



# Weekly Update

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## News for all

### Hey, welcome back!

As you probably know, school has started again. On Saturday we had a spectacularly well attended orientation at Gomez Peak Pavilion. Thanks to all who made it and listened for a bit (o.k., it was more than a bit) about what our school is about, play some games, eat some food, and connect with the Aldo school community. There was a lot covered, so if you couldn't make it, please ask anyone on the staff or a fellow parent to fill you in. We are all here to support each other in supporting our kids, so ask questions and don't be a stranger.

### Coming and going

Our days will begin at **8:30am** (note the new time) and will end at **3:40pm**. This is the same for middle and high school. The parking lot will be very busy at these times. It is *most important* that you follow the flow of traffic. Here is how it is done: ***always enter to the right of the median***. Again, ***always, enter to the right of the median***. Then pull up to the curb and drop off or pick up your child. Please, pull all the way forward so that the cars behind you can make the corner around the median and traffic can keep flowing. I'm sure this goes without saying, but "Go slow. Children at play."

### The midday meal

Lunch service will begin on **Monday August 21**, that is *next* Monday, so **all this week, your kiddo must bring a lunch to school**. Starting this year, Guadalupe Montessori will be providing lunch to our Aldo students and Staff. Heidi Pendleton is the kitchen goddess over there and will be making menus and meals that are 60-70% organic. Be sure to fill out a lunch order form at the front desk—due

Wednesday!--& if you still need to complete your Free & Reduced Lunch application, be sure that's in as soon as possible. More information about this spiffy new program will be forthcoming.

## **Why do bad things happen to good people?**

Andrea's (the beautiful, smiling, warm woman who shares the front office with Cathie, another beautiful, smiling, warm woman) son passed away unexpectedly on Friday. Thomas leaves behind his fiancé, one and a half year old son and his eight year old step-daughter. If you care to make a donation to help this young family through this most difficult time, please see Cathie.

## **High School**

### **Let the day begin...**

The first day for **high school** students will look like this (I'm hoping this Update gets to you in time for this to mean something. If not, when you ask your kid, "So what did you do at school today?" And they say, "Nothing." You can ask, for example, "Well, what did you do in the All School Circle?")

**8:30-8:45**.....HS meet near Memorial Garden (out back)

**8:45-9:00**.....All School(HS and MS) Circle

**9:05-11:30**.....Advisory meetings (you will be given your advisor during the HS meeting.)

**11:30-12:15**...**Lunch (on campus) bring your own!** (and look out for those new kids who are eating alone and invite them to join your group)

**12:15-3:40**.....Mini-schedule

A Block...12:15-12:45

B Block...12:50-1:20

C Block...1:25 - 1:55

D Block...2:00 - 2:30

E Block...2:35 - 3:05

F Block...3:10 - 3:40

## **Getting ready for the big event**

**Backpack Base Camp** will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. **Big 5 required:** hat, appropriate shoes, water, lunch, and journal. You will get all the information you want and more about Backpack Base Camp during your advisory on Monday.

## Middle School

### **This is just the beginning**

When you pull up to the curb to drop your dear one off, a smiling middle school staff person will be there to direct them to their grade level classroom. **6<sup>th</sup> graders** will go **to the portables** (behind the main building) with **Ms. Aversa**. **7<sup>th</sup> graders** will go to **Mr. Ramirez's room** (formerly known as Mr. Knight's room). And **8<sup>th</sup> graders** will go to **Ms. Chaney's room** (same as last year).

### **Because we are smaller...**

we have *mini-villages* the first week. Your child needs to come prepared to be outside and to play in the dirt. The **BIG 5** is necessary and required: hat, closed toed shoes, lunch, two water bottles, journal and pencil (we will give them a journal). Here is our schedule for the first day. The rest of the week will probably go mostly like this, as well. We will adjust due to weather or because the direction of the groups requires it. That means we may be at the mini-village site for more or less time. **This is really important: If you need to pick your child up during the school day (doctor's appointment, for instance) you *must* go to the school *first* and fill out a form. Then come to the site to get your child.**

8:30-8:45.....Attendance in grade level classroom

8:45-9:00.....All School Circle (MS and HS!)

9:00-9:45.....Meet in grade level classroom. Get information about mini-villages.

9:45-10:30.....Walk to mini-village site behind Ben Altamirano field (accessed by the road before the new Sonic on Hwy 180)

10:30-10:45....Introductions and mini-village group assignments given

10:45-11:15....Find spaces

11:15-11:30....Debrief and wash hands

11:30-12:00....Lunch

12:00-1:00.....Back to work on villages

1:00 – 1:15.....Define Realms

1:15 – 2:00.....Walk back to school

2:00 – 3:40.....Work in rooms. Journal

