



NEWSLETTER

March 2024

A Note from our Director

Hello Families,

While this mild winter has been a bit confusing, one large benefit is that our children have been able to spend generous amounts of time in our outdoor classrooms!

I am sure you are fully aware that the Aldrich staff places a great value on hands-on, experiential learning. It may be one of the reasons you chose Aldrich, or maybe it is something you have learned to appreciate about the time your child spends with us at school. It is also deeply confirmed in brain science research.

"Brains develop due to an interplay between the genes a baby is born with and the experiences in life. The wiring of the brain of a young child is enormously impacted by the emotional environment it experiences frequently."

(Braininsightonline.com, April 2015)

We do our very best to provide learning activities that are rich in content, fun in process and well supported by knowledgeable and caring teachers and staff. It is a joy for us to serve your children!

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 6 & 7:** **Library Check-Out Days**
- **March 12:** **Aldrich Night at Nupa!**
- **March 13 & 14:** **Library Books Due**
- **March 19:** **Board Meeting 6:30pm, open to the public**
- **March 29-April 5:** **No School, Spring Break**
- **April 25 & 26:** **No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **May 4:** **Big Playdate at Aldrich! (more details coming soon!)**

Aldrich 2024-2025 Calendar NOW Available!

**The 2024-2025 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.

Summer Camp Information Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that we will be offering 4 weeks of Summer Camp at Aldrich this summer! Summer Camps will run Monday through Thursday, 9:00-11:30am during the following weeks:

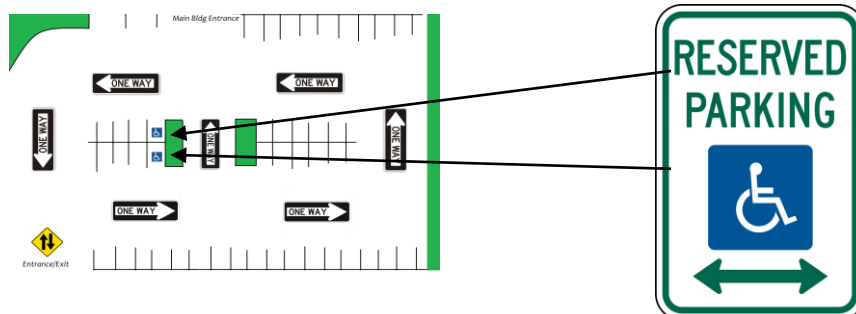
Week 1	June 17-20
Week 2	June 24-27
Week 3	July 8-11
Week 4	July 15-18



We are finalizing the details and anticipate to send out more information and begin registration the week of March 11.

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

Aldrich Night at Nupa Fundraiser

Tuesday, March 12th

4:00-7:00PM



North Store 1035 Civic Center Dr. NW Rochester, MN 55901	South Store 412 Crossroads Dr. Rochester, MN 55902
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Present the flyer from your child's cubby when you attend Aldrich Night at Nupa (Dine in or Take out included!) and Nupa will donate a portion of the sales to Aldrich to benefit the Outdoor Classroom Upgrade!

Outdoor Classroom Upgrade Update

A BIG thank you to all the families who participated in our 'Cards for a Cause' fundraiser! We raised \$1,151 towards our outdoor classroom upgrade! If you would still like to donate to our outdoor classroom upgrade- donations can be dropped off in the office, online at <https://www.4giving.com/donation/91A5> or by scanning here:

Some inspiration for our Outdoor Classroom Upgrade!



We were able to add this super cool tree deck to the plan through another grant!



Board Members Wanted



Aldrich
needs
you!

Did you know that Aldrich *needs* a Board of Directors to operate? We will have board vacancies at the end of the 2024-2025 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:

Allison Gross, Board President at aldrichboardrochester@gmail.com

Board member applications are also available from the office.

Thank you for your consideration!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Big Playdate is COMING SOON! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4. The event will be held 9:30-11:30am in the Aldrich Backyard!

