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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

# PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): AUGUST 31, 2005

#### THE ARISTOTLE CORPORATION

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER
JURISDICTION
OF INCORPORATION)

0-14669

06-1165854

(COMMISSION FILE

(I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

NUMBER)

96 CUMMINGS POINT ROAD, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

06902

(ZIP CODE)

(203) 358-8000

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

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### Item 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 31, 2005, The Aristotle Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of dividends on its Series I Preferred Stock and Series J Preferred Stock.

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

- a. Not applicable
- b. Not applicable
- c. Exhibits
  - 99.1 Press release issued August 31, 2005

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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THE AL	ISTOTLE CORPORATION	
	(Registrant)	
By: <u>/s/ I</u>	. William Smith	
Name: I	I. William Smith	
Title: V	ice President, General Counsel	
	and Secretary	

Date: September 1, 2005

# **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued August 31, 2005.

#### Exhibit 99.1

For Immediate Release News Release

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The Aristotle Corporation Declares

Semi-Annual Preferred Dividends

Stamford, CT, August 31, 2005 - The Aristotle Corporation (NASDAQ: ARTL; ARTLP) announced today that it has declared semi-annual cash dividends of \$.33 and \$.36 per share, respectively, on its outstanding shares of Series I Preferred Stock and Series J Preferred Stock. The dividends are payable on September 30, 2005, to holders of record on September 15, 2005. Dividends are payable on Aristotle's Preferred Stock on March 31 and September 30, if and when declared by Aristotle's Board of Directors.

#### About Aristotle

The Aristotle Corporation, founded in 1986, and headquartered in Stamford, CT, is a leading manufacturer and global distributor of educational, health, medical technology and agricultural products. A selection of over 80,000 items is offered, primarily through more than 45 separate catalogs carrying the brand of Nasco (founded in 1941), as well as those bearing the brands of Life/Form®, Whirl-Pak®, Simulaids, Triarco, Spectrum Educational Supplies, Hubbard Scientific, Scott Resources, Haan Crafts, To-Sew, CPR Prompt®, Ginsberg Scientific and Summit Learning. Products include educational materials and supplies for substantially all K-12 curricula, molded plastics, biological materials, medical simulators and items for the agricultural, senior care and food industries. Aristotle has approximately 800 employees at its operations in Fort Atkinson, WI, Modesto, CA, Fort Collins, CO, Plymouth, MN, Woodstock, NY, Chippewa Falls, WI, Otterbein, IN and Newmarket, Ontario, Canada.

There are approximately 17.2 million shares outstanding of Aristotle common stock (NASDAQ: ARTL) and approximately 1.1 million shares outstanding of 11%, cumulative, convertible, voting, Series I preferred stock (NASDAQ: ARTLP); there are also approximately 11.0 million privately-held shares outstanding of 12%, cumulative, non-convertible, non-voting shares of Series J preferred stock. Aristotle has about 4,000 stockholders of record.

Further information about Aristotle can be obtained on its website, at www.aristotlecorp.net.

Safe Harbor under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

To the extent that any of the statements contained in this release are forward-looking, such statements are based on current expectations that involve a number of uncertainties and risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or suggested in such forward-looking statements. Aristotle cautions investors that there can be no assurance that actual results or business conditions will not differ materially from those projected or suggested in such forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) the ability of Aristotle to obtain financing and additional capital to fund its business strategy on acceptable terms, if at all; (ii) the ability of Aristotle on a timely basis to find, prudently negotiate and consummate additional acquisitions; (iii) the ability of Aristotle to manage any to-be acquired businesses; (iv) there is not an active trading market for Aristotle's securities and the stock prices thereof are highly volatile, due in part to the relatively small percentage of Aristotle's securities which is not held by Aristotle's majority stockholder and members of Aristotle's Board of Directors and/or management; (v) the ability of Aristotle to retain and utilize its Federal net operating tax loss carryforward position; and (vi) other factors identified in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, "Forward-Looking Statements," contained in Aristotle's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. As a result, Aristotle's future development efforts involve a high degree of risk. For further information, please see Aristotle's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Forms 10-K, 10-O and 8-K.