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- * Courage
- * Knowledge
- * Safety

AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

What a change from last February's snow and very cold weather. No snow days as we have seen this February become the warmest in Oregon History!

Here we are only a few weeks from Spring Break, which begins March 23rd and ends on March 27th. In addition, our third and final trimester will begin March 9th, which "SOUNDS THE BELLS" that we have 12-weeks left until the 2014-2015 school year comes to an end.

News flash to seniors; GRADUATION is on **June 8th**, which is fewer than 60 -school days away! Are you actively working to meet all your graduation requirements? Do you know how many credits you need to

complete this last trimester to graduate and in what content areas? Have you passed all the essential skills requirements for graduation?

Seniors, it is YOUR job to make your aspirations of graduation happen! Seek out help, speak to Ms. Smith, communicate with your teachers, and put in the time and effort to make sure you walk across the stage on June 8th!

As the weather begins to warm up, it is still very important you come to school each day and enjoy the sun after 3:15 and on the weekends. If you come to school we can teach you, help you, and increase your chances of being a successful student at AOS.

As you read through the newsletter you will be informed about the many great things our students have been doing in the classroom, the community, and around the AOS campus. It is much to be proud of and always reminds me of the incredible passion, empathy, and hearts our students have at AOS!

Finally, Congratulations to Mr. Corliss on the birth of his new son Dain! Dain was born on March 18th at 2:22 PM. We will return to AOS trimester III upon completion of his paternity leave. A BIG thank you to Mr. Scott who took over our math classes for Mr. Corliss the past 3-weeks.

Student Essay Published by Museum

Last Spring Mrs. Harryman's Local Albany History class went to the Albany Regional Museum where each student was responsible for researching a piece of local history.

Student, Shamiqua Gos-



nell, chose to research the history of the local fire department.

Her research and essay were so well researched and written that Mrs. Harryman submitted it to the museum.

The museum published her essay in their Winter, 2014 newsletter publication!

You can check out the Albany Regional Museum's newsletter by going to their website or online at Albany.k12.or.us/aos/news.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LBCC Lebanon Auto Program Trip	3	4 Early Release	5 FINALS: End of Grad- ing	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> 	9 LBCC Orientation	10 <i>Selmet Trip</i> 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
Spring Break						
29	30 	31				

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Release	2	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6	7	8 L&M Fabrication Trip Early Release	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Early Release	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Early Release	23 FINALS: End of Grading Period	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29 Early Release	30		

Important Information

BLAZERS GAME

Congratulations to the students who earned a perfect attendance award during the first half of the school year.

Students who earned the award will be treated to dinner and free tickets to the Portland Trail Blazers basketball game vs. the Rockets on **Wednesday, March 11th**.

Students must be at school that day to attend. Letters will be going home later this week to recipients.

GRADUATION

The date for the senior graduation ceremony is set for :

Monday, June 8th

and will be held at:

Linn-Benton Community College

Advanced Diploma

The deadline to apply for the Advanced Diploma is **April 10th at 4:00pm**.

Submit applications to Mrs. Marks or Ms. Smith. See either one for questions.

SENIORS PARENT NIGHT

Join us on Tuesday, **March 10th**, for a parent info 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

A translator will be present.

Students Make Blankets for ABC House

Students in Mrs. Harryman's Family and Consumer Sciences class took the skills they learned and turned them into Service Learning.

In the class students have been cooking, sewing, knitting, and even making blankets.

With the support of the Central



Willamette Community Credit Union school grants program, the class was able to purchase fleece fabric, which they used to make fleece tie blankets. With the

funds from the grant students were able to make one for themselves, but also pick out prints to make blankets

to be given to children at the ABC House.

ABC House is a local non-profit that works with children who have experienced abuse and neglect.



Students Visit Wood Castle

On Tuesday, February 24th, Ms. Smith, the school counselor, took a group of students to visit the Wood



Castle.

Scott Pierson of Wood Castle took the students

on the tour, which included seeing a special crane and saw that lifts whole logs at a time, the wood shop and lumber yard, where wood is stored and



dried, and much more.

Each student was given a wooden cutting board

custom engraved with their name on it as part of the tour!



Valentines Day at AOS

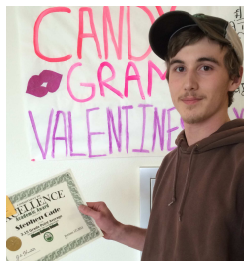
On Friday, February 13th, cupid came a day early and brought Valentines Day festivities with him.

