



**Albany Options
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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

As we move into February we enter the fourth grading period, which means we are half way done with this school year.

1. Good School attendance!
2. Positive study habits!
3. Hard work!
4. Fantastic Attitude!
5. Understanding success is earned, not given randomly!
6. Asking for help and then using this help!
7. Laughing and smiling each day (makes points 1-6 more fun)!



Students at the Senior Youth Job Fair

The first half of the year was filled with great accomplishments, as we had several students earn their high school diploma, others complete their GED, and many students reach 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 someday strive to complete their high school journey in a positive manner.

What made these students successful high school graduates or completers?

Seniors this is CRUNCH time! You have 18-weeks to make your high school graduation or GED completion a reality.

Step back, focus, and visualize walking across the stage on graduation night at LBCC or receiving your GED completion certificate. Think about how proud you will be of your accomplishments, how proud your family and friends will be of you, and how proud all of us at AOS will be of you! It won't be easy, but students at AOS don't need easy.

Our seniors represented themselves and AOS very well at the annual Youth Job Fair and made us very proud. This was a great opportunity for our seniors to hone their resumes and interviewing skills as they move into the real world.

I am very proud of the AOS students' commitment to volunteering in our community and local elementary schools.

I believe our guest speaker last month Ron Heagy confirmed what we believe to be true at AOS! Give of yourself, make others believe in themselves, be kind to others, and never pass up a moment to laugh and smile.

I am eager to see what the second half of the school

"Our greatest national resource is the minds of our children."


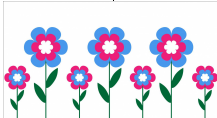
-Walt Disney

year brings to AOS. I am excited to see more students 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 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Early Release	12	13 Academic Awards	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 
15	16 NO SCHOOL President's Day	17 <i>TAG Game Night—4:30-7pm</i>	18 Early Release	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Early Release	26	27	28

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5 FINALS: End of Grading Period	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8  <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	9	10 Senior Parent Info Night 5:30-6:30	11 Early Release	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Early Release	19	20	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 	31	April 1 Early Release	2	3 NO SCHOOL	4

Spring Break

Important Information

SENIORS PARENT NIGHT

Join us on Tuesday, March 10th, for a parent informational night for our seniors. There will be opportunities to learn about:

- Transcripts and career ed
- Graduation requirements
- Graduation ceremony
- Miners (caps, gowns, class gear, etc.)
- Financial aid, college, and advanced diploma

AOS in the News

Remember to check our school website for our recent news stories and electronic versions of our newsletters at:

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

Albany.k12.or.us/aos/newsletter.php

DRESS CODE

As the weather begins to warm up for Spring, please remember to check the student handbook for our student dress code.

NO SCHOOL DAYS:

February:

Monday, February 16th

March:

Friday, March 6th

Spring Break—23rd-26th

April:

Friday, April 3rd

Friday, April 24th

Pic of the Month



Youth Job Fair Success

On Tuesday, December 16th, all of the seniors at AOS participated in the Linn County Youth Job Fair hosted by the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and Linn-Benton Community College.

The students arrived early in the morning dressed professionally for the occasion.

At the event they practiced their inter-

viewing skills with local professionals from the community, listened to the

motivational speaker, Mr. Keim, visited with local business during the booth faith, and learned about financial aid.

The students received praise from how they presented themselves and performed in the interviews.



Leadership Class Helps Family for Holidays

Students in Mrs. Mitchell's Leadership class and Mrs. Harryman's Project Citizen class worked to make the holidays very special for one family at Sunrise Elementary School.

The students worked with the district FACT program to



provide a family with gifts for the children, food, and a very special holiday.

The students coordinated fundraisers, wrapped gifts in the malls in Portland and Albany, and collected

donations.

The final week before Winter Break the students wrapped all of the gifts, and with the help of FACT, got all of the gifts and food to the family.

Thank you to everyone who helped the students meet their fundraising goals, and for donating food.

Students Visit Native Grounds Nursery

On Friday, January 16th, students in Mrs. Harryman's Horticulture class visited Native Grounds Nursery in Brownsville.

