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# ~Alder Grove News~

# April 2022

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Hello Alder Grove Families,

Ahh Spring...you are finally here. Welcome back to the north coast! Please quell the winter chill with some of that sunshine and evening light you bring... and please bring more showers that keep the foliage green and flowering. Winter was so mild!

**Governance Council:** Would you be interested in helping plan the future of the school? We need new members to fill 1-2 vacancies. Meetings are Tuesday mornings at 10:30. If you're interested, please call Jenifer Doane at 707-268-0854. We really appreciate our current GC members: Kurt Stoffel, Salena Glass, Geri Emberson, and Matt Wilton. It's been an especially interesting and challenging year, but wise decisions were made while always considering what is best for our students, families, and our school. We couldn't do it without you...

**CAASPP Testing:** We cannot thank you enough for bringing your students in for testing. We realize this isn't the most fun activity we offer, but it's essential to the well-being and continuation of our amazing school. The state puts so much pressure on us to test ALL of our students and the consequences of not doing so are quite dire. We appreciate that you care about Alder Grove and *all* of the students we serve! It takes teamwork...

**Indoor Masking:** Thank you so much for giving us input about indoor masking by our recently sent surveys. The data will be presented to the Governance Council and we will let you know what is decided after the April 5th meeting. We will continue to monitor local pandemic conditions and the recommendations of state and county public health departments.

**Home Tests for Spring Break:** We have plenty of home tests for you to use before spring break travel, if you have symptoms, before you return to school after spring break, etc. Come and get them in the front office! We appreciate your diligence and for keeping our students and staff safe.

**Prom:** I can't wait to see you high school students at our prom! The dance is May 7th at the Wharfinger from 7-9 pm. See more info in the newsletter about procuring tickets and other details.

Class Drop Off/Pick Up: Thank you so much for dropping your students off no more than 10 minutes before their classes start and picking them up no later than 10 minutes after classes end. This really helps our staff to monitor students for safety as well as contributes to smooth transitions between classes. We appreciate it!

I can't believe how close we are to the end of the school year AND a summer break. I know I can speak for our staff and teachers when I say how much we appreciate you choosing Alder Grove Charter School and supporting our shared vision of personalized learning and parent choice. I hope you have a relaxing spring break and please stay safe and healthy!

Tim Warner, Director

#### Hello AGCS Families!

Breakfast is FREE for all Alder Grove students and no application is required.

Come join us daily in the breakfast/lunch room,

Monday through Thursday from 9:50-10:10 and Friday from 9:35-9:55.

Breakfast consists of fresh fruit, milk, a baked good, and occasionally yogurt and string cheese.

We hope your students will join us!



# KAITLYN GUYNN RECEIVES INSPIRATION AWARD

23 high school seniors, representing 13 schools were honored as the Humboldt County Achievement Team in an online ceremony, Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the Team were selected based upon their exemplary academic performance, significant involvement in extra-curricular activities, proven leadership abilities, excellent communication skills and a commitment to their community.

Two academic achievers received acknowledgement with an Inspiration Award. The award is reserved for students who overcome inequities and setbacks to become top academic performers while inspiring others. Kaitlyn Guynn with Alder Grove Charter School and Natasha Glass with McKinleyville High School were honored with the Inspiration Award.



"The students selected for these awards deserve both our congratulations and appreciation for the incredible work they demonstrate each day both within and outside the classroom," said Michael Davies-Hughes, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools. "Recognition as a top academic performer is the result of a tremendous amount of multi-year planning, a commitment to rigorous coursework and a purposeful effort to positively impact our community beyond the classroom."

The awards ceremony may be viewed in its entirety online. Please visit <a href="https://hcoe.org/aa-team/">https://hcoe.org/aa-team/</a> to watch. To discover more about HCOE's Academic Achievement, contact Karen Brooks at (707) 445-7563.

# **HEY, FOURTH GRADERS! ARE YOU READY FOR AN ADVENTURE?**

The California State Park Adventure Pass is just for you. See how you can visit some of the most amazing parks in the country with your family and friends—for free.

#### What?

In partnership with the First Partner's Office and the Natural Resources Agency, the California State Park Adventure Pass provides free entry for fourth graders and their families at 19 amazing state parks throughout the state. Mountains, deserts, forests, rivers ... the choice of where to visit is yours. Learn more About the California State Park Adventure Pass

#### Who?

You (a fourth grader from California), your family (up to three adults and other kids) and friends (everyone in your car) can enjoy all sorts of adventures at 19 state parks during your whole fourth grade year—and the summer, too..



