

Aldrich School Newsletter

January 2019



Happy New Year, Aldrich families!

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful break.

In January we continue to serve your children while we launch into enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers distributed registration packets January 3rd & 4th, and current families are given priority for re-enrollment through the 15th. Remember that if you are planning on returning to Aldrich next year, you must complete the reenrollment process.

On January 16th, 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. We had 105 children get registered on the very first day of Priority Enrollment, so preferred spots will go very quickly!

Happy New Year!
Jessica Paolini, Director

Aldrich Dates to Remember

Jan. 3 & 4:	Enrollment Packets for 2019-2020 School Year sent home with currently enrolled families
Jan. 7:	Priority Enrollment for Aldrich families begins!
Jan. 8 & 9:	Library Check Out
Jan. 8 & 9:	Little Chefs Enrichment Class begins
Jan. 9:	Aldrich Parent Coffee at Aldrich 9:15am
Jan. 10:	Open House at Aldrich for Prospective Families 6-7:30pm
Jan. 15:	Last Day of Priority Enrollment
Jan. 15:	Aldrich Board Meeting 7:30pm
Jan. 16:	Open Enrollment begins for families new to Aldrich
Jan. 21:	MLK Day, No School
Jan. 23 & 24:	Zumba All-School Enrichment sponsored by the Aldrich Board of Directors
Jan. 30:	Kindergarten Readiness Presentation @ Aldrich 6:30-7:30pm
Feb. 7 & 8:	Pajama Days at Aldrich!
Feb. 11:	Aldrich Night at Canvas and Chardonnay
Feb. 18:	President's Day, No School

Will your child be absent from a session at Aldrich?
Please call the office or let your classroom teacher know!



Sign-Up Now for Bend & Boogie Enrichment Class

Begins February 5/6 and runs through February 26/27.

Your little movers will experience a balance of yoga and dance through games and guided activities. They will bend and stretch, forming shapes from A-Z. They will express themselves through cool dance moves to familiar songs. Then they will meditate to soothing melodies while using their imagination to describe the world around them. Let's move!

Children must be at least 3 years old by September 1, 2018 to participate in Enrichment classes. 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 these 4 week classes is \$75. Enrichment classes are a great way for your children to continue to learn and grow while at Aldrich!

Outdoor Play at Aldrich

Because outdoor play is an integral part of our curriculum, we try to play outside every day. The amount of time outside will vary on the weather. Unfortunately sometimes the weather is just too cold for us to safely play outdoors. We follow these guidelines to determine if we will play outside at Aldrich:

- For 3-5 year old classrooms, if the air temp is 0 degrees or colder or if the wind chill is -10 degrees or colder, the children will remain indoors.
- For 2 year olds classrooms, if the air temp is 10 degrees or colder or if the wind chill is 0 degrees or colder, the children will remain indoors.

The temperature is checked shortly before the children would normally go outside using the KTTC Website or the KTTC Weather App. We refer to the "Feels Like" temperature to make decisions. The graphic to the right is what the KTTC Weather App looks like. The temperature on the app will vary by location, be sure yours is set to "55901."



Please help the teachers by ALWAYS dressing your child appropriately for outside play. Warm winter coat, snow pants, winter boots, hat and waterproof mittens make the cold days more fun to play in!

Pajama Days



Children are invited to wear their pajamas to school on **Thursday, February 7th** and **Friday, February 8th**! 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 2018-2019



Registration for next school year begins on Monday, January 7th for current and past Aldrich families (including children of Aldrich alumni!) with priority given through January 15th. Registration packets will be handed out to all current parents on January 3rd and 4th. 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 register. See below for some of the new offerings for next school year!

Registration for families new to Aldrich will begin on January 16th! Please encourage your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to visit Aldrich for a tour! We will have group tours available on Wednesday, January 17th from 5:30-7:30pm. 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. 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)

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!

SESSIONS / DAYS	AGE as of 09/01/2019		
	2 Years	3 Years	4/5 Years
MORNINGS			
2 = T / TH	YES	YES	YES
3 = M / W / F	YES	YES	YES
5 = M-F	YES *	YES *	YES
AFTERNOONS			
2 = T / TH	NO	YES	YES
3 = M / W / F	NO	YES	YES
5 = M-F	NO	YES *	YES
FULL DAYS			
2 = T / TH	NO	YES	YES
3 = M / W / F	NO	YES	YES
5 = M-F	NO	YES	YES
*Child may be in 2 different classrooms			

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.

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 8th 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.**



News from the Board

Kindergarten Readiness Presentation by RPS!

Join us on Wednesday, January 30th from 6:30-7:30pm. Kris Davidson, principal and Diane Jordan, K teacher, from Longfellow Elementary and Jennifer Feece (K Teacher from Churchill) 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!



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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 11th 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 10th. Space is limited to 45 people- so sign up today!

