

ALDER GROVE NEWS MAY 2009

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Governance Council Election Results

Congratulations to new Governance Council members Randy Davis, Susan Driscoll and returning member Carole Porter.



May Field Trip

Thursday, May 21 @ 11am
Humboldt State University
Natural History Museum
(Wells Fargo Hall)
1315 G Street in Arcata

Admission: \$1.50 per person (adults/siblings) students pay from school budget, family members pay at desk.

Program: What Are Reptiles and Amphibians? Find out the difference between reptiles and amphibians by meeting live toads, frogs, salamanders, snakes and turtles. See how each of these creatures survives and what its life-cycle is like. Examine the shed skin of a snake, shells of turtles and the skeleton of a frog. Everyone gets a chance to touch a live snake and a frog.

Goal: To gather 20 participants. Call to sign up today 268-0854.

Governance Council Meetings:

Tuesday, May 5th
Tuesday, June 9th
6:30 pm @ Highland Ave.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Graduation is Friday May 29th



8th Grade Graduation Ceremony will begin at 3pm.
12th Grade Graduation Ceremony will begin at 6pm.

Both ceremonies will be held at the Humboldt Hill Grange Hall
845 Humboldt Hill Rd, Eureka, CA.

High School Information Night



Topics to be covered will include: high school graduation requirements, recommended courses for college admission, earning high school credits, resources for high school students, on site classes offered by Alder Grove and more. Come join us at Christie Hall (Sonoma & F, Eureka) on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 pm.

Lights ~ Camera ~ Action!



On Thursday May 21st @ 6pm, Alder Grove will present **It's All in the Cards**, a theatrical production put on by the 6th-12th grade Alder Grove students. The presentation will take place at the Eureka First Baptist Church on the corner of E & Del Norte in Eureka. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Our students have put in many hours of hard work to prepare for this event. We hope to see you there. Please contact Terri Tripp @ 826-0682 if you are interested in helping with the theatrical makeup for this production.

Come Make a Splash at the End of the Year Pool Party!



Tuesday, May 12th
11 to 1 @ The Arcata Pool
1150 16th St. Arcata

Children five years and younger need to be accompanied by an adult in the pool at all times.

Library Open House



Please drop by the school library (1615 Highland Ave) Wednesday, June 3rd—Friday, June 5th from 11– 3 to get a head start on fulfilling your curriculum needs for next year. The early bird gets the worm!



Spring Concert

The Alder Grove music classes will be having their spring concert on Friday May 15th at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Sonoma site in the Fireside room. All are welcome to attend.

A Note from the Director

Jenni Allen-San Giovanni

It's hard to believe another school year is ending! It has been a successful year for our students and staff. Our enrollment continues to grow and our returned parent surveys indicate that for the most part, you are very happy with our school! We thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to educate your children.

I would like to congratulate Carole Porter, Randy Davis and Susan **Driscoll**, the new Governance Council members who will begin their terms at the June meeting. I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to outgoing Governance Council member Brad Woodward for his time and support of the school.

Our school Leadership Team will meet again in September. If you are interested in joining this group, check the August newsletter which will list the date and time of the first meeting for the new school year. Thanks to parents members Lori Knight, ElizaBeth Schatz, Linnette Woodward and teacher members Marian Baker, Sunshine Lee, and Tim Warner for their hard work and dedication this past school year.

Thanks to teacher Terri Tripp and the parents who helped make the rock climbing trip so successful!

STAR testing has been a success. We have reached our goal of testing 95% of our students. This is always a challenge for us and we agree with many parents that the test does not fully evaluate student learning. However, the federal government under the No Child Left Behind Act has mandated that every school test at least 95% of its students in order to meet the academic yearly performance. I appreciate each of you who brought your children to testing. I realize it is not always easy with transportation and other activities. Thank you for participating in this important mandate that will enable our school to continue. Test results usually arrive in late July and will be mailed to you in August. If you have any questions or concerns about the results, please ask your teacher. We are happy to meet with families who have academic concerns about their children to offer suggestions and support.

You should be getting a list of materials checked out to your student(s) from your teacher very soon if you have not already. Materials that your student is finished with or that will not be used must be returned to the school. Materials that will be used next year may be kept.

Please remember that your thoughts, ideas and concerns are always welcome.

Miscellaneous Information

Lost and Found

Parents please remember to check the lost and found box at the classroom site.

All unclaimed items will be donated to local thrift stores.



Address and Phone Number Changes

Please remember to let your teacher know ASAP when you have a changes of physical or mailing address and/or phone number.

Our Mission is to Serve Students Through Personalized Learning and Supporting Parental Choice in Education