

The Bulldog Bulletin

Alden Primary School – March 2024



A Note from Mr. Stepnick

Dear Primary School Families,

February has flown by, and March is here! See the updates below for this month's important reminders...



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Registration packets are available online through the ACSD website (Student Registration page) and printed copies can be picked up in person at the Primary School between the hours of 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM each day. If you have any questions, please contact our District Registrar, Mrs. Patti Piegdon, at 716-937-9116, ext. 4172.

Final Marking Period

Our second trimester will conclude on Tuesday, March 19th. There are no designated parent-teacher conference days for the second marking period and report cards will be sent home with students on Thursday, March 28th. If you have concerns regarding your child's progress, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher.

March Fun and Excitement

- Our PTO Fun Night for our 1st grade students is planned for Friday, March 8th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Our theme is "Wonka Wonderland!" If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to Mrs. Canetti by phone or via PS PTO Facebook page.
- The rescheduled Kindergarten Fun Night is planned for Friday, March 15th (Hawaiian Luau) from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
- On March 12th, magicians Rob and Carol Allen will be visiting Alden Primary School to treat our kindergarten & 1st grade students to a fun and informative show. The Healthy Choices Magic Show is sponsored by the NY Dairy Farmer's Association at no cost to our school!
- On March 26th & 28th, Mrs. Moran and several of her students from Alden High School will visit APS to teach our K-2 students about the upcoming solar eclipse.

Student Physicals



Do you have a doctor's appointment scheduled for your child in the coming months? If so, please make sure our Health Office receives a copy of the exam, along with your child's most recent immunization record.

NY State law requires a current health examination for all students entering K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grades. The examination must be completed by a NY State licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and it must be dated within one year of the start of school in September.

School districts are required to collect health examinations within the first 30 days of school for all students.

If you have questions regarding student medical requirements, please contact our PS Health Office at 937-9116 ext. 6137.

PTO Happenings

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 12th - 3:00 PM

PS Library

Please consider joining us for our upcoming meeting in March. Our PTO is beginning to make plans for the 2024-2025 school year and we need fresh ideas and new faces! Our fundraisers, fun nights, and holiday events require a lot of planning and without additional help, we may have to start cutting back on the things that we offer for our students.



Questions?

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



UPK - 5th Grade Parent Information Meeting

All UPK-5th grade parents are invited to a brief informational meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 PM in the HS auditorium. Mr. Stoltman, Mr.

Mikulski, and Mr. Stepnick will all be present to discuss future building improvement projects and upcoming budget considerations. Please mark you calendars if you're able to attend!



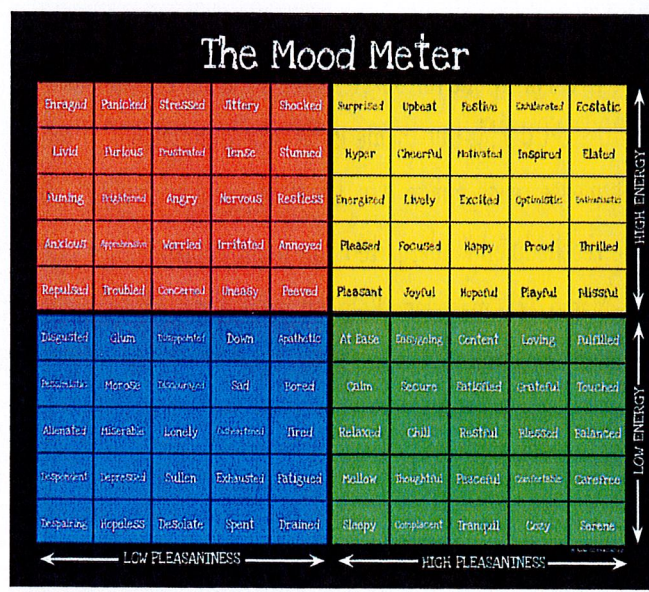
Student Illnesses

Since our return from the mid-winter recess, the stomach bug has been spreading through many of our K-2 classrooms. Please help us control the spread of these winter illnesses by monitoring your child's health each morning and keeping them home when they are not feeling well.



