

Aldo Leopold Charter School

Weekly Update

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Seeing where we live

The **newest students to the high school** are required to take **Community Orientation**. According to **Pete, Nathan, and Orien's** letter to introduce CO to this new group, "**Community Orientation is a course that allows you to find your way in our community**—both in our Aldo school community as well as in our larger Grant County community. It will, we hope, help to point you in the right direction toward (i) making sustainable choices as an individual & a collective; (ii) succeeding at this school, and (iii) taking a lead role in the many communities you will encounter on life's journey." Many of our students have lived here their whole lives, but CO asks students to look at this place they are so familiar with, with new eyes.

Friday, October 2 Community Orientation class will begin at 12:30 and will go until 3:40. For those students who chose the in-person outside version, you can be dropped off starting at noon (bring your lunch to eat before class starts at 12:30 or eat before you arrive). Don't forget your **Big 6**: at least **a liter of water**, a **hat with a brim**, **healthy snacks**, **sturdy walking shoes** (*absolutely no flip-flops!*), **a mask for Covid** & your **journal**. You will meet in your pod (you will not meet all together) under the big trees in front of the school.

Those opting for the **stay at home version of CO**, at 12:30 you will meet in the **CO google classroom with Mr. Martinez**. This version will include physical activity and community participation just like the outdoor option.

More FREE lunch

Lunch will be served on **Fridays** starting October 2 from **11:45-12:15**.

7th grade News

Math

This week students wrapped up their Scaled Copies/Scale Drawings unit by creating scale drawings of an object of their choosing. Our next unit is **Introducing Proportional Relationships**. In this unit, students learn to understand and use the terms “proportional,” “constant of proportionality,” and “proportional relationship,” and recognize when a relationship is or is not proportional. They represent proportional relationships with tables, equations, and graphs. Students use these terms and representations in reasoning about situations that involve constant speed, unit pricing, and measurement conversions.

Science

This week, students focused on the characteristic of life, “Living things have different levels of organization.” Ask them to show you their pennant showing these biological levels of organization!

Humanities (Social Studies + Language Arts)

7th graders have embarked on an in-depth experiential unit studying the European Renaissance and Age of Exploration. They are beginning the journey with Marco Polo in Venice. No spoilers! Ms. Aversa doesn't want to give anything else about the unit away, so students can discover it for themselves. But she does say that students are reading, writing, painting, sketching, discussing, arguing, dancing and cooking along the journey. This unit of study was created by Enki Education, in which Ms. Aversa is certified. It's an educational movement that builds connection, confidence and inter-cultural appreciation in students through K-8 curriculum and methods.

Parent survey

If you haven't done so already, please take the **Parent Input Survey**. The survey was developed by our Student Advisory Committee and is aimed at improving communication. **Your child can show you how to access this survey from their Google Classroom based on where students had their Student-Led Conferences.**

Help us help you

In normal times (does anyone remember those??) teachers' classrooms are full of stuff for students to use to do their school work. In these not so normal times teachers are sending textbooks, notebooks, handouts, hacky sacks and repair kits (PE Erik, you rock!), jump drives (Aldo Live! Orien, you are so creative) art supplies (Ms. Phillips wants you artists to have what you need to be the artist you want to be), and other things home so students can participate in class. **Pick up is every Thursday, at lunchtime, 11:45 - 12:15 (lunch is free for *all kids*) and in the evening from 4:30 - 5:30.** Each week your child's teacher will let you know if they have anything to pick up for your child.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 9 is an In Service day for the staff, *SO THERE IS NO SCHOOL. However,* YCC and Internships will still run, *BUT NO COMMUNITY ORIENTATION.*

*****Fall break is Monday, October 12-Friday, October 16.*****

Making their town a better, prettier place



Trail crew is making progress in the Student drop off area. Eleventh grader Colin shapes a rock.

Allen and Amelia (both 10th graders) of the YCC garden crew complete a butterfly-shaped bed at the Silva Creek Botanical gardens across from Virginia Street Park



Murals crew is super close to finishing the Dia de los Muertos mural at the Silver City Museum. Pictured here from left to right Marin (11th), Kaleena (12th), Mia (11th).

Be counted

If you've already completed your [2020 Census](#), thank you! If not there is still time. The deadline has moved a few times, but according to latest news reports the government must continue to gather census data through October 31, 2020. The Trump administration is saying they will cease accepting census data on October 5. **So PLEASE, complete your census TODAY.** The information gathered from the census determines how \$1.5 trillion will be allocated to states. This money pays for improvements to roads, funding for Head Start, making public buildings accessible for all, support for emergency services, hospitals, and programs to feed school children. According to the video on the [Grant County Census website](#), "A family of four who is counted in the census equates to about \$150,000 over ten years to our county."