

Aldo Leopold Charter School

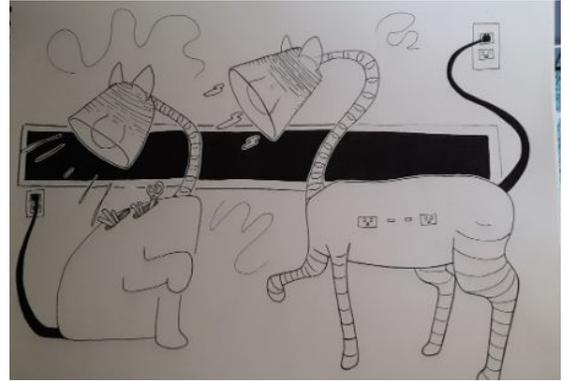
Weekly Update

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Makiah, 9th grade

Free cheer

Friends and family members of ALCS art students know that this time of year is when we usually pack ourselves into Javalina Coffee Shop to take in all the work that the art students have been making for the past semester. *Obviously*, we can't do that this year, so make yourself a special coffee or hot cocoa with extra whipping cream and enjoy the [ALCS Visual Art Show](#) virtually. Teasers can be found throughout this week's Update.

We can taste it

Winter break is so close. **Finals are happening in grades 7-12 this week** and then we can close the book on what has arguably been the weirdest, hardest, most challenging semester EV-er (well next two Spring Semester 2020, that was like being in some sort of sci-fi movie with the duller thud of an ending). This **Friday** is set aside for the **Community Orientation to virtually give their end of semester presentations** and for students to **make-up exams** that they perhaps didn't make it to during the week. **Classes resume for students on Tuesday, January 5 2021.**



Phini, 10th



Rachel, 10th grade

How many hats does this guy wear??

As usual and as always, Nurse Jim is looking out for us. He has done his research and has shared what he has learned about the Covid-19 vaccine in this week's [Nursing Notes](#).

Color us beautiful

Silver City and the mining district are made more beautiful by the numerous murals that cover the walls of many of our buildings. We can all thank the **Youth Mural Program** for much of that eye candy. This year YMP was looking for a student-designed logo, so they held a contest and **Aldo 7th grader Ivy Stephens-Etheridge** won! Students at Aldo and Cobre participated in this and along the way they learned about “the logo design industry and what steps to use when designing a logo for an organization.” They also learned about the importance of layout and color. To see the other submissions from both school districts, go to the [Logo Contest page](#) on the [ALCS Visual Art Show](#) website.



Lola, 8th grade

The cavalry is coming

To say that times have been tough lately would be putting it mildly. If you are one of the many many people who are finding it difficult to make ends meet these days due to the impact of Covid-19, Governor Lujan-Grishman and the New Mexico Legislature have got your back. At the special session on November 25 \$330 million was allocated from the CARES Act Relief Fund to assist New Mexicans with the one-two (three-four-five) punch that the pandemic has shocked us all with. \$15 million of this is to help people make their rent and mortgage payment. For more information check out this [press release from MFA Housing New Mexico on the school's website](#).

S.O.P

Eco-monitors supervisor and Upper Gila Watershed Alliance Education and Outreach director Carol Ann Fugagli is looking for a few middle and high school students who are interested in Saving Our Planet (S.O.P). As part of **UGWA's Thinking ON a Mountain youth empowerment program**, the **climate club** is being offered for students throughout the Silver and Cobre school districts who are concerned about their environmental future and would like to learn how to take action. In the climate club, they will be educating students about the science of climate change, assisting in teaching climate camps for elementary students, introducing climate change education legislation in the 2022 legislative session to mandate that climate change be taught in all K-12 schools, and taking action to mitigate the effects of climate change. Whew...that's a lot! The hope is that meetings will begin in January or February. **Contact Carol Ann** at admin@ugwa.org with any questions or to sign up to S.O.P.

،Ceeee-le-bra-te learning, c'mon ،!

The **7th grade Celebration of Learning** will be this **Thursday evening at 5:30**. Seventh grade groups will make **short presentations** on themes from the **European Renaissance and Age of Exploration**. There will be **skits, a movie, talk about the history of food from this time and more**. For Zoom security purposes this event will be limited to 7th grade students and their parents. If other students or teachers wish to attend, they need to contact Ms. Aversa.



Sara, 12th grade

No need to remember the dip and celery



Adam, 9th grade

This year the internship showcase went online (is there anything that isn't online??) Catalina Claussen, the Internship Coordinator, created a Google classroom where high school students posted videos about their YCC crew experiences or their internships with mentors. If you are interested in watching some of these reflections on work life, get with a high school student and they can get you in.

Change of plans

After the winter break, lunch pick up will be at the Guadalupe Montessori School at 1731 North Alabama. Though lunch service will not begin until January 12 when the Montessori school is back in session.

Running Through a Pandemic (from chief runner Jim McIntosh)

Q: What happens when a pandemic gives your annual trail-race plans a swirly?

A: You throw an Honor-System Time-Trial Covid-19 Edition of your race—what some call a “virtual race.”



But there was nothing “virtual” about the two gnarly courses race director Jim McIntosh laid out for the Tenth Annual All Souls Trail Races: a Quarter Marathon (6.55 miles) & a Tenth Marathon (2.62 miles) journey around some of Boston Hill’s most perilous trails. Several Aldo students, staff, & parents ran the course, along with members from the community, running independently (& when necessary masked) to record their best times while following trail markers around The Hill. Jim awarded small prizes to notable participants: Silver High cross-country coach Shawn Rogers (fastest man in the

Quarter Marathon), Christen Rogers (fastest woman in the Quarter Marathon), Coleton Rogers (fastest youth runner in the Quarter Marathon & fastest overall runner in the Tenth Marathon), Aldo’s own Molly Pendleton (fastest young woman in the Quarter Marathon), Areena Rogers (youngest runner on The Hill), & Deborah Nennich (oldest runner on The Hill but by no means over the hill).

To raise money for the Ella, Michael, & Ella Scholarship Fund, Jim held a raffle, with the prize—a new pair of high-end running shoes from Morning Star—going to raffle winner & Aldo parent Tanya Rivers. Thanks to raffle purchases (& a little money left in the SCAT fund from previous races), All Souls was able to make a respectable donation to the fund. With the help of the Aldo family, Jim hopes to stage the Ft. Bayard Wilderness Run in late May & on the All Souls Trail race next autumn to raise more funds for the scholarship fund. Meanwhile, hit the trails, get some sun on your forehead, wear a mask, & we'll make it to the other side.

