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# AOS Newsletter

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## A Word from the Principal

I hope everyone had a great Spring Break with friends and family! I took the opportunity to visit my son in Montana for a few days. It was nice to spend some time enjoying beautiful scenery and relaxing. Of course, I missed all of the AOS students during this time.

The school year is moving along quickly as we are down to 9-weeks left before we depart for summer!

As the weather improves, sometimes our students have the urge to not attend school. This can have disastrous consequences. With our short 6-week grading periods, a couple of missed days can negatively impact a students' ability to pass their classes. We want to encourage our students to be here every day.

This trimester we as a staff decided to change a few things up in our schedule.

What are some of these changes you ask?

#1: Two early morning classes that begin an hour before our regular start time of 10:15 have been added. The two classes are art and yoga. Both classes are full and attendance has been

amazing each day, averaging over 90%!

#2: We have added a Junior Seminar class that has blocked all our junior students into 3rd period to do preparation for the new SMARTER BAL-

ANCED state test with Mr. Corliss and Mrs. Mitchell.

#3: Two unique sciences courses, Astro-Biology and Observational Science are being taught by Mrs. Gillespie. Observational Science has very hands on approach within the curriculum and implements art as well.

#4: Mrs. Mitchell is teaching a Theatre class that is preparing to do the first AOS play production at Memorial Middle School.

#5: Due to popular demand our Running class from the fall is back this spring with Mr. Wolfe! We are now discussing having an AOS Cross Country Team next fall, which would be our first organized sports team at the school!

#6: Mrs. Harryman's Horticulture students will be working within a new pro-

gram called NCRC. It will earn them a National Career Readiness Certificate that gives them a competitive edge to stand out amongst others by demonstrating the skills employees need.

For more information you may visit the NCRC website: [www.OregonNCRC.org](http://www.OregonNCRC.org)



As you can see we have lots of exciting things happening at AOS! The

above mentioned are just a sampling of MANY great things occurring this 12-weeks.


As we move towards the end of the school year, I will be speaking with senior students, pushing them along to achieve their goal of graduation. If you have a senior, or any student, really push them to stay on course and finish up strong.

I want to thank our parents and families for becoming increasingly more engaged within the AOS school environment! It is important you advocate for our school and let everyone know there is a 3rd high school in town and it is the best of the three!

## April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Release 	2	3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4
5 Easter Sunday 	6	7	8 <b>L&amp;M Fabrication Trip</b> Early Release	9	10 <b>Advanced Diploma Packets Due</b>	11
12	13 <b>Theater class performing at MMS—GOSSIP</b>	14	15 Early Release	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Early Release <b>LBCC Earth Day</b>	23 <b>FINALS! Administrative Professionals Day</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25
26	27 Start of the last six-week grading	28	29 Early Release	30		

## May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>LBCC Career Cruise</b>	2
3	4	5 <b>Teacher Appreciation Day</b>	6 Early Release <b>Entek Field Trip</b>	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	11	12	13 Early Release	14	15	16
17		19	20 Early Release	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26	27 Early Release <b>YOUTH SPECIAL OLYMPICS</b>	28	29	30

## Important Information

### Youth Special Olympics

Interested in volunteering at the Youth Special Olympics?

Every year AOS students help run the events at the Youth Special Olympics for young children at the SAHS track.

**When:** Wed. May 27th, 8am-1pm

**Where:** Meet at AOS, event at SAHS track and field

**What:** Wear your AOS shirt

**Who:** See Mrs. Harryman for info

### Graduation Slideshow

If you plan on walking at graduation, please bring in the following to school by **June 1st** for the graduation slideshow:

- Baby picture
- Senior portrait (if you took them)
- Any photos from school activities at AOS

Photos should have your name on the back of them and be given to Mrs. Harryman, or be emailed to Mrs. Harryman at:

[anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us](mailto:anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us)

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for graduating seniors:

**Friday, June 5th (all work is due by 3:30)**

Last day of school for the rest of the school

**Wednesday, June 10th**

## Students Recognized by School Board

On Monday, March 9th, two students were recognized at the School Board meeting for the Principal's All Stars award.

Students were selected for this award based on citizenship, community service, and service to the school.

Luis Garibay and Ashlea Davenport



were both chosen by Principal Mr. Hunter for the award. Both students have been involved in multiple different community service and service learning opportunities through school, as well as participants in the school Leadership class.

Both students have also been regulars on



the GPA honor roll, earning consistently strong grades.

Ashlea was also recognized this year by the Greater Albany Rotary Club for one of their Student of the Month awards.

## Theater Students to Perform Play

Students in Mrs. Mitchell's Theater class have been putting together a social awareness play on gossip, which they plan on performing for all of the Memorial Middle School 6th graders on April 13th at 2:20pm.

The play, Gossip, centers around a group of high school friends who graciously befriend a mysterious and infectious new student. However, as stories are manipulated and relationships crumble, all roads tragically

lead back to one place. Gossip.

"It's a twisted, cautionary tale about the effects of Gossip. The play will help people understand gossip and expose it for what it really is." - Brian Hampton.

The students are also doing a Service Learning project at the Albany Civic Theater (ACT).

The students are helping the theater build their Wizard of Oz set on the weekends.

