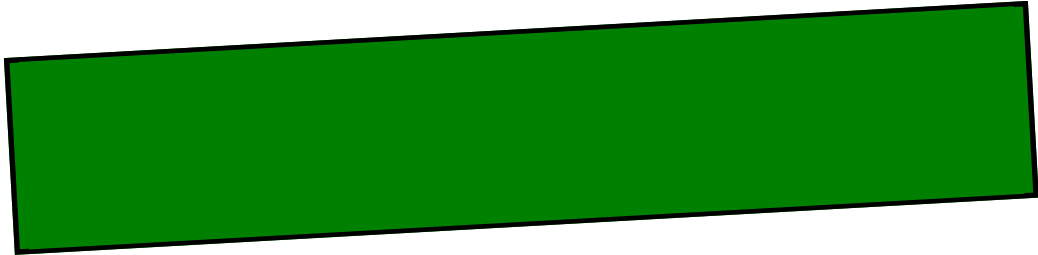




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## A Word from the Principal

As the weather outside continues to improve I am reminded that the school year is quickly coming to an end. In just a few short weeks the school year will conclude, and everyone will enjoy the adventures that summer brings. However, before we get to relax and enjoy summer, there is work that must be done for the rest of the school year.

The school year for our students ends on either the 13th or 14th of June, depending on the program they are enrolled in. The

Middle School, AM GED, and Choices programs will end on June 14th. Because school on the 14th is only a half day, the programs that meet in the afternoon, Innovative High School, PM GED and PM Choices, will have their last day on June 13th. Please mark these dates!!!

We are also currently preparing for graduation. The Graduation Ceremony here at AOS is unlike any that I have ever seen before. The tradition is to honor every graduate individually, tak-

ing time to have a teacher introduce each student. Graduation will be June 5th at 7PM. We are looking forward to having all of our seniors and their families here to be a part of this occasion.

We are also planning on having summer school this year at AOS. Summer school will happen during the last two weeks of June and will offer multiple learning options. Read the article below for more information!!!

-Mike Ingman

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### Special Points of Interest:

- English 11-12 students take Service Learning to the stage
- AOS Student Rotary Club of Albany Honoree
- New Students become Cadet Teachers
- AOS Wish List

## Summer School at AOS

Albany Options School Summer School program will be two weeks long beginning on June 18th and ending June 28th. Classes will be held four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 8AM to 4 PM at AOS. Classes will take place from 8AM to 12PM and Independent Study will go from 12PM to 4PM. The three courses that will be available to students are PE taught by Mrs. Mitchell, Personal

Finance taught by Mr. Wolfe, and Independent Study with Ms. Kozak. Independent Study will be computer based with students working on OdysseyWare. Free breakfast and lunch will be available to students in each day.

Summer School is a great opportunity for students to earn additional credits. Sign up form will be given to students on Friday, May 11th.

### Summer School Schedule

**Date:** June 18-June 28 2012 (Monday -Thursday)

**Time:** 8 AM to 4 PM

**Location:** Albany Options School

**Classes:** PE, Personal Finance, Independent Study

**Registration:** Sign up forms available May 11th.

**Additional Information:** Breakfast and Lunch available each day.

## May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Construction Career Day	2	3 End of Grading Period	4 <b>No School— Teacher Work Day</b>	5
6	7 New Grading Period Begins <b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>	8 <b>Teacher Appreciation Day!</b>	9 <b>School Nurse Day</b>	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 <b>Yogurt Extreme Donates 20% of Daily Sales to AOS</b>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <b>No School— Memorial Day</b>	29	30	31		

## June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Seniors Last Day of School!</b>	2
3	4	5 <b>AOS Graduation @ 7PM!</b>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <b>IHS, PM Choices and AM GED Last Day</b>	14 <b>MS, AM Choices and AM GED Last Day</b>	15	16
17	18 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	19 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	20 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	21 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	22	23
24	25 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	26 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	27 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	28 <b>Summer School 8AM—4PM</b>	29	30

## Important Information

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### Rule Reminder

Public displays of affection **are not** permitted at AOS. For more details regarding consequences for failing to comply please see the AOS Student/Parent Handbook.

### Yogurt Extreme: May 15th

On **May 15th** Yogurt Extreme, located outside of Fred Meyers, will be **donating 20% of all proceeds to AOS!** Please support AOS and enjoy some delicious frozen yogurt!