RULER Initiative at APS

This month we will introduce the following feelings: Relaxed, Confident, Lonely and Patient. Students have become familiar with the Mood Meter and being able to identify where they may fall on it. Look forward to more home to school connections this month that can help you generate family conversations about our newest feelings vocabulary words.

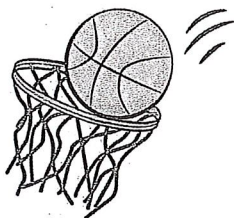


News and Notes:



Tournament of Books

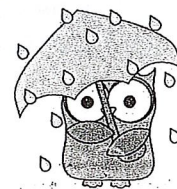
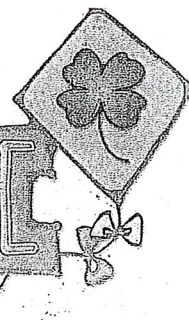
Our tournament of books will begin this month. Be sure to ask your child which books they voted for in class! Have them tell you what the book was about and why they liked the ones that they did!










What is World Down Syndrome Day?

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is meant to raise public awareness and promote inclusion for all. The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome.

MARCH



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NO SCHOOL	2
4	5	6	7	8	9 SPRING FORWARD Don't forget. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. Set your clocks ahead one hour. 
<div>  <div>"Dr. Seuss Week" - Calendar attached!</div> </div>					
11	12 Healthy Choices Magic Show  PS PTO Mtg. 3:00 PM	13	14 BOE Mtg. 6:30 - HS	15 1st Grade Fun Night (6:00 PM) Wear green for St. Patrick's Day!  Kindergarten Fun Night (6:00 PM)	16
18	19	20 BOE Mtg. 6:30 - HS	21 World Down Syndrome Day Wear mismatched socks! 	22 Spirit Day Wear blue & gold! 	23
25	26 Solar Eclipse Lessons! Wear all black! 	27	28 T2 Report Cards Sent Home	29 NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS BEGINS	30

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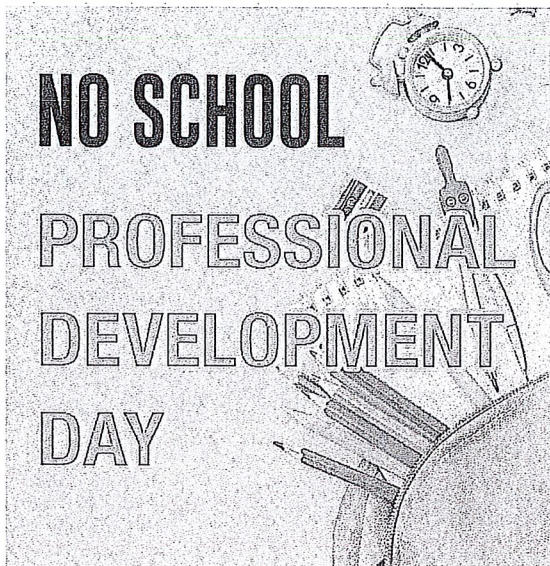
February 28, 2024

Dear Primary School Families,

I am writing to remind you that **Friday, March 1st**, is a Superintendent's Conference Day for all faculty and staff.

K-12 students are **NOT** in session on this date and the World of Wonders wrap-care program will not be available.

We will see all students on Monday, March 4th. Thank you!



Sincerely,

Mr. Stepnick
APS Principal

Dr. Seuss Week

March 4th – Sleep Book

For a sleepover, slumber party or going to bed, come to school in your **pajamas** instead!

March 5th – The Cat in the Hat

A sombrero, baseball cap, or even a beret ...

It's a "Wear any kind of **HAT** or **CRAZY HAIR** day"

March 6th – Wacky Wednesday

Wear polka dot leopard, match flannel with stripes, anything you wear will look just right!

