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# Aldrich Inquirer



Friday, March 17, 2017

## Lunch Menu

- (+) contains pork
- (-) contains peanuts
- 😊 lowest in fat
- ▲ a little higher in fat
- ☹ highest in fat

Lunch Costs: \$2.35/Milk

### Monday

Mar. 27

- A. Pepperoni Lunch Box\* 😊
- B. Cheeseburger ▲
- C. Beef Soft Taco ▲
- D. Spicy Chicken Wrap 😊
- E. Hearty Garden Salad w/bagel
- Choice of Fruit 😊

### Tuesday

Mar. 28

- A. Ham Lunch Box\* 😊
- B. Chicken Patty Sandwich ▲▲
- C. French Toast Sticks w/sausage
- D. Strawberry Parfait 😊
- E. Mandarin Chicken Salad w/roll
- Choice of Fruit 😊
- Choice of Milk

### Wednesday

Mar. 29

- A. Pepperoni Lunch Box\* 😊
- B. Chicken Nuggets ▲
- C. Honduran Bean & Queso Blanco Quesadilla ▲
- D. Veggie plate w/muffin 😊
- Choice of Fruit
- Choice of Milk

### Thursday

Mar. 30

- A. Turkey Lunch Box\* 😊
- B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich ▲
- C. Waffle Sticks & Scrambled Eggs ▲
- D. Yogurt Banana Split 😊
- E. Chef Salad w/bagel\* 😊
- Choice of Fruit
- Choice of Milk

### Friday

Mar. 31

- A. Vegetarian Lunch Box 😊
- B. Fish Nuggets w/roll ▲
- C. Spaghetti & Meatballs ▲😊
- D. Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich
- E. Hawaiian Salad w/bagel 😊
- Choice of Fruit
- Choice of Milk

## Running Calendar



- 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  
1st Gr. Music Program 7:15 PM
- Apr. 18 Orchestra/Concert 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
- May 1 PTO Volunteer Luncheon 10:30 AM
- May 4 5th Gr. Exhibition 6:30 PM
- May 5 Olympic Day Kick-off
- May 12 Olympic Day
- May 15 Walking Club Celebration
- May 18 5th Gr. Farewell

## SAFETY PATROL MAR. 27-31

- Javy – M, W
- Neal M. – M, F
- Harrison – M, W
- Reema – T, Th
- Lauren – T, W, F
- Claire B. – T, F
- Grace – T
- Claire P. – W
- Lauren – W, F
- Hannah L. – Th
- Yousuf – Th, F
- Vandana – Th



## LUNCH SCHEDULE

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

## MPS BOARD MEMBERS

- Dave Anderson
- Mike Kennedy
- Amanda McGill Johnson
- Mike Pate
- Linda Poole
- Pat Ricketts
- Dr. Jim Sutfin - Superintendent

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### Aldrich Mission Statement

The mission of Bess Streeter Aldrich Elementary, an 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.

#### Message from Dr. Penke

##### **NESA Schedule:**

	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> grade
Reading	March 28 and 30	April 4 and 6	March 29 and 31
Math	April 18 and 20	April 13 and 14	April 5 and 7
Science			April 18, 19, 20

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Nebraska State Assessments (NeSA) starting March 28 through April 20. Please do not schedule any type of appointments or plan to take students out of school for competitions or vacations during your child's NeSA times. Thank you!

##### **Safety Drills:**

It is the time of year in Nebraska when the weather is unpredictable. We will be practicing a tornado drill the week after spring break. We also practice fire drills monthly.

##### **Traffic:**

Please be courteous and be on time to pick up your child(ren). Our teachers have meetings after school and we aren't able to complete our work if we are supervising longer than the school day. Also please remember to obey the traffic flow rules in the parking lot so that we can ensure everyone's safety.

