



Weekly Update

Aldo Leopold Charter School

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News for all

Deb's retirement

Our lovely and dedicated Internship and Volunteer Coordinator Deb Preusch will be *retiring* on Friday February 2nd! She was a part of the group that wrote the first charter, she was on the first Governing Council, and has been working at Aldo for 11 years. Before that she worked at a(nother) non-profit for 25 years. Deb says that her favorite part of working with the internship program was watching how the students grew and matured. Deb loves the staff and students at Aldo. And we love her right back! Her plans for retirement are to spend more time with herself doing things like yoga, meditation, camping, and sooner or later some international traveling. We will miss you so much, Deb, and hope that retirement is all you dream it would be.

Lunch menu

Tues 1/30.....Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, mixed steamed veggies, chef's salad, and fruit

Wed 1/31.....Chicken Fajitas, pinto beans, chopped veggie salad, and fruit

Thurs 2/1.....Quiche, french fries, caesar salad, and fruit

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

Mon 2/5.....Cheese or pepperoni pizza, antipasto tray, caesar salad, and fruit

Science Olympiad!

On Saturday the Aldo Middle School Science Olympiad team took to WNMU to compete against many different middle schools from around New Mexico, and our hard work paid off! Eighth graders **Logan Dunlap** and **Colin Casler** took 1st place in Road Scholar; **Alex Ellis** and **Kinan Lopez** got 1st in Roller Coaster; **Marin Farley** and **Tigerlily Warner** took 2nd place in Mystery Architecture; and **Anna Leadbetter** and **Molly Pendleton** took 3rd place in Meteorology (climate change). Science Olympiad and Competitive Science are feeling pretty proud! Our team wouldn't have had this experience if it weren't for eighth grade math and science teacher **Aysh Heneghan** who organized the Aldo team and gave up his Saturday to science; thanks, Aysh!

We get them forever (but they are not actually ours)

Have you noticed the large planters in front of the school? These are on permanent loan from the **Silver City Food Coop**, which means they will come with us to our new building at WNMU. Thank you to **Tricia Hurley**, parent and YCC Garden Crew leader who put 2 + 2 together and made our entrance look better. If you want to know what native plants are growing in these big, beautiful pots, ask Tricia or her husband Mark Cantrell-also known as the 6th grade teacher.

Some students who make us proud

The students of the month for February are 8th grader Angelica Sosaya (!!) and 10th grader Anna Cantrell (!!). These two girls are both quiet leaders in their own way. Angelica models kindness, dedication, humility, perseverance, loyalty, and confidence for the whole middle school. Anna's sharp mind is admired by any that are lucky enough to bear witness to it, and she is *ridiculously* thorough, setting a high bar for her classmates.

Student LED conferences

Middle school Student Led conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday February 15 and 16. High school SLCs will only be on that Friday. So remember parents, you know that Valentine's date night you've been planning for weeks? Don't stay out too late, you want to be in good shape for the conference.

Aldo Leopold Writing Contest

Once again, Aldo has the chance to participate in the Aldo Leopold writing contest. Middle through high school participants from all over NM are eligible to enter this wonderful writing contest. If you're interested here is the info:

- Essay must be less than 500 words
- Deadline, February 6th 2018
- First prize \$500 (in each category)

Categories:

6th-7th, 8th-9th, 10th-12th

Website: <https://www.leopoldwritingprogram.org/youth-writing-contest>

It's not a *sacrifice* of time, it's an opportunity to *give* time.

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| Development.. | Tues 1/30..... | 4:45 p.m..... | Mr. Sherwood's office |
| Policy | Wed 1/31..... | 4:00 p.m..... | Mr. Sherwood's office |
| SAC | Thurs 2/1 | 5:00 p.m..... | Mr. Sherwood's office |
| SHAC..... | Wed 2/7 | 4:30 p.m..... | Jim's room |

SAC=School Advisory Council

SHAC=School Health Advisory 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.**

High school

Freshmen fun day

Friday, February 3rd the youngest in the middle school (the 6th graders) will join the youngest in the high school (the 9th graders) to “Think Like a Watershed”. They will be hiking to places in Purgatory Chasm near Lake Roberts. Do not forget your **BIG 5: WATER BOTTLE, LUNCH , HAT, JOURNAL/PENCIL, STURDY SHOES.**

We are the world

Each year, **United World College-USA**, located in **Las Vegas, NM** hosts a conference that focuses on key societal issues. This year's theme is "Change the Conversation" and brings together the UWC-USA community with students from AZ, CO, NM, and Mexico in learning teams. During the conference they work together with people dedicated to changing the conversation in their field and transforming the way people listen to one another and talk about needs, identities, and interests, forging understanding to create new strategies. And every year, Aldo sends a delegation of students to this exciting and inspiring conference. As always the high school student council and other student leaders, along with Alli and Avery, will attend this exciting and inspiring conference. Suburban’s pull out at **4p.m.** on **Thursday February 1** and will return **late Saturday night.**

Sophomore Border Awareness Trip

At **4:30 a.m. Monday, February 5** **Tenth graders** will leave on the annual four day sophomore trip to Arivaca Lake Region of the International Border and the Phoenix area. During their adventure they will be visiting People Helping People (Shrine for Migrants on the International Border near Arivaca Lake), Cold WarMuseum (Titan Missile Museum), Phoenix Art Museum, do team building activities at an urban recreational facility, and the Oak Flat Indigenous Rights Encampment. Students will **return** to the school around **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8.** For the information your child got from Pete [click here.](#)

Projects

The high school projects are underway! To learn more about the project your child is working on, click on their grade. [9th](#) [10th](#) [11th](#) [12th project](#), [12th due date](#)

Middle school

We all live in a Yellow Submarine

The middle school has spent their Fridays this year (formerly known as Wednesdays) learning about some of the systems vital to our community: water, waste, transportation, energy, and food. Along the way we have learned how to work together, be present, share information, and reflect on what we learned. We have become a lot more durable and we have come up with some ways to change the world. **This Friday, the 6th grade** (as you may have heard) **will be joining Pete, Orien, Kristin, and the CO class on a hike in Purgatory Chasm. The 7th and 8th grades** will be going back to the **Bear Mountain Lodge** to hike the trails, bring more ceramic bones to the One Million Bones site, and begin learning how one turns apathy, frustration, and passion into activism. The [One Million Bones](#) project began in Albuquerque, was laid out on the Mall in Washington, D.C., and will now be permanently installed on the grounds at Bear Mountain Lodge. It is our good fortune to help in moving some of these 800,000 “bones” from the parking lot to this pretty spot above the Lodge.