

# Weekly Update

## September 11, 2017

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### News for all

#### **Free Lunch? Maybe, maybe not.**

Parents, you have probably noticed that so far your kid is getting a free lunch. This lunch program is new to Aldo and we are still working out the kinks about billing. If your student qualifies for free lunch...their lunch is free. We apologize for any inconvenience this may be causing for you with your home budget. We promise to have this sorted soon and in the meantime if you have any questions, please call Cathie in the front office.

#### **Lunch Menu**

**Monday, Sept. 11:** Cowboy Chili, Corn Bread, Shredded Veggie Salad, Fruit

**Tuesday, Sept. 12:** Spaghetti & Meatballs, Seasonal Steamed Veggies, Mixed Salad, Fruit

**Wednesday, Sept. 13 (High School Only):** Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread, Lentils, Garden Salad, Fruit

**Thursday, Sept. 14:** Ham or Cheese Melts, Pesto Sauce on the side, French Fries, Caesar Salad, Fruit

**Friday, Sept. 15 (Middle School Only):** Bean & Cheese Tacos, Steamed Quinoa, Shredded Salad, Fruit

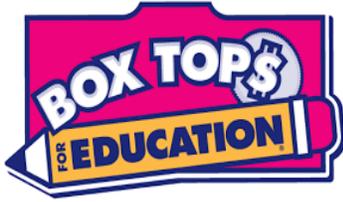
#### **Gratitude party in the lobby!**

**Monday September 11** is a **National Day of Service and Remembrance**. To honor those who keep our community strong and safe we are sponsoring a thank you letter writing campaign. To show some love, come to the lobby **Monday**

through Wednesday during lunch (11:35-12:15) to write a **thank you note** to the **fire and police departments and the ambulance service**.

## **Box tops**

Have you seen this image on the top of your box of granola bars, or on your mac 'n cheese, or maybe you've seen it on your cereal box. These little squares are worth 10 cents a piece for our school! To make your lives and the life of our new parent volunteer who has agreed to organize this program for us easier, forms for collecting these little squares are available at the front office.



## **Because a little visit can be so nice**

**September 22nd** is the first **parent teacher conferences of the year**. Conferences are for middle school and high school students. Conferences this time will be run like an open house; if you want to meet with one of your kid's teachers, come on in and talk with them between **8:40am - 4:30pm**. *If* your child has a failing grade you will receive a call to make an appointment with the teacher of the class they are struggling in. The next conferences will be October 27th. That one will be student led, this means that your student will be presenting their grades to you, with the help of their teachers.

## **High School**

### **It takes a village**

Today the 9th and 12th graders left on their backpacking trips! It takes an enormous amount of planning and organizing to get these kids out the door. It starts in the summer when **Pete** comes up with possible **routes**, calling on locals who are very familiar with the Wilderness and the trails. We have to get **permits from the Forest Service**. Aldo teachers are the backpack leaders, but seconds usually come from our **community of backpackers** and these folks must be recruited (it's a complex wine and dine thing). **Jim** goes through the **health forms** (once they are turned in, which...um...isn't always timely) with a fine toothed comb so any concerns can be addressed. Speaking of health, Jim must **stock all the med kits**. And we haven't even talked about food yet! **Heidi Pendleton created the**

**menus** for the trips this year (**Thanks** for doing it for so long **Chris Jepson!**). Pete came back from his hunting trip just in time to do the grocery shopping. Heidi was in the lobby last week organizing the distribution of the food for each trip with several **parent and student volunteers** putting the **food into bags** which will go into kids backpacks. How do these kids get to the trailheads? That has to be coordinated as well; buses, suburbans, drivers, road conditions. Groups will be on **Loco Mountain, splashing in Rain Creek, and enjoying Iron Creek** this year. Your student will be available for **pick up between 5 and 6pm on Thursday**. We suggest driving home with the windows down.

## **One must follow up!**

Before leaving for outside adventures, the **Community Orientation** class will turn in their river reflections from the backpack trip. After that they will be going out into the community to harvest local food and map these locations. They will also visit local mesquite groves to harvest their pods. Later, they will be at The Volunteer Center processing the mesquite into flour and working in the communal kitchen. Phew, big day! Don't forget your **BIG 5**.

## **That's what it's all about!!**

**Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)** was started by the NM State Legislature in 1982 to help employ youth, ages 14-25, of our state in public projects. It's a win win because the youth learn job skills and good work ethic and the community is adorned with beautiful murals, trails for hikers and bikers, and monitoring of the quality of forests, water, and soil. Each year Aldo staff have to write a proposal to the Youth Conservation Corps to obtain funding. About ½ of the students eligible for internships choose YCC. They **get paid and receive school credit** to work on Fridays. The other students choose to do internships with people in the community. This semester we have students that are interning with:

- archaeologists
- construction workers
- engineers
- physical therapists
- the copy shop
- WNMU professors
- veterinarians
- chef
- welder
- The Silver City Public Library

Even though you may be tired and sore from the backpacking trip, you are required to go to your internship on Friday.

## **Middle School**

### **Around and around and around and around we go**

This week the teachers have created a **Wednesday** trip to a farm on the San Vicente creek to learn about systems; this will be a year long theme. We will learn about our **transportation, energy, economics, water, and food systems** from people in our community who work on these topics every day. We will be outside so please send them with their **BIG 5 (hat, 2 water bottles, healthy lunch, journal and pencil, and appropriate clothes)** and check the weather to be sure your child is prepared for the day.