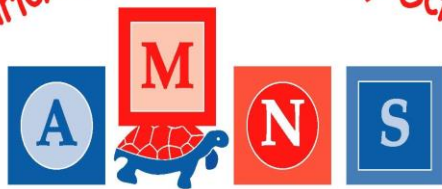


Aldrich Memorial Nursery School



For The Good Of Children

# NEWSLETTER

January 2017

Happy New Year Aldrich families!

Here is to hoping you enjoyed a great holiday season with your family and friends, enjoying the outdoors and lots of great food!

In January we continue to serve your children while we launch into registration for the 2017/2018 school year. Current families are given priority for re-enrollment during the first two weeks of January. Teachers distributed registration packets Jan. 3 & 4. I trust you will be continuing with us again next year. Re-enrolling in the first two weeks should assure you get your preferred spot.



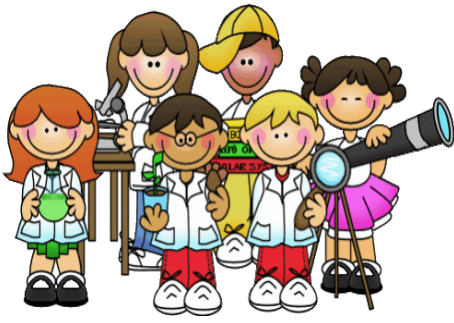
On January 17<sup>th</sup>, we open registration for all families new to Aldrich. Please invite your friends to consider what Aldrich has to offer and encourage them to register as early as possible. Fifteen years ago there were lines out the door with folks waiting for the new spots. We are not quite there yet, but getting closer. Morning sessions, especially, will go quickly!

Happy New Year!  
Kevin Ewing, Director

## Aldrich Dates to Remember



- **January 10&11-** Library Check Out Days
- **January 10&11-** Science Fun Enrichment Class Begins!
- **January 12-** Enrollment Open House 6:30-7:30pm
- **January 13-** Last day for priority registration for 2017-2018
- **January 14-** Enrollment Open House 10-11am
- **January 16-** No School: MLK Day; Staff Development Day
- **January 17-** Registration for 2017-2018 opens to Public
- **January 17-** Aldrich Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- **January 17&18-** Library Books Due
- **January 19-** Kindergarten Readiness Presentation: 6:30-7:30pm
- **January 19&20-** Pizza Lunch Bunch
- **January 26&27-** Pajama Days!
- **January 30&31-** Zumba All School Enrichment!
- **February 20-** No School: Presidents Day



## OOOHHH...AAAHHH...IIICCCKKK (Science Fun!) Enrichment Class Space is still available!

Through hands-on activities and by using real scientific instruments like test tubes, graduated cylinders, and Petri dishes, children will learn about the amazing (and often slimy!) world of science! This class allows children to observe, predict, collect, and record data in our “laboratory” classroom. Hold on to your test tubes and put on your goggles- it’s going to be an explosive ride!

This new five week enrichment class will be taught by Mrs. Forliti, Mrs. Plute and Mrs. Wilkins. Children must be at least 3 years old by September 1, 2016 to participate in Enrichment classes. The Tuesday afternoon session begins on **January 10<sup>th</sup>** and the Wednesday afternoon session begins **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. Classes run from 1:00-3:30 and there may be options to extend the afternoon with either Lunch Bunch or Kids Club. Stop by the office to enroll; the fee for this 5 week class is \$81. Enrichment classes are a great way for your children to continue to learn and grow while at Aldrich!

## Early Childhood Screening Reminder

If your child is at least 3 years old, please call 328-4004 to make a **FREE** appointment for a comprehensive developmental screening at the Northrop Building, 201 8<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The screening staff will check your child’s vision, hearing, growth, immunization status, and developmental skills. Please take advantage of this opportunity provided by Rochester Public Schools! The screening gives you information about your child and community resources, but is not a “readiness test” for kindergarten. **Rochester Public schools do require this screening prior to entrance into kindergarten.**



## Pajama Days



Children are invited to wear their pajamas to school on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**! Breakfast snacks will be served, bedtime stories read, and even the teachers and other staff will be wearing their pajamas! If children are uncomfortable wearing their pajamas to school, they may wear their regular clothes. However, you might just bring their pajamas along in case they change their minds when they see their friends and teachers in pajamas.



# Registration for 2017-2018

Registration for next year has begun! **Present and past Aldrich families including children of Aldrich alumni may begin to register on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with priority given through January 16<sup>th</sup>.** Registration packets will be handed out to all current parents on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. In order to register for next year, families will need to turn in a completed enrollment form along with a registration fee (\$55 for one child; \$60 for two or more) and an Immunization Record (new students only). Some classes fill up quickly, so be sure to return your paperwork and fee early to secure your first choice. All

children of present and past families, returning and new, will need to register. See below for some of the new offerings for next school year!

