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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

As the end of the 1st Trimester approaches the students have been busy with lots of different activities around school. We began OAKS testing this month and are looking forward to many students meeting and/or exceeding in Reading, Writing, Math and Science. We have designated several testing periods for each subject and made OAKS testing a school-wide priority.

Conferences were held on the 14th, 15th and 19th and we had a great turnout. It was nice for me to put parent and guardian faces to

their kids. With your support we continue to have high expectations for students at AOS and will continue to find diverse ways for them to strive to meet their academic goals and expectations.

Service Learning is one of our many ways to get our students interested in different activities. There is always a Service Learning project happening. Currently, we are putting the finishing touches on our Habitat for Humanity playhouse, and it should be completed by the end of the

1st week of December. Our World History class did a food drive for the local youth drop-in center, and our Technology class worked with the Linn and Benton Service Learning Task Force Committee to create a website for them as a Service Learning project.

Keep supporting your student to study hard and be at school everyday. We are looking forward to another successful trimester full of accomplishments.

Classes Partner for Elections Project

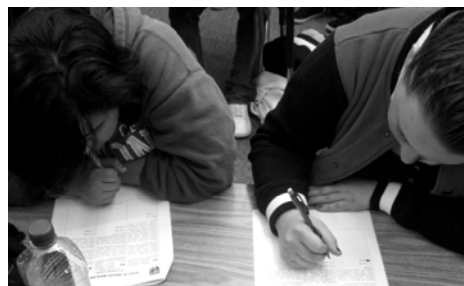
Mr. Blackman's Government class and Mrs. Mitchell's Current World Topics class partnered up to educate the whole school on upcoming election information during an assembly on November 1st.

The Government class students presented information about the

presidential election, the candidates, and where they stood on many of the popular issues.

Students from the Current World Topics class presented local candidates running for election and information on the measures.


Afterwards the whole school participated in a mock election and voted based on the information presented by the students (pictured left).



December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WOODS CLASS at SAHS 9:00-2:00
2	3 First Day of Grading Period	4	5 Early Release	6	7	8 WOODS CLASS at SAHS 9:00-2:00
9	10	11 YOUTH JOB FAIR at LBCC	12 Early Release	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Early Release	20	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL <i>Christmas</i>	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 NO SCHOOL	1 	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7	8	9 Early Release	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Early Release	17	18	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	22	23 Early Release	24 FINALS Last Day of Grading Period	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 First Day of Grading Period	30 Early Release	31		

Important Information

Dress Code Reminder:

With the weather shifting into Winter we would like to remind our students of a few dress code items, which you can read more about in your student handbook:

NO slippers

NO pajama bottoms

If you have any questions please see our principal, Mr. Knight, or refer to your handbook.

School Delays and Closures

The Greater Albany Public School District subscribes to the Flash-News network, a service that notifies television, radio and newspapers in the event of school closures/late starts/early dismissals, etc. The District also subscribes to FlashAlert, which takes the same emergency/ delay/ closure information relayed to the media and sends it to subscribers via e-mail or text message. For more info go to:

albany.k12.or.us/delaysclosures.php



Be sure to check out:

AOS in the NEWS

On our school website at:

albany.k12.or.us/aos/news.php

REMINDER:

You can be earning Elective credits if you have a job, are doing regular community service, or have an internship.

See Miss Sokolov for more info!

Senior Youth Job Fair - Dec. 11th

This year the Youth Job Fair will be on **December 11th from 9:00am-12:30pm**, which means an early start to the day for most of our seniors.

Students must be at school by 8:30am and dressed in appropriate professional attire.

All seniors must participate as part of their career education requirements. Students will need to have three copies of their resume completed by that date. Students

may see Miss Sokolov for additional information or for help on completing their resume.

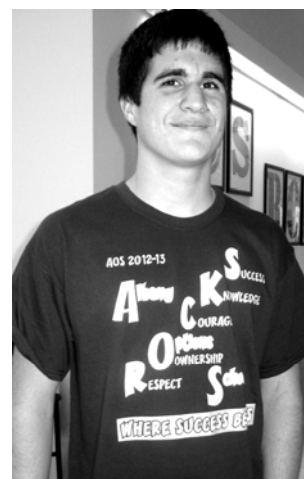
The resume template can be found on the AOS website under:

www.albany.k12.or.us/aos/forms.php

Students will be expected to have all of their career materials for the event and be dressed professionally and appropriately.

