

# Aldo Leopold Charter School

## *Weekly Update*



*(Brought to you by the Middle School Journalism Class)*

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## **News For All**

### **Lunch menu**

**Wednesday 13....**Chicken noodle soup, Cheesy bread, Lentils, Mixed salad, and Fruit

**Thursday 14.....**Quiche, French fries, Caesar salad, and Fruit

**Friday 15.....***No lunch. All students off campus. Pack a lunch.*

**Monday 18.....***No school. Presidents day.*

**Tuesday 19.....***No lunch. Montessori kitchen closed. Pack a lunch.*

## **Hey, You! Don't you dare scroll past! I see you!**

We need help! Not just serving this time, we need someone to transport lunch on Thursday! We still need servers, though, so call Cathie at the front desk (575) 538-2547. Thank you for your time, you may continue.

## Bringing our circle culture to the Roundhouse



A select group of High school students left their classroom studies behind for a few days of real experiential education at our state's capitol. By all accounts students represented themselves and our school confidently, intelligently, and bravely as they lobbied against SB1 and HD5, the senate and house bill would cut 32% of our school's budget, or about \$600,000/year.

## Calendar

**Feb.18**.....*No School* - Presidents Day

**Feb.19**.....School is in session-NO LUNCH (GMS kitchen is closed)

**Feb. 21-22**.....United World College - High School

**Feb. 22**.....NAEP testing - 8th grade

## Think of it as an opportunity to give back

Our school, like all charter and non-charter schools in the State of New Mexico, is governed by an oversight committee. Charter schools call this a Governing Council. Our Governing Council is in need of new members. The GC meets once a month for a couple hours and each member is expected to serve on one of our school committees: Finance, Facilities, Curriculum, Student Health, Development, Nominating, Strategic Planning, and Policy. Committees meet monthly or quarterly. All ALCS Governing Council Meetings are open to the public and you are always welcome to attend. The next meeting is next Thursday, February 21 from 5:30 pm-8:30pm in Ms. Chaney's room. Meeting dates, times and agendas can be found on our website: [www.aldocs.org](http://www.aldocs.org) If you are interested in serving on the ALCS Governing Council, applications can be picked up at the school office or sent electronically. **Call the office at: 575-538-2547**

## Check it out!

**Thurs, Feb. 21**.....Governing Council Meeting - 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Ms. Chaney's

## How are we doin'?

Thank you to the many parents who answered the [parent satisfaction survey](#) when you came in last week for Student-Led Conferences. If you haven't let us know what you think of what we are doing here at Aldo, please take a few moments to follow the link and give us your two cents.

## Nurse's Notes (thanks, Jim)

For many, Valentine's Day brings up memories of the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. Anniversaries provide a time for reflection, and many educators across our country are pausing this week to consider how safe their schools are.

Much of my work as school nurse involves mundane tasks like stocking first-aid kits, reviewing immunizations records, and icing sprained ankles. But my work with the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) and the Risk Management Committee helps me look at a bigger picture of student health. These two committees encourage us to examine our ALCS environment and to create a school that fosters healthy learning and living. What we call "school culture" can powerfully influence the likelihood of violence on campus.

At a recent New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) training that Mr. Sherwood, Governing Council Chair A.J. Sandoval, & I attended in Deming, our presenter—a veteran law-enforcement officer and trainer—listed 5 steps that each school should use to effectively address targeted violence. The first step I consider most essential: **Build a positive climate**. Our efforts as parents and educators are best spent on this first step, and we are fortunate that our small school size allows us to know well the members of our school community—students, staff, and parents—and to care for each other. School norms, advisory meetings, class trips, and school committees like SHAQ and Risk Management provide opportunities for us to cultivate community and strive for a learning environment that is safe, respectful, and intellectually diverse.

Our presenter's second and third steps that address targeted violence—"**Set policies and rules**" and "**Educate students, teachers, staff, and families**"—are the nuts-and-bolts work of committees. If you would like to become part of this ongoing effort to cultivate our school's healthy learning environment, consider serving on one of these two committees (or others) while you are part of the Aldo school family.

