

Aldo Leopold Charter School

Weekly Update

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News for all

Lunch menu

Wednesday 16.....Chicken Noodle soup, Cheesy bread, Lentils, Mixed Salad, and Fruit

Thursday 17.....Club sandwich, Corn on the cob, Chef's salad, and Fruit

Friday 18.....*No lunch... All students off campus. Pack a lunch...*

Monday 21.....Ham or cheese melts, Pesto, French fries, Caesar salad, and Fruit

High Schoolers will be served off campus at the Elks Lodge...

Tuesday 22.....Tomato soup, Grilled cheese sandwich, Roasted veggies, Mixed salad, and Fruit

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.” -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have school on Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. day. High school students will be participating in an all-day teach-in about Dr. King and his legacy. Middle school students will be learning about Dr. King and the continuing

relevance of his teachings and activism during their core classes. At Aldo we believe that the best way to honor this revolutionary man is to be in school because learning is when transformation happens.

This could be you!



Lunch Bunch needs help! Please call Cathie at the front desk, (575) 538-2547, to volunteer to help with transporting food from the Montessori School, serving, or cleaning up after lunch. Thank you for helping us help your kid(s)!

We like the way you do the things you do

At the beginning of every month the staff recognizes the students who show leadership skills, are responsible, engaged in their work, and over all just showing a good example for this school with the title of Kiwanis Student Of The Month. The students who earned this honor for the month of January are **Yureau** from **8th grade** and **Gayla** from **12th grade**. These are wonderful students that represent what Aldo is really about! Who knows you could be the next Student of the Month!

Calendar

Wed. 1/16-----5:00 PM SAC committee meeting here at school

Sat. 1/19-----7:00 PM High School Winter Ball

Mon. 1/21-----MLK, Jr. Day-**WE HAVE SCHOOL**

Mon. 1/21 -----Beginning of 6 th - 10 th grade MAPS testing window

Thurs. 1/24 -Fri. 1/25----High School ski trip

Tues. 1/29 -Thurs. 1/31--High School Student Council Legislative Field Trip

Committee Meetings

SAC: Wednesday, January 16 5pm – 6pm in Mr. Sherwood's office
(SAC=School Advisory Council)



This week, SHAC (the School Health Advisory Committee) is launching its “**Health Passport**” in the middle school & high school. Students will fill as many pages of their passports as they can by completing a variety of healthful activities. For now, high-school health teacher Alli Heneghan & school nurse Jim McIntosh will be the official passport stampers, with others helping out as the program goes forward. At the end of the quarter, the most ambitious students will earn a small prize. During 4th quarter, SHAC will launch the “Advanced” passport, for students who want even more challenges. At the end of the school year, we will recognize the three students who can tell the best story of a health transformation they undertook during the semester.

Here are three sample entries from the passport. Note that some of the challenges involve physical activity, some involve nutrition, and others involve a quest for balance and emotional health:

- o During school lunch I played basketball with my friends.
 - o All day, the only fluid I drank was water.
 - o Last night I stopped looking at a screen at least one hour before going to bed.
- ¡La salud no tiene fronteras!

Switcheroo-tiddly-pom

We would like to welcome *three* new teachers to Aldo for the Spring Semester (That's how many people it takes to replace High School Language Arts, Social Studies, and PE teacher **Catalina Claussen**! Dave Chandler, ALCS Grant Coordinator, was able to secure a grant for an Outreach Coordinator and Catalina

will start in that position this week.) We want to welcome **Maddy Alfero** *back* to our school as half- time Outreach Assistant, part- time Educational Assistant, and PE teacher (Phew, we thought she was going to be the one-that-got-away).

Catalina Rivera (yes, we replaced the *first* Catalina with *another* Catalina-how is that even possible?!) will be teaching High School ELA Tuesdays and Thursdays and **Nate Young** (Catalina's husband) will be teaching High School U.S. History and World History Mondays and Wednesdays. Catalina and Nate come to our school with personal enthusiasm and love of learning and each have an extensive background in teaching. They are both well credentialed and bring an excitement about our mission to their new classrooms (one of which used to be the copy room). Catalina R. and Nate were passing through town and met Guadalupe Montessori director Martha Egnal who brought them to see our school. While touring our grand facility, they learned that there were a couple openings, "Hmm....," these two crazy kids thought, "Should we teach at a small charter school in a small town in southwest New Mexico or continue on with our planned *trip to Italy* ??" Lucky us they decided pinto beans are better than pasta.

High School

Practice, practice, practice

All YCC crews and some interns started work on Friday, January 11. By Friday, January 18 all interns will start working and will continue working until Friday, May 17.

