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# AOS Newsletter

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## A Word from the Principal

I cannot believe that this year is almost over. On June 2nd there are only five days of school remaining for our seniors and thirteen days for the rest of us. We have done so much and we have so much to do!

We honored our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week at the beginning of May. They do so much for our students; it truly is wonderful to watch.

The week of May 19-23 we had our 3rd annual AOS Spirit Week. We saw our students dressed up as different characters, participating in lunch time activities and participating in school wide "fun day". I am very impressed with the Leadership Class for being able to change on the fly during the Friday activities due to rain. Very impressive and the activities were fun to participate in and to watch!

As the year winds down, I want to remind you that the last day for seniors participating in graduation is June 6<sup>th</sup> and the Graduation ceremony is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Russel Tripp

Theater at LBCC. Graduation practice is also on the 9<sup>th</sup> and is mandatory for those wanting to participate in the evening ceremony.



We will have Summer School for all students still in school to regain credits through credit recovery or to pick an additional .5 credit from the course work offered.

It is also that time of year where staff also leave our school to new challenges and activities. Patsy Wichman, who has been our Special Education Clerk, will be retiring at the end of the school year and

hopes to spend more time with her family and travel.




Also, Sonya Hart our Special Education Teacher, has accepted an administrative position with GAPS and

will begin that job on July 1st. We are all very excited for both these individuals as the move on from AOS. They will be hard to replace and missed very much.

I too am leaving Albany Options School. My move will be out of state to be closer to my family. I feel truly honored to have served the last two years as principal at AOS. It has been the time of my life and I will miss the students and staff a great deal.

John Hunter was named as Principal at Albany Options School. Mr. Hunter comes to AOS from West Albany High School where he spent the last four years as an Assistant Principal. He is a great person, a super administrator and good friend of mine. I look forward to him continuing the wonderful work we have been doing to make AOS a great place to go to school and work.

## June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5	6 Last day of school for all graduating	7
8	9 <b>11am:</b> Graduation practice LBCC <b>7pm:</b> Graduation at LBCC Russel Tripp Theater	10	11 Early Release	12	13	14
15 <b>Father's Day</b> 	16	17	18 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL PROGRAMS</b>	19 <b>Summer Vacation</b> 	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>SUMMER SCHOOL</b>						
29  Enjoy your Summer and we'll see you next Fall...	30	July 1	2	3	4  Independence Day	5

## AOS Runs Events at Youth Special Olympics



## Important Information

### Graduation:

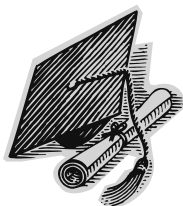
Class of 2014

**Monday, June 10th**

**7:00pm**

Russell Tripp Theater

Linn-Benton Community College



### Dress Code Reminder...

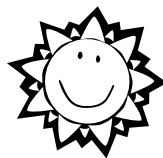
It's that time of year when the sun comes out, it starts to get warm, and we all forget about the dress code rules, so here's your reminder...

-**NO** showing undergarments (bra straps, underwear, etc.)

-Straps need to be two **finger-widths thick** and **no cleavage**.

-Shorts, skirts, and dresses must go **down to your fingertips**.

AOS will be happy to provide alternative garments for any dress code violations. Please review the handbook for all dress code rules.



### End of School Year

Note your last day of classes:

Last day of classes for all **graduating seniors** is Friday, June 6th.

The last day of school for all AOS programs including Choices, GED, Online, and IHS is Wednesday, June 18th.

There will not be early release on the last day of school.

## GRADUATION

Graduating Seniors are close to being done and we want to make sure you don't forget anything along the way.

-Make sure all of your fees are paid prior to graduation so that you may receive your diploma.

-Graduation rehearsal will be on June 9th at LBCC at 11:00am with a pizza lunch following. Students will receive their ordered cap and gown at practice. Graduation rehearsal is mandatory. Students who fail to at-

Graduation will be at Linn-Benton Community College in the Russel Tripp Theater on June 9th at 7pm.

tend will not be able to walk during the ceremony.

-Seniors may submit a baby picture, any school pictures from their time at AOS, and a senior picture to Mrs. Harryman. Be sure to have your name on the back of the pictures. You may also email them to her if you have a digital version at:

[anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us](mailto:anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us)

## GED Completers

Congratulations to the students who have completed and passed their exams and earned their GED!

Trebor Joyner

Jacob Taylor

Luis Mardueno

Brittney Drolet

Michael Boyer

## Pic of the Month



Mrs. Mitchell and Janelle at the game day during Spirit Week.

## Summer School

This year, due to the snow days, out school year was extended, which cut into our Summer School time.

We will be having Summer School for just one week from June 23rd to the 27th.

There will be two class sessions offered, a morning AM class, and an afternoon PM class. Students have the option of signing up for one of both sessions. Each class session will be worth .25 credits.

Students should have received info about Summer School in the mail.

Please make sure to sign up right away. If there is a lack of interest in certain classes they will be cut. Do not wait until the last minute to register.

Students may earn up to .5 credits within one week. In order to earn the credits the student must have 100% attendance all week with no tardies.



## OMSI Outdoor School in Fossil, OR

In May 13 students from AOS spent three days in Fossil at the OMSI Hancock Field Station earning additional credits.

The students hiked, learned about Archeology, Geology, Astronomy, fossils, local wildlife, and Aboriginal skills.

The students also took the Portland Underground tour and learned about the corrupt side of Portland's early history.

The students who attended the trip worked together to raise several thousand dollars.

Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Harryman, Mrs. Gillispies, and Mrs. Corliss joined them on the trip.

It was a great success and we look forward to more opportunities like this in the future.



## Upcoming Service Learning Projects for AOS

Later this month, the Ecology class will be taking their skills and knowledge and using it to support another organization, the Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center.

The Youth Outreach Center is a youth drop-in center located in Albany, and is a collaboration between Faith Lutheran Church and Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Inc. It serves as a drop-in facility for youth who need a safe place to spend some time, need food, supplies, help with school, or assistance getting a job. It hopes to continue working towards

becoming a full youth shelter.

The Ecology students will be building raised beds to start a garden at the Outreach Center. The students will build the raised beds and use starts from our greenhouse to begin their garden.

The students have also been painting garden vegetable signs as well



Student, Cody Milligan, is using his artistic skills to paint a vegetable sign to go with the peppers.

as a sign for the drop-in center's garden.

The students are looking forward to using their skills, knowledge, and plants to support an organization that does so much good for the youth in our local community, also serving many students in our school.



# Spirit Week at AOS



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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.....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/](http://www.albany.k12.or.us/AOS/)

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