



Weekly Update

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News For All

Lunch

Tuesday, Dec. 12: Spaghetti Bolognese, Roasted Veggies, Garden Salad, and Fruit

Wednesday, Dec. 13 (High school only): Turkey Sausages, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, WG Organic Bread, Chef's Salad, and Fruit

Thursday, Dec. 14: Ham and Cheese Melts, French Fries, Caesar Salad, and Fruit

Friday, Dec. 15 (Middle school only): Bean and Cheese Tacos, Steamed Quinoa, Shredded Veggie Tray, and Fruit

Monday, Dec. 18: Roast Chicken, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Garden Salad, and Fruit

Committee meetings in the old and new year.

Risk mgmt. Tue Dec 12 4:30-6:00pm Jim's room

Governing Council Thu Dec 14 5:30-8:30pm Mrs. Chaney's room

SAC Thu Jan 4 5:00-6:30pm Mr. Sherwood's office

Risk mgmt. Tue Jan 9 4:30-6:00pm Jim's room

Policy Wed Jan 31 8:40-9:40 am Mr. Sherwood's office

Winter break

Our last day of school for the semester is **Wednesday December 20**. However, if you have finished all of your final exams by the 19th, you do not need to be at school on December 20. School resumes on **Monday January 8**. We wish you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season and new year!

Christmas Is Coming to School

There is a Christmas tree in the lobby. All students are invited **to hang one ornament on the tree**. You can hang any type of ornament, home-made, bought, or even tinsel or garland. The tree needs to be watered so we are looking for volunteers to water it while it's in the lobby. When December is over, the garden crew will be planting it outside Mr. Ramirez's room. **Please talk to Heidi Jaramillo if you want to volunteer to take care of it.**

Your wish has been granted!!!

Congratulations to Mr. Knight and Ms. Heneghan!!!!!!

Two Aldo Leopold teachers, **Alli Heneghan and Scott Knight**, each received **\$500 grant awards** from **Freeport McMoRan**. The awards are part of Freeport's Mini Grants for Education program that is available to all schools located in Grant County with competitive applications.

Mr. Knight's funded project is called **"Ritmos Matemáticos - Mathematical Rhythms"**. He will introduce Middle School students to the surprisingly common mathematical themes, structures and properties that are found in nature, music, and everyday situations. The overall goal of the program is to help students see the practicality, everyday use, and beauty of mathematics, particularly as it relates to music, drama, and Fridays (formerly known as Wednesdays. See "Change: The only thing you can really count on.")

Ms. Heneghan's project is called **"Endophyte Sequencing"**. Her biology students are engaged in a primary research venture in collaboration with Western New Mexico University. ALCS students are sampling local plants and searching for evidence of fungal endophytic partners. **The project was generated as a way to engage students in the scientific process** in an authentic and meaningful manner. The students have done background research on their study organisms and on endophytic relationships, and they have designed their own experiments to test their ideas or answer questions they have about local endophytes. The goal of this grant is for the **students to feel connected to their local environment, for them to gain understanding of how science works, and to feel ownership of their research project**. "I want my students to feel like real scientists in order to understand science, not just read about other scientists in a textbook and try to memorize facts about their experiments and results." Stated Ms. Heneghan.

We congratulate these **outstanding** teachers for once again going above and beyond the call of duty in their commitment to their students and our school.

Change: the only thing you can really count on

Things will be a little different around here when students and staff return on Monday January 8. The *first change* is that there will only be **one sixth grade** class. All twenty-two sixth graders will be with Mr. Cantrell and a full-time assistant. The *second change* is that **Deb Preusch is retiring** and **Mr. Ramirez** will be taking over as internship and YCC coordinator. The *third change*: **Ms. Aversa** will be taking over Mr. Ramirez's job as the seventh grade Language Arts teacher and middle school special ed. teacher. And the *final change*: **middle school experiential ed. day will be Fridays instead of Wednesdays**. That's a biggie. If you have *any* questions or concerns about these changes, contact Mr. Sherwood.

