

Alder Grove News October 2008

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Welcome Back

We would like to thank everyone for helping the school year get off to a great start! It is a pleasure for us to get to know all of the new families and reconnect with those who are returning. We feel lucky to be a part of your lives and look forward to a fun and educational school year.



High School Exit Exam

The exit exam is being offered three times this year as follows:

November 4th & 5th (11th & 12th grades)
February 3rd & 4th (10th - 12th grades)
May 12th & 13th (11th - 12th grades)

Preparation Classes: In order to help students reach their goals, Alder Grove is offering exit exam preparation classes. These classes, focusing on the basic skill development needed to pass the Exit Exam, will be a combination of whole class instruction, individual assessment and self paced work. These classes are held each Thursday morning at the new classroom site on the corner of Sonoma and F St. in Eureka. English language arts preparation is held on Thursdays from 10-11 and math preparation is held on Thursdays from 11-12. Just show up if you would like to participate. The classes are free!

For questions and answers regarding the CA High School Exit Exam please visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/faq.asp>

Party Planning Meeting

Autumn is approaching quickly and that means it is time to plan our first school party of the year. Alder Grove is seeking enthusiastic people interested in being part of a party planning team. Please join us on Friday October 10 at 3:30 pm at the Alder Grove classroom site on F Street and Sonoma or call Lori Knight at 445-3438 if you are interested but can't attend the meeting. After the meeting, look for fliers at school or ask your teacher to find out when the first party will be held!

November Field Trip

Smuin Ballet: The Christmas Ballet
HSU Artists and Schools 08-09 Program
Van Duzer Theatre
Friday, November 21 @ 11am
Students & Adults \$7.50

Get the jump on the holidays as this long-time beloved Bay Area tradition heads north to Humboldt County! The latest edition of Smuin's *The Christmas Ballet* is a magical and sparkling reflection of the holiday season. It's a combination of the beautiful and spiritual aspect of traditional Christmas carols with the fun and frolic of today's holiday music. Rich in visual beauty, eye-popping costumes, artful lighting design and, of course, Michael Smuin's unforgettable choreography, *The Christmas Ballet* is an enchanting performance of extraordinary dancing.

Reservations Required:

Reserve spots for your family: 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 Friday November 14th. Money must be given to Jenifer Doane at the school 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 Rossov 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 me (Sunshine) and check in before entering the building. Come early because seating is first come first serve. I will be there at 10:30 am. I will be the one holding a list and looking around with out a long line of children behind me.

Refunds:

For a refund you must call to cancel by Friday, November 14 @ 4pm (268-0854).



Patrick's Point

Sumeg Village Tour
Friday, October 10th @ 10am.

This additional field trip is open to any students and families who want to attend. The trip is part of the local history classes' monthly field trip plan. Students in the class are not required to attend, but it will be a great way to see and be part of what we are studying in class. The field trip will show us the traditional Yurok village site and teach us more about the local Yurok culture and traditions. At the end of the field trip there will be an optional craft, making a necklace out of Dentalium shells and Abalone. Dentalium is a shell from a sea mollusk that the local tribes used to trade, like money. The cost of the craft is \$5 per person. If you would like to partake, don't forget to bring money.

We will meet at the village site at Patrick's Point Park, past the town of Trinidad. Follow the signs from the main entrance to the village site. The cost of parking is \$6 per vehicle, and the ranger can give you directions to the village site. The tour should take one hour and the craft will be an additional hour. For those of you who have never been to the Sumeg Village, it is worth the drive. Hope to see you there! Contact Terri @ terri@superchargedconnection.com for more information.



School Mascot Contest

Alder Grove Charter School is in search of a school mascot/logo. This contest is open to all Alder Grove students. Mascot/logo submissions should be made to the attention of Alder Grove Librarian, Sarah Garrett, by October 31st. Submissions should include a photo or sketch of the mascot/logo. Also included should be a brief narrative as to why the submission should be the school mascot/logo. Please include the student's name, grade and teacher's name on all submissions. More information will follow in the November Newsletter.

Upcoming Meeting

Governance Council Meeting
Highland Office
Tuesday, November 4 @ 6:30

