



Aldo Leopold Charter School



Weekly Update



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News for all

Lunch Menu

Tuesday 19....Spaghetti bolognese, Whole grain rotini noodles, Braised seasonal greens, Garden salad, and Fruit

Wednesday 20....Chicken noodle soup, Whole grain bread, Lentils, Mixed salad, and Fruit

Thursday 21....Ham & cheese melts, French fries, Caesar salad, and Fruit

Friday 22....No lunch. All students off campus. Pack a lunch.

Monday 25....Cheese or pepperoni pizza, Antipasto tray, Garden salad, Fruit.

Committees

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

Wed, Apr. 3.....SHAC - **4:30pm to 6:00pm** - Jim's room

Thu, Apr. 4.....SAC Committee - **5:00pm to 6:30pm**

Calendar

Mar. 21-22.....City of Rocks camping trip - 6th & 7th grade

Fri, Mar. 22.....Student Council overnight bonding - **5:00pm to 8:00 am** - Lock-in at

the school

Mar. 28-29.....City of Rocks camping trip- 8th grade

Mar. 31 - Apr. 4...San Diego Junior Class Trip - 11th grade

Apr. 5.....Overnight bonding, Lock-in at the school - Students council

Forks

So I have this friend, I'll call her...Lindsey. Lindsey has a daughter in the high school who cleaned out her backpack over the break (an astonishing thing in and of itself) and one of the things that was found at the bottom of my friend's daughter's backpack, was *seven* lunch service forks. That is right- **seven** forks! From *the school!* I reassured Lindsey that it is unlikely that hers is the only child who, with no ill intention, has been taking lunch forks home. If you happened to have a friend who has suddenly come into possession of a lot of forks or spoons that look suspiciously like those from the school, reassure them, like I did to my friend Lindsey, that if they just return the silverware to the school no questions will be asked.

Spotlight on ART



For the middle school, we would like to introduce Cassidy! Cassidy is in 8th grade and loves art. Cassidy used acrylic paint to create a self portrait as a mer-fairy. She enjoyed painting the seahorse Gleam, as well. Cassidy also learned how to mix her own colors and what type of paint brushes to use for certain areas.



High school student Gayla is in 12th grade and is currently fighting senioritis! However, she is still creating beautiful art! Gayla likes to focus on faces in her artwork, and for this piece she wanted to blend a nature element into her usual subject. Gayla is a master at oil paint! She likes how oil paint blends and the overall finished result. She's Aldo's very own Bob Ross!

It's time for belt-tightening (again) at Aldo

Despite putting nearly half a billion more dollars into next year's public education budget, the state legislature has cut funding for small schools across the state, including Aldo Leopold. Assuming the Governor signs the budget and the school funding bills she has been sent, small-school adjustment funding, a source of revenue that Aldo has counted on since the school was founded, will go away over the course of five years. Increases in other parts of our budget will not make up for that loss, especially when mandated pay raises (which are great for our teachers and other staff members!) are factored in.

Fortunately, the cut is not happening all at once, and we have already begun considering options for cutting costs and boosting other revenues. You will be hearing more from us in the coming months about some of these options, which include extending the school year, increasing class sizes, and adjusting our curriculum to allow more cost-efficient scheduling of personnel.

Our April Governing Council meeting, scheduled for the 11th of that month at 5:30 pm, will feature a presentation on next year's budget by Business Manager Harry Browne. The Governing Council will be asked to approve that budget at its May 9 meeting. These meetings are open to the public, and you are encouraged to come listen and to give us your input!

In the Good News Department, the legislature also sent the Governor a Capital Outlay bill that includes \$105,000 for new vehicles for Aldo, so we may soon be able to retire a couple of our clunkiest old Suburbans and purchase replacements that will be more reliable and vastly more

comfortable. Many kudos to Director Sherwood for making the pitch to the Grant County Prospectors that resulting in getting this funding!

Talking about money, please check out your student's lunch fees

Fees owed (and payments that have been made) for school lunches are up-to-date through the end of February on PowerSchool. Log in to your student's PowerSchool page, find the Lunch Fees option on the left menu bar, and please send payment in to the front office as soon as you are able. Thank you very much!

SOTM

March Students of the Month: Aldo 11th grader Ava is second from the left. Missing is 8th grader Aria.