—Jim McIntosh, RN

### **"Two roads diverged in a wood...."**

Dan Dietzel and Gary Stailey, with the support of the Town of Silver City, invite you and everybody's aunt and uncle to help make Boston Hill more fun to ride and hike. This **community work party** will be happening at the trailhead at **Market just east of Hwy 180 on Saturday, February 23 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm** (or until you just cannot move another rock). Dan and Gary will provide tools and gloves, but you are welcome to bring your own. Doug Hulett and his trail machine will be there to lend a [Mike Mulligan](#) feel to the whole thing. If you are a trail nut and cannot make this work party, the next one is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 10-2pm at the Cooper Street trailhead.

## Open spaces=Open minds

The Town's **Trails and Open Space Committee** is meeting **Wednesday, February 20 at 5 pm in the city annex building** above the Washington Federal Bank. We are helping with the Boston Hill trailwork, and most or all of the committee came to the last workday. We are an advisory committee and our meetings are open to the public and posted on the Town's website. Public comment is always welcome.

## GiZmOs AnD GaDgEtS

**8th graders** have finished the parts research, the diagramming, and the building of their **solar cell phone chargers**. We will finish the wiring, testing and case design this week. There may be as many as 10 solar cellphone chargers available for sale after the product has been thoroughly tested. The price will be \$50 each, except for 8th grade students and their families who can purchase them for the cost of materials (\$30). If you wish to reserve one, email Aysh Heneghan at [dheneghan@aldocs.org](mailto:dheneghan@aldocs.org). Orders are first come, first served with priority going to 8th grade students/families.

*Donations of old, no longer wanted, smartphones will assist the students in testing their builds. If you have a smartphone to donate drop it off at the front desk!*



8th graders Isabella and Michael



And Lilith and Reece

# High School

## YUMMY, HS Candy Grams

The High School Student Council will be selling **Candy Grams** for the High Schoolers. Sales started Monday February, 11 and will go through Thursday, February, 14 you can order one or more from the a High School Student Council member. They are **\$1 each or 5 for \$4**. Candy Grams will be **delivered to the one you love on Tuesday, February 19**.

## In between worlds

This week for **C.O. the 9th graders** will hike in **Purgatory Chasm** near Lake Roberts. Students will be leaving at 9:25, an hour earlier than usual, but will still have a half of an hour of English and a half of an hour of math (pew!). **BIG 5** is essential-2 water bottles, journal and pencil, hat, good walking shoes, and healthy snacks and lunch. P.S. Check the [forecast](#) before you decide you won't let the weather dictate what you are going to wear.

# Middle School

## WNMU this Friday

As the title introduces we will be going to WNMU this Friday! The half of the group that was at the Commons will be going to the science labs at WNMU, the half that was at the science labs will be going the newly renovated WNMU museum. Don't forget the Big 5 and consider checking the [forecast](#) to make sure you are prepared for whatever is happening outside.

- 2 Water Bottles
- Sturdy Shoes
- A Hat
- A Journal and Writing Supplies
- A Lunch

Plus

- ALCS t-shirt

# Community Events

## [Five Sax](#)

According to the website, “**Five Sax** is a modern-style saxophone quintet featuring five musicians from around the world. The individual members are all established solo musicians who represent a significant international presence and hold many prizes from important national and international competitions.” They will be playing on **Friday, February 15 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. The event will be held at **Western New Mexico University Fine Arts Center Theater**. Watch them play [here](#).

## [Plant Society Meeting](#)

During the **Friday, February 15th** meeting of the Gila Native Plant Society will Tricia Hurley will give a presentation on “Seed Gathering and Propagation of Native Plants.” Tricia will share her knowledge of the techniques of seed collecting, storage and germination. The meeting will be from **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** at **Harlan Hall, Room 219, WNMU Campus, at the corner of 12th and Alabama Streets, Silver City**. Those attending will have the opportunity to start seeds in seedling tubes. Refreshments following the program.

## [Celtic, Folk and World Music Concert](#)

According to the sources, **The Celtic/Folk/World** music duo of **Aodh Og O’Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California**, perform Traditional and Original music from the Celtic lands, Medieval & Renaissance Europe, India and the Americas on a fantastic array of instruments. They will be playing on **Saturday, February 16 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. This event will be held at **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City located at 3845 North Swan Street**. A **\$10 suggested donation fee** will always help. Watch them play [here](#).

## [Hamilton](#)

Megan McQueen, musical theater lecturer and scholar of Lin-Manuel Miranda and “Hamilton” in particular, will give an educational program, discussing the musical elements of the production and leading musicians in presenting numbers from the hit musical. On **Monday, February 18 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Light Hall Theater**. The general admission is **\$10 or free with a mustang card**.