



## Aldo Leopold High School

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# Newsletter-Addendum!

### Student Wanted!

Mr. Ahner and Harry Browne recently returned from a budget workshop in Santa Fe. The news was not unexpected. As a charter school, we can expect a 2% cut in state funding next year. Fortunately, the school has a modest cushion from previous years and is prepared to “get-by” with such a shortfall. Combined with increasing costs, however, the shortfall could translate into paring down some programs at ALHS. (deleted to avoid repetition in next sentence)The easiest way to avoid this – and to expand the range of classes and experiences we can offer - is to increase our student enrollment next year.

What can each of us do to increase enrollment? (I’d rather not call into question our stability!)

- ***Talk with friends who have students ready to enter or already in high school.*** If they have a student who you feel would fit well into the ALHS family and benefit from the alternative we provide, encourage them to enter the lottery. The next lottery deadline is April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m. Lottery information and the application are available online:  
<http://www.aldoleopoldhs.org/lottery.shtml>
- ***Invite potential families to attend our next internship open house.*** We will be having a spring Open House, much like the one we held in the fall, featuring internships in the community and with YCC. That date will soon be announced.
- ***Clip articles about ALHS events from the newspaper and share them with potential parents.***
- Invite friends with younger children to take the “middle school feasibility survey” at <http://www.aldoleopoldhs.org/index.shtml> (This helps us groom ALHS students for future years.)

Our strongest students are those who want an active, outdoor, small-school experience. A family referring potential students to ALHS is a great way to grow our school with the students who will benefit the most!

### Another Survey!

Each year, the PED sends out a survey of all schools. Below is the link for Silver Consolidated and our school. If you could take 5 minutes, there are only 20 quick questions that would help us and the PED gather useful information regarding our school and district. Thanks in advance for your help!

<http://164.64.166.19/studentsurvey/SurveyFrame.asp>

### 2010-2011 Class Sign-ups!

Below is information for next year’s classes to assist us in the class registration process. There is a set of class descriptions followed by the sheet that was given to students today during advisory for obtaining class interest information. For parents and guardians, we will mail you a copy of the pre-registration form with your student’s listed preferences. If parents or guardians have questions or concerns after reviewing your student’s listed preferences, please contact the school.

## Elective Course Description

**Drivers Education** – Taught by Pro Force. Required to receive a license before the age 18. Located at the old Turner Airport past Harrison Schmidt Elementary

**1<sup>st</sup> semester only: Move Behind Your Mask** – Taught by Zoe Wolfe. Students will make a variety of masks. They will move with guidance and creative expression. We will assimilate the two into Performance Art. Located at the Church of What’s Happening. Arizona and 7<sup>th</sup> St.

**Foods** – Taught by Chris Jepson and Rita Herbst. Curriculum will cover food history, food for health, and preparation of healthy foods. Located at Millie’s Care Center next to the Post Office.

**Spanish (years 1,2, &3)** – taught by Monica Dwyer. One to two years required to attend a 4 year university. Also fulfills the state requirement of one year of communications. Taught at Aldo

**2<sup>nd</sup> semester only: Mandala Yoga** - Taught by Juniper Bower. Taught at Church of What’s Happening Arizona and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets

**NM History** - Taught by Harolene Pitts. One semester only. Required for graduation. Recommended 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Curriculum follows state standards and benchmarks. Located at Aldo

**On-line credit recovery** – Taught by Steve Blake. Students take an online academic core course through the NM Public Education Dept. to make up lost credits from previous semesters. A few elective courses are available. Located at Aldo

**SHS Band** – Taught by Dave Kendrick at Silver High School first period of the day. Student must have previous band experience or approval by teacher.

**Guitar** – Taught by Brandon Perrault. All levels. Located at Aldo

**Financial Literacy/Business** – teacher TBA. Basic concepts of banking, economics, consumerism, and business. Located at Aldo

**Wellness in the Community (Health)**– taught by Steve Blake. Students learn healthy living styles and current social issues regarding healthy living. Physical activities included. Located at Aldo

**Life After High School** – teacher TBA. Juniors and Seniors only. Students will explore career options, college search and admissions process, financial aid, ACT prep, living skills. Taught at Aldo

**1<sup>st</sup> semester only: Basic Rock climbing** – Taught by Stephan Link. Introduces students to equipment, safety systems and their management, and technique. Can enhance self esteem and confidence as well as forming strong bonds with the climbing partners. Class will primarily be on weekends at various climbing areas in Grant County

**2<sup>nd</sup> semester only: Outdoor Adventure Skills** – Taught by Stephan Link Introduces students to skills and knowledge needed to competently, comfortably, and safely enjoy outdoor adventure pursuits. The curriculum will cover wilderness travel, primitive living, backpacking, rock climbing, herbal field medicine and first aid. Classes primarily on weekends in the field.

**Writing Skills** – Taught by Ann Winston. Teacher approval required. Taught at Aldo

# PRE-REGISTRATION 2010-2011

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ADVISOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE NEXT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the pre-registration form for your electives for the 2010-2011 school year. This will help us plan our schedule and staffing. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to offer exactly what you want, but we will do our best! Please note that:

- In order to be on track to graduate in four years, you need to take two high school electives or one full credit (3 hr.) class at the university each semester.
- If you are currently enrolled in Spanish 1, you will automatically be registered for Spanish 2. Most universities require two consecutive years of a foreign language.
- Your core academic classes will be assigned by the office according to the scope and sequence called in our charter
- If you did not receive credit in your current IMP class, you will have to take it again before moving on to the next level. If you did not receive credit in any other core class, you will have to make it up before graduation in order to receive a diploma. Please refer to "Graduation Requirements" in the handbook.

PLEASE CHOOSE FOUR (TWO WILL BE USED AS ALTERNATES) AND NUMBER THEM 1-4 WITH #1 BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE AND #4 BEING YOUR LAST CHOICE.

\_\_\_\_\_ Driver's Ed

\_\_\_\_\_ Move Behind Your Mask 1<sup>st</sup> sem only

**Madala Yoga will be offered 2<sup>nd</sup> sem. only**

\_\_\_\_\_ Foods

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 1 – all year

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 2 - all year

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 3 - all year

\_\_\_\_\_ NM History (required)

\_\_\_\_\_ On-line credit recovery

\_\_\_\_\_ SHS Band

\_\_\_\_\_ Guitar

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial Literacy/Business

\_\_\_\_\_ Wellness in the Community (Health)

\_\_\_\_\_ Life After High School (please refer to description) Juniors admitted if space allows.

\_\_\_\_\_ Slam Poetry

\_\_\_\_\_ Rock climbing 1<sup>st</sup>. sem only (Outdoor  
**Adventure Skills will be offered 2<sup>nd</sup> semester**

\_\_\_\_\_ Writing Skills (teacher approval required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Web Design w/ FLASH technology (online)

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Government (required for all seniors,  
juniors admitted if space allows)

\_\_\_\_\_ WNMU dual credit course

**FOR NEXT YEAR'S JUNIORS: PLEASE CHOOSE TWO  
SCIENCE CLASSES. #1 AND #2 AS ALTERNATE**

**NEXT YEAR'S SENIORS: You may also choose one or  
two of the science classes as an elective (you  
cannot repeat the class taken as a junior)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Conceptual Physics (a one year course)

\_\_\_\_\_ Topics in Science

\_\_\_\_\_ Rainforest /Marine Ecology (please refer to  
description) Limited space

**CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING  
BOTH OF YOU CHOICES NEXT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_**