



ALHS Weekly

A newsletter for the Aldo Leopold community

For the week of 2-1-10 thru 2-7-10



*Don't forget about Haiti.
Go to http://american.redcross.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ntld_main. More on this in upcoming newsletters.*

'Ski-boarding' Trip Was Fun...Duh!

The ALHS Ski Trip to Sunrise is now history, and a good time was had by all. Ironically, the ski lift stalled (with students and staff on it!) before many skiers had their first run; the power went out at the ski area and the hotel for most of the day. The students didn't seem to mind, and found endless ways to entertain themselves until the power was restored Thursday night. Ski conditions on Friday were fabulous--lots of snow and sun. We're proud of how well ALHS students conduct themselves in public. These trips are a good way to see how well our students and staff work together in the community. Success of these field trips are evidence of the effectiveness of the Aldo mission. And they are FUN (apparently too much fun for anyone to take pictures)!

This & That

Graduation Plans: Seniors are working on graduation plans daily through advisory. Graduation is scheduled for May 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Silver City Conference Center.

Library: We are expecting our annual shipment of new books as requested by students and staff in the next few weeks. We have a new bookshelf and have been rearranging the shelves to accommodate new books. Happy Reading!

Garden Club: Max Baymiller, Sunday Sanchez, Adam Snider, and Brooklyn Baron will be teaming up with Richard Bernard from Seeds of Change to conduct experiments in the geodesic dome greenhouse across the parking lot from the school. Students will begin planting in March.

Director's Notes

The ski trip has returned and all are well and seemingly in one piece. Even through the group lost the better part of one day, the general demeanor was very positive! A few Aldo-mites spent about an hour on one of the ski lifts after it lost power. This did no favors for Steve's cold!

Thanks for all who helped and attended, particularly Deb James for all her hard work.

A relatively new and concerning dilemma for parents is keeping children safe when they are surfing the web. In addition to cyber bullying, the content that a child may come across can be disconcerting! The Public Education Department has forward information for anyone who may be interested in looking at resources relating to safe surfing.

<http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/net-cetera.aspx>

Note to parents and current students: I am growingly frustrated and concerned with the number of students who insist on smoking at Burger King. This situation has turned into an unproductive game of cat and mouse. As a result of this and my many attempts to curb the behavior, I will be implementing a rule that prohibits students from hanging out around the trash

area at Burger King. I'm sad that I feel it necessary to come up with a rule for students hanging out there. Continued smoking and loitering in that area has created bad business for the restaurant. In addition, it reflects poorly on our school. Everyone needs to do their part and discourage this from occurring!

Parent/Teacher Conferences. On February 11th and 12th, ALHS will have conferencing. We are trying to conduct these meetings a little different this time. We will schedule 30 minute conferences for students with failing grades or specific concerns. These conferences will be with the parent(s), the advisor, as many of the student's teachers as possible and the student. On Friday, we will pre-register the remaining parents to meet with the students' advisor for 15 minutes. If you would like to meet with a specific teacher, you can make arrangement when you come in or let the office know in advance. If you are unable to make the pre-registered time or day, please call the school and we will do our best to accommodate changes. Parents should be receiving the conferencing schedule shortly.

Painting Supplies Needed

Aldo Leopold High School is painting the hallway walls. If you have any paint brushes, rollers, tape, etc. or you would like to help us paint, please contact Maddy @ 313-2151 or malfero@gmail.com

Valentine's Day Roses

Looking for something wonderful to give to your sweetheart/friend/spouse/family member for Valentine's Day? Get that something AND support ALHS by buying beautifully arranged roses. The junior class is holding a Valentine's Day rose sale to fundraise for prom. You may order roses from any student who has a ticket book; and you must pay when you place your order (non-refundable). Roses can be picked up at the school between 11:00am and 6:00pm Saturday, February 13, or if you need them delivered you can arrange that with whomever you buy roses from. Roses come in three colors: red, pink, and yellow (create any combination with your order). Roses cost: \$3.00 for 1 rose, \$8.00 for 3 roses, \$15.00 for half a dozen, and \$25.00 for a dozen.



The wellness class experimenting with a new form of physical and mental health--sledding on Signal Peak!

antibiotic resistant disease.

Class Specifics

10th and 12th Graders: In conjunction with their social studies and language arts curricula, Debb James is currently working on putting together a trip to Apache Junction, AZ to attend the annual Renaissance Festival on Feb. 18th. More news as it develops.

10th Grade English: Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies classes are working on research projects where students investigate a problem that affects the whole world and pose a viable solution to it. Some of the topics include: hunger, global warming, nuclear weapons, and

11th Grade English: Students are studying the effects of industrialization on the structure of society by reading "Maggie: Girl of the Streets" by Stephen Crane and watching "The Gangs of New York." Students will reflect on these pieces through Socratic Seminar and develop questions for a final essay project. Students are also continuing preparation for ACT Tests. We just competed the language arts portion and we will start the Reading section today.

12th Grade English: Students just completed a brief review of Shakespearean tragedy by watching Hamlet in both traditional and modern formats to discover what makes a tragedy. Students will then pursue what is comedy through a study of both modern comedy and Shakespeare's comedy Twelfth Night. Seniors have chosen to learn to write for the newspaper as their next project and will be creating articles for the Sun-News.

Dates to Remember

ALHS

February 4: The School Health Advisory Council will be meeting at the school on Thursday the 4th, 4:15-5:15 pm to discuss health and wellness issues for students. This committee meets quarterly and serves as an advisory group to the Governing Council on such issues as physical education, reproductive health curriculum, mental health and nutrition concerns. Anyone interested in participating please come. If you can't make it email shauna.mccosh@gmail.com so we can be sure include you next time.

February 11: No school. Parent-teacher conferences.

February 11: Governing Council Meeting, 5:30 pm, ALHS

February 17: Curriculum Committee meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm at ALHS. Regular meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month for the time being. The Curriculum Committee had an excellent first meeting, and spent the hour outlining its purpose and projects. For more information, call or email Mary Lynne Newell or come to the next meeting! 575-313-6890 or starlight@gilanet.com.

February 18: 10th and 12th graders are scheduled to attend the Renaissance Festival in Apache Junction, (near Mesa, AZ). We will be leaving after school on the 18th, and camping near Apache Junction. A letter will be coming home later this week with more details. Costs will be minimal.

Community

February 4: India Travelog, 7:00 pm. Silco Theater. A slide presentation by GRIP Board President and longtime local resident Sally Smith. A visually stunning tour of Sally's four month sabbatical through India, traveling by train with Tibetan Monks, visiting Buddhist monasteries, shrines, Hindu temples, ashrams, schools, palaces, farms, southern beaches, far eastern states, and the Himalayas. A glimpse of India's varied cultures and customs, transportation, agriculture, and environmental issues. Sponsored by Gila Resources Information Project. Light refreshments. FREE admission; donations accepted 538-8078.

February 5: Round Mountain, 7:30 pm. Silco Theater, 311 N. Bullard St. The Mimbres Region Arts Council Folk Series presents Round Mountain, original roots music with a lively mixture of ceremony and irreverence, exuberance and reflection. Based in Santa Fe, songwriting brothers Char and Robby Rothschild play various instruments from around the world; their background ranges from Balkan and West African styles to traditional Appalachian music, from classical to funk. \$15/ members, \$20/non. www.mimbresarts.org, at 575.538.2505,

February 6: Youth poetry slam at Javelina's, 7:00 pm. If you've never seen one, it's worth checking out! If you've been to one, you already know how much fun they are.

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