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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

Where does the time go? As I look at the calendar it is shocking to me that we are nearing 2013!

We have so much to be thankful for entering the New Year. One such exciting thing is that we have had our first graduate of the school year! Vanessa Mireles Robles completed her high school requirements earlier and received her diploma in December. I am so proud of her for the hard work and perseverance to get to this place in life! Congratulations!

On December 11th all of our seniors participated in the Youth Job Fair hosted by Linn-Benton Community College and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. We had over thirty students prepared to interview with employers and professionals in and around our community. Word has it that our students did an amazing job! All our feedback has been super positive and as always everyone was very impressed with our students.

As we move into the New

Year I want to emphasize to our students to continue to attend school every day, study hard and be involved with your school and community. We are continuing to offer great opportunities for our students including our new Leadership Class, Service Saturdays, and Service Learning projects in our classes.

Enjoy your fun and relaxing winter vacation. We will look forward to seeing you on January 7th, ready to take on the new year. Happy Holidays!

Seniors Impress at Youth Job Fair

Every year high school seniors from Linn County attend the local Youth Job Fair hosted by Linn-Benton Community College and the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce as part of their career requirements for graduation.

This year AOS sent 35 seniors to the event. The students began the day by participating in mock interviews with professionals in


our community. All of our students returned with great feedback and comments on their evaluations. The students also listened to a guest speaker,




Above: Student Chelsea Cravatt participating in a mock interview

learned about financial aid for college, and met with employers in the community to learn about opportunities and employment in their field.

January, 2013

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

February, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Testing Schedule	6 Early Release	7 Testing Schedule	8	9
10	11	12	13 Early Release	14 ROCKS	15	16
17	18 President's Day!  No School	19	20 Early Release	21 ROCKS	22	23
24	25	26 ROCKS	27 Early Release	28 Testing Schedule		

Important Information

ATTENTION!



The school district has just announced that Monday, April 15th is no longer a cut day.

That means that we will be having school on Monday, April 15th.

Please make note of this change in your calendars.

School will still be closed Friday, April 12th as a grading day so you will still have a three-day week-end.

Dear Students,

Have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your winter vacation.

Remember that we have NO SCHOOL until:



**MONDAY,
JANUARY
7th, 2013!**

We look forward to seeing you then.

School Calendar

Remember to regularly check the school calendar on the website. We are constantly updating and making changes, which may not always make it on the newsletter calendar in time.

Please note the different schedule days on the calendar. In addition to Early Release on Wednesdays we also have ROCKS and testing schedules throughout the week.

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GED GRADS

Congratulations to our students who recently earned their GED:

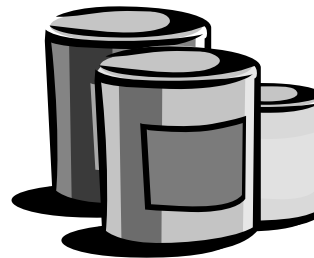
Thomas Welty
Terry Garinger
Irecia Gaede
Anthony Hrdlicka
Matt Martin
Angelica Canoy

Congratulations!

Service Learning Food Drive Success!

Congratulations to our World History class, who collected 350 pounds of non-perishable foods from around the community for Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center in Albany.

The students distributed the fliers and bags, collected the food, sorted it, and delivered it to the drop-in center. The food will be used to feed youth in our community who come to the outreach center and for the teens currently



living at Jackson Street Youth Shelter in Corvallis.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Service Learning project. A special thank you to Safeway, who donated the grocery bags used throughout the neighborhoods to collect the food. Thank you!

Congratulations, students, on a successful and meaningful Service Learning project.

Law and Legal Panel Speaks to Students

On Friday, December 7th the students at AOS attended a Law and Legal panel as part of their career education. The special guests on the panel included (from left) Detective Micah Smith



from the Linn County Sheriff's Department, Kyle Kinion of the Linn County Juvenile Department, Sgt. Alan Lynn from the Albany Police Department, and Brandi Blethen of the Linn County Juve-

nile Department.

Students learned about different crimes, responsibilities, and rights from the four professionals and had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about their rights as minors and as students enrolled in public school.

Thank you to our special guests who came and shared their valuable time and knowledge with our students.

Congratulations, Graduates!

Vanessa Mireles Robles and Susana Pulido Andrade, who graduated high school! Vanessa received her high school diploma from Mr. Knight on Wednesday, December 12th. Susana completed her requirements on December 18th, but will return at the end of the year to receive her diploma at graduation.



