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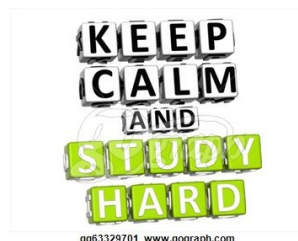
February, 2017

A Word from the Principal

As we move into February, we near the fourth grading period, which means we are halfway done with this school year! The first half of the year was filled with great accomplishments! We had several students earn their high school diplomas, complete their GEDs, and many students have become even closer to graduation by earning credits and passing their state required essential skills.

These students should act as role models for all of our students at AOS who strive to complete their high school journey in a positive manner. What made these students successful high school graduates or completers?

-Good School attendance!



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-Positive study habits!

-Hard work! -Fantastic Attitude!

-Understanding success is earned, not given randomly!

-Asking for help and then using this help!

-Laughing and smiling each day (makes your days and classes go faster!)

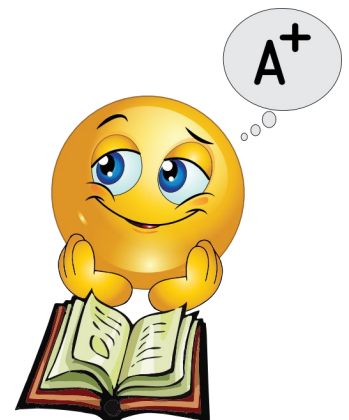
Looking ahead, I am excited about the many possibilities to come for our students. Over the previous grading periods we have had a number of students who have had perfect attendance. Those students were honored by AOS with tickets to the Portland Trail Blazers game in Portland and dinner at Red Robin. The Blazers beat the Lakers in a great game at the Rose Garden!

As you read the January publication of this newsletter you will be amazed at the positive and engaging

activities our staff and students have been involved in recently. AOS brings unique opportunities for students to learn and grow. We believe these opportunities are why our students are experiencing more successes while our curriculum becomes more rigorous.

I am eager to see what the second half of the school year brings to AOS. I am excited to see more student successes, more students involved in Service Learning, higher levels of student attendance, and students being successful in the classroom!

I believe in you! Hard work does pay off!



February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Release	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7	8 Early Release	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 	15 Early Release	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Early Release Washington's Birthday	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mardi Gras	March 1 Early Release	2	3	4

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Release Ash Wednesday	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Early Release	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15 Early Release	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Spring Begins	21	22 Early Release Washington's Birthday	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	April 1

Spring Break

Academic Calendar Revised

The school calendar has been revised to include snow make-up days. Previous school holidays that are now scheduled as school days include Feb. 20, and a half day on June 16, the last day of the school year.

Also, beginning February first, 20 minutes will be added to all early release days, pushing back the release time to 2:30pm on Wednesdays.

Wednesday Schedule (Beginning Feb. 1, 2017)

1st 8:15-9:00
Break 9:00-9:22
2nd 9:25-10:04
3rd 10:07-10:46
4th 10:49-11:28
ROCKS 11:31-12:01
Lunch 12:01-12:31
5th 12:34-1:13
6th 1:16-1:55
7th 1:58-2:30

Pictures of the Month

Mr. Corliss ordering an Italian soda from the AOeSpresso



Mrs. Mitchell's class opening the very first shift of the coffee cart.



Team Building Class Volunteers at Regency

This trimester I have been teaching a 7th period elective course which focuses on team building and volunteering in our neighborhood. One of the places we are able to work with is Regency Assisted Living Facility. This past week the students had the opportunity to spend time with the residents and learn about their life. They asked questions and wrote down stories from their childhood. Now the students are typing up their information and we are going to create a

memorabilia book about each resident. The book will contain about 10 residents stories and pictures of them, this book will then be proudly displayed at Regency Center for guests to read and learn about the residents who are living there. I am very thankful my students have this wonderful opportunity to spend time with others and learn about their lives.

-Ms. Fitz



Coffee Cart Opens

Mrs. Mitchell's Entrepreneur class opens the very first AOS Business! AOeSpresso serves iced and hot coffee as well as Italian sodas and cremoss.

They are open on Wednesdays and Fridays during breakfast and lunch breaks. Stop on by!

Graduates and GED Completers

Congratulations to the students who completed the requirements for the high school diploma at the end of third six-week grading period.

Stephen Hackney
Connor Seunninga
Matthew Derusha
Jessica deMontigny
Denver Landtroop
Dakota Sanders

Kylee Adams
Austin Fox
Kat Elliott
Jaush Jung
Carlos Orozco
Phillip Hurst

Congratulations to:

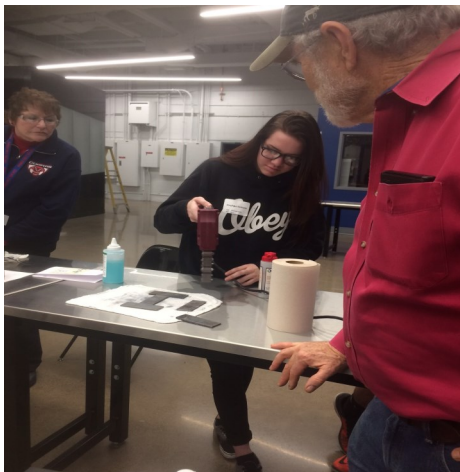
Anna Watts
Hope Thompson
Jacob Simons

for passing and completing all of the tests for the GED.

AOS Coordinating with LBCC and Pipeline

This school year, AOS students have had multiple opportunities to visit LBCC and really investigate the opportunities they have in different programs at the community college.

In addition, a program sponsored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce and a number of large employers in the area have discussed with students potential jobs after a student graduates or get their GED.



Students can receive training and certification through LBCC, and go directly into living-wage employment, or start at a lower level position and have the employer pay for their education.

For more information, contact Kevin DeCoster, AOS Counselor at 54-967-4563.

Snow Day Fun



New Classes 2nd & 3rd Trimesters

Second semester brought new elective opportunities to AOS. The electives currently being offered are:

- Art
- Digital Media
- Entrepreneurship (coffee cart business)
- Game Theory and Strategy
- Foods
- Running
- Teambuilding

Third semester will bring another wave of new electives. Which one (or two) would you like to take?

Electives planned for 3rd Trimester:

- Art
- Digital Media
- Leadership
- Music
- Pilates
- Running
- Sign Language

DC Fundraising

A group of AOS students are determined to fundraise enough money to visit Washington DC for an educational trip. They are currently raking yards, babysitting, collecting cans, and selling catered and delivered dinners on Thursdays. Upcoming meals include: **Teriyaki Chicken, Lasagna, Enchiladas, Chicken Ziti, and Swedish Meatballs,**

If you would like to order or contribute in time or money please contact Danny Corliss or Holly Mitchell.

*This is not a school sponsored trip.

Looking ahead at Graduation

We are halfway through the school year, and graduation is on June 12, 2017.

For parents of seniors, please check with your student and with the school to make sure that there is nothing in the way for your student to walk

across the stage on the 12th. Fees, grades, credits, essential skills – are all important and must be taken care of.



Information is also available from Miners Graduation Services about caps and gowns and other graduation paraphernalia.

Please contact the AOS front desk at 541- 967- 4563.

Blazers Game for Perfect Attendance



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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 District541-924-3720
- **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/

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