

The Bulldog Bulletin

Alden Primary School – January 2023



A Note from Mr. Stepnick

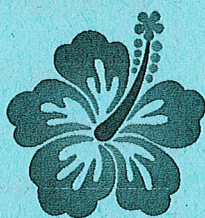
Dear Primary School Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable winter recess and a great end to 2023! I know it was strange to have green grass and 50-degree weather, but hopefully you still got an opportunity to enjoy some time with family and friends during the holidays!

Primary School Updates:

PTO Fun Night

This month, our kindergarten students will have the opportunity to take part in their first-ever PTO Fun Night (Friday, Jan. 19th from 6-8 PM). This year's kindergarten theme is "Hawaiian luau."



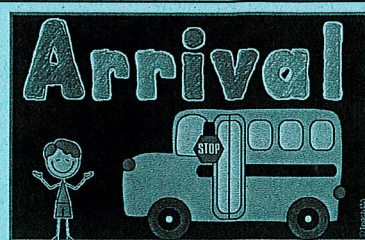
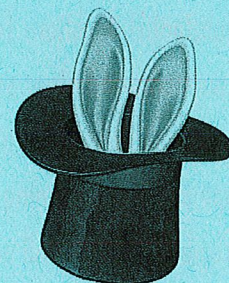
We are still in need of parent volunteers for many of our upcoming events, so if you are willing to help, please reach out to our PTO or attend an upcoming meeting!

Extended Learning Classes

Our last two sessions of extended learning opportunities will begin at the end of the month. These are the final ELO offerings of the 23-24 school year. If your child has been asking to stay after school for a class, please be on the lookout for sign-up information in your email. ELO courses run from 2:45-3:45 PM and students are required to be picked up by an adult at the conclusion of the class.

Anti-Bullying Magic Show - Grade 2

On Friday, January 12th, magician Mike Seege will visit the building to perform some magic tricks and spread a positive message about kindness towards others. All 2nd grade classes are invited to the show!



Just a reminder that our doors open at 7:45 AM and our PS instructional day begins at 8:05 AM. Students arriving after 8:05 will have to enter through the Main Office and will be marked tardy. Students entering the building late should be accompanied by an adult.

Mornings are already a busy time for our Main Office and large groups of students arriving late puts additional strain on our office staff, and creates confusion for our classroom teachers (breakfast, lunch counts, attendance, etc.). If you are having a hard time arriving before 8:05 AM, and would like additional information about your child's bus pickup, please do not hesitate to reach out.

PTO Happenings

Meat Raffle - Sat. February 3rd - Tickets available now!

We are still in need of volunteers for all of our upcoming Fun Nights.



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 9th - 3:00 PM in the PS Library

Questions?

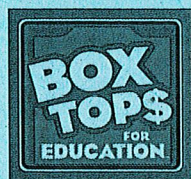
Please contact Mrs. Jackie Canetti, PTO President, at 716-983-1650 or aldenprimarypto@yahoo.com

The January reading log is attached. Keep earning those personal pan pizzas!



Box Tops for Education

Thank you to all of the families that have been scanning in your Box Tops for Education! Our PTO receives substantial donations from Tops that help to fund our fun nights and other school events. If you'd like to help us accumulate additional points, please download the app and start scanning your receipts. Eligible products will automatically be calculated.



Combatting Winter Boredom

Because the January forecasts force many of us to stay indoors more than we're used to, it is easy to let the doldrums of winter take hold. Here's a few quick ideas (with an educational twist, of course) to help break up the day when you hear those dreaded words: "I'm bored."

Play a Game

Many board games are extremely beneficial to students' overall language development. Here's a few suggestions for some fun ways to improve children's speaking and listening skills through play: *Headbandz*, *Guess Who?*, *Outburst*, *Scattergories*, *Catchphrase*.

Get Competitive

Contests (sit-ups, planks, wall sits) are a good way to burn some energy! Indoor tag, (put plastic bags or pieces of streamer paper in your waistline), and obstacle courses, (pillows and blankets make great things to jump over), can also be fun.



