



~ Alder Grove News ~

February 2011

Good News! Charter Renewal!

On January 13, 2011 the School Board of the South Bay Union Elementary School District approved the Alder Grove Charter School's charter for another five years of operation! Thanks to our Governance Council members and teachers who attended the public hearing that evening. It is hard to believe that we have been open for five years. We have grown and improved each year and are giving a valuable option to parents looking for an alternative method of enabling their students to achieve academic success. This is a great time to thank all of our hardworking staff and teachers who have made this vision a reality. Also, thanks to the parents, grandparents, foster parents, other family members and students who have made this school what it is by volunteering, offering ideas and participating in all of the different classes and activities. Your ideas, suggestions and input are always welcome!

Reminders for Parents

Our teachers all have many students and families of their own. They are available by email or phone to answer your questions, but they each have different times that are best for them to receive phone calls. Please talk to your teacher about their preferred times for phone calls and respect their time limitations. Messages left will be returned in a timely manner.

Also, please remember that vendor forms for community classes must be filled out completely by you and the vendor and turned in about 4 weeks before the class is to start. You should communicate with your teacher about every class or activity that you want your child to participate in and your teacher can confirm with you before you do the vendor form that your student has the funding available. We are sometimes put in awkward situations when a student begins a class before the paperwork is complete only to find out that the student does not have the funding left for that class. If this happens, you will be responsible to pay the vendor. Your teacher has access to your student account online and can answer any questions

you have. Your teacher is always your first contact for any school, curriculum or vendor related questions.

Enjoy the lengthening days with your families! Read and walk often together!

Thank you for being part of our school!

~Jenni



California High School Exit Exam

Attention 10th and 12th Grade Students!

As you are aware, in order to receive a High School Diploma in the State of California, you must pass both parts of the California High School Exit Exam. The February tests are for **all** 10th grade students and 12th graders who have not passed one or both parts of the test. The tests are un-timed allowing the students as much time as possible to complete the tests.

DAYS: Tuesday **February 1st** (language arts) AND Wednesday **February 2nd** (math)

LOCATION: Main office (5th & M) – 5th Street entrance

TIME: 9:30-12:00am both days

Volunteer Needed:

Leadership Team Member

- * Enthusiastic
- * Help lead our school
- * 1-2 hrs per month
- * Chocolate Lover
- * Call our office for complete "job" description





KUDER NEWS

Alder Grove offers academic advising for grades 9-12 by appointment at the main office. Students use 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.

Thanks,
Debbie Lammers, School Coordinator

All who have a Science Fair project to submit, must turn it in by
Thursday, February 17th
between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
to Room 12 at the F & Sonoma school site.

Come to
ALDER GROVE SCIENCE FAIR !



Friday, February 18th
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
F & Sonoma site

Reminders:



President's Holiday:
NO SCHOOL at onsite classes Mon. - Fri.,
Feb. 21 - Feb. 25,
the office is closed Monday and Tuesday
Feb. 21-22

Math Workshop: K-3rd Grade
Thursdays, 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.
at 5th and M St

Language Arts Workshop:
K - 3rd Grade
Fridays, 9:45 - 11:45 a.m.
F & Sonoma site, Room 9
Call Sunshine at 834-4333

Leadership Meeting:
Friday, February 4th, 2:30 p.m.
also Friday, March 4th, 2:30 p.m.
F & Sonoma site
(see ad on front page)

Governance Council Meeting:
Monday, February 14th, 6:30 p.m., 433 M St.
and
Monday, March 14th, 6:30 p.m., 433 M St.

STAR Writing Assessment :
Tuesday, March 1st, 9:30 a.m.
for
4th grade and 7th grade students
433 M St.

Field Trips!



Fire and Light Tour

Tuesday, February 8th

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

45 Ericson Ct., Arcata, CA
www.fireandlight.com/02about.htm

Directions: 101 to Guintoli Lane. Right on West End Rd., Left on Alder Grove Rd., Left on Ericson Way, Left on Ericson Court. 45 Ericson Ct. is on the left. It is a two story green and gold building toward the end of the cul-de-sac with no sign.

THEN...

Arcata Recycling Center
Samoa Processing Facility
(tour and recycled paper-making)
Tuesday, February 8th
11:15 - 12:45 p.m.



