

Aldo Leopold Charter School

Weekly Update



(Brought to you by the Middle School Journalism Class)

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News for all

Lunch Menu

Thursday 4.... Cheese Quesadillas, Black beans, Shredded salad, and Fruit.

Friday 5.... No lunch. All students off campus. Pack a lunch.

Monday 8.... Tomato soup, Grilled cheese sandwich, Broccoli, Garden salad, and Fruit.

Tuesday 9.... Quiche, French fries, WG bread, Mixed salad, and Fruit.

Committees

Wed, Apr. 3....SHAC - 4:30pm to 6:00pm - Jim's room

Thu, Apr. 4.....SAC Committee - 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Tue, Apr. 9.....Risk management - 4:30pm to 6:00pm - Jim's room

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

Middle School Rocks!



6th and 7th grade city of rocks camping trip.

On the left, 7th graders Axan and Sunny. On the right, 7th grader Willow .



8th grade city of rocks camping trip.

Minnie, Allen, Aysh, Michael, and Josiah

Calendar

Apr. 4 - 5.....C.O. Cosmic campground & Frisco Farms

Apr. 5.....Overnight bonding, Lock-in at the school - **Students council**

Apr. 11.....One day trip to Las Cruces for NM history

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

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

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

SOTM

Our wonderful students for the month of **April** are **Recee** from **8th** and **Jessi** from **11th**! The lunch in for these students will be on **Tuesday the 2nd of April**. We are all so thankful to have such magnificent, and wonderful students at our school! And thank you parents and guardians for raising such great kids!



Aria is second from the left with the fabulous glasses!
Recee is third from the right with the super cool leather jacket!

The new test

We are federally mandated to do a state standards based assessment. For years it has been the PARCC. But with the change in state government we are now transitioning from the PARCC. This spring test is called **New Mexico Standards-Based Transition Assessment of Math and ELA**. This test is aligned with PARCC which will allow for comparability.

Students in grades 6-11 will be taking this test. All grades will run an alternative schedule during the days of testing, with testing in the morning, longer lunch, and activities before and after to relax, focus, and energize students. The middle school is taking the test April 16-18.

Grades 9-11 will be taking this assessment April 24 and 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:

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| A-Block | 8:30-9:30 |
| B-Block | 9:30-10:30 |
| Advisory | 10:35-10:50 |
| C | 10:55-11:55 |
| Lunch | 11:55-12:35 |
| D | 12:35-1:35 |
| E | 1:40-2:40 |
| F | 2:45-3:40 |
| SFAS | 3:40-4:40 |

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.

All their determination paid off



The juniors (with Harry right up front, Guy all the way to the left, Maddy on the other side of the camera, Mr. Sherwood must still be in the ocean) made it to San Diego!

