



# Weekly Update

## Aldo Leopold Charter School

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### News For All

#### Lunch Menu

Wed 4/11.....Chicken fajitas, black beans, shredded veggie salad, and fruit  
Thurs 4/12.....Quiche, French fries, Caesar salad, and fruit  
Fri 4/13.....**NO LUNCH *EVER!!!***  
Mon 4/16.....Cowboy chili, cornbread, mixed salad, and fruit  
Tues 4/17.....Spaghetti Bolognese, WG roll, roasted veggies, green salad, and fruit

#### Committees

GC..... 4/12..... 5:30 p.m..... Mrs. Chaney's room  
Policy ..... 4/25 ..... 8:40 a.m..... Mr. Sherwood's office  
SHAC ..... 5/2 ..... 4:30 p.m..... Jim's room  
SAC ..... 5/3 ..... 5:00 p.m..... Lobby

#### Money, money, money, money

This week's **Governing Council** meeting, **Thursday at 5:30 pm**, will feature a **discussion of staff salary schedules** and our **budget for next year**. These will not be action items until May, but now is the best time to let the Governing Council and our administrators know any thoughts you might have about the school's budget.

If that time doesn't work for you, or if you **love budgeting so much** that you'd like two chances to talk numbers, **Business Manager Harry Browne** will host his annual **Muffins and Money public input session** at **Javalina's Coffee House** on **Monday, April 30, at 9:00 a.m.** Javalina's is located on the corner of Market and Texas Streets in downtown Silver City.

## **The Interwebs**

Our new [website](#) contains a lot of information that can be informative and helpful. You've heard that your 9th grader is going on a campout, but you want more information: check out the "[Letters Home & Permission Slips](#)" tab. Perhaps you have been thinking you'd like to volunteer to be on a committee, but you don't know what committees we have and what they do; we have [a page](#) for that! Your child doesn't remember what the next day's lunch is, here is the [lunch menu](#). The [calendar](#) is there to remind you of what is happening and when. You get the picture. The website is a work in progress, let us know what works and doesn't.

## **Book fair**

Scholastic Book Fair is running until Thursday! High school Language Arts teacher Catalina Claussen hosted a reading from her award-winning YA novel and the sequel. Izaiah Padilla was the lucky winner of a free signed copy of *Diamonds at Dusk*. The winners of "Numbers of Pages" contest are (drumroll please ...) 1st place for High school is Jessie Hobby, in 2nd place is Haley Lambert, and in 3rd place is Brandon White! For Middle school 1st place goes to Sophina Read, 2nd place is Tigerlily Warner, and in 3rd place is Lily Myers! Congratulations to the six of them!

## **Volunteer Hours**

Aldo is powered by people. Since we are a small school there is much that we need help with and so we require that parents donate 2 hours a month per child for the good of the whole. You can give your time in one lump sum, like by volunteering your skills as an outdoors person on a backpacking trip, or you can spread it out over the course of the year, for instance, you could serve lunch once a week. We need help after backpacking and camping trips washing sleeping bags, chaperones at dances, food prepared for the internship showcase, pick up and drop off of lunch, and committee participation to name a few opportunities to give of your time. When you volunteer, you can fill out [this form](#) on the website and then Cathie can keep track of your hours. If you are shy of your required hours, please call Cathie and she can hook you up.

## **Let your creative flag fly**

The **Southwest Student Art Exhibition** will be at the **WNMU Miller Library** from **April 18-May 7**. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be **Wednesday April 18, at 6 p.m.** Middle school Art teacher Ms. Phillips is currently collecting High school AND Middle school art, if you are interested in submitting your work see her!

## **Sing! Sing out loud. Sing out strong. Don't worry that it's not good enough, for anyone else to hear, just sing!**

It's performance season for the Middle School Chorus, and our group is in demand! We have been invited to sing for the **Earth Day celebration at Gough Park on Saturday April 21 at noon** and for the **ALCS fundraiser on May 5**. Come out for Earth Day and support the singers!

