



ALHS Weekly

A newsletter for the Aldo Leopold community

For the week of 3-1-10 thru 3-7-10

Spring Break Starts Friday!

Friday after school marks the end of the 3rd Quarter and the start of spring break. Report cards will be ready soon. No newsletter next week.



1-Haley Chittenden investigating petroglyphs at the new archaeology site 2- Isaiah Polanco working at Silva creek garden, 3- Brett Staufienbiel busting trail at the wetlands site.

ALHS Middle School Proposed

ALHS is looking into the feasibility of adding a middle school in the next few years. If you are interested in considering such an alternative for your future middle school child or know someone who is, please take our survey by going to aldoleopoldhs.org and go to the Homepage link, "Middle School Feasibility Study". We also welcome responses from the larger community, including those whose children have recently completed middle school.

Sophomores Beat National Averages on PLAN Test

Sophomore scored above the national average in every category of the pre-ACT PLAN test. Check out the graph attached to the newsletter to see the specifics. Way to go, sophomores!

Costa Rica Trip Next Week

Several ALHS will be traveling to Costa Rica next week to scope out the feasibility of taking ALHS students to Costa Rica next year. Students Max Baymiller, Adam Snider and Glenn Thayer will be accompanying Mr. Ahner, Steve, Catalina, Debb and Ann. They will be visiting the rain forest, and doing reconnaissance in hopes that next year the trip will be part of a curriculum on rain forest ecology. Hopefully, they'll take some pictures we can put in the newsletter!

To staff and students going to Costa Rica: Please make sure you have made all of your reimbursements to Harry and Mr. Ahner. The final \$180 (for the Reserve) is due to Mr. Ahner by Friday. Please be reminded that you need to carry some cash, \$30 of which you will need to save aside to get out of the country. Meet at the ALHS parking lot by 11:15 on Sat. Please call Deb at 590 3255 with questions.

Counselor's Corner

-**Deadline for registration for the April 10, 2010 ACT test is March 5th.** Go to: actstudent.org. ALHS code required. #320-653 It is recommended that **Juniors** take this test, and **seniors** who would like to raise their scores.

-Deadline for registration for the May 1 SAT test is March 25. Go to www.collegeboard.com/mysat. ALHS code required. #320-653. These tests will be the last tests offered in Silver City this school year.

-Student aid programs are available at Albuquerque Community Foundation. There are 12 scholarships to review. Go to albuquerquefoundation.org.

-New Mexico State University is hosting a visitor's day called "Aggie Experience" on Saturday April 10, 2010. For more information regarding Aggie Experience visit <http://aggieexperience.nmsu.edu>. contact Megan Schuller at msch@nmsu.edu or 646-4599. Any Senior or Junior interested in learning about NMSU campus or programs is encouraged to attend.

-NMSU New Student Registration for students entering Fall 2010 offers half-day programs to give students the opportunity to take a math placement exam; apply for housing and dining services; meet with an academic advisor; and register for classes. Students may reserve a space on-line at <http://newstudentprograms.nmsu.edu/>.

-Available for Junior boys and girls: "**Boys State**," sponsored by the American Legion, is a summer leadership program held at Eastern NM University May 30th - June 4th. "**Girls State**" is the week of June 4th - June 11th. Tuition is free as it is covered by the Legion. Application fee of \$30 is required. This year, delegates will earn 3 college credits for participating, which translates to one elective credit at ALHS. Boys or girls interested can get more information and application from Sally. Website for more information is <http://www.nmboysstate.org>.

-NM Girls Institute is offering a workshop on Career Exploration called "Get A Life!" for high school girls grades 9-12 on Saturday March 27th at WNMU. This very interactive program will cover topics such as; Jobs vs. Careers, Discovering your Dream Career, Goal Setting, Your Personal Planning Portfolio, Career Crystal Ball- What's the Future Like? Only a limited # of students can attend. First come first serve. Girls, see Sally for the application. Lunch provided.

-El Refugio is sponsoring "Teen Dating Violence Peer Education Project" and is looking for teens, both male and female, who would like to be involved educating other youths about dating violence. One should be open-minded and reliable, want to further your leadership skills, and have good communication skills. There is a 40-hour training, and 40 hours per month to work on group projects, trips and presentations next fall. Pay for participating in entire project is \$2,525. Internship hours may apply. Interested students are to see Sally for details.

-This semester we have twenty-eight students registered at WNMU in both academic and elective courses.

Senior Announcements:

1. **Seniors are asked to bring in 10-20 baby and youth photos** for the power point presentation for graduation. Please send them ASAP. Drop them off with Sally or Catalina. They will be scanned and returned.
2. **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is federal financial aid for college in the form of grants, loans, and work-study. The available funds are first come, first serve, so apply as soon as possible. You can begin by going to the website and completing the worksheet. Go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov to begin the process. If a computer is not available, you can pick up a hard copy at WNMU financial aid office.
3. **Parents of seniors** are advised to be aware of the deadlines for submitting applications for financial aid at the state and private schools where your son/daughter is applying. These deadlines are different at each school. Some New Mexico schools are now requiring that you submit an application to receive the Lottery Scholarship, which is available to all New Mexico high school graduates. If you miss the deadline, you will not be eligible. Please call the financial aid office at the university and ask about the deadline; or call Sally for assistance.

Class Specifics

Biology: This is closed week. Presentations Tuesday, Quarter Exam on Thursday, and final 3rd quarter grades will be posted on Powerschool by Friday afternoon.

Topics in Science: This week we finish anatomy of the rat. Final 3rd quarter grades will be posted on Powerschool by Friday afternoon.

