

THE

Aldrin Announcer

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The Aldrin Announcer is your PTA/School news source.



From your Aldrin PTA Co-Presidents, Hello and Happy New Year!

It is our hope that you had some nice quality time with family and friends over the winter break! We are ready for the school year to get underway. We have a lot of PTA events coming up and it is sure to be a fabulous 2012!

We encourage you to show your support of the many programs that are still to come for the remainder of the year at Aldrin. Below are just a few:

- *Our monthly Market Day pick up, Birthday Books, Hot Lunch, Fun Food and Hot Dog Days
- *The upcoming, ever popular Winter Carnival in February
- * The Reading Recognition Dinner in April

We want to extend an invitation to you to join the Aldrin PTA. 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! Your PTA membership allows us to do so much for the students, staff and families. It's not too late to join, your membership will be put to good use, we promise!

A form to join is in this newsletter, you will be able to see how close we are to our goal and a form can also be found on our school's website. **Your membership does a lot for the school and the students of Aldrin. Please join!**

Attached to the announcer you will find a flyer regarding the GEMS program for 5th and 6th grade girls as well as an article for the High School Scholarship program from the STC, 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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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

January 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 Classes Resume | 4 Hot Dog Day PTA Meeting 7pm | 5 | 6 College Shirt Day | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Birthday Books | 11 | 12 Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL PreSchool/EC/ Kindergarten 11:40am Dismissal 1 st - 6 th Family Fun Day McDonald's 12pm-4pm | 13 Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL | 14 |
| 15 | 16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Observed | 17 | 18 Hot Lunch PTA Holiday Dinner 6:30pm | 19 Market Day | 20 Aldrin Pizza Day Cash & Carry PBIS Assembly 2:30pm | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 School Store at Lunch Spiritwear Black/White Day | 25 Hot Lunch | 26 School Store at Lunch | 27 Author Assembly | 28 |
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LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is quickly accumulating! The items that are currently located in our lost found will be displayed on tables in the front hallway during Parent Conferences. Please be sure to check the items on the tables and take home those that belong to your student. All items unclaimed after Conferences on Friday will be donated to the Community Closet.



Aldrin PTA Meetings 2011-2012



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|--------------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| 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 SPIRIT WEAR

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

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| 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 Je |
| May 25 | Red, White and Blue Day |



BIRTHDAY BOOK

Happy birthday to all the students and staff who have January Birthdays!
In honor of your special day, the PTA would like to present you with a book.
On Tuesday January 10th, there will be an announcement at lunchtime inviting you to come down to the kindergarten hallway to pick out the book of your choice.

Listen for the announcement and have a wonderful Birthday!

If you have any questions about the committee please contact: Jennie Wells 847-466-7040,
jenniferwells@comcast.net

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.



Thank you for supporting Aldrin at the Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Fair on Saturday, December 10th. It was a wonderful event that included staff and students from Aldrin.

We would like to thank everyone that worked together on student artwork, guest reading, 5th and 6th grade caroling, Aldrin Ambassadors, Chime Club, and 6th grade band. Thank you to our 4th grade girl scouts that also helped with this event. We really appreciate all of your time during the busy holiday season.

Happy New Year and we hope to see you at the next Barnes & Noble event!
The Aldrin Book Fair Committee

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

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.

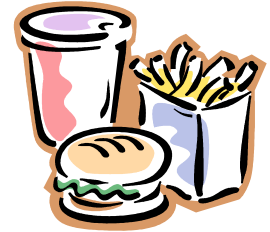
Please note: If you are dropping off your child please be absolutely sure you are there to pick them up by 3:00pm.

Help Support Aldrin School
Family Fun Day

WHEN: **Thursday, January 12, 2012 from 12p.m. – 4 p.m.**

WHERE:

McDonald's
550 S. Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL 60193
(847) 891-4740

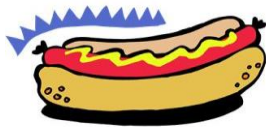


Available for dine in or carryout.

McDonald's will donate 20% back to our school

Hope to see you there!

Family Fun Night 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:

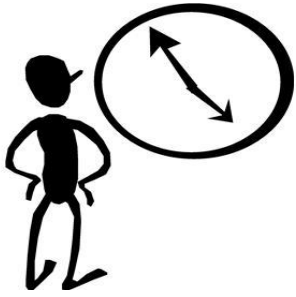
Thursday, February 2nd
Thursday, March 8th
Thursday, April 5th

Don't forget, forms for the Six Flags Reading need to be returned by via your classroom PTA folder by Friday, January 20, 2012 to be eligible for a free ticket.

The program details are also attached to this announcer.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Lisa Reck at 847-584-1662 at 6 p.m.





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.

Schaumburg Library Art Show



The Schaumburg Library Art Show is an annual exhibit that takes place during the months of January through March.

District 54 Elementary and Jr. High Schools take turns displaying some of their best student artwork.

Aldrin School will have eleven pieces of outstanding work on display from January 10 - 23, 2012.

Stop by the library and check out the fabulous artwork created by...

Michael Bereszczuk ... Grade 6

Kaitlyn Breede ... Grade 5

Jackie Burchfield ... Grade 6

Kristin Fasiang ... Grade 5

Sinead Fennelly ... Grade 1

Leah Jones ... Grade 6

Arnav Karnik ... Grade 4

Joey Marzillo ... Grade 4

Taylor Schulz ... Grade 3

Wakeem Thornton ... Grade 2

Sarah Tudor ... Grade 5

Congratulations on a job well done!

