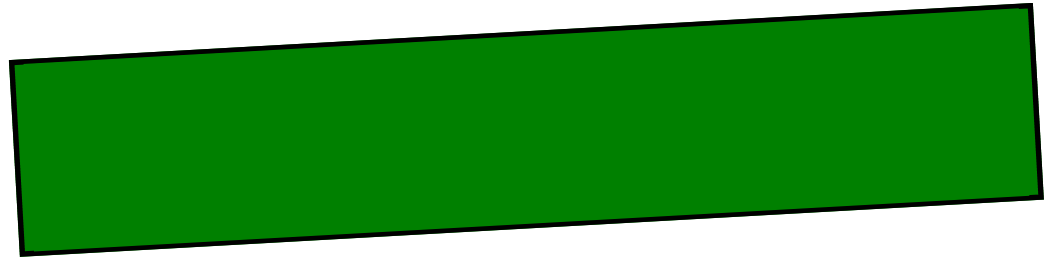




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A Word from the Principal

The school year is moving along quickly. We are down to 10 weeks left in the school year!!! It seems like yesterday the school year was just beginning, and now we can see that summer is only a short distance away.

As the weather improves, sometimes our students have the urge to not attend school. This can have disastrous consequences. With our short six week grading periods, a cou-

ple of missed days can negatively affect students' ability to pass their classes. We want to encourage our students to be here every day!

Many times the spring can also start us thinking

about our summer plans. The staff here at AOS is doing the same. We will be having summer school this summer during the last two weeks of June, June 18th—28th. More information will be sent soon.

I am here to serve the students at AOS. If you have any questions or concerns please let me know so I can best support your student.

Mike Ingman
Principal



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Special Points of Interest:

- **Winner of Cat vs. Dog Safe Have Fund-raiser**
- **US History Class Explores the 1920's**
- **Results of Spirit Week**
- **GED Graduates!!**

Two Students Receive Student All-Star Award

At the March 12, 2012 School District Board Meeting AOS was proud to have two students, Caitlynd Bishop and Cody Rotsolk, receive the Student All-Star Award for their outstanding commitment to the community through service.

Both of these students have been involved in multiple Service Learning projects at school. Caitlyn volunteered as a Cadet Teacher

in the AOS middle school program and was a leader in the Adopt-a-Family project for the holidays. Cody was involved in building a shed for Habitat for Humanity and has been involved in the Jet Restoration project at the Albany Municipal Airport. We congratulate both of these students and thank them for their service to the community.

Caitlynd also gave a board

report at the meeting. She shared about the positive changes occurring at AOS this year and the life changing impact that Service Learning Projects, especially Cadet Teaching, have had on every aspect of her life.



April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 National Gardening Month!	2 Spring Term Classes Begin at LBCC	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Earth Week	17 Harts Nursery Delivery Day	18	19	20 Global Youth Service Day	21
22	23	24	25 Administrative Professional's Day	26	27	28
29	30 No School!					

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 End of Grading Period	4 No School—Teacher Work Day	5
6	7 New Grading Period Begins Teacher Appreciation Week	8 Teacher Appreciation Day!	9 School Nurse Day	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 AOS Middle School Board Report @ 7PM	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 No School—Memorial Day	29	30	31		

Important Information

Tardy Policy

For every minute a student is tardy to class, they will be serving equal amount of time in **lunch detention that day**. Failure to attend lunch detention will result in a **Saturday school**. Please contact Mr. Ingman at AOS as (541)967-4563 if you have any questions regarding the new tardy policy.

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AOS in the NEWS

Please visit the AOS school webpage link "**AOS in the NEWS**" for more articles about AOS students and staff.

<http://www.albany.k12.or.us/aos/news.php>



Rule Reminder!

As the weather begins to warm up don't forget to keep your **clothing appropriate for school**. Please see the school handbook for **dress code standards**.

