

Alder Grove News November 2008

School Holidays

Tuesday, November 11th
Veterans Day

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
November 26th – 28th
Thanksgiving Break

Remember:
No site classes will be held
Thanksgiving week.

Free Preparation Classes High School Exit Exam

These self paced classes focus on the skills needed to pass the Exit Exam. Classes are held on Thursdays at the Sonoma Street site. Language arts is from 10-11 and math is from 11-12. Just show up if you would like to participate. These classes are free!

Math Tips

A lot of research states that children who do not have basic math facts memorized by the end of fourth grade are at risk for math problems later in school. Although not everyone agrees with this, it is helpful for students to memorize math facts in their early years.

There are lots of ways to do this at home: flashcards, use of computers, electronic games, and timed drills. Setting goals for the student like increasing the number of correct problems each week or decreasing the amount of time can be fun. Helpful math websites, many including printable timed drills include:

- <http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/cathymath.html>
- <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>
- <http://home.indy.rr.com/lrobinson/mathfacts/mathfacts.html>
- <http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>



Yearbook Information

The yearbook class is creating a 2008-2009 Alder Grove Yearbook. It will include pictures of students, staff, baby pictures, special events and classes. We would also like to include some student work...perhaps poetry and art. The yearbook is still in the planning stages, so we only have an estimate of how much a book will cost. That estimate now is between \$10 and \$15 each, which can be paid out of your student funds. Yearbooks will also be sold for cash. If you want to reserve a yearbook (and help us figure out how many to print!), please fill out the attached coupon, give it to your teacher, or return it to Lorraine Parnell at the Highland Ave. office.

Last year some parents and students expressed interest in a school picture day. A photographer would come just like at onsite public schools. There's a place on the yearbook coupon to check if you think you might want to have school pictures taken.

As you can see, this is all in the planning stages. We appreciate your support in responding to our questions. If you have specific questions, please email Lorraine @ loparnell@gmail.com.

Contact Us At:

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Mosaic Classes

Grades K-6
Friday, Dec. 5th, 2008
9:45-11:45 am
Location: F and Sonoma

Grades 7-12
Friday, Dec. 12th, 2008
9 a.m.- noon
Location: F and Sonoma

Enrollment is limited to 10 students per class. The cost for these classes is \$25 including materials and will be deducted from student budgets. Call 268-0854 to sign up.

November Field Trip

The Christmas Ballet
Van Duzer Theatre
Friday, November 21 @ 11am
Students & Adults \$7.50

For more detailed information please refer to the October newsletter. The newsletter can be found @ www.aldergrovecharter.org

Upcoming Meetings

Governance Council Meeting
Highland Office
Tuesday, December 2nd @ 6:30

Leadership Team Meeting
Sonoma & F
Thursday, December 18th @ 1:15

Great New Novels

Come check out the hundreds of new novels for all grade levels in the resource library!

Scantron Testing

Please remember to call the school office 24 hours in advance of bringing your student in to take the Scantron test.

December Field Trips

HSU Van Duzer Theatre



Golden Dragon Acrobats-Cirque D'Or

Tuesday, December 2 @ 11am

Reservation Deadline: November 25

Adults \$7.50

Combining twenty-five centuries of tradition with contemporary Cirque Du Soleil-style touches of theatricality, this twenty-one-member troupe from China's Hebei Province amazes audiences of all ages with timeless thrills.



Celtic Christmas

Friday, December 12 @ 1pm

Reservation Deadline: December 5

Adults \$7.50

Drawing from the infinitely rich treasury of Ireland's cultural heritage, Tomáseen Foley's A Celtic Christmas has criss-crossed the country bringing to packed concert halls an authentic remembrance of a way of life that is no longer with us. It's an unforgettable staging of a typical night before Christmas in a remote west Irish farmhouse, in the days before television, cars and phones.

Field Trip Reminders:

Reservations are required for students and family members: 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 no later than one week prior to the performance (see above deadlines). Money must be given to Jenifer Doane at the main office. Spots will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

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.

Parking: You can pay for a parking day pass at the base of Harpst Street, use metered parking with quarters, or park off campus and walk on.

Check In: Please find Alder Grove Teacher Sunshine Lee and check in before entering the building. Come early because seating is first come first serve.

Reserve a Yearbook Coupon

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Number of yearbooks you would like to order: _____

I am interested in having a school picture day for my students: Yes No