Wellness in the Community: We are preparing for the 1st Annual Health day on April 1, and are looking for mentoring from the community. Topics are reproductive health, substance abuse, nutrition, mental and physical health. Contact Steve at the school. Final 3rd quarter grades will be posted on Powerschool by Friday afternoon.

Forest Monitoring: Forest Monitoring beat Silva Creek in Ultimate Frisbee last Friday 2-1, but lost in tag football to Archaeology 14-7. We also did some important trainings. Next Friday we will try to get up to Signal Peak if the snow isn't too deep.

Sophomore Project Presentation Schedule Tuesday, March 2nd in the Library

Time	Student	Topic
10:55:	Brooklyn Baron	Biodiversity
11:05:	Bertha Rose Becerra	Racism
11:15:	Noah Crowner	Water Shortage
11:25:	David Gruzka	Polar Ice Caps
11:35:	Karissa Morehead	Genocide
12:35:	Sam Ortiz	Overpopulation
12:45:	Alyssa Rodriguez	HIV/AIDS
12:55:	Wanda Stone	Global Debt
1:05:	Paloma Torres	Anti-biotic Resistance
1:15:	Gabbie Toadlena	Corporate Exploitation
1:25:	Diedre Truitt	Drug Cartels
1:35:	Nick Zapata	Chemical Weapons
1:45:	William Bowen	Nuclear Weapons
1:55:	Selina Garcia	Poverty
2:10:	Cedric Hayes	Deforestation
2:20:	Caleb Kalisher	Global Warming
2:30:	Marie Kuhns	Rapid Species Extinction
2:40:	Melissa McDermott	Pandemics
2:50:	Anthony Norisse	Hunger
3:00:	Sunday Sanchez	Energy
3:10:	Jake Staufenbeil	Terrorism
3:20:	Dhante Stroud	Genetic Modification
Thursday		
10:55	Levi Timmons	Civilization

Junior Class Presentation Schedule Wednesday, March 3rd in the Library

10:55:	Monique Gulick:	1900-1909 Fashion and gender issues
11:05:	Adam Snider:	1900-1909 Effect of Technology on American Culture
11:15:	Minda Lacy:	1910-1919 WWI Political Justification
11:25:	Miriell Manning:	1920-1929 Decade Overview
11:35:	Jordan Chavez:	1920-1929 Social Protest expressed in Music and Fashion
12:35:	Lucille Howell:	1940-1949 WWI Women on the home front
12:45:	Codie Bachman:	1940-1949 WWII U.S. Soldiers held in Concentration Camps
12:55:	Jensen Huang:	1940-1949 WWII Pacific Front
1:05:	Sarah Garnsey-Bunker:	1950-1959 Style and Interior design reflects the times

1:15: Liam Evans: 1950-1959 Rock vs. Mainstream music
 1:25: Zech Hines: 1960-1969 Woodstock- Social consequences
 1:35: Tiva Andrews: 1960-1969 How did music affect society?
 1:45: Lacy Owen: 1960-1969 Use of LSD covert and en masse
 1:55: Paul Ernst: 1960-1969 Vietnam
 2:15: Jacqui Olea: 1970-1979 Psychedelic vs. Mainstream lifestyle
 2:25: Glenn Thayer: 1980-1989 Pop culture - How did PC impact daily life
 2:35: Michael Shelton: 1990-1999 Social unrest - Riots in major cities
 2:45: Camille Dalton: 1990-1999 Rise of Technology-social impact
 2:55: Sanni Kiviholma : 2000-2009
 3:05: Max Baymiller 2000-2009 Effect of Popular Media
 3:15: Ashley Chess 2000-2009 Engine of Social change
 If we run short of time, presentations will be continued on March 4

Dates to Remember

ALHS

March 1: School Advisory Committee, 5:30 pm, ALHS. Meets first Monday of each month. Contact Eric Ahner, Director (538-2547) or Shauna McCosh (shauna.mccosh@gmail.com).

March 4: 9th grade project rough drafts due.

March 4: Governing Council meeting, 5:30 pm, ALHS.

March 5: Facilities Committee meeting, 11:30 am, ALHS. Exploring a new facility for the school. Meets the Friday after the Governing Council meeting. For more information contact Eric Ahner, Director (538-2547) or Steven Shelendich, Chair (silverarchitects@zianet.com).

March 8-12: Spring Break. No School!

March 13: Gila Regional Medical Center Hospice benefit concert featuring Melanie Zipin and the Z Factor, 7:30 pm, Old Elk's Ballroom, 315 Texas Street. Tickets \$10 at the door. Light refreshments served. For more information call 574-4934.

March 18: Policy Committee meeting, 3:30 pm, ALHS. Meets third Thursday of each month. Contact Eric Ahner, Director (538-2547) or Cherie Salmon, chair (Cherie@High-LonesomeBooks.com).

April 19-22: rescheduled dates for the 10th and 11th grade backpack trip. Details to come!

Community

March 25: "Food Fight," 5:30 pm, Global Resource Center. This is the third film in the "Food on Film 2010" series and presents a look at the cultural revolution against big agribusiness and the growing movement promoting fresh, local foods and social activism against modern food supply chains.

April 3: Swing Dance at Javalina. If anyone is interested in learning how to swing dance before this event, we will be holding practice sessions on jitter bug, east coast swing, and west coast swing. More information will be posted or you can call Maddy Alfero @ 313 2151.

Contact ALHS staff directly with questions or concerns: 1422 Hwy 180 E, Silver City, NM 88061

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