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## ALDO LEOPOLD CHARTER SCHOOL

### *WEEKLY UPDATE*

**November 13, 2019**

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### **News for all**



**Sonoran Sojourn 2019** - Pete says, “Students had the opportunity to gain insights that are often hidden in plain sight. These insights were related to self-awareness, community-awareness, bonding within the ninth grade, the social & ecological costs of industrial-scale production, and indigeneity.”

## Sad face emoji

Seniors Michelle and Ajalaa, and sophomore Anna traveled to Bernalillo Soccer Complex with the Silver High School Fighting Colts to compete in their first-ever state competition in girls soccer. The team gave it their all, and were defeated 5-0 by St. Pius High School from Albuquerque. But what an effort! Congratulations, girls, for making it so far!

## Past Friday Walk

Last Friday the middle school went to Little Cherry Creek Ranch. We did 3 rotations at the ranch. We made pollinator gardens, collected wood, and took a tour of the ranch. Here are some of the pictures taken by 7th grader Emma on the beautiful walk there.



## Committees

Thu., Nov., 21.....5:30pm.....[Governing Council](#)

Wed., Dec., 4.....4:30pm.....[SHAC](#)

Tue., Dec., 10.....4:30pm.....[Risk management](#)

## Calendar

Mon.,-Tue., Nov. 25 - 26... ..Senior Retreat - Gila Hot Springs

Wed.,-Fri., Nov. 27 - 29.....**Thanksgiving Break!!!**

Wed., Dec. 4.....Internship Showcase

## Lunch

- 11/14 Thu.** < Quiche, Fresh Fries, WG Bread, Caesar Salad, Fruit
- 11/15 Fri.** < No Lunch
- 11/18 Mon.** < Chicken Parmesan, Buttered Noodles, Steamed Carrots, Garden Salad, Fruit
- 11/19 Tue.** < Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Antipasto Tray, Caesar Salad, Fruit
- 11/20 Wed.** < Sweet Italian Sausages, Marinara Sauce & Pasta, Braised Seasonal Greens, Green Salad, Fruit

## Writing for a good cause

Catalina Claussen may not be teaching high school language arts anymore, but she is putting her writing skills to good use by applying for and receiving grant money for the school. Most recently we received a mini-grant from Freeport-McMoRan for \$500 for Penny Donnelley's special education class. This money will be used to purchase digital readers for her special education students.

## YCC in the field

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# **An Evening for Aldo Parents**

**Wednesday, November 13,  
5:30-7:00 PM at the High School**



**WNMU Professor Jennifer Johnston  
*will be speaking on*  
Social & Mass Media Effects on the Development of Children &  
Adolescents**

**Come for a little food, some socializing, & our annual presentation of the ALCS  
Behavioral Risk Survey.**

*Since this program takes place during the dinner hour, we'll set up a  
complimentary burrito bar in the kitchen.*

*Please RSVP to Cathie Gomez at 538.2547*

*(but come even if you haven't RSVP'd!)*

## What do you want to say?

The semi-annual Silver City Graffiti Fest brought local and distant amateur and professional graffiti artists together outside of the Art Gallery. Middle school students expressed themselves as the juniors sold donated baked goods in hopes of getting themselves to Mexico via the sugar highway.



Graffiti by clockwise from top left:  
Emily & Celestia (8th); Juniors  
selling baked goods; Tyler (11th), Alex  
(7th); Lily & Cedar (8th); Makayla & Violet  
(6th); Emily, Celestia, Makiah, & Willow  
(8th).



## Calling all bakers!

The Yearbook Committee is hosting a by-donation **bake sale** on **Saturday, November 16** at the **food co-op from 10 AM- 3PM**. To **contribute baked goods** to the sale, please give these to Charlie by November 15.

## YCC in the field

Twice a year the interns and YCC crews put on a show to share with us what they have been doing on Fridays, to practice presenting, to gain confidence talking about themselves, and to reflect on what they get out of their Friday experience. This semester's Internship/YCC Showcase is on December 4 from 4:30-6:00pm at Ritch Hall (the high school).

Mark your calendars for internship showcase on **December 4** from **4:30-6pm** at **Ritch Hall**.

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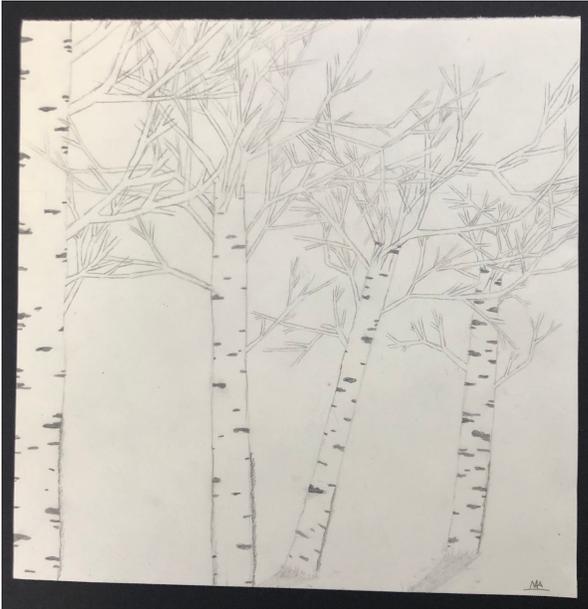
## Digging in