Hart's Nursery Donating Tomato Plants to Students

On April 17, 2012 Hart's Nursery will generously be donating a tomato plant to every student in the AOS Innovative High School and Middle School program. Their hope is to generate a greater interest in gardening and get students engaged in horticulture. More information about this project will be included in the next Newsletter.

Thank you to Dave Braun!

Thank you to Dave Braun of Braun Maintenance for donating funds that allowed the students from the Young Adult Reading class to go see The Hunger Games in theater after reading the book in class! This would not have been possible without his generous donation. Thank you!

Scholarship Information

There is **scholarship information** available for students both with **Ms. Smith** in the Counseling Office and **Ms. Fewless** at the front desk. Ms. Smith has a **Scholarship Book** available in her office for students to look through and read about different scholarship opportunities. Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of these resources.

Congratulations Ms. Johnson!

AOS Art Teacher, Lorina Johnson, will be receiving a 2012 National Metal for Teaching and Mentoring from the Scholastic Art/Alliance for Young Artist Association! Ms. Johnson also received this award in 2010. This is a huge honor and AOS is very excited for her accomplishments. Congratulations!!

Safe Haven Coin Drive

For three weeks AOS was divided into teams of those who loved cats and those who loved dogs. Throughout these weeks each team donated money into the appropriate "dog" or "cat" container. In the end the Dog Team won and all participants were rewarded with a pizza party. The money was pooled together and donated to Safe Haven Humane Society.

Thank You to CWCCU!

AOS is extremely grateful to **Central Willamette Community Credit Union** for their generous award of **\$300** to our GED program.

Thank you!!

Service Learning in New Ecology Class

Exciting things will be happening in our new Ecology class starting March 19th involving large Service Learning projects.

Our school garden, which has been in the forefront of everyone's attention will be a main focus in that class. Students will get to visit other successful school gardens such as the National award-winning College Hill High School horticulture program. Students will get to germinate seeds and transplant them into the beds out in the garden, grow a variety of fruits and vegetables, and of course grow beauti-

ful and colorful flowers.

The class will also be working outdoors with the Bioswale on our school grounds. The swale collects all of the rain from the roof of the school building and filters it before it goes into our rivers and waterways. It also helps to minimize the impact on our watershed when there is a heavy rain. Students will learn about how it works, and develop the swale so that it functions more efficiently and effectively. This will be an exciting hands-on opportunity to apply knowledge from the classroom to the real world in a way

that directly benefits our community.

The third project that will be done in this class will be turning AOS into an Oregon Certified Green School. Students will go through the necessary steps and applications in order for the school to become a "green" school. Steps will include building awareness, reducing waste, increasing programs such as recycling and composting, and learning about the amount of waste, water, and energy used in the school everyday.

US History Class Dives into the 1920's

Albany Options' US History class brought history to life when they interviewed residents at Regency of Albany Rehabilitation Center. After spending a few weeks learning about what life was like during the Roaring Twenties, twelve students headed next door to the assisted living home to get a personal take on what life was like during that time. Sitting side by side in the family room at Regency of

Albany, small groups were able to begin a conversation with three different residents about what their childhood was like and how life has changed since. The students were able to get a special insight into the past hearing about times without electricity, having to milk cows before and after school, limited education, migration, and times of war. Spending time with these amazing people who have lived

through so much not only brought a personal aspect to history for these students but allowed them to experience how entertaining and valuable the elderly can be.



Rotary Club Honoree

On March 20th Debra Leonor was honored by the Rotary Club of Albany as their Student of the Month. Students are selected based on their service and involvement in the community. Debra volunteers for Mid-Valley Gleaners in Albany and Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

In her speech to the Rotary Club she said: "I enjoy serving the community because I love knowing that I am helping others and making a

difference. There is no greater feeling than giving to others without expecting anything in return, but then when I do receive recognition the feeling is even better." Debra dedicates hours each week to the organizations and has already served over 200 hours this year. She plans to continue serving her community and volunteering at these organizations in the future.

