

# Aldo Leopold Charter School

## Weekly Update

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Jim's senior World Writers class will be looking to music lyrics for their poetic qualities. Over the next 8 weeks, students will take turns sharing the songs that fit this criteria. First as a class they will read the lyrics as poetry, and then they will listen to the lyrics as song. Jim says, "Throughout this adventure, we shall, as George Michael said, ['Listen Without Prejudice.'](#)" What song is poetry to your ears and heart?

## We do keep repeating ourselves

We have a long tradition in our country of immigration and migration. If you want to know the difference and if you want to keep up with your kid in **AP United States History** watch this video from [Heimler's History](#) which reviews these movements of people during the Gilded Age from 1865-1896 for **Unit 6 Topic 8 of the APUSH curriculum**. He's fast talking so turn on the closed captions.



## SNOW DAY!



Yesterday when we got that dusting of snow, Mr. Cantrell sent the 6th graders out into it to take it in with their senses so they could draw on that experience to write some poetry. This is how some of the 6th graders experience a cold day:

What i saw was the pure white snow laid on the ground like a blanket perfectly set on a bed-Jadie

I saw the cars coated in a light layer of powdered sugar snow.-Isla

When I opened my eyes I saw a winter wonderland-Kira

I FEEL COLD, I SMELL COLD, I TASTE COLD, I SAW COLD, I HEAR MY JAW JITTERING BECAUSE ITS COLD.-trip

It tasted like weird water and dirt because I ate the snow-Kodah

I tasted my own warm spit and I ate some snow so I tasted the nice cold watery snow melting on my tongue and also tasted the gum on my spit from having a piece of gum earlier. - Luna

I smelled rainy/snowy air and also salt because I heard if you put salt on

your nose when you go outside in cold weather you keep in body heat easier. (It did not work)-Kaelyn

I saw really white snow that covered the brown and green ground and it felt like a whole other planet.-Chloe



## When it was still okay to travel

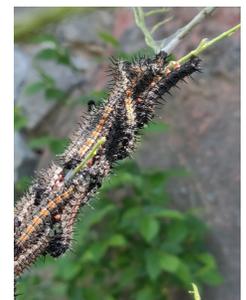


**7th grade humanities:** the kids are reading historical fiction about Ferdinand Magellan's world circumnavigation, discussing that from literary and historical points of view and plotting the trip on digital world maps.



## The return of the pick up

Starting this **Thursday from 4:30-5:30** we will resume materials pick up *every other week* at the school. IF your child's teacher has something for them, they will let you know. Call us crazy, but some of us are also hoping to get textbooks back.



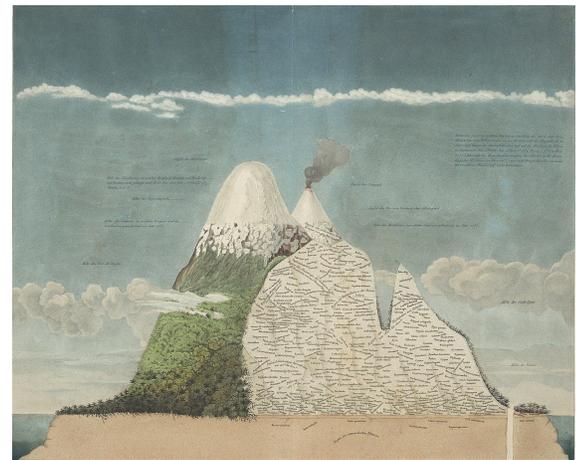
## Working online

Like many people the world over, Aldo YCC crews are working online. Crew supervisors are taking this time to use the vast resources of the interweb to inspire their crews with videos and stories about people that have gone before them to create what these students are aiming for.

**Jb Bjornstad** showed his **trail crew** stories from a few storied trails: [Pacific Crest Trail](#) and [Continental Divide](#). WARNING: DO NOT WATCH THESE UNLESS YOU ARE READY TO GIVE IT ALL UP TO WANDER IN BEAUTIFUL PLACES WITH HAPPY EXCITED PEOPLE!

**Rita Herbst** has joined the garden crew and will supervise a **community garden crew** while **Tricia Hurley and her crew** will continue to **create and maintain Aldo gardens on the WNMU campus**. This past week, they introduced their gardeners to a man few of us know, but to whom we owe much:

**Alexander von Humboldt**. A German ecologist/naturalist/botanist/everything-ist who in the early 1800s figured out that there are climate zones that support specific flora and fauna by climbing one of the tallest peaks (20,564 ft.) in the world-Chimborazo, an inactive volcano in Ecuador. Von Humboldt was also instrumental in inspiring our appreciation for and protection of our spectacularly nature rich country. For more on this guy listen to this episode of the Smithsonian Podcast: [The Last Man Who Knew It All](#) and these YouTube videos: [Who is Alexander von Humboldt?](#) and [On the Humboldt Trail](#). (And thanks to Rita for the photos of butterflies and caterpillars from the 10th Street Median Pollinator Garden).



Humboldt's Illustration of eco zones, Naturgemelde

## This is how to play the game

There is a BIG world beyond the borders of our small town. And our kids know it more than ever, especially after almost a year of staying put. Going to college is one way to fly the coop. This [article from the NY Times](#) (thank you, Ms. Aversa) explains how good grades can make a big difference in the financial aid a person can get from both public and private colleges and universities around the country.