Mike Niehls with Native Grounds Nursery has been a great supporter of the program, and helped provide guid-



ance as well as plants for the school's bioswale.

Native Grounds Nursery specializes in native plants for wholesale.

The students were given a tour of the many large greenhouses. Niehls explained his operation, the different steps of production, and how he serves

his clients.

Students then had the opportunity to help Niehls put together a large order of native plants to be taken up to Washington. Through this the students learned the different factors that go into assembling an order. They sorted, arranged, weeded, and loaded up hundreds of plants.



Ron Heagy Visits AOS

On January 13th, Ron Heagy visited the students at an all-school assembly to share his story.

Heagy suffered an accident, that left him with no feeling below his neck. He taught himself how to type by holding a pen in his mouth, has become an amazing artist by holding the brush in his mouth, and has also

founded Camp Attitude for children with disabilities to experience summer camp.

He is an inspirational speaker, author of his memoir, and earned his Master's degree in social work.

His message to the students was pow-

erful. He challenged them to find their purpose in life and to really examine what their own perceived problems are in life and to not let them get in the way of their dreams.

Heagy shared, "I'm here to inspire you to be all that you can be and never give up."

Read the story in the Albany Democrat-Herald online at:
Albany.k12.or.us/aos/news.php

Rotary Students of the Month

Congratulations to Ashlea Davenport, who was recognized by the Greater Albany Rotary Club as their student of the month in December.

Ashlea was recognized at their luncheon meeting, where she had the opportunity to share her story and receive the award as well as gifts from the club.

Ashlea joined us at AOS this year and quickly proved how smart, driven, and capable she is, earning a 4.0 GPA multiple terms.

Ashlea has also earned academic awards from many of her teachers each term.



GRADS AND GED

Congratulations to the following students who completed the requirements for their high school diploma:

Alyssa Rogers

Mikayla Sutton

Kayla Faulkner

Congratulations to the following students who passed the exams and earned their GED:

Sawyer Burdick

Cody Stone

Brady Schultz

Adrean Magana

Academic Awards

Congratulations to the students who earned academic awards the last six-week grading period from the following teachers:

Allen:

Zac Skotko
Stephen Cade
Alan Ruiz
Anthony Cross
Elias Burgoa

Corliss:

Anthony Cournyer
Angeline Navarro
Luis Garibay
Devan Walling

Harryman:

Cody Milligan
Kyra Dickson
Mariah Campbell
Fabian Silva-Ortiz
Shania Sims

Kozak:

Jesse Gieffels

Kriz:

Mariah Downer
Harrison Hagan
Devan Walling

Mitchell:

Elias Burgoa
Alondra Andrade
Kristen Taylor

Terwilliger:

Warren Scott Brown
Ashley Eastman
Harper Johnson

Wolfe:

Alfonso Orozco-Valencia
Hannah Hagan
Atallah Holmes
Luis Garibay

100% Attendance:

Devan Walling
Shania Sims
Michael Malott
Ashlea Davenport
Anthony Dixon
Luis Garibay

Monthly Writing Awards Winners:

Shalmae Harris
Mariah Campbell
Kayla Faulkner
Harper Johnson
Jaushua Jung
Warren Scott Brown
Hannah Hagan

GPA Honor Roll

Michael Malott—3.5
Devan Walling—3.5
Luis Garibay—3.7
Ashlea Davenport—3.8

Heart of the Valley Runners Club Recognizes AOS

Every year the Heart of the Valley Runners club recognizes a youth organization for their great work in running.

On Friday, January 30th, Gerhard Behrens from the club came at the end of the school day and presented the award to the students who



participated in the running class earlier in the Fall.

Bryce, Jaushua, Alfonso, Alan, and Anthony not only made great progress in the running class in the Fall, but they finished the trimester by participating in the Run to

Stay Warm 5k in Eugene, where multiple students placed in their age group.

Mr. Wolfe, who has run countless marathons, taught the class the first trimester and plans to teach it again in the Spring.



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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
- **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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