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A Word from the Principal

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It was really nice to take Spring Break and recharge our batteries for the long push to the end of the school year. As we come back we have just 11 weeks until school is out so it is a push to get our work done for the school year.

Due to the, "snow days," the School Board has adjusted the end date yet again. Student's last school day will be on Wednesday, June 18 for all programs.

We will have Summer School. I am still working on the design as to what it will look like. I am working Credit Recovery and other hands-on classes that students would not normally get in our regular AOS pro-

grams into the schedule.

We always seem to have some cool things going on in our classes at AOS. Right before Spring Break Mr. Wolfe's Mock Trial class prepared a mock trial and went to the Linn County Courthouse and presented the case. Six community members participated as the jury to hear the case, and Mr. Wolfe filled the role of judge. It was a huge success and in his words, "the best Mock Trial he has had in all his years at AOS." I watched part of it and was completely amazed by their preparation and presentation.

Over Spring Break we had a greenhouse installed out

between the shed and garden. There are now paths leading to the garden from each and it looks really sharp. A special thanks to Brendan Byers, a West Albany High student, who is completing his Eagle Scout project.

As we move towards the end of the school year, I will be speaking with seniors, pushing them along to achieve their goal of graduation. If you have a senior, or any student, really push them to stay the course and finish up strong! I look forward to our largest graduating class this year, and need your help pushing them to the finish line!

ROCKS

- * Respect
- * Ownership
- * Courage
- * Knowledge
- * Safety

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.

Graduation will be at Linn-Benton Community College in the Russel Tripp Theater on June 9th at 7pm.


-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.

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

-Graduation rehearsal will be on June 9th at LBCC at 10:30am with a pizza lunch following.

APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 	2 Early Release	3	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7	8	9 Early Release	10 AOS fundraiser at Panda Ex- press all day.	11	12 Albany Regional Museum Poetry Slam
13	14	15	16 Early Release Blazer's Game: 7:30pm	17	18 Advanced Diplo- ma Application Deadline	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY	21 WOU Fieldtrip	22 LBCC Earth Day Event	23 Admin Pro- fessionals Ap- preciation Day Early Release	24 Oregon Green Schools Sum- mit	25 OSU Clothing Event	26
27	28	29	30 Early Release			

MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 OMSI \$\$ Deadline LAST DAY OF GRADING PERIOD	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Teacher Appreciation Week	7 Early Release	8	9 OMSI OUTDOOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIP	10 OMSI OUTDOOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
11 Mother's Day OMSI OUTDOOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIP	12	13	14 Early Release	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Early Release	22	23	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27	28 Early Release Youth Special Olympics	29	30	31

Important Information

FOSSIL, OR Outdoor School Weekend Fieldtrip:

Reminder to all students participating and who are in need of financial assistance to pay for the cost of the trip to work on their fundraising goals over Spring Break and during the month of May.

The final payment is due on May 2nd and you will be held accountable for the cost of the trip. For more info see Mrs. Harryman or Mrs. Mitchell.

JUNIORS:

A letter has been sent home to each of you about the opportunity to take classes at Linn-Benton Community College next year. See the school counselor, Ms. Smith, for more information.

SENIORS:

The Advanced Diploma deadline to turn in applications is April 18th. Late applications will not be accepted. See Mrs. Marks for an application if you need one.

GED COMPLETERS:

Congratulations to the students who earned their GED during the month of March:

Tommy Anderson
Rayden Young
Anna Garibay
Jacob Roy

Service Saturdays and Volunteering at AOS

This past month was a busy time for the students involved in our Service Learning Service Saturdays and other volunteer opportunities.



Students in the Cooking Club, Devan Walling, Luis Garibay, and Levi Mode, volunteered at the Elementary

Culinary Competition hosted at South Albany High School on March 7th.

The students assisted the elementary student competitors to make sure they were following safety and appropriate food handling guidelines.

That evening, students also volunteered at Tangent Elementary School for their an-

nual Carnival. Students ran booths and events the whole evening.



In March students also had the opportunity to participate in a Service Saturday at Periwinkle Park with the City of Albany Parks and Rec to plant native plants along the creek.

Engineering Students Build and Test Bridges

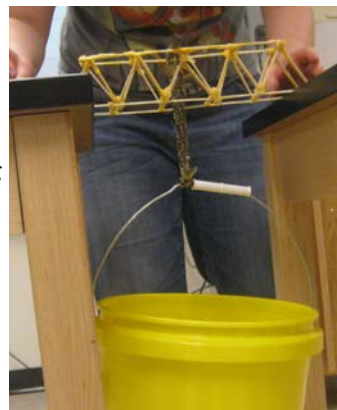
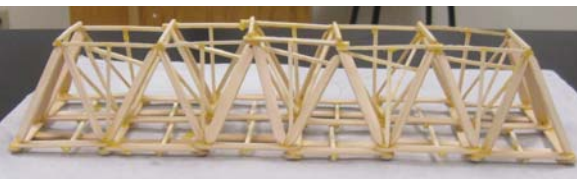
Students in Mrs. Gillispie's science class put their knowledge and understanding to the test by building bridges using popsicle sticks.

