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Aldrich Inquirer

Friday, January 6, 2017

Lunch Menu

- (+) contains pork
- (-) contains peanuts
- 😊 lowest in fat
- ▲ a little higher in fat
- ⬆️ highest in fat
- 🍌 Lunch Costs: \$2.35 Milk

Monday

Jan. 9

- A. Pepperoni Lunch Box* 😊
- B. Cheeseburger ▲
- C. Mac & Cheese ▲
- D. Chicken Ranch Wrap 😊 😊
- E. Chicken Caesar Salad w/roll
- Choice of Fruit
- Choice of Milk

Tuesday

Jan. 10

- A. Chicken Popper Lunch Box 😊
- B. Hot Dog 🍌
- C. Locro Chicken Soup w/biscuit ▲
- D. Strawberry Parfait 😊
- E. Pinata Beef Salad w/chips 😊
- Choice of Fruit
- Choice of Milk

Wednesday

Jan. 11

- A. Pepperoni Pizza Lunch Box* 😊
- B. Chicken Nuggets ▲
- C. Cheese Quesadilla ▲
- D. Veggie Plate 😊
- Choice of Fruit
- Choice of Milk

Thursday

Jan. 12

- A. Turkey Lunch Box ▲
- B. Pepperoni Pizza* ▲
- C. French Toast Sticks & Sausage 😊
- D. Yogurt, Banana Split 😊
- E. Chef Salad w/roll* 😊
- Choice of Fruit
- Choice of Milk

Friday

Jan. 13

- A. Ham Lunch Box* 😊
- B. Grilled Cheese ▲
- C. BBQ Meatballs w/biscuit ▲
- D. Buffalo Chicken Wrap ▲
- E. Popcorn Chicken Salad w/roll
- Choice of Fruit 😊
- Choice of Milk

Running Calendar



- Jan. 10 Texas Roadhouse Family Night
- Jan. 13 Report Cards go home
- Jan. 24 PTO Meeting 9:00 AM
Edible Book Festival 6:00-7:00 PM
- Feb. 2 2nd Gr. Music Program 6:30 PM
- Feb. 8 Read & Feed Book Fair A-H 11:00-1:00
- Feb. 9 Read & Feed Book Fair I-P 11:00-1:00
- Feb. 10 Read & Feed Book Fair Q-Z 11:00-1:00
- Feb. 13 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 4:15-8:15
- Feb. 14 Valentines Day Party 2:45-3:30
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 4:15-8:15
- Feb. 16 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 8-12
- Feb. 16-20 No School
- Mar. 3 Skating Party 5:00-7:00
- Mar. 7 Runza Family Night 5:00-8:00
- Mar. 16 1st Gr. Music Program
- Mar. 20-24 Spring Break
- Mar. 28 PTO Meeting 9:00 AM
- Mar. 31 Report Cards go Home
- Apr. 4 Texas Roadhouse Family Night
- Apr. 6 New KG Parent Meeting 6:30 PM
- Apr. 13 KG Music Program 6:30 PM
- Apr. 20 NO SCHOOL FOR KG KG Roundup 9:00-11:00 AM
- Apr. 21 Mid-Quarter
- Apr. 27 Art Show 6:30-8:00

SAFETY PATROL JAN. 9-13

- Sarah – M, W
- Srimathi – M, T, Th
- Jonah – M, W
- Sunny – M, Th
- Adithi – T, Th
- Andie – T
- Addison – T
- Gabby – W
- Tyler – W
- Sunny – Th
- Wyatt – Th, F
- Tommy – F
- Trey – F
- Leila - F



LUNCH SCHEDULE

KG	11:30-11:50
1 st	12:00-12:20
2 nd	12:25-12:45
3 rd	11:50-12:10
4 th	12:15-12:35
5 th	11:20-11:40

MPS BOARD MEMBERS

- Dave Anderson
- Mike Kennedy
- Paul Meyer
- Mike Pate
- Linda Poole
- Pat Ricketts
- Dr. Jim Sutfin - Superintendent

Aldrich Mission Statement

The mission of Bess Streeter Aldrich Elementary, and International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme world school, is to guarantee academic excellence and the development of principled young people who become active, inquiring and compassionate life-long learners and global citizens by providing innovative opportunities and challenging programs of international understanding through guided inquiry.

