

THE Aldrin Announcer

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"Caring and Learning go Hand-in-Hand"

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The Aldrin Announcer is your PTA/School news source.



Hello Aldrin Families!

We want to extend an invitation to you to join the Aldrin PTA. We **only need 25 more members** to sign up so that we can reach our goal. Join today and help us make our goal. Imagine the possibilities that PTA could provide if every family had at least one member signed up! A form to join is in this newsletter.

We encourage you to read the Aldrin announcer to be informed about upcoming events, programs and PTA volunteer opportunities that impacts Aldrin, you and your child.

Attached to the announcer you will find a flyer regarding the High School Scholarship program from the STC, as well as two fliers from The Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation for upcoming events, please check them out.

If you ever have any questions, comments, concerns or ideas, please call us or send us an email.

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Aldrin PTA Meetings 2011-2012



February 15, 2012	(Wednesday)	12:15 p.m.	Board Meeting
March 14, 2012	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	General Meeting (Election of Officers)
April 11, 2012	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting
May 16, 2012	Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	Board Meeting

Please come join us and see what we are all about !

ALDRIN

January/February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Classes Resume	<i>4</i> Hot Dog Day PTA Meeting 7pm	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> College Shirt Day	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Birthday Books	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL PreSchool/EC/ Kindergarten 11:40am Dismissal 1 st - 6 th	<i>13</i> Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Observed	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Hot Lunch	<i>19</i> Market Day	<i>20</i> Aldrin Pizza Day	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> PTA School Store at Lunch Spiritwear Black/White Day	<i>25</i> Hot Lunch	<i>26</i> PTA School Store at Lunch Parent Paid PreSchool Fair Schaumburg Library 7pm	<i>27</i> Author Assembly	<i>28</i>
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	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> PTA Birthday Books at Lunch	<i>8</i> NO SCHOOL Pre-School/EC/ Kindergarten 11:40am Dismissal 1 st -6 th Roller Skating 1-3pm at Coachlite	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>

Please be sure to visit the Virtual Backpack often, as the flyers and information are constantly changing! This website was created to eliminate paper in backpacks and provide links to community educational & recreational events for children and their families. The address for the virtual backpack is <http://sd54.org/virtualbackpack>.



ALDRIN SPIRIT WEAR

We have many spirit days throughout the school year. Please see the spirit days below and encourage your student to participate.

January 24	Black and White Day
February 14	Pink and Red Day
March 16	Green Day
April 25	Sports Jersey Day (Wear your favorite Sports Jersey)
May 25	Red, White and Blue Day



6TH GRADE STUDENTS – YOUTH SURVEY

The 6th graders at Aldrin school will be participating in the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) on February 2nd. It is a statewide self-reported adolescent survey administered every other year in Illinois schools and is designed to gather information about a variety of health and social indicators including alcohol and other drug use, nutrition and fitness, violence, bullying, gambling, depression, perceptions of school climate, and more. No names or personal identifiers (e.g. IDs) are collected from students in order to protect confidentiality and promote truthful responses. No individual school or district results are released publicly without written permission from the school/district administrator. Data gathered will be used to implement prevention and intervention programs. A more detailed form will be sent home this week with 6th grade students, which includes a permission denial form. Please contact school social worker, Rachel Bobren #847-357-5433, if you have further questions.

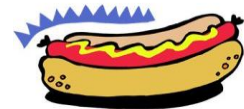
Aldrin School Store is Coming!

Aldrin School store will be here soon! Check your desk and see what you could use, or just come for something new and fun!



*Shop during your lunchtime recess
\$3 purchase limit
Tuesday, January 24th –classrooms that are odd numbered
Thursday, January 26th -classrooms that are even numbered*

The Aldrin PTA School Store Committee



HOT DOG DAYS - UPDATE

Please be advised that Hot Dog Day dates have changed for the remainder of the school year.

