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Weekly Update

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Aldo Leopold Charter School

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News for all

Food for all

- 11/14 Wed...** Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread, Lentils, Mixed Salad, and THE best of all FRUIT!!!
- 11/15 Thurs...** Veggie Enchiladas, Steamed Rice, Chopped Salad, And Fruit
- 11/16 Fri...** **No Lunch, HS & MS are out of the building**
- 11/19 Mon...** Burger on a Bun, Lettuce Tomato and Onion, French Fries, Coleslaw, Fruit
- 11/20 Tues...** Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Veggies, Mixed Salad, And FRUITTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT!!!!!!! :)

A letter from Mr. Knight

Dear Aldo Parents, students and staff,

As some of you know, I was in the hospital for quite some time after an exciting battle with appendicitis. I have been home since November 4th and am back at work on a limited schedule. Every day I come to work, I get a little stronger as my energy increases. I think seeing many of you last week has helped my stamina.

While in the hospital, I had a lot of time to reflect. This is something I constantly ask of my students but rarely engage in myself. As I thought about my situation, I felt a sense of gratitude because many of you had inserted yourselves into my thoughts. You did this by reaching out to me via text, email, phone calls, cards, gifts, visits and prayers. (yes, I could hear those too) Both staff and administration helped calm me by covering my responsibilities at school while students were compassionate and patient by doing my assignments to the best of their ability without the benefit of instruction. For this I am grateful.

I'm told that my recovery will take time so although I plan to teach my classes, I may leave school earlier or come in a little later for the next few weeks. I have an appointment with my surgeon on November 19th and from there we will decide when my appendix needs to come out (probably after January 1st) so thank you in advance for your continued support and patience. I am willing to work with all parents and students when it comes to grades, assignments, final exams or any confusion about Language Arts content, even if we need to work into the Christmas break.

As I climb back into the saddle again, I realize the value and support you all have given me. Thank you and I look forward to working with all of you in 2018 and beyond.

Now everyone knows

Our much beloved and respected **Jim McIntosh** is one of only a thousand other hard working and dedicated teachers in the state to earn the distinction of being Exemplary. We are all honored to have such a dedicated and brilliant man amongst our staff. Jim is quick to shine the spotlight on all the other teachers and staff at the school who support him in doing his job.

Student Of The Month



The hard-working students who were Student Of The Month for November!!! Aldo students Drew (8th grade) and Margaret (12th grade) are second and third from the right, respectively.

Committees

To learn more about committees click [here](#)

Risk Mgmt-

Tuesday, November 13, from 4:30 PM- 6 PM, in Jim's Room

GC-

**Thursday, November 15, from 5- 5:30 PM, in Mrs. Chaney's room
(they will be going to parents night afterward)**

Give

It's getting close to Thanksgiving and the Middle School Student Council has decided to do a food donation for people, cats, and dogs. All the food that you drop off at the front office before November 20 (in a box that says Food Here) will go to homeless shelters and animal shelters. So, if you have any canned goods or yummy dog or cat foods that you don't want, give them to people and animals that need it.

November Events

- 13-----Risk Management 4:30 PM
- 15-----Governing Council Meeting 5:00 PM
- 15-----SHAC Parent Night 5:30 PM
- 19-20-----Senior Retreat
- 21-23-----Thanksgiving Break
- 26-----Internships Presentations Due
- 28-----Internship Showcase 4:30 PM

Look out high school, this future 9th grader is motivated!

Every year Ms. Phillips chooses an enthusiastic and dedicated 8th grade art student to be her assistant. She offers this assistant the opportunity to have their own art show. This year, unlike all other years, her assistant Aria said yes to the art show! To entice you to come to this unique show starting with the opening at **5:00 PM on Friday**, see Aria's artist statement: Within my artwork I try to capture unknown feelings. The pictures that I draw usually are feelings and emotions being poured out of me. Most of my work just uses colored pencil. Using color pencils is not easy to work with, but I am happy that they can be used in so many different techniques. My art usually contains a character that is not smiling. This is because sometimes I believe that we will put on fake smiles as if they were masks. All this does is hide or shelter our true feelings. Let's face it, we never will know the true feelings behind someone. My art is trying to make that point. Connect with my art on an emotional level, and let me ask you, what do you see? How do you feel? What is the unknown emotion?

Artists and Scientists, unite!

Mrs. Chaney's 7th grade science classes and Ms. Phillips 6-8th grade art classes collaborated for an art/science project. The art classes made a study guide of watercolors, and an animal, plant or a bacterial cell, interesting right? The 7th grade art students also had to teach the other art students about the cells they learned about in science class. *Plus*, they also had to teach the other 7th graders how to use watercolors (very nerve racking!!) You will find these watercolor cells at the art show which starts **Friday, December 7** and will run through **December 21** at Javalina Coffee House. That's all for now come back next week!!

Just in Case

There has not yet been a snow delay this year, but if we have one, we would like to make sure the students know where to go. In the event of a snow *delay*, the Middle School will go to their **first class** and the High School will run according to the **following schedule**:

A or B block 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM
Lunch 11:45 AM - 12:10 PM
C or D block 12:15 PM - 1:55 PM
E or F block 2:40 PM - 3:40 PM

Information about delays/closures can be found [here](#). And the school will send out a text and an email blast, so be sure that we have your up-to-date contact information.

