

ALDRIN ADVISORY



“A FAMILY AFFAIR: HOME AND SCHOOL REMAINING FOCUSED ON LEARNING... CHILD-BY-CHILD”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Parent Conferences—November 1 & 2
- ◆ Grade 4 Williamsburg Trip—November 4 & 5
- ◆ PTA Meeting—November 9, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Picture Make Up Day— November 9
- ◆ Family Portrait Night – November 10
- ◆ Progress Reports Home—November 11
- ◆ Thanksgiving Luncheon—November 19
- ◆ Early Dismissal—November 24
- ◆ Thanksgiving Holiday (No School) - November 25-26

Teacher Work Days—Parent/Teacher Conferences ...



November 1st and November 2nd

No school for students!

Mrs. Gist's Message

Mr. Marinoff is recovering from full knee replacement surgery. He's at home and will be away from school for four to six weeks. Our best wishes go to him and his family and we are looking forward to his return.

Welcome Mrs. Crapeoff...

Mrs. Cherie Crapeoff has been assigned as the Acting Assistant Principal during Mr. Marinoff's medical absence. Mrs. Crapeoff is a second grade teacher at Armstrong Elementary and has most recently been the Acting Assistant

Principal at Dranesville Elementary. She comes to us with a world of experience and I'm personally delighted to be working with her. She arrives on November 3rd.

Thank you for your Support...

I'd like to extend my thanks and gratitude for your support during this past month. Cards, food, and well wishes—they were all wonderful!! It's been quite a bout, but my husband is now home and doing well. The Aldrin family continues to touch my heart every single day.

Federal Impact Aid Reminder – Due Friday, November 5, 2010

Parents and Guardians are reminded to return to their child's teacher a completed and signed *Federal Impact Aid Form* that they received by US mail or from their child's teacher during their first quarter parent - teacher conference. We must receive a completed and signed form for every child we have registered at school.

Please remember to sign and then date the form on or after October 29. Thank you for helping to ensure that all available federal funds for our children are directed to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). These funds are especially important considering the FCPS FY-2012 budget shortfall that is currently being experienced.



Thanks From The Clinic

Mrs. Macken would like to extend her sincere thanks to the wonderful volunteers who assisted her with hearing and vision screening. Your generous donation of time and energy made it possible to screen more than 230 students. Thank you to Olga Aste, Andrea Rossi, Lisa Simpson, Padma Sandu, Anne Taylor, Kavita Imarti,

Van Trang Pham, Kate Brown, Claire Westbrook, Deidra Marotta, Susie Metz, Vicky Dail, Kristen Armstrong, Jananig Narayanan, Alison Behar, Padmaja Nadimpalli, Tammy Edgemon, Amy Rubacky, Mariana Rautenbach, Kim Northrop and a special thank you to our clinic volunteer coordinator, Camille Roy.

**ALDRIN'S
CHARACTER TRAIT FOR
NOVEMBER**

"CITIZENSHIP"

**REMEMBER TO MODEL
GOOD CITIZENSHIP
FOR YOU CHILD BY**

**VOTING
ON
NOVEMBER 2ND**

Calling All Military: Both Active Duty & Retirees



Please come to our Veterans' Day Assembly on Thursday, November 11, at 2:30 p.m. in our cafeteria.

Our Second Graders will present a Veterans' Day Program at the assembly. We will honor all military/veterans with an honor roll call. Please contact our General Music Teacher, Ann Tierney for more information (Ann.Tierney@fcps.edu - 703-904-3864)."

Progress Report Discussions with Your Child

On November 11 your child will deliver his/her first quarter Progress Report to you in the Thursday Recorder. While many of our students continue to strive toward academic excellence, some students may not have achieved as teachers or parents expected. Thus, it is important to keep in mind that, while children are subject to many influences outside their home, their parents have the most lasting influence when it comes to success in school. Sit down with your child and look over the Progress Report when it arrives. Praise her for the achievement and effort she has put forth. If there was a problem, be calm and let your son tell you about his Progress Report marks. Ask how you can help your child do better. Ask your child what he/she be-

lieves can be done to improve achievement or effort.

Regardless of how your child has done academically, positive motivation is the key to helping your child become a successful learner. If she has not done as well as expected, send a message that conveys positive expectations, such as "you can," "I will help you," "I understand," or "I'll be here if you need me." Stress the importance of learning and gaining an education, but keep in mind that children often need help in setting specific goals that are achievable. Whatever your concern(s), your efforts should go a long way in helping your child know that you understand and will continue to support them throughout the learning process.

