



## ~ Alder Grove News ~

From The Director...

September 2011

Welcome new and returning families to Alder Grove Charter School! This is our sixth year and we are looking forward to our best year yet!

On Monday, October 3 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!

Writing has been identified by many parents as a struggle at home. One simple activity is to have younger students draw a picture and write a sentence or two about it in their best-guess spelling. The parent or older sibling can then rewrite the sentence or sentences correctly on a sticky note and the child can copy it correctly. Similarly, older students can write in a journal every day for 10 minutes and choose one writing each week to have edited, by the teacher or parent, and re-written correctly. For a list of prompts to use with writing see the links below, or ask your teacher.

<http://creativewritingprompts.com/>

<http://www.writersdigest.com/prompts>

To help even more with struggling writers, we are adding an onsite class in writing taught by teacher Jen Burtram using the Step up to Writing curriculum. The Step up to Writing program breaks the skills of writing down into manageable chunks. Students have been identified as needing to come based on the school-wide writing assessment we did last year. We are hoping the addition of this support enables all of our students to reach grade level competency in writing, an important skill for life.

Remember, this is your school; if you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please don't hesitate to call, email or stop by!

~Jenni

### **Deadline For Tdap Vaccinations for 7th - 12th Graders: September 21st!**

Everyone who has not turned in proof of getting their Tdap vaccination or have not signed an official waiver form of students in the 7th through 12th grade, must do so by **September 21st**. To get a vaccination, call your physician, the Public Health Dept. at 445-6200, or the Humboldt County Health Dept. at 268-2155. If you need a waiver form, ask your Credentialed Teacher (CT) or stop by our office at 433 M St., Eureka, 268-0854.

There will be vaccinations offered for \$15.00 from 1pm to 4pm at the Humboldt County Office of Education at 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA



### **Tae Kwon Do**

Do you have a student who would like to take martial arts but, you don't want to commit to evening classes? **Sun Yi's Academy of Tae Kwon Do** will be offering a special day time class for home school students. The class covers the basics of self-defense using a variety of methods while learning about courtesy, integrity, self-discipline, perseverance and indomitable spirit. Mrs. Leahy, a black belt instructor at Sun Yi's will be teaching the class. The classes will be held once a week for 10 weeks beginning the third week of September. The class fee is \$70.00 that's \$7.00 a class and \$20.00 for a uniform, regularly priced at \$40.00. She is considering holding the class from 1:45 till 2:45 on Wednesdays. If you have another day or time in mind let her know. She needs a minimum of five student. Mrs. Leahy would like all those interested to call her @ 707-845-1572. Sun Yi's is on the approved vendor list, so let your CT know that you want to take the class.

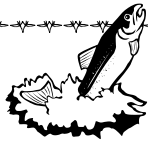
## ***TESTING SCHEDULE*** ***2011-2012***

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to be at all required tests this year. You will be receiving detailed information from your CT regarding specific times and locations. Any questions? Don't hesitate to call the office!

Thanks!

Debbie Lammers – School Coordinator

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEST</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Tues/Wed)	California High School Exit Exam	11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students who have not passed one or both parts	Approximately 3 hrs each day
February 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> (Tues/Wed)	California High School Exit Exam	All 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students AND any 12 <sup>th</sup> grade student who has not passed one or both parts	Approximately 3 hrs each day
March 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tues)	STAR Writing Assessment	All 7 <sup>th</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade students	Approximately 1 hr
April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>	STAR	All 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> grade students	3-4 days (depending on grade level)
January 1st – April 16 <sup>th</sup>	California Physical Fitness Test	All 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , and 9 <sup>th</sup> graders	Approximately 2 hrs
May 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> (Tues/Wed)	California High School Exit Exam	11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students who have not passed one or both parts	Approximately 3 hrs each day



## September Field Trip

**Where:** Scotia Fisheries Exhibit

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

**Call Alder Grove Office to sign up : 268-0854**

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.

## "Humboldt Kid's Digest"

Please feel free to come by the office on M St. or the F & Sonoma site to pick up a free copy of this great resource guide for parents and children looking for fun, healthy opportunities, and activities on the North Coast.

### From The Resource Center...

Please do not call the office to ask about orders. Your teacher will let you know when your materials arrive. The office staff is working hard to ensure that all students receive their curriculum as soon as possible!  
Thanks for your patience!



## October Field Trip:

### North Coast Co-Op's 25th Annual Pumpkin Patch

**When:** Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Paul Giuntoli's farm on Mad River Rd, Arcata Bottoms

**Call Alder Grove Charter's office to sign up: 268-0854**

Directions: Hwy 101 to Giuntoli Lane/Janes Rd. Go west. Turn right onto Heinden Rd. Turn left on to Miller Lane. Turn right on to Mad River Rd. Continue past the 90 degree turn in the road and the patch is the first driveway on the right. Cars will be directed to park in a field.

### Rules:

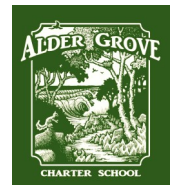
1. Parking is limited - please carpool
2. The pumpkin that each student gets for free must be the size that the student can comfortably carry back to vehicle on their own.
3. Adults and students may purchase pumpkins that are too big for the student to carry. Write check to "Warren Creek Farms"

There will be no corn maze this year (the birds kept eating the seeds!) Yellow jacket bees are common - be prepared to handle allergic reactions.

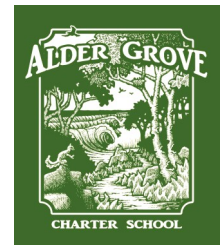
### YEARBOOKS AND T-SHIRTS

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.



# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Labor Day Holiday - No School - 	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Governance Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m. 	13	14	15	16 End of Learning Record #1 	17
18	19	20	21 Deadline for Tdap vaccination updates - 7th-12th gr 	22	23	24
25	26 10:30 a.m. - Leadership Meeting, 5th & M St.	27	28	29	30	