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There will be a meeting for **all 6th grade parents** on **Tuesday December 19 at 5 p.m.** in Mr. Cantrell's room to discuss the combining of the two sixth grade classes into one. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and we appreciate your understanding the flexibility required to be a part of a small school.

High School

High School exam schedule

High school students will meet according to their regular schedule on both Monday **Dec. 18** and Tuesday **Dec. 19** for final exams. Wednesday **Dec. 20** is a half day for students who need to make up a test or finish other make up work. Good luck high-schoolers!

Get a job!

Friday **Dec. 15th** is **Career Day for Community Orientation** students. Students will be going around town to get useful information about how to be successful and create a meaningful change in the community from local business professionals and leaders. As always, bring your **BIG 5: water bottle, hat, lunch, sturdy shoes, journal, and pencil**.

Internships are over for the semester!!

This Friday Dec. 15 is the final day of YCC and internships.

All interns, remember to turn in your hours worked or you will get 10% taken off of your grade for the quarter. *In order to pass your internship/YCC you need to*

have worked a minimum of 72 hours this semester. If you haven't filled out a purple half-sheet titled "***ALHS Experiential Education Hours***" for a Friday activity, you might want to do that **ASAP** so you can get credit for those hours. Some of the YCCers and interns are in danger of not working the minimum number of hours. Talk to Deb if you are in danger of not passing the quarter. If so, you can come up with a solution to meet your requirement.

Middle school

From Washington DC to here!

This Wednesday the middle school will be going out to **Bear Mountain Lodge to participate in the One Million Bones Project.** This is art as activism and the project has travelled around the country and will be permanently installed on the grounds of the Bear Mountain Lodge on Cottage San Road. Four sophomores will be joining the middle school to explain causes of genocide and solutions. To learn more about the project click [here](#). Just like every other Wednesday, your child must bring their ***BIG 5: a hat, a healthy lunch, their journal and pencils, sturdy walking shoes, and two water bottles.*** The weather is steadily getting colder, and as your child experienced last week, it is always better to be prepared.

I got a secret!

Middle school students drew names for Secret Santa. Students who have chosen to participate can buy a gift for \$10 or less or they can make a gift. The student giving the gift **shouldn't put their name on it!** We will exchange gifts on Wednesday Dec. 13.

The future is closer than you think

On Thursday December 14 at 6:00pm-7:00pm in Mrs. Chaney's classroom, there will be some special guests from Western New Mexico University and the Hidalgo Medical Services Residency Program talking about career orientations. WNMU will inform parents and students about the different options for College, Dual-Credit and career opportunities for your children. All middle school students are invited to come, including Dream Makers. (This event is not for high schoolers.) If you have any questions, or to RSVP, contact a Workforce Specialist at (575) 597-0030 or click [here](#).

Middle School Finals Schedule:

The **7th grade** will take their exams **this week**. The **6th and 8th grades** will take finals on **Monday Dec. 18 and Tuesday Dec. 19**. **Wednesday Dec. 20 is a makeup day** for anyone in any grade who missed an exam.

Sixth grade:

Monday Dec. 18: Language Arts and Science

Tuesday Dec. 19: Math and Social Studies

Group A seventh grade:

Monday Dec. 11: 8:30 to 10:30 Social Studies

Tuesday Dec. 12: 8:30 to 10:30 Science

Thursday Dec. 14: 1:40 to 3:40 Math

Friday Dec. 15: 1:40 to 3:40 Language Arts

Group B seventh grade:

Monday Dec. 11: 8:30 to 10:30 Science

Tuesday Dec. 12: 8:30 to 10:30 Social Studies

Thursday Dec. 14: 1:40 to 3:40 Language Arts

Friday Dec. 15: 1:40 to 3:40 Math

Eighth grade

Monday Dec. 18: Science and Language Arts.

Tuesday Dec. 19: Math and social studies.