



Weekly Update

(Brought to you by the Middle School Journalism class)

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News for all

Let us clarify something

At the beginning of the year, Aldo expected to have 182 students. We prepared ourselves with enough staff for 182 students, but only 166 students enrolled. As a result of that 16-student difference, we face a larger budget shortfall than we were expecting. Fortunately, we started the year with over \$300,000 in reserve, so we can absorb the projected deficit. However, we feel it would be unwise to use up all of that reserve, so we are working on cutting costs to assure a strong financial end to this school year. We expect to have a balance of at least \$100,000 for our move into our *new building on the WNMU campus!!* (read that like the announcer on the "Price is Right"). If you have *any* questions about the school's current state of affairs, PLEASE call our director Wayne Sherwood or e-mail our business manager, Harry Browne, at hbrowne@aldocs.org.

Espresso, Latte, Macchiato, Oh My!

A coffeehouse will be sponsored by the high school student council on **Saturday Nov. 18th**, at **A Space Studio Art Gallery** from **7:00-10:00 p.m.** It will be a time for students to show off their talents, such as reading original poetry, singing, or storytelling. The gallery is on 7th Street between Bullard and Texas. For more information please talk to your student council representative. Hope you show up to have some coffee!

Payment due

Lunch Bills are being prepared and will be sent out on Monday. We expect that some parents might not get them immediately, but by the **end of the week** they will be delivered.

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Lunch menu

We have noticed that when the update goes out on Monday you don't get to see what is for lunch on Mondays. The Weekly Update will now publish the lunch menu starting with Tuesday and ending with the following Monday.

Tuesday, Nov. 14: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Mixed Steamed Veggies, Chef's Salad, and Fruit

Wednesday, Nov. 15 (High School Only): Chicken Fajitas, Black Beans, Chopped Veggie Salad, and Fruit

Thursday, Nov. 16: Ham and Cheese Melts, French Fries, Caesar Salad, and Fruit

Friday, Nov. 17 (Middle School Only): Vegetable Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Steamed Carrots, Green Salad, and Fruit

Monday, Nov. 29: Turkey or Cheese Wraps, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Bean Salad, and Fruit

Committee meetings you can attend *for free!*

Risk mgmt. **Tue Nov 14****4:30-6:00 pm**..... **Jim's room**
Policy..... **Wed Nov 29****8:40am -9:40am**...**Wayne's office**
SHAC **Wed Dec 6****4:30-6:00pm**.....**Jim's room**
SAC **Thu Dec 7****5:30- 6:00pm**.....**Ms. Chaney's**



Survey says! (“Family Feud” Reference)

Parents, grandparents, legal guardians: on **November 15** from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** we invite you to join us to talk about the risks teens are taking and what we're doing as a school community to promote healthy risks. We will have a burrito bar in the hall outside of Jim's room. We welcome all parents to this event to help our children live healthier and safer lives.

Time off with the optional football game

Our Thanksgiving break is **Nov. 22 - Nov. 24!** We all hope you have a wonderful time gathering with family and friends! The reason we all have Thanksgiving break is to annually celebrate the harvesting season. Nationally Thanksgiving was celebrated on and off starting in 1789 and it became a federal holiday in 1864. If you would like to learn more about Thanksgiving and why we celebrate it click [here](#).

And to think that we saw it on Bullard Street

The Lighted Christmas Parade will be **Saturday, November 25**. The theme of this year's parade is "A Hometown Holiday...Past, Present, and Future. Aldo will be partnering with the Montessori school to create a joint float. We decided to stick with the future side of the theme; our float is going to be themed Science is the Future. **Stay tuned for information about days and times for float building-all hands needed!**

High School

Please come!!!

The internship showcase will be held **Wednesday Nov. 29** from **4:00pm- 6:00pm**. **Please come** and see the work our students have been involved in this semester!!! **We need all high schoolers to bring food for the showcase!**

If your child's last name starts with:

- A-C, bring cheese (approximately 8 ounces)
- D-G, bring fruit
- H-L, bring veggies
- M-P, bring dips for veggies, fruit, or chips
- R-Z, bring 1 box or bag of chips (for dipping) or crackers (for cheese)

Please bring the food on the morning of **Wednesday Nov. 29** and give it to Cathie.

On **Nov. 13** the first-semester interns have to have their essays in to Deb Preusch no later than midnight. Directions are on page 27 of your journal.

Interns have their end of the semester presentations on **Monday Nov. 27**. YCC crews **have to sign up** on Deb's door for their time and date to present.

Interns can get poster board from Deb and print out pictures on her printer **the week before** the presentations. *Remember the presentations are happening the Monday that we get back from Thanksgiving break, so please be prepared beforehand.*

Back, back, back, in time! (you must have been in Mr. Cantrell's class to get this reference)

This week the CO class should be excited because they are going to the Gila Cliff Dwellings! They will be learning about native people and how they are connected to the watershed. They will also learn to weave yucca baskets. The students need to

be at school at **7:30 on Friday** and will be coming back around the same time as regular pick up. Remember the **BIG 5: water bottle, sturdy shoes, journal and pencil, lunch, and hat.**

No man (or woman) left behind

It's time for the first of our senior-class rituals, the Senior Retreat. The seniors will leave school on **Monday, November 20, at the civilized hour of 8:30 a.m.** They will spend the night at the **Wilderness Lodge in Gila Hot Springs**, returning to school **November 21 between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.** The fee for spending the night is \$33 per student (which includes breakfast). In addition, we are asking families to contribute \$5 per meal (\$10 for one lunch & one dinner). Thus, **the total for the trip will be \$43**; a subsidy option is available for half that fee. Our focus for the retreat will be boosting our *esprit de corps* ("a feeling of pride, fellowship, and common loyalty shared by the members of a particular group") as we head into the final leg of our journey toward graduation. (You can do it, parents, they are almost done!) At the retreat, we will discuss ways we can support one another, as well as details of our May graduation ceremony and other spring events.

Middle school

Giving back

This Wednesday the middle school will be returning to **San Vicente Farm**. We will be **cooking with Dutch ovens** to prepare a Thanksgiving feast using **biochar** as the fuel. Biochar is a method of cooking, heating and returning carbon to the soil. The middle school students will be learning about **how biochar helps reduce our carbon footprint**. We will learn about **fire, and what it means in physics, literature, and evolution**. Through this we will challenge ourselves to connect this to our year-long theme of systems. As always, we will be required to bring our **BIG 5: 2 water bottles, a hat, a healthy lunch, a journal and two or three pencils, and clothes fitted for the weather**. San Vicente Farm is outside with almost no cover; send them ready for the day.