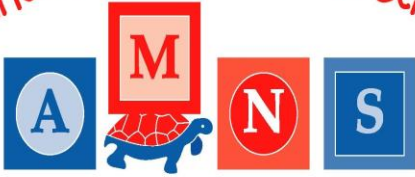


Aldrich Memorial Nursery School



For The Good Of Children

# NEWSLETTER

November 2016

## *A Note from our Director*

For over 72 years Aldrich Memorial Nursery School has been providing high quality childhood education. For generations parents like you have trusted your child's early education to us. We know you have many choices when selecting education for your child, and we are grateful that you have chosen Aldrich Memorial Nursery School.

Did you know that Aldrich Memorial Nursery School is a non-profit? This year we have decided to participate in the statewide 'Give to the Max Day' on November 17<sup>th</sup>, where Minnesotans across the state take time to donate to their non-profits of choice. In addition, this year is even more exciting as GIVEMN will be giving away a golden prize of \$1,000 every hour to a random charity based on the donations for that hour. That means that your \$10 donation could turn into \$1,000 for your child's education at Aldrich! To do this, go to [GIVEMN.org](http://GIVEMN.org), look for Aldrich Memorial Nursery School and schedule your donation to be delivered on November 17<sup>th</sup>. You can also click on the link on the Aldrich website. As an added bonus, we were told that if you donate early in the day (12am-4am) there is a higher chance that Aldrich can get the \$1,000 bonus!

You may wonder what your donation does for YOUR child's education....Great question! See below how your money could help the children at Aldrich.

A \$10 gift could fund a wooden puzzle or a healthy snack for an entire class

A \$25 gift could fund science discovery tubes or a butterfly habitat kit

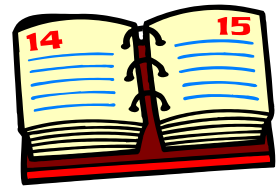
A \$50 gift could fund a small set of magna tiles or 10 lbs of kinetic sand

A \$100 gift could fund a Strider bike or plasma car

A \$300 gift could fund an interactive wind tunnel or a new play kitchen

As always, we appreciate your trust in us with your child's education. We will continue to show you that we will live up to the Aldrich Promise, "Everything for the good of the children."

Kevin



## Aldrich Dates to Remember

- November 1-30: Channel One Food Drive
- November 1-5: Scholastic Book Fair
- November 3: RPS Kick Off to Kindergarten Open House
- November 5: Fall Festival from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- November 15: Aldrich Board Monthly Meeting
- November 15&16: Library Books due back
- November 17&18: Picture Retakes (11:30am-12pm, 12:50pm-1:20pm)
- November 17&18: Pizza Lunch Bunch Days
- November 23-25: Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- December 23-January 2: Winter Break (No School)

## Little Adventures Enrichment Class



Our next Enrichment Class is 'Little Adventures'! Act, Move, Create, and Play...Where will your imagination take you today? Join us as we guide your child on a journey each week based on themes pulled straight from their favorite books. Kids will get to expand on these themes through art, cooking, movement and construction projects. Watch as their eyes and imaginations light up when they discover new characters during our interactive story time. Every class is a new adventure!

This class begins on Tuesday, November 8 or Wednesday, November 9 and runs for 5 weeks. Children must be at least 3 years old by September 1, 2016 to participate in enrichment classes. The cost is \$81 for Little Adventures. Stop by the office for more information or to sign up today!

## RPS Kick Off to Kindergarten Open House



Have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next fall? Rochester Public Schools will be hosting their Annual Kick Off to Kindergarten Open House on **Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30pm-7:00pm at Mayo High School.** It is a great opportunity to learn more about Kindergarten in the Rochester Public Schools. Registration is not necessary. For questions, contact PAIIR at 328-4020.

## Information Center

Stop by our information center at the main entrance to see what is going on at Aldrich and pick up fliers about a variety of community events! This is also a great place to complete forms and write checks too. To help alleviate congestion at the front office, we encourage you to take advantage of the counter space at the information center. There is a payment slot on the left side of the Information Center for your convenience as well.



## Health Information

Parents are required to inform Aldrich within 24 hours when a child is diagnosed as having a contagious disease or infestation. Parents of children who may have been exposed to an illness at school will be notified by a note in their child's cubby or via e-mail.

## Is There School Today?

While we generally follow the same calendar as Rochester Public Schools, there are a few days which differ. If in doubt about our school schedule, check the calendars listed on our website at <http://aldrichnurseryschool.com/calendar-newsletters.html>. Besides the regular school calendar, we also have calendars posted for Music and Pizza Lunch Bunch weeks. We hope that this will be a quick and useful tool for parents!



## Weather Closings



It's never too early to think about snow in Minnesota! If Rochester Public Schools are closed because of weather, Aldrich will be closed also. Check local websites and television channels for Rochester Public School closure information or check the Aldrich website at [www.aldrichnurseryschool.com](http://www.aldrichnurseryschool.com) for more information. Always use your own judgment about driving and the weather situation. If you are not comfortable driving, feel free to stay home.