Mrs. Mellicker



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**

**ALDRIN PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS
2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Aldrin PTA Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions. Please consider nominating someone you know, whom you feel could serve the PTA in one of the following capacities. A general description of each position is given below.

PRESIDENT OR CO-PRESIDENTS- Presides over each board meeting with a written agenda for all board members. Attends and represents Aldrin PTA at all council meetings. Oversees each committee under the guidelines of the Aldrin PTA. Sends monthly reminders to committee chairpersons and the executive board on monthly board meetings. Signs all legal documents, contracts and checks for the Aldrin PTA.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- Assist President/Co-President as needed. Responsible for gifts of appreciation for music teacher at the winter/spring concerts, and talent show coordinators. Arrange flag ceremony for all General Meetings. Recognize members, who are leaving the school for their service to the Aldrin PTA, which would include determining honorees, ordering awards through ILPTA and presenting at the PTV Luncheon. Be responsible for inviting the lunch supervisors to PTV luncheon. Be responsible for purchasing flowers and gift for newly elected Executive Board Officers and help with presentation at PTV Luncheon.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT – Reviews the Bylaws and Standing Rules every two years and submits them for approval by the General Membership. Reviews the Roberts Rules of Order as necessary. Makes nametags for all PTA Board Members. Publishes any “Call to Action” information that is passed on from legislation.

3RD VICE PRESIDENT – Serves as chairperson of the Room Parent representatives.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Records and distributes the minutes of all PTA meetings. Keeps a record of the business of the PTA. Keeps a record of the membership.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY- Conducts the correspondence of the Aldrin PTA following the gift and memorial guidelines in the Standing Rules.

TREASURER- Receives all monies of the PTA and keeps an accurate record of receipts and expenditures. Pays out funds in accordance with the budget. Presents a written financial statement at every meeting. Remits to the state a portion of dues paid by each member of PTA. Prepares all financial records for review by the audit committee. Files the appropriate forms with the Internal Revenue Services.)

Each position is a one year term with an individual serving no more than two consecutive terms in any office. **Nominations will be accepted through January 20, 2012, no later. If you would like to nominate an individual, please ask them if they would indeed like to be nominated, complete the form below, place in a sealed envelope marked Nominating Committee-Attn: **Charlotte DeVito** and return it to the PTA folder in your child’s classrooms.**

ALDRIN PTA NOMINATION 2012--2013

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

___ **The above individual has agreed to be considered/nominated for the above position.**



Dear Aldrin Families;

Your student can earn a free ticket to Six Flags Great America, all they have to do is read! It's that simple!

The PTA Reading Recognition Committee invites students to take a reading adventure in the Six Flags Six Hour Reading Program that encourages students to read for fun. **Each student in Kindergarten through 6th grade** who completes six hours (360 minutes) of recreational reading will earn one **FREE** admission ticket valid at participating Six Flags Theme Parks. Students can read books, magazines, newspapers, or comic books silently, aloud, or with an adult – an adult can read to the child, or the child can read to the adult. **Reading that is done for the Pizza Hut Book-It Program DOES NOT count towards the six hour goal.**

Record your reading progress on the attached **Student Reading Log**, return the sheet, signed by a parent/guardian, and completely filled out with all the necessary information to your classroom PTA folder. **Incomplete forms will not be accepted. All forms need to be returned by via your classroom PTA folder by Friday, January 20, 2012 to be eligible for a free ticket.** Late forms will not and cannot be accepted after the deadline.

About the Tickets

Tickets will be distributed to qualifying student by the Reading Recognition Committee toward the end of the school year. The ticket is valid for admission on select dates during the 2012 summer season. **Dates will be printed on tickets.** Tickets are valid for students in grades K-6 only and are not valid for anyone over the age of 13, No Exceptions. Each ticket is valid for one free admission only. Tickets are not for resale and are nontransferable. Lost, stolen, or damaged tickets cannot be replaced.

Look for the Family Discount Offer!

Each Read to Succeed ticket will come with a discounted admission ticket offer for families so that they can celebrate their child's accomplishment. This discount information will be printed on the student ticket and can be accessed at discoveryeducation.com/readtosucceed.

We hope that families enjoy participating in the Read to Succeed Program created by Six Flags.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact:

Lisa Reck 847-584-1662 after 6 p.m.





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

Schaumburg Parent University (SPU)

District #54 is offering parent programs which will be held twice a month at the District Office. This month's classes are listed below. Please register for these classes using the form you received on parent night. If you need another copy, contact Rachel Bobren #847-357-5433 or RachelBobren@sd54.org.

Our Upcoming Classes...

1. **"Family Recipe Book"** - Wednesday, January 18th, 6:00-7:30pm, District Office -- Join us as we make a family recipe book filled with the recipes of your family's favorite treats, or the snacks your children like to prepare for themselves. Bring along 5-7 recipes and a photo that you would like to use as the cover of your recipe book and we will put together a guaranteed best-seller! Limit of 15 families. \$5 per family - pay at the door. This is a "Together Time" class for parents and children. Child care also available. Class in English.
2. **"MAD isn't BAD"** - Monday, January 23rd, 6:30-7:30, District Office -- Do you or your child need to develop anger management skills for personal growth and/or to enhance your relationships? Perhaps anger is interfering with your child's academic performance? In this seminar, participants learn about the different types of anger and that anger is not necessarily a bad thing. Anger actually has a purpose and can be helpful if used correctly. Participants will learn anger reduction techniques, as well as rules about fair fighting. In addition, participants learn how to reduce the anger expression of their children, how to diffuse conflict and how to use strategies for reducing tension at home and school. This is a "Practical Parenting" class for parents only. Child care available. Class in English.

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/>

