



# Aldo Leopold Charter School



## *Weekly Update*



*(Brought to you by the Middle School Journalism Class)*

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## **News for all**

### **Lunch Menu**

**Wednesday 10....** Chicken fajitas, Pinto beans, Shredded veggie salad, and Fruit.

**Thursday 11.....**Club sandwich, Corn on cob, Caesar salad, and Fruit.

**Friday 12.....****No lunch. All students off campus. Pack a lunch.**

**Monday 15.....**Chicken Parmesan, WG rotini, Braised seasonal greens, Garden salad, and Fruit

**Tuesday 16.....**Bean and cheese burritos, Steamed rice, Shredded veggie salad, and fruit

### **HELP US!**

We need help with lunch bunch! Call Cathie at (575) 538-2547. Again, (575) 538-2547. Don't forget the number!

## **Money, money, money**

The monthly **Governing Council** meeting is this **Thursday at 5:30 pm** in Ms. Chaney's room. Of special note will be our brilliant business manager, Harry Browne, presenting next year's preliminary budget proposal to the GC. Harry will address the recently passed state house and senate bills that cut the Small Schools Size Adjustment, which many of you have heard about. He will speak to how this affects *our* small school.

## **Special money!**

Each year Aldo receives about **\$30,000 in federal funding** for special education. We typically use this to hire an educational assistant and contract for Occupational Therapy services. The feds would like us to involve parents in deciding how to spend their funds, and we would like that also, so Siah Hemphill and Harry Browne are hosting a meeting for that purpose on **Monday, April 22, at 4:00 pm**. We'll meet in Ms. Hemphill's office, which is much neater than Mr. Browne's.

## **Committees**

**Tue, Apr. 10.....SAC- 5:30pm to 6:15 pm** - Wayne's office

**Thu, Apr. 11.....Governing Council meeting - 5:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Wed, May. 1.....SHAC - 4:30pm to 6:00pm** - Jims room

## **Calendar**

**Apr. 11.....One day NM History trip to Las Cruces**

**Apr. 12 - 13.....Environthon - Eco monitors**

**April 17.....One day World and U.S. History trip to Tucson**

**Apr. 19.....NO SCHOOL**

**Apr. 22.....NO SCHOOL - Staff Inservice**

**Apr. 22 - 28.....NM History - Senior Trip**

**Thu, May. 2.....Senior-Junior Bequeathing Ceremony - 6:30pm to 8:30pm** - Pinos Altos

## The Southwest Student Art Exhibition

All artwork for the Southwest Student Art Exhibit at the Miller Library on the WNMU campus **MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MZ.PHILLIPS BY THURSDAY, APRIL 11th!** Any student can submit work to the show, you don't have to currently be in art class. This year Amazon gift cards will be given to winners (I mean, aren't we *all* winners??) Mz. Phillips will be hanging the artwork on the previous weekend. The opening and ceremony will be **Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00pm.**

### All art is Radical

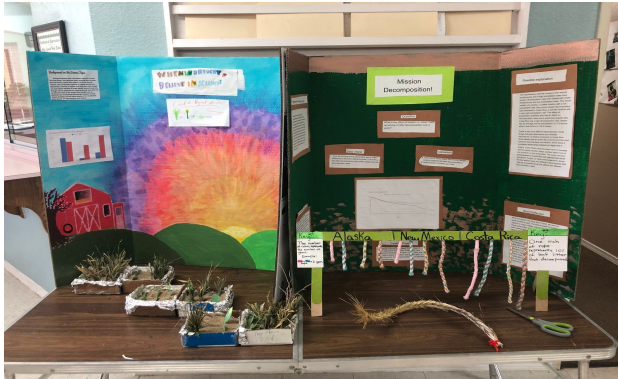


Phini, 8th grade, developed a chalk pastel landscape. Phini first created a viewfinder to help layout the composition on her pastel paper. She also used negative space to create the rocks. Phini enjoyed doing this project because she has never done a chalk pastel landscape before. Aiden is in 12th grade and has enjoyed quite a few visual art semesters since 7th grade. This watercolor piece is an independent project he completed with ink. Aiden enjoys using watercolor and also focusing on this subject matter. He likes how the subject stands out with its bright colors against a muted background. Aiden is an extremely

talented artist, and can tackle any medium he is given. His creativity and humor will be missed in the visual art program!



## Desert Data Jam



The Desert Data Jam is an annual competition hosted by the nonprofit Asombro Institute for Science Education in partnership with the USDA Jornada Experimental Range and school New Mexico. 7th and 8th graders are provided with real datasets collected in our area. They learn how to

use data to answer questions and then design a creative project and tri-fold boards about data. The projects will be judged by some High Schoolers, and the top three projects from each class earn a place in the final competition which takes place on the NMSU campus from April 23-25, 2019. If you would like more information about this exciting projects. Go to [www.asombro.org](http://www.asombro.org).

## The PARCC is out!

We are federally mandated to administer a state standards-based test. Now that we are not doing PARCC, until a new test is decided upon, students will take **The New Mexico Standards-Based Transition Assessment of Math and ELA**. *The Middle School* will take this test **Tuesday, April 16-Wednesday, April 18**. *Grades 9-11* will be taking the assessment **Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25**.

