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Weekly Update

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Aldo Leopold Charter School

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News for all

Dinner in the Midwest

11/26 Mon. Cheese, or Pepperoni Pizza, Antipasto Tray, Caesar Salad, And the most important part FRUITTTTTTT!!

11/27 Tues. Chicken Parmesan, Buttered Noodles, Braised Veggies, Green Salad, AND (suspense)!! Potatoes!! JUST KIDDING FRUIT AS ALWAYS!!

20/20 vision

Around here we ask our students to reflect on their experiences so that they can have a deeper more useful understanding of themselves. Walking our talk, we had a staff debrief once all students had been released on Friday (see [Jim's letter](#) about the lockdown on the website). We learned that our local law enforcement knows how to respond to school threats and that they can be counted on to keep us safe. We discussed what worked and what needs to be looked at to keep everyone in the loop, without creating more anxiety. The **Risk Management Committee** meets on **Tuesday, December 11 from 4:30-6:00 PM**. Please join us to discuss how the school is moving forward to develop a plan to prepare for the unthinkable.

Are you in the know

Speaking of communication.... are you getting the texts and emails that the school has been sending? If the answer is no, you are missing out! So, please check with Cathie in the front office to give her your info.

Las Cruces is pretty nice

We got some very important information, yes very important. December 1 is when interested seniors must submit their transcripts and test scores to the **New Mexico State University** to be eligible for **scholarships**. (The deadline is coming up, so hurry before it's too late!!) For more helpful information go to admissions.nmsu.edu/scholarships. It's not just scholarships going on, there is an upcoming open house event Thursday, February 18, 2019!! This one will be big so encourage your student to register early aggie-experience.nmsu.edu. Also please encourage your interested students to visit NMSU. Find admission requirements at admissions.nmsu.edu/visit. . Thank you, come back for the next update you don't want to be behind!

And Now a few words from Emily

I attended the HOW-AT Conference at WNMU on Friday to learn more about how technology can help students at Aldo who have a variety of disabilities. The New Mexico Technology Assistance Program (NMTAP) exists to provide New Mexicans with disabilities adaptive and assistive technology. Their headquarters are in Albuquerque, but Silver City has one of their two satellite offices, located in the Phelps Dodge Building by the sociology department. NMTAP conducts training sessions and disseminates information through its workshops and conferences and has a lending library of a wide variety of technologies. I attended all three of the hands-on sessions. One of the things I got to try was Livescribe, an amazing smartpen and notebook that connects to a tablet. Using this technology, a student with a learning disability who would otherwise struggle to take notes while listening to a lecture or class conversation could make an audio recording while taking handwritten notes to the best of his ability. Later, the handwritten notes are translated to printed text at the push of a button and what would otherwise have been lost is filled in on the screen from the audio. That's right, the handwritten notes and audio synch! I took advantage of the fact that I was down the hall from NMTAP's Silver City lending library and checked a Livescribe pen and notebook out for 60 days. I'm going to let my students with learning disabilities give this a try. For more information, visit <http://www.tap.gcd.state.nm.us/>

It's who you know

Lt. Governor-elect Howie Morales came to Monday's staff meeting to answer questions from the staff. We were pleased and honored that he could take the time from his busy transition schedule to meet with us.

Of course, education was on all our minds (that is mostly all any of us ever think about) and Mr. Sherwood began by asking about school funding. Howie referenced the recent Yazzie and Martinez vs. the state of NM decision which found that the state is inadequately funding education (really, they needed a court to tell us that?!). \$400 million will be flooding public education in the state to meet the requirements mandated by the lawsuit. He assured us that we would likely not lose the Small Schools Adjustment. This huge chunk of change keeps our doors open. The Lt. Governor-elect said that the Public Education Department puts too much emphasis on reading and math which narrows the curriculum, keeps kids from being kids, and stresses teachers out. He said we need to open up learning (cue the skies opening up to a brighter tomorrow). To this point he appreciates how much we get out and sees that our students are well-rounded. Pete asked about the \$1.2 billion the state has from gas and oil revenue. Mr. Morales said he'd like to see this one-time windfall invested in alternative energy production which, unlike the boom and bust cycle of the extractive industries, will produce long-term, consistent financial gain for the state. Along those same lines, the soon to be former state senator promises to help our next senator (to be appointed by Governor-elect once Howie resigns his seat on inauguration day January 20, 2019) to follow his lead in helping to protect our beloved Gila River. Phew! More than once, Howie spoke of collaboration as the goal of this incoming administration. We are pleased that our state government will reflect a value that we hold so dear and work so hard to integrate into all that we do.

