

# Alder Grove News November 2009

## School Holidays

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Veterans Day

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
November 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Break

Mon. Dec. 21st—Fri. Jan. 1st  
Winter Recess

Remember:  
No site classes will be held  
Thanksgiving week.

## Free High School Exit Exam Preparation Classes

Exit Exam Preparation classes are offered at Christie Hall in room 10 every Thursday. Language Arts Prep is offered from 9:30 to 10:30 and Mathematics Prep is offered from 10:40 to 11:40. Christie Hall is located on the corner of Sonoma and F Streets in Eureka.

## Upcoming Exit Exam(s)

February 2nd and 3rd  
(10th and 12th Grade Students  
who have not passed one or both  
parts)

May 11th and 12th  
(11th and 12th grade students who  
have not passed one or both parts)

## Spring Class Schedule

Attached you will find the spring class schedule. Classes fill up fast! Don't delay sending in the enrollment form.

## Halloween Party Success

Our Halloween party was a success thanks to the teachers, parents and students who volunteered their time and crafty ideas. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Alder Grove Student IDs

Life Touch School Studios will be taking photos for Alder Grove Student ID Cards for \$5.00 on December 8th and 9th. Students are not required to purchase a portrait package to buy an ID card. Remember student IDs are required to take the SATs and attend other schools events. See 2nd page of newsletter for more information.

## Home Educator Enrichment Topics By Wendy Schulze

On November 20th I will be talking about several factors that contribute to your child's unique way of learning. We will discuss learning styles, left brain/right brain learning, learning difficulties and processing glitches. This is the perfect talk for parents who are wondering about dyslexia, ADD/ADHD and other things that are adding to the challenge of educating your child.

The next lecture is:  
Friday, November 20th  
10:00 - 12:00  
"Understanding Your  
Child's Learning Style"

If you are interested and can't make it to the lecture, email me at [wendyschulze@gmail.com](mailto:wendyschulze@gmail.com).

## Thank You To Local Vendors

A warm heartfelt "thank you" goes out to The Art Center for their donation of matting materials, Norman's Dry Cleaners for their donation of hangers and the Times-Standard for their donation of newspaper. The donation of these materials helped make our projects a creative success!

## Upcoming Meetings

Governance Council Meetings  
@ Highland Office  
Monday, November 9th @ 6:30  
Monday, December 14th @ 6:30

Leadership Team Meeting  
@ Sonoma & F  
Monday, November 23rd @ 1:15

## Alder Grove Student Council

If you are in high school, please consider joining Alder Grove's new student council. We are planning an end-of-the-year party, including fundraising, and school spirit weeks. If you have ideas to share about how to make Alder Grove the best school in Humboldt County, then please come to our next meeting.

NEXT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING:  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th @ 1:15  
F & SONOMA

## Alder Grove Student Council Fundraising

We will begin fundraising for our end-of-the-year party on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Every Thursday, at 12:50, we will be selling fudge during lunch at the F & Sonoma site.

## Spirit Week @ Sonoma & F

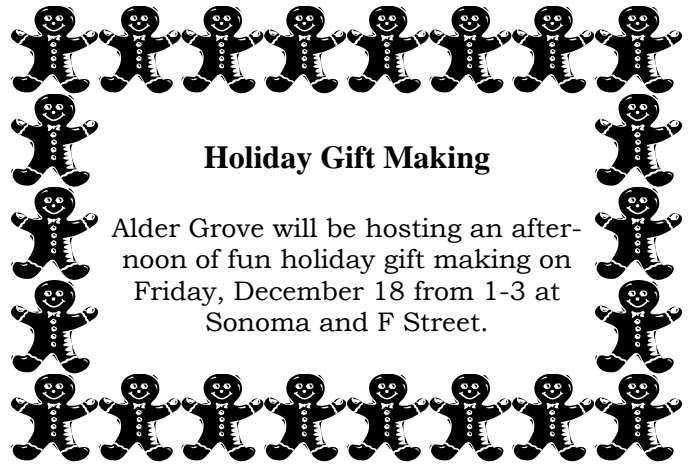
Nov. 16th - Nov. 20th  
Mittens / Gloves Week!

