

# Aldo Leopold Charter School

## Weekly Update

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**Live. Learn. Sleep outside the desk.  
(Julian, 6th)**



## Welcome Back, All!

The transition has happened, and the majority of the students have returned to good old in-person school. And to avoid the spread of the dreaded virus, the Aldo crew has taken on outdoor learning. Staying cooped up in a classroom just isn't the way to go in these times. So the grassy fields are the new learning grounds for this semester! Aldo has handled the transfer in the best and safest way they possibly could. So wear layers to be prepared for our fickle New Mexico spring, don your protective mask, and let's get the ball rolling once again!

## Infiltrating the Fort (not literally, we just thought it sounded cool)



Taking small educational trips is a staple of Aldo. Or at least, it was before you-know-what happened. But we come bearing good news! The trips are back! **Fort Bayard** was the destination for Tuesday and Wednesday. A variety of activities were planned, which spanned from creative writing, to orienteering, to bike riding. Don't worry, a few of these events

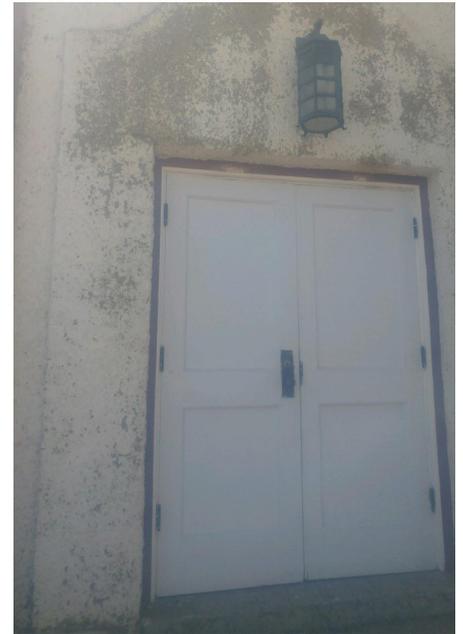
were optional, so those who didn't have bike knowledge had no need to worry! The students were also taught the rich history of the fort in its entirety. Because of course, what would be an Aldo trip without some sort of history lesson? Nevertheless, this was a much needed first trip for in-person school, and we're excited to see where those yellow buses take us next!



(All photography of Fort Bayard that is featured in this issue is courtesy of **Allen, a 10th grader**. Thanks for the great pictures!)

## What's the Scoop, Language Arts Class?

Following the first few days of in-person class since the pandemic, **Mr. Martinez's** language arts classes were tasked with writing about their experience. Many stated they were pleasantly surprised with how organized the transfer was. Apparently, a feeling of nervousness was also abundant among the students. A lot felt they weren't socially prepared to talk to physical people as opposed to talking through a screen, and others feared their grades would drop due to all the time they spent at home doing work at their own pace. But as of now, the staff, as well as the students, seem to be taking the transition pretty well. Great job everyone, and thank you for your feedback, Language Arts Students!



## From the Business Office:

Our next **Governing Council meeting, scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**, will feature a **brief presentation on next year's budget by Business Manager Harry Browne**. The Governing Council will be asked to approve that budget at its May 9th meeting. These meetings are **open to the public, and you are encouraged to come listen and to give us your input!** Harry promises to send us more information about the budget as it becomes available over the next several weeks, and we will pass it along to you.

## Drama

The high school **drama class led by Mr. Knight and Zach Tecca**, have written your standard **barista-falls-in-love-with-a-mobster romance/tragedy/dark comedy**. Oh, and there will be **singing puppets**...obviously. The class has been "jamming on scenes" since before anyone in New Mexico was vaccinated (the new timeline), but it isn't clear if, as in past years, the drama class will get to perform their play in a theater for a live audience. So....Escher Bowers and the Aldo Live! Class will be filming the play at outdoor locations, currently being scouted. The Drama class needs extras and more actors (students only). So if you've always wanted to be in a **barista-falls-in-love-with-a-mobster romance/tragedy/dark comedy**, contact Mr. Knight.

## Wall-E visits Aldo



The 8th graders built robots this week, continuing their study of different kinds of energy and how to work well with others.



