



NEWSLETTER

End of 2023-2024 School Year

A Note from our Director

It's hard to believe we are in the final week of the school year. This time will fly by quickly, and is always a bittersweet time for teachers, families, and the children.

I'd like to take a moment to address those families who will be leaving Aldrich for their children to attend Kindergarten next year. Thank you for investing in your child's early education, and for allowing each of us to play a role in all your lives. We have loved watching your child grow, gaining independence and confidence that will serve them well on the road ahead. We hope you will look back on this time of their lives with fondness and with pride that you allowed them to learn in an environment that fostered imagination and joy.

Gratefully,

Annie Getchell



Aldrich Dates to Remember

- May 20: Tractor Visit from Bianchi Family!
- May 21: Full Board Meeting, 6:30pm at Aldrich
- May 22 & 23: NO Extension Sessions Held (EB, LB, KC)
- May 22: LAST DAY of School for children that attend M/W/F
- May 23: LAST DAY of School for children that attend T/Th & M-F

- Sept. 3 & 4 Meet the Teacher Days for 2024-2025 School Year (our 80th school year!)

Air Quality Index Monitoring

Rest assured, we monitor Air Quality Alerts at Aldrich! As a licensed facility, we are required to have an annual visit from a Health Consultant. This year, our Health Consultant provided us with specific guidelines to follow for the children we serve. There are 3 levels of air quality that require us to adjustment our time outdoors in the table below. Of course, we always monitor symptoms in children and adjust plans as needed. We use airnow.gov to get our Index levels.



Orange (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups) 101-150	2-year-old classes may shorten their outside time or play inside depending on the age of the students. 3-5-year-old classes shorten their time outside, 2-year-old classes stay indoors.
Red (Unhealthy) 151-200	3-5-year-old classes shorten their time outside. Play outside in the morning when the air quality is usually better, may avoid time outside in the afternoon if the air quality index increases.
Purple (Very Unhealthy for All) 201-300	All classes stay inside.

From the Board

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the generosity you have shown Aldrich School this year. To say we are blown away is an understatement! We had a lot in the works for this school year, and we were continuously awed by the support we received from Aldrich families and the community.



Through attending Aldrich events, purchasing spirit wear, Cards for a Cause, books at the Book Fair and through generous donations, **you helped us raise over \$20,000 this year!**

One of the projects we are most excited about is the **Outdoor Classroom Upgrade**. Between a grant secured by the Development Committee, a large donation from former Aldrich teachers and over \$13,000 raised by donations from YOU and many local companies, we were able to make this dream come to life! If you have a moment before the school year ends, we suggest asking your child if they had a brief chance to check out the new space, or taking a look at the progress being made outside of Playroom 2.

We also just completed our annual **Big Playdate Fundraiser**. This fundraiser raised an incredible \$7,861.94! \$3,930.97 of which will be directed to the **Aldrich Scholarship Fund**. This important fund helps give families the extra financial support they need to cover tuition costs at Aldrich. We love that you've helped us support more children in our community to access all that Aldrich has to offer! \$3,930.97 from the Big Playdate will go to **Facility Upgrades**, allowing for more quality equipment and new experiences to the children of Aldrich!

Thank you for all you have done to support Aldrich this year,
 Aldrich Board of Directors