



## A Note from our Director

I'm not sure if we are done with winter or not, but the children sure are enjoying a fresh snowfall in our outdoor classrooms! I know that means wet clothes to the dryer every day, but you are supporting great fun and learning through those soggy mittens and snowpants!



Between our Facebook page, website and the contents on the following pages you will find information on life at Aldrich and ways that you can be involved in your child's early education. Please take advantage of every opportunity your schedule allows. Just released this week is information on our exciting Summer Camp programs- we are looking forward to partnering with you during the summer too!

Thanks for reading and keep up to date on activities!  
Kevin Ewing, Director

## Aldrich Dates to Remember

- **Feb 28 & Mar 1: Cooking Monsters Enrichment Class begins (last Enrichment Class of the school year)**
- **March 7 & 8: Library Check-Out Days (last classroom check-out of the school year)**
- **March 16 & 17: Pizza Lunch Bunch Days**
- **March 21: Board Meeting 7:30pm**
- **March 24: Family Movie Night at Aldrich!**
- **March 28: Aldrich PTA Meeting 7:00pm**
- **April 3-7: No School - Spring Break**
- **April 20 & 21: No School- Conferences**
- **May 6: Aldrich Carnival: 10:00-2:00**



# Summer Fun at Aldrich

Summer program information is being distributed in your child's cubby beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Plan a week with some current Aldrich friends, or bring some neighborhood friends to these one week classes! In June through mid-July, we offer six separate weeks of morning camps for two different age groups.



## **4 & 5 year old classes:**

- Monday through Friday from 9:00-11:30 a.m. (\$75 per week)
- Children should have attended the Aldrich 3 or 4 year old program in 2016-2017 and turned 3 by Sept. 1, 2016
- OR Children must be 4 by June 1, 2017 and have previous group experience

## **3 year old classes:**

- Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00-11:30 a.m. (\$50 per week)
- Children should have attended the Aldrich 2 year old program in 2016-2017, including 2 year olds in afternoon classes
- OR Children must be 3 by June 1, 2017 and have previous group experience

Each week is a different theme! This year's themes are:

<b><u>Week</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>	<b><u>3 Year Olds</u></b>	<b><u>4 &amp; 5 Year Olds</u></b>
1	Art Explosions	June 6-8	June 5-9
2	Down on the Farm	June 13-15	June 12-16
3	Our Great Galaxy	June 20-22	June 19-23
4	Backyard Bugs & Exploration	June 27-29	June 26-30
5	Music Merriment	July 11-13	July 10-14
6	Ocean Commotion	July 18-20	July 17-21

To enroll, complete an enrollment form and return it to the office with the full tuition payment for each registered week. Some weeks fill quickly, so return your forms as soon as possible to get your first choice of dates. We look forward to continuing the fun at Aldrich this summer!

## **Remember to Enroll 2017-2018!**

Register as soon as possible for best selection of sessions, as many classes for next school year have filled and waiting lists have started. In order to register for next year, families will need to turn in a completed enrollment form and fee (\$55 for one child; \$60 for two or more), along with an immunization record (new students only).

Many new families who enroll are referred by current Aldrich families. Thank you for telling your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about Aldrich! Please encourage anyone interested in Aldrich to call the office at [507.289.3097](tel:507.289.3097) to schedule a tour.



## **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

We hope to see you at Parent/Teacher conferences next month!

**There is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> due to conferences.**

Thank you for taking an active role in your child's education!

## Lunch Bunch

Due to the popularity of our lunch bunch program, we cannot reserve a drop in spot without payment. Parents are welcome to call and inquire about availability, but we will not hold any spot over the phone or until payment is made.

We appreciate your understanding!



## **Thank you to all those who have generously donated to Aldrich!**

Robert & Sarah Keller \* Charles Ronningen

**Gail Steinberg Memorial** – Gerry Krause, Kay Battista, Charlotte & Eddie Boellmann, Sue Neuman, Cheryl Payne

**Jean Michaels Memorial**– Jane Campion, Sarah Keller, Thomas & Marilyn Theismann

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## News from the Board

### Carnival Fun Coming to Aldrich!!!

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Mark your calendars – the Aldrich carnival is coming! On **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, Aldrich will be the place to be from **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**! Families will enjoy many fun activities inside our discovery rooms, and the excitement will spill outside with giant inflatables! There will be a lot of great prizes to win in both the raffle and the silent auction. We'll even have lunch! More information about this exciting annual event will be distributed after spring break.

Carnival proceeds primarily benefit the Aldrich financial assistance fund, which allows many students in need to benefit from a nurturing and educational preschool experience. We appreciate the support from Aldrich families and staff, as well as the Rochester community!



## Board Members Wanted

Did you know that Aldrich **needs** a Board of Directors to operate? We will have board vacancies at the end of the 2016-2017 school year; we are hopeful that we will have new board members in place by the end of **this** school year to fill their vacancies. Members of the Aldrich Board of Directors assume the responsibility of attending monthly meetings (total of 9 meetings), serving on one of our three standing committees, and participating in fundraising and social activities sponsored by the board. Board terms are a three year commitment with the intent that the first year you learn, the second you do, and the third you teach. Serving on the board is a very rewarding way to help Aldrich continue to serve the children in our community for years to come. Board members in good standing will receive a **15% discount on Aldrich tuition!**

We are currently in need of persons with a finance, law, HR, or marketing background, but we welcome those with other backgrounds or experience as well. If you are interested in serving, would like more information, or would like to come to a board meeting, please feel free to contact Brie Landry (brielandry@gmail.com). Board member applications are also available from the office. Thank you for your consideration!

### Family Movie Night at Aldrich!

Come join us for a FREE family movie night at Aldrich. We will be showing Walt Disney's **Finding Dory** on **Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** Popcorn will be provided. Water, juice boxes and snacks will be available for purchase. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the Aldrich Board.

