend!

## Parents:

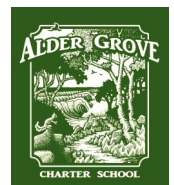
Don't forget to come and check out all the great returned items in the resource center before placing orders for this year. We have an abundance of games, books, puzzles, novels and more. We are open every day from 8:30 to 4:30 at the 5th and M office site. Use the M Street entrance.



## YEARBOOKS AND T-SHIRTS

We still have some yearbooks from last year and some Alder Grove T-Shirts and Sweatshirts for sale in the office.

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. Come by the office preferably in the afternoon: 433 M St. in Eureka.