

Hello Alder Grove Families,

Welcome to the spring semester, named after the longer days and blooming flowers right around the corner! I will admit, I don't mind the rain, chilly mornings, and snow in the mountains. It makes me very appreciative of the sunshine when it appears, like our recent uncharacteristically warm spring preview weather.

Pandemic Life: Thank you for continuing to wear a properly fitting facial covering while on campus. It's fun to see all of the different designs you've found and made! And thank you for scheduling with your CT for time on campus. It's really helping us to keep the building safe and contact trace should a student, visitor or staff member fall ill. We've been at this for almost 2 years, and I want to thank you for your patience with us as we figure out how to implement the ever-changing guidance for safety and health. I know I speak for the rest of the staff when I say we are so grateful to have students in the building for classes and events. I loved the recent music class performances and spelling bee!

State Testing: We are so excited to host assessments in person this year and we will continue to keep you updated as we nail down procedures to conduct them as safely and accurately as possible. *As you know, we need more than 95% participation with assessments in order to renew our charter and remain open. In preparation, we have teamed up with Mr. D's Math for online math test prep which we will offer at no cost to any student who wishes to participate! These weekly sessions will help prepare 3rd-8th and 11th grade students for the math portion of the CAASPP (Smarter Balanced). We are also excited for the return of the Physical Fitness Test, which is due to be turned in by your CT by March 18th. Look for more information about testing in general in this newsletter or in your email. A big thank you goes out to Stefani who has worked hard to assess our students, to the proctors, and to our participating students.*

Governance Council: Would you like to give more input on school operations? We would love your participation on the Governance Council (which is what we call our school board). The AGCS Governance Council meets regularly on the second Tuesday of most months at 10:30 am virtually, and reviews and approves policies and procedures, staffing, budgets, plans and reports, and other nuts and bolts areas of the school. *The next meeting is Tuesday, February 8th at 10:30 am. Come join us if you can. We would love more parent participation! Email Jenifer for more info: jenifer.doane@aldergrovecharter.org*

Student Council: I would like to give a shout out to our Alder Grove Student Council! This dedicated group of middle and high school students meet every Monday afternoon. It's been so fun to see them grow and expand and take on more responsibility, especially during the challenges of safe and strategic pandemic planning. And thank you to Randi and Nichole, their advisors. What a dynamic team!

PBIS: See Crystal's message later in the newsletter about Bark Bucks.

As always, we are deeply appreciative of all of you.

Thank you for choosing AGCS as your personalized learning option for education!

Tim Warner, Director

Breakfast Program / Wellness Policy

Check out Alder Grove's School Wellness Policy under the breakfast program tab on our website. You can also find the Wellness Policy posted in the entrance hallway and in the breakfast eating area.

If you would like to be on the School Wellness Committee, which meets monthly with the Leadership Team, please contact Stefani Gambrel at stefani.gambrel@aldergrovecharter.org. Hope to see you there!

Also on our website are links to healthy snack guidelines for classroom parties and school events, and a smart snack calculator to help you determine if your treat meets federal guidelines for a healthy snack. Fresh fruits and veggies, nuts and seeds, whole grain baked items, and cheese are always great options!



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 brooke.sayre@aldergrovecharter.org if you are interested.



2022 ALDER GROVE SPELLING BEE

Participants:

Sinai Krigel-Armstrong
Chaya Encinas
Hanna Bertain
Ariana Amar-Mead
MingYun Huey
KaiLi Huey



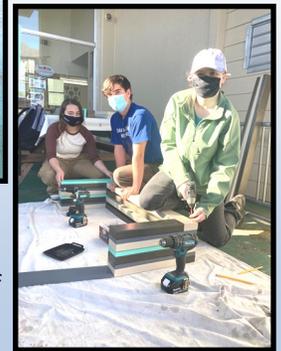
Sinai will go onto Regionals.
Congratulations!



Wood Tech Class



Students worked on a group project, constructing a bench out of 2x4s and 1x4s.



ROLLER SKATING IN FORTUNA

WHEN—FRIDAY, FEB 11TH, 3-5PM
WHERE—9 PARK STREET, FORTUNA

\$5 per student — TK-12th grade
Sign up in the front office.
Limited space for adults attending.
MASKS are mandatory.
Deadline to sign up is Feb 1st.



