

Aldo Leopold Charter School Weekly Update

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Ivy (7th grade)

3 Weeks. To. Go. We. Can. Do. It.

This has been the longest semester evvvvvveeeerrrr. But now that it is almost over it feels like it went so fast. Time, man....Anyway, the last day of the first semester is Friday, December 18. The end of the semester always means finals (believe us, it hurts us just as much to give them as it does for you all to take 'em). So far the finals schedule looks like this:

6th graders: No finals for these guys because Mr. Cantrell says, "Nothing ever really ends, and all just flows through and beyond us in ways we can only begin to fathom." That guy knows some stuff!

7th graders: *ELA*=Monday 12/14; *Social Studies*=Wednesday, 12/16 (**MORNINGS**)
Math+Science=A project that will be presented on Monday(12/14) or Tuesday 12/15

8th graders: *ELA + Social Studies*=Students will have the week to complete the test.
Math+Science=Monday 12/14 + Wednesday 12/16

High School: *All classes*=Review Monday 12/14 + Tuesday 12/15
Exams Wednesday 12/16 + Thursday 12/17
Make-ups Friday 12/18

Remember to eat your veggies

Even though no students are at school and the staff is working from their homes, lunch is still being served at the school (there are heroes among us). Remember it is FREE, nutritious AND delicious, and served from 11:45-12:15 Monday-Friday.



Ino (6th grade)

Green fire

In May of 2014 three Aldo students were killed in an airplane accident. **Ella Kirk, Michael Mahl, and Ella Meyers** were outstanding students and people. Between them they made music, created art, excelled at their schooling, were active in protecting and advocating for the mighty Gila, and wrote movingly about being on this planet. In 2015 to honor and memorialize these three gems, the school established a scholarship in their names. Since then the **Ella, Michael, and Ella Scholarship Fund** has given out \$15,000 to 12 Aldo students who went on to four-year accredited programs. The fundraising committee would like to invite you to their **virtual fundraiser** for this scholarship this **Friday, December 4 at 6:00 PM**. To get there go to the [Aldo website](#), then click on the Zoom link. Remember you wanna look nice from the waist up!

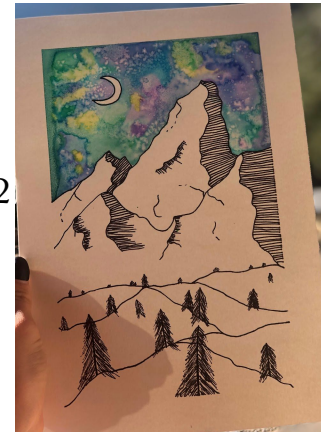
And you thought pyramids were only in Egypt

The environmental science part of the cultural Geography, Economics and Environmental Science class is learning about the Trophic Pyramid. Do you know about this?? Check out this explanation from [Khan Academy](#) (was that guy ahead of the curve or what??) to be reminded that we humans are a part of the environment that sustains us.

We are grateful

Thanks to the talented artists in Mz. Phillips middle school Art 1 & 2 for the original and carefully done landscapes found throughout this week's Update.

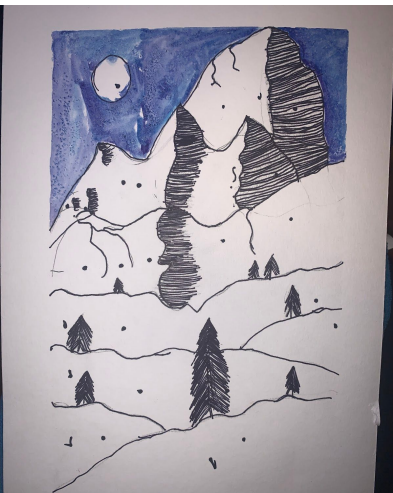
Jordyn (8th grade)



We must stretch ourselves

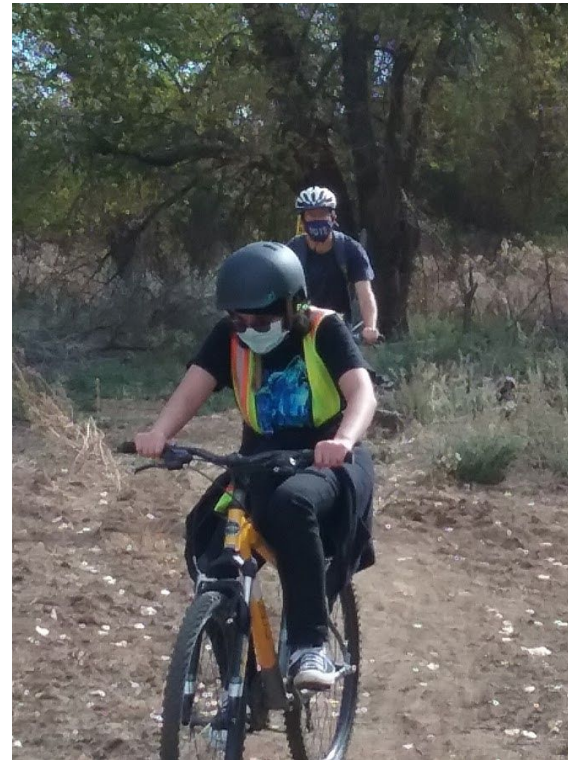
The 8th grade language arts and social studies class started reading [Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi](#). Reynolds, the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, adapted Mr. Kendi's book [Stamped From the Beginning](#) for middle and high school age students. We started by listening to a short excerpt from a podcast about the [myth of absence](#). The idea that important contributors to our country's culture and society have been ignored. We then watched an [interview with the authors](#) which we noted took place the last time the whole middle school was all together at City of Rocks. Whoa, did that take us back! Finally, we cracked open the book and had our minds blown and our hearts touched with just the introduction.

Mya (6th grade)



The last of the big outdoor adventures (until further notice. Which, if we all do our part we will hopefully return to sooner rather than later).

The last time the Community Orientation class met, they went from the urban to the bucolic. From riding their bikes to packing hay on Mr. Knight's donkeys.



Hold the pick up

With things being what they are right now, we've decided to discontinue material pick up until after the Winter Break. Thank you to all you parents, grandparents, and friends of kids who came to get their stuff. This was the highlight of the week for some of us as we got to see our students! In person! Plus, we got to hang out with each other (masked and six feet apart, of course) like old times.



Jace (7th grade)

More entertaining than the teacher

Thank goodness for YouTube and TED! In this world of online learning and teaching these websites are a friend to all with its myriad of offerings about every subject under the sun and moon. Here is a sampling of recently assigned films for Aldo students:

Jim's senior government class: [12 Angry Men](#)

Pete's 9th grade Cultural Geography and Economics: [The Story of Stuff](#)

Maddy's 9th grade Environmental Science: [The Biggest Little Farm](#)

Middle School Friday Adventures: [Nature. Beauty. Gratitude.](#)

Jennifer's 8th grade Language Arts: [Please Don't Take My Air Jordans](#)

Maddy + Pete 9th grade CG+E&ES: [Kiss the Ground](#)

Pete's AP US History: [12 Years a Slave](#)

Jennifer's 8th grade Language Arts: [Schoolhouse Rock-Adjectives](#)