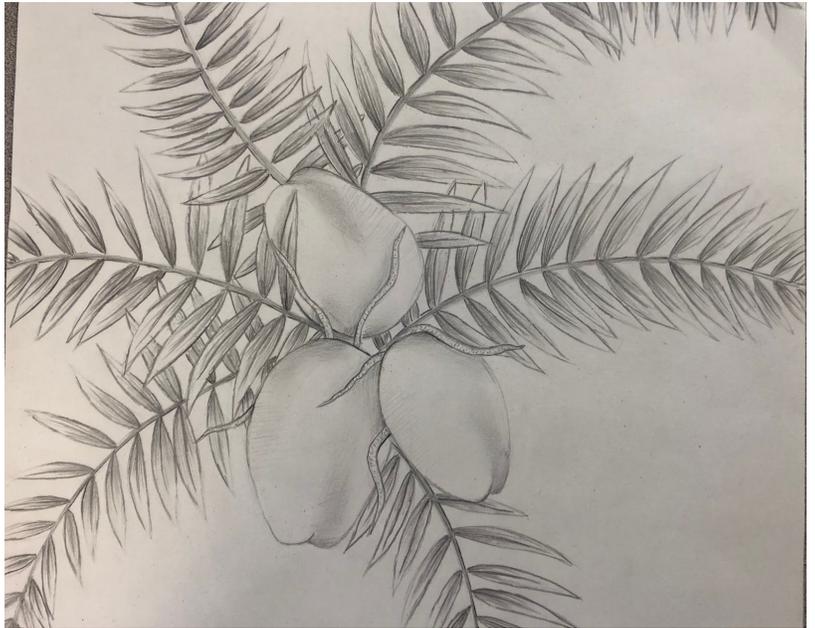
**Community Orientation** will be going to the [Pitchfork Ranch](#) on Friday to work on watershed restoration projects. This has become an annual event, and we are so grateful to the landowners for welcoming us! (P.S. *No math or language arts class.*)

**The class of 2023 on a mine tour**

## Art assistants break out!



Each year **Mz. Phillips** chooses an assistant from the many art students who have been dreaming of doing her bidding. This year in the middle school, there are two who have met the qualifications: **Cedar and Maya, both 8th graders**. Along with all the paint brushes they must wash, these assistants work on their own independent projects for their very own art show. Please join them on **Friday, November 22 @ 5:00 pm at Javalina** where they will wow you with their creativity.



## This Friday in the middle school

For the 27th year Silver City has been hosting the **National Dance Institute of Santa Fe** and bringing the ethics of **Work hard! Do My Best! Never Give Up! Be healthy! Team!** Thirteen middle school students are in the show this year, and the rest of us are going to support them for our **Friday adventure** as they dance their way across the stage. We will be walking, so wear good shoes and hat. Bring 2 water bottles, a healthy lunch and snacks, and a journal and pencil.

## **A request from the School Nurse (*who is only asking because he has to*)**

Each November, all public schools in New Mexico must report to the Public Education Department their “immunization compliance.” The state requires the school to survey all 173 Aldo students’ immunization records, which are stored in an enormous data file called NMSIIS (New Mexico Statewide Immunization Information System) and then report the status of each student enrolled at the school. Under this system, students fall into one of 4 categories:

- First, “Up-to-Date,” which means that the student has received all immunizations the state requires.
- Second, “In Process,” which means that the student is currently missing one or more immunizations, but parents have scheduled an appointment to make sure their child will soon be “up-to-date.”
- Third, “Exempt,” which means that the child’s parents have filed a notarized Certificate of Exemption from School Immunization Requirements with the New Mexico Department of Health. This exemption is valid for only 9 months and must be refiled at the beginning of every academic year.
- Fourth, “Non-Compliant,” which means that the student doesn’t fit into one of the above categories—which is to say, they are neither up-to-date nor exempt—nor have they scheduled an appointment with a clinic to “catch up” with their immunization schedule.

This fourth category has a rather harsh-sounding name, and—alas—if the state is so motivated, it may “disenroll” a non-compliant student from any public school in the state. That being so, as school nurse I prefer working with families, discussing options, weighing the pros and cons of immunization, and helping families either gain access to vaccines or complete the necessary immunization-exemption paperwork rather than operating under a threat.

As a nurse with a particular interest in public health, I support immunization programs and have had myself immunized as an adult and subjected my daughter to the Pennsylvania immunization regimen back in the day. At the same time, I understand the concerns of parents who choose not to follow the state’s immunization recommendations and will aid you in filing exemption forms if you need my assistance.

In the next couple weeks, you may be receiving a letter from me, notifying you of some factor that keeps your child out of the “Up-to-Date” or “Exempt” columns. Know that I welcome phone calls (or after-school visits) about my short letter and will do my best to clarify any confusion you may have. Know, too, that the databank I am consulting may not be up-to-date if your nurse or physician has not yet entered data into NMSIIS. Naturally, I want to avoid having any Aldo student “disenrolled,” and I am most willing to work with you so that we can avoid any troubling phone calls from the state.

With kind regards,  
Jim, RN