## **Since money doesn't grow on trees**

The **annual ALCS spring fundraising event** will be **Saturday, May 5** from **6-8 p.m.** at **Miller Library on the WNMU campus**. **Tickets are \$25** and are on sale now! You can call Cathie or Andrea to reserve tickets or come to the school and purchase them. This year's theme is "Above and Beyond the Classroom" and will include dinner and a program. **All funds raised help support experiential education at our school.**

## **Garden Crew needs you!**

Spring is here, start your Garden now with our Veggie starts.....  
..... just let one of us know if you want to start your garden early and we can show you the starts and you can head home with one anytime. Guy Ramirez will be collecting donations or you can leave your donation in an envelope with Cathie or Andrea, please sign out the plants you'd like and the amount you are donating on our clipboard which we will provide when we show you the plants.

Thanks, Carlos, Skye, Marissa, Haley, Toby, Solomon and Quinn.

## **Sugar Wars**

At a recent staff meeting, an Aldo staffer noted that Aldonians consume an astonishing number of sugary drinks, like sodas, “energy drinks,” Frappuccinos, and way-sweet tea. A discussion followed, with other staff expressing a great deal of concern about how the drinks affect student health and learning. (You know how we teachers are.) Some questions to consider:

Do you think students at Aldo—or your child in particular--consumes an excess of sugary drinks?

Do you think sugary drinks affect students’ health, concentration, and learning?

Do you think the school could help reduce the consumption of sugary drinks if there were healthier alternatives?

These are questions we are posing in our advisories and among the school family—especially in light of the commitment the School Health Advisory Committee has shown to address our great but unhealthy love of sugar. Stay tuned for more insight, opinions, data, and discussion on this topic.

Jim McIntosh,  
School Health Advisory Committee Chair & School Nurse

## **High School**

### **Catalina’s Language Arts**

**Poetry workshop:** A group of high school students will attend this workshop with award-winning poet, Denice Frohman on **Monday, April 16 at WNMU 11 am-noon.**

**Opportunity for extra credit:** Students in Catalina's classes can earn extra credit by participating in the open mic event following her reading of *Diamonds at Dawn* at the **Bayard Public Library on Friday, April 13 at 4:30-6pm.** We hope to bring Cobre district students and ALCS students together for this event!

**9th grade:** Projects are done! Students are now working on a unit on advertising where they are asked to develop an ad for a healthy habit or food.

**10th grade:** Students are finishing up a literature study tied to the continent of Asia. They are reading *Siddhartha* and contemplating the role of faith in modern society.

**12th grade:** Seniors are completing senior projects tomorrow and studying surrealist literature and art.

## **Prom+ after the prom**

Calling all high school! Thanks to the high school juniors the high school will be having prom on **Saturday, April 28** at the **Old Elks Lodge** from **7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** From **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** there will be a fantastic dinner of alfredo or spaghetti sauce and meatballs. For those of you who want to enjoy this glorious occasion tickets will be on sale all this week: **prom only = \$5 for 1, \$8 for 2;** for **dinner and prom = \$10 for 1, \$15 for 2.** Dinner spots have to be reserved a week in advance. for this *Bella Notte* “a beautiful night” the theme is “A Night in Venice”. **Immediately after prom** the sophomore class will be hosting **Casino Night** at the school. The prizes and food are provided by the DWI Prevention Taskforce. Mr. Sherwood will **bus** interested students to the school **right after prom.** If you don’t take the bus to the school, but come on your own, you *must be at the school by 11:30 p.m.*

## **Good afternoon, Seniors and their Parents—**

**April & May** are two of the all-time busiest months in the lives of an Aldo Senior. If you’d like to have more information about the **New Mexico History Trip**, the **Senior Class Trip** to Durango & Mesa Verde, and about such rites of passage as our **Senior Banquet** (May 10), **Bequeathing Ceremony** (May 17), **Commencement Rehearsal** (May 18), & the big blowout itself, **Commencement** (May 20), then join us for an **hour-long informative meeting** on **Wednesday, April 11, from 5-6 PM** in **Jim’s room.**

