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ALDO LEOPOLD CHARTER SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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So Aldo!

In the snow and rain, high school science teacher and ultimate Aldo booster Maddy Alfero, along with seniors Katrina and Jessie; juniors Hawk and Sam; sophomores Molly and Tigerlilly; and freshmen Amelia and Aidan built a floating campsite for the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. The float had a campfire (for reals!), tents, and guitar player. *Thirty-four* Aldo middle and high school students walked and rode in the parade--way to show up, you all! Thanks also to JB Bjornstad (Aldo parent and long-time trail crew leader) for driving the float.



Very real

The high school drama class is performing the play **Bang, Bang, You're Dead**. This is a serious drama that explores the issue of gun violence in our schools. Performances are: **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 5, 6, and 7 @ 7:00 PM**

The heavens and birds of flight



The junior trip to the [Bosque del Apache](#) scheduled for last Sunday that was postponed because of the weather, has been re-scheduled for **Tuesday, December 10**. The 11th graders will be learning about the night sky from 9th grader Allen, who will surely work for NASA one day and will likely discover a new galaxy. The next morning everyone will get up early, early, early for the [mass ascension of migratory birds](#).

The group will return to school during the day on **Wednesday, December 11** and will be dismissed at 3:40. Find more information [here](#).

The end is near (middle school)

The semester is ending, the calendar year is ending, and the holidays are approaching. It's kind of crazy around here.

- **Monday and Tuesday, December 16 and 17 = Finals**
- **Wednesday, December 18 = Friday Adventure-Art Show**
- **Thursday, December 19 = Regular schedule-make up exams and class work**
- **Friday, December 20 = Half day - Noon dismissal**

And then they will be *all yours until Tuesday, January 7, 2020*.

The end is near (high school)

There is much happening at the high school as the semester is ending: **Internship Showcase (Wednesday, December 4 4:30-6:00)**, **Junior trip to the Bosque** (see above), **Drama Class performance** (also above). And then there are finals.... **High school finals** will be on:

- **Wednesday December 18 (A, C, & E block classes)**
- **Thursday, December 19 (B, D, & F block classes).**

No internships or YCC on Friday the 20th. Students who are not passing muster in CO will need to come to school on that Friday.

Wish us well!

A group of staff, students, and super-dedicated Governing Council members will be traveling to Santa Fe next week to meet with the Public Education Commission to answer questions about our school and its charter. We should know at the end of the meeting if the PEC decides to renew our charter. We have very high hopes!

Thanksgiving never ends

The **middle school** will be having its annual **Dutch oven feast this Friday, December 6**. This year we will enjoy our community made meal at a **farm on the Mimbres River**. Students need to bring their own mess kit (bowl or plate, fork and spoon), two water bottles, wear a hat, sturdy shoes, journal and pencil, snacks. Check the forecast that morning to help your student to be prepared for the weather.



6th graders Asa and Ella take advantage of the sand in the horseshoe pit at Spring Street Park for some castle construction.

Committees

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

Wed., Dec., 11.....4:30pm.....SHAC

Thu., Dec., 12.....5:30pm.....Governing Council

Calendar

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

Thurs. Dec. 5-Saturday Dec. 8.....HS Drama Show at the El Sol Theater, 7:00pm

Fri., Dec. 13.....HS & MS Art Show, 5:00 pm at Javalina

Fri., Dec. 13.....Final day for internships

Fri., Dec. 13.....Charter Renewal Hearing in Santa Fe

Mon., Dec. 16 - 17.....MS Finals

Wed., Dec. 18 - 19.....HS Finals

Dec. 21 - Jan. 7Winter Break!

Mon. Jan. 6.....Staff In-Service Day, No Students

Tues. Jan., 7.....First day of the second semester

Lunch

12/5 Thu. <	Pulled Pork Tacos, Pinto Beans, Steamed Quinoa, Shredded Salad, Fruit
12/6 Fri. <	No Lunch
12/9 Mon. <	Meat or Veggie Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Roast Butternut Squash, Garden Salad, Fruit
12/10 Tue. <	Baked Potato Bar, Baked Beans, WG Bread, Cole Slaw, Fruit
12/11 Wed. <	Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Steamed Broccoli, Mixed Salad, Fruit

72 hours-✓!

The **last official day for internships this semester is Friday, December 13**. If you need more hours you need to make **special arrangements with your mentor**. BUT you have to get in these hours *before Wednesday, December 18*.

Save Mr. Cantrell!

So 10 minutes doesn't seem like a lot of time. You can brew coffee in 10 minutes. Get dressed in 10 minutes (or less if you are a middle school student). It takes 10 minutes to boil an egg to perfection. 10 minutes is the difference between when the middle school starts now and when it started last year. We thought that wouldn't be a big deal, but it turns out that it is. The loss of this 10 minutes means that Mr. Cantrell can't get his copies made *and* check in with the "Building People". Many of us are rushing back from the bathroom to take attendance. Additionally, informal polling of students suggests that they and their parents are suffering from this loss of 10 minutes from their mornings. So....beginning **Monday, January 7, 2020 the middle school will start at 8:30 am and end at 3:40**. Staff will be on campus from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We would like to hear from parents about this. Have we made your day with this change or do you want us to keep our 8:20 start time?

Middle school updates you

If you'd like to know what the middle school students think is important for middle school students to know about this week, click [here](#).

Nursing Notes from Nurse Jim

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Dr. Jennifer Johnston, WNMU Assistant Professor of Psychology, drew the largest crowd ever to Aldo's annual Parents Night. An authority on media and its effects on children and the larger culture, Dr. Johnston spoke to Aldo parents about "Social & Mass Media Effects on the Development of Children & Adolescents." For today's Nursing Notes, I will share some of her research findings with the school family—most of whom wrestle with the complexities of mass media on a daily basis.

It's important to note that Dr. Johnston was not in any sense "anti-mass media"; instead, she stressed the importance of analyzing media critically and providing context for its consumption. For instance, one of Dr. Johnston's key ideas is "displacement"; at the top of her talk, she asked the audience to consider, "What would your child be doing if they were not looking at a screen?" She noted, as a follow-up, that teens are awake about 16 hours a day, and according to reliable surveys, teens spend about half of their waking hours in front of a screen. Activities that you may consider healthy—playing outside, helping out with family chores, learning to play a musical instrument, learning to plant a garden or build a shed—could be displaced by those 8 hours spent in front of a screen.

Here are some statistics that some of us parents found intriguing—and sometimes alarming:

- One generation ago, teens slept an average of 8 hours per night. Now they average only 7 hours per night—very likely due to increased use of electronic devices and entertainment media.
- 8-12-year-old girls who spend the most time in face-to-face activities sleep longer, report more social "success," and have friends that their parents like, compared to girls who spend more time in online or screen activities.
- Babies as young as 18 months begin asking for products they have seen on television.
- The average 10-year-old has seen 8000 murders and 100,000 other acts of violence while watching TV and movies and while playing video games.
- On average, children who have the most exposure to sexual media content have sex younger than their peers, have a higher risk of teen pregnancy, and maintain more traditional gender-role beliefs and sexual stereotypes than those kids with less exposure.

In next week's Nursing Notes, I'll share some of Dr. Johnston's recommendations for parenting in this complicated mass-media age.

"We got to blow things up in Garrett's class!"



The 8th graders are learning about the four chemical reactions. Yesterday they focused on the combustion reaction. Garrett poured rubbing alcohol in a five-gallon water jug, swirled it around to encourage it to off-gas. Then with all safety precautions in place he lit it and this is what happened.