

**Live, Learn, Lead**



## **Weekly Update**

(Brought to you by the Middle School Journalism Class)

# **Aldo Leopold Charter School**

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### **News for All**

#### **FOOD FOR ALL!!!**

- 10/24/18...**      **Wed:** Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread, Lentils, Mixed Salad, Fruit
- 10/25/18...**      **Thurs:** Club Sandwich, Corn on the Cob, Caesar Salad, Fruit
- 10/26/18...**      **NOTHING SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAY FOR ALL!!!!**
- 10/29/18...**      **Mon:** Roast Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Roasted Veggies, Mixed Salad, Fruit
- 10/30/18...**      **Tuse:** Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Veggies, Garden Salad, Fruit

## **Thanks for understanding**

So a few times a year, the staff at Aldo comes to school when students don't have to, so we can get better at our jobs. This past Monday during our in service we heard a presentation by a high school student about her internship which is focused on planning a possible trip to the Grand Canyon; High School science teacher Alli Heneghan trained us on a new discussion protocol that she learned about while at a science conference in California last spring; and our school Psychologist, Siah Hemphill, gave us two hours of Conscious Discipline training and how best to help students affected by trauma. After that we met in our school groups to talk about projects (High School) and how best to assess students on Fridays (Middle School). Thank you so much for understanding our need and want to develop skills to better serve your kids.

## **October Event**

**26-----Student Led Conferences**

## **November Events**

**1-----SAC Committee 5pm**

**2-----Student Council 7pm**

**5-8-----Sonoran Sojourn (Freshman)**

**7-----SHAC 4:30pm**

**8-----Governing Council Meeting 5:30pm**

**12-----Internship Essay Due**

**13-----Risk Management 4:30pm**

**14-15-----US History / Science Trip**

**19-20-----Senior Retreat**

**21-23-----Thanksgiving Break**

**26-----Internships Presentations Due**

**28-----Internship Showcase 4:30pm**

**29-30-----LEW-Gila New Mexico 3:30pm**

## Student Led Conferences

A few years ago, High School science teacher Alli Heneghan suggested that rather than continue with the traditional parent teacher conferences, where students have no involvement in evaluating their school performance, why not move to a model that is more in line with the mission and vision of our school: **Student Led Conferences**. In this model students present a portfolio of their work to their parent or guardian in the company of one of their teachers. The work ranges from things they are proud of or aced to work that they failed at. The student tells their parent/guardian what the difference is between these two assignments, why did they succeed on one and fail at the other? What was learned or gained in both cases? Reflecting on how the work was done and what came of that is integral in helping students discover themselves. This semester's **SLC** take place this **Friday, October 26**. Call Cathie to schedule your conference (High School students meet with their advisor. Middle School students meet with one of their teachers). Remember: **YCC and internships** will still run on Friday and students are *required* to have an SLC and must get themselves to and from the conference.

## Fall Commitment

It finally feels like fall. Are you committed to a committee yet? To find out more about the committees click [here](#).

SAC (School Advisory Council)-

Thursday, November 1, from 5 pm- 6:30 pm, in lobby

SHAC (School Health Advisory Council)-

Wednesday, November 7, from 4:30 pm-6 pm, in Jim's room

GC (Governing Council)-

Thursday, November 8, from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm, in lobby

Rsk Mgmt-

Tuesday, November 13, from 4:30 pm- 6 pm, in Jim's Room

## High School

### ART

Well, the high school art class is about to *dive* into OIL PAINT(ing)! Erika Burleigh, a person who loves oil paint, is going to come in this Wednesday to teach the high school art students how to work with oil! Ms. Phillips decided that now that she is teaching art in the library, this would be the year for oil paint. That, Ms. Phillips!

### **This is where you are, what are you going to do about it?**

All High School students new to Aldo, including all the 9th graders, spend Fridays with Pete Rankin, Orien McDonald, and Kristin Lundgren getting oriented to what our town and county look like through the lens of inquiry and community responsibility and participation, with an eye toward internships. What have you seen that would interest you enough to spend 72 hours a semester investigating? Who have you met that might make a good mentor for you? Where might you make a difference? **Community Orientation** will return to its regularly scheduled programming on November 2 with a trip to pick apples at Little Cherry Creek Ranch. However, this **Friday CO will not run** so that students and Pete can participate in Student Led Conferences.

### **A dozen**

It is a really big deal to be set free of 12 years of compulsory education. The senior retreat is intended as a check in with the class to see where they are at with this big transition. Senior-itis is a real thing, what are you going to do to counteract it? What are you going to do to support each other so no one gets left behind? What decisions do you need to make between now and then to reach your goals? Who can you rely on? And then there is graduation to plan....that will take *all* year, believe me! The seniors will spend the night at the Wilderness Lodge in Gila Hot Springs on **Monday, November 19, returning to the school on Tuesday by 3:30**. These are the days just before

Thanksgiving break. This is an important part of the end of the beginning we hope you can support your child to attend.

## **Middle School**

### **ART**

The Middle School art students will be creating paper skulls for the Day of the Dead celebration this weekend. Their artwork will be on display for the celebration this Sunday.

### **Friday (actually, this week it will be Thursday)**

The 6th and 7th graders were supposed to take the two mile walk up Little Cherry Creek road the Friday before the break. But that got postponed because of the weather but it is back on for this **Thursday**. So be sure to wear good walking shoes as it is a two-mile walk, bring 2 water bottles, wear a wide brimmed hat, bring healthy snacks and lunch, and don't forget your journal (otherwise collectively known as the BIG 5).

## **Community Events**

### **Because supposedly we are made to do this**

WNMU presents the film [3100: Run and Become](#) at Light Hall this **Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 pm**. Admission is \$5 unless you are a WNMU student then it is free.

### **There is more to Las Cruces than Target**

Museo nacional del Prado is Spain's main national art museum. And they have a [traveling exhibition](#) of 92 pieces from the Spanish royal family's collection on display, outside, in LAS CRUCES!! This is free and open 24 hours a day 7 days a week on the Plaza, just a couple blocks from the [Art and Natural Science museums](#), also free, so make a day of it!