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# AOS Newsletter

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## A Word from the Principal

As November has come to a close so too has our 1st trimester, which means we are already one-third of the way through the year! This month has just flown by and there are so many good and exciting things happening in the AOS community.

We had two very successful Service Saturdays this past month where a number of students participated. The students worked with the City of Albany on their rain garden and bioswale and attended the volunteer orientation at Safe Haven Humane Society. These are such great opportunities for

our students as they lead them into real world experiences.

We held our first round of OAKS testing in Reading and Math and had many successful students. To meet graduation requirements students must meet these essential skills in Reading, Writing and Math.

To help our students we have created an intervention to foster that end. Beginning next Trimester juniors and seniors will be placed in the Zero periods for Reading, Writing and Math Essential Skills. To

some this will be a new addition to their schedule and a longer day, for others is will be the same.

As we finished up the trimester we held our conferences through the 26th. Many of you came to speak with your student's teachers about their progress. It was wonderful getting to meet so many of you.

When we begin the new Trimester some students will be getting new classes and making schedule and program changes. Please feel free to contact us if you have any comments or questions.

## Guest Speakers Visit AOS

On Monday, November 18th AOS students met with two guest speakers from the Boys and Girls Club and from Jackson Street Youth Shelter's Cornerstone program in Albany.

Mat Heady, the Teen and Athletic Director for Boys

and Girls Club spoke about the new facilities including an indoor soccer field, game and sports facilities, homework and study areas. He also discussed the Keystone Club, their tutoring services, opportunities for volunteering, internships, and field trips.

Melissa Hartwig, the Lead Case Manager for Linn County with Jackson Street gave information about the shelter for young people ages 18-20, transitional housing, the Cornerstone program in Albany for youth under 19, independent living programs, and job building skills.

## December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5 Volunteer at Tangent Elementary	6	7
8	9	10	11 Early Release	12 Volunteer at Tangent Elementary	13	14
15	16	17 <b>YOUTH JOB FAIR</b>	18 Early Release	19	20	21 SERVICE SATURDAY Christmas Storybook Land
22	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Christmas</i>	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28
29	30 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	1 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4

## January 2014

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

## Important Information

### **DRIVER'S LICENSE**

Students wishing to get their **driver's license** will not receive their proof of enrollment from the school unless they have at least 80% attendance and are earning all passing grades.

Reminder that absences are unexcused unless accompanied by a letter from the doctor or other official. Multiple unexcused absences will result in the involvement of the school's truancy officer, Dina Ratzlaff.

### **School Delays and Closures**

The Greater Albany Public School District subscribes to the FlashNews 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](http://albany.k12.or.us/delaysclosures.php)



### **SENIORS:**

Remember to check-in with Ms. Smith to make sure you have everything you need for Youth Job Fair completed.

Students must have their resume and sample job application completed prior to attending the Youth Job Fair.

There will not be any additional class time provided in order for you to complete your work.

## **SENIORS: Grad Requirement - Youth Job Fair**

Every year all of the high school seniors in Linn County meet at LBCC for the annual Youth Job Fair, which is a **graduation requirement** for all students.

This year the event will be on **December 17th from 9:00am-12:30pm**, which means an early start to the day for most of our seniors. All seniors are required to participate in this event as part of their career education requirements.

The event is made up of three parts, the keynote speaker, career and edu-

cation booths, and the mock interviews. Professionals from the community volunteer their time to interview the students and give them realistic feedback to help prepare them for the workforce.

Students will be expected to have completed copies of their resume and copies of the provided job application at that time, and to come prepared for the event dressed professionally and appropriately.

During the course of the next month the teachers and staff at AOS will be working with the students to prepare them

for this fun and exciting event.

Resume information and the formatted document is posted on the AOS website under the section titled, "FORMS."

Students should begin to assemble a professional outfit to wear for the occasion. Appropriate clothes include slacks, knee-length skirts, button-down shirts, blazers, ties, and dress shoes. See Ms. Smith or Ms. Sokolov for any assistance.

## **SENIORS: What is After High School?**

Seniors, what are your thoughts and plans after high school? Do you have a particular career in mind? Are you planning on going to college?

Sign-up to chat with our counselor, Ms. Smith, to discuss opportunities and options for you.