#### How?

Have your parent or guardian go to ReserveCalifornia.com or call

(800) 444-7275. All they have to do is set up a profile by providing their name, address, phone number and email address, and we'll send them your free California State Park Adventure Pass to their email right away! For individuals that do not have access to a smartphone, computer or printer and/or do not have an email address to use when applying online, they can still apply for a pass by visiting a State Parks Pass Sales Office. Click here for a list of locations.

#### Where?

Once you've got your Pass, you can use it by either printing it out or keeping it on your phone to show a uniformed state park staffer at one of these 19 state parks.

#### **Recreate Responsibly**

Getting into the outdoors is the perfect way to connect with nature, family and friends but it is important to do so responsibly. Please protect yourself and your family by learning about the park you are visiting before heading out, wearing appropriate clothing, staying prepared by bringing the essentials like enough food and water, and knowing your comfort level to avoid injuries. For additional safety tips, click <a href="here">here</a>.

# **On-Campus Labs**

Study Hall - M-F 9-1 with Tony 1-3 with Jasper

#### On-Campus Math Lab Grades 3-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Jasper	Jasper	Jasper	Jasper	Jasper	
10:00 - 12:30	10:00 - 12:00	10:00 - 12:30	10:00 - 12:00	10:00 - 12:00	
Jasper	Cassie	Jasper	Cassie	Cassie	
1:00 - 3:00	12:00 - 3:00	1:00 - 3:00	12:00-3:00	12:00-3:00	

## Science Lab with Brooke (also available Virtually)

Grades 5-12 Mondays, 2:00-3:30 Room 1

## Spanish Lab with Erica (also available Virtually -

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72446300526?pwd=dkg4KzlaYjR4RlZua2NmbThjMFF3QT09

Meeting ID: 724 4630 0526 Passcode: spanish All Grades Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 Room 2

## Writing Lab with Jeff

All Grades
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:30-12:40
Room 2

## Virtual Labs Virtual Math Lab Grades 3-12

#### Students can log on virtually to meet.google.com with the code mathlab123

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Charity 10:00 - 12:30		Charity 10:00- 12:30		Adelinea 10:00- 11:30
Sandy 1:00-3:00	Sandy 12:00 - 3:00	Sandy 1:00-3:00	Sandy 12:00 - 3:00	Adelinea 12:00- 3:00

**Virtual Writing Lab with Sunshine** -Writing homework help (Grades 3-8) <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/i/76465093175?pwd=UIJaS1VuRytOV0Q2d2RzWmlZbFVodz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/i/76465093175?pwd=UIJaS1VuRytOV0Q2d2RzWmlZbFVodz09</a>

# ALDER GROVE STUDENT HONORED BY FORTUNA POLICE

Joseph Bishop, a sixteen-year-old from Humboldt County, did not hesitate when he witnessed two twin-boys drowning in a hotel pool last summer.

On vacation in Columbia, Maryland, Joseph and his father Michael, a thirty-six-year employee of the Postal Service, chose to visit the hotel swimming pool early in the day. A family with six young children were also approaching the pool area when their two six-year-old twin boys ran ahead. The first boy ran straight into the pool. Joseph recognized the child was in trouble right away and could see that his parents were not close enough to save him.



Without hesitation, Joseph jumped into the pool. "...The first thing I noticed was he didn't come back up, his arms just started wailing. [My] ...first ...instinct [was] to jump in, grab my arm under him and pull him out," Joseph said.



Michael, who had followed his son into the pool to help, thought that they may need to perform CPR on the young boy. Fortunately, after Joseph located the boy and pulled him to the surface, he began coughing up the water. No sooner had Joseph saved the one young lad, before his twin brother had jumped in the pool also, mere seconds later. Already in the water, Joseph was able to rescue the brother as well.

Michael and Joseph said the whole incident happened very quickly. The twins' tearful parents were overcome with gratitude that Joseph was able to aid their boys before they were able to catch up with the speedy youths.

"Everybody that knows Joseph knows that when you make friends with Joseph, you're a friend for life," Michael praised his son. A Campton Heights native, Joseph, is currently a sophomore at Alder Grove Charter School in Eureka. His teacher Patty Marsh, found out about the Bishops' summer excitement and wanted to let the community know what a brave thing Joseph had done.

Joseph's mother, Pamela, attributes his swimming lessons for saving the twins' lives last fall, saying that Joseph began taking them as a toddler. She would love to see a community pool in Fortuna in the future. "It's really been hitting home to me how much we need a pool here," Pamela said. "I've thought many times since this happened how difficult it was to get swim lessons for our kids."

