

Aldo Leopold Charter School

Weekly Update



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News for all

Lunch Menu

Wednesday 23..... Chicken fajitas, Pinto beans, Shredded veggie salad, and Fruit

Thursday 24.....Roast turkey, Buttered noodles, Steamed veggies,
Green veggies, and Fruit.

Friday 25.....**No lunch. All students off campus. Pack a lunch.**

Monday 26.....Cheese or Pepperoni pizza, Antipasto tray, Garden salad, and
Fruit

Tuesday 27.....Cowboy chili, Corn bread, Green beans, Mixed salad, and Fruit

**Congratulations to Aldo Leopold Charter School for the
NM Food and Farms School Awards for the Educational
Program/Educator of the Year.**



Hello everyone! Lunch bunch needs servers (*shocking*). Call Cathy at the front desk at (575) 538-2547 to give your time to this necessary program. Thank you!

January Calendar

hello

22-24.....MAPS testing - Middle School

24-25.....[Ski Trip](#) - High School

28.....ELA Maps Testing - 9th grade

29-31.....Trip to the Roundhouse, Santa Fe-select High School students

31.....ELA Maps Testing - 10th grade

January Students of the Month



Yureau, 8th grade, on the far left, and Gayla, 12th grade, is third from the left.

High school

It was a Success

Ok, so with the High School dance from last week, the students that went to it, said that it was a very fun and exciting event. Student Council made a big profit to fund future activities.

The compass is not the only thing we can use to find ourselves

Pete, Orien, and Kristin have put a new spin on the **Community Orientation** class. Students will be divided into three groups each week with each student in each group rotating through seven roles: photographer, oxytocin person (head of morale), press agent, ecologist, historian, economist, and sociologist. “Students will absorb what happens throughout the day from their unique perspective, report back to their group about what they experience, and evaluate the experience in their weekly journal.” Last week student studied the geology of Boston Hill with Dave Menzie. Joseph had this to say about that:

Today our group learned about geology and rocks. We learned the three different stages of the the rock cycle (metamorphic, igneous, and sedimentary.) We also learned about tectonic plates and how they form mountains and cause earthquakes. We talked with our guide Dave about the mining industry and how that affects the geological integrity of the earth. We watched two short documentaries about the tectonic plates that make up the layers of our earth.

This **Friday, January 25** the CO class will have the first of two weeks devoted to water harvesting. This Friday will find the student who are not on the ski trip touring a site with Stream Dynamics. BIG 5 essential.

YCC

Hello people! Here are some things YCC crews have done so far this semester:

- Eco-Monitoring Crew: This crew did bird banding at Iron Bridge last week.
- Murals Crew: This crew began the clay work for the Dia De Los Muertos mural for Silver City Museum.
- Trail Crew: This crew has worked on rock bars, drainages, and crib walls. They will soon begin work on Spring Street Trailhead, another trail connecting the WNMU Police Academy area to the CDT and this crew will also be doing an erosion check at Dragonfly Trail.
- Archaeology Crew: This crew will be continuing the work and training they have been doing and receiving.
- Gardening Crew: This crew began the work to create a pollinator garden on the median on 10th street between Santa Rita and Gordon Streets (see below).

Who needs a hackberry? A hackberry emperor !



Thanks to a generous grant from the Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc., through a grant from New Mexico Clean & Beautiful, a division of the New Mexico Tourism Department, the YCC Garden Crew is planting over 100 native pollinator plants in the Tenth Street Median but do you know why? Experimental education! With KNMB's help, the median will better serve as a refuge and respite not only to pedestrians and cyclists but also to our area pollinators. Grant County is home to over 100 butterfly species and yet little is known about many of their forage habits, larval host plants, life cycles, and population numbers. The new plants and shrubs have been specifically chosen to serve as nectar sources and host plants. Remember that butterflies are not always butterflies; they start out as caterpillars. So the pollinator garden must feed both stages. A caterpillar EATS and a butterfly SIPs; foliage is for eating and flowers are for sipping nectar. The KNMB grant has allowed us to purchase collection, observation, rearing, and identification equipment so the median can be used as an outdoor classroom for students to observe, benignly collect and identify bees,

butterflies and moths and their larva, and learn appropriate data collection and recording. Swing by this project periodically to see the progress!

Round House Visit



Tuesday, January 29 through Thursday January 31, a dozen high schoolers will be going to the Roundhouse in Santa Fe to meet with the legislators! FYI our local legislators are Senator Gabriel Ramos, Representatives Rebecca Dow, and Rudy Martinez. These students were chosen by their teachers to represent our school's mission and program in relation to Senate Bill 1. If passed SB1 would cut our school's small adjustment (a sum of money we receive for serving a small geographical population). The small school adjustment accounts for 36% of our school budget and would be cut at 12% each year over the next three years. In the past, meeting with the legislators has been very effective and is a great educational opportunity for our students. This year's student engagement is critical.

Middle School

Learn to Help

On Friday, January 18, half of the middle school will be going to the Volunteer Center. This group will spend half of their time volunteering and the other half of their time at La Capilla Public Space, working on action learning projects. The other half of the middle school will start their day at school organizing their action learning projects and then will bus to La Capilla and the surrounding area to take advantage of resources there to do more research for their action learning projects.

Remember your big five!



- 2 Water Bottles
- Sturdy Shoes
- Hat
- Journal and writing supplies
- Lunch
- *Plus*
- ALCS t-shirt (because why not?)

Community Events

Vocal Trash

According to the website, “best described as ‘entertainment with a conscience’, **Vocal Trash** is an urban-themed Broadway style production that reconnects us with our planet and its inhabitants. This 7-member, green-minded troupe rescues items from landfills to create a meaningful experience unlike any other.” See them on **Thursday, January 24 from 7:00pm-9:00pm** at **Western New Mexico University Fine arts Center Theater in Silver City**. For ticket pricing go to the Grant County Community Concert Series website.

Philippe Holmes

On **Friday, January 25 from 6:00pm-8:00pm** Philippe Holmes will present “a voyage across three centuries of guitar music, as well as works of J.S. Bach adapted for the guitar.” For this **free event** go to **The Public Library at 515 West College Avenue in Silver City**. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. Doors will open at **5:30pm, 30 minutes before performance time**.

Horn Quintets

According to the WNMU website, on **Tuesday, January 29 Willy Sucre** will be performing Chamber Music that he has performed and recorded throughout South, Central, and North America. This performance will be played at the **Light Hall Theater at 7:00pm**. The tickets will be **\$15 each** or **free with your Mustang Card**.

3 Banjos

Tickets are going fast for this band from Ireland. The band consists of two sets of brothers “ who collectively hold over a dozen ‘All Ireland’ titles and are among the most revered musicians in Ireland today.” They will be performing at **Light Hall** on the WNMU campus on **Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 pm.**