NEWSLETTER

A Note from our Director

Hello Aldrich Families,

Could it be possible that distributing Summer Camp programming information will trigger the arrival of spring? I have my fingers and toes crossed that this is true. What a wild February it was. We are grateful for your understanding and smiles while we slog through this winter together.

We are anticipating quite a wet spring as all this snow begins to melt. Please continue to send your children in waterproof mittens and boots as well as snow pants, even when the weather warms up, to keep them dry as the snowy ground turns to mud. Before we know it, Rochester will be filled with again with green grass and blooming flowers. (I just know it!)

This month we will receive our accreditation renewal inspection from the National Accreditation Council. Remaining nationally accredited is one of the ways we ensure your family the children at Aldrich are getting an early childhood experience of the highest caliber. Thank you for putting your trust in us.

Your Partner in Education,

Jessica Paolini

"Children learn through doing- play is how they explore their world, learn how to assess risk, try things out, and get to know themselves."
-Bethe Almeras

Aldrich Dates to Remember

- **March 1:**   **No School, Staff Development Day**
- **March 5 & 6:**   **Library Check-Out Days**
  (last classroom check-out of the school year)
- **March 5 & 6:**   **Wacky Weather Enrichment begins!**
- **March 9:**   **Aldrich Gives Back Event @ Realife Co-Op (next door)**
  10:30am-12:30pm
- **March 12 & 13:**   **Library Books Due**
- **March 15:**   **Aldrich Family Movie Night: Incredibles 2 at 6pm**
- **March 19:**   **Board Meeting 7:30pm, open to the public**
- **March 25-29**   **No School, Spring Break**
- **April 7:**   **Aldrich Family Event at Bowlocity 4-6:30pm**
  (more details to come!)
- **April 9 & 10:**   **Spy Kids Enrichment begins!**
  (last enrichment class of the school year)
- **April 18 & 19:**   **No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **May 4:**   **Aldrich Carnival 10:00am-2:00pm**
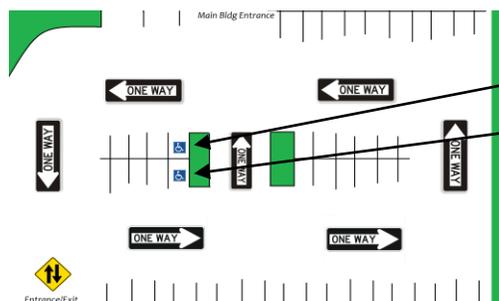

Caution: Parking Lot May Be Slippery!

We have reached that point in the winter where the snow melts fast during the day, but freezes hard overnight. Unfortunately this is causing icy spots (especially in the mornings). Please use caution on your way in.

We keep in close contact with our snow/ice removal contractor and also do our best to salt, sand and clear snow and ice as we see it.

Handicap Parking Spots

Did you know we have 2 Handicap Parking Stalls in our parking lot? The spots are located next to the trees near the center of our parking lot (see diagram below). Please leave those spots free for those who need them when dropping off or picking up.

We are excited to announce that Summer Camps will be returning to Aldrich this summer! Summer program information is being distributed in your child's cubby beginning Monday, March 4th. This summer our summer camps will run Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 11:30am.

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.

3 year old classes:
- Monday through Thursday from 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- $75 per week
- Children should have attended the Aldrich 2 year old program in 2018-2019
- OR Children must be 3 by June 1, 2019 and have previous group experience

4 & 5 year old classes:
- Monday through Thursday from 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- $75 per week
- Children should have attended the Aldrich 3 or 4 year old program in 2018-2019 school year and turned 3 by Sept. 1, 2018
- OR Children must be 4 by June 1, 2019 and have previous group experience

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

Week	Dates	Theme
1	June 3-6	Art Explorations
2	June 10-13	Let It Grow
3	June 17-20	Under the Sea
4	June 24-27	Back in the Day
5	July 8-11	Critters and Crawlers
6	July 15-18	Up North

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!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

There is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 19th due to conferences.

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

Is your child staying home sick from school?

Please let us know. We are required to track illnesses and symptoms experienced by children and staff at Aldrich. Simply call the front office at 289-3097, email the office at aldrich@aldrichnurseryschool.com or email your child's classroom. Please let us know what symptoms your child is experiencing or if they are diagnosed with a particular illness.
Thank you for your cooperation!

News from the Board

ALDRICH GIVES BACK

ST. PATRICKS DAY

CRAFTS WITH THE RESIDENTS

AT THE REAL LIFE CO-OP NEXT TO ALDRICH

MARCH 9TH 10:30-12:30

RSVP TO JESSICA AT JESSICA.SHELLY@GMAIL.COM

OR ON THE FACEBOOK EVENT

LIGHT SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED

825 Essex Pkwy NW, Rochester, MN 55901

ALDRICH GIVES BACK

Family Movie Night at Aldrich!

Come join us for a FREE family movie night at Aldrich. We will be showing Walt Disney's **Incredibles 2** on **Friday, March 15th at 6pm** in Playrooms 1 & 2.

Concessions 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.

DISNEY·PIXAR
INCREDIBLES 2

Carnival Fun
Coming to Aldrich!!!

Mark your calendars – the Aldrich carnival is coming!
On **Saturday, May 5th**, 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!

The Carnival Committee is seeking donations of the following items for the Silent Auction/Raffle:
  -Lego and Duplo and Playmobil sets
  -Ride on toys (scooters, plasma cars, power wheels etc…)
  -Small boys bike
  -Small girls bike
  -Restaurant, coffee shop and treat gift cards
  -Kitchen gadgets (Crockpot, Instant Pot, Keurig, Ice Cream maker etc…)
  -Monetary Donations so Aldrich can purchase prizes

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 2018-2019 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 Georg von Bormann at vonbormann.georg@mayo.edu . Board member applications are also available from the office. Thank you for your consideration!