



5th Grade Unit Newsletter February 2019

Calendar Dates

February 1- Elementary Music Concert 1:30 pm

February 5- Hilarie to Barkhausen

February 6- Heather & Karen to Barkhausen

February 7- Weidner Center: Cirque Mechanics

February 14- 100th day of school (Dress like you are 100!)

February 15- NWTC STEM Festival

February 22- 1:00 Early Release

February 28, March 5 & 8- Student-led Conferences

Barkhausen

We were lucky to sneak in a wonderful couple days at Barkhausen before the winter weather hit us hard again! First Hilarie's class and then Heather & Karen's classes went to Barkhausen to look for signs of winter animal life and to go snowshoeing. We had snowshoe races and even played full class "Duck, Duck, Goose" in our snowshoes! I am sure the kids were all exhausted that night. It was a blast and we were so happy for the beautiful snow these two days.

NWTC STEM Festival

Your child is bringing home a t-shirt from NWTC for our STEM Festival trip on Friday, February 15. The t-shirt sizes are larger than expected so your child is free to modify it any way they choose to make it more comfortable. We would like them to wear these shirts on the day of the trip. This trip is going to be a wonderful experience for all as all the 5th and 6th graders from Aldo will get to work hands on in many Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills. A big thank you to NWTC for offering this **free** experience for our kids and the really great t-shirts!

Trivia Night!

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 1 for our annual Aldo Trivia Night fundraiser. This is a fun night out with Aldo adults to socialize, play some team trivia, and bid on silent auction items. Our 5th grade team will be auctioning off a homemade dinner at school for 1 child and 7 of his/her friends, which will follow-up with a movie and popcorn. We hope you can make it to bid on this and all the other great items and experiences.

Math

We have just finished up our multi-digit unit on multiplying and are now moving on to multiplying and dividing fractions. Here is a link to our Unit 5 Family letter that will help you understand the work your child will be doing during this next unit. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions.

[UNIT 5 FAMILY LETTER](#)

Reading

Your child has been digging deep into Historical Fiction while reading a class shared reading book. Ask your child about the time period they are learning about and what is different then versus now!

Each week, your child works on a Reading program called Newsela. Students read a nonfiction passage and then answer 4 questions about the text. They are expected to highlight where in the passage they found their answers so that they understand that they need to look back in the text to verify that they have the correct answer. This work will prep your child for the upcoming Forward exam in April. Ask your child to show you some of the great articles they have been reading!

Technology Skill Prep

Our students will be taking the state Forward Exam this Spring, which requires them to be pretty tech savvy! We have put together some great activities for the kids to practice skills like clicking/dragging, highlighting, copy/paste, etc. Your child's teacher has, or will be adding these links to their Google Classroom account. Students will have time at school to practice these skills, but allowing them a little computer time at home will help too! Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions.

Shahnnon Hawkins

Our New Band Teacher

By Peyton Wyss and Tia Patel

Two fifth graders from Hilarie's classroom thought it would be fun for you to get to know our new band teacher! Her name is Shahnnon Hawkins. She is nice and kind. She loves working with students and she also loves music. That is why she wanted to become a band teacher. She wanted to come to Aldo because she liked our friendliness. She likes the fact that students have a say in what we want to learn in band class! She is from Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Shahnnon started playing the oboe in 4th grade. Her mom was a band teacher and helped her with her skills. She likes to play video games. Her favorite video games are strategy ones. She also likes to cuddle her cats and practice her instruments. Her favorite song to play on her instrument is "Hooked on a Feeling". Her favorite instrument to play is the bassoon. She is still learning how to play all the instruments to improve her technique. She has been practicing for about 15 years so far. We think you will like her when you get to know her.

Trivia Night

Anika Juhrend and Illyana Gietman had the privilege of interviewing the Community Events Coordinator here at Aldo, our very own Emilie Heil! We asked her some questions about the annual fundraiser Trivia night, and recorded this all down below. We hope this answers all the questions that you have about Trivia Night. If you have more, we would be delighted for you to contact Emilie for information. Thank you and enjoy!

What would the best Trivia Night look like?

It looks like lots of people attending and having fun, smiling faces, and lots of money donated for experiential learning.

Is child care available?

Child care will not be available, but we hope to add it for future years at Aldo Leopold.

What happens if a parent really wants to come but can't afford it? How can they help the fundraiser?

They can email me (Emilie Heil) at echeil@gbaps.org and we can discuss tickets. They can also email me to get a list of all the volunteer opportunities that we have.

How can any parent help before the event?

We have lots of volunteer opportunities for planning the event, sourcing donations, and hanging posters around town.

How are the donations used?

We have a big silent auction with all sorts of gift certificates, and cool experiences provided by teachers and staff, and all of the money goes right back to Aldo Leopold.

Why should parents come?

Parents should come because it's the largest fundraiser of the year, and attendance will help us because we will continue to fund field trips at Aldo Leopold.

Well, that concludes our interview. We hope to see you at Trivia Night!

Snow Day Specials

By Zoe Disalvo and Adriana Santiago

Aldo Leopold Community School has had multiple snow days during the harsh January weather. We interviewed Hilarie's 5th grade class to see what they spent their free time doing.

Most students have been doing activities such as playing video games and enjoying the snow. Some others have been drawing, reading, watching television and spending time with their family, friends and pets. Relaxing is a good thing, and everyone deserves to take a rest once in a while. Let's see what some of Hilarie's 5th graders have been doing.

Illyana says she has been playing trains with her father and cooking burgers. Anika says she's been out bowling with her family. Melvin has been playing video games and relaxing.

Peyton says she'd been playing with her bunny, drawing, reading, playing in the snow and watching TV. Tia has been reading, drawing and watching TV. Hilarie did some professional work and made frozen bubbles in the cold weather. Zoe has been playing computer games, making hot cocoa and playing with her dogs.

Adriana went snowshoeing with her grandfather, relaxed around the house and had her birthday on Monday. Caiden played on his Xbox during the snow days. Jeo did puzzles and watched television.

Fischer went to his Great Aunt's house and read to her. Levi has been drawing, reading and playing video games. Allyiah watched videos on

her computer and shoveled the driveway with her mom. Addie played video games. Jaxon played video games and ate snow.

We had quite an eventful, fun break.