



**Albany Options
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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

Upon receiving this newsletter your student will have just completed their first trimester of the first third of the school year is over! In addition, it is amazing to think the leaves are almost done falling and winter is fast approaching.

I know as we approach the holiday seasons this can be wonderful times for some, hard times for others, and often a combination of the two. Please understand if there is anything AOS can do for you and your family to assist in any way please contact us. Also, the Family and Community Together staff is an excellent resource for families and students.

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As we finished up the trimester we held our conferences on November 20th and November 24th. Many of you came to speak with your student's teachers about their academic progress and needs. It was wonderful getting to meet so many of you.

I would be remised if I did not thank Mr. Harry for his diligent services to AOS the past 12-weeks. He began the year as a long-term sub

for Mrs. Mitchell who was about to have a child. His caring for our students, his hard work, his kind demeanor, and his willingness to always help will be missed by all. Thank you, Mr. Harry from the students and staff at AOS.

A BIG thank you to our classified employees at AOS! We honored these incredible employees on November 19 (National Classified Appreciation Day) for their hard work and dedication to the teachers, families, and students of AOS. They make AOS a better place to be each and every day. Thank you!

AOS Welcomes New Teacher

Arin Terwilliger is the newest teacher at AOS. She has taken over for Robert Blackman, who left to teach full-time at Ashbrook School in Corvallis.

Mrs. Terwilliger has been teaching for a total of 17 years, 15 of which she taught in south Florida.

Terwilliger has her B.A. in English and a minor in psychology from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY.

After she finished her studies in NY she got her M.E.d. at Florida Atlantic University and her Ed.S. for Educational Leadership.

Mrs. Terwilliger lived in upstate New York for 23 years in a little town called Waverly then moved to south Florida where she started her teaching career.

Before she started teaching at AOS she taught at Kalapuya High School in

Eugene for two years where she continues to teach night classes. Kalapuya is also an alternative high school.

When asked what made her want to teach at AOS, she said she had been looking for a job working with alternative, at-risk youth. She said, "I was drawn to this school to help students who need it most. I feel like this is the best place to utilize my skills."

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 First day of new trimester	2	3 Early Release	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Early Release	11	12	13
14	15	16 Youth Job Fair	17 Early Release	18	19	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL			

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO SCHOOL <i>New Years!</i>	2 NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7 Early Release	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Early Release	15	16	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	20	21 Early Release	22 Last day of grading period	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28 Early Release	29	30	31

Important Information

A few reminders to our students from the principal:

Please come to school each and every day as we miss you when you are gone!

Please come to school willing and ready to learn so we can teach you!

Please work hard in classes so you can earn credits towards graduation or completion!

Please ask teachers & staff for help if needed; as that is our job!

Please make safe decisions when you are not with us as we care about you!

SENIOR REQUIREMENTS

All seniors are required to attend the LBCC Job Fair on December 16th.

To attend you must have three resumes completed as well as three job applications.

If you do not attend that day you must complete some make-up assignments through the career center with our counselor, Ms. Smith.

Seniors need to complete a PEPP (Personal Education Plan and Profile), which includes a list of any of the courses seniors have taken, also including your goals and Career Related Learning Standards. See the counselor for questions.

NO SCHOOL DAYS:

Please note the following days that we have no school:

Thanksgiving:

Nov. 24th-28th

Winter Break:

Dec. 22-Jan. 2

MLK Day:

Jan 19th

Grading Day:

Jan. 23rd

Running Class Runs in Eugene 5K

On Sunday, the 23rd of November, Mark Wolfe's Running for Fitness class will be running a 5K in Eugene along river paths.

The event is hosted by the Eugene Electrical and Water board and the

proceeds will go to families who cannot pay their utilities during the cold winter months.

The sponsors of the event are also donating t-shirts to the running class.

The students of the running class have been preparing this whole six-week grading period for the race. They planned to run 50 miles each over the last six weeks.

When asked why he decided to have the students run the 5K, teacher Mark Wolfe responded, "I

think it's a fun goal to work hard for."

