

The Bulldog Bulletin

Alden Primary School - November 2022



A Note from Mr. Stepnick

Dear Primary School Families,

It's hard to believe, but in a few short weeks, we'll already be wrapping up our first trimester of the 2022-2023 school year. As we plow ahead into November, I wanted to share a few updates and reminders:

Coats/Hats/Gloves

Teachers will continue trying to get classes outside as long as the weather permits. Please ensure that your child is adequately prepared for the cooler temps and inclement weather. Unanticipated emergencies are always possible, so having the proper clothing is essential for unplanned events such as evacuation drills, transportation issues, etc.

Fire Safety Lessons

We are delighted to welcome our Town Line Volunteer Fire Department to the building on Wednesday, November 2nd and Wednesday, November 9th. Students will get a chance to hear some important tips regarding fire safety and have an opportunity to see the equipment and vehicles that the firefighters use. Students will be going outside to see the trucks and equipment, so please dress appropriately!



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is scheduled for Friday, December 9th. K-5 students are not in attendance on this day. If you have not signed up for a conference time, please reach out to your child's teacher(s) to coordinate a slot. This year, although in-person conferences are preferred, phone conferences may be scheduled for special circumstances. Please confirm your arrangements with the classroom teachers well in advance of this date.



School Breakfast

We never want any of our students to start their day on an empty stomach. If your child is supposed to be receiving breakfast at school, please check with him/her to ensure that they are going down each morning. Students who eat breakfast at school go directly to the cafeteria upon arrival and eat before reporting to their rooms. Teachers do not have any way of knowing who should be attending breakfast unless they hear from you. If you would like to send in a note to clarify, that would be extremely helpful for our staff. Thank you for your assistance with this!

PTO Happenings

Tuesday, November 8th - 6:30 PM

PTO Meeting - Primary School
Refreshments will be provided!



Alden Primary PTO Remind App

Fall Fest - November 10th

Volunteer info and donation sign-ups
available on the PTO Facebook page.

November 18th - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Kindergarten Fun Night - Bills Themed!

Questions?

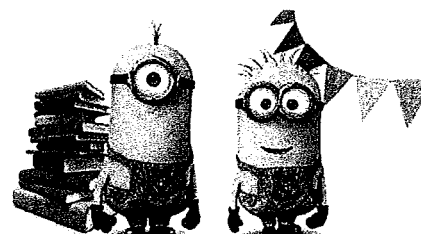
Please contact Nicole Braun, PTO President,
at 716-867-1567 or

aldenprimarypto@yahoo.com

A "Minion" Reasons to Read

In November, Alden Primary School is kicking off our brand-new reading incentive program titled "There are a Minion Reasons to Read!" To participate in the program, each 1st and 2nd grade student is being asked to read at home for

approximately 15-20 minutes a day for a minimum of 15 days a month (students are always welcome to read more than 15



days). Students will keep track of their at-home reading by filling out a short reading log that includes columns for book titles, dates, and student ratings for each book. Parents will also add their initials to the log. Kindergarten students will have a separate reading log that allows them to color a picture for each night that they read. All reading logs will be due the first day of the following month and the program will run from November through April. Students that participate in the program by meeting the 15 days of required monthly reading will receive a small reward each time they turn in a completed log.

If our building reaches the school-wide goal that has been set, the program will culminate with an exciting reading celebration in May. Students and families will be able to track our school's progress on the front bulletin board of the Primary School where each grade level will be competing with each other to have the highest participation.

Halloween Parade

Our PS Halloween Parade is available for all families to view on the

WACS News Youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1k5w05QjG4>



There were some technical glitches, so we apologize if any parts got omitted from the feed.