Really big trucks

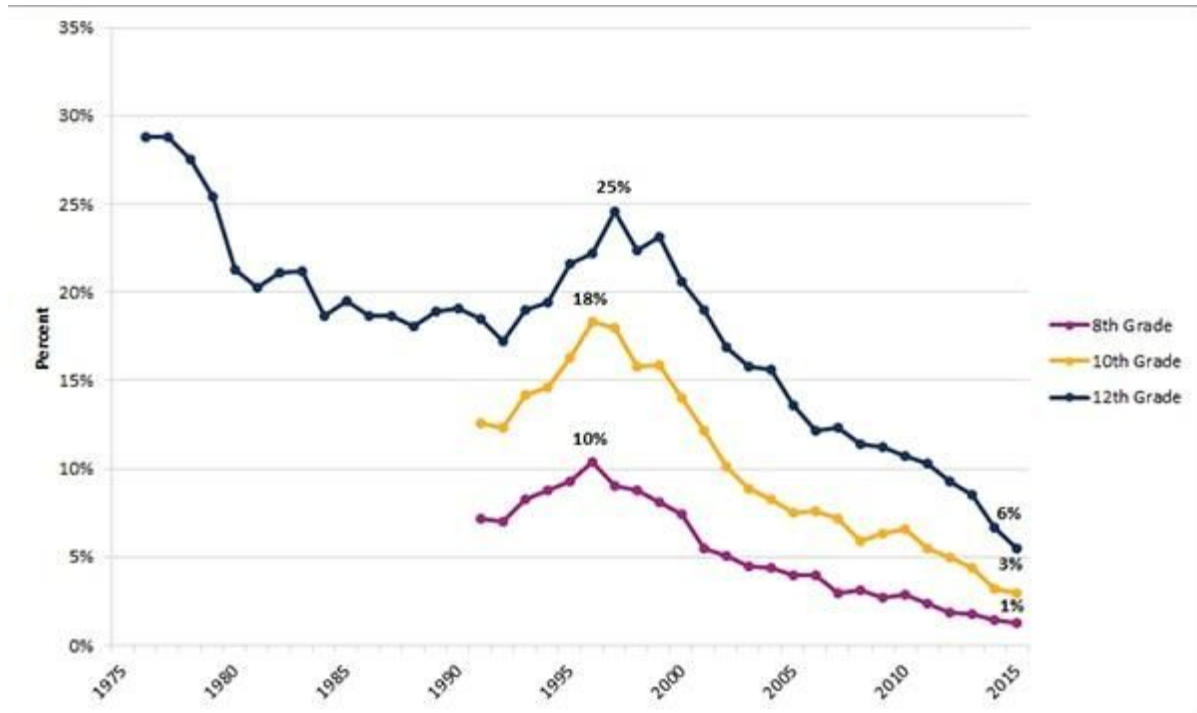


The 9th grade toured the Tyrone mine.
Learning about where we come from



On Monday, March 25 students in **Pete's World and U.S. history** classes ate lunch next to the Gila river and then learned about fluorite mining, conservation and preservation while visiting Aldo Leopold's home site, and the Gila fluorite mining District.

Nursing Notes from Jim **A Little Good News—and a Little Bad**



Good people, don't be frightened off by a graph in the weekly newsletter; it actually depicts a positive health trend. The graph is lifted from a 2016 report authored by a group of University of Michigan scientists; it is titled "30-Day Prevalence of Daily Use of Cigarettes, by Grade, 1976-2015." As you can see, from peaks in the mid 1990s, cigarette smoking has declined substantially among young Americans. When you think about it, that's a remarkable graph.

Parents and teachers of a certain age: think about the change from when we were in high school. At my high school, for instance—back in the (*hack! Hack!*) healthy, halcyon late 1970s, we had a designated area by the school's bus depot called the "Smoke Hole," where our assistant principals broke up fights and turned a blind eye to underage smoking—as long as one kept his cigarette inside the Smoke Hole boundaries. According to the graph above (& my own recollections), nearly a third of us were smokers by our senior year. My, how the scene has changed.

But alas, I'm here to spoil the good news with some less pleasant facts. As many of you know, cigarette smoking has been supplanted by a new smoking fashion, vaping. According to the

National Institutes of Health, nearly 21% of high-school seniors smoke e-cigarettes. While that rate's not as high as 1978 cigarette figures, it is higher than the current rate for smoking tobacco cigarettes (which, incidentally, is a little over 11%). Nationally, more than one in ten eighth graders reported that they had vaped at least once during the past year.

Many young people believe that vaping is far less harmful than cigarette smoking, but as we will see in our next installment of Nursing Notes, vaping poses significant health risks. Stay tuned.

Graph source:

www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/adolescent-development/substance-use/drugs/tobacco/trends/index.html

Art!

The middle school journalism class decided it was time to recognise something very important to our school. We are known for our care of nature. Our school isn't really recognized for our creative side. Caring for nature is nice and art makes life beautiful.



Zev came from PE to the art program later in the semester due to a broken foot! Zev was not very excited to be broken and stuck in visual art. However, Mz. Phillips successfully brain washed him and he now loves art! This is the first acrylic painting Zev has ever created. He wanted to focus on a landscape because he enjoys nature. Zev learned so much in one project! He learned about the different types of paintbrushes and when to use them. He also learned about the importance of layering and mixing paint. For example how to create a tint, add white and a shade, add black, to a color.