Voyages of Discovery Sailing Ship

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Adorni Recreation Center
1011 Waterfront Dr.
Eureka, CA 95501
www.historicalseaport.org

\$35.00

NO CHECKS ACCEPTED!

Exact Cash Only

Must be paid for by March 15th

~ 30 spots available ~

We can only reserve a spot if it is prepaid.

This is an amazing historical reenactment adventure for students. Parents are encouraged to stand back on this ship and observe while students reenact the world of late 18th century merchant sailors. Please do not bring any preschool age siblings. Bring lots of layers of warm clothing and good closed-toe shoes. When you arrive, find Sunshine, our field trip leader, who will help you check in at the dock.

P.E. ACTIVITY

Zumba!

Healthsport - Arcata

Friday, February 18th, 2011

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

7th - 12th grades. Zumba combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves. Call the office at 268-0854 to sign up. Ten student limit.

~Randi

New On-Site Classes

We have added additional on-site classes that were not on the schedule. If you would like to enroll, please let your CT know and fill out an enrollment form.



Yearbook Class

**Tuesdays, 9:30a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ,
Room 12, F & Sonoma site.**

2.5 credits, 7th-12th grades. Sign up for this class and you will be a member of the yearbook production staff. This course is designed to expose the students to the skills of photography, journalism and page production, and to assist him/her in acquiring the responsible attitude necessary to meet the demands of a production schedule and a publication deadline.
~Randi Helfman

Technology Class

Thursdays, 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

2.5 credits, 7th-12th grades. This semester we will continue to work in audio editing and podcasting. This class will add the additional skills of webpage design, blogging, making interactive posters online, and video editing. The goal of this class is integration of several of these skills in a final, multi-technology project.
~Tim Warner

Dance!

**Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
F & Sonoma site.**

We are opening this class up to 1st - 12th graders. We will be learning dances from all over the world, playing children's dance games from countries around the world, learning how everyday movements can be used in dance and how to communicate an idea or a mood in a dance, plus many more interesting topics about dance.

~Randi Helfman



Spelling Bee!

We will be having our Alder Grove Spelling Bee on Monday, February 28th at 4:00 p.m. at the F & Sonoma site in Room 12. The categories will be 4th-6th grades and 7th-9th grades. Two winners from each category will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee (date not yet announced), and those winners will go to the County Spelling Bee, which will be held on April 2nd. If you'd like to enter, please call or email Marian Baker at 498-1052, maranrbaker@gmail.com. Word lists are available at the Alder Grove Resource Center, 433 M St., Eureka.

OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Young Writers Conference

The Redwood Writing Project will be registering applicants for the Young Writers Conference which will be held **Saturday, February 5th** at Humboldt State University from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (bring your own lunch). Workshops range from Poetry to Science Fiction and everything in between. If registration is received by Friday, January 28th, the price is \$40.00. For late or onsite registration, the cost is \$45.00. You may ask your CT for a registration form or register and pay online at www.redwoodwp.org/YWConference.htm.



2nd Annual Redwood Coast Peace Poetry Contest

The Humboldt Bay Chapter of Veterans For Peace invites Humboldt County High School students to submit an original poem directly focusing on peace; the abolition of war, hate, or violence; or peace-making in our communities. Entries must be received by **Monday, March 7th**. For details, ask your CT or call the office at 268-0854 and ask for Ruth.



Our very own AGCS
student, Angela Petricca,
will be featured in the Eureka Symphony's Youth Concert,
February 4th at 8:00 p.m. and
February 5th at 2:00 p.m.
Arkley Center for Performing Arts
Youth under 12 are admitted free on Feb. 5th matinee at 2
eurekasymphony.com

Thanks to the Humboldt County Historical Society
for donating a copy of the local history book,
Two Peoples, One Place to our resource center!

We would like to thank Mr. Donald F. Brooks for his do-
nation of the book

*If You Lived at the Time of the
American Revolution*

to our resource center.

~Sarah

Attention Crafters!!

Any left-over pieces of material or craft
supplies would be greatly appreciated by
our sewing class!

Thank you,

Kathy



Randi's P.E. Class - Dancing!

"Dancing with the feet is one thing, but dancing with the heart is another."-