When Joseph and his sister McKenzie were very young, Pamela would drive the children south to Myers Flat for youth swimming lessons, and later north to Arcata. "They were little, and it was an effort to get them there – taking two toddlers," she explained. "I'm thankful that we did that and I'm sure the parents of these kids are too."

Although driving long distances with small children was difficult for Pamela, she said, "I'm so thankful that we made that commitment, for these guys it turned out to be a life or death matter."

The Fortuna Police Department presented Joseph with a commendation at City Hall on March 21st. Michael said that the recognition from the community means a lot to the entire family, "We're so proud of him and excited." After hearing of Joseph's heroic act, Michael told us that a couple of the Fortuna Police Officers, told him, "Isn't that just like Fortuna to go 3000 miles away and be able to save a child?"

For Joseph, doing the right thing is its own reward. "It felt really good," he said. His family and community could not be prouder of his quick thinking and bravery.



## 2021/2022 Reading Academic Support: Weekly Virtual Reading Schedule

Virtual Meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:30-11:20, 11:30-12:20, 1:10-2:00 On-Campus Meetings on Wednesdays: 10:30-11:20, 11:30-12:20, 1:10-2:00

Contact Sunshine Lee at sunshine.lee@aldergrovecharter.org to sign up for a weekly spot, reschedule, or add meeting.

Feel free to meet with Sunshine once to get placed in the program and then use this program at home anytime you like with support available.

# Writing Classes with Laurie — 2021-2022

These classes are intended for any student who needs extra support for writing.

There are still a few spaces available!!

Please contact your CT with any questions, and/or to sign up.

#### **Tuesdays:**

Session 1 - 10:15am-11am (grades 2-4) Session 2 - 11:35am-12:20pm (grades 4-12)

#### Wednesdays:

Session 1 - 11:30am - 12:15pm (grades 4-12) Session 2 - 1:00pm - 1:45pm (grades 4-12)

#### **Thursdays:**

Session 1 (Virtual) - 10:15am - 11am (grades 4-12) Session 2 - 11:35am - 12:20pm (grades 7-12)



# Wednesday Parent/Student (TK-2) Virtual Workshop with Terri Tripp:

I will be continuing a primarily virtual workshop this year, and I am hoping it will allow for more families to join the Google classroom. If you were in the group last year, you will still be receiving my weekly posts.

All participants will have access to last year's posts to refer to and utilize. I will post new resources and activities to assist with teaching reading, writing and math in your home each Wednesday with a live workshop opportunity on the last Wednesday of each learning period.

I will invite you to join the live workshop from 11:30am-12:30pm on the last Wednesday of each learning period in the Rainbow Room. Parents and students can share their projects and engage in activities together.

Even if you are not able to join in the live class, you are welcome to join the Google classroom for the resources. We will spend learning periods 1, 3, and 5 on reading and writing. Learning periods 2, 4 and 6 will focus on math.

Parents are welcome to message me at any time through the Google Classroom or email me directly for assistance or resource help.

Please email: <u>terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org</u> if you would like an invite.

We are so proud of our Alder Grove students for earning Bark Bucks by showing how they can be Safe, Respectful and Responsible! Every week, we draw four random winners from the Bark Bucks Bank and they get to pick a

small, fun prize. Keep encouraging your students to exhibit positive behavior at school and during school activities, whether it is on campus or virtual. Everyone gets a chance to earn Bark Bucks! Here are February's Winners:

Ariana Amar Mead Maia Holbrook
Alena Ames Ming Yun Huey
Joseph Bishop Kassidy Jones
Skilynn Campbell October Landry
Paige Cress Thea Locker
Asra Faucher Alastair Murphy
Josiah Harvey Charlie Robinson

And to our big February winner:

Orion Assam

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AWARDED TO		
STAFF	DATE:	CHARTER SCHOOL
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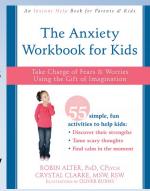
Alder Grove students are showing all of us their positive behavior by being Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

Well done!

# PBIS FEATURED BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Anxiety Workbook for Kids is a fun and unique workbook grounded in evidence-based CBT and designed to help children understand their anxious thoughts within a positive framework—a perspective that will allow kids to see themselves as the highly imaginative individuals they are, and actually appreciate the role imagination plays in their anxiety. With this workbook, children will learn that, just as they are capable of envisioning vivid scenarios that fuel their anxiety, they are capable of using their imagination to move away from anxious thoughts and become the boss of their own worries.

With engaging CBT-based activities, games, and illustrations—and with a focus on imagination training and developing skills like problem solving, assertiveness, positive thinking, body awareness, relaxation, and mindfulness—this book will help kids stand up to worry and harness the power of their imagination for good.



