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ALDO LEOPOLD CHARTER SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise. —Aldo Leopold

News for all

Snaps for awesomeness

It was pretty easy to choose the first students of the year to earn the distinction of Student of the Month. **Senior Jacob** was chosen for his quick thinking and selflessness during the Signal Peak Challenge. Another rider took a bad fall and Jacob stopped racing and used his first aid skills to help this fallen rider. **Eighth-grader Kevin** has matured so much since coming to our school in the 6th grade. He was chosen for his consistent and kind leadership, his constant attention to improving himself, and his spirit of oneness.

The suits are coming

The Public Education Department's Charter School Division will be in both school buildings this **Thursday, October 3** for our **five-year charter renewal**. We were granted a charter in 2005 by the State of New Mexico, because we said we had something to offer that the district schools were not currently offering. The PED is coming to see if we are educating students in the way we said we would. We are confident in our program and hope you are, too! Here is the schedule of the visit:

Who	Where	When
Parents/guardians from MS & HS	Middle School	9:00-9:45

Governing Council	Middle School	9:45-10:30
Travel to high school		
Students (HS)	High School	11:00-11:45
Teachers & Staff (HS)	High School	12:00-12:30
Travel to Middle School		
Teachers and Staff (MS)	Middle School	1:00-1:30
Break	Middle School	
Students (MS)	Middle School	2:30-3:00

Lunch :)

10/3 Thu. < Hot Dog, Mac & Cheese, Veggie Tray, Green Salad, Fruit

10/4 Fri. < *No Lunch On Fridays*

10/7 Mon. < Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Roasted Butternut Squash, Garden Salad, Fruit

10/8 Tue. < Baked Potato Bar, Baked Beans, WG Bread, Cole Slaw, Fruit

10/9 Wed. < Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Broccoli, Mixed Salad, Fruit

Consider volunteering on a committee

Wed., Oct. 24:30pm.....[SHAC](#).....Jim's room @ the HS

Thu., Oct. 105:30pm[Governing Council](#) ...Jim's room @ the HS

What's Happening

Thurs., Oct. 3.....Charter Renewal visit by the Public Education Department

Fri., Oct. 11.....In-service - *No Students*

Mon-Fri., Oct. 14 - 18.....*Fall Break!!!*

Fri., Oct. 25.....Student-Led Conferences (No school. Students are required to lead a conference with their teacher and parent/guardian)

High School

Fridays at the high school

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors spend their Fridays outside of the desk. Some students are interns at places such as: The Mint Chip ice cream truck, the Silver City Food Coop, Hike and Bike, Syzygy Tile, End of the Road Ranch, Pamper Pets, Jose Barrios, and at a variety of departments at Western New Mexico University. Other students are on Youth Conservation Corp crews. Here is a run down of what they are up to according to Catalina Claussen, the internship/YCC coordinator.

The mural crew continues on the ofrenda and WNMU library murals. They, along with Ms. Phillips's art class and a number of community members, are designing a painted mural for the Antique Mall downtown. This mural is to be completed by the end of October.

The trail crew is working on a number of trails in the Ft. Bayard trail system.

The archeology crew has been monitoring and (sadly) recording vandalism at the Dragonfly site. They also monitor the Spirit Canyon site. They visited the Mattocks Site and prepared for teaching La Plata and area elementary schools by reviewing the interpretive signs and the materials in the archaeology trunk. This Friday they will tour Cliff Dwellings National Monument and 3-mile ruin for more training.

The eco-monitors continue to monitor the Iron Bridge conservation area by bird banding and recording the impacts of cattle. They attended the Gila River Festival for training and were delighted by speakers like photographer Michael Berman.



The Garden crew has been working on beautifying community gardens (10th Street, Silva Creek Botanical Gardens, Jose Barrios, and the Office of Sustainability). They

have been teaching our middle school students about the importance and identification of pollinators.

Staying close to home

This week the **Community Orientation** class will be finding their way with pottery and card making and will be getting their creative on at their own campus.

Middle School

FRIDAY

This **Friday the 6th & 8th graders** are going to be writing poetry. You know why? Because it's the Festival of the Written Word! They will be writing poetry with **Elise Stuart (former poet laureate)** and **Gue West Besster (current poet laureate)**.

The 7th graders are going to do river science with Rich and Carlos from Riversource. After that they will go fishing at Bill Evans Lake!

If it rains, then the 7th graders will join the 6th & 8th graders.

Don't forget your BIG 5 + 1

- Appropriate Shoes
- Hat
- Journal & Pencil
- Lunch
- 2 Water bottles

+1 Rain coat!