



It's Carnival Time!

Please Join Us For

**"The Aldrich Children's
Museum"**

Saturday, May 7, 2011

10-2pm

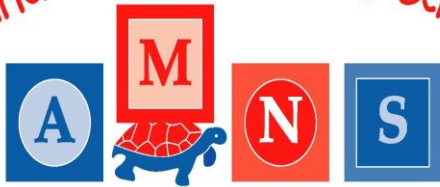
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CARNIVAL NEWSLETTER

April 2011

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This year's annual carnival is sure to be a fun family event. The carnival is Aldrich's largest fundraiser dating back to 1952! The proceeds help support our Financial Assistance Program which awards over \$20,000 in tuition assistance every year. The carnival is a great way for us to come together as a school and a community.

This year, as part of the Children's Museum theme, we are planning new and exciting Discovery Rooms, including:

- A Trip to the Zoo
- Under the Sea
- Rochester Children's Museum
- The Children's Theatre
- Music
- Art and Face Painting

Outside, we will have an inflatable obstacle course, a moonwalk jumper, as well as a vintage fire truck for kids and adults to explore. JETS gymnastics will also be at this year's carnival! For your convenience, a map is included in this newsletter showing the location and prices of all of these activities.

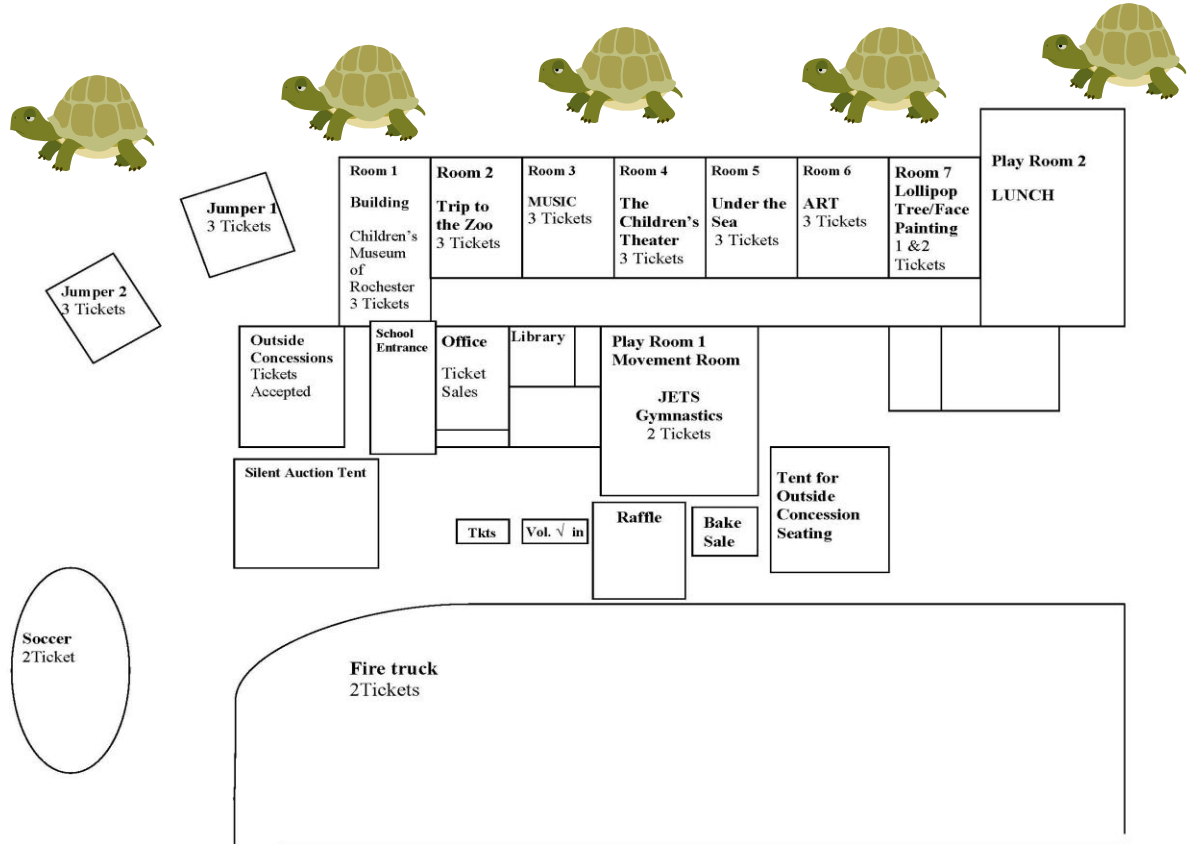
The carnival is a fun and successful event each year because of many volunteers like you! There are a lot of opportunities to help on and before May 7th. On carnival day, shifts are approximately two hours long, so there is still time for you to enjoy the carnival with your family. **If you would like to help with this event, please fill out the volunteer form in this newsletter and return it to the box across from the office by Friday, April 29th.**