Wolfe also liked the idea of the students demonstrating their skills, celebrating their accomplishments, and giving back to the community all at the same time.

Wolfe added, "I am so proud of these six boys. They have shown courage, guts, stamina, heart, and pride. They have impressed me every day we have gone out for a run. They deserve to race the 5K in Eugene and eat Voodoo Donuts afterwards!"



Mythology Class Visits American Dream Pizza

The Mythology class visited American Dream Pizza on November 6th.

After reading tales from Norse Mythology in the book, "Nordic Gods and Heroes," for two months, the students selected a chapter to depict artistically.

Each student was given a white pizza box from American Dream Pizza in Corval-

lis, which they illustrated to represent their chapter.

Afterwards, the boxes were returned to

the Downtown American Dream Pizza in Corvallis, where they have been put up on display.

The students had the opportunity to visit American Dream on a field trip, where they were able to see their work up on display for the public, and where American Dream treated them to lunch.



Horticulture Builds New Planters

The last six-week grading period, Mrs. Harryman's Horticulture class built new planter boxes to replace the smaller boxes built by students three years ago.

The students designed the boxes, calculated the dimensions, and created a materials list.

The students then went on a little field trip to



the Home Depot, where the students purchased the materials for the planter boxes.

The students made the planter boxes to be larger than the previous ones so as to allow for more growing opportunities and more beautiful flowers in the spring.

Horticulture students also delivered winter greenhouse starts to Sunrise and SAHS.

Pic of the Month



Student Teacher in Math

This Fall AOS has been fortunate to have Alexis Rist, a student teacher from Oregon State University's Master of the Arts program, assisting in our math classes.

Rist has been observing Mr. Corliss and Mr. Kriz since the beginning of the school



year. She has also been helping students with their assignments and understanding.

Rist spent the month of November teaching, under Mr. Corliss' guidance, the Geometry math class.

This is not Rist's first experience in an Alternative High School.

Last year she worked at College Hill High School, the alternative school in Corvallis, as an AmeriCorps member.

Unfortunately, Alexis will be completing her time with us at the beginning of December and moving on to Philomath Middle School to continue her student teaching. We wish her all the best.

GRADS AND GED

Congratulations to the students who completed their graduation requirements for their high school diploma this trimester:

Dylan Hicks

Sean Horan

Congratulations to the students who have completed all of their GED tests.

Malik Monyelle

Robert Rynolds Sellers

Matthew Decker

Talon Christiansen

AOS Loses Teacher Mr. Blackman

All of us here at Albany Options School have said our goodbyes to teacher Robert Blackman, who has moved to Ashbrook School in Corvallis, where he is a full-time Social Studies teacher.

He was a great teacher here at AOS, where he taught many subjects including Art, which he personally loved, ELL, Social Studies, English Lan-



guage Arts, and Essential Skills.

He was dearly loved by the students and everyone he worked with, and he will be greatly missed as a member of the AOS family.

"Mr. Blackman was always a great advocate for all of the students," said student Shelby Hibbs.

All of us here at AOS wish him all the best on his next chapter, and are very grateful for his three years of service to our students.

HALLOWEEN AT AOS

Enjoy photos of our staff and students who dressed up for Halloween at school.



Students Visit Local Businesses

Pam Bethards from South Albany High School regularly visits with Mr. Smith's Study Skills class to meet with students and discuss career goals and opportunities.

Mrs. Bethards also visits the school to take the students on career related field trips so that they may have some information on a career field they may be interest in pursuing.

She also works with individual students to discuss possibilities and what

they can be doing now to be more successful in the future.

Mrs. Bethards has taken students to visit Habitat for Humanity as well as safe Haven on recent field trips. The students enjoyed both experiences greatly.

Student, Cody Becknal, signed up to volunteer at Safe Haven after the trip because he liked the support the staff gives the animals in the shelter.

Canned Food Drive

AOS is holding a coin drive as well as a canned food and non-perishable food drive through December 10th.

The Leadership class is coordinating this effort, and all of the donations will go towards providing a family in need with a wonderful holiday season.

The funds will be used to purchase holiday gifts for the family, and the food will go directly to them.

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