

## Live Learn Lead



**8th graders listening to João Galera, WNMU artist in residence talk about his exhibit at Light Art Space gallery.**

## ALDO LEOPOLD CHARTER SCHOOL

### WEEKLY UPDATE

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### **What's up with all these "days off?"**

I know that it seems as though every other week we are having an in-service at this school. Which for you all means more time with your kids, or another day that you have to find child care. Let us explain: as a public school, we are required by the Public Education Department to have 10 in-service days a year. We spend five of those getting ready the week *before* school starts in August. We use another two once the school year is over so that we can set the Aldo calendar for the next year, get grades in, and reflect on the past year. That leaves three more required in service days. We put one in February, one in March, and one in April. All of these days extend already long weekends and Spring Break, which we thought you'd all appreciate--more family time! And at this time of the year, it allows us to do some long range planning and participate in trainings.

# Keeping you up to date

## February

- 20-23.....UWC (Student Council - HS)
- 21.....Dream Makers trip to UNM (Middle School club)
- 24-27.....Sophomore Trip: Conflict Awareness, Arizona

## March

- 7-10.....Climate Reality Training-Las Vegas, NV (Eco-Monitors-HS)
- 11-12.....City of Rocks (Middle School)
- 13.....Inservice - NO SCHOOL
- 16-20.....Spring Break!!
- 23.....Projects due (High School)
- 29-April 2.....Juniors go to Mexico

## April

- 7-9.....Project Presentations - High School
- 10.....No School
- 13.....Inservice
- 20-24.....New Mexico History/Senior Trip

## May

- 7.....Senior Banquet
- 17.....High School Graduation 1:00 pm Global Resource Center
- 20.....Last Day of School - Field Day - Half Day
- 21-22.....Staff In Service



## Where do we belong?

The Community Orientation class will be spending the next two Fridays at the Wolf Sanctuary and hiking Allen Springs. Be prepared to fall in love with wolves, also bring water, good shoes for walking, a hat (jeepers, we live where it's sunny 90% of the time, protect your skin!), healthy lunch and snacks, your journal with a pencil.

The 9th graders @ Purgatory Chasm last Friday

## 8th graders go out

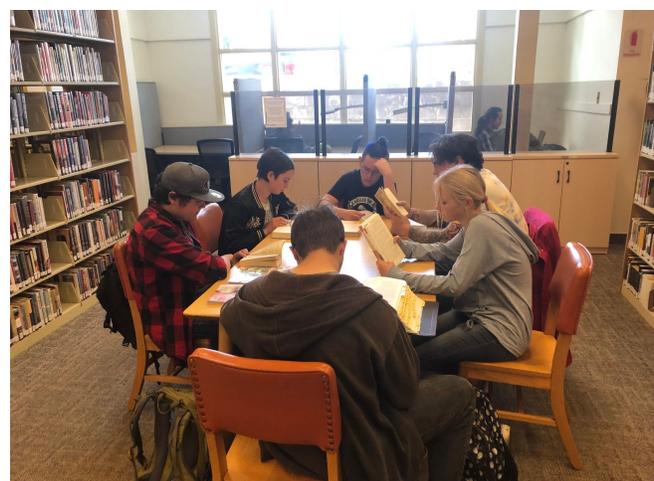
This past Thursday, 8th graders in their language arts and social studies class, went to Light Art Space Gallery to hear João Galera, WNMU artist in residence, talk about his work (pictured below). The theme of memory (what we did?) and desire (what we want after thinking about

what we did) fits in with the 8th graders study of American History and their current research projects which cover the



U.S. Constitution, the Amendments, Blue Stockings, the election, and impeachment. Students asked thoughtful and sophisticated questions about the art and about the stories behind the art. Then on Friday, they experienced a workout at

Penny Park with their personal trainer and 8th grade math and Science teacher Garrett Ferguson, which turned their recent study of energy transfer into something very real. We also took time out to do some research at the Public Library and then to the McCray Gallery to view the work of Atziry Apodaca and Natalie Rae Good. Atziry told the students about her time from third to fifth grade when she lived in Juarez, but went to school in El Paso. Daily border crossings, concerns about being detained, so many days being late, hiding the reason why, and trying to do her best all the time so as not to bring attention to herself.



# Thank you for representing



Allison Heneghan and Dave Chandler have been selected to present at the Association for Career and Technical Education national Work Based Learning Conference in Des Moines, Iowa (pew, they missed the caucus hulabaloo!) Alli and Dave are the lead program staff for the Southwest New Mexico Work Based Learning Consortium-13 schools in five counties-for which “they are implementing a three-year program to help rural schools increase their capacity to provide work based learning programs,” aka YCC and Internships. Aldo was chosen to lead this program “because of our many years of experience offering internships, apprenticeships, and helping students make connections within the community.”



From clockwise from top left: Atticus with Ari Werber at the Glasseria, Sylvia learning lawyering, the mural crew, and the archeology crew.

## **Middle school Friday**

**This Friday** the middle school will do some **regular old school stuff** in the morning, then spend a chunk of the day **preparing and planning for the City of Rocks camping trip**. (Yes, we are going to spend the night at City of Rocks Wednesday, March 11). This year the 8th graders will be leading the rotations, which makes *so much* sense that we do NOT know why we didn't think of this *sooner!*

This Friday, students must **bring their lunches**, as always, along with their journals and pencils, and regular school day stuff.

## **This will make you hungry**

Alex Olsen's high school culinary arts class "went to" Spain last week making all kinds of Tapas (pan con tomate with manchego cheese, tortilla espanola, albondigas), gazpacho and churros. We are headed to New Orleans in celebration of upcoming Fat Tuesday this Thursday (jambalaya, crawfish étouffée, beignets, and cheese grits).

## **Middle School Biz**

The middle school Weekly Update class wrote [this](#) for their classmates.