

# NEWSLETTER

December 2018



## ***A Note from our Director***

As many of you know, we are less than a year away from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our amazing Aldrich. We are so proud of this history and the legacy that this school has in Rochester. As educators who are passionate about what is best for children, we also love the legacy of play-based, whole-child education that we have been able to advocate for the last seven decades.

This special anniversary is one of the reasons that we recently partnered with the local branding agency White Space to update our messaging and marketing materials. Our hope is to capture the quality and legacy of Aldrich in a way that can carry Aldrich into the present and lead us into the next 75 years.

As we roll out our new brand components over the next few months, you'll notice a new website, new stationary, and even a new turtle. The turtle will continue to be a visual representation of two very important themes that are central at Aldrich School: the importance of children learning at their own pace, and a reminder to not rush the priceless moments of childhood.

This update is another way we are striving to strengthen our community and communication with each of you. We are excited about the changes and welcome your feedback as we continue to fine tune our resources.

For the good of children,  
Jessica Paolini, Director

**“Children are wired for hands-on, full-contact, self-selected interaction with the world-**

**-we call this play.”**





## Little Chefs Enrichment Class begins in January!

This class encourages children to try new foods, practice counting and measuring, and have tons of fun in the kitchen. At the end of class, children will enjoy their creation and then share some treats with their families. Recipes will be shared so that parents and children can continue baking together at home.

This new four week enrichment class will be taught by Mrs. Forliti. Children must be at least 3 years old by September 1, 2018 to participate in Enrichment classes. The Tuesday afternoon session begins on **January 8<sup>th</sup>** and the Wednesday afternoon session begins **January 9<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 4 week class is \$75. Enrichment classes are a great way for your children to continue to learn and grow while at Aldrich!

## Thank you to our Generous Donors



Thank you to all the families that donated to Aldrich this past year, we raised over \$1,500 during our Give to the Max campaign period this month alone! All funds raised will be used on our upcoming Outdoor Classroom Updates. As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on the generosity of our donors to keep our programs at Aldrich strong. **We are beyond grateful.**

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## Registration for 2019-2020



Registration for next school year is just a month away! [Present and past Aldrich families \(including children of Aldrich alumni\) may begin to register on January 7<sup>th</sup> with priority given through January 15<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 (\$60 per family) 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 re-register. See below for some of the new offerings for next school year!

[Registration for families new to Aldrich will begin on January 16<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 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm. 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.aldrichschool.com](http://www.aldrichschool.com). Current families are our best source of advertising, so thank you for spreading the word about us!

### [Program offerings for 2019-2020:](#)

#### **For 2 years olds (2 by September 1, 2019)**

- **2 day and 3 day Mornings (can be combined for 5 Mornings)**

#### **For 3 year olds (3 by September 1, 2019)**

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

#### **For 4/5 year olds (4 or 5 by September 1, 2019)**

- **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)**

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!

## Safety in the Parking Lot

Thank you for ensuring that children are safe as you enter our parking lot; I know- 5 mph seems like just creeping along, it is. As you know children can break from a secure hand-hold and dart out between cars. Cars seem even taller now than in recent years, making it even more difficult to see our precious little ones. Please remember to also exit the parking lot at 5mph as well. Thanks much.



## Overdue Library Books



All classrooms visit the Helmholtz library at Aldrich once a month to check out a book to take home. Please remember to return your book within about a week of time, so that it can be checked out by another child at Aldrich! We have a high number of books that are overdue. If you cannot find the book that your child checked, we ask that you consider paying for a replacement copy of the book to keep our library going strong.

## Aldrich Dates to Remember

- Dec. 3-19: Toys for Tots Toy Drive
- Dec. 4 & 5: Library Check-Out days
- Dec. 10: Texas Roadhouse Meal Night 5-8pm
- Dec. 11: Parent Coffee at Aldrich (9:15am)
- Dec. 11 & 12: Library books due
- Dec. 12 & 13: Fire Drills
- Dec. 24- Jan. 2: No School: Winter Break
- Jan. 3 & 4: Re-Enrollment information for 2019-2020 School Year sent home to currently enrolled families
- Jan. 7: Priority Enrollment for 2019-2020 School Year begins for Aldrich families
- Jan. 16: Registration opens to public
- Jan. 21: No School: MLK Day



## News from the Board

Thank you again to our donors that helped make our **Fall Festival** a success!



Hyvee \* Great Harvest \* Dunn Brothers  
Costco \* Sam's Club \* Devon Ballinger Bread  
Mattson Family Farms \* Sekapp Orchard

## Toy Drive

Aldrich is once again partnering with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots in our annual toy drive. If you wish to donate, please place new, unwrapped toys in the collection bins located at each end of the building beginning **Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. This toy drive helps bring toys to children in need in our area during this holiday season and is a wonderful way to instill a spirit of giving in your child!



### ALDRICH FUNDRAISING MEAL NIGHT

Please join us at **Texas Roadhouse!**  
**Monday, December 10th**  
**4pm- 10pm**

10% of food sales will be donated back to Aldrich

We will also have two raffle drawings to win Texas Roadhouse gift certificates and merchandise items!

Don't forget to present the event flyer (or PDF version) when ordering for Aldrich to benefit from your meal purchase. Flyers will be placed in cubbies and emailed out closer to the event.

Please pass the word along to family, friends and co-workers to help support Aldrich!



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### Canvas & Chardonnay Parents night out!

We have a fun opportunity coming up! Aldrich will be hosting an evening out at Canvas and Chardonnay on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm that will also raise some funds for Aldrich!

Each person will have the opportunity to pick from a variety of stencils and three wood stains to create the masterpiece of their choice (examples to right).

Cost per adult is \$35- with \$10 of that going back to support Aldrich!

Stop by the front office to reserve your spot on or before January 10<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited to 45 people- so sign up today!