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Millard Public Schools Job Fair!

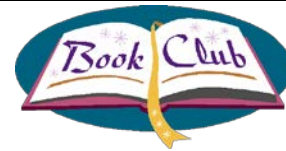
**PARAPROFESSIONALS, CUSTODIAL,
FOOD SERVICE, MAINTENANCE**

WHEN: Friday – January 20th - Noon-3:00

**WHERE: Don Stroh Administration Center –
5606 S. 147th**

**Open to the public!
Spread the word!**

Birthday Book Club Happy Birthday Allstars!



Mukundha Devanaboyina	“The Terrible Two”
Nick Klein	“Pokemon Adventures . Volume One”
Maggie Coffey	“Roller Girl”
Neil Prasanth	“Ghosts”
Carson Obrecht	“Baker’s Magic”
Cooper Mroczek	“The Chocolate Phantom”
Jack Holiday	“Dog-Gone School”
Kellen Carlsen	“Minecraft Beginner’s Guide”
Chase Safranek	“The Force Awakens”
Vignesh Radhakrishnan	“The Mighty Mars Rovers”

Message from Dr. Penke

Welcome Back:

It is a new year according to the calendar but at school we have just reached the halfway mark. As educators, it is our time to reflect on the first semester, celebrate the accomplishments and continue the process for improving student achievement. Our focus is always on student learning and there is a lot to celebrate! We have an amazing staff that is dedicated to each child and their growth. We also can celebrate the support of our Aldrich parents and the commitment to their child's educational success. Parents, continue to let your child see how much you enjoy learning and model how to find answers to unknown questions. Learning builds confidence, and a child who is confident is more open to new opportunities to learn! We are looking forward to 2017 and watching your children grow!

Dismissal:

Please make sure your children are picked up promptly after school at 3:45pm. We will be standing outside waiting for the traffic line to finish which is usually done by 3:55pm. At that time, everyone should be picked up. If you are not able to pick up your child at the appropriate time, then you need to make different arrangements. We do not have supervision for students after 3:55pm. Please be respectful of our time and of your children.

Assessments:

Our fifth graders will be taking the Orleans Hanna math assessment on January 10th. Please make sure your child gets a good night of sleep and a good breakfast so they can do their best!

Construction Update:

We will be switching over to our new water main in the next few weeks. Cross your fingers that everything goes well! Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we replaced the entire water main to the school. Our last phase of our construction will commence soon by the dock area.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Penke



Playing By The Book!

The 2nd Annual Aldrich Elementary

EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL

Tuesday, January 24th, 6:00-7:00 pm

CREATE

Choose a favorite book. Picture it. Make it with edible ingredients. Students can work on a display alone or with the whole family.

REGISTER

Complete the attached form or complete the Google Form found on the Aldrich homepage by January 20th

ATTEND

Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy the edible displays. Cookies will be served.

Need more information? Email Mrs. Svacina at sasvacina@mpsomaha.org

Need Inspiration? Check out my Pinterest board at <http://pin.it/09clw.u>



International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Information Night



Millard North Middle School will hold its annual International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IB-MYP) information night on **Thursday, January 19 from 7-8 pm.**

Come and find out about this special program and how your child can be a part of it!

The IB-MYP is a method of instruction, not a prescribed curriculum, and is taught using the Millard curriculum. Special focus is placed on inquiry, critical thinking, reflection and application of knowledge and skills. Students in the program are challenged to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who use their talents to better the world in which they live.

*All students who live in the Millard North Middle School attendance area and are planning to attend Millard North Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year will automatically be a part of this program.

*Millard students who do not live within the North Middle School attendance area but want to be a part of the International Baccalaureate Programme for the 2017-2018 school year must complete and submit a Within District Transfer form to the Don Stroh Administration Center (5606 S. 147th Street) by February 15, 2017.