The students were then put to the test to see how much weight their

little bridges could carry.

On the last day of the term the students took turns having their bridge suspended between two tables. Hanging from the bridges was a bucket, which Mrs. Gillispie continued to add weight to in the form of sand.

Jordyn Hana's



group built a bridge that held up to 45 pounds of sand in the bucket!

Other groups did not have as much success, but it was still a fun and exciting project.

Pictures are on the AOS Facebook page.

Mock Trial Class Takes Case to Courthouse

Mr. Wolfe's Mock Trial class spent the last grading period preparing for the case of U.S. vs. Dominique Stephens, a woman who admits to shooting and killing her husband and is charged with first degree murder.



The students studied the case through and through and were given the roles of the characters in the case.

On March 11th, the students went to the Linn County Court-

house, where they performed the mock trial in a courtroom.

Six individuals from the community attended and played the role of jurors, while Mr. Wolfe presided as the judge.

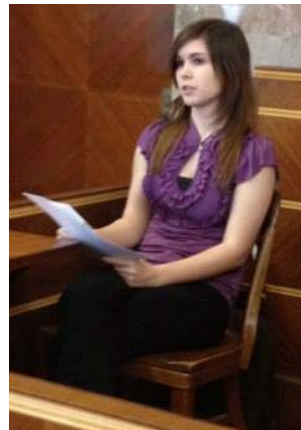
Students cross-examined each other as lawyers as well as played the role of witnesses for both the prosecution



and defense.

In the end the jury had the extremely difficult job of deliberating. They ultimately ruled that Dominique Stephens, enacted by student Samantha Tolman, was guilty of murder in the first degree.

Everyone who experi-



enced the mock trial was blown away by how well the students performed, their thorough questioning, and outstanding responses.

Jessica Harlin, (pictured left) was recognized the following week as the Outstanding Mock Trial Student at the school-wide assembly for her exemplary work in the class and stunning performance.

Ecology Guests from City of Albany

Ecology Class spent the last six-week grading period learning about endangered species in the Willamette Valley and around the world. The students studied the causes for endangerment, the role humans play on the issue, and what can be done to improve the situation.

Kim Kegalaris from the City of Albany Environmental Services and Meghan Chuites from Parks and Rec visited the class on Friday, March 7th.

Kim spoke to the students about storm water runoff and its negative

impacts, and Meghan shared about native plants being used in city parks.



Pic of the Month



Students were able to enjoy the Spring sunshine with some ping-pong outside during lunch break.

Academic Awards for the Last Grading Period

Congratulations to the students who earned academic awards and recognition for their outstanding working during the second grading period of the second trimester!

Students are listed under the name of the teacher in whose class they earned the recognition and award.

Agee:

Connor MacAuley
Janelle Brand
Mariah Downer
Byron Santos
Shalmae Harris
Alondra Andrade

Blackman:

Alyssa Rogers
Seth Lynn
Whole World History Class

Corliss:

Shalmae Harris
Hayden Purpura
Alyssa Rogers
Levi Mode

Gillispie:

Alyssa Rogers
Cody Milligan
Daniel Obenshain
Mariah Downer
Thalia Miranda

Harryman:

Thalia Miranda
Mariah Downer
Karlee Spowehn

Kozak:

Cole Womack
Alondra Andrade

Kriz:

Jeremy Sease
Cody Becknal
Seth Coe

Mitchell:

Alyssa Rogers
Luis Garibay
Julie Rodriguez

Wolfe:

Jessica Harlin
Shalmae Harris
Seth Lynn

Congratulations to the students who earned 100% attendance during the last six-week grading period. They will be joining those going to the Trail Blazers basketball game on April 16th!

100% Attendance:

Dylan Hicks
Zachary Otto

100% Attendance cont.

Cody Rezanow
Luis Garibay

Congratulations to the students who passed their Essential Skills work samples and are even closer now to meeting their graduation goals:

Math Essential Skills:

Alex Vega
Alyssa Rogers
Janelle Brand
Jessica Harlin
Karlee Spowehn
Levi Mode
Mariah Downer
Seth Lynn
Shalmae Harris
Yesenia Balcazar

Writing Essential Skills:

Alex Vega
Thalia Miranda
Atallah Holmes
Jessica Harlin
Levi Mode
Cody Becknal
Jaedon Morton
Jessica Farr
Ashley Eastman

Students Attended Cesar Chavez Day at WOU

On March 7th, students from AOS attended the 24th annual Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference, which is a conference sponsored by CECLC, Inc., and is hosted on the Western Oregon University campus.

The purpose of the conference is to instill Latino youth with the value of education, which nurtures mind, body and spirit in order to develop a social consciousness that empowers them as leaders for social justice and civic re-

sponsibility in the greater community.

Students attended various workshops on Latino culture. They were also treated to an inspirational speech by David Edward Garcia.

The fun filled day ended with a dance. This was the largest Cesar E Chavez Leadership conference ever held with over 1,700 attendees!



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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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