We encourage you to purchase advance tickets to avoid long lines on the day of the carnival. **Included in this newsletter is a ticket order form. Please return it to the box across from the office by Friday, April 22nd, and your tickets will be placed in your child's cubby the week of the carnival.**

Please contact Rebecca Nuss at becky@nussgrp.com with any questions.

Carnival Map

Take a look at how Aldrich is being transformed into “The Aldrich Children’s Museum!” This sneak peek of the carnival layout also includes ticket information for each activity so that you can figure out how many tickets to order. To prevent congestion in the hallways, we encourage parents not to bring strollers inside Aldrich during the carnival.



Lunch and Concessions

NEW THIS YEAR

Lunch tickets MUST be pre-ordered using the ticket order form in this newsletter.

There will be two lunch options catered by Tilly’s Bar and Grill:

- **Option 1:** Slice of pepperoni, sausage or cheese pizza, an apple or a banana and Capri Sun 100% juice drink or bottled water – **cost \$5**
- **Option 2:** Smoked pulled pork or BBQ pulled chicken sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and a bottle of water or a can of soda – **cost \$8**

What carnival would be complete without popcorn, cotton candy and licorice ropes? In addition to lunch, we will also offer refreshments at an outdoor concession stand near the main entrance. Concessions are available for one punch each on your ticket card.

Wish List

With just over a month to go, we still need your help!
We are asking for donations of the following items:

- Raffle prizes, big and small
- Baskets for the silent auction
- Items for the silent auction
- Cash donations to help offset costs



We would also like to borrow the following items:

- Large stuffed zoo animals
- Musical Instruments

Please stop by the office or contact Rebecca Nuss at becky@nussgrp.com if you are able to help with the wish list items. Thank you!



Silent Auction

As part of the carnival, we will be having a silent auction of different theme baskets. Each class has a different theme, and your child will have the opportunity to donate items relating to that theme. Basket themes for each class are:

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| • Room 1 AM – Princesses | PM – Pirates |
| • Room 1 General – Play The Music | |
| • Room 2 AM – Things That Go | |
| • Room 3 AM – Arts and Crafts | PM – Kids in the Kitchen |
| • Room 4 AM – Let’s Plant a Garden | PM – Read Me a Story |
| • Room 5 AM – Play Sports | PM – Science & Nature |
| • Room 6 AM – Summer Fun | PM – Family Fun Night |
| • Room 7 AM – Hit the Road | PM – Dinosaurs |

In the past, we’ve had some very memorable baskets for the auction. Thank you in advance for your donations to this year’s silent auction!

Raffle



Last year, the raffle was a great success thanks to everyone who donated items and bought tickets. Aldrich sold nearly 3,400 tickets for our carnival raffle!

Personal donations range from wonderful product baskets, gift certificates, and cash donations which are used to purchase additional raffle prizes. Thank you to the many families and businesses that have already donated an item or cash for our raffle and silent auction this year.

We are still accepting donations for this year's raffle! If you would like to donate a new item to the raffle, please take it to the front office with your name and an estimated value of the prize. Please address it to Jennifer Lynch, Raffle Chair.

We will have individual raffle buckets for about 15 of the top valued prizes. You may also place your tickets in the general raffle bucket for a chance to win one of many amazing raffle prizes. Good luck to everyone!

If you have additional questions, please contact Jennifer Lynch at jlynchmn@hotmail.com or at 507-292-0089.