#### **Birthday Book Club Happy Birthday Allstars!**

Lyndon Pantos  
Miles Pantos  
Phoenix King  
Adi Sabir  
Juhith Swarna

"Little Dee And The Penguin"  
"Fuzzy Mud"  
"Five Enchanting Tales"  
"The Island of Dr. Libris"  
"The Crossover"



## Walking Club...

Thanks for all of our parent volunteers, we appreciate you.

Listed below are the students that have completed **25, 50, 75 and 100 miles**. Way to go walkers!

### 25 Miles

Owen Farley  
Jack Farley  
Thomas Roman

### 50 Miles

Adithi Deeduvanu  
Madison Jensen

### 75 Miles

Lexi Crafton  
Tyler Epstein  
Hannah Hinson  
Jack Morin  
Angela Sim  
Lydia Thome  
Elena Thome  
Caleb Thome

### 100 Miles

John Coffey  
Aaron Diaz Aguilera  
Emma Hinson  
Cohen Hinson  
Nithya Khandavalli  
Conner Klem  
Jacquelyn Kubila  
Landon Le  
Rhea Mal  
Avery Sears  
Jeffrey Sookram  
Holden Wilson



## Help!!!



We are in need of several parent volunteers for 1 hour each on Election Day, **Tuesday, April 4th starting at 8:00 until 4:00**. The parent volunteers will be sitting by the front door to make sure that the voters do not go down any of the hallways during the school day. If you are able to help for 1 hour on that day, please e-mail Lori at [ljlirette@mpsomaha.org](mailto:ljlirette@mpsomaha.org) or call 402-715-2020

## PTO....

**Are you interested in being more active in PTO?**

**If so, we have several opportunities open for committee chairs for next year. Including some of our most involved positions such as Carnival and Walking Club chair.**

**Want to hear more?**

mailto: [president@aldrichpto.com](mailto:president@aldrichpto.com)

Check out our website: [www.aldrichpto.com](http://www.aldrichpto.com)

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## **January 2017 - PTO Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:01 am by the President, Courtney Holiday.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone in attendance, took the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Welcome & sign in of members**

A couple new members were welcomed, introduced and a sign in sheet was circulated.

### **Approval of September 2016 minutes**

November minutes were motioned by Jenn Johnson and approved by Jamie Carmichael.

### **Principal Report: Dr. Penke**

- 1) Variquest Machine - The Variquest machine is set up in the copy room. The goal is to learn how it works and then to train and introduce it to the staff.
- 2) Parent/Teacher Conferences - Conferences are scheduled on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Preference letters to schedule conference times and availability will be sent out in Friday Folders on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 3) Assessment Season - Assessments start soon and dates will be communicated in the newsletter.
- 4) Edible Book Festival – Dr. Penke is excited about the Edible Book Festival which takes place in the evening and is looking forward to it.
- 5) Absence – Dr. Penke will be out of the office due to her eye surgery. Cindy Scharff, will be filling in as the floating Principal in the interim.
- 6) Construction Update - The main water line has been switched. It is up and working. The old water line system will need to be totally shut down. The playground will be back together in two weeks, weather permitting.

- 7) District News - Legislature session will be 90 days instead 60 days. We will be Seeing more bills this year with regards to education and funding.
- 8) Music Program - Second Grade Music Program is postponed with Mrs. Zelke not feeling well. A new date will be communicated soon.

### **Officer's Report**

**President:** Courtney Holiday

Courtney sent letters welcoming new families that will be joining Aldrich with basic school procedures that will be helpful and making them feel comfortable.

**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.

Edible Book Festival will be taking place in the evening in the Gym. Everything is planned and ready to go. Projects have started coming in. It is going to be a lot of fun.

**Room Parents Coordinator-** Jackie Bergmann

Valentines Parties – Tara Wisdom, distributed the checks for the upcoming Valentines Party. Jackie Bergmann reminded room parents to discuss the class budget and to coordinate the Valentines Party accordingly. She also reminded that reimbursements for the Valentines Party will not be submitted to Tara Wisdom.