See Miss Sokolov if you need assistance with clothes for the event.

Picture of the Month



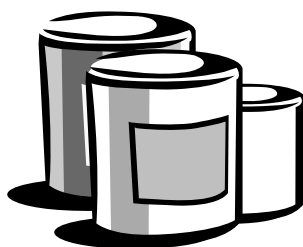
William models the new AOS t-shirt, which he received after ten days of perfect attendance.

See Ms. Smith for your own shirt!

World History Class Does Food Drive for Youth

After studying World War II and learning about all the thousands of people who suffered from hunger during and after the war, the World History class chose to do a Service Learning project to address hunger in our own community.

On Tuesday, November 27th the students distributed grocery bags donated by Safe-



way and fliers throughout several neighborhoods in Albany.

The students chose to have the food go to Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center, which serves the youth in Albany as a drop-in center by providing food, hygiene necessities, clothes, and other basic needs, in addition to a safe space for the youth to hangout and socialize. The outreach center was recently started by

Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc. in Corvallis as they work towards creating a youth shelter here in Albany.

The students collected the food on Thursday and delivered it to the drop-in center Friday afternoon.

Thank you to everyone in our community who supported our efforts, Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center, and the youth in our community by donating food.

MealTime Online Parent Payment

The **MealTime Online** Parent Payment website allows parents to make credit card deposits, view their online deposit history, and view their student's transaction history.

Parents access the website by using a link on their school district's website or by accessing the site directly at:

<http://www.mymealtime.com>

Parents will need to know their student's miscellaneous school district ID

number, which is the same number you use for PIV, but without the zero in front of the number.

There is a small transaction fee and the minimum deposit amount is \$25.00. Deposits usually take 24 hours to be placed into your student's account.

If you need assistance creating your account please contact MealTime at:

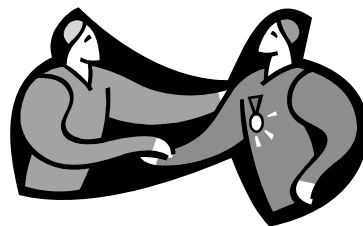
1-(800)-755-0904

GED Graduates!

Congratulations to our recent GED Graduates:

Aleea Enfiled

Mikkey Conway



Technology Students Create Website for SL Project

Students in Mrs. Gillispie's Technology class have been working on a Service Learning project in class as an opportunity to expand their skill sets while serving the community.

The students have begun building a website for the Linn and Benton Service Learning Task Force



Committee, which is a group of educators and community members dedicated to the promotion of Service Learning in our community. The organization works closely with the Greater Albany and Corvallis school districts to train teachers and educators on how to implement Service

Learning, and trains local non-profits on how to work with the schools.

The students in the Technology class have been working on uploading resources to the website, providing information on the committee and on what Service Learning is, and creating a library of projects already completed in our schools to be used as a resource for future Service Learning projects.

Halloween Celebrations at AOS!!

Every school celebrates Halloween differently, but regardless it is always a fun and exciting time for staff and students alike. This year multiple staff members dressed up for the occasion. Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Gillispie, Miss Sokolov, and Mrs. Beall all dressed up in matching dinosaur costumes that



they had made themselves. Mrs. Wichman came dressed as a witch!

Several students dressed up as well.

The students in the two foods classes made festive treats for the whole school, which everyone was able to enjoy at the



end of the school day in a mini assembly.

During the assembly awards were given out to the students who had earned 3.5

or higher GPAs during the previous grading period.



Woods Class Builds Castle Playhouse for SL Project



Student Presents to School Board November 26th

Debra Leonor spoke to the School Board, including Superintendent Maria Delapoer, on Monday, November 26th about her experience and time at AOS. Debra shared some obstacles she has had to overcome in order to be successful in school, and her story inspired



everyone present.

Debra was chosen to represent our school to the Board

because of her continued outstanding work and effort in her classes, but also because of her dedication to service and the community.

Debra will be the first of



her siblings to graduate with a high school diploma, and the first person in her family to attend college.

We were very proud to have Debra represent our school.

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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
- Albany Helping Hands: Emergency shelter, phone, mail, three meals per day, laundry, and showers upon approval: 619 St. SE. Albany.....541-926-4036
- FISH Clothes Closet: Free clothing available; must bring name with current address. 1880 Hill St. SE. Albany.....541-928-4460
- 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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