This is what the some high schoolers do on Fridays

For the last **14 years**, Aldo Leopold Charter School has been awarded a Youth Conservation Corps grant that provides paid internships positions 40 youths. This year, the YCC crews include archaeology education and site watch, trail building and reconstruction, garden and landscape, eco-monitoring, and mural design and installation. Jon Bjornstad and the **trail crew** have been focused on redesigning a portion of the Boston Hill trails near the Spring Street trailhead. This particular trail reflects the cooperation of the town, the county agencies and the private citizens. The **mural crew**, headed by Diana Ingalls Leyba, is designing

an *ofrenda* mural that will be installed on the south wall of Silver City Museum. The focus of the mural is a history of the Silver City Museum. The **eco-monitoring crew**, under the direction of conservation biologist Mike Fugagli, has been busy banding birds, monitoring water quality, and learning about soil composition. Marilyn Markel and the **archaeology crew** have been teaching at El Grito Head Start, G.W. Stout, Sixth Street, and San Lorenzo Elementary Schools. The **garden crew**, with its leader Tricia Hurley, have been developing a pollinator garden in the 10th St. median. They are also helping to plan Earth Day.

High school

Going to the birds

The **Community Orientation class** will be joined by Simon Sotelo of New Mexico Wild at the Bird Sanctuary for an exploration of people's historic connection to the Gila. There will a plant walk, clay and more. (Um...the middle school saw Sasquatch tracks there last year, be on the lookout.) Remember the BIG 5 and dress in layers; it is supposed to be a cool day.

San Diego

We are pleased to announce that the junior class will be travelling to San Diego for the **10th Annual Marine Biology field trip**. The chaperones will be Maddy Alfero, Mr. Sherwood, Guy Ramirez, and Harry Browne. They will depart ALCS at **5:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 31, at & return around 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4**. Trip highlights will include a visit to the Scripps Oceanographic Institute for a behind-the-scenes look at their world-famous laboratories, a visit to UC San Diego, a trolley and light rail trip to the Border, an afternoon in museums in Balboa Park, an afternoon of tide-pooling at Cabrillo National Monument, and a morning kayaking excursion on Mission Bay! The permission slips for this trip went out on **Wednesday, March 20** and are posted on the [school website](#). There will be **three permission slips**: the general permission slip, the permission to swim, and the permission for SeaCamp. We have also tried to organize a **swim test at WNMU for Thursday, March 28th**, so students should be prepared to bring

swimming gear on that day. If for some reason we cannot do a swim test on that day, we will do one when we arrive in San Diego.

If you have any questions about the trip, please feel free to contact Maddy at malfero@aldocs.org or 575.313.2151

Thank You!!!

Rita, Dan, and Jeremy took time out of their days and decided to come to school during Spring Break. They cleaned every inch of our school from shampooing the carpets to wiping down every surface (some people noticed right away). So if you see them you might want to say thank you for helping to keep our learning environment clean. **Thank You!!!**

Middle school

The Wonders of Rocks

The middle school is going on two trips. The City of Rocks trips will be happening in two rounds: the 6th & 7th graders will go on **Thursday & Friday** the **21-22** of **March**. The 8th graders will be going on **Thursday & Friday, March** the **28-29**. We will have different rotations that will be very interesting. Trust me, you will not want to miss this trip. Please do not forget to **bring a sack lunch for Thursday**; all the rest of the meals will be provided. For dinner Thursday you will build your own burrito! For breakfast on Friday, eggs, bacon, potatoes, yogurt, and granola will be served. And lastly for lunch on Friday you will make your own sandwiches. The students will be back at school at regular pick up time (3:40PM). **Please NO ELECTRONICS we are out at this wonderful state park and will focus on the media of nature.**

8th grader's Friday

This Friday the eighth grade is going to Penny Park. At Penny Park they will have a lesson in science and language arts. They will be at Penny Park all day including lunch. They will have some time to hang out and play around **safely**. They need to bring The Big 5 :

- ~ two water bottles
- ~ a hat

- ~ good walking shoes
- ~lunch
- ~ journal and pencil
- ~ Aldo shirt (optional. Ms. Chaney gives extra points for wearing this!)

Community events

Sergia Teleshav

On **Tuesday, March 26 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm** at the **Fine Arts Center Theater on the WNMU campus** you can witness this unique musician play. **Sergia Teleshav** was classically trained at the **Academy of Music in Voronezh, Russia** and has won many regional and international accordion competitions. If you would like a sneak peak at his musical skills click [here](#).

Regional Cowboy Music

From my sources, on **Thursday, March 21 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm** in the **Silver City Museum courtyard**, renowned local music duo **Bayou Seco** will present a boot-stompin' program of cowboy songs and western dance tunes learned from cowboy friends across the state, and some from old collections of cowboy songs and from the Lewis Family in Crow Flats, NM.

Plants for Sale

The Gila Native Plant Society is holding its 17th Annual Native Plant Pre-Sale. They will be selling a great variety of attractive native plants that will be available to order. You order plants in March and they will be ready for pick-up in late April, just before Earth Day. Choose from a wide selection of native trees, shrubs, flowers, cacti and grasses. **For more information or to order some plants go to their website: gilanps.org**