

The Bulldog Bulletin



Alden Primary School – September 2023

Notes from Mr. Stepnick

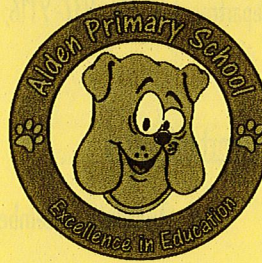
Dear Primary School Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Alden Primary School! Despite being a little tired, I hope your child has come home with lots of exciting stories and the names of several new friends!

Each month, your child will bring home a copy of our school newsletter, "The Bulldog Bulletin." Our newsletter will always contain reminders for the coming month, a calendar of special events, and copies of our breakfast/lunch menus. If you ever misplace your physical copy, Mrs. Ryan posts an online version on our Primary School website in the "For Parents" tab of the Primary School page.

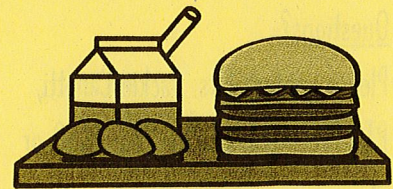
General Reminders

- This year, our school student arrival will occur between 7:45 AM - 8:05 AM. Our cafeteria is open for breakfast until 8:10 AM, so if students plan on eating breakfast at school, they should arrive as close to 7:45 as possible.
- Parents who are picking up K-2 students, should not enter the pick-up loop until after 2:25 PM. Our UPK classes will be utilizing the loop from 2:10 - 2:25 PM each day.
- If your child is a regular pick-up, please be sure to display your Pick-Up Pass in an easy-to-see location (hanging from rear-view mirror or passenger side window).
- If you'd like to speak to your child's teacher, the best time to contact them is between 7:15 - 7:45 AM each morning, or 2:35 - 2:45 PM in the afternoon. You may also call Mrs. Ryan anytime between 7:15 AM - 3:30 PM to leave a voice message. E-mail and classroom apps (like Remind) are often the quickest and easiest ways to get in contact with any of our school staff.
- All students will work with Mrs. Jill Olka (Music), Mr. Neil Wehr (Art), Mrs. Stacey Hause (Digital Literacy), and Mr. Ed Carll & Mrs. Jeannie Cornwell (Physical Education).
- Please be prepared to show photo identification any time you visit the Primary School.
- Cell phones and smart watches are prohibited in the PS classrooms during the school day. Please be sure to review our Primary School Handbook (available online) for additional rules and procedures.



APS Breakfast & Lunch Info

Our school lunch menu will be posted online each month and the application for free and reduced lunch is enclosed (the application can also be found on the District website: www.aldenschools.org. If you think you may qualify, please send the application back. If a 23-24 application is not received and approved, students will incur charges that need to be repaid.



The student lunch price for the 2023-2024 school year is \$2.10 and breakfast is \$1.25. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school each day.

If you need any assistance with questions regarding lunch accounts, you may contact Ms. Reanna Lizauckas, our School Lunch Manager, at 937-9116, ext. 4186.

If your child is supposed to be receiving breakfast and is not attending, please communicate this to their classroom teacher.

PTO Happenings

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 12th - 3:00 PM

@ Alden Primary School (Library)

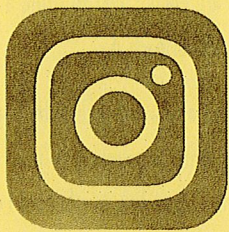
Please join us for our first meeting of the year! We'll discuss topics like our school fundraisers, upcoming school events, and ways that the PTO can help with communication throughout the building.



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Questions?

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

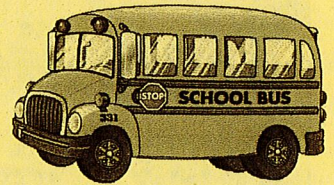


Instagram

@aldenps_

Transportation Services

Bus routes will continue to get smoother as the drivers become more familiar with their students and their stops. Thank you for your patience with this process. If you have specific questions, Ms. Rose Heckathorn or Mrs. Charlene Ciccarelli are available at the Transportation Department at 716-937-9116, ext. 4500.



Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 12th - PS PTO Meeting: APS Library (starts @ 3:00 PM)
- September 11th - 18th - PS/IS Mum Sale - Orders due to your child's teacher by 9/18
- September 26th - 28th - PS Fall Scholastic Book Fair

Free Car Seat Check!

