



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT EVENTS

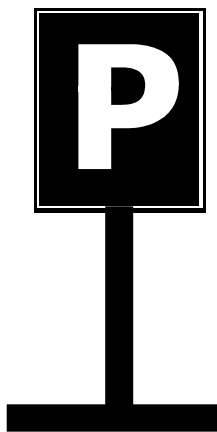
If you are still interested in using the Parents' Day Out for running errands, going out to lunch or anything else you may want to use it for, please be sure to get signed up right away, as the 15th is just around the corner. This event will be from 10am - 1pm

We have also started planning a Parents' Night Out for January and February. **Look for the sign up sheet for the January 5th event to come out December 17th.**

February's Parents' Night Out will be held on **Saturday February 2nd. Sign up will start January 21st.**

Both January's and February's events will be from 5-8pm. Cost is \$14 for first child and \$12 for each additional child.

Parents' Night Out is run by volunteers. Our goal is to provide one per month. If you are interested in volunteering, so we can keep this event going, please call Wendy Reynolds at 285-5268 or email at wendyre@charter.net. Volunteers will receive a voucher for one child's admission to a future Parents' Night Out.



New Parking Signs!

In order to alleviate a little bit of the congestion in the parking lot we will now be opening up the parking by the main entrance for carpoolers. New parking signs will be posted to show where and when parking will be allowed here.

The spaces to the left of the entrance will be available at all times for those carpooling. The spaces to the right of the entrance will be available for parking on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays (this area is required for bus parking on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Library Book



Due Date!

Library Books due no later than December 14th, 2007. Please return library books before winter break to the blue book bins. Thank you for your cooperation!

Registration for 2008-2009

Registration will begin on January 2nd for families with children currently enrolled at Aldrich, or who have had children here in the past. Registration packets will be handed out to you by your child's teacher on the 2nd or 3rd. These materials may be turned in to the office any time after you receive them.

Current and past families have the opportunity to enroll their children **before** registration is open to the public on January 21. **On the 21st all families will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.**

NEW BOOKS in the PARENT SECTION of the LIBRARY

Reading Right from the Start by Toni S. Bickart and Diane Trister Dodge

This book uses the everyday routines that you do with your children – bathing, dressing, eating, shopping, chores etc. – to demonstrate how to build vocabulary, learn about conversations and discover meaning from the written word.



Between Parent and Child by Haim G. Ginott

This book which was first published 35 years ago is revised and is based on a theory that parenting is a skill that can be learned and shows how to 1) discipline without threats, bribes, sarcasm and punishment 2) criticize without demeaning, praise without judging, and express anger without hurting 3) acknowledge rather than argue with children's feelings, perceptions, and opinions 4) respond so that children will learn to trust and develop self-confidence.

No by David Walsh, PhD

Dr. David Walsh provides you with an arsenal of tactics, explanation and examples for using *No* the right way with your kids. His memorable, affecting and sometimes humorous anecdotes help you regain confidence in your own ability to say, *No*, as they remind you that you are not alone in your parenting struggles.

Sleep by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.

This book contains wise advice on * stretching out a baby's sleep hours, * night waking, * sleepwalking * fears and nightmares * preventing SIDS * effective bedtime rituals * deciding whether to start a family bed.

Discipline by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.

This book discusses Brazelton's unique approach to discipline, methods that work and methods that don't work. It talks about using the power of consequences and ways to encourage moral development and empathy. It addresses how to deal with all kinds of misbehavior from biting and fighting to cheating, lying and foul language and also how to help a child learn self-discipline.

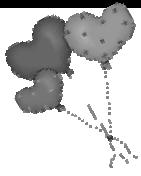
Understanding Sibling Rivalry by T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.

Discover how to defuse bickering and help to strengthen warm relationships per Dr. Brazelton. He has sensible advice on introducing a new baby, meltdowns, scapegoating, siblings in blended families, adopted siblings, sex play and competition in school.

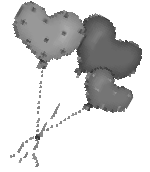
Top ways to reduce parking lot stress.....