Click here for more information: https://www.newharbinger.com/9781626254770/the-anxiety-workbook-for-kids/

# **DEBUNKING THE TOP PBIS MYTHS**

PBIS has a proven record for <u>improving school climate at schools across the country</u>. Still, introducing <u>PBIS</u> to a school can produce a fair share of resistance. Educators may fear that PBIS will leave them with no effective means of behavior management. Administrators may be reluctant to upend the traditional system of discipline. You may even get some pushback from the students themselves because PBIS may be different from their known experience with school

interactions. There are plenty of PBIS myths out there that keep schools from implementing PBIS. We're here to tell you not to let those faux barriers get in your way. We will take a look at the top PBIS myths over the upcoming months.

#### Myth #1: PBIS rewards students for what they are supposed to be doing.

The fact is, many students aren't coming to school with the foundational skills they need in order to be successful. Numerous reasons for this exist, including disadvantaged backgrounds, cultural differences, and developmental issues. For many, school is where they develop appropriate social and emotional skills. PBIS helps to establish behaviors that students will carry with them throughout their lives.



# Signing up for tutoring or classes through our community partners?

- 1. Check with your CT BEFORE signing up with a vendor or tutor. Make sure the CT is aware of the lessons or services.
- 2. Turn in the completed community partner contract as soon as possible to your CT.
- 3. The student should not begin sessions until final administrative approval has been made.
- 4. The parent is responsible for any overages not covered by the student budget.
- 5. AGCS cannot cover sessions given during school breaks or holidays.





Alder Grove student Summer Kennard was the third prize winner for grade 6 in the 19th Godwit Days Annual Student Bird Art contest. She won with her colored pencil picture of a Belted Kingfisher. (top left)



This is a duck from Waylon Lightner. This is a practice piece for the Godwit Days Bird Art contest but this is

the one Waylon wanted to submit to the

newsletter. Waylon is in 9th grade. (top right)

This is Rowan Hauser's drawing of an American Goldfinch that he did for the Godwit Days Bird Art Submissions. Rowan is Kindergarten. (bottom right)





Congratulations to Alder Grove students Westley Porter, Arianna Porter, and Felix Porter who all got awards for their excellent school work.

# WHAT IS THE SCIENCE LAB?

The Science Lab is a place for students to come and work on their hands-on lab or get help with their science coursework.

FREE

HYBRID (VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON)

5th - 12th GRADERS

MONDAYS from 2:00 - 3:30pm

Sign up by completing an Onsite Class Registration Form



# **High School Credit for Playing Games!**

Do you enjoy children?
Do you like playing games?
Do you want high school credit?

The K-5 Gaming Club is looking for a high school aged volunteer to help with the club.

You would attend in person, every Wednesday, from 3pm until 3:55pm to help monitor the club and play games with the club members.

Send an email to <a href="mailto:brooke.sayre@aldergrovecharter.org">brooke.sayre@aldergrovecharter.org</a> if you are interested.





# FAIRYTALE THEMED HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Alder Grove Prom will occur at the Wharfinger building in Eureka from 7-9pm. Invitations were put in the mail (sent to all high school students) on March 14th.

Each high school student is invited to bring <u>one</u> other student of their choosing (can be from outside of Alder Grove). There will be a live DJ, photographer, royalty voting, games, drinks, and snacks. Students are encouraged to dress formally, and eat dinner prior to arrival.

Tickets are \$5 each. Please purchase them in the AG front office and complete the necessary field trip forms. You must RSVP/buy tickets by April 22nd, 2022. Due to planning needs, exceptions for late ticket purchases will not be made.

Do you need help paying for a dress or tux for prom? If so, please let us know ASAP!

We will discreetly (between you and us!) try (unfortunately no promises) and help you find a dress or tux (donated or funded). We need time for this process, so contact us by April 8th.

Please contact Nichole Dollarhide ASAP if you would like more info. <a href="mailto:nichole.dollarhide@aldergrovecharter.org">nichole.dollarhide@aldergrovecharter.org</a> 707-572-0099

# **Governance Council Members Needed**

Alder Grove has experienced many successes in its 16 years of operation. The desire to create a public school in Humboldt County with solid educational standards that honors parent choice has long been the driving force that brought Alder Grove to where it is now. That being said, the requirements placed on public schools are monumental. Alder Grove is constantly working to stay informed of ever-changing mandates. Without a conscientious and reliable group of Governance Council (school board) Members, a public school cannot thrive. Becoming involved is the best way to understand how Alder Grove operates and how public funds are utilized. Knowledge is very empowering and participation in decision making offers freedom from discontent.