## Grads and GED

Congratulations to the following student who completed the requirements for the high school:

**Jose Ibarra**

Congratulations to the following students who completed the requirements for their GED:

**Conner Kirkpatrick**

**Joel O'Neil**

## Horticulture Class Partners with Sunrise Garden Club

Spring is officially upon us, as is clearly seen out in the Horticulture class greenhouse.

Students have been spending their class periods outside constantly planting seeds and transplanting starts into progressively larger pots or out into the garden.

The little greenhouse is unable to



hold too many plants, so the students have been putting their woodworking skills to use and building more shelving for the greenhouse. As a result the class is able to produce even more starts in preparation for the warmer weather.

As the class continues producing waves of new starts, we have been able to partner

with our neighbors across the street, Sunrise Elementary School, and provide starts for their Garden Club program.

### Available starts:

Spinach, raspberries, cosmos, zinnias, sweet peas, lettuce.

### Available soon:

Broccoli, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, herbs, and more!

The Horticulture program is also able to sell starts for \$1 for each 4 inch pot start. If you are planning on growing a garden this year come check out the starts in our garden. All proceeds

go directly back into the program to pay for supplies.

## Students Attend Portland Trail Blazers Games

For the fourth year in a row, students who have earned a perfect attendance award have been treated by the school to attend a Portland Trail Blazers NBA game and dinner at Red Robin.

In order to re-



ceive the award students must attend school for an entire six-week grading period without ever being tardy or absent.

This year twelve students attended the game, along with six staff and their family members.

The students watched the Blazers win a close game of 105 to 100 against the Houston Rockets.



## SENIORS: Graduation Information

Graduating seniors are close to being done and we want to make sure you don't forget anything along the way.

Some reminders:

-Make sure all of your fees are paid prior to graduation so that you may receive your diploma.

-Make sure you are checking regularly with the counselor, Ms. Smith, to make sure you are earning the correct credits and are still on track towards graduating.

**Graduation will be at Linn-Benton Community College in the Russel Tripp Theater on June 8th at 7pm.**

-Be sure to order your cap and gown, and invitations. See Ms. Smith for more information.

Rehearsal will be at 11:00am with a pizza lunch following. Rehearsal is mandatory if you plan to walk. If you do not attend the rehearsal you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

-Graduation rehearsal will be on June 8th at LBCC in the Russel Tripp Theater. Re-

## Pic of the Month



Jason Hay, Secondary Curriculum Director, playing Ping-Pong with AOS students



## Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic awards for Trimester 2, Grading Period 2:

### Mr. Corliss

Anthony Cournyer—Geometry

Luis Garibay—Algebra II

Jeremy Sease—Probability/Statistics

Angeline Navarro-Herrera—Algebra I

### Mrs. Gillispie

Rylee Wilson—Astronomy

Shalmae Harris—Chemistry

Lola Naiman—Oregon Wildlife

John Morganti—Biology

### Mrs. Harryman

Victoria Kinzer—Ancient World Hist.

Carlos Orozco-Sanabria—FACS

Jon Friday—Modern World History

Anthony Dixon—Horticulture

Stephen Hobbs—Mythology

### Mr. Kriz

Ashlea Davenport—Integrated Algebra

Jose Ibarra—Integrated Algebra

### Mr. Kriz

Shamiqua Gosnell—Health II

Shamiqua Gosnell—Geometry

### Mrs. Mitchell

Kishanna Powell—US History

Atallah Holmes—Historical Fiction

Stephen Cade—Historical Fiction

Zack Null—Theater

### Mrs. Terwilliger

Jasmine Barrientos—Multicultural Lit

Juis Garibay—Multicultural Lit

Devin Jones—Multicultural Lit

Michael Malott—Multicultural Lit

Alonda Andrade—Multicultural Lit

Devin Broyles—Multicultural Lit

Dakota Sanders—Multicultural Lit

### Mr. Wolfe

Anthony Dixon—World Topics

Jasmine Barrientos—Mock Trial

Jose Ibarra—Sociology

Mariah Campbell—Economics

### Completed Writing Essentials:

Elias Burgoa

Jose Ibarra

### 100% Attendance:

Jasmine Barrientos

Anthony Dixon

John Morganti

Devan Walling

Shania Sims

Michael Malott

### GPA 3.5-4.0:

Ashlea Davenport

Luis Garibay

Mariah Campbell

Michael Malott

Jeremy Sease

Angeline Navarro-Herrera

Dakota Sanders

## Students Visit Local Businesses

In an on-going effort to help expose students to career opportunities within our local communities, Ms. Smith has been taking groups of students to visit local businesses.



During the month of March students visited multiple businesses including the LBCC Lebanon Auto Program and Selmet.

## Writing Award

Congratulations to the students who earned the Excellence in Writing Award during the month of February:

**Shamiqua Gosnell**

**Elias Burgoa**

**Victoria Kinzer**

**Brian Welker**

**Devin Jones**

**Jasmine Barrientos**

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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.....1-855-846-8376
- **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
- **Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center:** Overnight and drop-in resources for youth in Albany, Corvallis.....541-207-2958
- **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/](http://www.albany.k12.or.us/AOS/)

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