New YCC Projects

- Dia De Los Muertos Mural for the Silver City Museum-*Mural Crew*
- New trail to Boston Hill-*Trail Crew*
- Gathering field data along Tadpole Ridge and at the Iron Bridge Preserve-*EcoMonitors*
- New planting in the median on 10th street between Santa Rita and Gordon-*Garden Crew* (thanks to Rita Herbst-no relation to the street- for

applying for a Keep New Mexico Beautiful grant to honor her husband Otto Khera!)

Finding a direction

The **9th graders** in their **Community Orientation** class will be walking on Boston Hill where they will be joined by Dave Menzie who will talk about the geology of the place. Orien, constant C.O. teacher, will show the students how to make primitive tools from stone (flint knapping).

Dance hall boys + girls

Saturday, January 19th the high schoolers will be having their first dance of the year! The Winter Ball will be at the **Old Elks Lodge from 7-11 PM**. The **tickets are \$5 for single and \$8 for a couple**. Talk to a high school student council member to purchase.

“We may have all come on different ships, but we are in the same boat now” -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Next **Monday, January 21**, the high school will be going to the Old Elks Lodge to learn more about Martin Luther King and the legacy of human rights activism that he left behind. The day will include talks by George Carr of the ACLU, Dr. Joel Blaxland, sociology professor at WNMU, viewing the documentary [King in the Wilderness](#), and singing. **Lunch Bunch will be served at the Old Elks Lodge for those who ordered it.**

Penguin High Schoolers



Catalina, the original one, has revived the Aldo Outdoor Club and their first adventure is **Thursday, January 24 through Friday, the 25th**, for an overnight ski trip to the Sunrise Ski Park Resort. High School students in good academic standing and who want to spend time on the slopes **will leave the school at 4:00 AM sharp** (none of this “Silver City time” business) **and will return the following evening at 9:00 PM**. We recommend that you pack your bags a few days prior to the trip so that you aren’t rushing when you have to get up super early! Students will ski/snowboard all day Thursday, sleep in the lodge at Sunrise (no tents this time), and get up early to do the same the next day. All pertinent information can be found in the [“For Parents and Students”](#) tab on the website.

Middle school

We just are not meant to go to the sewage treatment plant!

Due to the possibility of bad weather we have come up with an alternative for this **Friday, January 18's** activity. Your child will be *going bowling* at **Silver City Bowling Center!** The Middle School Student Council will be covering half the cost (look for the latest book on how to make money on bake sales and dances to fund your family trips) and the school will cover the rest. We are, however, asking families to chip in \$3.00/child to cover related costs (we will gladly accept \$6 or more per child if you want to offset the cost to the school). *Please understand that this is not a mandatory fee*, but payment would help make this instantly popular trip possible. If your family qualifies for the subsidy program, bowling is on us! A letter will be going home tomorrow explaining all this in more detail. The BIG 5 is still required for the day:

- Journal and Writing Supplies
- Good Shoes
- Hat
- Sack Lunch
- 2 Water Bottles

Plus

- ALCS T-shirt (optional, but then we'd all look like we are on the same bowling team)

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.” -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The middle school will honor the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 21 with a day of lessons specific to our classes. We will end the day with some all school activities which may include singing!

Community Events!

[Chad Colby Exhibit and Reception](#)

Chad Colby's art show will open on **Thursday, January 17 from 4:30 pm-5:00 pm.** The exhibit will run until **February 1**, so go before it's too late! The art show is located at **WNMU McCray Gallery of Contemporary**, Art Hours **M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.** [Chad Colby](#) is a studio artist who focuses on oil painting and exhibits his work locally and nationally.

[Open Technology Lab](#)

Practice computer skills and ask questions on **Saturday, January 19 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.** Go to the **Silver City library** located at **515 West College Avenue in Silver City** for this free event and no registration necessary.

[Know Your Plants](#)

On **Friday, January 18**, the **Gila Native Plant Society** will hold its first meeting of the year from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Harlan Hall, Room 219**, at the **corner of 12th and Alabama Streets on the WNMU campus.** The program will feature a hands-on workshop by Richard Felger and William (Bill) Norris entitled **“Know the Trees II: Twigs, Cones and Fruit,”** a follow-up to the first workshop on tree identification given at the October meeting. Refreshments following the program.

[History Lesson](#)

The **Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society** will be holding their annual dinner on **Saturday, January 19 from 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm.** There will be a **\$20 reservation fee.** This event will be held at **Cross Point Church located at 11600 Hwy 180 East in Silver City.** Featuring **Dr. Richard Melzer**, guest speaker, on Maximiliano Luna, New Mexico soldier and patriot. Dr. Melzer is originally from Teddy Roosevelt's hometown of Oyster Bay, New York, and has lived in **New Mexico** since **1973.**