### Aldrich Closure Guidelines:

- **If Rochester Public Schools are closed, Aldrich will be closed.**
- **If Rochester Public Schools begin 2 hours late, Aldrich will be closed in the morning only. Lunch Bunch will still be available.**
- **If Rochester Public Schools dismiss early, Aldrich will close in the afternoon, and Kids Club will be cancelled as well.**

## Parking Lot Safety

The colder Minnesota weather may tempt parents to leave cars running while dropping off or picking up Aldrich students. For safety reasons, please remember to:



**\*Turn off your car** while you drop off and pick up your Aldrich student.

**\*Bring in all children to Aldrich** while you are away from your car.

**\*Hold your child's hand** while you are entering and exiting Aldrich to prevent children from running into traffic in the parking lot.

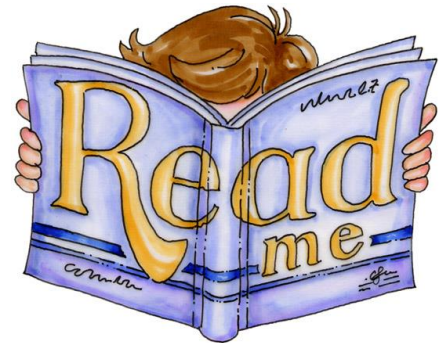
We appreciate your cooperation for the safety of all of our Aldrich students and their families.

## Library for Children & Adults

We invite you to visit our library, read together with your child, and borrow a book for yourself as well! Reading aloud helps children...

- Acquire early language and communication skills.
- Develop positive associations with books and reading.
- Learn that words represent sounds and concepts.
- Understand cause and effect, exercise logic, as well as think in abstract terms.
- Increase their attention span - a crucial skill for kindergarten and beyond.
- Build a stronger foundation for school success.

Many classrooms make monthly visits to the library to check out books, but also please feel free to borrow at other times during the month or stop in and read together when you get to school early. If you choose to check out a book, kindly remember to return your books about a week after they come home so they will be available for someone else to borrow.



## News from the Board

### Fall Festival



**Join us for Aldrich's Fall Festival on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.!** Come and celebrate with games and prizes, face painting, crafts, and story time. Family and friends are welcome! Baked goods will also be available for sale. The bake sale at Fall Festival is the only bake sale at Aldrich this year, so be sure to buy your favorite baked goodies.

Tickets will be available at the door and the cost is \$7 per child, age 2 and up. Adults are free and non-Aldrich families are welcome too. **Tickets will be available at the door on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.** Bring your children, invite some friends or neighbors, and enjoy a Saturday morning together at Aldrich!

### Aldrich Spiritwear!

Aldrich Apparel samples will be here soon! Show your Aldrich Spirit- youth and adults sizes will be available. Order forms will be handed out as soon as samples arrive, so be on the look-out! Order forms will be due November 18.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Aldrich Scholastic Book Fair is underway! It will be held in Playroom 1 through Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>! Book fair hours during the week will be 9:00-4:00. **The Book Fair will be open on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> during the Fall Festival as well (10am to Noon)!** Books, posters, games, and other gift items will be available to purchase. This is a fantastic opportunity to stock up on favorite books or holiday gifts! There is also the wonderful opportunity to purchase books that Aldrich teachers would like to share with your children. Your purchases help Aldrich earn free books to grow our library. Please take a moment and stop in.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the book fair! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Kalmbach at [brenda.kalmbach@yahoo.com](mailto:brenda.kalmbach@yahoo.com).







## Let Aldrich help with holiday gift card shopping!

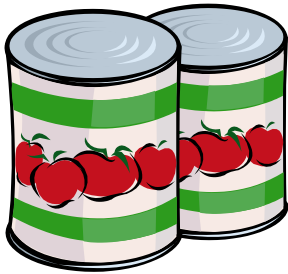
Our scrip gift card order is coming soon! It is a great fundraiser for Aldrich because you don't spend any additional money, and Aldrich gets a certain percentage of each card sold. For example, if you spend \$25 for a Gap card, it is worth \$25 to you, but Aldrich gets 14% of the card's value. Order forms with a large variety of gift card choices will be sent out to all families following the Fall Festival. **Order forms will be DUE NOVEMBER 18.** Cards will be delivered in mid-December, before Winter Break. Thanks for remembering Aldrich for your holiday shopping!

## Family Fun - By the Slice!

We had a great turnout for Aldrich night at BB's Pizzeria in October! Thank you to everyone who attended. Children had such fun seeing many of their Aldrich friends and teachers at BB's. Through this easy fundraiser, **Aldrich made \$400** which will fund bussing for an upcoming field trip to the Rochester Public Library and a new library cart to bring quality books into the Aldrich classrooms!



## Channel One Food Drive



During the entire month of November, Channel One food drive collection barrels will be located near the main entry and room 7. Please think of others while you are grocery shopping and help us meet our goal of 300 pounds of food! Any type of non-perishable item is welcome and appreciated (Please no glass items). Thank you for your support! Your donations will make a huge difference in the lives of others.

Here are some examples of the most requested items:

- Meats, Fish and Protein – canned tuna, ham or chicken, beef stew, chili, peanut butter, canned/dried beans
- Fruits and Vegetables – 100% fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, instant potatoes, fruit preserves
- Complete Meals – pasta & sauce, boxed meals, hearty soups
- Grains – cereal, rice
- Hygiene products – shampoo, deodorant, soap, diapers, toilet paper, feminine hygiene, toothpaste
- Cooking Basics – flour, sugar, and cooking oil
- Gluten-free items