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Friday, March 13, 2009

Lunch Menu

(+) contains pork
(-) contains peanuts
Lunch Costs: \$1.80
Milk .35

Monday

Mar. 16

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

Mar. 17

- A. Chicken Tenders
- B. Sloppy Joe Sand.
- C. Hamburger
- D. Chicken Wrap
- E. Pepperoni Salad/Roll*

Fries
Choice of Fruit
Choice of Milk

Wednesday

Mar. 18

- A. Hot dog on a Bun
- B. Cheeseburger
- C. Nachos/Cheese
- D. Ham & Cheese Sub*
- E. Chicken Chef Salad

Corn
Choice of Fruit
Choice of Milk

Thursday

Mar. 19

- A. Fish Nuggets
- B. Chicken Patty Sand.
- C. Taco Salad
- D. Deli Sandwich*
- E. Chicken Caesar Salad

Peas
Choice of Fruit
Choice of Milk

Friday

Mar. 20

- A. Beef Fingers
- B. Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- C. Crisp Tacos
- D. Yogurt & Pretzel
- E. Chef Salad*/Roll

Green Beans
Choice of Fruit
Choice of Milk



Running Calendar...

Mar. 16	Students not in session
Mar. 17-20	3rd Gr. Math ELO 5th Gr. Reading Assessment
Mar. 19	Japanese club has been cancelled
Mar. 23-27	3rd Gr. Reading Assessment 4th Gr. Math Assessment
Mar. 23	I Care Club Meets 3:30-4:15 PM
Mar. 26	Orchestra/Band Concert 7:00 PM
Mar. 30 Apr. 1	1st Gr. Language Arts Assessment
Mar. 30-Apr. 3	4th Gr. Reading Assessment 5th Gr. Math Assessment



SAFETY PATROL

Mar. 17-20

Madison Bender
Avery Daniel
Olivia Grasso
Delaney Kress



****Reminder... When the temperature is below zero, the safety patrol does not go outside. No children or adults will be outside when there is lightning.**

Aldrich Mission Statement

The mission of Bess Streeter Aldrich Elementary School is to guarantee academic excellence through the development of principled, active, inquiring and compassionate life-long-learners. Our school community provides innovative opportunities and challenging programs of intercultural understanding through guided inquiry.

Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten 11:20 – 11:40
First Grade 11:45 – 12:05
Second Grade 12:10 – 12:30
Third Grade 11:30 – 11:50
Fourth Grade 12:20 – 12:40
Fifth Grade 11:55 – 12:15

MPS BOARD MEMBERS

Dave Anderson
Brad Burwell
Julie Kannas
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Looking to get involved in the PTA?

The Aldrich PTA Nominating Committee is looking for interested candidates for the position of PTA president-elect for the 2009-2010 school year. This candidate would then step up to become PTA president in the 2010-2011 school year, and serve as an advisor in 2011-2012. Since this is a 3 year term, we ask that applicants have a current (or incoming) student in 2nd grade or below. You will find a nominating form and a more complete job description in today's newsletter, and under the PTA link on the Aldrich website. Nominations are due to the office no later than March 20, 2009. Self-nominations are encouraged!

Dear Families,

Throughout Millard Public Schools, students in 1st-5th grade take assessments to determine the progress they have made in reaching the learning targets established for their grade level. All 2nd-5th grade students will be taking district assessments called essential learner outcome, or ELO's, in the next six weeks. Today I am writing to share some exciting news with you. Along with students all over MPS, Aldrich's 2nd through 5th grade students will take Math and Science ELO assessments as a computer based assessment, or CBA. This means each student will be completing the ELO assessment on the computer. Over the next few weeks, students will be taught how to use the computer to take the assessments by working through a practice assessment in the computer lab. Soon thereafter, they will take the ELO assessment using a computer in the computer lab. One of the benefits to this method is that the school will receive the results from the ELO math assessments promptly. Therefore, we will be able to communicate the results of the math ELO assessments more quickly to our families.

Below is a chart that shows the testing dates and type of assessment for each grade level. CBA means computer based-assessment. P means paper/pencil assessment.

