



# Weekly Update

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### New for All

#### Lunch

**Monday, Oct. 23:** Turkey or Cheese Wraps, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Bean Salad and Fruit

**Tuesday, Oct. 24:** Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Broccoli, Garden Salad and Fruit

**Wednesday, Oct. 25:** Spaghetti Bolognese, Braised Seasonal Veggies, Chef's Salad and Fruit

**Thursday Oct. 26:** Club Sandwich, Corn on the Cob, Caesar Salad and Fruit

**Friday, Oct. 27:** Bean and Cheese Tacos, Steamed Quinoa, Shredded Veggie Tray and Fruit

### Rehearsing for What Must Never Happen

*From the Risk Management Committee:*

Living in fear is never a good way of carrying ourselves in this world, but recent events have prompted us to face the hard facts: a violent intruder can enter our school, and we need to prepare for that intrusion. To that end, we will be holding our first ever "Violent Intruder Lockdown Drill" this Thursday, October 26, at 10:35. The drill will be brief, & we intend for calm to prevail throughout.

After much deliberation, the Risk Management Committee has decided to follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" strategy that many schools and public safety officials employ. You can learn more about this strategy by accessing FEMA's "Active Shooter" recommendations ([https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1472672897352-d28bb197db5389e4ddedcef335d3d867/FEMA\\_ActiveShooter\\_OnePagerv1d15\\_508\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1472672897352-d28bb197db5389e4ddedcef335d3d867/FEMA_ActiveShooter_OnePagerv1d15_508_FINAL.pdf)) &

watching this short video, which we will be showing all students during this week's advisory period (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eydFlxX-1dQ>). Our hope is to prepare students and staff in case we ever need to observe a lockdown at

ALCS, all while remaining calm and clear-headed as we conduct our drills and debrief afterwards.

With kind regards—and with some regret—  
Jim McIntosh, Risk Management Coordinator

## **It's not casual Friday, but we might be in jeans**

**There will not be any school this Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> because we will be holding Student-Led Conferences.** In SLCs your child shows their grades to you and tells you why those are their grades. The point of this is for the student to take responsibility for their school work, to participate more in their learning, and to give parents a way to get involved in their child's learning. For an example of what this looks like, click [here](#). High School students and parents will meet with their advisors. In the Middle School conferences students and parents will meet with core teachers. Call Cathie ASAP to get the time slot you want. We hope to see you there!

## **No One Wants an Empty Bowl**

The First **Empty Bowls Community Dinner** will be held on **October 28th** from **11am to 2pm** (organizers must be from the Midwest) at **The Volunteer Center**. Enjoy a meal of delicious soup, bread and dessert served in a handmade bowl of your choice to take home.,. The dinner costs **\$20** with all **proceeds to benefit the Grant County Food Pantry serving** those in our community whose bowls are too often empty. For more information click [here](#).

## **Healthy Risks in an Unhealthy Time**

Each year, students take an anonymous "**Behavioral Risk Survey**," wherein they answer questions with refreshing frankness about their behaviors, both risky & healthy. Parents, if you're curious about how our Aldo students responded to this survey, be sure to attend our **Parents Night on Wednesday, November 15, from 5:30-7:00 PM**. We'll provide refreshments, an opportunity for parental commiseration, and insights both challenging and pleasantly surprising. Stay tuned for more information on Parents Night, including an opportunity to RSVP for this annual event.

## High School

### **Work hard and get rewarded**

Starting Friday, YCC crew members will get raises based on their grades from the first quarter. Also, this **Friday the 27th** we are having Student-Led Conferences and YCCers and interns are expected to be at work before and after their conferences. If parents are unable to get their child to or from work please let Deb know at [dpreusch@aldocs.org](mailto:dpreusch@aldocs.org) or at **575-538-2547** before Friday.

### **CO, no go**

No Community O. this Friday so Pete can hold Student-Led Conferences. The following week on November 3rd, CO will be at the Pitchfork Ranch near White/Signal south of Highway 90. There, the Aldo HS newbies will be learning about watershed restoration and plant diversity.

### **Fish Are Fun**

Next week, the 11th graders will be going to San Diego on the annual junior class marine ecology trip. Your desert rat needs to be at the school by **5:45am Monday October 30. Return time is 10pm on Friday November 3.** They will be studying the water life and learning about the ecosystem. Ecology is a branch of biology that deals with the relationship of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings. If you have any questions about this trip, contact high school science teacher Allison Heneghan.

## Middle School

### **Walkabout**

Every Wednesday in the Middle School is different. This week we will split into two groups: one to **The Volunteer Center** and the other **Downtown**. The group going to The Volunteer Center will be learning how to **preserve food, help with the food distribution and the upcoming Empty Bowls fundraiser, and work in the garden.** The group going to the downtown will be learning about **humans' effects on systems, and the intersection of the urban world and the natural world.** The forecast is for an absolutely perfect New Mexico fall day! Your kid needs their **BIG 5: 2 water bottles, a hat, a healthy lunch, their journal and pencil, and sturdy walking shoes.** As the year goes on, the weather is changing, and when the middle school goes out they are expecting your child to be ready for

a range of weather conditions. If the weather gets too harsh though, the middle school will have a backup plan to keep the students safe —but pretty please send your child with clothing and anything else they may need to be out in the weather.

## **Shake, Shake, Shake**

The Middle School will have its first dance of the year on **October 27th** —yay!

The dance will be at the **Old Elks Lodge on Texas St.** Festivities **start at 7pm**

(students who arrive after 8pm will not be allowed in). Dancing will **go until 10pm**

(please, consider the teacher chaperones and be there promptly to retrieve your

solid gold dancer). No cost for admission; light refreshments will be for sale. Dress

is casual, semi-formal, formal, or costume. Or maybe all four combined! Let your

freak flag fly!