Sterling, who is in 10th grade, created an amazing linoleum block print. Sterling really really really loves detail! This is the reason she decided to focus her piece on a skeleton of a lantern fish. This was Sterling's first linoleum block project. She enjoyed it. She also liked how each print of the fish skeleton is unique and different. Sterling is currently doing her internship at Power & Light, our local print is

currently doing her internship at Power & Light, our local print shop, and having lots of fun!

Aysh Wednesday



It's Spirit Week in the Middle School and Wednesday was twin day. The women of the Middle School decided that Aysh had the look we wanted to wear all day and then some of the kids joined in! The real Aysh is in the middle. (It's possible that the planning of this hysterical homage is why the Update is just a bit late.)

High school

YCC

The eco-monitoring crew was just minding their own business (*read: monitoring wildlife*) at McMillan Canyon, when out of nowhere they saw a Mexican Spotted Owl. Here is the picture!



Spaced Out

The **Community Orientation class** will be going to **Cosmic Campground** in Glenwood from **Thursday, April 4 at 3:40 to Friday, April 5 at 3:30**. They will also be visiting a local farm called Frisco Farms. During this two day period, students will be undergoing a “Sustainable Pathway Visualization” to “deepen our understanding of ourselves in the community -- plant and animal... ‘human beings’ included -- that makes life possible in the Gila Bio-Region”. These ninth graders will be learning to (1) visualize individual and collective paths from 9th grade to graduation, and (2) learn about local food production, ecological succession, & astronomy in the integrating context of direct experience. To learn more about this educational trip visit this link.

[SustainablePathwayTripLetterHome](#)

Middle school

Friday

This Friday the middle school will be going to WNMU to be ran through the workouts of the college football and basketball teams. Parents please remember to

sign the **blue permission slip** that has been sent home with your child. Without the permission slips children will not be allowed participate. 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

Community Events

Culture Walking Tour

On **Saturday, April 6** from **1:00 pm to 2:30 pm** there will be a **Mimbres Culture Heritage Site walking tour**. The tour will start at **12 Sage Drive in Mimbres 1 block off highway 35 between mile marker 3 and 4**. There will be a suggested donation of **\$3 per person** and **children will be free**. It will be light walking on a ½ mile trail of the Mattocks Ruin prehistoric archaeological site with a guide. You will learn about the ancient people who lived in the Mimbres Valley and the homesteaders living on site in the late 1800's and early 1900's. ADA restroom, museum with a gift shop, and plenty of parking will be available.

Short Takes on African History

From **4:00 pm to 5:30 pm on Monday, April 8** at the **Silver City Library** located at **515 West College Avenue Michael Scherer**, a student of world history, will share some stories from the long history of the people and lands of Africa. *Monday, April 8 will be the first of **three sessions***. Subsequent sessions will be **Monday, April 15 and Monday, April 22**. The event will be free with no registration needed.

Donate 3.14159

The Little Walnut Mountain Run, a benefit for the Silver City Farmer's Market, will be taking place Saturday, April 27. **Pre sliced pies** are needed by **Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 am** for race day. Please contact **Meggie** (Meggie (603) 991-9546, friscofarm@gmail.com) or **Rita** (Rita (310) 633-3116, rjherbstmax@gmail.com) if you would like to bake a pie for the event. They need to know if you want to deliver your pie to the **Gomez Peak Pavilion** or if you would like to schedule a pick-up for your pie on **Friday, April 26**. Label your pie plate if you need it returned to you.


I mean, really, running isn't so bad if there is pie at the end.

Consider running to support the **Silver City Farmers' Market**. The Farmers' Market gives Grant County farmers a place to sell their produce and a way for us consumers to talk with the people who grow our food. The downtown market starts again May 11 8:30-noon, and currently there is a **Wednesday market** at the **Ace Hardware parking lot** from **10:00-1:00**.



The continuing adventures of Wilkerson and her hamster



Set up 

By Wilkerson



Geez, Rachel! Don't squeeze me so hard!

Thank you so much!



I was up all night planning for the hamster. My eye got so tired, I had to resort using my dirty glasses from high school.



Oh my gosh! Mom, thank you so much!



When can we start getting ready for him?



Well, honey, you know the old laundry room that we use for storage?

Yeah...



Come look!



Oh, mom! I can't believe you've done this all for me! I can't wait to get him!

