

**Weekly Update**

Aldo Leopold Charter School

 **January 15, 2018**

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**News for all**

# We celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. by *going to school*

Dr. King was an educator. The best way that we can honor the work of this courageous man is to follow in his footsteps by teaching and learning and working to embody the American values of liberty and justice for all.

# Before you eat, you must take your medicine

We *desperately* need parent volunteers to help with Lunch Bunch.  Without parent volunteer support, we cannot keep this program running. More than 50 % of our students rely on lunch being served. **To volunteer to pick up or serve lunch, call Cathie 538-2547.**

# How to order lunch

**Lunch menus go out via email** now, followed by a text blast notifying you to check your email. The **February lunch menu** will go out sometime during the week of January 21 and is **due back by Monday, January 29**. You can print this menu out, fill it in and have your child return it to Cathie. You can save it in Word, fill it out, and send it back to Cathie via email. If you need a hard copy, call Cathie and she will send one home with your child. If you have a better idea for how students should order lunch, or have comments or questions about the way it is currently being done, guess whom you call? Cathie! And our business manager has a favor to ask: if possible, please send payment for the lunches you order when you place the order. This will save time and postage!

# Finally, the LUNCH MENU

**Tues 1/16** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed salad, and fruit

**Wed 1/17** Chicken noodle soup, cheesy bread, lentils, garden salad, and fruit

**Thurs 1/18** Club sandwich, corn on the cob, Caesar salad, and fruit

**Fri 1/19** NO LUNCH *EVER!*

**Mon 1/22** Hot dog on a bun, macaroni & cheese, mixed salad, and fruit

# The lottery that wins you something more valuable than money

We are accepting enrollment lottery applications now. You can get a hard copy at the front office or go to the [Aldo website](http://www.aldocs.org/) and it is right on the home page. ***Siblings of current Aldo students must fill out an application if they wish to enroll!*** In any given lottery, sibling names will be drawn first. But you can never jump ahead of someone whose name was drawn in a prior lottery, so the best way you can take advantage of having an Aldo student sibling is to **turn in an application** by **4:00 pm on February 15, 2018**. Reminder: Aldo Leopold is a free *public* charter school. Everyone is welcome.

# Committees

Finance Tues 1/30 4:45 p.m. Mr. Sherwood’s office

Policy Wed 1/31 8:40 a.m. Mr. Sherwood's office

SAC Thurs 2/1 5:00 p.m. Mr. Sherwood's office

SHAC Wed 2/7 4:30 p.m. Jim's room

SAC=School Advisory Council

SHAC=School Health Advisory Council

# Published!

Congratulations to sophomores Danny Mahl and Zazie Friderichs, who were published in the Winter 2018 issue of *The Silver City Quarterly Review* for their magical realist stories. <https://scquarterlyreview.wordpress.com/>

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And as if that wasn’t enough talent in one building…Catalina Claussen, high school Language Arts teacher, anticipates the 2018 release of her second youth adult novel, *The Girl Walks with Star People*, a sequel to her debut novel,*Diamonds at Dusk.*

# Reading is fundamental

**Four of Miss Bailey's students** completed a 2- to 2.5-year intensive reading/spelling program in just 1.5 years! Their hard work, focus, and dedication to being at school, in class, and ready to learn using the Take Flight Intensive Reading/Spelling program was rewarded. The 132 lessons took them through the basics of the English phonics system both for decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling). They learned the meanings of prefixes and suffixes and how to properly attach them to base words to form derivatives. When the students had mastered those, they learned the meanings of 25 + Latin prefixes, suffixes, and roots. They finished up with 25 + Greek combining forms; such as, hyper, micro, phono, pyro, ology, etc. They were "scared" of that final exam, but when they trusted their knowledge and used the recall techniques they had practiced all year--they each aced their test.

# Testing 1-2-3

All students in **grades 6-10** will be taking [MAP](https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/), Measure of Academic Progress, tests during the next two weeks. Students will take tests in **reading and math**. Performing well on these tests is one of our charter goals and since these are short cycle tests, or tests that have a short amount of time between each testing cycle, this data is useful for teachers. So please, encourage your child to take them seriously so that the time they put into testing is put to good use.

**High School**

**CO (a prefix meaning “together, mutually in common”)**

When you enter the high school at Aldo, no matter what grade you are joining, you take the **Community Orientation class**. If you are a ninth grader, this will be a yearlong class for you. If you are tenth and above, you only take it for one semester, because in the second semester you begin an internship or join a YCC crew. So now, CO is all ninth graders, and this week they will be getting a geology lesson up on Boston Hill with Dave Menzie and a lesson in Flint Knapping with Orien. Flintknapping is “the process of chipping away material from high silica stones like "flint" in a carefully controlled manner with special tools to produce sharp projectile points or tools” (Flintknappingtools.com). CO meets in Pete’s room at 10:25, after Language Arts and math. BIG 5 always required.

# Retreating

The **eco-monitors** will be going on their annual retreat at the Mimbres Hot Springs Ranch this **Friday, January 19 - Saturday, January 20.** They plan out their semester of work and decide on a study session schedule for the Envirothon.

# YCC and Internships

**YCC and Internships** **start this Friday, January 19**. **Mural crew** starts at 9 a.m. and meets at L-I Arts at 315 N. Bullard. **Archeology, Eco-monitor, and Trail** **crews** start at 8:30 a.m. at the school. **Gardening** starts at 9 a.m. at the school.

**Middle School**

# Friday, the new Wednesday

This Friday we will be following up on what we did last Friday. We will crunch numbers, collect more garbage in our beloved Big Ditch, and work on becoming better citizens along the way. The **BIG 5** is required-journal and pencil, healthy lunch, wide brimmed hat, and two water bottles.

# If you can’t make it to PyeongChang for the XXIII Winter Olympic Games….

consider going to the **Southwest Regional Science Olympiad on Saturday, January 27** from **8:30-3:30pm at WNMU in the Intramural Gym**. Middle school math and science teacher Aysh Heneghan is teaching a competitive science elective this semester. Students from his class are working towards competing in the following categories: Roller Coaster, Batter Buggies, Experimental Design, Solar System, and Tower Building.