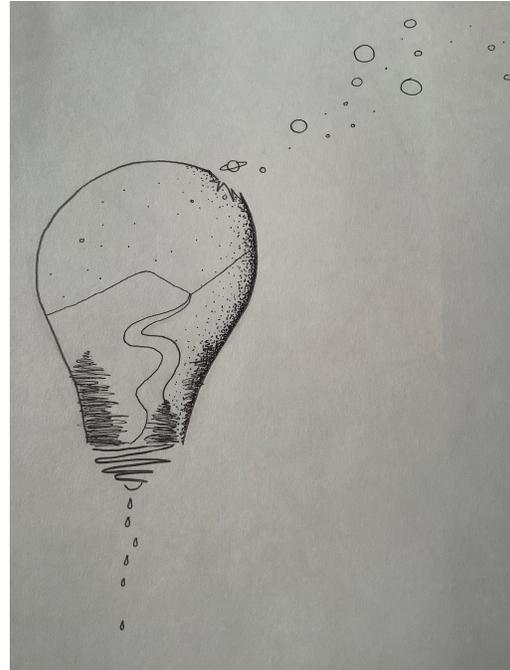


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Weekly Update

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A doodle by 9th grader Cedar

She's the boss

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has issued a [stay-at-home order](#) to all New Mexicans. Everyone is asked to **stay put** except for emergencies or essential needs starting this past **Monday, November 16 and going through Monday, November 30**. With this in mind....Aldo's Friday outings-Community Orientation, YCC, internships, and Middle School Hikes-have moved online (thank goodness we've had so much practice on the interweb already!) until further notice.

He anticipated her

Even before the governor issued the stay at home order, our director Wayne Sherwood decided because of the rise in Covid cases in Grant County, that students can no longer come to the building. This is effective through the Winter Break. We know that this will be a disruption to families who were sending their children for the "at school" support, and we are so sorry for that, but we also know that you know that we are making decisions to protect the health and safety of our whole community. Please remember, all of your child's teachers are available for "online" support through email, etc. Thank you for being so very understanding!!

We still want to feed you!

Lunch is still being served at the back of the building from 11:45-12:15 all through this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week. And remember: this is the one place where there *is a free lunch*.

Just for now

Yet another effect of the two week stay at home order: **the front office will be closed** to walk in visitors **for the next two weeks**. Call 538-2547 to leave a message or email asanchez@aldocs.org or cgomez@aldocs.org

We will miss you

So one thing about online learning that is not so great (it's really the worst actually) is that we so rarely see our students' faces. The Thursday pick up is when we have been able to say a quick hi, see new haircuts and colors, compliment students, "tell on them" to their driver (aka, their parent) as we pass out the materials. **This week there will be no pick up** because (and now I'm starting to sound like a broken record) of the STAY AT HOME order.

Hear ye, hear ye!

Mr. Sherwood has approved the [latest guidelines about Covid-19](#) exposure that the Risk Management Committee agonized over. Please take the time to read and comprehend what is being said and asked of those in our school community who have Covid, been around someone with Covid, or been tested for Covid.

That Ms. Chaney

7th graders had some help from **Bon Jovi** this week as they learned about graphing proportional relationships. "You Give Love a Bad Name" got a math makeover. It goes a little something like this:

"Straight through the origin,

And you're proportional.

You give graphs

A straight line." (followed by guitar solo)

Ask your kids to sing it for you and make sure they include the **guitar solo!** They also tried out a new program called Geogebra. This allows students to plot points and lines to create graphs online. You can check it out at geogebra.org.

In science last week, they learned about the structure of DNA and students used DNA clues to recreate a face of a skeleton found during an archaeological dig. They came up with some *very* interesting characters. They will be doing some more DNA decoding next week using the DNA wheel found in the materials that were picked up on Thursday.

Say it with me now

To give us all a break from screen time, **Monday and Tuesday of next week** will be **asynchronous learning time**. That means that **students will not report to their classes** at their normally scheduled time. Rather, **students will check their Google Classroom for**

assignments and do them at their own pace and turn them in at the given time. Teachers will be enjoying an all expenses paid vacation at the beach of their choice. Just kidding, we will be having some in service meetings and researching more ways under the sun to engage students in synchronous learning time. And remember, teachers are available for help if needed. If your child is too “shy” to reach out themselves, then please offer to reach out with them.

Ella, Michael, and Ella

The **scholarship fund** that was set up to honor **these three incredible people** has gifted over \$15,000 to twelve Aldo over the past five years and it is **time to replenish this fund**. A [Go Fund Me page](#) has been set up if you'd like to be a contributor. This will help a college bound Aldo student make ends meet. The official kick-off event will be Friday, **December 4 at 5:00 PM** (we will keep you posted).

We are so lucky that they give back

Aldo alum Escher Freeman and his partner Hannah visited Orien's Aldo Live! classes last week. They told the middle and high school students about starting their videography business, they screened a few of Escher's videos including a recent music video project, they showed some of the gear they use, and they answered questions from the students. Escher had lots of good tips and encouragement for everyone. Here is a link to [Escher's YouTube channel](#) for his professional work with Freeman Films.

He's always timely

Jim's government class is studying Article II of the U.S. Constitution just as the powers at be are changing. Do you know the answers? Like Jim told his seniors, feel free to consult the founding document itself.

According to the Constitution, the President receives a salary, which currently happens to be \$400,000, with a \$50,000 non-taxable expense account. (This may seem like a high salary, but consider that Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla, hauled in \$595,000,000 in 2019.) Explain why the President is paid an adequate salary rather than being required to live off his own wealth?

Select the best answer from the choices provided below the question:

Which of the following statements best describes the qualifications for the U.S. President, as specified by the Constitution?

A. The President must have served in the military and claim some experience in public office before being nominated by his party.

B. The President must be nominated by one of the two main political parties.

C. The President must be at least 35 years of age, have been born in the United States, and have been a resident of the United States for at least 14 years.

D. The President must be at least 45 years of age, have been a resident of the United States all his life, and have won the primary elections from a majority of the individual states to receive his party's nomination.