Hot Dog Days will now occur on:

**Thursday, February 2nd
Thursday, March 8th
Thursday, April 5th**

ALDRIN'S ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Is on Wednesday, February 8th

1:00 - 3:00 PM



WHERE: Coachlite Skate Center
1291 Bryn Mawr
Roselle, IL 60172
630-893-0298

Cost: \$4 per skater
In-line skate rental \$4
Regular skate rental \$2

Come join the families of Aldrin for a fun filled afternoon of skating. Whether you are an expert roller skater or just learning, this is a fun afternoon with friends. Parents coming to watch do not need to purchase a ticket. Coachlite's policy is that you skate at your own risk. Your skates and roller blades will be inspected at the entrance. Baseball hats are not allowed on the premises.

Please note: If you are dropping off your child please be absolutely sure you are there to pick them up by 3:00pm.

Family Fun Night

Come play PBIS Bingo at Aldrin's annual Family Fun Night. Your entire family is welcome for an evening of games, dancing and treats. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Date: Tuesday, February 28th

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Location: Aldrin Gym

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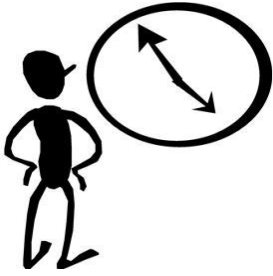
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The Winter Carnival is just a month away- Friday, Feb. 24th, from 5-9pm. Are you ready to have some fun? Then join us. See what we have in store for you.



Order Your Aldrin 2011-2012 Color Yearbook

The Pre-Order price of \$18.00 has been extended to January 31st. Starting 02/01/12, the price for a yearbook will be \$20.00!

Notices on red paper were sent home if we didn't see an order for you as a friendly reminder.

ORDER NOW – DON'T WAIT !!

(Books will be distributed towards the end of the school year.)

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Room # & Teacher's Name _____
(If Preschool or Kindergarten, please indicate AM or PM)

Yearbook _____ x \$18.00 = \$ _____
(QTY) (price good until 12/16/11)

If you are ordering for more than one child, you may pay with one check (Payable to Aldrin PTA), but please fill out a new form for each child !!!

Return to your child's classroom in an envelope marked Yearbook Order Form – PTA

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Reck at 847/584-1662.

**CELEBRATE READING AND WRITING
2012**

Now is the time for your budding young authors to shine! Students may write any genre for this program. They may write at home or in school. Collaborative projects are welcomed, too!

Please screen your books before passing them on to Gina Brown (downstairs classrooms) and Cherie Stanley (upstairs classrooms). Please turn in completed books by Friday, March 9th. Turn in as many as you wish!

All writers and their families are invited to participate in the Celebration which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th from 5:30 pm--7:00 pm in the Aldrin Gym. Participants will receive a certificate and small token of recognition.

Please feel free to contact Megan Koncel, Gina Brown, or Cherie Stanley with questions.

General:

1. Guidelines should be read before production begins.
2. Classroom teachers, using these guidelines, should screen books.
3. Teachers will be responsible to monitor content.
4. Neatness and overall appearance are characteristics of published books.

Binding:

1. Books should be neat looking, carefully bound.
 - ◆ Plastic spirals
 - ◆ Bare Books
 - ◆ Folders

Coverings:

1. Covers may be laminated, fabric, or contact paper, or other material.
2. Covers must have titles and author's name.

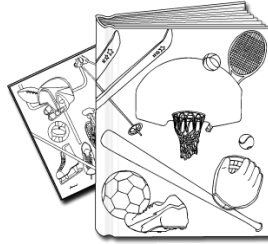
Page Format:

1. Manuscript identification page (see attached), needs to be placed on the backside of the front cover.
2. The first page (front and back) after the cover should be blank. The next page is the title page and should include the title of the book and the author's name.
3. Story pages follow, beginning on the right side. May use front and back, or right side only.

Illustrations:

1. Markers, colored pencils, crayons, paint, fabric and/or art tissue may be used.
2. Pictures may be hand-drawn, cut out, and glued into the book.
3. Original mounted photographs may be used.
4. Graphics should support text (can be computer). Original illustrations are encouraged.

2012 Celebrate Reading and Writing—Order your Bare Books Now!!



Calling all Aldrin Authors! Now is the time for you to publish your work! Your teacher will give you more direction about this event, but please note that the Celebrate Reading and Writing Awards program will take place in the Aldrin School gym on the evening of Wednesday, March 14th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Orders are now being taken for blank Bare Books. These hard covered, fully-bound books contain 28 blank pages (14 sheets). All books are constructed with quality white paper and are suitable for crayons, watercolor markers, colored pencils and other writing and coloring materials.