GRADES 7-12 FIELD TRIP: SUN VALLEY BULB FARM

WHEN—FRIDAY, FEB. 11TH, 12PM
WHERE—3160 UPPER BAY ROAD, ARCATA, CA

Transportation will be provided

Learn about all the different career opportunities at Sun Valley:

- Repairs and Maintenance – Including Fabrication, Welding, Carpentry, Heavy Equipment Maintenance, etc.
- Planting
- Crop Trending
- Compliance – Agriculture and Pesticide Use
- Pre-harvest / Growing
- Harvesting
- Flower Processing / Bunching
- Packing / Shipping
- Marketing
- Design
- Sales
- Logistics / Transportation
- IT



8TH GRADE HSU FIELD TRIP

WHEN-WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16TH, 9AM
WHERE-1 HARPST STREET, ARCATA, CA

Transportation MAY be provided from Alder Grove.

Plan to arrive by **8:45AM** for your 9AM tour. The tour will last around an hour and a half with an estimated departure time of 10:45AM.

Permission slips/waivers will be collected upon arrival and proof of vaccination/negative test will be verified as students arrive.

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
Charity 10:00 - 12:30	Jasper 10:00 - 12:00	Charity 10:00 - 12:30	Jasper 10:00 - 12:00	Jasper 10:00 - 12:00
Charity 1:00 - 3:00	Cassie 12:00 - 3:00	Charity 1:00 - 3:00	Cassie 12:00-3:00	Cassie 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
Jasper 10:00 - 12:30		Jasper 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)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76465093175?pwd=UIJaS1VuRytOV0Q2d2RzWmlZbFVodz09>

Meeting ID: 764 6509 3175 Passcode: GQ9DPH
 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:40-9:50

Alder Grove is pleased to announce a FREE CAASPP Math Test-Prep course offered by Mr. D Math!

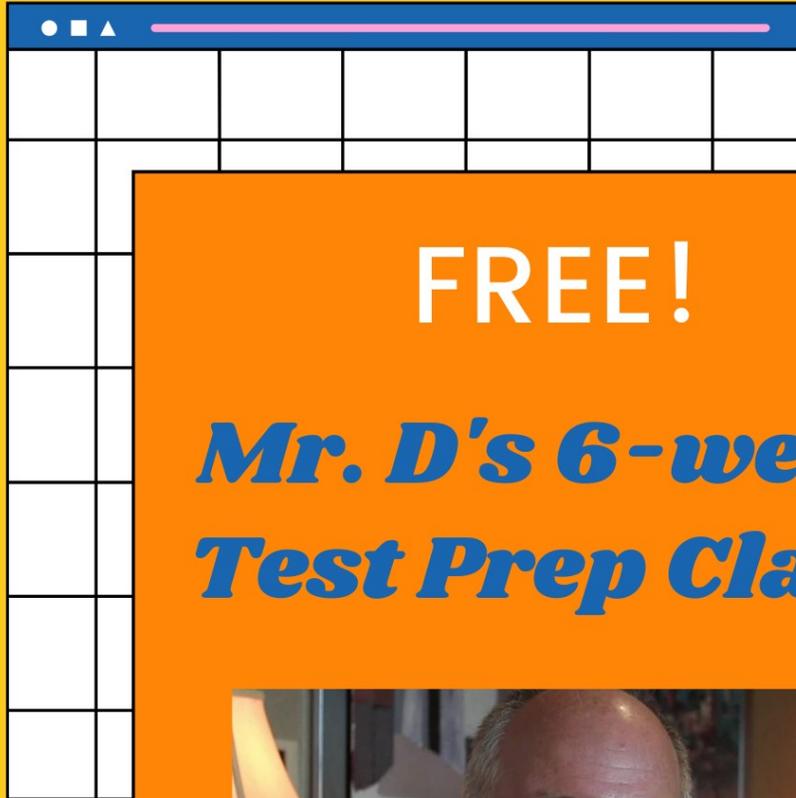
These one-hour virtual classes meet by grade level for 6 weeks on Wednesdays, starting February 9 (there is no class on 2/23).

Mr. D is an experienced, fun, and engaging virtual teacher who uses actual questions from the CAASPP blueprint to help students learn more about specific strategies that help on the CAASPP test.