Make a Craft

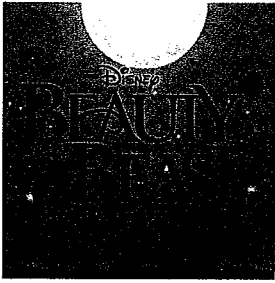
Many crafts that involve cutting, pinching, and sorting force students to utilize important fine motor skills. Sites like "Pinterest" can be a great source of inspiration for just about any month, season, or theme.



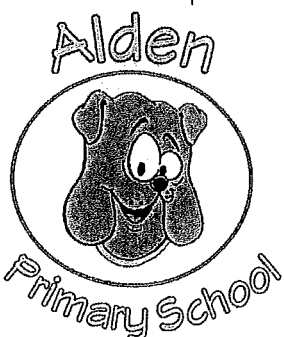
Thank you for your generosity during our December Spirit Week. We were able to raise over \$280 which will be donated to Meals on Wheels of Alden next week. We appreciate your support in giving back to our community organizations!

News and Notes:

* On Wednesday, January 17th, students will be traveling to the main campus to preview this year's MS musical, *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* Reminder notices will be sent home early in the month.








* Please remember that any phone calls to add students to our afternoon pick-up lists should occur in the morning (before 12:00 PM). Although we understand that emergencies occasionally occur, communicating this information to staff gets harder the later we get in the day.



January



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4 BOE Mtg. 6:30 PM HS Library	5 Buffalo Bills Spirit Day -Wear red, white, and blue! 	6
	8	9 PTO Mtg. 3:00 PM	10 *Bible Club resumes	11	12 2 nd Grade - Anti Bullying Magic Show Wear Orange 	13
	15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Bulldog Spirit Day -Wear blue & gold! 	17 MS Musical Preview - 9:35 AM 	18 BOE Mtg. 6:30 PM MS Library	19 Spirit Day (Penguin Day) - Wear black and white Kindergarten Fun Night 6-8 PM	20
	22	23	24	25 UPK Information Night 6:00 (PS Café)	26	27
	29 ELO Begins Spring Session 1	30	31	Middle School Musical (Beauty and the Beast, Jr.) January 18 th - January 20 th		

JANUARY

Monday

Jan 1
Happy New Year!

Jan 8
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Campbell's Tomato Soup
Broccoli
Carrot Coins

Tuesday

Jan 2
Colby Cheese Omelet
Mini Waffles
Carrot Coins
Crinkle Cut Fries

Jan 9
Taco in Bag
Seasoned Rice
Golden Corn
Salsa
Sour Cream

Wednesday

Jan 3
Popcorn Chicken
Buttered Pasta
Baked Vegetarian Beans
Green Beans

Jan 10
Hot Dog on Bun
Baked Vegetarian Beans
Green Beans

Thursday

Jan 4
Elbow Pasta Bake
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Green Beans

Jan 11
Ham Sandwich
Side of Mac & Cheese
Golden Corn
Cucumber Slices

Friday

Jan 5
Creamy Mac and Cheese
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Carrot Coins

Jan 12
Stuffed Crust Pizza
Crinkle Cut Fries
Carrot Coins

Jan 15



Jan 22
Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun
Side of Mac & Cheese
Broccoli
Crinkle Cut Fries

Jan 16

Pancakes with Blueberry Glaze
Sausage Links
Crinkle Cut Fries
Carrot Coins

Jan 23

Taco in Bag
Seasoned Rice
Salsa
Golden Corn
Sour Cream

Jan 17

Golden Crispy Chicken Nuggets
Side of Mac & Cheese
Broccoli
Green Beans

Jan 24

Golden Crispy Chicken Nuggets
Dinner roll OR Side of Mac & Cheese
Baked Vegetarian Beans Carrot Coins

Jan 18

WG Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Green Beans

Jan 25

Elbow Pasta Bake
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Fresh Garden Side Salad

Jan 19

Pizza Crunchers with Marinara Sauce
Carrot Coins
Green Beans

Jan 26

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Campbell's Tomato Soup
Carrot Coins
Green Beans