Mrs. Mitchell's Leadership Class and Luis, dressed as cupid himself, went



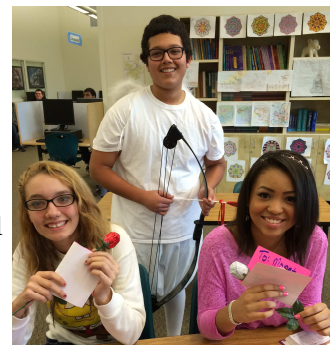
around to the different classes with chocolate roses and cards from secret admirers and friends.

At the end of the day classes ended early so that the whole school could gather together in the cafeteria to celebrate students who had earned honor roll GPAs the previous six-week grading period.



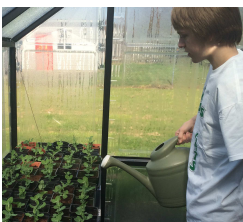
Mrs. Harryman's Family and Consumer Sciences class, with the assistance of Mr. Jenks, made decorated sugar cookies for the whole school.

Thank you to everyone who made it a fun and festive day!



Horticulture Class Selling Plant Starts

It is hard to believe, but it is already that time of year that Mrs. Harryman's Horticulture class is selling plant starts.



At the beginning of February the students began the starts from seed in the green-

house, and have been selling four different varieties of peas for \$1.50 each, or \$5 for four starts.

Upcoming starts include radishes, spinach, and sweet peas.

Stop by and check out our starts if you would like to support our Horticulture

Starts are \$1.50 each or \$5.00 for 4 starts.

program and get your garden growing.

All funds will go directly back into the program for the purchase of supplies, seeds, and potting soil.



GED Completers

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

Saleena Vetkos
Rebecca Donoho
Bradly Yechout



Mock Trial Takes on Mr. Wolfe

Members of the A.O.S. Mock Trial class will be taking on Mr. Wolfe when they argue two criminal cases this week for their final exam.

In the Chris Archer case, Jasmine Barrientos, Jacob Lacey and Matt Derucher are prosecuting the defendant (Chris Archer) claiming he murdered a college freshmen by pushing her off the top of a college campus clock tower.

Mr. Wolfe is representing the defendant. In the second case, Casey Campbell, Mr. Wolfe is prosecuting the defendant Casey Campbell arguing that 17 year old Casey

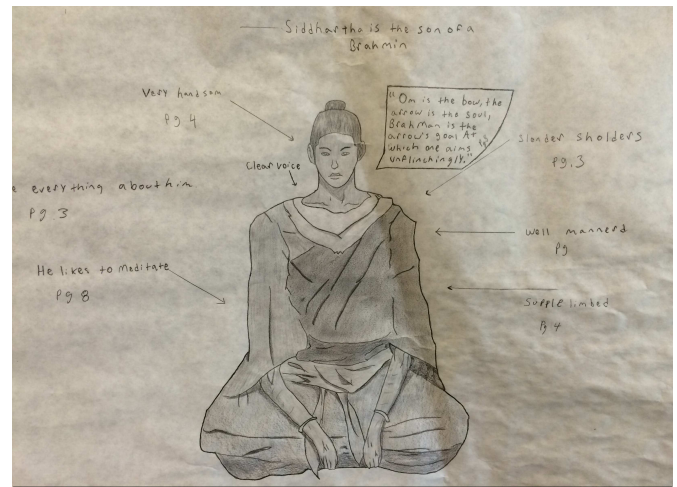
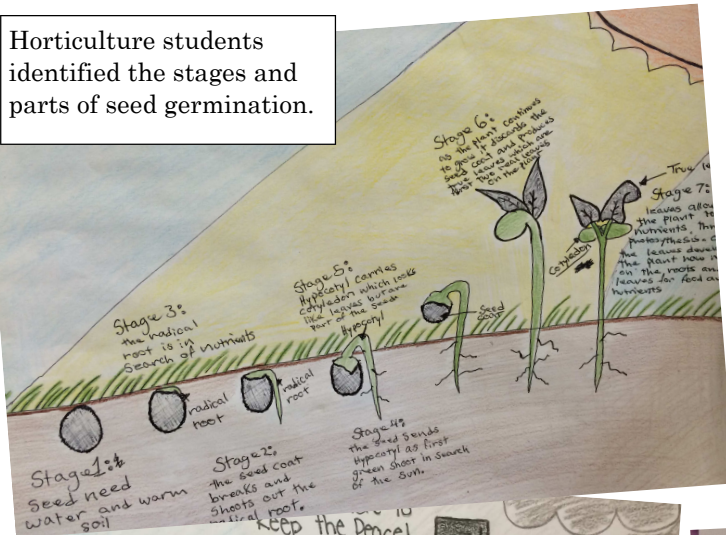
planted a bomb in a trash can at his high school in order to kill some kids who had been bullying him. Zackary Null and Zachary Skotko are defending the young Mr. Campbell claiming that he was framed by one of the high school bullies.

