



NEWSLETTER

March 2023

A Note from our Director

Hello Families,

It's been so wonderful to have sunshine the last couple of days, especially after our big snow storm! Spring can be a wet and muddy affair in our outdoor classrooms. 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!)

You partner in education,

Annie Getchell, Director



"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 3:** **No School: Staff Development Day**
- **March 7 & 8:** **Library Check-Out Days**
- **March 11:** **Neon Green Art Event at Aldrich (Registration required by 3/3/23)**
- **March 14 & 15:** **Library Books Due**
- **March 21:** **Board Meeting 6:30pm, open to the public**
- **March 31-April 7:** **No School, Spring Break**
- **April 27 & 28:** **No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Aldrich 2023-2024 Calendar NOW Available!

**The 2023-2024 Aldrich School Calendar is now available! You can check it out at: <https://aldrichschool.com/calendar> . Copies are also available in the Parent Info Center by the Front Office.

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.

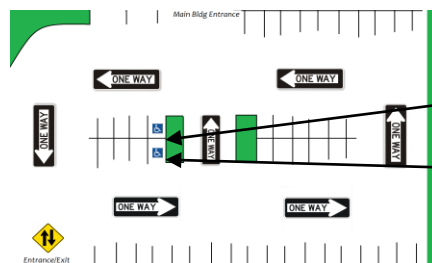
Summer Camp Information Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that Summer Camp will be returning to Aldrich this summer! Summer Camps run Monday through Thursday, 9:00-11:30am for 6 weeks this summer. We are finalizing the details and anticipate to send out more information and begin registration the week of March 6th!



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.



News from the Board




Neon Green Art Event at Aldrich School


Saturday, March 11th
10:00-10:30 AM OR 10:45-11:15 AM
Cost-\$15 (cash or check)
Aldrich School- Playroom 2

Neon Green Studio is providing Aldrich families with art kits to purchase for our crafting event. Each art kit contains 2 craft projects- Galaxy Canvas and Bottle Cap Magnets.

You can choose to purchase your art kit to take home or attend our in-person crafting event on Saturday, March 11th!

At the **In- Person Event**, you will be able to pay for your art kit, craft with other Aldrich families, and purchase snacks and drinks to enjoy! There are 2 time slots available 10:00-10:30am or 10:45-11:15am. This is not a drop-off event, child(ren) must be accompanied by an adult.

To sign up for the in-person event, scan the QR code here 



Take-home Art Kits will be available to purchase and pick up at Aldrich on March 9th or 10th.

To purchase the art kit, sign up here.

Please use the QR codes to participate in the in-person event or reserve your take-home art kit by Friday, March 3rd.

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 2023-2024 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:

Becky Montpetit, Board President at beckymontpetit@gmail.com

Board member applications are also available from the office. Thank you for your consideration!