Lighted Christmas Parade

The middle schoolers and the high schoolers are building a float for the Lighted Christmas Parade (**Saturday, November 24**, see community events for more info) with the students from Montessori School. The theme will be the Dr. Seuss book *The Lorax*. The building of the float will happen on **Sunday, November 18, Friday, November 23, and Saturday, November 24** from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you would like to help with this project please feel free to come and help at what was formerly Custom Steel Works at the end of Bullard

Taking healthy risks an evening for Aldo parents

On **Thursday, November 15** from the **5:30-7:00 PM** the School Health Advisory Committee will host the annual **Parents' Night!** Put away your dance shoes and your '80s soundtrack, this one is about our kids (isn't it all?) At the beginning of every school year the 7-12 graders take the anonymous Behavioral Risk Survey. This survey queries students about their habits in and out of school: sleep, recreation, eating, relationships, studying, support systems, exercise,

drug use, mental health, you name it. We want to know what our students are dealing with, so we can best target concerns with support and education. Dinner will be provided while we tell you the 411 on the secret life of teenagers.

A magical math journey

A few Aldo students and one 8th grade math teacher are dancing in this year's National Dance Institute performance. The theme this year is A Mathmagical Journey. We hope to see you on **Friday November 16, at 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, and 7 PM**, or all three!!!! To find out more about NDI click [here](#)

High school

We told you so

For the third time in a row we will remind you that the senior retreat is happening on **Monday, November 19 - Tuesday, November 20** at the Wilderness Lodge in Gila Hot Springs. Expect your senior back at the school by 3:30 on Tuesday.

Pitch in

Friday, November 16 the community orientation class will be going to the Pitchfork Ranch. They will be learning about plants as food and medicine, as well as ranch and watershed restoration. **DO NOT FORGET YOUR BIG 5** (hat, water bottle, lunch, hiking shoes, journal and pencil).

YCC/Internships

If your child participates in YCC/Internships they should check with Guy Ramirez, their YCC/Internship coordinator, to make sure they have over 35 hours for the second quarter of school. (Remember they need 72 hours to pass for the *semester*.) The YCC/Internship Showcase is coming up on **Monday, November 26**. Students that are doing internships have to have a poster board presentation and YCC crews are required to give a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation on the work they've done so far in our area.

The Passionate Pursuit of Knowledge

As many of you know, project-based learning is an essential part of an ALCS education. At the end of last academic year and at the beginning of this, Aldo teachers met for a series of lively discussions, hoping to expand, deepen, and individualize Multidisciplinary Projects for our high-school students. Now, three weeks into the process they designed—with plenty of student input—high-schoolers have met at least twice with their mentors and most have launched their projects, developing essential questions and setting up time tables in order to complete their work by April 8. Some students are continuing with research begun last year, like sophomore Hawk Fugagli, who is expanding his research into the effect feral and trespass cattle have on the Gila River. Two seniors, Emily Cox and Izabela Chase, are working to complete an Aldo dream long in the works: creating a plant guide, complete with photos, taxonomic descriptions, and “fun facts,” about the “Gila Hundred”—plants that grow in our bioregion and that demand our study and familiarity. Other students are undertaking film projects, like senior artist Gayla Lacy, who is shooting her own animated short. In the coming weeks, we'll keep you posted on how these ambitious and fascinating projects are progressing, with the ultimate goal of enticing you to see students' finished products when they present them to their peers, teachers, parents, and community members in mid-April.

Middle school

Fabulous Friday

This [Friday, November 16](#) the Middle School will take the bus to the NDI performance at the university. Following the show, we will visit Jen Pack's art show at the McCray Gallery. Then we will eat lunch in Old James Stadium. After all that we will split up. Art teacher, Ms. Phillips has a new 8th grade art assistant each semester and encourages this assistant to put together their own art show. *Finally* one of these assistants took her up on this offer! 8th grader Aria will have a show at Javalina and we are all going to see it. **NEVER FORGET THE BIG 5: 2 water bottles or more, healthy snacks and lunch, journal and pencil, wide brimmed hat, and appropriate shoes.**

Community events

Mossless

The **Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society** will be holding their monthly Field Trip **Saturday, November 17** for all ages. The group will be meeting at the **Visitor's Center on Hudson Street at 8:00 AM**. Participants will be collecting Agate and Zeolites along **Highway 15** north of Pinos Altos. Bring a rock hammer, eye protection, chisels, buckets, lunch, water, and chairs.

The Xmas Parade

The **Annual Downtown Lighted Christmas Parade** will be from **7:00 PM- 9:00 PM** on **Saturday, November 24**. If you are going to be in the parade, you need to know where your group will be located. Make sure to wear warm clothes and maybe bring a chair. See you there and don't forget to shine every day!



It's the Fall season. The wind is blowing, leaves are falling off the trees, everything is getting hectic before the holiday season. That's why on **November 17, from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM** the **Fall Frenzy**,

located on **3031 Highway 180 East**, will have many different types of vendor booths to shop for holiday gifts or just to treat yourself. This is a one-day only that you don't want to miss.

Awards from Grant County

The Silver City **Grant County Chamber of Commerce and PNM** invite you to a participate in the **2018 Grant County Awards Banquet**. There will be awards for 2018 business of the year, volunteer of the year, Linda k. Jones humanitarian of the year, and citizen of the year. The price for an individual chamber member is \$40.00 each, if you're not a member it's \$45.00. A Reserved table for people who are chamber members is \$280.00. The cost for a table for non-members is \$320.00. Register [now!](#) The doors will open at 6:00 PM And will close at 10:00 PM. For more information call **(575)-538-3785**.

Inspiration from around the world

Thanks to Gillian Sherwood for the gift of the inspiring posters in the Middle School hallway. These innovators encourage us to be ourselves and to pursue our interests in life.



James Maury Henson (September 24, 1936-May 16, 1990) was an American artist, cartoonist, puppeteer, inventor and filmmaker who achieved worldwide fame as the creator of the Muppets. Born in Greenville, Mississippi, he was raised in Leland, Mississippi and Hyattsville, Maryland. Henson began developing puppets while attending high school. [Wikipedia](#) *"Life's like a movie, write your own ending. Keep believing, keep pretending."*