Vanessa pictured left with Ms. Smith and Mr. Knight.



Susana pictured right.

Students Graduate OYC



Congratulations to AOS seniors, Marcos (left) and Josh (right) who graduated from the Oregon Youth ChalleNGe Program on December 12th.

This program is part of the National Guard Youth Challenge, which provides training, mentoring, and credit earning opportunities. Congrats!



Leadership Class Sets Bar High at AOS

This term Mrs. Mitchell is teaching a Leadership class. Students interested in participating had to apply to be in the elective course.

The students started the term by leading an assembly with activities for the whole school on ROCKS as the school prepared for our "Service Learning ROCKS!" class and project. Senior, Cody Garrett, spoke to the school about the importance of an education and the courage it takes to

make that happen for yourself.

The class has also volunteered multiple times at Tangent Elementary School.

The students have been working towards sponsoring



ing a family for the holidays. The students have raised several hundred dollars through penny wars at school and a bake sale. The class also received \$100 for helping after the Youth Job Fair to take down tables and chairs.

These students are really leading the school and setting the example of what ROCKS is. We are blown away by all their hard work and effort. Thank you!

Family and Consumer Science Class



This term the students in the Family and Consumer Science class are busy cooking and sewing.

The students started the term

learning how to sew on buttons, hem, and mend torn seams. They are now using

their new skills to sew holiday gift bags filled with a cookie baking mix, which they can take home and give as holiday gifts.



Some students have already begun working on their next project of sewing pillow cases.

Picture of the Month



Junior, Connor McAuley shows off a snowball at school on the first snow of the season, December 18th!

Student Awards for Six-Week Grading Period

Geometry Outstanding award (Beall):
Taylor Vasquez

Fundamentals of Algebra (Beall):
Alex Navarro

Algebra I Outstanding award (Beall):
Greg Diehl

Algebra II Outstanding award (Beall):
Michael Meza-Rojas

Future Governor award (Blackman):
Gerald McAlister

Historical Intensity (Blackman):
Devon Longtin

Future Governor award (Blackman):
Tahnee Ankarberg

Physical Science award (Gillispie):
Jordan Stewart

Achiever in Physics award (Gillispie):
Ariana Munoz-Schell

Woods Class award (Mitchell):
Cory Houser

Essentials of Reading award (Kozak):
Michael Stone
Tiffany Brown

Habits of the Mind award (Kozak):
Michael Stone
Tiffany Brown

Effort in Ecology award (Muller):
Becca Fewless

Effort in Biology award (Muller):
Alyssa Rogers

Outstanding Food award (Robbins):
Cole Womack

Outstanding Dining award (Robbins):
Devon Longtin

Service Learning award (Sokolov):
Matt Susnik

Writing Skills award (Wolfe):
Chelsea Cravatt

Writing Workshop award (Wolfe):
Alex Bautista

Psychology Class award (Wolfe):
Connor MacAuley

100% Perfect Attendance Award:
Alex Bautista
William Bumgarner
Cory Houser
Fabian Silva
Greg Diehl
Cary Olson

School Board Reporter:
Debra Leonor

Students who earned a 4.0 GPA:
Josie DeLaCruz
Becca Fewless
Connor MacAuley
Ariana Munoz-Schell
Alyssa Rogers

Students with 3.5 or higher GPA:
Tahnee Ankarberg
Cody Garrett
Angelica Garza
Debra Leonor
Devon Longtin
Michael Stone

Leadership Class Volunteers at Tangent Elementary

The Leadership Class spent two afternoons volunteering at Tangent Elementary school to help with their annual Senior Dinner event. This year they celebrated their 40th year of this special tradition with students and their grandparents or special seniors.



The Leadership students spent an afternoon at the school setting up the gymnasium for the occasion. The students strung lights, decorated



Christmas trees, hung up artwork and posters made by the elementary school students, and even made a special mural wishing the school a happy holidays from AOS.

The following week the students returned to help clean-up after the event. The students worked together as a team to fold all of the tables and chairs, sweep, and put away everything needed to serve the meal.

Afterwards the school showed their

thanks by bringing the students into the conference room where they were served cake by Principal Kelley Guillot.

The students look forward to future opportunities to help out with events at Tangent Elementary School.



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-by AOS Leadership students at Tangent Elementary School

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