Grade	Test	Date	Type
2	Math	April 13 th -14 th	CBA
3	Math	March 17 th -20 th	CBA
3	Reading	March 23 rd -26 th	P
4	Math	March 23 rd -26 th	CBA
4	Reading	April 1 st -3 rd	P
5	Reading	March 17 th -20 th	P
5	Math	March 30 th - April 1 st	CBA
5	Listening	April 15 th - 17 th	P
5	Science	April 20 th -22 nd	CBA

If you are wondering how you can help, we would encourage the following:

- Make sure your child is able to get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast.
- Use positive talk about the assessments. Be your child's personal cheerleader for this academic event!
- Encourage your child to slow down and to take his/her time during the assessment. It's not a race to see who is done first. It is important that he/she takes the time to show what they have learned.
- Encourage your child to think carefully about all possible answers. Examine all choices and eliminate those that are obviously incorrect.
- Let them know some of the questions will be easy for them and some will be more difficult. What is important is that they try their individual best!
- Please try to avoid scheduling trips or appointments during the testing dates.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher or myself at 715-2020. Thank you ahead of time, for promoting the importance of school and learning with your child.

Sincerely,
Dr. Melliger

Walking Club Corner...

Ahh, Spring is in the air, so we will be enjoying every day outside that we can. It can still be chilly in the mornings, so don't forget gloves and hats. Don't forget that if your child walks 50 miles this school year, they can join us for our annual Walking Club picnic in May.

Please congratulate the following walkers:

25 Miles

Brandon Mueting
Anna Dubov
Madison Barben

50 Miles

Shelby Burch
Alex Jana
Miranda Sebastian
Ryan Dewell

75 Miles

Noah Burch
Austin Hall
Mariah Kramer
Payton Burch
William Hyland
Haziq Akhter
Kaitlyn Beccard

100 Miles

Justin Taylor
Joseph Zhang
Joseph Toth
Bailey Collins
Adam Lehman
Kyra McCollum
Julia Paul
Tyler Schulz
Luke Miles
Jaxson Goeden
Avery Hall
Lauren Maciejewski
Geordana Gonzales



4th AND 5TH GRADE PARENTS:

Millard Public Schools has information on the Duke University "Talent Identification Program" (TIP). TIP focuses on the identification, development, and support of talented 4th and 5th graders. More information on the full suite of Duke TIP services for gifted students is available at www.tip.duke.edu.

To be eligible to participate in TIP, students should currently be enrolled in 4th or 5th grade, and have been previously identified as being eligible to participate in Millard Public Schools' High Ability Learner (HAL) Program.

If your child meets these criterias and you are interested in enrolling your child, please call Sharon Epstein at 715-2023 for more information or to obtain an application form. Registration may also be completed online at www.tip.duke.edu. The application, along with a \$30 application fee, needs to be mailed to Duke University on or before March 20, 2009.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Millard Public Schools is not recommending this program,
only passing along the information.

I Care Club will meet on March 23, instead of March 9, and there will be no Japanese Club on Thursday, March 19.

Thanks Millard Foundation!
We are grateful to the Millard Foundation for funding our Skills Reinforcement Groups. These groups, meeting before or after school with teachers, have become the new format for the previously run Study Center. A new grant has been written to fund Reinforcement Groups for next year.

The Community is invited to Town Hall Meetings. The school board welcomes conversation with the community it serves. This is an opportunity to share thoughts, ask questions and learn about educational issues.

Please choose a session that is most convenient for you:

Monday, March 23, 7 p.m. at Millard South High School.



Reflections 2008-09

"Wow!"

Nebraska PTA Results

The Reflections Committee is **very** excited to announce the results of the Nebraska PTA Reflections judging! Aldrich received more state awards this year than ever before and more than any other elementary school. The NePTA Reflections Gallery will be posted soon at:

www.nebraskapta.org

NePTA received around 120 entries from PTA's throughout the state. Aldrich submitted the maximum of 12 entries to the state for judging. Six of those entries were awarded Outstanding Interpretation for their category/division and have advanced to the National PTA for judging. Three were given the Award of Excellence and one was given the Award of Merit. All of the NePTA award winners will receive an engraved medal.