Experience is not required. Becoming a Governance Council member is an excellent way to make a difference and help Alder Grove continue to have a successful charter school. Meetings are open to the public and public comment is always welcome. At the end of this school year, we will have two open seats on our Governance Council. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Jenifer Doane at 707-268-0854 as soon as possible. Meetings are held once a month and elected members receive a \$50 stipend for each meeting attended to cover costs of gas, childcare, etc.

A huge thank you to our current Governance Council members: Kurt Stoffel, Geri Emberson, Salena Glass, and Matt Wilton



# IS A CAREER IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES FOR YOU? COME EXPLORE.



Exploration.
Work Readiness Skills.
Incentive Payments.

This is a special opportunity to introduce you to various fields in construction. After completion, you may choose to apply to an Apprentice Program which trains workers to become skilled in a particular trade.

Apprenticeship Programs combine handson work with classroom learning while you earn a paycheck.

North State Builds and the America's Job Center of California present

# 140-Hour Pre-Apprenticeship Training June 14 - July 16, 2021

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Must have reliable transportation
- Must have working cell phone

To learn more and apply, contact your local AJCC:





Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity County jobhelphmb@thesmartcenter.biz www.northstatebuilds.com 707-441-5627























Congratulations to Ophelia Warren wrote a book and got it published.

Ophelia is holding Zoppa doll.











October Landry, Alvin Woods, Lillith Glass, Chris and Alex Wennerholm, Merrick Wilton, and other Alder Grove students meet a reindeer.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDENTS RECEIVE VISIT FROM LOCAL AUTHOR

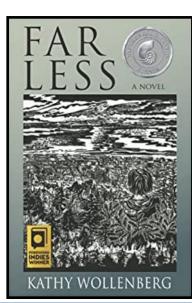
AGCS's Social Justice English class recently welcomed local-author, Kathy Wollenberg, for a discussion of her novel, 'Far Less' - a story about homelessness set in Arcata. Here is what several students had to say:

"It was an honor meeting her and we deeply enjoyed how eager she was to answer our questions. We all thank her very much for visiting and we hope to meet her again." - Sara Putnam

" She [Kathy] was very kind and happy to see people interested in writing. She also discussed a possible sequel and prequel. Over-all, it was an enjoyable experience. - Morgan Chittenden

"Kathy's novel, 'Far Less' is absolutely spectacular! Her book is very inspiring and we were so lucky to see her." - Jade Putnam

"I really thought it was inspiring to meet such a talented writer." - Ethan LoCicero







TESI (Technology Exploration Summer Institute) is a free three week summer education program sponsored by HCOE's Career and College Resource Department. It provides 10 high school students the opportunity to explore career fields in Information Communication Technologies (ICT)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: https://hcoe.org/tesi/

When: June 21- July 7

Where: Humboldt County Office of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka

Application Deadline: April 22, 2022







# PROGRAM!

Earn high school and college credit at the same time!

## NO COST TO STUDENTS!

- Complete a CR online application
- Complete a concurrent enrollment form and return to the office
- Register for classes within two business days
- Contact your CT or jen.burtram@aldergrovecharter.org for more info

Students can take any classes offered at CR including ASL, Science, Math, English, Art, Theater, Spanish, Construction, Computer Science, History, Music...and MORE!! Check it out www.redwoods.edu

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# COLLEGE CREDIT FOR WORKING AND VOLUNTEERING!

- Apply to CR online
- Complete a Concurrent Enrollment Form
- Sign up for CR Work
   Experience (Through AG and put on master)
- Pick one day/time per week
   to check in virtually or in
   person with instructor (Jen)
  - for 10 mins.
  - Earn 1 college credit per semester.

# Sign up for a FREE Math and/or Reading program

Did you know that is as little as 15 minutes a day, your student can work towards closing gaps they have in Reading and/or Mathematics? Ask your CT today if you would like for your student to participate in this FREE program, courtesy of Alder Grove Charter School!

# Targeted Intervention that Delivers a Better Path Forward

Edgenuity MyPath® K–5 and MyPath® 6–12 are personalized learning programs for reading and math that deliver highimpact, engaging lessons that target the specific skills students need to get back to grade level. These innovative programs tailor learning to the needs of each student with technology that prioritizes age-appropriate content and optimizes learning to maximize student success.





**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 

MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

# April 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	TESTING WEEK  NO CLASSES, LABS, OR STUDY HALL  (Check with CT, SPED, or Tutors for all other meetings)					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	SCHOOL CLOSED					
	SPRING BREAK					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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