We are offering two styles this year:

Small Bare Books are bound in a portrait orientation and measure approximately 8 x 6 inches. Each has 28 pages. → Cost \$1.75 each.

Big Bare Books are bound in a portrait orientation and measure approximately 11 x 8 inches. Each has 28 pages. → Cost \$2.25 each.

-----Please clip and return this form to your child's teacher-----

Student's name _____

Room _____

Description	Quantity Wanted	Price Each	Amount
Small Unlined Bare Book		\$1.75	
Big Unlined Bare Book		\$2.25	
			Total:

Pay by cash or checks. Please make checks payable to Aldrin School.

All orders due by Friday, February 3rd , 2012.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 PRESCHOOL

You are invited to attend the Parent Paid Preschool Fair
On Thursday, January 26th
At the Schaumburg Library from 7:00pm - 8:30pm



Children ages 3, 4, 5

(Program Choices)

2 days a week - Tuesday/Thursday

3 days a week - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 days a week

Regular School Days: 8 - 10:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Early Release Wednesdays: 8 - 10:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Parent Paid Preschool Registration for Aldrin School

Will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012

Between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 3:30p.m.

For addition information please call

The Aldrin School office at 847-357-5400



The Aldrin PTA is looking for you! We only need 25 more members to make our membership goal.

Our goal is to sign up 358 members for our Aldrin PTA. We have signed up 333 members so far. Please help us reach our goal. We are so close!

Show your support by joining, please take a few minutes to fill out the form below and return it to school in an envelope marked “Membership” to the PTA folder in your child’s classroom if you haven’t done so already. Your card will be delivered back to the classroom for your child to bring home to you. Your family name will be put on a **record** and added to our **“ROCK and ROLL”** membership board located in the front hallway. We are looking to fill up our board this year. We are almost there.

Who can be an Aldrin PTA Member? *Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles, Alumni, Community Members, Friends, Neighbors, Staff Members – Anyone who wants to help our kids succeed!*

You must sign your card for it to be valid, and please keep it in a safe place.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address _____

Child(s) Name: _____ Homeroom _____

**Membership Fee for the 2011—2012 school year will be:
2 Memberships for \$10.00 or 1 Membership for \$6.00**

Make Checks payable to Aldrin PTA!

of Memberships _____

Total Due \$ _____

(Translations of the Membership Article in Spanish and Polish can be view on the schools website)

Thank you,
Lisa Reck
Membership Chairperson



VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOUR HELP, WE NEED YOU !

Do you and your child love having Hot Dog Days? How about Hot Lunch? What about the upcoming Winter Carnival? These are only a few of the many committees that need your help!

Guess what? Right now, we are running very low on volunteers. If we don't have volunteers to help out at these and other functions, **we will have to cancel them.**

*Our **Hot Lunch Committee** is looking for **more volunteers** to help out at lunch time on Wednesdays, once a month, if interested, please email Lottie DeVito at charlottedevito@att.net or Donna Porter at donnap464@gmail.com or fill out the form below.

*The **Hot Dog Committee** is looking for a **chairperson** and **more volunteers** to help out. This is a lunch time committee, on Thursdays, once a month. If interested, please contact Molly Bryant at molly_matt_bryant@comcast.net or fill out the form below.

*The ever popular **Winter Carnival** is coming up on February 24th. This committee needs about **200 volunteers** to make this night run smoothly, so that all who attend have a great time. **Right now we have a handful of volunteers.** If interested, please contact Molly Bryant at molly_matt_bryant@comcast.net or Lisa Reck at lr0510@comcast.net or fill out form below.

We do know and understand that everyone's time is precious and everyone has commitments, but again, these are only a few of the many committees that we need help with and if we don't have the help, **we will have to cancel the events.** Can you **please** find some time to help us out?

YES – I would like to Volunteer so that the events keep on running at Aldrin !!

(If there is another committee that you know of that isn't listed above, that you would like to help out with, please list it).