Additionally, the high school is also planning for an *alternative schedule on Tuesday, April 23* that would have all classes meeting for 1 hour each since the remainder of class time this week will be lost to testing.

That schedule looks like this:

A-Block 8:30-9:30

E 1:40-2:40

B-Block 9:30-10:30 Advisory

F 2:45-3:40

10:35-10:50

SFAS 3:40-4:40

C 10:55-11:55 Lunch 11:55-12:35

D 12:35-1:35

Like last year, Aldo is planning to have a prize drawing when test scores arrive in the fall. Any student who improves their Math or ELA score from last year or who tests “Proficient” with a score of 750+ will receive an entry each into the drawing for prizes. Prizes are planned to include \$50 and \$75 Amazon gift cards and a Chromebook tablet. Separate drawings will be held for the Middle School and the High School testers.

## Nursing Notes-Vaping, the Sequel



Here’s today’s one-question multiple-choice quiz:

The product pictured above is

- a) what you hope to find in your Easter basket in a couple weeks.
- b) what you spend your allowance on whenever possible.
- c) sure to make you the “Candy King” among your friends with whom you share these delightful sweets.
- d) something called “vape juice.”

Can we adults who tried smoking back in the day admit that we smoked because (we thought) it made us look like *adults*? Even now—non-smoker that I am—I have to admit that Humphrey Bogart’s existential crises look better when he’s enveloped in a cloud of cigarette smoke.

But Candy King vape juice? Bogey didn’t sugar-vape. It appears that this Candy King product is deliberately marketed to kids. Here’s some advertising text from Candy King, to give you a sense of their customer base: *“On the inhale a sugar rush of those candy oranges rejuvenate your taste buds. Light sour notes are next to follow to provide that authentic candy taste. Those sweet cherries will*

*dance along your taste buds delighting them with each puff. To provide a refreshing exhale are those tangy lemons that might just cause your lips to pucker with pleasure.”*

Dr. Linda Richter, Director of Policy Research at the Center on Addiction, notes that vape juice is not regulated by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. “Until very recently,” she writes, “manufacturers and distributors of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices were not bound by standards of safety set by the FDA for smoked tobacco products. Despite the new regulations, e-cigarette manufacturers are free to project a risk-free image in their marketing, and offer enticing, candy-like flavors that appeal to children, adolescents and young adults” ([www.centeronaddiction.org/e-cigarettes](http://www.centeronaddiction.org/e-cigarettes)).

The American tobacco industry learned long ago the value of creating lifelong customers. (Remember Joe Camel? It took a lawsuit to send said cartoon character into retirement.) Perhaps the best way to confront such kid-oriented advertising is to point it out to our young people and have an honest discussion with them about vaping. Next week I will share a couple more e-cigarette health findings from Dr. Richter’s research before I move on to other health topics.

## **High school**

### **It’s a globe**

**World and U.S. History classes** will be going to Tucson for a one day museum-a-palooza. Students need to be at the school for a **7:45 am departure on Wednesday, April 17. They will return by 9 pm.** The classes will be visiting the [Yume Japanese Garden Museum](#) and the [Holocaust Museum](#).

### **Teen academy for health sciences**

This summer WNMU will be hosting a academy for health sciences and it’s absolutely free, for high school students who are interested in pursuing a health career. This non-residential academy will be held at WNMU on June 5-June 26 Mondays-Thursdays 8:30 am-4:30 pm and Fridays 8:30 am-Noon. If you are interested you must [apply](#) by April 29. **Lunch will be provided!**

## Middle school

### MS GSA Day of Silence

The **Middle School GSA** (Gay Straight Alliance) will participate **Day of Silence** on **Thursday, April 11** to support those who feel silenced from being their true selves. If your kid comes home with a button that says GSA Day of Silence, they may want to continue being silent to honor those that must be silent about themselves every day. If you have questions, please contact Miss Bailey, the Middle School GSA sponsor.

### Friday

This Friday the Middle School will be going to WNMU to be run through the workouts of the college tennis and basketball teams. Pics from last Friday are at the bottom! Don't forget the **Big 5!**

- 2 Water Bottles
- Athletic wear: stretch pants, sweat pants, sneakers, shorts...attire you can run around in
- A Hat
- Journal and Writing Supplies
- A Lunch

*PLUS*

- ALCS T-shirt

**The Football team wore these students out!**



## The football coaches gained some fans!



## Community Events

### Love Your Library Day

On **Saturday, April 13** from **10:00am to 1:00pm** the **Silver City Public Library** is hosting a **free** fun day. There will be books and door prizes given out, crafts, a fire truck parked on Cooper St, lawn fun, a photo booth with costumes, and healthy snacks and beverages. Music by **Angelica Padilla (10 am and Noon)** and **Brandon Perault (11 am - Noon)** will be performed. This event is sponsored by **Literacy Link-Leamos**, a nonprofit promoting literacy in Grant County through free tutoring and outreach.

### African History

On **Monday, April 15** from **4:00pm to 5:30pm** at the **Silver City Public Library**, **Michael Scherer**, a student of world history, will share some stories from the long history of the people and lands of Africa. This will be the **second of three sessions**, the third and last session will be held on **Monday, April 22**. This event will be free with no registration needed.