Congratulations to all participants and good luck to those who advanced to National judging!

Outstanding Interpretation (Advanced to National judging)

Primary Division (K-2nd Grade):

Camille Ogar – Dance Choreography and Film/Video Production

Kate Mathison – Literature

Luke Miles – Musical Composition

Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)

Angie Arispe – Dance Choreography

Chip Ogar – Film/Video Production

Award of Excellence

Primary Division (K-2nd Grade):

Christian Wood – Visual Arts

Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)

Emily Zhang – Musical Composition

Arden Brewer – Visual Arts

Award of Merit

Intermediate Division (3rd – 5th Grade)

Kayla Ney – Literature



2009-10 School Calendar

*Middle and high school calendars are available at <www.mpsomaha.org>

AUGUST				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

Aug. 12	First Day for Students
Sep. 7	No School - Labor Day
Oct. 13	End of First Quarter
Oct. 14-16	No School - Conferences/Work Day/Professional Development

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

Nov. 26-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22	First Semester Ends
Jan. 6	Second Semester Begins
Jan. 18	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

MARCH				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Feb. 11-12	No School - Conferences/Professional Development
Feb. 15	No School - Presidents' Day - District Professional Development
Mar. 12	End of Third Quarter
Mar. 15	No School - Teacher Work Day

APRIL				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

Apr. 5-9	Spring Break
May 7	Half-Day for Middle Schools (5th Grade Orientation)
May 31	Memorial Day
June 2	Last Day of School - Half Day

MAY				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				



DECEMBER				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

This calendar includes four days of school that may be used in case of inclement weather. **If fewer (or more) days are used, the last day of school will be adjusted accordingly.**

Quarter Dates/Student Days		
Oct. 13	44 days	
Dec. 22	45 days	89
Mar. 12	44 days	
June 2	47 days	91
Total	180 days	

JUNE				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

JANUARY				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

 No School for Students
 Make-up snow days

JULY				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

Board Approved: January 21, 2008

The President-Elect shall:

- a) Work under, and in cooperation with the President and fulfill such other duties as may be assigned by the President. In absence of the President or his/her ability to act, the President-Elect shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.
- b) In absence of both the President and the President-Elect or their ability to act, the other executive board members, in order of their precedence (as determined by the Executive Board), shall perform such duties and exercise the powers of the President.
- c) Attend all PTA general and board meetings.
- d) Perform duties as assigned to them by the agreement of the executive board.
- e) Act as Coordinator in the processing of annual PTA information forms, to include, but not limited to:
 1. Establishment of the school year data base which lists all PTA members, and relevant information, within the first month of the school year.
 2. Extrapolate information from this data base for use by PTA Committee Chairs.
(i.e.: Olympic Day apparel order, yearbook order, committee volunteers)
 3. Assure the PTA secretary has a copy of the data base for use by overall PTA committee.

NOMINATING FORM

ALDRICH PTA

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Position of interest (please circle one) : **President-Elect**

Why are you interested in this position?

What skills do you possess for this position?

What experience in the community or workplace have you had that prepare you for this position?

Please return this form to the school office no later than Friday, March 20th.

BREAKFAST

Starts at 8:20 AM

<p>Monday <u>Mar. 16</u> NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>Tuesday <u>Mar. 17</u> A. Pancake on a stick B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 
<p>Wednesday <u>Mar. 18</u> A. Breakfast Bagel Sandwich* B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 	<p>Thursday <u>Mar. 19</u> A. Breakfast Pizza* B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 
<p>Friday <u>Mar. 20</u> A. Cinnamon Roll B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 	<p>Monday <u>Mar. 23</u> A. French Toast Sticks B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 
<p>Tuesday <u>Mar. 24</u> A. Pancake/Sausage on a Stick* B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 	<p>Wednesday <u>Mar. 25</u> A. Breakfast Bagel Sandwich* B. Cereal C. Yogurt D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 
<p>Thursday <u>Mar. 26</u> A. Breakfast Pizza* B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 	<p>Friday <u>Mar. 27</u> A. Cinnamon Roll B. Cereal C. Yogurt or Cereal Bar D. Wheat Toast Fruit Choice or Juice Milk</p> 