

NEWSLETTER

December 2019



A Note from our Director

Time flies, and I can't believe it's already time to say this: As 2019 comes to an end, and we look toward a new calendar year, it's time to start thinking about our plans for the 2020-2021 school year as well. For Aldrich families, this will mean either re-registering for an Aldrich program or registering for Kindergarten! We are honored to be one of your resources as you make these important choices, and I'd like to offer some starting-point guidance based on the questions we receive most often.

First, if your child will be returning to Aldrich, remember that registration is required for every child, every year. This means this January you will need to complete and turn in enrollment paperwork for your child if they will be returning in September. The registration packet you receive in your child's cubby in early January will be pre-filled with your contact information on file, so it should take less time than your first registration. If your Aldrich child or alumni has a younger sibling you will be enrolling for the first time, congratulations! It's so exciting for younger siblings to finally get to share in the Aldrich experience. You can ask for another pre-filled enrollment packet at the front desk, and you will turn in one separate packet per child. You may start turning in these completed packets at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 8th.

Second, begin thinking now about whether you would like to enroll your child in a half- or full-day program next year, and whether they will attend 2, 3, 4 or 5 days per week. This is a decision that will very much depend on the needs of your family and your child(ren.) There are good reasons to choose each program over another depending on the circumstances, and Carrie or I would be happy to talk with you about which program will best fit with your child's needs.

Finally, if your child is old enough to attend kindergarten next year, learn about the registration process for your preferred school now. Some deadlines occur as early as mid-January! If you are unsure whether your child is ready for kindergarten next year, please involve your child's teacher in that conversation. Their expertise in child development and observations of your child in an academic setting can be an invaluable resource as you make that decision. Thank you again for allowing us to partner with you as you invest in a strong foundation for your child's education.

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."



Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Thank you to all the families that have donated to Aldrich this past year! 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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Timeless Art Enrichment Class Starts in January!



Every culture and time has art. In this class we will look at some of the art from different times and places. We will use some of the iconic techniques like mosaic and fresco to make our own creations. Yes, preschoolers can do this!

This new four-week enrichment class will be taught by Mrs. Finnan. Children must be at least 3 years old by September 1, 2019 to participate in enrichment classes. The Tuesday afternoon session begins on **January 7th** and the Wednesday afternoon session begins **January 8th**. 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!

The deadline to register for this class is Friday, December 20th!

Aldrich Dates to Remember



Dec. 2-13:	Toys for Tots Toy Drive
Dec. 3 & 4:	Library Check-Out days
Dec. 5:	Toppers Meal Night
Dec. 10 & 11:	Library books due
Dec. 23- Jan. 3:	No School: Winter Break
Jan. 6 & 7:	Re-Enrollment information for 2020-2021 School Year sent home to currently enrolled families
Jan. 8:	Priority Enrollment for 2020-2021 School Year begins for Aldrich families, 8:30a
Jan. 14:	Open House for Prospective Families at Aldrich 6-7:30pm
Jan. 16:	Registration opens to public
Jan. 20:	No School: MLK Day; Staff Development Day for Aldrich Staff

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, 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.

Registration for 2020-2021 School Year!



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 8th with priority given through January 15th.](#) Registration packets will be handed out to all current families on January 6th and 7th. 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 16th!](#) Please encourage your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to visit Aldrich for a tour! We will have group tours available on Tuesday, January 14th from 6-7:30pm. Otherwise, visitors are always welcome to schedule a tour during the school day to visit while classes are in session. Current families are our best source of advertising, so thank you for spreading the word about us!

[Program offerings for 2020-2021:](#)

For 2 years olds (2 by September 1, 2020)

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

For 3 year olds (3 by September 1, 2020)

- 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, 2020)

- 2 day and 3 day Mornings or Afternoons
- 5 Mornings
- 4 Afternoons (Monday through Thursday) – **NEW THIS YEAR!!!**
- 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

News from the Board



Toppers Pizza Dough-Nation Night!

Thursday, December 5th
4-9pm

For each customer that redeems flyer or mentions the Aldrich Fundraiser when ordering, Toppers will donate **20%** of the order price to Aldrich School. ****If more than 50 fliers are collected, Toppers will donate 20% of ALL sales from 4-9pm, not just the orders that reference the Aldrich fundraiser! Please spread the word!**** Offer is good on pick-up, delivery or carry-out orders.



Aldrich Gives Back: Toy Drive at Aldrich!

Aldrich is once again partnering with the U.S Marine Corps Toys for Tots for 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 between Monday, December 2nd and Friday, December 13th.

This toy drive helps bring toys to less fortunate children in our area during this holiday season and is a wonderful way

to instill a spirit of giving in your child!



A HUGE Thank You to all the Aldrich Families that helped make our Scholastic Book Fair a HUGE success! We hope you are enjoying reading your new books, as much as our school is enjoying all the new books we earned through the Book Fair.



Also, thank you to all who donated food for meals for Teachers during conferences. They are busy days for the teachers and they greatly appreciate having a delicious meal to enjoy those days!





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