



Weekly Update

Aldo Leopold Charter School

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News for all

Wash your hands

If you haven't been sick this year, count yourself among the lucky and then knock on some wood. There are small schools in our state that are closing temporarily because they have too many teachers absent due to illness. Please, do what you can at home to keep your family well-eat healthy, sleep well, and *wash your hands!* If your child is sick, please keep them at home so they can get well and so they do not bring what they are suffering from to school.

Lunch menu

Tues 2/6.....Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, steamed carrots, green Salad, and fruit

Wed 2/7.....Cheese quesadillas, black beans, shredded veggie salad, and fruit

Thurs 2/8.....Bean and cheese burritos, steamed rice, mixed salad, and fruit

Fri 2/9.....**NO LUNCH EVER!!!**

Mon 2/12.....Cowboy chili, cornbread, green salad, and fruit

Committees: Give a little to get a lot

SHAC Wed 2/7..... 4:30 p.m..... Jim's room

GC Thurs 2/8..... 5:30 p.m..... Ms. Chaney's room

Risk Mgmt. Tues 2/13 4:30 p.m.....Jim's room

Policy..... Wed 2/28..... 8:40 a.m. Mr. Sherwood's office

SHAC= School Health Advisory Council

GC= Governing Council

The lottery that wins you something more valuable than money

Aldo Leopold Charter School is a public school. We operate because we offer something that the other schools in the area do not-time out of the four walls of the classroom. In order to go here, students must submit a short application form and then they are put into the lottery. Names are drawn, students are notified. It is really simple. We are accepting enrollment lottery applications now. You can get a hard copy at the front office or go to the Aldo website and it is right on the home page. ***Siblings of current Aldo students must fill out an application if they wish to enroll!*** In any given lottery, sibling names will be drawn first. But you can never jump ahead of someone whose name was drawn in a prior lottery, so the best way you can take advantage of having an Aldo student sibling is to turn in an application by 4:00 pm on February 15, 2018.

We Are the World

High school teachers Alli and Avery took the student council and other student leaders to the annual conference at United World College in Las Vegas, NM. Alli reports, “The conference was amazing, we learned so much and met a huge variety of people. The focus this year was on changing the conversation around geopolitical issues, but the sessions covered a wide range of topics from climate change to social justice. Our students were awesome and represented Aldo very well! They are returning full of ideas and inspired to enact change in their own communities, which we will share more about during the all school assembly on Feb.21st.”

Student-LED conferences

February 15, we will be having student-LED conferences for **Middle School only**. **Friday February 16th middle school** conferences will continue, and **high school students will have conferences**. Cathie will be calling *all Middle School Parents* to schedule appointments (you could make her life easier and give her a ring first). All high School parents, you *must* schedule your appointments with your child’s advisory teacher.

Backyard Bird Count

The yearly backyard bird count happens **Friday, February 16-Sunday, February 19**. This count has been going on since 1998 and is sponsored by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. This is *citizen science* making a difference! Yes, it’s a bit nerdy, but let’s not label ourselves. For inspiration here is a link to a clip from [The Big Year](#). (No need to be this aggressive, though). For more

information, to sign up, and to get a **tutorial on bird identification** go to the [Great Backyard Bird Count Website](#).

High School

CO

Friday, February 9: half of the CO class will be hiking to Allen Springs, and the other half will be hiking to the Wolf Sanctuary. Do not forget the **Big 5** (hat, water bottle, lunch, journal/pencil, and sturdy shoes).

YCC

Friday, February 9 will be a normal internship-filled day, and yes, **sophomores** who have just returned from their four-day border trip **are required to attend**. For student-LED conferences on Friday, February 16, students are responsible for a ride to the school and back to their internship or YCC crew.

Sophomore Border Awareness Trip

The sophomores have left the building and will be back **Thursday, February 8** around **5:30 p.m.** Between now and then they will go to our international border with Mexico and learn about migrants and human rights; camp at Arivaca Lake; tour Biosphere 2; visit Casa Grandes Ruins, the Phoenix Art Museum, and a trampoline park; go ice skating (yeah, I know, desert kids on ice skates); and visit the Oak Flat Indian Reservation. To get more information about the sophomore trip, [click here](#).

Middle School

Wherever you go, there you are

Archaeology is on the agenda for the middle school this Friday (is everyone clear that we don't do Wednesdays anymore? It's all about Fridays.) We will be mixing the grades together and will head out to North Star Mesa Road to begin work on a dig on private land that is owned by a State Police Officer. This semi-wooded piece of land has ruins and house sites to be uncovered. The hope is that the middle school can lend some muscle while learning what goes into finding out who was here before us, who they were, what they can teach us about the place we live in. Everyone needs their **BIG 5** (is anyone tired of us saying this?) 1) wide brimmed hat, 2) **2 water bottles**, 3) **healthy snacks and lunch**, 4) appropriate shoes and clothes, 5) **journal and a pencil**.

Moving on from the Olympics

The middle school competitive science class has been bit by the competitive bug and so has three teams writing proposals and building bridges to try and get into a national bridge building competition. Really, they have those! This is a very difficult competition to get into (don't tell them) but it is worth a try (*someone* needs to work on infrastructure).

It (ain't) heavy, it's my science book

The 7th grade teachers discovered that some of their students are missing foundational skills. So now the entire middle school student body is getting new *supplementary* textbooks: *Everything You Need to Know to Ace Middle School Math* and *Everything You Need to Know to Ace Middle School Science*. These books are intended to add to the main lessons teachers present, review foundational skills, and help with vertical alignment (each grade building on what students learned the previous year, culminating in mastery of subjects by graduation). **If you are like most parents and the last math or science class you took was decades ago, these books will help you to review so you can help your student!** Students say these books are eye-catching, heavy (not in an existential way), understandable because of how the author organizes and presents information, fun because of the doodles, odd-shaped, and sturdy so they won't get wrecked in stinky full backpacks.

Community Events

Let's head to the movies!

The Silco Theater

The Shape of Water

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Monday/Thursday 5-8 4:00pm /7:00pm

Friday/Monday 9-12 4:00pm

Tuesday/Thursday 13-15 7:00 pm

Duration: 2 hours 3m

Hostiles

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Friday/Monday 9-12 7:00pm

Tuesday/Thursday 13-15 4:00 pm

Duration: 2 hours 15m

Light Hall Theater

Justice League

PG-13

Duration: 2 hours

February 9-10 /7:00 pm

February 11/ 2:00pm

Chocolate Fantasia

This Saturday, **February 10th** from **11am to 4pm** downtown will be once again hosting Chocolate Fantasia sponsored by the Mimbres Regional Arts Council.

Hopefully you've already purchased your tickets, but if not tickets will be sold at the

MRAC office in the Wells Fargo Bank Bldg at 1201 N. Pope Street. Tues-Friday

9am - 4pm. **\$25** gets you 20 samples of chocolate. These delicious chocolates are

primarily made by hard working volunteers and beautiful individuals who spend time

making these mouth watering chocolates! On the day of the event, Chocolate Fantasia

Headquarters will be at Family Karate Center, 416 N. Bullard Street.

<https://www.mimbresarts.org/new-events/2018/2/10/chocolate-fantasia-2018-save-the-date>