



Weekly Update

(Brought to you by the Middle School Journalism class)

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Lunch

Monday, Oct. 9: Roast Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Seasonal Steamed Greens, Mixed Salad and Fruit

Tuesday, Oct 10: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Oven Roasted Carrots, Chef's Salad and Fruit

Wednesday, Oct 11 (High School Only): Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread, Lentils, Green Salad and Fruit

Thursday, Oct. 12: Build Your Own, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Garden Salad and Fruit

Friday, Oct 13. (Middle School Only): Bean and Cheese Burritos, Steamed Rice, Shredded Veggie Salad and Fruit

Lunch: Second course

Thank you to Heidi Pendleton and the Guadalupe Montessori kitchen staff for transforming our Lunch Bunch Program. As we continue to perfect our system here at Aldo, we hope to offer you the opportunity to order **lunches by the month**. To that end, we will send home **two** copies of the Lunch Bunch order form—**one** for you to **fill out and return to school**, and **one** for you to fill out and **keep at home**, so that you have a record of which days you have ordered lunch. Even though Lunch Bunch meals are offered at a remarkably low price, and even though we are participating in the **National School Lunch Program**, we are not making ends meet yet, as students who order lunch but then don't pick it up leave us "eating" that lunch financially. (Note from the Business Manager: we have lost over \$2,000 in just six weeks, as a matter of fact!) Please help us keep our costs down so that we can continue to offer this outstanding and healthy program to our students.

The Wheels on the Suburban go Round and Round

On Friday the 6th, Middle School, and High School staff, along with a couple of YCC crew leaders, spent their morning going to suburban training at Porter Transportation in Bayard. If you want to know what to do if a terrorist should board a school bus, ask one of our newly trained drivers. Next they will all have to take defensive driving. Then they will be qualified, certified, and *bona fide* to drive students in the school's Suburbans.

Your presence is requested

Consider making your contribution to the school be time devoted to learning about and contributing to policies that affect the way our school runs, which affects the experience your child has in these very important four years.

Risk Mgmt..... Tue Oct 104:30-6:00 pm.....Jim's room
GC Tue Oct 125:30-8:30 pm.....Ms Chaney's room
Policy..... Wed Oct 248:40-9:40 am.....Mr. Sherwood's office
GC=Governing Council

Aldo goes to the Olympics

If you've always wanted to be a (science) Olympian, come to Jim's room on Friday the 13th from 3:50 PM to 4:30 pm where (science) Olympic coaches Alli and Aysh Heneghan will give you all the details. Parents are welcome!

GLAMour comes to WNMU

This week is **The Center for Gender Equity** is sponsoring several events for **GLAM week at WNMU**. On **Monday evening from 6-8**, there will be a **PFLAG panel**, dinner will be provided, at the Center on Mississippi Street (the building with the colorful paint job). PFLAG is the United States' largest organization uniting families and allies with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer. PFLAG has nearly 400 chapters across the United States, with more than 200,000 members and supporters.

Dr. Alice Driver will be speaking at **Light Hall on Tuesday, October 10 from 6-8pm on LGBTQ migrants in Central America**. Dr. Driver is an independent journalist and translator whose work focuses on migration, human rights, and gender equality. She is currently based in Mexico City.

On **Wednesday**, if you need some entertainment, consider going to the **Drag Show at Light Hall from 7-9pm**. Many drag shows feature performers singing or lip-synching to songs while performing a pre-planned pantomime, or dancing. The performers often don elaborate costumes and makeup, and sometimes dress to imitate various famous opposite-sex singers or personalities.

Life is bountiful

Saturday October 14th from **10am to 2pm** the first annual Harvest Festival will be held at **The Commons Center For Food Security and Sustainability** (Also known as The Volunteer Center). It is hosted by Native Foods Group, The Volunteer Center, Grant County Mesquitos, and the Grant County Seed Library. The purpose of this festival is to celebrate an amazing community and a rich and bountiful harvest. For more information click [here](#).

Fall break

Fall break is **Monday October 15-20**, yay! We are taking a week off of school to have time with friends and family. I mean who doesn't like taking time off of school?! But seriously, why do we even have fall break? In the past it was used to take a week to go hunting. Some people still do that but most of us will be sleeping in and spending as much time in our cut-offs as possible.

It just feels like torture

On **October 27th**, **Student-led Conferences** will happen. Student-led Conferences are where your children shows their grades to you and tell you why they have those grades. This is not to scare the students; their teacher will be there to help them while they are presenting. The conferences will be **by appointment**. We will let you know when it is time to call Cathie to schedule your conference. For an example of what this looks like, click [here](#). 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 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 ... **while your bowl is always full, those of many in our community are empty**. The dinner costs **\$20** with all **proceeds to benefit the Grant County Food Pantry**. For more information click [here](#).

Sports

It's not that we don't like jocks at Aldo, it's just that we can't afford them. So Silver and Cobre gladly accept our athletes (and some money from the PED). The Aldo students on the Silver cross country team ran their best times of the season in

Las Cruces. This Saturday they will head north to the Rio Rancho Jamboree. The Silver Mountain Bike Team with all-Aldo students, had a meet at Fort Huachuca and placed 15th out of 38.

High School

Leaders wanted

The Pete- and Jim-sponsored **Leadership Enhancement Workshop** could use a few more applicants. This two-day journey (**Thursday October 12 @ 12:30pm, returning Friday October 13 @ 3:30pm**) is focused on students creating a resilient community by learning to be resilient oneself. This out-of-the-box opportunity is open to all HS students in good academic standing. Please **let Pete know by Tuesday if you are interested**. In order for this event to fly, 4 more students need to apply. All forms will be submitted to Cathie or Andrea. Click [here](#) to read the letter from Pete with all pertinent details.

A big test, no not the PARCC test, it's the PSAT

This comprehensive assessment test measures college and career readiness and gives the students tools to plan for college. **All 10th graders** will be taking the test during school on **Wednesday, October 11**. The cost is freeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee for the 10th graders. But the 11th graders have to pay \$16 to take the test.

Love is great but the river is better

This week that class of rambunctious new-to-us high schoolers are going to be working in **Gila valley community gardens** digging in the dirt it will be hot so **bring your Big 5: wide brimmed hat, 2 water bottles, journal, lunch and sturdy shoes**) in the afternoon they will go to the river, if you want to swim **bring a change of clothes**.

Middle School

We're doing like two two-mile marathons!!

Like every week, the middle school will be going on a Wednesday trip; this time we will be going up to **Little Cherry Creek Ranch**. Keep in mind your student will be walking two miles each way on rough-ish terrain, so please send them with all their **BIG 5: 2 water bottles, wide brimmed hat, journal and pencil, lunch and sturdy hiking shoes**.