Here are the times available by grade:

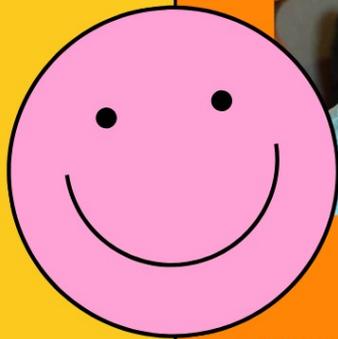
Grade 3: 8am
Grade 4: 9am
Grade 5: 10am
Grade 6: 11am
Grade 7: 12pm
Grade 8: 1pm
Grade 11: 2pm

Email Stefani: stefani.gambrel@aldergrovecharter.org to sign up today!



FREE!

Mr. D's 6-week Test Prep Class



**VIRTUAL CLASSES START
FEBRUARY 9.**

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)

NO MORE CLIPPING



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SEE HOW AT
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EARN CASH FOR
YOUR SCHOOL
WHEN YOU...

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BUY
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your store receipt



EARN
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your school

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your digital receipt



EARN
Box Tops for your school

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: terri.tripp@aldergrovecharter.org if you would like an invite.

THE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST IS BACK

The Physical Fitness Test (PFT) is part of the California state testing program. California has chosen the FITNESSGRAM as the annual PFT for students in public schools.

The FITNESSGRAM is a comprehensive health-related fitness test developed by The Cooper Institute.



WHO?

AGCS Students
5th, 7th & 9th
Grades

WHEN?

February 14 -
March 18

WHAT?

The FITNESSGRAM measures:

- Aerobic Capacity
- Abdominal Strength & Endurance
- Trunk Extender Strength & Flexibility
- Upper Body Strength & Endurance
- Flexibility

HOW?

The PFT can be administered over multiple days. Students will participate in each of the five fitness areas and will be provided with their individual results.

Students with disabilities have the chance to participate in the PFT and should be given as much of the test as possible.

WHY?

FITNESSGRAM results are one measure of information students and the families may use, along with other information, to monitor overall fitness.

Alder Grove may also use the results for the purpose of evaluating our physical education program.

PARENTS:

Support your child's fitness by encouraging them to exercise for 60 minutes a day!

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.



Science Fair!!

March 2nd, 2:30pm

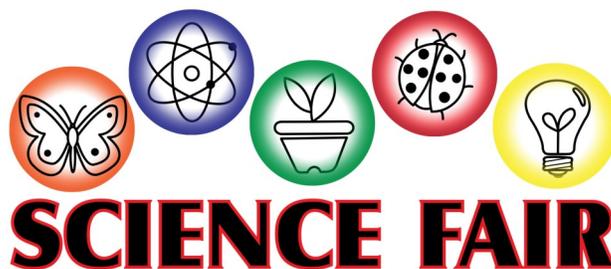
It's time for Alder Grove's 10th annual Science Fair! Each year, our students impress us with their attention and dedication to scientific study. This year, students will gather at school on March 2nd at 2:30pm to present their projects.

Everyone is welcome to attend this fun event!

We hope to see you there!!

If you would be interested in volunteering to be a judge for our school fair, please contact our science fair coordinator Kathy Yeager. Look for her at school or email at: kathy.yeager@aldergrovecharter.org

**The Humboldt County Science Fair will take place from March 5-19, 2022.



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



In need of food assistance during these difficult times?

<https://www.foodforpeople.org/content/are-you-need-food-assistance-during-these-difficult-times>

Hello Alder Grove Friends,

We are happy to report that beginning on January 18th, 2022, teachers and school staff started to give out tickets to students who were showing positive behavior! Students can earn tickets while they are here on campus and also while they are at home and in the community.

We have fondly named our tickets “Bark Bucks” and have a “Bark Bucks Bank” (a decorated box) sitting on the front desk in the lobby of the school where students can turn in their Bark Bucks. Each week we will draw four lucky winners to pick out a prize!

Drawings will occur each Monday and Tuesday during the lunch period at school. You don’t need to be present to win though, so keep turning in your tickets even if you don’t plan to be on campus during the drawing!