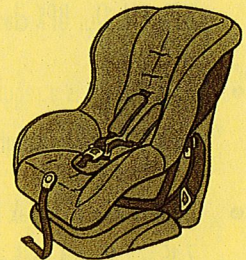


WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 27th - During Mum Sale Pickup

WHERE: Alden Primary School Pick-Up Loop

(Courtesy of the Erie County Sheriff's Department)

Unsure if your car seat is strapped in properly?
Does something seem like it's looser than it should be? Stop by to have an officer look it over for you. Erie County Sheriff's Deputies will be set-up in the APS pick-up loop from 4:00 - 6:00 PM while families are picking up their mum orders.



News and Notes:

*Show your school spirit by wearing your blue and gold Friday, September 29th

*Celebrate the start of the NFL season by wearing your favorite Buffalo Bills gear (or red, white, and blue) Monday, September, 11th

*If you are experiencing financial difficulty regarding school supplies, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Vogl (ext. 6209) for additional information/ support.






*While the weather is still nice, please ensure that students have proper footwear for the playground each day (sneakers).

*Please be prepared to show proper identification each time you enter to the building. We are required to scan licenses before issuing visitor passes.



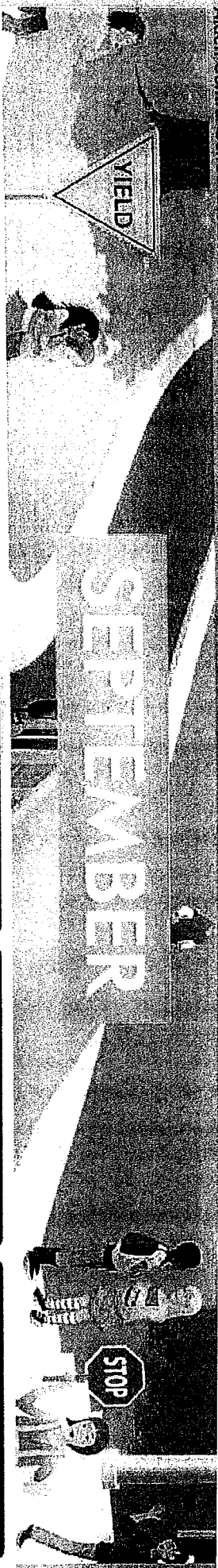
SEPTEMBER



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|--|----------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 4 Labor Day (No School) | 5 First Day of School! | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 11 Spirit Day Bills Day  | 12 PTO Meeting 3:00 PM Primary Library | 13 | 14 BOE Mtg. 6:30 PM HS Library | 15  | 16 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 BOE Mtg. 6:30 PM HS Library | 22 Fall Spirit Day Wear your fall colors!  (orange, brown, red, & yellow) | 23 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Bulldog Day Wear blue & gold!  | 30 |
| Scholastic Book Fair | | | | | |
| | | Mum Sale Pick-Up  | | | |

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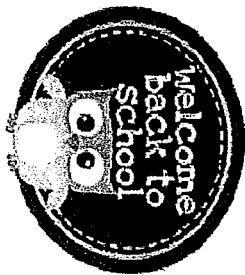
Monday

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Friday



Sep 4

WELCOME BACK!!
STAR Shape Chicken
Nuggets
Dinner Roll
Carrot Coins
Golden Corn

Sep 5

Cheeseburger on a Bun
Crinkle Cut Fries
Baked Vegetarian Beans

Sep 6

Pizza Crunchers
with Sauce
Green Beans
Golden Corn

Sep 7

Creamy Mac and Cheese
Dinner Roll
Carrot Coins
Broccoli

Sep 8

Sep 11

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Campbell's Tomato Soup
Baked Vegetarian Beans
Oven Fries



Mini Waffles
Coley Cheese Omelet
Hash Brown Patties
Carrot Coins

Sep 12

General Tso's Chicken
Seasoned Rice
Broccoli
Green Beans

Sep 13

Pasta / Spaghetti
with
Meat Sauce
Side Salad
Carrot Coins

Sep 14

Wild Milkes Cheese
Bites
with Sauce
Golden Corn
Cucumber Slices with
Ranch Dip

Sep 15

Sep 18

Popcorn Chicken
Buttered WG Pasta
Broccoli
Baked Vegetarian
Beans

Taco in Bag
Seasoned Rice
Golden Corn
Lettuce
Salsa
Sour Cream

Sep 19

Breaded Chicken Patty on Bun
Green Beans
Carrot Coins

Sep 20

Turkey Sandwich
Crinkle Cut Fries
Carrot Coins

Sep 21

Creamy Mac and Cheese
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Green Beans

Sep 22

with Turkey Curry Dips
Carrot Coins
Baked Vegetarian
Beans

Sep 25

Pancakes with Blueberry
Glaze Sausage Links
Hash Brown Patties
Green Beans

Sep 26

Cherry Blossom
Chicken Seasoned Rice
Broccoli
Carrot Coins

Sep 27

Elbow Pasta Bake
Side Salad
Green Beans

Sep 28

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Campbell's Tomato Soup
Golden Corn
Apple Crisp!