Volunteer Name(s): _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Student Name: _____ Room #: _____
I can help with: _____

We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to read this! Please feel free to contact one of the people mentioned above if you would like to help out or return this form to your child's classroom in an envelope marked - **Volunteer Help**



Looking for Kindergarten girls who are interested in becoming a Daisy Girl Scout!

Learn more about Girl Scouts and how you can be part of a great organization! Girls and leaders from other Aldrin troops will be there to talk about all the fun things they do-field trips, the lock-in, camping, service projects, and more! We'll have refreshments and do a craft!

Come with your parent or guardian to our start-up troop recruitment meeting.
Monday January 23rd @7pm @Frost Jr High, 320 W. Wise Rd., in the cafeteria

For more information contact CheryJancaric. Jancaric@yahoo.com or 630-539-1620

SD54 BLOOD DRIVE



On Feb. 14th, show someone you how much you love them, Donate some blood. You can give blood at the Schaumburg District Office from 1-7pm. One pint of blood helps 3 people. A burn victim, a cancer patient and someone having surgery just to name a few. How will you help? Any questions call Heather Collier at 630.483.8991 or Molly Bryant at 630.307.8499

Box Tops



We are half way to our goal of \$1,000 in box tops! The next mail date is February 26th, so send in your box tops so they can be counted. Don't forget to send in all the bonus box top you may have collected at your local grocery store.

Do you **GROUPON?**

Support the District 54 Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation by registering for this exciting SD54 Foundation Groupon/Amazon initiative at www.ce4psdeals.com

Help the District 54 Foundation by registering... and spread the word! Everywhere around the country, people can help the Foundation – feel free to pass this information along.

For more details, check out the link below or contact the Foundation at found54@sbcglobal.net or (847) 352-0652

<http://d54foundation.com/news/2011/09/28/foundation-linked-to-groupon-amazon/>



Exceptional Children - ADHD

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most common childhood disorders and can continue through adolescence and adulthood. Symptoms include difficulty staying focused and paying attention, difficulty controlling behavior, and hyperactivity. ADHD has three subtypes: predominantly hyperactive-impulsive, predominantly inattentive, and combined hyperactive-impulsive inattentive which is the most common type of ADHD. Treatments can relieve many of the disorder's symptoms, but there is no cure. With treatment, most people with ADHD can be successful in school and lead productive lives. Inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity are the key behaviors of ADHD. It is normal for all children to be inattentive, hyperactive, or impulsive sometimes, but for children with ADHD, these behaviors are more severe and occur more often. To be diagnosed with the disorder, a child must have symptoms for 6 or more months and to a degree that is greater than other children of the same age. ADHD is a medical diagnosis.

Children who have symptoms of inattention may:

- * Be easily distracted, miss details, forget things, and frequently switch from one activity to another
- * Have difficulty focusing on one thing
- * Become bored with a task after only a few minutes, unless they are doing something enjoyable
- * Difficulty focusing attention on organizing & completing a task or learning something new
- * Trouble completing or turning in homework assignments, often losing things (e.g., pencils, toys, assignments) needed to complete tasks or activities
- * Not seem to listen when spoken to
- * Daydream, become easily confused, and move slowly
- * Have difficulty processing information as quickly and accurately as others

Children who have symptoms of hyperactivity may:

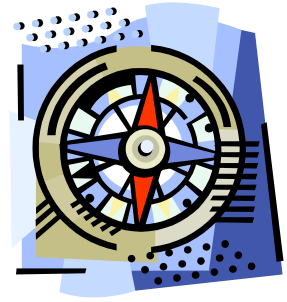
- * Fidget and squirm in their seats, talk nonstop
- * Dash around, touching or playing with anything and everything in sight
- * Have trouble sitting still during dinner, school, and story time
- * Be constantly in motion, have difficulty doing quiet tasks or activities.

Children who have symptoms of impulsivity may:

- * Be very impatient, often interrupt conversations or others' activities.
- * Blur out inappropriate comments, show their emotions without restraint, and act without regard for consequences
- * Have difficulty waiting for things they want or waiting their turns in games
- * Often interrupt conversations or others' activities.