March 7th – I Can Read with My Eyes Shut


The words on your shirt will let everyone see just how smart and stylish reading can be.

March 8th – One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Wear some red or blue, any shade will do!





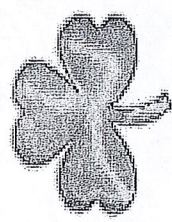
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Assorted Cereal w/ Graham Main Fresh Juice	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Egg, Sausage & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Juice	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Muffin and Graham Cracker Fresh Juice
Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15
Assorted Cereal w/ Graham Main Fresh Juice	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Egg, Sausage & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Juice	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Muffin and Graham Cracker Fresh Juice
Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22
Assorted Cereal w/ Graham Main Fresh Juice	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Egg, Sausage & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Juice	Warm Buttered Bagel Fresh Juice	Muffin and Graham Cracker Fresh Juice
Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29
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National School

Breakfast Week

Meal Prices & 2nd Meal Prices: Breakfast: @ PS \$1.55 / Juice \$.60 - Milk \$.55 - Small Water \$0.60 - Large Water - \$1.00

Daily Items: Milk Variety, Fresh Fruit Variety and Canned Fruit Variety. Always Offered: Cold Cereal & Graham, Pop-Tart Meal & Yogurt Meal.
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.



National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) celebrates the importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success. This special observance during the first week of March celebrates the national School Breakfast Program and the many ways it gives kids a great start every day.

#NSBW24 will take place March 4-8, 2024.

MARCH

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Mar 4

Mini Waffles
Sausage Links
Hash Brown Patties
Carrot Coins

Mar 5

Taco in Bag
Seasoned Rice
Golden Corn
Salsa
Sour Cream

Mar 6

Wacky Chicken Nugget
Wednesday!
Dinner Roll
Baked Vegetarian Beans Carrot
Coins

Mar 7

Elbow Pasta Bake
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Cucumber Slices

Mar 8

Creamy Mac and Cheese
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Green Beans

Mar 11

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Campbell's Tomato Soup
Carrot Coins
Baked Vegetarian Beans

Mar 12

Taco in Bag
Seasoned Rice
Golden Corn
Salsa
Sour Cream

Mar 13

Pancakes with Blueberry Glaze
Colby Cheese Omelet
Tater Tots
Green Beans

Mar 14

Stuffed Crust Pizza
Cucumber Slices
Carrot Coins

Mar 15

Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Campbell's Tomato Soup
Broccoli
Carrot Coins

Mar 18

Shamrock Chicken Nuggets
Side of Buttered Pasta Broccoli
Baked Vegetarian Beans

Mar 19

Taco in Bag
Seasoned Rice
Golden Corn
Salsa
Sour Cream

Mar 20

French Toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Hash Brown Patties
Green Beans

Mar 21

Elbow Pasta Bake
Dinner Roll
Broccoli
Green Beans

Mar 22

Pizza Crunchers
with Marinara
Sauce
Dinner Roll
Green Beans
Crinkle Cut Fries

Mar 25

Mini Turkey Corn Dogs
Dinner Roll
Baked Vegetarian
Beans Carrot Coins

Mar 26

Taco in Bag
Seasoned Rice
Golden Corn
Salsa
Sour Cream

Mar 27

Mini Waffles
Egg Patty
Tater Tots
Broccoli

Mar 28

Ham Sandwich
with Cheese
Cucumber Slices
Green Beans

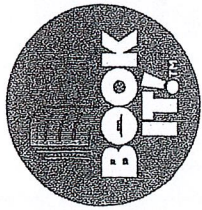
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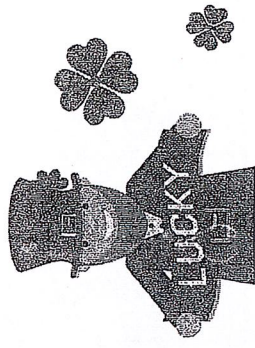
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MARCH 2024

Reading Log



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

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3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8 	9
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17 	18 	19 	20 	21 	22 	23
24 	25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	30
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Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

