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ALDO LEOPOLD CHARTER SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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This month's **Students Of The Month** are **8th grader Emily** (pictured second from the right) and **11th grader Sarah** (not pictured). Both these girls are positive contributors to their classes. For Emily her positivity shows in her commitment to doing her best, applying herself to her work, and bringing a light-hearted attitude to class with her every day. Sarah has been a stand out at Aldo since she came here in 6th grade and she continues to go above and beyond. This time she is being recognized for the responsibility she has taken on with the high school student council and with the Behavioral

Risk Survey. Thank you to both of these inspiring young women.

Parents night discussion

Thank you to all the parents who came out last week for parents night! The School Health Advisory Council organizes this annual event so that Aldo parents can come together to share food, to hear the results of the Behavioral Risk Survey, and to learn some new strategies to help with this sometimes frustrating age. This year's speaker was Dr. Jennifer Johnston, who is an assistant professor of psychology at WNMU. Dr. Johnston's notes from her talk on social and media effects on the development of adolescents are available [here](#). Her thorough research reassured many of us that our kids were likely not going to become violent, narcissistic, consumers of unhealthy media if we create stable, loving, nurturing environments for them.

Is it this that or the other thing?

Starting this year, **all juniors will take the SAT in place of the not-PARCC test**. This happens all in one sitting (or one long morning, not like the PARCC which is spread out over multiple days). Students will take this test on the state's dime and our understanding is that the scores will be available for students to send to colleges. This [link](#) will connect students to tools and information to prepare them for **this test that they will take in April**. Exposure to some of the SAT test prep will help students a lot because the style of the questions has caused confusion for Aldo students in the past.



Diedrane, Jordyn, and Jessi made clothes out of trash bags as part of a project about advertising for Garrett's 7th grade health class.

If you want to get into the middle school mind....

[Click here](#)

Thank you

On **Friday, November 22**, the **Community Orientation** class will be sharing a Thanksgiving dinner at the Commons. Students will be making pizza in the orno and sharing their potluck dishes (if they choose to bring one). In addition to eating good food, they will be learning about food justice, engaging in service work in the garden, working together to prepare food, and having a gratitude circle. After lunch they will watch the documentary [“Food Chains”](#). This experience aligns with a multi-disciplinary unit that Darlene, who is in our recent crew of talented young teachers at ALCS, has created for our 9th graders.



Lindsey working on a check dam at the Pitchfork Ranch

Fridays at the high school

Every Friday, sophomores through seniors go out into our community to learn from the many talented people that fill our county. These **internships and Youth Conservation Corps** assignments are a required part of the Aldo high school and help students gain necessary work skills, find future careers, hobbies, and unexpected opportunities. Twice a year the high school flings opens its doors to the public for the **Internship/YCC Showcase!** Interns prepare a poster and answer any questions you might have about their internship. YCC crews prepare a 15-minute powerpoint presentation that they present multiple times during the showcase. This year's Showcase happens on **Wednesday, December 4** from **4:30-6:00 @ the high school** at Ritch Hall. Parents are asked to contribute parts of snacks for this important school event. Here is what we'd like you to bring:



Justin (11th) assembled the new HS lunch tables as part of his internship

LIST OF FOOD ITEMS TO BRING BY FIRST LETTER OF STUDENT'S LAST NAME

A-C = chips (for dipping) or crackers (to go with cheese)

D-G = veggies

H-L = dips for veggies, fruit, or chips

M-P = fruit

R-Z = cheese (approximately 8 ounces)

Free advertising

To get you excited about the showcase, here is a bit of what the YCC crews have been up to.

Murals: the crew is working with a coalition of nonprofits to develop a mural that highlights the importance of community service and volunteerism in making a healthy community

Trails: the crew is working on the Tree Rock trail on the WNMU campus

Eco-monitoring: Same as last week. This past Friday they worked on their presentation and completed their job readiness training modules.

Garden crew: They completed a permaculture training with Asher Gelbart to inform their design of a veggie and native garden on the corner of 10th and West Streets. They removed cacti in front of the school that will be relocated to another community garden.

Archaeology crew: They completed their November site watch for the Dragonfly Trail Site. They look forward to teaching Stout Elementary next Friday at the Mattocks Site.