Food Drive Success

Albany Options School would like to thank everyone who donated food to the food drive the Young Adult Reading Class conducted during the first week of March. With your support the class gathered 225 pounds of non-perishable food for Fish of Albany.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Service Learning Project. The staff and students were overwhelmed by the generous response they received from the community.

Outstanding Student Awards: February 6—March 15 2012

Innovative High School

Outstanding History Student: Jose Enrique Ibarra

Attitude of Academic Success: David Vera-Gonzalez

Extraordinary Writer: Joan Mae Rodriguez

Service Learning Star: Leonel Castro-Villagomez

Outstanding Work in Science: Shannon Cooley

American Music Traditions Award: Jeff Scherrer

Algebra II Award: Kylee Landucci

Algebra I Award: Josh Graves

Algebra Fundamentals Award: Addie Keller

Geometry Award: Angelica Garza

Outstanding Mock Trial Student: Caitlynd Bishop

Citizenship and Academic Achievement Award: Leonel Castro-Villagomez

Goals for Living Award: Joshua Graves

Foods I Award: Rafael Avila

School Board Reporter Award: Caitlyn Bishop

Language Arts 11-12 Writing Style and Expression Award: Kylee Landucci

American Government Poise Award: Addie Keeler

100% Attendance Award: Leonel Castro-Villagomez

100% Attendance Award: David Vera-Gonzalez

American Government Passion Award: Cody Rotsolk

World History Indian Effort Guru Award: Cody Garrett

ELD Overcoming Obstacles Award: Miriam Andrade

4.0 GPA Award

Tahnee Ankarberg

Caitlynd Bishop

Angelica Garza

Kylee Landucci

Alan Ruiz-Mendoza

3.5 and Above GPA

Anysha Arizmendez

Leonel Castro-Villagomez

Shannon Cooley

Josie DeLaCruz

Cody Garrett

Joshua Graves

Jose Ibarra

Joan Mae Rodriguez

Middle School Awards

No Missing Assignments Award: Bryce Walling

Outstanding Worker in Science Award: Bayli Roberts

Spirit Week Success!!

The first ever Spirit Week at AOS was a success with both staff and students getting involved in the dress up days, daily lunch time competitions, and collecting signatures from people throughout the community. The results and winning team of each competition are as follows.

Spirit Week Results

Lunch Time Competition

Winners:

Seniors

Dress Up Days:

Freshmen/Sophomores

"I Support AOS" Cards:

Seniors



Students and staff compete to find bubble gum buried in whip cream. Pictured above: Josie DeLaCruz, Mr. Blackman, Cody Garrett, and Tyson Studier



Pictured left: Staff members Mrs. Collette and Ms. Sokolov ready to compete in the water balloon toss competition during lunch.

AOS GED Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who have earned their GED in the past month!

Dakota Anthony

James Beattie

Justin Chambers

Skye Florence

Justin Lee

Shawna Leth

Carter Moore

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AOS encourages students and families to take advantage of the many resources our community has to offer. Below is a list of services and organizations available throughout Linn County that are available to the public.

- **Family Connections:** The people to call for child care, parenting information, family activities and more.....(541)917-4899 or 1-800-845-1363
- **Comcast Internet Essentials:** Affordable internet may be available for families with a child receiving free school lunches.....7-855-846-8376
- **Oregon Health Plan (OHP):** Provides health insurance to qualified citizens, includes dental services.....1-800-359-9517
- **Families and Agencies Coming Together (FACT):** Community resources for families with children in the Albany School District.....541-924-3720
- **Albany Helping Hands:** Emergency shelter, phone, mail, three meals per day, laundry, and showers upon approval: 619 St. SE. Albany.....926-4036
- **FISH Clothes Closet:** Free clothing available; must bring name with current address. 1880 Hill St. SE. Albany.....928-4460
- Call **211** for free and confidential information regarding help with food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more.

**For more community resources please visit the Albany Option School webpage:
www.albany.k12.or.us/AOS/

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