Millard North Middle School
2828 S. 139th Plaza
Omaha, NE 68144
402-715-1280

Questions?

Please contact the Millard North Middle School International Baccalaureate-Middle Years Programme Coordinator, Nicole Springer at nlspringer@mpsomaha.org or 402-715-1312.



Community Corner

Post winter break blahs



A marathon of festivities, beginning with Halloween and ending with New Year's, means a flood of celebrations, fun time, late nights, and piles of sweets. The fun is over, and now it is time to get back to school or work. You or your children may experience post-holiday let down, this is normal. The approaching of the New Year is a great time to ease back into everyday life. Here are some ideas to help with the transition:

1. Bring back the idea of quiet time. Read a book together, play a board game or work on a craft project.
2. Cut back on the sugary treats. Sugary treats can create chaos on children's systems. Start by offering healthy snacks as a way to ease everyone back into eating healthy.
3. Talk about feelings. If your child is feeling sad or experiencing the post-holiday let down, talk to your children about their feelings, show them you are there to listen and understand. They are not alone in feeling the post-holiday blues.
4. Time. Watch the clock and pay attention to bedtime. I loved being able to stay up late and sleep in but getting back into the routine of getting up early can be difficult.
5. Wintertime fun. Fun activities do not have to end because the children are going back to school. Decide to do some things together, such as go see a movie, ice skating, building a snow fort or take a walk in the park and enjoy the sounds of winter.

Help you children transition back to their regular routine after celebrating the holiday and winter break from school.

If you want more information and practical tools and tips for parenting your child, feel free to contact me. You can reach me by phone at (402) 715-8774 or e-mail me anytime at rlmcintosh@mpsomaha.org.

*Respectfully,
Rye McIntosh LCSW
School Social Worker*

Millard Public Schools



**Developmental Screening for Children
Birth - 3 Years Old**

**Do you have concerns about your
child's development??**

Millard Public Schools Early Childhood Special Education is offering a "Developmental Screening" for children from newborn to 36 months. These screenings are for families that are concerned about the development of their young children. Some areas the screenings will cover are: speech and language development, physical skills, play skills, behavior, vision, hearing, and other development needs areas. Screenings will be provided at no cost.

When:

January 19th 2017
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where:

CHI Health Lakeside
16901 Lakeside Hills Ct
Omaha, NE 68130
Conference Room A

Walk-ins are welcome!!

To schedule an appointment:
Call Christine McKinney at
402-597-4948
Or e-mail:
cmckinney@esu3.org



November 2016 - PTO Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on Monday, November 14th, 2016 at 9:07 am by the President, Courtney Holiday.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone in attendance, took the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome & sign in of members

Everyone introduced themselves and a sign in sheet was circulated.

Approval of September 2016 minutes

September minutes were motioned by Jenn Johnson and approved by Symbol Cortez.

Principal Report: Dr. Penke

Updates on Superintendent Advisory Meeting

- 1) NESAs – Reading results improved.
Math results are inconsistent and stagnant and need to be improved.
New Math curriculum is introduced this year.
- 2) New Programs of choice
Early College Program at Millard South High School
ROTC Program at Millard South High School
Core Knowledge Program is expanding to Disney Elementary School
IB Program is expanding to Black Elk
- 3) Digital Initiative
Spring 2015 - Elementary schools will receive 5 iPads
Strategic Plan for Fall 2016 - Device Selection will take place. HP360 is laptop/tablet for High School Kids
January 2107- timeframe wise is when the High School students will receive it.
August 2017 - Devices will be handed down to 8th Graders.
August 2018 – Devices will be handed down to 6th/7th Graders
There is a possibility that the devices will be handed down to 5th Graders.

- 4) Parent/Teacher Conferences went well and we had 99% participation.
- 5) Halloween Parties were great and both kids as well as teachers enjoyed it.
- 6) Election day went well. Thanks to all the volunteers that worked. The new process worked well.
- 7) Flags hallway display complete. Display case in front of the office will be switched on and off throughout the year displaying different themes. Right now art is being displayed.
- 8) District Writing Assessment will be taking place on November 30th – Dec. 1st for all 3rd and 5th Graders.