Tips to Help Kids Stay Organized and Follow Directions

- * Keep the same routine every day, from wake-up time to bedtime. Include time for homework, outdoor play, and indoor activities. Keep the schedule on the refrigerator or on a bulletin board in the kitchen. Write changes on the schedule as far in advance as possible.
- * Have a place for everything; this includes clothing, backpacks, and toys.
- * Use organizers for school material and supplies. Stress to your child the importance of writing down assignments and bringing home the necessary books.
- * Children with ADHD need consistent rules they can understand and follow.
- * Children with ADHD often receive and expect criticism. Look for good behavior, and praise it.



Navigating Community Resources

- *Has your child been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum or as having a Developmental Delay?*

- *Do you find yourself confused about how to locate the essential community services, or even how to identify the services that your child or adolescent needs?*

If you answered "yes" to these questions, please join us as we explore the following areas:

- Community Resources- what is available
- First steps in connecting to resources
- Services available with private or public insurance
- Supports available to the family (siblings and parents)
- The effect of the diagnosis on the family
- *How* to talk to your child and *when* to talk to your child (or others in their lives) about the diagnosis
- Any other questions you may have...

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Place: District Office (524 E. Schaumburg Rd.)

Presenter: Brianne Lukowski, Psy.D., Clinical Navigator,
Autism Spectrum and Developmental Resource
Center, Alexian Brothers Hospital Network

Interested? Please sign up by e-mail at SPU@sd54.org or contact Meg Kwak at (847)357-5534.

Free childcare will be provided and a gift card drawing held!
This presentation will be presented in English

At the midyear mark, here's how District 54 is faring

**By Ed Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools
Published in the *Daily Herald* on Thursday, January 12, 2012**

Annually, the District 54 Board of Education approves a variety of projects aligned with our mission of ensuring student success. These projects guide our work and support our staff in meeting the district's student achievement goals. A complete list of this year's projects can be found on our website at www.sd54.org/.

Progress is monitored on a regular basis at both the individual school and district levels. The midyear status report on several of the key projects is highlighted below.

Early elementary students continue to experience significant gains in reading with the second year of successful implementation of the K-2 Literacy Plan and Assessment Package.

Our English Language Learners have been making substantial progress with the instructional program improvements that were instituted last year. Due to the progress that our students are making, District 54 was selected as one of only 10 districts across the country to participate in a best practice research study conducted by the United States Department of Education. The findings will be made available for other districts to replicate.

A new interactive social studies curriculum is being taught in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students are excited, more engaged with the content, and better able to understand and apply their new learning in real life situations.

New opportunities for students to participate in art, music and physical education enrichment activities are taking place in all 21 of our elementary schools. Students are being provided with supplemental classes which allow them to explore, learn about and further develop specific areas that may be of interest. Feedback from students, parents and staff has been extremely positive.

To keep pace with the ever-changing world of instructional technology, hardware and software upgrades have been initiated in all 27 schools. The final rollout will be completed by early spring.

The online communication tool which will enable parents to view their children's grades will be fully operational in all six of our junior high schools by the end of February. Parents and students will be able to monitor assignments and class grades in real time.

To continue to strengthen the District's commitment to being transparent, a Web-based system for creating, posting and storing board of education meeting information and supporting documents is now available on our website.

An additional school boundary change recommendation will be part of the annual staffing plan, which will be presented at the first school board meeting in March. Impacted families have already been notified. The changes to school boundaries that have occurred over the past two years have helped to balance and stabilize student enrollment across the district.

The PTA, YMCA, other local community agencies and District 54 have been working together to support and promote the Healthier Communities Initiative. Healthier hot lunch alternatives and planning for increasing the number of schools that plant vegetable gardens are only two of the many changes that are beginning to occur.

To augment the internal monitoring process of the district's progress, we participate in an annual independent benchmarking study. This helps us evaluate our progress in comparison to other school districts across the state. Results from this year's benchmarking study indicate that District 54 continues to make strong and steady gains in every area. Over the past several years, our district has moved to being in the top 9% when ranked against all other school districts in Illinois.

The results indicate that our students continue to make remarkable progress. The positive outcomes we are seeing each year can be directly attributed to the leadership of our board of education; the outstanding teachers, support staff and administrators who work in our district; and the ongoing support that we receive from our parents and community.