**Lunch Room and Media Room-** Symbol Cortez

It was suggested to solicit more volunteers for both the Lunch Room and Media Room. Jenn Johnson will compile an email and Symbol Cortez will share the links via Sign up Genius. This will then be shared with Dr. Penke and will be communicated via School messenger or Newsletter to all parents.

**Carnival-** Jenn Johnson

Carnival left over prizes were used in the following manner:

- a) Half were donated to Open Door Operation
- b) Skating Party
- c) Walking Club
- d) Olympic Day

Other fundraising ideas discussed included, Eileen cookies sales, wrapping papers and partnering fundraising opportunities with Storm Chasers, Mavericks Lancers, and Creighton games. We are still looking for someone to chair Carnival for 2017.

#### **Skating Party-** Jenn Johnson

Skating Party will take place on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Skate Daze from 5pm-7pm. Flyers and stickers will be going out in the Friday folders. Skating Party signs will be set up in front and the back of the school building, closer to the event. This will serve both as a reminder as well as encourage more participation. Flyer will also be posted on the Aldrich Facebook page. Remember to wear red, white and blue colors to show your school spirit. Prizes for three best school spirit wear will be given out using Carnival left over prizes. Grade level with the most student participation will win a Laser Tag game with Mr. Mohning.

#### **Silver Graphics-** Chastitie Vander Plaats

The Silver Graphics fundraiser brought in a total of 297 orders (213 online orders and 84 orders received in school) with 200 students submitting orders. Additionally, the total profit was \$1,573.50. The gallery to order your child's artwork will be open until June 2017. There will be flyers placed in the online newsletter to notify parents that they can still order items with their child's artwork on them. Profit from the additional sales will be sent to the PTO in July 2017.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**Decorations Committee-** More Velcro is needed to secure the decorations. We are still looking for someone to chair this committee.

**Scholarship Committee-** February is the deadline for scholarship applications. We are looking for someone to chair this committee for next year

#### **New Business:**

**Lancers Hockey Fundraiser – Alex Reese** was introduced by Courtney Holiday. Alex Reese would set up a link exclusive for Aldrich Fundraising as soon as a date is set up for the event. Grade level with the most student participation will win doughnuts and Lancer players will come out and read to the kids. More details to come soon.

### **Walk-A-Thon - Jackie Bergmann**

We will be hosting a fun run, Color Smash Dash instead of the Walk-A-Thon as a fun fundraiser this year. More details to come.

### **New Fundraising Opportunities –**

Some ideas that were discussed included:

- 1) A Marquette for birthday announcements
- 2) Ways to showcase the kids Art work
- 3) Lancers Hockey Fundraiser, plan it a couple times during the school year
- 4) Color Smash dash plan in Fall and Spring

**Election Day Security** – April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>, will need to be budgeted. It is suggested to have two volunteers cover the front door on Election Day. It was also suggested to conduct a survey at Back to school night, if parents would like to donate to have an officer during Election Day for security. The cost to have a Police officer is \$270/day, for 8:00 am – 4:00 pm shift.

### **Announcements and Important Dates:**

**2nd Grade Music Program:** Thurs. Feb. 2, 6:30pm Rescheduled

**Book Fair Read & Feed:** 11am-1:30pm A-H- Feb 8 I-P Feb 9 Q-Z Feb 10

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** 4:15-8pm Feb. 13 & 14 and 8am-12pm Feb. 16  
(Book Fair will be open during conference times)

**Valentine's Day Parties:** Tues. Feb. 14, 2:45-3:30pm  
**All School Skate Daze Skating Party:** Fri. Mar. 3, 5pm

**Runza Night:** Tues. Mar. 7

**Olympic Day Meetings:** Fri. Mar. 10

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program:** Thurs. Mar. 16, 6:30pm

**Spring Break:** March 17-24

Next PTO Meeting is on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am and total number of attendees: 22