

Winter Update

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Aldersgate Preschool Program

Email Update

We want to make sure our records are correct and we have your email address. We send out many emails with current and hot topics and want to ensure you are getting them. If you are not receiving school emails, please update your info in the office. We want to keep you in the loop.

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Spaghetti Dinner

Our school is devoted to helping others in a time of need. Over the past few years, we have given money as well as bought items to donate to organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, Oxford Manor, Haiti Relief, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, local nursing homes, and more. We are excited to offer another awesome opportunity to help a family in need and it happens to be one of our own!!

Scott and Heather Lewis and their 4 year old son, Cole, have been a part of Aldersgate for 3 years now. Just before Cole started in our 2 year old program, Scott was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He underwent surgery and Scott still lives with daily side effects from the tumor.

Thursday Bible Study

A new Bible study will begin on Thursdays at lunch. Beginning Thursday, February 11th at 12:30 pm we will begin a Bible study on the Book of James. The title is Life Lessons with Max Lucado.

If you are interested in attending, pack a lunch and join us each Thursday here at Alders-

Friday, February 26th

Several friends and local businesses are joining together for an evening of fun and support for Scott, Heather and Cole. The dinner will be held from 5 pm—8 pm in



To view Scott's story visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/scottscrow>

the Family Life Center at Aldersgate. We will have Dine In and Take Out. Plates are \$5.00 per person. Plates include spaghetti, salad, dessert and a

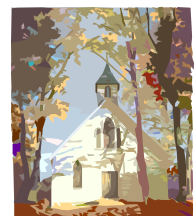
drink. We have presale tickets now available if you are interested in purchasing a ticket now. This will greatly help us get a head count on the possible number of people attending.

Many of you have asked how you could help. We will need help with donations of some of the food like bread, desserts and salad mixes. A sign up board will be located in the hall for those wishing to sign up to bring something.

If you would like to read more of Scott's story please visit the site listed below the picture.

Please continue to pray for Scott. Invite others to join you at the dinner!! Tickets are available in the preschool office.

Several preschool teachers and staff will attend the Bible Study.





Cystic Fibrosis... family fun carnival for all.. Read more details to see how you can help. All are invited to attend.

CF Carnival

As a tradition for Aldersgate, we will be hosting another fun filled Carnival to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. 5 years ago, one of our preschool families, The Nichtings, asked us if we would be interested in having a family fun carnival to raise money and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. Their daughter has CF and many of the teachers and families thought it was a great idea to support them.

Each year our carnival grows by offering fun activities for kids to do and play while at the same time, we support the idea of raising

awareness of children who fight the CF disease.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 6th from 10 am - 12 noon. The carnival will be held at Aldersgate in the FLC and if the weather is nice some activities will flow outside!! Activities including a big bounce slide, carnival stations (ring toss, face painting, nail painting, and of course a mini walk will take place. We will also have snacks and drinks available.

Families are encouraged to get pledges to sponsor their mini walk. Each

activity requires a ticket to participate. Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will also be a silent auction which offers great items to bid on. Raffle baskets are also a fun way to get a prize before heading home.

How can you help??? Great question. Plan on attending. Mark your calendar now. Also, we will have class baskets that will be raffled off. You will receive a list of suggested items needed for your child's class basket. Or if you have a small business or want to donate a basket, that too would be great.

**The Book
Fair
Diner,
ALL You
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Read...**

Spring Book Fair

It's almost that time of year again. Most kids favorite childhood memories... going to the school book fair. Aldersgate will have The Book Fair Diner, All You Can Read here Monday, March 8th—Friday, March 12th. The book fair will be open during school hours 9:00 am—12:30 pm.

This is a great time to get good quality books for your children, friends, and

teachers at good prices. A book would make a nice gift in an Easter basket this year too.

We will have teacher wish lists available at the book fair so we can help fill classroom shelves. A portion of proceeds is returned to the school for us to buy new books as well as the BIG books and other curriculum items for the school.

March 8th–12th



Staff Development Day

As a reminder, the Preschool will be CLOSED Friday, February 26th for an annual Staff Development Day. The teachers will be attending conferences during the morning which will help us improve our structure and ideas when working with small children. Teachers in the 3 and 4 year old classes will attend Handwriting Without Tears. A strategic way to make teaching and learning fun. Our goal is to bring

many of the tools and tips back into the classroom to use with our students so they too will enjoy learning.

The toddler and 2 year old teachers will participate in a conference titled All About Twos. How they develop and grow, how their little bodies and brains operate and function and why they develop they way they do.

We will miss your

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children while they are not in our care, but we are excited about these opportunities for us to learn and bring all the ideas back to the class.



School CLOSED.
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