- * Watch out for fast moving children
- * Don't use cell phones while trying to park
- * Be courteous...don't pull out in front of others
- * Follow the arrows...don't drive against the flow of traffic
- * Please don't park in the middle turning area



Valentine's Day Party



Mark your calendars for the Aldrich Valentine's Party, Saturday, February 9, 2008.

This is a fun event for the kids to celebrate Valentine's Day. There will be crafts, games, music, stories, snacks, and a special character appearance.

This is a drop-off event for children ages 3 to 5, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

The cost is \$9.00 per child.

Parent volunteers are what make this event possible. If you are interested, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the office. Sign-up is on a first come first serve basis.

You won't want to miss this fun event!!

Parking Lot Safety



As your family's safety is of utmost importance to us, please remember the following safety guidelines when a school bus or other large vehicle is parked in front of the school or in the parking lot.

- Do not cross directly in front of or behind the parked vehicle. The driver may not be able to see you.
- Do not allow your child to walk or run ahead of you in the parking lot. Preschoolers are not always easy to spot without an adult next to them, especially for a driver of a bus, delivery truck, SUV, or van.



Lunch Bunch Dates 2008

The revised Lunch Bunch dates for January – May are as follows:

January 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25 (sign-up starts Thursday, Jan. 3, AM)

February 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29 (sign-up starts Monday, Jan. 28, AM)

March 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28 (sign-up starts Tuesday, Mar. 4, PM)

April 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 (sign-up starts Monday, Apr. 7, PM)

May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 (sign-up starts Tuesday, Apr. 22, AM)

A reminder of the sign-up policy for Lunch Bunch: Each child is only allowed to be signed-up for one Lunch Bunch each week.

***Parents: If you are interested in volunteering,** please contact Lisa Singer at 288-9248 / e-mail: lisa_wolfgang@yahoo.com

Thank you to all of our wonderful Lunch Bunch volunteers who continue to donate their time, as well as to all the Aldrich parents who support the Lunch Bunch program.

Thank you for Making Ageless Art a Success!

It was so fun hosting the Ageless Art Event at Aldrich this year. Without the tireless efforts of the board members, artists, and Aldrich staff it would not have been possible. We would like to list those individuals who have volunteered their time, donated art, or donated items from their business to make this event happen:

Bonnie Stauff	Allison Benike and Family	Sara Royer
Dorey Johnson	Amy Bolding and Family	Laura Berg
Chuck Johnson	KatieAnn McKee and Family	Dan Fryer
Johnson Printing	Wendy Reynolds and Family	Susan Benysh
Java Detour	Nina Sargent and Family	Debbie Ramirez-Higuerra and Family
Andy's Liquor	Jill Hillehiem and Family	Tony Dukart
Daniels Restaurant	Erica Ambourn and Family	Carrie Boes
Larry Scilley	Kim Butters	Nikki Anglin
Gwen Scilley	Denise Dupras	Bret Kendall
Julie Hermes and Hermes Family	Kari Makoutz	Jim Krom
Rachel Skinner	Brenda Reichel	Bill Ryan
Joni Grosso	Melissa Domnick	Cat Thisius
Cindy Benike	Cheryl Arnold	Raymond Auger
Travis Dynes	Dana Pollinger	Tracy Auger
Marla KruseDenise Fogarty	Wayne Odell	Marit Lomen
Kaya Garcia	Tom Johnson	Stacy Drenckhahn
Nikki Kranebell and Family	Peter Jadoonath	Amy Brooks and Bubble by Brooks

Thank you!
It would not be possible without your help!

THANK YOU

For Making a Difference in Our Community

- Your wonderful efforts for the food drive at Aldrich to support the Channel One Food Bank raised 317 pounds of food! The food will be distributed to low-income Olmsted County families in need.
- Did you know that members of the Aldrich staff supported Habitat for Humanity by wrapping gifts at Apache Mall on December 1?
- Toys are being collected in December in the barrels in the hallway for the Salvation Army Toy & Joy Shop. Contributions are appreciated!

Thank You...Thank You...Thank You