And a pinch of fractions

The 7th grade math class is finishing up a unit on rational numbers and students suggested we do some cooking and since cooking involves math and all, why not?! Students prepared recipes of their choice in front of the class "cooking show style." Some students chose to prepare their recipe at home, but brought videos showing off their cooking skills and the best part - food to share. A delicious time was had by all - and of course we worked in some math! Students converted ingredient measurements to fraction, decimals, and percents and worked on scaling up and scaling down their recipes. We put together a slide show of all the recipes we tried. You can access it by clicking here: [Rational Recipes](#)

Committees

Get your holiday commitment on with committee meetings next month. To find out more click [here](#)

SHAC-

Wednesday, December 5, from 4:30-6:00 PM, in Jim's Room

SAC-

Thursday, December 6, from 5-6:30 PM, in Mr. Sherwood's office

Rsk mgmt-

Tuesday, December 11, from 4:30- 6 PM, in Jim's Room

GCM-

Thursday, December 13, from 5:30-7:30 PM, in Ms. Chaney's

November Events

21-23-----Thanksgiving Break
26-----Internships Presentations Due
28-----Internship Showcase 4:30 PM

December Events

5-----SHAC 4:30 PM
6-----SAC Committee 5:00 PM
7-----Art Show at Javalina
10-----Internship students turn in hours worked
11-----Risk Management 4:30 PM
13-----Governing Council Meeting 5:30 PM
14-----Last day for YCC and Internship
14-----NMSU one day trip
18-19-----Final Exams
20-----Make-up Final Exams. Half day of school
21-Jan 4--Christmas Break

Lighted Christmas Parade

The middle and high school are building a float for the Lighted Christmas Parade (**Saturday, November 24**, see community events for more info) with the students from the Montessori School. The theme will be the Dr. Seuss book *The Lorax*. The building of the float will continue **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.

High School

C.O.

No orienting to the community this week because it is the day after Thanksgiving and rather than spending money on stuff, consider getting out in our beautiful, precious wilderness.

The 9th graders on the annual Sonoran Sojourn trip.



YCC/Internships

If your child participates in YCC/Internships they should check with Guy Ramirez 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 **Wednesday, November 28 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM.**

Students 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. We serve light snacks at this event and ask that all high school parents contribute. But so that we don't end up with 87 bags of chips and no dip, we ask you to bring the following according to your child's last name: **A-C chips** (for dipping) or crackers (to go with cheese); **D-G veggies**; **H-L dips** for veggies, fruit, or chips; **M-P fruit**; **R-Z cheese** (approximately 8 oz).

Middle school

No Friday Trip

See C.O.

Community Events

Shop local!

A Holiday Fiber Art Sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24 from 10 AM to 4 PM** at the **Grant County Conference Center** located 3031 Highway 180 East in Silver City. Go to [this website](#) for more.

Light the way

The holiday season will begin with the 28th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, "A Storybook Christmas". The **Christmas Parade** will be held on **Saturday, November 24 from 7 PM - 9 PM**. This wonderful community event is sponsored by Silver City MainStreet Project, the Town of Silver City, and Hidalgo Medical Services. But if you don't want to stand out in the cold. Go to [live from Silver](#) to watch the show on a phone or a laptop.

Rolling Stones 2nd Annual Craft Show

The Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society will be holding their Second Annual Craft Show and Bazaar on **November 24 from 9:00 AM 4:00 PM** at their Clubhouse at **2045 Memory Lane**, (the last building before you enter the cemetery). Vendors will be selling rock-related items, jewelry, sewn & crocheted items, crafts, and much more. You can certainly fill your Christmas wish list at this show. For more information visit their [website](#) or call (575)-313-9076

Amelia Earhart (July 24, 1897 - 1937)

Amelia Earhart wasn't afraid to break down barriers. In 1928, she was the first woman to fly as a passenger across the Atlantic Ocean. Then, in 1932, she became the first woman to pilot a plane across that ocean. "Never interrupt someone doing something you said couldn't be done."