This is the time of year we begin focusing on scholarships and awards for college. If you are interested in attending LBCC or a four-year col-

lege next year let her know so she can keep you in mind as we begin to nominate students. Make sure to pay attention to the scholarship board to see if anything is relevant to you.

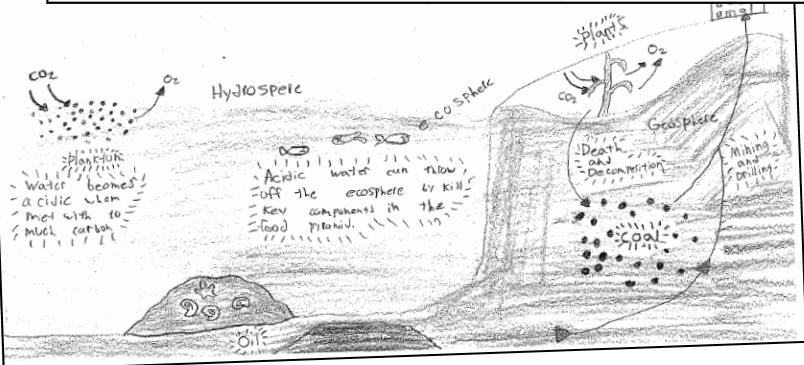
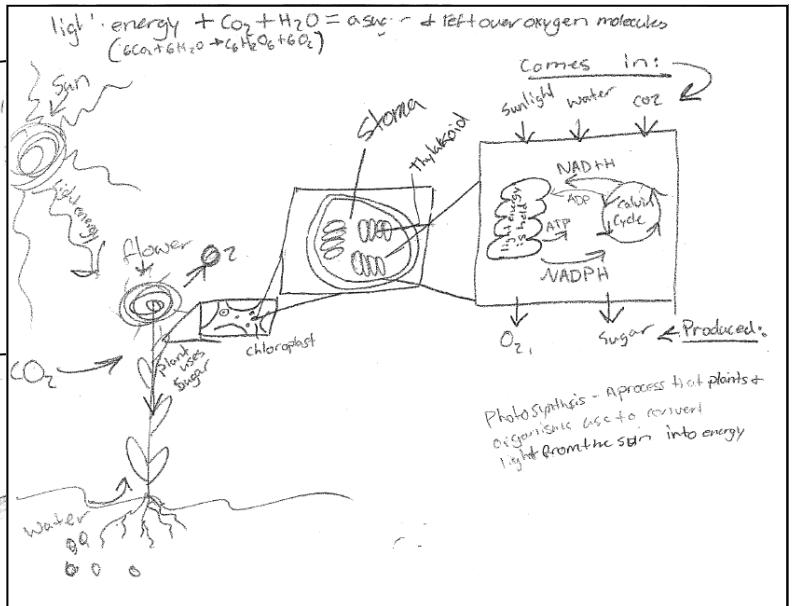
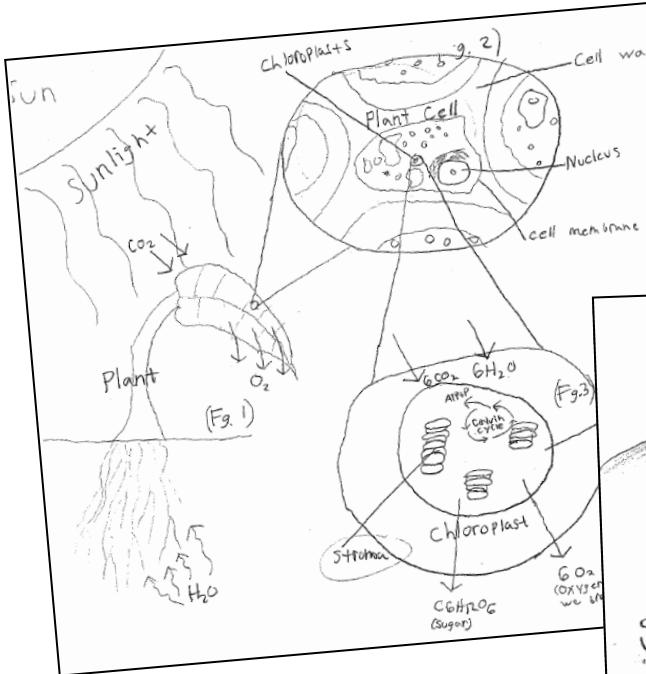
If college is something you are interested in or maybe you are unsure, we take students on visits to check

out colleges and learn how easy it is for students to attend.