Sep 29

Meal Prices & 2nd Meal Prices: Lunch: @ PS \$2.45 / Juice \$.50 - Milk \$.55 - Small Water - \$.050 - Large Water - \$1.00
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 \$0.75 / Cheese Slice \$0.25 / Yogurt 4oz. \$0.50/ WG Cheese It \$0.50 / Scooby-Doo Gummies \$0.75**

Seasonal Fruit

Peaches!





Alden Primary PTO presents the



Fall Mum Sale

*Just in time for fall decorating,
give them out as gifts, or keep them for yourself!*

- Mums come in 9 inch pots for \$9 each. Week's Nursery
- Available in SIX great colors!
- Orders and money (presale only) will be due to your child's teacher on **Sept. 18thth**
- **Pickup Sept. 27th** from 4-7 pm at the
Alden Primary School 11197 Broadway Alden NY 14004
- Contact Jackie Canetti (716) 983-1650 or
aldenprimarypto@yahoo.com with any questions



**NEW!! Sign up for REMIND and receive a message before
Pickup! It's easy! Text @7cd7398 to 81010 to receive reminders**



Child's Name _____ Child's Teacher _____

Phone Number _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Please indicate quantities below color choices.

| WHITE | RED | ORANGE | PURPLE | YELLOW | PINK |
|-------|-----|--------|--------|--------|------|
| | | | | | |

Total \$ Amount included in order: _____

Cash or checks accepted. Please make checks payable to Alden Primary PTO

2023-2024 Student Directory

If you wish to include your contact information in the 2023-2024 School Directory, please fill out the information below. Even if you do not wish to have your information in the directory, your child's name will still be in it. The directory is a useful tool for communicating with other families in the building for play dates, birthday parties, etc. Additionally, this contact information is very important to help keep you up to date on the important things happening in school, and reminders of such.

We are also in need of a room person for each class. This person would attend the PTO meetings, and assist with teacher communication on upcoming events happening at the school as well as other reminders throughout the year. For example, a monthly email to the parents of the students with important reminders. You do not have to volunteer in the classroom, but being up to date with PTO/School events will be important.

Scan QR Code with your phone to complete digitally.



Please return to the PTO Table on your way out. Thank you!

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Can you receive texts? Yes Or No

Email: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Would you like to be a Room Parent: Yes or No

Date Withdrew _____

F _____ R _____ D _____

2023-2024 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your child(ren), read the instructions on the back, complete **ONE** form for your **household**, sign your name. If you need assistance, please contact Reanna Lizauckas at (716) 937-9116 ext. 4186.

Return Completed Applications to: Alden Central School District

Attn: Reanna Lizauckas, School Lunch Manager

13190 Park Street

Alden, NY 14004

1. List **ALL** children in your household who attend school. Additional names may be listed on a separate paper.

| Student Name | School | Grade/Teacher | Foster Child | Homeless, Migrant, Runaway |
|--------------|--------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits: If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here.

NAME: _____ CASE #: _____

Skip to Part 4 and sign the application.

3. Report All Household Members (including yourself and all children) that have income.

(Skip this step if you completed step 2)

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) **even if they do not receive income**. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

| Name of household member | Earnings from work before deductions <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Child Support, Alimony <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Pensions, Retirement Payments <i>Amount / How Often</i> | Other Income, Social Security <i>Amount / How Often</i> | No Income |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------------------------|
| | \$ _____ / _____ | \$ _____ / _____ | \$ _____ / _____ | \$ _____ / _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults) ***Last Four Digits of Social Security Number:** XXX-XX - _ _ _ _

I do **not** have a SS# ☐

*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#) or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved. I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true, and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email Address: _____ Home or Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (Check one or more):

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island ☐ White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)

Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

☐ SNAP/TANF/Foster

☐ Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

☐ Free Meals

☐ Reduced Price Meals

☐ Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official: _____ **Date Notice Sent:** _____

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FACT SHEET

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR case number: This must be the complete valid case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number.

Foster Child: A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

Household: A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

Adult Family Members: All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

Financially Independent: A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household. Separate economic units in the same residence are characterized by prorating expenses and by economic independence from one another.

Current Gross Income: Money earned or received at the present time by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions. If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs. If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

Examples of gross income are:

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions, or income from self-employment
- Net farm income – gross sales minus expenses only – not losses
- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of SNAP)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including Workers' Compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

Income Exclusions: The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need assistance in filling out the application form, please contact:

Name: Reanna Lizauckas, School Lunch Manager
Alden Central School District

Telephone Number: 716-937-9116 ext. 4186