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ALDO LEOPOLD CHARTER SCHOOL
WEEKLY UPDATE

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“...I am glad I shall never be young without wild country to be young in. Of what avail are forty freedoms without a blank spot on the map?” Aldo Leopold (1949)

News for all

Open house

Some of you have noticed that the calendar has parent/teacher conferences on Friday, September 20. **This is only for the high school.** The middle school teachers will be doing fun things at Camp Thunderbird with 75 of our favorite people.

Student-Led Conferences for both schools are scheduled for **Friday, October 25.**

Lunch

9/11 Wed. < Tomato soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Veggie Tray, Mixed Salad, Fruit

9/12 Thu. < Quiche, French fries, WG Bread, Caesar Salad, Fruit

9/13 Fri. < No LuNcH oN fRiDaYs

- 9/16 Mon. < Chicken Drumsticks, Buttered Noodles, Roasted Seasonal Veggies, Mixed Salad, Fruit
- 9/17 Tue. < Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Steamed Veggies, Garden Salad, Fruit
- 9/18 Wed. < Sweet Italian Sausages, Oven Roasted Potatoes, WG Rolls, Chef's Rolls, Fruit

Committees

- Thurs., Sep. 12....5:30pm....[Governing Council](#) @ the HS
- Tues., Sept. 17....4:30pm....[Risk Management](#)....Jim's room @ the HS
- Wed., Sept. 18....4:30 pm....[Policy](#)...Wayne's office @ the HS
- Wed., Oct. 2.....4:30pm....[SHAC](#).....Jim's room @ the HS

Calendar

- Sep. 9 - 12.....Backpacking Trip - *9th and 12th grade*
- Sep. 19 - 20.....Camp Thunderbird! - *Middle School*
- Sep. 20.....Parent Teacher Conference - *High School only*
- Sep. 23 - 26.....Backpacking Trip - *10th and 11th grade*

Art of the week

Why are we talking about art in the update? **Because art is a key thing in the learning system of Aldo Leopold Charter School.** A benefit of art is that it can be relaxing and help you think straight. So every week we will be featuring the work of one middle and one high school student so you can see what they are working on.

Volunteers

There is a lot to do around here and we'd love for you to help out. All families are required to give 20 hours a year (that's 20 hours over the course of 36 weeks. $20 \div 36 = 0.55$ hours/week). That time could be spent on a committee, picking up lunch or serving lunch, doing laundry after a backpacking trip, chaperoning a dance or movie night, repairs, etc...If you have a particular skill to offer, please let us know, we would be happy to put you to work! After you volunteer go to this form on the website to [record your hours](#).

A river runs through here

The [Gila River Festival](#) is happening Friday, September 20-22. There are many speakers, hikes, and events. They are looking for volunteers for events at Gough Park on Saturday, the 21st. If you are interested in giving time to this worthy cause call 538-8078 or email gilariverfest@gmail.com.

Medical forms and history

Parents, parents, parents ...some of you have kept us waiting long enough. **It's time to turn in those medical forms that we so desperately need.** There is a form that must be filled out by your child's primary care physician, which requires a visit to the aforementioned doctor, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant. **The other form YOU can fill out and get to us ASAP.** This is about what you know to be the health concerns of your child. We are in the business of keeping kids safe, but if we are unaware of your child's specific health concerns this really makes it harder for us to be the sort of safety officers we prefer to be. **So PLEASE**, if you have yet to get these forms to us, put that chore on the top of your list. Thank you!

High School

Figuring out where you are

This Friday, after students have returned refreshed and relaxed from four days in the backcountry, **Community Orientation** students will head to the **Nature Conservancy's Lichty Center in Cliff** for "harvesting in the wild" and water quality monitoring with the eco-monitors. Students will leave the High School campus at **9:30 am and will return by 3:35.** [Here is the fall semester calendar for CO](#) (subject to change).

Fridays at the high school

YCC crews and interns have begun their work around the community. Students must put in 72 hours each semester to fulfill the requirements for this class. This Friday, like all Fridays, students will be out in the field building trails, taking care of gardens, teaching water quality, assisting at schools, creating murals, harvesting plants, among other things.

Walking in the Wilderness

The staff at the high school get a week to do their laundry, kiss their kids and mates, and eat some home cooking, before they head back out into the wilderness this time with the **10th and 11th graders**. The [same routes](#) will be hiked, just by different feet. If you haven't turned in the [permission slip and paid the fee](#), now's the time.

Middle School

Gardens, river, and farm

With 75 students in the middle school, we rarely go anywhere all together. We usually split into two groups, with one group going to one place and the other group going to another place. (Sometimes these groups are advisories, sometimes they are grade level, and other times they are just a mix of students from all grades.) Then the next week each group goes to the opposite place that they went to the previous week. Does that make sense? So last week the advisory groups of Mr. Cantrell, Erik, and Jennifer were in town touring and working at a couple community gardens, while Ms. Chaney, Ms. Aversa, and Garrett's advisories were in the Mimbres learning about water quality and helping out on a small farm. This week those groups will trade places. If your child is in **Ms. Chaney, Ms. Aversa, or Garrett's advisory**, good walking shoes are a must (plus the rest of the BIG 5: wide brimmed hat, two water bottles, journal and pencil, and healthy snacks and lunch). If your child is in **Mr. Cantrell, Erik, or Jennifer's advisory**, wear work shoes for the farm and bring water shoes for some river time (plus the previously listed BIG 5).

Camp Thunderbird

The **6th, 7th, and 8th graders** will be spending next **Thursday and Friday (9/19-9/20)** at Camp Thunderbird in the Upper Mimbres. We have done this for as long as the middle school has been around (in our 6th year now) as a soft way to introduce camping to many of our students, to further build our school community, to gently support students who've never spent a night away from home so they can be ready for our overnight at City of Rocks in the spring, and for fun, of course! [A letter, a permission slip, and a packing list](#) went home last week. *Please return the permission slip with your payment to Andrea by Monday, September 16.*

For Fun