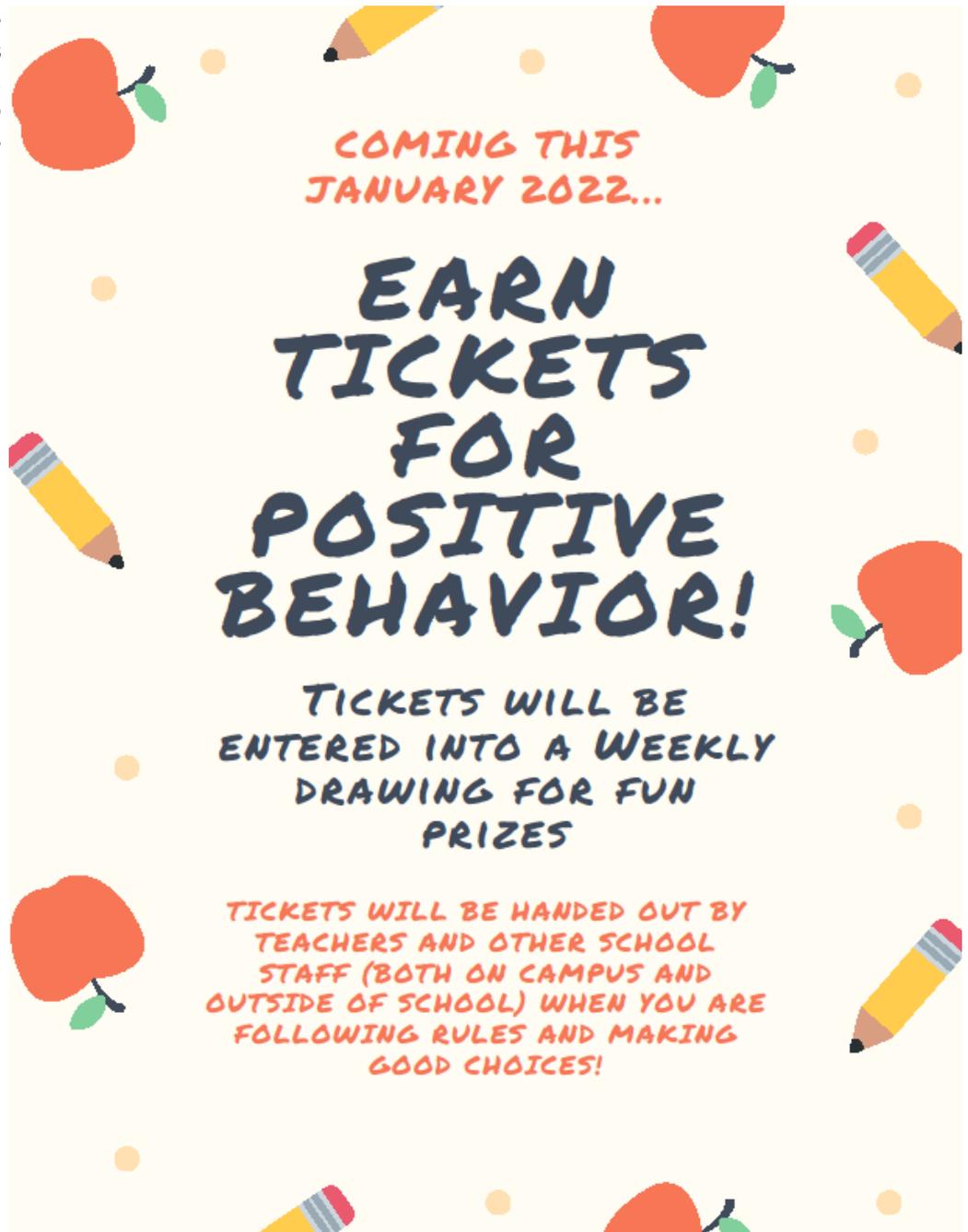
Winners will be announced in the lunch area, and shortly after an email will be sent out to students and their CTs announcing that they have won a prize. Winners’ names will also be written on our whiteboard at the front of the school, and starting in next month’s newsletter, we will include a list of all winners for that month!

Students can earn tickets while attending on-campus activities such as classes, labs, study hall, teacher meetings, etc., and also while working with their teachers outside of the school campus.

Also, don’t forget that we have an art contest for students of all ages! Create your art and submit it to your CT, the front office, or email it to Crystal. The deadline for submitting artwork is Friday, February 18, 2022. Contact Crystal at 707-572-6846 or crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org for any questions.

PBIS Committee Members: Nichole Dollarhide, Director of Special Services and School Psychologist; Tim Warner, Director of Alder Grove Charter School; Stefani Gambrel, Assessment and Academic Support Coordinator; Becky Garraway, Class Coordinator and Classroom Aide; Cedar Smith, Credentialed Teacher (CT) and On-campus Class Teacher; Crystal Collins, School Psychologist.

PBIS Vision Statement: Our PBIS Committee will work to improve school climate by creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment at Alder Grove with the goal of increasing positive social, emotional, and academic outcomes.



