Upcoming Events

- Thurs., Dec. 13th – Alden 6th Grade Band/Middle School Concert @ High School Auditorium 7 PM
- Fri., Dec. 14th – Family Holiday Celebration 2:30 PM
- Mon., Dec. 17th – Alden 5th Grade Band/Rock Run Concert @ High School Auditorium 5:45 PM
- Mon., Dec. 17th – Alden School Board Mtg 6:30 PM
- Wed., Dec. 19th – 1 HR early dismissal for teacher in-service, Leadership Notebooks sent home
- Thurs., Dec. 20th – PK 3 Christmas Cocoa
- Thurs., Dec. 20th – K-6 Movie Morning @ the Met
- Fri., Dec. 21st – Winter Parties
- Dec. 24th – Jan. 1st NO SCHOOL – VACATION
- Jan. 2nd – Classes Resume
- Wed., Jan. 2nd – 1 HR early dismissal for teacher in-service
- Mon., Jan. 7th – AdvancEd Survey Begins
- Sat., Jan. 26th – Family Movie Morning at Met Theater in Iowa Falls 10 AM

SCHOOL ARRIVAL
Playground supervision begins at 7:45 AM for K-6th grade students. We encourage students to not be on school property until that time, especially during winter months. Breakfast is served at 8:05 AM and all other students can enter the building at 8:20.

Students who arrive early should go to the playground rather than the front doors.

Preschool Reminder
If school starts late due to inclement weather or other emergencies, there will be NO morning preschool. There WILL be afternoon preschool.

Wednesday Weather Reminder
If there is ever a delayed start to school on a Wednesday, there will not be an early dismissal for teacher professional development that same day.

Santa’s Workshop
By Alyssa Vierkandt, Conner Kuker, and Addison Venner

Santa’s Workshop comes to Alden Elementary School each year. The FAB (Fine Arts Boosters) members hosted a gift shop on December 6 and offered kids at Alden School the opportunity to shop for gifts for everyone on their list. The kids have fun and enjoy buying gifts for their family members and friends. Addy, 1st grade, likes to give gifts to her family. Parker, 2nd grade, is excited to get gifts for his family, also. Kristina, 5th grade, is excited for the snacks that they provide. We appreciate the FAB members for providing this celebration and fun event for our school each year!
Walking Club Update
Walkers made it to our 5th stop: North Platte, Nebraska. We are now on our way to Denver, Colorado! Students are currently in the middle of a classroom challenge to see which class can reach the highest number of laps. The numbers will be averaged to account for varying class sizes. Check back to see which class “laps” the rest!

Since our last update, the following students have joined the 5 and 10 mile clubs:

**5 Mile Club:** Dax Hansen, Desi Cook, Infiniti Grimm, Avery Vierkandt, Lindsey Russell, Kimber Hoversten, Bryleigh Butzen, Abby Doering, Konnor Bengtson, Mason Tjarks, Ceitlyn Holmes, Jackson Scroggins, Zane Gillespie, Riley Slauson, Alyssa Vierkandt, Deanna Covington, Hailey Robison, Anya Miller

**10 Mile Club:** Mary Blome, Conner Kuker, Josh Carter, Jacoby Hobson, Afton Klaffke, Jake Lancaster, AJ Jass, Jada Hobson, Julianna Scroggins, Kieser Christensen, Ali Blair

New Staff at Alden Elementary
By Alyssa Vierkandt, Addi Venner, and Zane Gillespie

Mr. Nicholson
He loves the school.
He enjoys the kids and the teachers.
He came here from Thailand.
His favorite food is Indian Curry.
He does not have a favorite book.
The kids, Mrs. Heiden, and Mrs. Oliver are very nice.
He has lived in 20 houses.

The Giving Tree
If you find your family in need this winter, please email us @ thegivingtreeifacadets.net or contact Nicky Nachazel at 515-859-3393. We want to help. The Giving Tree was created to help provide winter clothing for Alden Elementary kids who need a little help staying warm this winter.

Counseling Corner
This week in classroom counseling, we learned about being mindful. Being mindful is having our minds full of the right now! We also learned the difference in a growth mindset and a fixed mindset. When we have a high intensity of a feeling, it often leads to a thinking error. If we have a thinking error, we are less likely to have a growth mindset. If our mindsets are fixed, we are less pleasant to be around, and we don’t do as well as we could do. After all, “The man who thinks he can and the man who thinks he can’t are both right.” — Confucius