

NEWSLETTER

December 2022



A Note from our Director

As 2022 comes to an end and we look toward a new calendar year, it's time to start thinking about our plans for the 2023-2024 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 **8:30a.m. Thursday, January 5th**.

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, 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,
Annie Getchell, Director

"Children are wired for hands-on, full-contact, self-selected interaction with the world--we call this play."



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Aldrich Dates to Remember

Now- Dec. 16	Toys for Tots Toy Drive
Dec. 1- 21	Culvers Coupon Calendars for Sale!
Dec. 22- Jan. 2	No School: Winter Break
Jan. 3 & 4	Re-Enrollment information for 2023-2024 School Year sent home to currently enrolled families
Jan. 5	Priority Enrollment for 2023-2024 School Year begins for Aldrich families, 8:30a
Jan. 12	Open House for Prospective Families at Aldrich 6-7:30pm
Jan. 16	No School: MLK Day
Jan. 17	Registration opens to public



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.

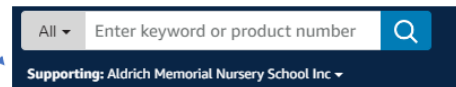
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Winter Weather Closure Reminders

Winter weather will be here any minute! Below is some helpful information and reminders as we brace for another MN winter.

- 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 for Full Day students and will begin at 11:35am.
- If Rochester Public Schools dismiss early, Aldrich will close in the afternoon.
- There are many ways to find out if we will be closed due to weather. They include: local news websites and television channels (KTTC, KAAL, KIMT), the Aldrich website at www.aldrichschool.com or the Aldrich Facebook Page. Always use your own judgment about driving and the weather situation. If you are not comfortable driving, feel free to stay home.

Registration for 2023-2024 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 5th with priority given through January 13th.](#) Registration packets will be handed out to all current families 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 re-register. See below for the offerings for next school year!

[Registration for families new to Aldrich will begin on January 17th!](#) Please encourage your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to visit Aldrich for a tour! We will have group tours available on Thursday, January 12th 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 2023-2024:](#)

For 2 years olds (2 by September 1, 2023)

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

For 3 year olds (3 by September 1, 2023)

- 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, 2023)

- 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

News from the Board

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 now and Friday, December 16th. All age groups are appreciated, but please don't forget about the older children. Some pre-teen/teen gift ideas include sporting equipment/bags/balls, books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watches, wallets, bath gift sets, board games, hand-held electronics, curling irons, hair straighteners and hair dryers.

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!

Culvers Coupon Calendar Fundraiser

Aldrich is fortunate to be able to participate in the Culvers Coupon calendar fundraiser this December! Calendars are only \$5 each and contain 24 coupons (valued at well over \$35) to use at Culvers throughout 2023! Samples available to look at on Parent Information Center. Stop by the office to purchase yours today!

100% of the cost you pay for the calendar goes directly to Aldrich!



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. We earned over \$1100 in Scholastic Books to build our classroom, teacher and school libraries.

