

# Weekly Update

## Aldo Leopold Charter School

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### News for all

#### Lunch menu

Wed 5/16.....Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, shredded veggie salad, and fruit

Thurs 5/17.....Club sandwich, corn on the cob, Caesar salad, and fruit

Fri 5/18.....**NO LUNCH *EVER!!!***

Mon 5/21.....**NO LUNCH (11:50 release)**

Tues 5/22.....**NO LUNCH (11:50 release)**

### Gracias! Danke! Faafetai! Grazie! Faleminderit!

Thanks a million to the SAC committee and other parents who appreciated the staff and teachers last week. The spread of food at last week's staff meeting was yum-a-licious and the chock-full gift baskets we found on our desks Friday morning were such a pleasant surprise. If it weren't for you guys, we wouldn't be here, so give yourselves a hearty pat on the back!

### Things are going up

With temperatures, so go the hemlines of shorts and t-shirts. Please be sure that your child comes to school dressed for school and not the beach. If they squeak past your inspecting eye we will give you a call and you will have to come get them.

## **Ms. Bailey strikes again!**

Middle schoolers Michael, Amelia, Levi, and Phini have finished *two years* of extensive reading and writing instruction. The students worked four days a week during one of their electives studying phonics for both reading and spelling. They have focused on fluency and word parts (prefixes, suffixes, Latin and Greek connectors). These students have been dedicated throughout the two years. Woo-hoo!!

## **The final committee!**

**Policy..... Wednesday, 5/16.....4:00 p.m. ....Mr. Sherwood's office**

A special thank you to everyone who participated in any of the committees this school year, thank you for keeping everything in order!

## **An alternative to High School**

There will be a meeting for [New Mexico Youth ChalleNGe Academy](#) at the Grant County Conference Center (next to Ace Hardware) On **Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m.** This program could be a good fit for your child if they need more discipline and direction and they have dropped out of school or if that seems inevitable. "The New Mexico National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Academy (located in Roswell, New Mexico) is a 17 ½-month program that starts with a demanding 22-week quasi-military residential phase in which cadets will live in Roswell. This is followed by a year of mentoring support to help our graduates maintain positive lifestyles." During this first phase students work towards earning credits for their GED. For more information click on the link above.

## **May Events**

**16-17-----** Final exams for Middle school (See schedule under "Middle School")

**18-----** Graduation rehearsal 3pm for seniors and staff

**20 -----** Graduation 1pm @ the Global Resource Center

**21-22-----** Final exams for High School (See schedule under "High School")

**21-22-----** Half days-11:50 release

**23 -----** Last day of school- Field Day. Students released at 12:30 from the school.

## **It's the final countdown!**

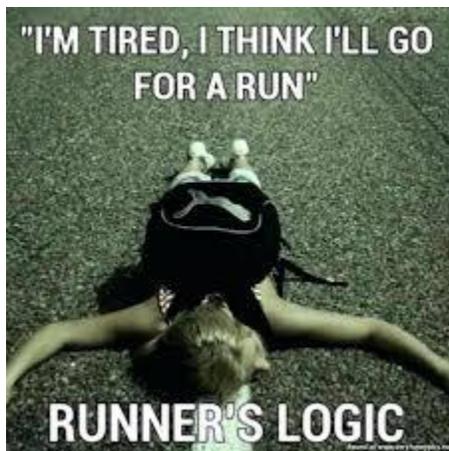
It's almost the end of the year, and here's the schedule for the last three days:

**Monday and Tuesday, May 21 + 22 = 11:50 dismissal**

**Wednesday, May 23 = 12:30 dismissal**

## Field day!

The **very last day** of school for the year is **Wednesday, May 23**, and on this day we will all play together. **All students arrive at 8:30** and we will bus everyone up to Ben Altamirano Field. There will be 4 stations. Each station will have one active game (water, kickball, soccer, ultimate frisbee) and one not-as-active game (flag making, jenga, trivia). The groups will be mixed grade level 6-12. Students should wear clothes they can be active in. And wet: Mr. Cantrell is in charge of the hose again, so it is likely everyone will get wet. All students will be bused back to the school for a **12:30 dismissal**.



Despite its vaunted profile as the **New Mexico Metric Half-Marathon Masters Championship**, the **Ft. Bayard Wilderness Run** has always been a mostly local race-- a Southwestern New Mexico Classic, with a few friends from Tucson stopping by, & maybe the occasional outlander home visiting family. The race is on **Saturday, May 26 at 8 a.m.** If you are one of those people who own or display toe shoes, trail gaiters, 26.2 tattoos, bottle vests, or winged sandals click [here](#) for easy online registration or get one at the front office.