Did you even know there is a ski area around here??

The **high school's Outdoor Club** met last week to plan a trip to **Sunrise Ski Resort** (called that because you have to get up well before sunrise to get there from here for a full day of skiing) in Greer, Arizona. Just like last year, the trip is being planned as a *club trip* and students are required to have *passed all their classes in the first semester to be eligible to go.*

Aldo Leopold Middle School presents 2019
Cedar Markham & Maya Reeves

Visual Art show Nov 22nd - Dec 9th @ Javalina Coffee House

Join us for opening night,
Friday Nov 22nd @ 5:00pm

Aldo Leopold 8th grade students, Cedar and Maya, have created a unique collection for their 2019 debut collaborative show. This collection includes a wide range of media and highlights their creative growth over the past three years. Please join us to support their visual art achievements!

Cells you can eat

The Next Generation Science Standards requires students to make models of systems. So Ms. Chaney had her seventh grade students make models of cells.

Kujon embedded his cell parts in gel

James made a chocolate cake and put the candy cell structures on top



James used only objects found around his house for his cell.

Sebi and his Jell-O mold cell



Committees

Wed., Dec., 4.....4:30pm.....SHAC

Tue., Dec., 10.....4:30pm.....Risk management

Lunch

11/22 Fri. < No Lunch

11/25 Mon. < Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread, Lentils, Garden Salad, Fruit

11/26 Tue. < Chicken Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Chopped Veggie Salad, Fruit

11/27 Wed. < Thanksgiving Break

Calendar

Mon.,-Tue., Nov. 25 - 26... ..Senior Retreat - Gila Hot Springs

Wed.,-Fri., Nov. 27 - 29.....Thanksgiving Break!!!

Wed., Dec. 4.....Internship Showcase



Friday

This Friday the middle school will be walking downtown to view a visual art show by 8th graders Cedar & Maya at the Javalina Coffee House. After, we will be visiting some murals downtown and discussing art with our groups. We will be gathering information for a future map of the murals. Don't forget your **Big 5!**

On another Friday, we came upon this cool new opportunity for photos at Market and Bullard Streets.

Nursing Notes: ALCS Vaccination Clinic

Some in the Aldo school family recently received a letter from me concerning their child's immunization status. Alas, in this busy time of year, I may have added another duty to your day. But I also wanted to let you know that we may be able to *lighten* your load, too—since Aldo Leopold will be hosting an immunization clinic at the High School on December 3. Nurses from the Grant County Public Health Office will be offering four immunizations to the school family that day, directed toward preventing the following:

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)
- Menactra (meningococcal bacteria)
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Influenza

The first two immunizations are the two most frequently needed by of our Aldo students in order to meet New Mexico Department of Health requirements. The HPV immunization, however, is **not** a required vaccine, but NMDOH recommends the immunization for its cancer-preventing properties, so we have included it in our vaccine menu for the day. The fourth vaccine, against influenza, is available to **all members of the school family**. As an added bonus, **all four of these immunizations will be given free-of-charge** to your child and you.

Letters announcing the December 3 immunization clinic will be mailed to families whose children may need one of the two required vaccines, along with a consent form to make sure that your child is informed and in good health before administration of any immunizations. But note that this clinic is open to all members of the school family. If you would like more information about the clinic, along with any Vaccine Information Statements, e-mail me at jmcintosh@aldocs.org, and I will be happy to follow up with further information.

Many thanks!
Jim McIntosh

This Just In!



Aldo Immunization Clinic on December 3

Lives are busy—so Aldo is hosting an immunization clinic, with nurses from the Grant County Public Health Office bringing their services to Ritch Hall.

Immunizations against the following will be available:

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)
- Menactra (meningococcal bacteria)
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Influenza (available to students as well as the entire school family)

If you'd like for your child to participate, complete an immunization consent form & contact school nurse Jim McIntosh for further information: jmcintosh@aldocs.org.

Express yourself!

Jennifer's 8th grade social studies and language arts classes spent time studying the history of graffiti, and its effectiveness as a tool for raising awareness about social justice issues. Here is a sample of the graffiti the students created.



From the top left graffiti by Ella, Makiah, Jesse, and Cedar.