Dec. 14th—Dec. 18th  
Polka Dots Week!

Show some school spirit and wear your favorite gloves or mittens to onsite classes in November and then get really wacky in December and wear your favorite polka dots! Spirit weeks will be the third week of each month. Watch your newsletter each month for information.

## Athletic Program Interest

Alder Grove Charter School is considering becoming a member of the North Coast Sections in order to be able to participate in competitive high school athletics. We would like to know how much interest there is among our students before we take the next step. Sports we have considered based on the number of players needed to participate are track and tennis. Email the school at [aldergrove@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aldergrove@sbcglobal.net) if you have students who would be interested in participating in high school athletics at Alder Grove Charter School.



## Holiday Gift Making

Alder Grove will be hosting an afternoon of fun holiday gift making on Friday, December 18 from 1-3 at Sonoma and F Street.

## Scholarship Information

The California Charter School Association will award five \$1,500 scholarships to high school graduates of Association member schools. The application deadline is Tuesday December 1, 2009. For more information or to apply on line go to: <http://www.charterconference.org/ssbscholarship.php>.

## STAR Testing

Mandatory STAR Testing will be held April 13th - 16th. Please mark your calendars now and save the dates.

STAR testing is a mandated part of enrollment in California public schools. All students in grades 2-11 are required to participate.

Although we don't believe that STAR testing truly measures the value of our personalized approach to education, it is the tool that the state uses for measuring our success and continued existence.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



## School Picture Day

This year school pictures will be taken by Life Touch School Studios. Picture days are Dec. 8th and Dec. 9th at the Sonoma and F Street Site. Packages range from \$18 to \$45. Forms will be available on picture day (cash or checks accepted).

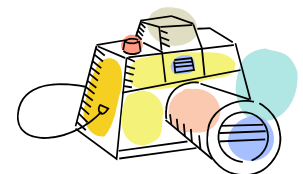
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If you want or need a Student ID come to picture day!

**Pictures will be taken at the Sonoma and F Street Site:**

**Tuesday, December 8th from 2:30—4:30**

**Wednesday, December 9th from 12:00—2:00**



# Alder Grove Charter School Field Trips 2009/2010

Sunshine Lee, Coordinator

## Fieldtrips with Tickets (space is limited to 30):

This year I am looking forward to more HSU Center Arts performances. Student tickets will be paid for from their school budget. However, family members must reserve their spot by paying for their ticket with exact cash. Give exact cash to Sarah Garrett at the school administrative office. 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.

Dec. 11	11am	Center Arts	Celtic Christmas	\$6.50	RSVP by 12/3
Jan. 19	11am	Center Arts	Peking Acrobats	\$7.50	RSVP by 1/8
Jan. 27	11am	Center Arts	Spirit of Uganda	\$6.50	RSVP by 1/19
April 30	11am	Center Arts	Calypso Band	\$3.50	RSVP by 4/22
May 25	11am	Center Arts	Folk Dance and Music Ensemble	\$5.50	RSVP by 4/22

HSU Parking Information: For your convenience you may purchase daily parking permits for \$3.50 in advance or purchase passes through the parking pass dispenser. You may also pay for metered parking with quarters or park off campus and walk on.

Directions: From Hwy 101, take Sunset exit, go east to L.K. Wood Boulevard, left on Harpst Street, Left on Rossow Street for Parking with a day pass, or left on B Street- go to the top of the hill, cross the street, walk up the stairs to The Van Duzer Theatre.

## Non Ticket Fieldtrips:

Feb. 18	11am	Sun Valley Floral Farms Tour		RSVP by 2/10
March 9	12:30-5:30	VOYAGES OF DISCOVERY SAILING	\$35	RSVP by 3/2
March 25	11am	Jacoby Creek Land Trust: Kokte Ranch Tour		RSVP by 3/17

Monthly fieldtrip information will be in each newsletter and is available on the website: