



Gretchen Berger:

K-8 Music Teacher

My name is Gretchen Berger and I am happy to be back teaching choral and general music this year at Aldo Leopold. I have my B.A. in Music and Master's Degree in Pre K – 12 School Counseling. I am proud to be starting my 20^h year teaching at Aldo Leopold Community School and I look forward to all of the special opportunities this school year will bring.

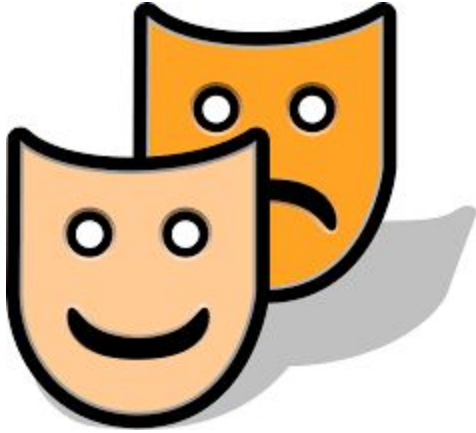
Part of my classroom Learning Expectations is to implement the ALDO Way. This is a universal expectation that students will experience in every part of our building and classrooms. There will be specific expectations and responsibilities when it comes to participating in the music room. We respect one another's learning and participate to our fullest potential in class activities. If an issue arises in class it is handled swiftly and safely. As part of my Behavioral Expectations in music, I use Love & Logic techniques to help students solve their problems to the best of their abilities without creating a problem for others. If they are not able to do this, I am always there to help assist them in their problem solving. Restorative practices are also a part of my class routine. It is important to make all children feel they are heard and are accepted within the group no matter what situation may arise.

Communication is very important to me and making sure that any pertinent information gets to you in a timely fashion. I always check with the homeroom teacher to see if you, as the parent, have specified a way that you prefer to be contacted. I am happy to reach out to you by phone, e-mail, before school drop off or after school pick up. I will try to honor your request and get you any information needed about your child in a timely manner. If you have any questions you can reach me at glberger@gbaps.org or you can call the office (920) 448-2140. I am available most days before and after school if you need to speak to me in person.

Looking forward to a great year!

Musically yours,

Gretchen



The theatre class is hard at work learning their choreography. They are doing a salute to Aretha Franklin by dancing to her hit song "Think!" We have also spent time defining just what theatre is...and how many things can be considered theatre that we may not have considered before. We will soon begin work on our first round of acting scenes and are excited to get started.



Welcome Back Families!

My name is Sara Tlachac and I am so lucky to be the 1st-8th grade Art teacher at Aldo! This is my 20th year at Aldo, and it is going to be a magical year. I love mermaids, cats and traveling!

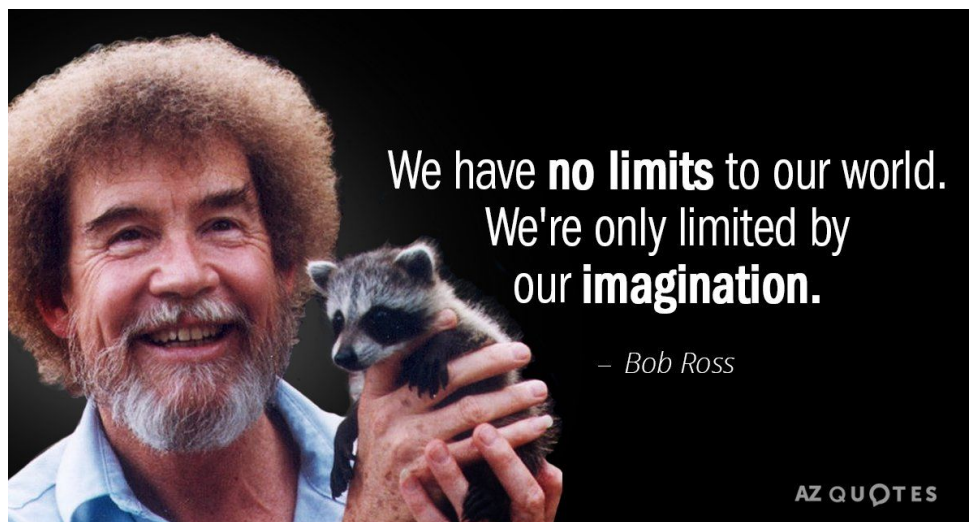
Elementary students have art once a week. We learn about art elements and principles, how other people make their art, how different cultures create, and we talk about being our unique selves! 1/2 graders are working on Mondrian Monsters, learning about primary colors! Look up OK Go's "Primary Colors" song, and it will be stuck in your head all day! 3/4 graders are creating some mixed media Pumpkin Trucks, while 5th graders are learning how different artists doodle to create a "Doodle Giraffe." The Middle School Drawing and Painting class is working on drawing skills, while creating work inspired by Dean Russo. Studio art is creating drip art inspired by Jen Stark.

Each year the elementary students are part of the Spring Art show. We partner with Artome' to have a framed and matted piece done by your student for sale as a fundraiser. Let me know if you would like to Volunteer on April 29th for the show!

Lastly, thank you for buying the art supplies on the school supply list! It really helps me to stretch my budget.

Please e-mail me at smtlachac@gbaps.org if you would like to chat or need anything! I will do my best to respond in 48 hours. This trimester I am free each 2nd hour from 8:45-9:28 if you need to reach me by phone.

Ask your student about Art this week! -Sara





P.E. NEWS

Hello and welcome back from the PE Dept! It's great to have everyone back at Aldo. We are very excited to get these kids moving! Just a reminder that to Middle School students and parents that all assignments and documents for PE class can be found on Google Classroom. I encourage you to work together and be proactive on your assignments. During the month of September the Middle School students will be completing their Fall fitness tests. In Elementary we will be working on movement concepts and motor skills. As always keep moving!



Library Media Center

Welcome to the 2018-19. This year will be exciting with new books, some Makerspaces and lots of new learning. Aldo is a Champs school and we are also beginning to implement and use Love and Logic as Specialists. All students are held to these expectations and corrections that could include a verbal warning, practice of expected behavior, meet with the teacher after class or at the end of the day to discuss any problem. Parents will also be informed if issues arrive. I also plan to devise a Think Station so kids can think about their actions. Carson Smith is the new Library Secretary and will be at Aldo two days a week. I look forward to have a great year with your students, I am so glad they are at Aldo.

Faye Zeamer



Welcome back to another awesome year of learning Spanish! We're already off to a fabulous start!

If you're new to Aldo, welcome! I'm Nelda Arredondo-Parker, the Spanish teacher, for kids K-5 and grades 7 and 8 as electives. We're so fortunate here to have a chance for EVERYONE at Aldo to take Spanish during grades K-5, and then the choice to take Spanish 1 and 2 for high school credit while in grades 7 and 8. We work hard, but we have a lot of fun! If you would like to come and say Hola!, you'll find us in room 128. I can always be reached by phone here at school at extension 128, and of course, email is always an option, NArredondo-Parker@gbaps.org.

This fall semester, we are fortunate to have a student teacher from St. Norbert's college. Anna Shallue brings years of Spanish study, time living in Madrid, and most importantly, an enthusiasm and love for the language to us at Aldo. Please stop in and welcome Anna.

In grades K-5, we continue to focus on learning to talk about ourselves---our likes, dislikes, describing ourselves and families and pets--as well as learning to ask and answer questions, read simple texts, and of course, sing songs and laugh. In middle school, we continue to follow the district curriculum using the Avancemos series of textbooks while focusing on a Comprehensible Input/TPRS model of instruction.

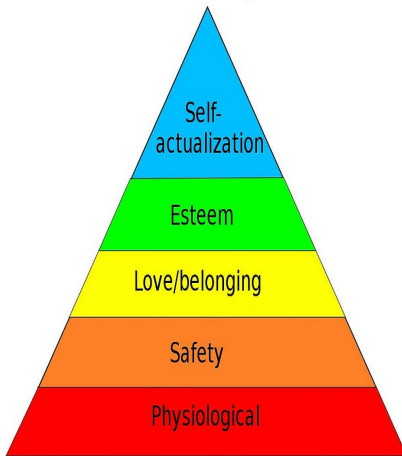
Anna and I are both so excited for the new school year! Be sure to stop in or send along any questions you have. We love to hear from families!

Nelda Arredondo-Parker, Spanish teacher
Anna Shallue--Spanish student teacher

The fact is that people are good. Give people affection and security, and they will give affection and be secure in their feelings and behavior.

-Abraham Maslow

Maslow's hierarchy of needs



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maslow%27s_hierarchy_of_needs

Hi!

My name is Kelly Hutchison-Wardlow and I am the School Counselor here at Aldo Leopold School. I have been at Aldo for 13 years and love every minute of it! My kids (who are adults now) went to school here as well!

I have the great opportunity to work with two great Intern Students this year, Charlie Gille and Vicki.

My role as a School Counselor is to provide individual, group and classroom guidance.

Individual Counseling

If a child needs some time to talk, for whatever reason, they can let their teacher know and come to my office. I have a welcoming environment with comfortable chairs, stuffed animals, games and art supplies. All K-5 students this year have had the opportunity to play in my office with their class, so they know where I am:)

Group Counseling

Mid October, we will be running small groups. Some of the groups will be for anxiety, friendship issues, social skills, and dealing with family changes. If you feel your child will benefit from this group or any other, please feel free to email me at kkhutchison-wardlow@gbaps.org.

Classroom Guidance

My Intern students and I will be in the classrooms presenting classroom guidance lessons. Our topics cover areas such as problem-solving, self advocacy, bullying, careers, friendship, healthy choices and self regulation. The kids enjoy the book reading, discussion and activities that take place during that time.

I'm looking forward to this school year, and please feel free to give me a call at 920 448-2140, ext.10322 or email me at kkhutchison-wardlow@gbaps.org.