Raffle & Silent Auction Prizes

Check out some of the exciting prizes that will be available to win at the raffle and silent auction:

- 4 Walt Disney World Passes
- Fisher Price Jeep Rubicon
- Necessaries™ Fire Ring (valued at \$600)
- One month of free Aldrich Tuition
- Wine tasting for up to 12 people
- Children's motorized Mack Truck with Trailer
- KidKraft Wooden Train Table Set (valued at \$130)
- Gift certificate for dance classes at Janet Lang (valued at \$100)
- Razor Scooter and Razor Powerwing Scooter
- Little Tikes Wooden Deluxe Kitchen and Laundry Center
- Oil change and car detailing package from Tom Kadlec Honda (valued at \$190)
- Boys and Girls 16" bikes



Bake Sale



"The Aldrich Children's Museum" Carnival Bake Sale is currently being organized and your help is needed. Please consider donating baked goods to be sold during the carnival. All types of baked goods are needed and any donation would be greatly appreciated. Consider doubling or tripling a recipe of your favorite cookies, muffins, cakes or quick bread. Loaves and coffee cakes are great sellers! **Baked goods may be dropped off on Friday, May 6th in the conference room.**

Please package your baked goods for sale. Items should be wrapped, clearly labeled, and priced. Please indicate on your label if the baked goods contain nuts. Items should be packaged whole for loaves, cakes, and pies or by the half dozen for cookies, bars, cupcakes, and muffins.

Please use the following list as a guide for pricing your baked goods:

- Half dozen cookies or bars: \$2.50 - \$3
- Half dozen frosted cupcakes: \$4
- Half dozen muffins: \$3
- $\frac{1}{4}$ of decorated sheet cake: \$4
- Decorated layer cake or torte: \$10 - \$12
- Mini loaf of bread: \$2
- Large loaf of bread: \$5
- 8 x 8 coffee cake: \$5
- 9 x 13 coffee cake: \$8
- Candy, 6 pieces: \$2
- Caramel or toffee popcorn: \$2 per small bag

If you are willing to donate an item to the bake sale, please return the volunteer form in this newsletter by April 29th or email Erika Ambourn at ambourne@augsborg.edu.



Ticket Order Form

"The Aldrich Children's Museum"



Come join the fun! Our Children's Museum is packed with great games, activities and food for kids to enjoy...all for a great cause! Order tickets in advance to avoid waiting in long lines, or purchase tickets the day of the event. For advance ticket sales complete the form below, attach payment (please don't staple checks) and drop in the ticket order box in the main entry at Aldrich by **Friday, April 22nd**. Your order will be placed in your child's cubby the week of the carnival. **The carnival is held rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable.**

Ticket Information

Tickets are required for all activities. No cash please! Each activity will require 1 to 4 punches on a ticket punch card to participate. One \$10 punch card will let you visit each indoor Discovery Room. Buy two \$10 punch cards and you can also enjoy the outdoor inflatables along with other activities and games.

Food Information

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Cut here and return lower portion with payment

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ AM or PM (circle one)

STUDENT'S ROOM: _____ MWF or T/TH or 5 DAY (circle one)

TICKET ORDERS:					
20 Punches	\$10	x _____	=	\$ _____	
10 Punches	\$5	x _____	=	\$ _____	
Single Punch	\$0.50	x _____	=	\$ _____	
Food Ticket #1	\$5	x _____	=	\$ _____	
Food Ticket #2	\$8	x _____	=	\$ _____	
Raffle Ticket	\$1	x _____	=	\$ _____	
TOTAL ORDER: \$					

Make checks payable to AMNS. Please return by Friday, April 22nd.



Carnival Volunteer Form "The Aldrich's Children's Museum"

Please sign up to help at "The Aldrich Children's Museum" carnival. This fundraiser is the biggest event of the year for Aldrich, and we need the help and support of all parents. If you are willing to work at an activity for approximately 2 hours or provide other help, please fill out the information below and return it to the office by **Friday, April 29th**.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Room: _____ AM PM

Days: MWF T/TH M-F

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I can work a carnival shift
<input type="checkbox"/> 10am-12pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 12pm-2pm | <input type="checkbox"/> I can provide bake sale items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can donate items for raffle | <input type="checkbox"/> I can help with something else |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I can donate an item to the silent auction | <input type="checkbox"/> I can donate \$20 for a child to attend the carnival |

Please return your pledge of time and/or items to the office by Friday, April 29th.

Thank you for your support!