## **Northern Tier**

With the future in front of them, the seniors will spend a week looking to the past. The **NM History class**, with their teacher Jim MacIntosh and Middle school assistant Kori Wilkens, will take off in the wee morning hours of **Monday, March 16** with their first stop 326 miles away at **Chaco Canyon.** Nights will be spent camping and days will be spent seeing the “Northern Tier” of our enchanting state. Included in this epic journey will be **Acoma Pueblo, Roundhouse tour, Palace of the Governors, Santa Fe Plaza, Earthship Biotechture tour, Kit Carson’s home,** and **Ft. Craig.** Total mileage: 1209 miles! For all the ins and outs click [here](#) and [here](#).

## **Some ching-ching for your summer bling**

Here comes summer, High school students!

Here’s the schedule for YCC crews:

**Trail Crew:** May 29 through June 15, needs 21 crew members

**Mural Crew:** May 29 through June 8, needs 7 crew members

If you want to be on either of these crews, there are sign up sheets on Guy’s door.

## **Middle School**

### **This Friday**

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be joining the CO class at The Commons (The Volunteer Center) for some seed planting and garden work. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be hiking on and around Gomez Peak. BIG 5 is a necessity: wide brimmed hat, journal and pencil, appropriate shoes, healthy snacks and lunch, and 2 water bottles. The forecast is calling for much cooler weather, so dress appropriately.

### **A Walk in the PARCC**

The Middle school will be taking the state mandated PARCC test. All Middle school students will be testing Tuesday-Thursday, two tests a day. Before, between, and after the test we will be doing activities that will help students focus and relax. It is very important that your child eat well, sleep well, and arrives at school on time.

### **They are almost freshmen!**

They have come so far and now they want to cap off their middle school years with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade *only* campout. After many all class discussions and the exploring of all their suggestions, we have decided to go to the **Grapevine campground in Gila Hot Springs**. We will leave school on **Thursday, April 26** and return at the end of the school day on **Friday, April 27**. We are still firming up plans and will be sending out information next week.

## **Community events**

### **Little Walnut Mountain Run**

For many of us Saturday morning wouldn't be the same without a stop at the Silver City Farmers' Market for a week's worth of produce and tortillas. If you'd like to support this effort to bring local produce to the people, consider running off some of that winter insulation at **Little Walnut Mountain Run Saturday April, 28<sup>th</sup>**. This is **benefit** for the **Silver City Farmers Market** will start and finish at the **Gomez Peak Pavilion**. The **race start is 9 a.m.** You choose a 5k or 10k. Your \$30 entry fee gets you a race tote, coffee, tea and homemade pie. (Let's hope the Farmer's Market throws more fundraisers!) For more info: <https://runlittlewalnut.wixsite.com/race>

### **Wild and Scenic Film Festival**

Friday April, 27th the Gila Conservation Coalition will be holding the 7th annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival at Light Hall Theatre, multiple inspiring documentaries

will be shown encouraging people of all ages to get outside. This touring festival will hold a raffle and will be host to some great guest speakers. \$15 at the door or **FREE FOR STUDENTS!** Oh and did I tell you? **STUDENTS ARE FREE!**

Watch the trailer and learn more! <https://www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/happy-new-year-2/>

## **Let's Go To The Movies!**

**At the Silco Theater**

**Ready Player One**

**PG-13**

March 29- April 12 /3:30pm/7:30pm

Duration: 2hr 10m

<http://www.thesilco.com/>

**At Light Hall Theatre**

**Early Man**

**PG**

April 13- 14/ 7pm

April 15/ 2pm

Duration: 1 hr 29m

[movies.wnmu.edu/?lang=en](http://movies.wnmu.edu/?lang=en)