Officer's Report

President: Courtney Holiday

Thank you to all the Room Parents for a successful Halloween Party. Courtney will be sending out a welcome letter to new families that will be joining Aldrich with basic school procedures that will be helpful and making them feel comfortable. We are also looking for someone to take the lead for the New Family Coordinator.

President Elect: Jenn Johnson – No Report

Treasurer: Tara Wisdom – No Report

Secretary: Symbol Cortez– No Report

Committee announcements for upcoming events:

Creative Arts- Symbol Cortez and Marcie Jordan will be meeting after the PTO meeting. Edible Book fair date is set to be January 24th, Tuesday 2017. The theme is yet to be decided.

Book Fair- Stacey Edwards & Krista Lind

It was a good year and total sales were \$13542.47. We opted for the cash option to meet the PTO budget. Coin challenge went well and we collected \$1469.52. Scholastics matches the amount and it was donated to a local Millard school of their choice. Mrs. Lockhart's class won the coin challenge and shopped for books. 2,708 books were purchased at school. Next, Book Fair and Read and Feed will be upcoming in February. \$33 was raised for the Veriquess machine through the raffle.

Boxtops & Store Promotions- Stephanie Hughes

Stephanie Hughes submitted all the Boxtops and \$556 in revenue will be submitted to Tara. Boxtop apps will be promoted on the School Facebook Page for double points. Hyvee receipts wraps up next month.

Carnival- Jenn Johnson & Krista Lind

Carnival went well and we were able to raise \$16300 which was up \$300 above our goal. Thank you to all the 200 volunteers, for set up, tear down and clean up!

We are looking for someone to chair it for 2017. Redemption center, had an excess of \$300 in prizes. Some suggestions to utilize these prizes included:

- a) Walking club
- b) Donate as stockings for area shelters
- c) Classroom Teachers for extra incentives
- d) Sell on Craigslist or other schools
- e) Use them as prizes for Olympic Day

Fundraiser account via PayPal was a success. It gave an opportunity to everyone to be included in every way to participate in the fundraiser especially a grandparent from Tokyo!

Room Parents Coordinator- Jackie Bergmann

Staff Lunch for November was a super hit. The theme was Thanksgiving and the staff really enjoyed it!

Holiday Secret envelopes will be printed and put together on Wednesday, November 16th. They will be sent out in the Friday Folder on November 18th.

Unfinished Business:

Veriquest Machine- \$33 was raised during the Book Fair Raffle.

A motion to purchase the Veriquest Machine was made by Jackie Bergmann and was approved by Symbol Cortez and Jamie Carmichael. It will be funded from the PTO budget.

SchoolKidz- Courtney Holiday updated as of now, this is something we have decided not to participate in.

Staff Lounge Water Filter Update- Symbol Cortez updated that the Staff Lounge water filter has been replaced and installed. Both the Water filter system and filters were donated anonymously and funds will not be taken out from the Staff Appreciation budget. Filters will need to be replaced in June 2017.

New Business:

New Directory Options- Courtney Holiday mentioned that some parents felt like they should not be paying for the directory. However, participation was up this year. The PTO will decide and accommodate parents on case to case basis if someone is unable to pay for the directory. The directory forms will need to be updated for next year. Summer Mailing for next year will be via Online Registration.

Announcements and Important Dates:

3rd Grade Music Program: Tuesday, Nov. 15 6:30pm

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 24-25

Star Style Concert: Tuesday, Dec. 6 6:30pm

Star Style Tour: Wednesday, Dec. 7

Band Concert: Tuesday, Dec. 13 2:15pm.

First Semester Ends: Dec. 21

Winter Break: Dec. 22-Jan. 4

Texas Roadhouse Night: Tuesday, Jan. 10

MLK Day, No School: Monday, Jan. 16

Next PTO Meeting is on January 24th, 2017 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am and total number of attendees: 14