SAFETY

is great, unless you're late.

Then, it's essential.



C. Metzger
aldergrove.com/comics



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DREAMS
begin
Responsibilities

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YEATS



**\$5 GIFT
CARD
FOR
ENTERING!**

**ALDER GROVE
CHARTER SCHOOL**

**STUDENT
ART
CONTEST**



Alder Grove needs your artwork to decorate our halls! Artists of any age are invited to create artwork in the themes of **SAFE, RESPONSIBLE,** and/or **RESPECTFUL.** Submit your artwork to Crystal Collins For more info, email Crystal at crystal.collins@aldergrovecharter.org or text or call at (707) 572-6846

RESPECT

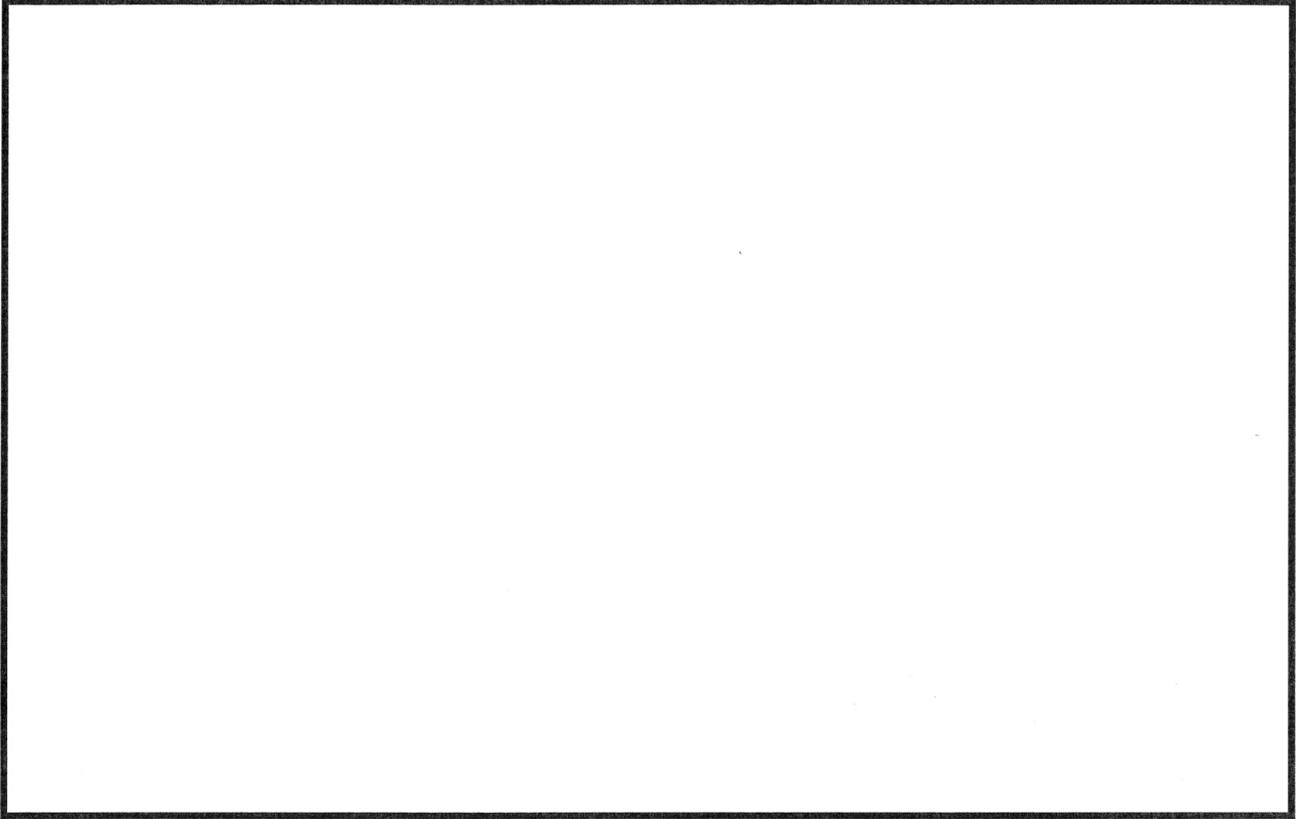
is how to treat everyone. {RICHARD BRANSON}



DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEB 18

At Alder Grove, PBIS Rules!

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach that schools use to improve school safety and promote positive behavior.



