



~ Alder Grove News ~

September 2010



Mark your calendars!

School Leadership Team Meetings:

Time = 2:30 Location = F & Sonoma St. site

The 1st Friday of every month:

October 1st

November 5th

December 3rd

January 7th

Governance Council Meeting

Monday, September 20th

at 6:30 p.m.

There will be no on-site classes on the following days
due to holidays:

Sept. 6, Nov. 11, Nov. 22-26, Dec. 20-31, Jan. 17, Feb. 21-25, April 25-29.

KUDER NEWS

REMINDER

*Alder Grove will offer academic advising for grades 9-12 every **Wednesday from 10-12:00** at the main office beginning **September 15th**. 7th and 8th graders that are interested in planning early for college and/or a career can also use this interactive, online tool. If you have any questions about KUDER, then please call the office.*

Thanks!

Debbie Lammers

School Coordinator

From The Director...

This year we culminate our efforts to become accredited with a WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) team visiting at the end of March. In preparation for this visit and the report that we are writing, it is important for us to have parent input. Be looking for a parent survey to arrive in the mail and be posted online this fall. We will also be having a couple of informal parent meetings at the end of September to gather your thoughts and ideas on our school, and your experience with it. Look for fliers with details about the dates and times.

On Friday, October 1 from 10:00 to noon, we will have a Math Fair at the Sonoma and F site. This is a chance for you and your child(ren) to participate in math games and activities led by our teachers. It should be a lot of fun for everyone!

We are happy to be offering a new math program onsite. The Accelerated Math program offers student practice in concepts not yet mastered. Wayne Moulton, a long time math teacher, will be offering math intervention labs using this new program Monday through Thursday from 2:00-4:00 at our 5th and M Street location. If your student was below or far below basic on the STAR test last year, we are asking that you talk to your teacher about setting up a day/time for your student to attend math intervention. It is our hope that we can increase student math scores as well as understanding of concepts so that each student can achieve their highest academic potential.

Math is a difficult subject to teach at home and requires a lot of instructional time for the parents and student. During my years as a homeschool mom, I realized the importance of doing math at home every day, even on the days when my kids attended classes or other community activities. For our family, doing math first thing, often in our pajamas, seemed to help us get it done. If any of you have great parent tips or ideas for teaching math at home, please email them to Ruth here at the office for inclusion in a newsletter. (ruth.aldergrove@sbcglobal.net).

Don't forget that this is your school; feel free to call or email me with any questions, comments, suggestions or ideas you have.

~Jenni Allen San Giovanni

Director

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Field Trips!!!



**North Coast Co-Op
Pumpkin Patch Event
Tuesday, October 5th**

at 11:00 a.m.

(please arrive 15 min. early)

at Giuntoli Farm,

Arcata bottoms

*May cancel for rain.

*If allergic to bees and yellow jackets, please be prepared and know they are at the farm.

*Carpool if you can.

*Each student may take one free pumpkin and they must carry (not roll) it all by themselves to their car.

*Additional pumpkins and larger pumpkins may be purchased. Bring small bills or checks to "Warren Creek Farms" to purchase pumpkins.

Directions: Take the Giuntoli Lane/Janes Rd. exit and go west. Take the first right on to Heinden Rd., a left on to Miller Lane, and then a right on Mad River Rd. Continue a way past the 90 degree turn in the road and the patch is the first driveway on the right. Cars will be directed park in a field.

The Cirque Mechanics

presents
"Boomtown"

at HSU Center Arts,
Van Duzer Theater

Tuesday, October 26th

at 11:00 a.m.

Please arrive early as there are long lines. Line up as soon as you get there. No need to be with others from AGCS.

Our teacher, Sunshine, will be standing by the entrance checking your names off on her list as you enter the building.

Reserve your spots by giving Sarah \$7.50 per person in cash at the school office/Resource Center. (Student tickets are paid for from their school budget.) Spots will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. For a refund, you must call to cancel five business days before the field trip.

Parking

For your convenience, you may purchase daily parking permits for \$3.50 in advance for performances which occur Monday through Thursdays. Call the University Ticket Office for more information at 707-826-3928. You may also pay for metered parking with quarters or park off campus and walk on.

Driving Directions

Take US 101 to the Sunset Ave. exit. Take a left at the end of the off-ramp. Turn right on to LK Wood Blvd. Turn left on to Harpst St. Look for metered parking. Turn left, walk up hill. Theater is on top of hill.

**Vision, Hearing,
and Scoliosis
Testing**



Wednesday, October 27th
1:00pm to 3:30

will be at 433 M St.

- **Vision testing** will be for **Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th, and 9th graders.**
- **Hearing testing** will be for **Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th, 8th, and 10th graders.**
- **Scoliosis testing** will be for **7th grade girls and 8th grade boys**

If you have any questions or concerns or would like a personal appt., please call the county nurse, Lynn Mahoney at 497-8286



Halloween Party!
Friday, October 29th

3:00 - 5:00pm

F & Sonoma site

This event is for children
in grades K-6
to attend with their parents.

There is a meeting to plan the event on

Friday, October 15th
at 2:30 at 433 M St.

We're looking for parents and older students to help volunteer to organize crafts and activities during the party and help with clean-up



**Alder Grove Picture Day and
Student ID Information**

Life Touch School Studios will be taking student photos for portrait packages and for Alder Grove Student ID Cards on November 1st. Remember student IDs are required to take the SATs and attend other schools events. Come to picture day on November 1st if you want or need a student ID. Be watching for the October Newsletter it will contain detailed information about picture day and student IDs.

There is a contest through Humboldt County Dept. of Health & Human Services to submit a poster or make a radio commercial for students age 13-19 called the Drive 2 Stay Alive 2010 Multi-Media contest. You may stop by the office to get further details and rules. The deadline for entries is September 24th

Thank you to the Redwood Meat Company for your donation of bone cross sections for our high school biology class! -Tiffany

OFFICE STAFF/HOURS

Director: Jenni Allen-San Giovanni
Administrator Assistant/Registrar/Data Manager: Jenifer Doane
Secretary: Ruth Baker
Inventory Account Clerk/Library Aide: Sarah Garrett
School Coordinator: Debbie Lammers

The office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 - 4:30
(excluding school holidays)

...A friendly reminder that your Certified Teacher (CT) is the 1st point of contact for most questions you may have...