## Oh, to be a rubber ball...

Being a teenager is hard. Life can pile up on you and it can be difficult to make heads or tails of it and what your place in it is. For us parents, it's been so long since we dealt with those hormone surges, pimples, pegging our pants just so, and wishing Tom O'Donnell would look our way, we forget how traumatic and real it all can feel. The website of the [National Association of School Psychologists](#) can be a big help when you have questions or concerns about how to best support your child when they are struggling with all that is on his or her plate. Here's something from the NASP website:

The presence of resiliency factors can lessen the potential of risk factors to lead to suicidal ideation and behaviors. Once a child or adolescent is considered at risk, schools, families, and friends should work to build these factors in and around the youth. These include:

- Family support and cohesion, including good communication.
- Peer support and close social networks.
- School and community connectedness.
- Cultural or religious beliefs that discourage suicide and promote healthy living.
- Adaptive coping and problem-solving skills, including conflict-resolution.
- General life satisfaction, good self-esteem, sense of purpose.
- Easy access to effective medical and mental health resources.

## High school

### EoCs

**End of Course exams** serve three purposes: 1) They can be used as an “alternative demonstration of competency” for students who don’t pass the PARCC English or Math tests or the SBA science test. (Translation: If the student doesn’t pass the standardized tests, the EoC score can be used in its place.) 2) Some teachers use them as their class final exams; and 3) They can serve as a data point for teacher evaluation especially for teachers whose subject area is not tested otherwise. (Translation: There is not a standardized test for social studies, so social studies teachers can use the EoC results as evidence for the evaluation of their effectiveness as teachers.)

**End of Course exams** this week according to the following schedule:

**Tuesday, 5/15**

**B-Block** Spanish 2

**D-Block** LA 11 Writing

**Wednesday, 5/16**

**A-Block** Spanish 1

**C & E Blocks** World History

**Thursday, 5/17**

**F-Block** US History

**Tuesday, 5/22**

**D-Block** LA 11 Reading

**Additionally**, we will have **AP World History Thursday 8 a.m.** and **AP Human Geography on Friday at 8 a.m.**

## **So close...**

On **Friday, May 18**, ninth-graders who have more than 1 absence or a grade below 75% in CO will need to attend this last class. Those 'make-up' students will spend a couple of hours volunteering in Gila at the Community Center 'urban forestry' project, a project for which ALCS has been a grant partner.

## **The end is coming**

**Here is the finals schedule for the High School**

**May 21:**

A block- 8:30-9:30

C block- 9:35-10:40

E block- 10:45-11:50

**May 22:**

B block- 8:30-9:30

D block- 9:35-10:40

F block- 10:45-11:50

**The difference between  
school and life?**

**In school, you're taught  
a lesson and then given  
a test. In life, you're  
given a test that  
teaches you a lesson.**

~Tom Bodett

[gadel.info](http://gadel.info)

***The Bequeathing:*** The seniors will pass the torch of leadership at Aldo on to the juniors. Because of the newly declared fire restrictions, a new location is being scouted, but the event will for sure take place on **Thursday, May 17**.

***Graduation:*** This unique commencement is on **Sunday, May 20** at **1 p.m.** at the **Global Resource Center** on the WNMU campus.

# Middle school



## The End is Near

**6th grade-** will have “finals” throughout the week of May 14-17

**7th grade**—*Wednesday, May 16* Morning... Group A .... Math  
 Morning ... Group B .... Social Studies  
 Afternoon . Group A .... Social Studies  
 Afternoon . Group B .... Math  
*Thursday, May 17* Morning ... Group A .... Science  
 Morning ... Group B .... Language Arts  
 Afternoon . Group A .... Language Arts  
 Afternoon . Group B .... Science

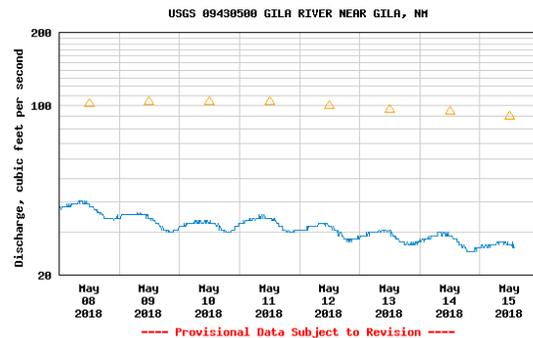
**8th grade**—*Wednesday, May 16* Morning ... Group A .... Language Arts  
 Morning.....Group B .... Math  
 Afternoon . Group A .... Math  
 Afternoon . Group B .... Language Arts  
*Thursday, May 17* Morning ... Group A .... Social Studies  
 Morning ... Group B .... Science  
 Afternoon . Group A .... Social Studies  
 Afternoon . Group B .... Science