Read the Alder Grove PBIS rules below, and then draw a picture of what one of the rules looks like or means to you. Check the box next to the rule you chose. Feel free to use other paper and/or any medium (paint, digital, etc). Your picture might be featured in the school newsletter and/or on a poster hanging up in the school!

Turn your art in to your CT or the front desk at school.

- ★ Be Safe.
- ★ Be Responsible.
- ★ Be Respectful.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Use kind and respectful language. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ask for help when needed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use an appropriate voice volume. | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep conversations positive and school appropriate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use materials and supplies correctly. | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect learning in the school. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow directions the first time. | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect each other. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up after yourself. | <input type="checkbox"/> Use sink, toilet, and towels as intended. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a tobacco, alcohol, and drug free campus. | <input type="checkbox"/> Report problems to an adult. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give each other appropriate space. | <input type="checkbox"/> Respect privacy in the bathroom. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat and drink in designated areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash hands after touching your face. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wear your mask correctly at school. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash your hands after using the bathroom. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use computers for schoolwork only. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay home if you are sick. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be respectful of other people's property. | <input type="checkbox"/> Be an active listener. |

WorkAbility I (WAI)

Transition Partnership Program (TPP)





Who we are
A California transition support program serving Humboldt County by helping students prepare for life outside of high school.

Funded by
California Department of Education (CDE)



Who is eligible
High School students with an active IEP

What are WAI Student Services

- Assessments (Career, Learning Style, Soft Skills, etc.)
- Exposure to Post-Secondary Education Opportunities
- Career Exploration (options that lead to a living wage)
- Job Seeking Skills
- On-the-Job Coaching
- Practice in Self-Advocacy (communicating their disability-related work support and accommodation needs.)
- Independent Living Skills (potential for paid work experience)

How to Get Started?
Request a 1 on 1 meeting
Teachers: schedule classroom or small group presentations

Contact
Tabatha Pittman, Lead Vocation Caseworker
707-441-3927 | tpitman@hcoe.org





Who we are
A statewide vocational training program designed to prepare high school students (16-21) for future employment.

Funded by
California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Who is eligible
High School students between the ages of 16 and 21 and at least one of these options is true:

- Have a 504 Plan or are eligible for one
- Have an IEP
- Other documented disability

What are TPP Student Services

- Job Exploration
- Workplace Readiness Training
- Work-Based Learning Experiences (including paid employment)
- Post-Secondary Counseling
- Self Advocacy



How to Get Started?
Contact your high school TPP office

Contact

With an IEP you can be a part of both programs!



TPP/Workability:
Students with IEP/504s who want to explore careers and get work experience, contact:
jaimemay@aldergrovecharter.org



It's time to apply for Fall 2022!
Priority application deadline is Nov. 30
[Apply Now](#) - link to HSU Office of Admissions.

What is a Cal Grant Award?
<https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/what-cal-grant-award>

Humboldt Area Foundation Scholarships are open! Deadline March 1st!! Workbook: <https://www.hafoundation.org/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Grantmaking/Scholarships/2021.2022%20Scholarship%20Preparation%20Workbook%20Updated.pdf>

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

I just wanted to remind you about the [FAFSA!](#) The FREE Application for Federal Student Aid. **The Deadline is MARCH 1ST!!**

This is your ticket to two free years of community college as well as extra money from the [CAL GRANT](#) for college/training to use for books, computers, etc. for school! The FAFSA is also used to determine eligibility for many scholarships!

I have two awesome Student Success Coaches this year to assist our seniors in completing the FAFSA! Their names are Brianna and Charlie. They might be calling you soon to set up a time to chat about your future plans and help you complete this important application.

Please contact jenburtram@aldergrovecharter.org if you have any questions!



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 high-impact, 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.

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MIDDLE + HIGH SCHOOL

CR COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EARLY COLLEGE 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

CR COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

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.

February 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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6	7	8 Governance Council Meeting 10:30am 	9	10	11 Roller Skating Field Trip 3pm-5pm  Sun Valley Floral Grades 7-12 Field Trip	12	
13	14	15	16 HSU 8th Grade Field Trip 9am 	17	18	19	
20	21 NO SCHOOL 	22	23 NO ON CAMPUS CLASSES NO LABS OR STUDY HALL (CHECK WITH CT, SPED, or TUTOR FOR ALL OTHER MEETINGS)			25	26 Sequoia Park Clean Up 11am-12pm 
27	28	1	2 Science Fair 2:30pm 				

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