PROGRESS REPORT				
GRADING PERIOD	1	2	3	4
READING	A			
WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	A			
MATHEMATICS	C			
SCIENCE/HEALTH	B			
SOCIAL STUDIES	B			
ART	A			
MUSIC				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	C			
Grade Average	B			
Attendance:	Present	14		
	Absent	2		
	Tardy	1		
A = Excellent • B = Good • C = Satisfactory • S = Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory • I = Inefficient / Incomplete				
Student:	Grade:	Year:		

Support Our School with Store Incentive Programs

Aldrin ES can now start earning CASH for purchases you make at many local stores, including Giant, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Target and Office Depot. Visit the PTA web site's new Store Incentive Program page for complete details for each store. The link is: http://www.aldrinpta.com/?page_id=90, or click the Fundraisers tab and then click on "Store Incentive Programs". It only takes a minute for you to register your store card online so that it is linked to Aldrin ES and then all

of your purchases will begin adding up in cash for our school.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. This is a simple process, but it can make a HUGE difference to our school. Thank you for your support.

Please pass along this information to family members - their purchases can count, too!



Your Child's Lunch Account

Please make sure that your child has sufficient money on their lunch card. You can check the status of the lunch card by going to www.mylunchmoney.com. All that is needed is your child's name and student I.D. number. If you have questions about the items that your child may be purchasing, please contact our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Pheko, at 703-904-3821. She will be most happy to provide this information to you.

Healthy Snacking Tips

The rise in overweight children means that parents need to take an active role in providing healthy snacks for their children.

- Keep snacks small.
- Don't eat snacks straight out of the package.
- Snack only when hungry, not bored.
- Limit sweet snacks such as brownies, cookies, and candy because they are often loaded with calories and sugar.
- Offer fruits and vegetables.
- Offer low fat cheese with whole grain crackers or pretzels.
- Select snacks from MyPyramid.
- Quench thirst with water, fruit juices or low fat milk, not soft drinks.
- Read food labels carefully - if first ingredient is sugar **AVOID IT.**

Use www.fcps.edu/fs/food/ nutrition calculator to evaluate your snacks at home.

Aldrin Students Participate in Help the Homeless Walk



Thanks to all who participated in the Homeless Walk this afternoon - either in person or virtually! We had a

good turnout and a beautiful day to walk. We had approx. 110 walkers registered and lots of volunteers. Thank you to Theresa Rupp from Reston Interfaith for leading the homeless Bingo Game! We look forward to seeing you all next year!



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

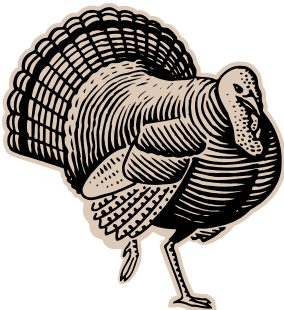


PRINCIPAL'S THANKSGIVING COFFEE

PLEASE JOIN MRS. GIST
BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR
CHILD'S LUNCH FOR COFFEE,
COOKIES, AND CONVERSATION.

MRS. GIST WILL HOST THE
PRINCIPAL'S THANKSGIVING
COFFEE WITH OTHER
SPECIALISTS IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM NEXT TO
THE CAFETERIA.

IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
MEET OR RENEW
ACQUAINTANCES.



On Friday, November 19th, Aldrin Elementary School will host the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon; we look forward to having you join us for what has become a very special tradition.

Due to the large number of individuals who typically join their child for lunch, it will be necessary to take reservations and have families pre-pay for this meal if they plan to attend. This procedure will help the luncheon run more smoothly. Guest tickets (for adults and children/siblings not in the Fairfax County Public School system) are \$3.65 each. As always, Aldrin students will use their regular cafeteria account to purchase the Thanksgiving lunch; account balance reminders will be sent home the week before the lunch. If you want your child to purchase the Thanksgiving lunch, and they normally bring lunch, be sure to send in money to place on their cafeteria account. Aldrin students will have \$2.65 deducted from their lunch card.

Please complete the reservation form (below) for yourself and for all of your guests, who will be enjoying the Thanksgiving lunch, attach your cash or check and return by November 12th. Parents/guardians and guests will be able to pick up their pre-ordered ticket at the table set up in the lobby on the day of the Thanksgiving Luncheon. If your child (or you) would prefer not to purchase the Thanksgiving entrée, please bring a bag lunch since only the turkey entrée will be available on that day.

Preschool parents are invited to coordinate with their child's teacher for more specific information regarding the time schedule.

Lunch schedules will be sent out in next week's Thursday Recorder.

Please contact Mrs. Aschenbach in the Main Office if you have questions about the Thanksgiving Lunch (703-904-3806 or Lesley.Aschenbach@fcps.edu).

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

DUE TO SCHOOL BY NOVEMBER 12th

Please return this form along with the correct cash/check in a sealed envelope to your child's teacher by Friday, November 12th. Checks should be made payable to: **Aldrin Food Services**.

Name of Student: _____ Teacher: _____

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GUEST TICKETS:

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian/Guest(s): _____

Of Parent/Guest Tickets: _____ Total \$ Due (3.65 Each): _____

(Includes children not enrolled at Aldrin)

Total \$ Enclosed: _____