Jan 29

Mini Turkey Corn Dogs
Dinner Roll
Baked Vegetarian Beans Green Beans

Jan 30

Mini Waffles
Colby Cheese Omelet
Hash Brown Patties
Carrot Coins

Jan 31

Cheeseburger on a Bun
Carrot Coins
Baked Vegetarian Beans

**HIRING FOR SERVER
@ LUNCH: Monday-
Friday 10:15am-1:15pm.**



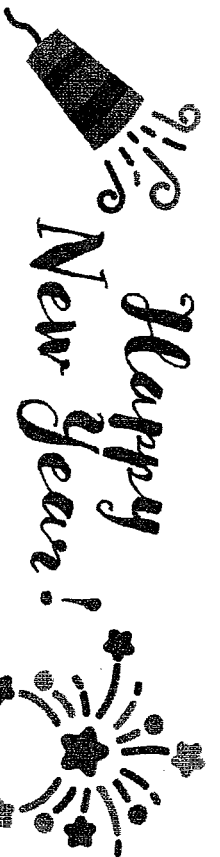
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Daily Items: Milk Variety, Fresh Fruit Variety and Canned Fruit Variety. Always Offered: Pizza, Yogurt Lunch & PB&J.

Interested in working as a Lunch Monitor or Food Service Helper (regular or substitute)? Contact Reanna Lizauckas @ 716-937-9116 X 4186. This Institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change. **ICE CREAM AVAILABLE FRIDAY FOR PURCHASE \$.75-\$1.25 A La Carte Sales: Pretzels \$.75 / Cheese Slice \$.25 / Yogurt 4oz. \$.50/ WG Cheese It \$.50 / Scooby-Doo Gummies \$.75**



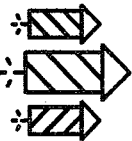


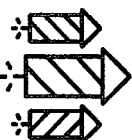
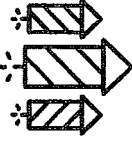


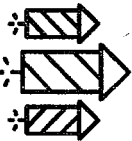


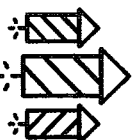
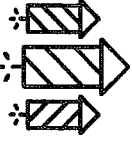


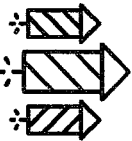


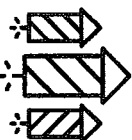
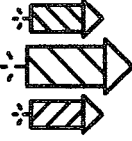


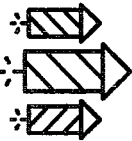


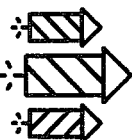
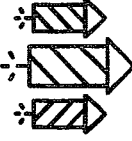


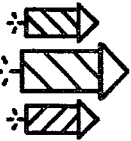


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Reading Log



For each day that you read toward your goal, color in the picture.

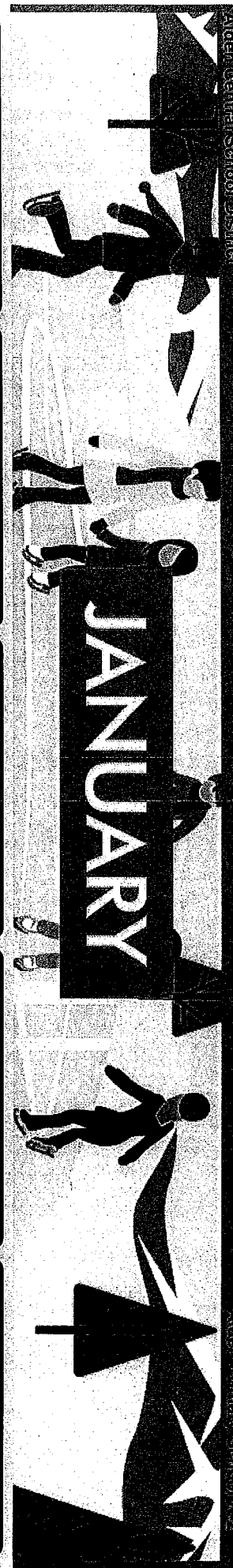
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Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO SCHOOL TODAY Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5
HAPPY NEW YEAR!	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Egg, Sausage & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Juice	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Muffin and Graham Cracker Fresh Juice
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NO SCHOOL TODAY - MLK DAY! Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19
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