

Aldo Leopold Charter School

Weekly Update

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Maya, 9th grade

A stamp for our mascot

Aldo Fine Arts teacher Alison “paint all over her clothes” Phillips likes to take advantage of art contests to encourage her students to see the potential effect their art can have on more than just themselves. This time students are designing a stamp for the [New Mexico Wilderness Alliance](#). If chosen, their original artwork will be turned into a stamp to be sold for the “support **Mexican gray wolf** conservation and education programs.” (The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) grassroots organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and continued enjoyment of New Mexico’s wildlands and wilderness areas). Which of the submissions found throughout this Update would you like to see on a stamp?

Let the awards begin!

The **Daughters of the American Revolution** offer an award that can lead to a possible scholarship for the graduating senior who best exemplifies the characteristics of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism. This year the high school staff chose.....**Hawk Fugagli!** Peter says that Hawk has been so “proactive in my advisory, to the extent that I sometimes just let him take over.” According to Jim, Hawk has not let the challenges and less than ideal online learning stop him from giving 110%, just as he did when we had “regular” school. But that is not all, *no it is not!* The students chosen by other area schools are “then eligible to enter a scholarship contest by submitting a personal essay about how they try to exhibit the qualities of a good citizen and getting two letters of recommendation. They also must craft a timed essay, administered under supervision, with a writing prompt.” The **local DAR chapter** then chooses one of these



Josephine, 10th grade

candidates and submits their essay and letters to the *state* chapter. *The local chapter chose Hawk for this too!* The state chapter chooses one male and one female to receive the state level honor, which includes a pin, certificate and \$250. And guess who got that TOO?? Yep, **Dominic “Hawk” Fugagli**. Congratulations!

We all need to practice being social beings again!



Do you get a little itchy thinking about talking with people besides your loved ones? Have you forgotten how to zip and button your pants



because you’ve been in sweats for the past year? Are you tethered to your fridge? Do you feel like an awkward teenager whenever you get within six feet of another person? Have you forgotten how to do anything that does not involve your computer or phone? If you answered yes to any of these questions then you can relate to the students in your home and why the high school staff decided to create opportunities for these kids to get together before they return for actual in-person learning after Spring Break. **Wednesday the 10th and 11th graders met from 12:45-3:00 and chose from these optional in-person activities: Biking with Jim, Walk with Jaylene, or Archery with Pete. Thursday the 9th and 12th graders could Bike with Nate, Ultimate Frisbee with Peter, or Student Leadership with Maddy.**



Middle school soft opening

To be honest, online teaching is kinda brutal. The worst part is not seeing kids’ faces. Some middle school students, not all, appreciate and take advantage of the chance to be as anonymous as they need/want to be and they keep their cameras off. At the end of the day, a teacher can feel quite emptied out from giving so much and getting so little in return. But all that is about to change when we return to in person school--thank you very much! The middle school will welcome students back for two days next week. They

will spend some time with their peers and teachers in person for the first time this school year, get a tour of the area, see their classrooms, and play some physically distanced games. Here is the schedule and **parents, please check your email in the next couple days for an email from Miss Bailey detailing who is coming back when, and where to meet:**

- On **Wednesday, March 10** 7th & 8th graders in Group A (who plan to return for in-person learning) will come to campus from **9:00-11:00 am**.
- On **Thursday, March 11** 7th & 8th graders in Group B (who are returning for hybrid learning) will come to campus from **9:00-11:00 am**.
- Mr. Cantrell is still considering what will be best for his **6th grade**. So check your email for details next week.



Say it, Ms. Chaney!

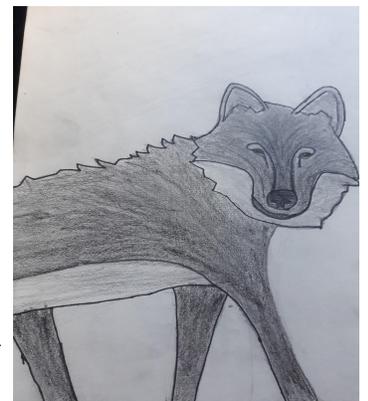


In science, we began our evolution unit. Students learned about the differences between facts, hypotheses, theories, and laws by watching a video by “It’s Okay to be Smart.” Check it out [here](#). Students then watched a short [film](#) about how the theory of evolution was developed by Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace. Students showed their understanding by creating storyboards using a newly discovered website called [StoryboardThat](#). It has been so fun to see the students’ storyboard creations! I will share them as soon as I collect them all.

Makiah, 9th grade

I feel so much better now

Do you remember when you first learned that letters are part of math equations? Such a disappointment! Maybe even maddening? And then, “How can I even make sense of this?!” Well Garrett addressed this *math anxiety* with his 8th graders. If you are someone who experiences a racing heart, an empty head, or sweaty palms when you think about doing anything with numbers (can you say, “taxes”?) this [short video](#) will make you feel all relaxed and excited, maybe even, about math.



Deandra, 6th grade



**SPRING 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL
THEATER PROGRAM**

with funding support from the Town of Silver City



**Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:45-5:45pm
March 23 - May 13, 2021
at the Silver City Rec Center**

- learn acting, improv and character development
- develop a performance (to be performed virtually by video or livestream)
- safely learn and play together

**ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN
6TH, 7TH, OR 8TH GRADE AND MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION.**

**APPLICATION DUE DATE: Wed. March 10th
PROGRAM START DATE: Tues. March 23rd**

**TO GET & TURN IN APPLICATION: Email virus theater@gmail.com
or call/text to Jessa 575-313-5574 or Kristen 575-654-6853**

Participant parents/guardian are responsible for transportation to/from program.

**Participant numbers will be limited. COVID-safe practices will be followed.
If there are more applicants than spots available, Virus Theater may hold auditions.**