**Registration for families new to Aldrich will begin on January 17<sup>th</sup>!** Please encourage your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to visit Aldrich for a tour! We will have group tours available on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm and Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00am. Otherwise, visitors are always welcome to schedule a tour during the school day to visit while classes are in session. Encourage new families to contact the office at [507.289.3097](tel:507.289.3097) to schedule a tour or visit our website for more information at [www.aldrichnurseryschool.com](http://www.aldrichnurseryschool.com). Current families are our best source of advertising, so thank you for spreading the word about us!

## Program offerings for 2017-2018:

### **For 2 years olds (2 by September 1, 2017)**

- **2 day and 3 day Mornings** (can be combined for **5 Mornings**)
- **2 day and 3 day Afternoons** (Children who turn 3 by 12/1/17 can enroll in afternoon programming when they turn 3.)

### **For 3 year olds (3 by September 1, 2017)**

- **2 day and 3 day Mornings or Afternoons** (can be combined for **5 Mornings** or **5 Afternoons**)
- **2 day FULL Days** (9:00am- 3:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays)

### **For 4/5 year olds (4 or 5 by September 1, 2017)**

- **2 day and 3 day Mornings or Afternoons**
- **5 Mornings or 5 Afternoons**
- **2 FULL Days and 3 FULL Days** (9:00am-3:30pm, can be combined for **5 FULL Days**)

### **Extension Opportunities for 3, 4 and 5 year olds:\*\***

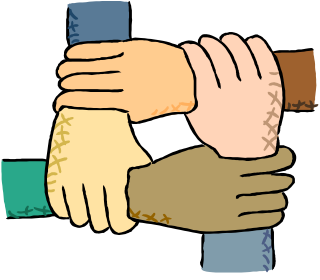
- **Early Bird**(7:30-9:00am)
- **Lunch Bunch**(11:35am-12:45pm)
- **Kids Club**(3:30-5:30pm).

SESSIONS / DAYS	AGE as of 09/01/2017		
	2 Years	3 Years	4/5 Years
<b>MORNINGS</b>			
2 = T / TH	YES	YES	YES
3 = M / W / F	YES	YES	YES
5 = M-F	YES *	YES *	YES
<b>AFTERNOONS</b>			
2 = T / TH	YES **	YES	YES
3 = M / W / F	YES **	YES	YES
5 = M-F	YES */ **	YES *	YES
<b>FULL DAYS</b>			
2 = T / TH	NO	YES	YES
3 = M / W / F	NO	NO	YES
5 = M-F	NO	NO	YES *

Parents can choose which day(s) each week they'd like their child to attend these extensions throughout the school year. **\*\*Extension sessions** will only be offered if we meet the minimum enrollment requirements.

By offering more options, we hope that parents will be able to build a schedule that best fits each family's needs.

With all-day kindergarten for all Rochester Public School students, we want to provide you with more options to get children ready for this transition. Stop at the front office with any questions!



## Let's Keep Our Kids Safe

The Aldrich staff is always concerned about the safety of all children. We continually assess our facility and procedures to keep our school as safe as possible. Below is a list of many of our safety procedures already in place:

- We have alarms on doors to alert teachers if a child would try to leave the room.
- Teachers confirm a headcount of children before and after every transition throughout the day to make sure they have the right number of children with them.
- The doors are locked during the school day, other than at arrival and departure times, so visitors must be let in by the main office.
- An all-school facility check is performed annually by our Director and board members.
- Classroom and playground inspections are done daily by our teachers.
- Teachers are trained in pediatric first aid and CPR.
- Visitors wear identification badges while at Aldrich

The staff at Aldrich would like to work as team with the Aldrich families. We ask that parents also do all that they can to keep children safe. Here are some examples of what parents can do to promote the safety of all children:

- Please stay in close contact with your children at all times, especially in the hallway, library, and parking lot. Hold your child's hand in the parking lot and on the sidewalks.
- If you notice that a child is exiting the building without an adult, please stop that child and help locate the parent/guardian in charge of him or her. The Aldrich staff will do the same.
- Please turn off your vehicle, and do not leave children unattended in the car. Either bring all children in with you, or find an adult you know to supervise your car while you bring in your preschoolers.

If you have suggestions or comments to help keep kids safe at Aldrich, please write them down and drop them off at the office. We appreciate your input as we work hard to do all that we can "for the good of children."

## News from the Board

### Save the Date

Join us on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. Assistant Superintendent, Brenda Lewis and others from Rochester Public Schools will share the view of a kindergarten day and what families can do to help prepare their little ones as they progress on their educational journey...to kindergarten! Childcare will be provided for Aldrich families. However, others may join the evening!