Mr. Wolfe, who was a lawyer before quitting to become a teacher, loves teaching students how to prepare and put on a trial.

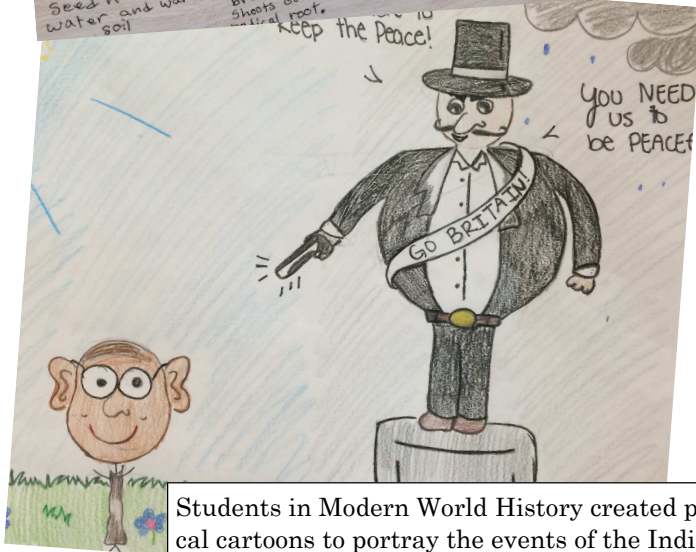
The students are responsible for writing and arguing a 5-minute opening statement. Jurors will be multiple AOS staff members.

Examples of Student Work

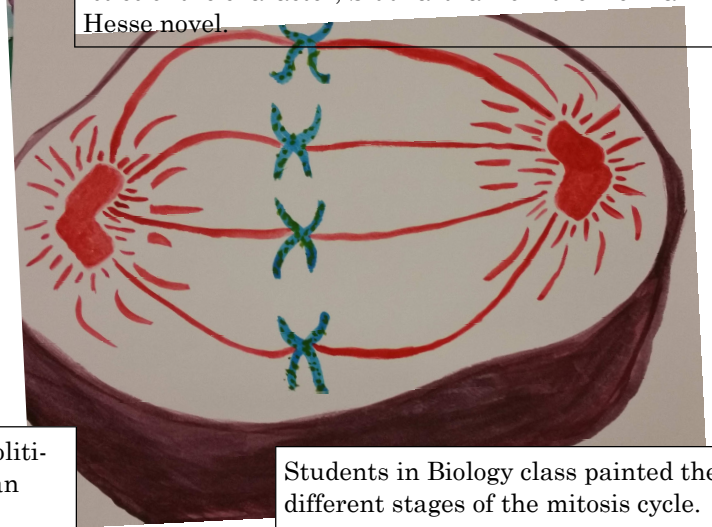
Horticulture students identified the stages and parts of seed germination.



Students in Mythology class examined the characteristics of the character, Siddhartha from the Herman Hesse novel.



Students in Modern World History created political cartoons to portray the events of the Indian Revolution and the life of Gandhi.



Students in Biology class painted the different stages of the mitosis cycle.

Monthly Outstanding Writer Awards

Every month the English and Social Studies teachers chose one student from each of their classes to recognize for excellence in writing.

This new tradition was started by the newest member of our teaching family here at AOS, Mrs. Terwilliger, who teaches multiple English classes.

The teachers have recognized the following students for their outstanding writing and commitment to producing amazing work:

December Award Recipients:

Shalmaa Harris—Mrs. Harryman
Marriah Campbell—Mrs. Harryman
Kayla Faulkner—Ms. Kozak
Harper Johnson—Mrs. Terwilliger
Jaushua Jung—Mrs. Terwilliger
Hannah Hagan—Mr. Wolfe

January Award Recipients:

Kyra Dickson—Mrs. Harryman
Bryce Spowehn—Mrs. Mitchell
Jeffrey Jackson—Mrs. Mitchell
Scott Brown—Mrs. Terwilliger
Devin Jones—Mrs. Terwilliger
Rylee Wilson—Mrs. Terwilliger
Alfonso Orozco—Mr. Wolfe

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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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