## Top Secret

So, really if you are related to an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, have one living in your house, or have ever been an 8<sup>th</sup> grader you must keep this a secret from the current crop of Aldo 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Seriously. This Friday, May 18, the whole Middle School will be going to Joe Runyan’s place (long time Middle School supporter and friend of Mr. Knight’s) located on the Gila River in Cliff for our annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony. This is a very low-key affair intended to celebrate our students who must go on and leave us behind. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders know something is up, but they don’t know what exactly, and we’d like to keep it that way; I’ve already told you too much. Just be sure your middle schooler has a set of clothes to change into as they will undoubtedly spend some time in

Discharge, cubic feet per second

Most recent instantaneous value: 25.8 05-15-2018 14:00 MDT



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Daily discharge, cubic feet per second -- statistics for May 15 based on 89 years of record [more](#)

Most Recent Instantaneous Value May 15	Min (2006)	25th percentile	Median	Mean	75th percentile	Max (1973)
25.8	30.6	55	90	136	169	1590

*Editor’s note: Judging by the record low flow in the Gila, it’s not clear how wet your student will really get. ☹️*

the Mighty Refreshing Gila River, as well as the rest of the BIG 5: water in bottles, healthy lunch and snacks, appropriate shoes, journal and pencil, WIDE BRIMMED HAT.

## **You Can Dance Can Jive, Having the time of your life!**

**Friday, May 18** the end of the year dance is being held at the Old Elks Lodge. **Doors open at 7 p.m.** There will be food, drink, and music: let's see those moves!

Wristbands are being sold for **\$5** on Monday and Tuesday in the front lobby at lunch time. Or **\$7 at the dance**. Wristbands include: Admission, food and beverages. The dance is over at **10 p.m.**

## **Community Events**

**A treat for your eyes!**

### **The Silco Theatre**

Solo: A Star Wars Story

pg-13

Duration: 2h 23m

Friday, May 25 - Thursday, May 14 / 12pm, 4pm 8pm

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

### **Light Hall Theatre**

Pacific Rim

PG- 13

Duration: 2h 12m

Friday, May 18 Saturday, May 19 / 7pm Sunday, 2pm

Tomb Raider

Pg-13

Duration: 1h 58m

<https://movies.wnmu.edu/?lang=en>

## **Theatre is a Virus, so head on down to the El Sol where you can cure your drama bug.**

**\*\*The Red Stilts: Circus and Theater Workshop** will help kids develop tumbling, stilt walking and aerial skills, as well as acting and physical character development. This is open to kids 9-13 years old and will be from June 1 to July 1 with performances on June 29, 30 and July 1. You must register through the Silver City Recreation Center to participate. The cost is \$50/week. Register soon, as there is often a waiting list.

**\*\*Virus Theater auditions for ages 13-18** will be Tuesday, May 22nd at El Sol Theater, 406 N. Bullard St. • Arrive 4-4:15pm that day to sign up. • Auditions begin promptly at 4:30 and will last 45-60 minutes. • Dress in clothes that allow for unrestricted movement. Virus is casting for youth roles in Oeddy Wrecks, to be performed in September and October, and Blatant Attempts at Understanding, to be performed in October. **No cost Virus Theater training in June**, and rehearsals will start in late July/early August. For more information, email [virustheater@gmail.com](mailto:virustheater@gmail.com).

**\*\*Our original melodrama** - complete with boos, hisses, and popcorn to throw - opens Friday, May 18 and runs every weekend through Saturday, June 9. Tickets are available on line at [virustheater.com](http://virustheater.com) or at Yada Yada Yarn, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are looking for ushers and front of house volunteers for 10 shows - as follows:

5/18 and 5/19: curtain 7:30 pm

5/25 and 5/26: curtain 9:00 pm

5/27: curtain 7:00 pm

6/1 and 6/2: curtain 7:30 pm

6/3: curtain 2:00 pm

6/8 and 6/9: curtain 7:30 pm

**Volunteers** are able to **see the show for free** the night that they volunteer. You are asked to arrive at the El Sol Theater 45 minutes before curtain. If you are able to volunteer for any of these showtimes, please send an e-mail to [phutchjax@yahoo.com](mailto:phutchjax@yahoo.com) indicating the date you are available. Thank you for supporting Virus Theater!