If you are planning on going to college make sure to ask about financial aid. FAFSA opens up on January 1st for students to apply. Ms. Smith has a lot of information to help you be successful after high school.

## What's Going on in Biology?



Students in Mrs. Gillispie's Biology class are currently studying photosynthesis and the significance of plants and carbon.

## GED Completers

Congratulations to our students who have worked so hard to complete their GED in the last month.

Congratulations!

Zachary Yutzie  
 Julio German  
 Olivia Sprague  
 Jordon Hancock  
 Austin Jakeman  
 Nicholas Cruse  
 Rabecca Harrison

Sacuesta Bennett  
 Barry McGovern  
 Brandie Ferendo  
 Terran Gluck  
 Zakery Stroh



## GPA AWARDS

Congratulations to students who earned an outstanding GPA during the last six-week grading period:

### 3.5 GPA:

Chance Becknal  
 Luis Garibay  
 Sidney Higgins  
 Alexandra Navarro  
 Jeremy Sease

### 4.0 GPA:

Connor MacAuley

## Student Awards for the Second 6-Week Grading Period

ELD Student Award (Agree):

**Jose Garcia**

Spanish Student Award (Agree):

**Anna Garibay**

Cultural Lit Award (Agree):

**Ashley Eastman**

World History Award (Blackman):

**Luis Garibay**

World History Award (Blackman):

**Jeremy Sease**

Art 1 Student Award (Blackman):

**Connor MacAuley**

World Literature Award (Blackman):

**Matt Foon**

Algebra II Award (Corliss):

**Connor MacAuley**

Group Work Champions (Corliss):

**Luis Garibay**

**Ashley Eastman**

Geometry Class Award (Corliss):

**Alena Hernandez**

Math Class Award (Gillispie):

**Kevin Lorenzo**

Perfect Grade in Biology (Gillispie):

**Jeremy Sease**

**Dylan Hicks**

Physical Science Award (Gillispie):

**Bryce Speweck**

Perfect Hero Science Grade (Gillispie):

**Jeremy Sease**

**Chance Becknal**

Ecology Class Award (Jones):

**Cody Becknal**

Healthy Video Award (Jones):

**James Cox**

**Sebastian Reyes-Vera**

**Alexandra Navarro**

Child Development Award (Jones):

**Ashley Eastman**

Choices Class Award (Kozak):

**Angeline Navarro-Herrera**

Graphic Literature Award (Kozak):

**Jessi Farr**

Algebra I Award (Kriz):

**Harrison Hagan**

**Anthony Bergener**

**Jacob Hyatt**

Geometry Class Award (Kriz):

**Jeremy Sease**

Superhero English Award (Mitchell):

**Ashley Eastman**

**Chance Becknal**

US History Class Award (Mitchell):

**Hayden Purpura**

Economics Class Award (Wolfe):

**Gerald McAlister**

Psychology Class Award (Wolfe):

**Alena Hernandez**

American Government Award (Wolfe):

**Talon Christiansen**

**Successfully Passed Essential Skills in Writing (Wolfe):**

Sidney Higgins

Gerald McAlister

**Successfully Passed Essential Skills in Reading (Mitchell):**

Shelby Lucero

Jessi Farr

Jose Garcia

Samantha Tolman

**Successfully Passed Essential Skills in Math (Corliss):**

Gerald McAlister

Samantha Tolman

Tahnee Ankarberg

**100% Attendance Awards:**

Luis Garibay

Dylan Hicks

Cody Rezanow

Samantha Tolman

## SERVICE SATURDAYS

During November we held two Service Saturdays for the students.

The first Service Saturday last month involved volunteering with the City of Albany to work on their rain garden bioswales. The students planted over 500 native rain plants alongside City of Albany employees and other professionals.

Students spent the second Service Saturday attending the Volunteer Orientation at Safe Haven Humane Society. Students learned the rules for the shelter, how to handle the pets,

and signed up to return as regular volunteers. Students can use their volunteer hours to earn up to 1.0 Elective Credits this school year.

During the month of December there will only be one Service Saturday due to the holidays. Students can sign-up in the cafeteria to volun-



teer at the Christmas Story Book Land on Saturday, December 21st. That day we will be helping to take down all of the scenes and decorations. Lunch will be provided to those who attend.

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