Tommy and Lola

Zev and Damien

## 7th graders become one with their environment

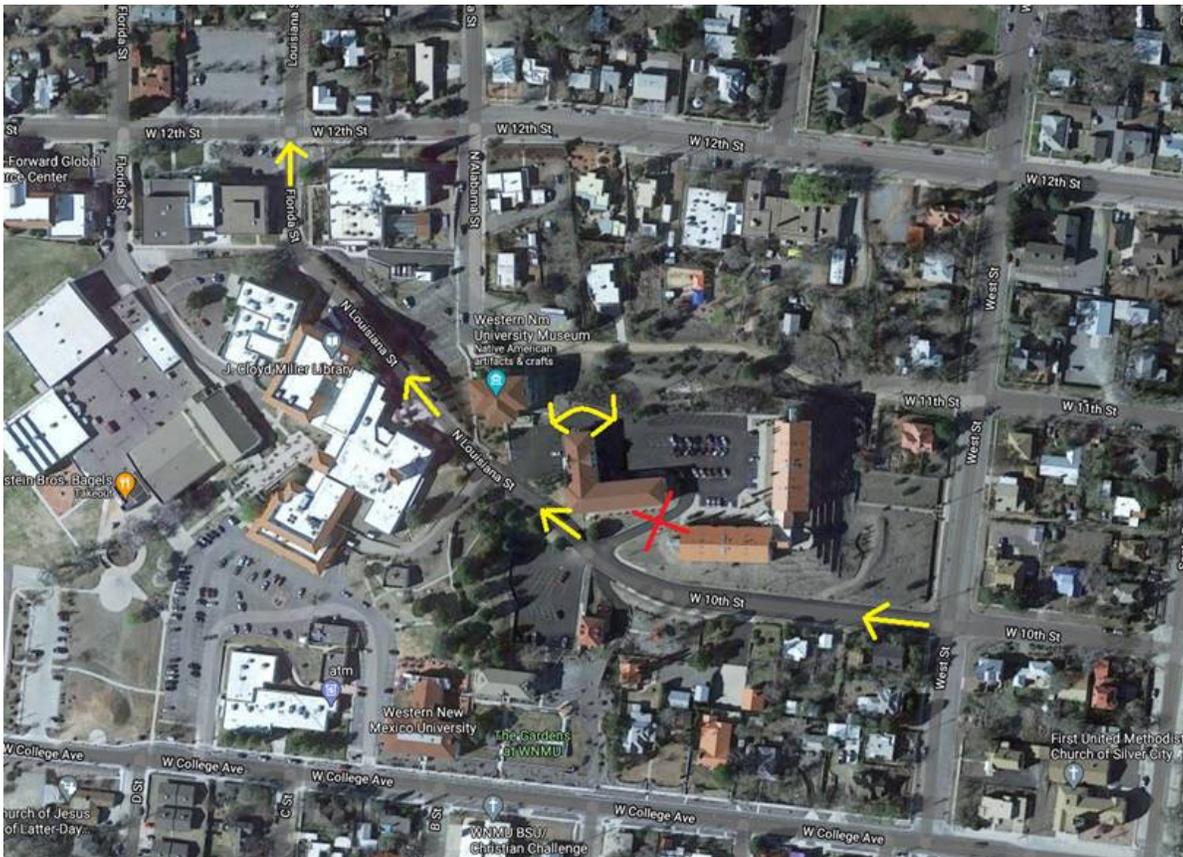


Eleo, Jace, Nico, and Zeke get into the swing of science (I'm so sorry, I couldn't help myself)

Samera, Makayla, and Lila work out their math issues.



## From the University (with a bit of translation by the Weekly Update staff)



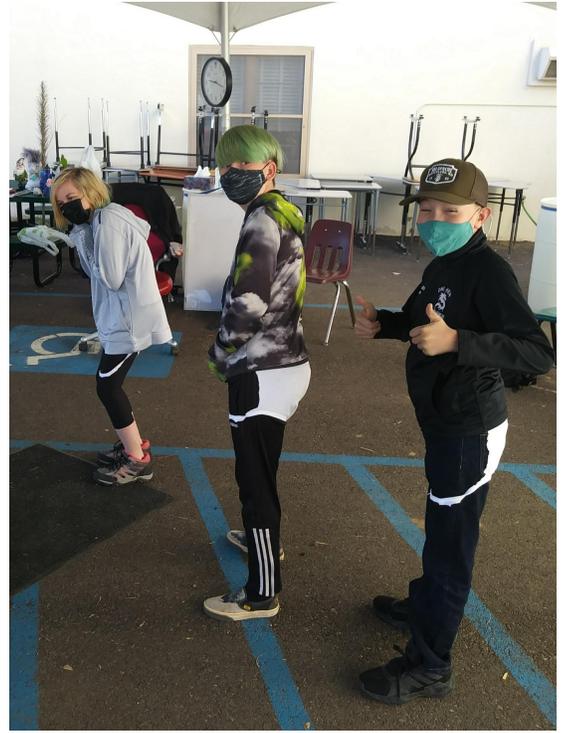
Centennial Drive (where the **X** is, which is the one way hill you go down *after* you've gone through the back parking lot) ***will be closed*** for road construction **April 5th – 11<sup>th</sup>**. Residents (and ALCS families) leaving the Centennial parking lot need to exit on the north side of Ritch (this means that the **narrow drive between Ritch Hall and the Rock Garden** will be a **two way street** for that week only). THEREFORE, we ask 6th grade families to drop off at the front of Ritch Hall and circle around in the front parking lot--we will have signs and traffic controllers to help direct traffic. Remember, HS should use either 11th or Alabama Streets and turn around in the parking lot below the Museum.

Capital Projects would like to remind vehicle operators that **10th Street is one way** (yes, we are talking to all of you who think you are special and can go up *and* down 10th, you can't.) People accessing campus should enter on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & West St., then exit on Florida & 12<sup>th</sup>. We kindly ask drivers to **follow all posted traffic signs** (again, you are not special) and exercise caution in construction zones. Have a nice weekend!

## Sixth grade circus



Tri-angling to learn geometry



Mr. Cantrell told Kaelyn, Julian, Trip and the rest of the 6th graders that the CDC now requires people to wear masks wherever aerosolized particles might escape (April Fool's!)



Kaelyn and Zeyah thinking *on the desk*