### Graduation Information

**Graduation Date:** Tuesday, June 5th, 2012 at 7PM at Albany Options School

**Senior Last Day:** Monday, June 1st, 2012

**Last Day to Turn in Work:** Friday, June 1st, 2012

**Graduation Practice:** Tuesday, June 5th at 10:00 AM

**Ordering Diploma:** See Ms. Smith in the Counseling Office to order your **Diploma!**

**\*\*If you have not already done so, it is time to order your Cap and Gown and Graduation Announcements. See Ms. Smith in the Counseling Office for more information.**

## Dress Code

Students, please remember to **dress appropriately** and follow the dress code standards stated in the AOS Handbook. Dress or grooming which threatens safety, is immodest, or disruptive to the educational process or performance of others **will not be allowed**. Please see page 17 of the student/parent handbook for a complete list of dress standards.

Unacceptable dress and appearance includes:

- **Tops or shirts that show bare midriffs or have low necklines**
- **Shorts or skirts shorter than fingertip length**
- **Underwear showing**

## Boston Marathon Runner!

AOS congratulates GED and Innovative High School teacher Mr. Wolfe on his participation and completion of the 2012 Boston Marathon. Mr. Wolfe traveled to Boston, Massachusetts where he ran 26.2 miles in brutally hot 80 degree weather.

Congratulations!!!

## College Shadow Day at Western Oregon

On April 26th, six students visited Western Oregon University for Multi-cultural Student Service Day put on by MEChA. This diversity group is a service organization promoting higher education for minority students. The following students attended: Mariam Andrade Torrez, Angelica Garza, Jose Enrique Ibarra, Addie Keeler, Tony Torres, and David Vera-Gonzalez.

The day was designed to provide students with an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a college student. AOS students were each partnered with a student from WOU for the day. Together they attended col-

lege classes, explored campus, took a tour of dormitories, saw the gym available to students, ate lunch in the cafeteria and much more. Leonor and Garza got to attend a three hour art class with their partners and enjoyed getting to ask questions about college life.

All the students that attended appreciated the chance to spend a day in the shoes of a college student. For several students it ignited a spark of desire to attend a University and made them think more seriously about what they need to do in high school in order to reach that goal.

## Ice Cream Surprise!



Innovative High School and Choices students can earn green AOS ROCKS t-shirts when they have ten consecutive days of no unexcused absences.

On April 27th all IHS students who wore their shirts to school received ice cream bars at lunch. Students can continue to earn their shirts throughout this year by having excellent attendance. Keep up the good work!

## New AOS Cadet Teachers

AOS is proud to have three new students, Shannon Cooley, Cody Garrett, and Vanessa Mireles Robles, volunteering as Cadet Teachers. Cody and Shannon are both Cadet Teaching for the AOS Middle School Program while Vanessa is working at Sunrise Elementary School in the Kindergarten classroom.

Cadet teaching provides students with the opportunity to gain positive work experience and earn elective credits outside of their regular classes. Cadet Teaching is a great Service Learning opportunity for students.

## AOS Students at LBCC

Seven AOS students are currently enrolled at LBCC, participating in the Expanded Options Program, through which the Albany School District pays for high school students to take classes at LBCC. The credits will count towards both high school and college graduation requirements.

The following students are currently taking advantage of this opportunity: Caitlynd Bishop, Kristen Bumgarner, Miranda Darby, Alex Martinez, Daniel Naylor, Antonio Neufeld, and Luke Rhodes.

## Service Learning on Stage

Students in Mr. Blackman's 11th and 12th grade English classes went to Albany Civic Theater on April 11th to learn about the theater and participate in a Service Learning project. Students piled into the theater and learned about the program before taking turns up on stage to act out scenes from Shakespeare's MacBeth, which they were reading in class.

Afterwards the students helped the theater create props for their upcoming production of "High School Musical." See the article run by the Democrat-Herald on our website under AOS in the NEWS!

## Students Attend Construction Career Day

On May 1st, three students attended the Willamette Valley Construction Career Day at the Salem Municipal Airport. The students in attendance were James Cox, Joshua Graves, Leonel Castro-Villagomez. The Construction Career Day is a hands on career event for high school students that provides them with information about career opportunities in the construction industry.

The three primary areas at the event were heavy equipment, hands-on construction activities, and an informational area about local programs and services to support youth going into the industry.

Students had the opportunity to work forklifts and backhoes, chat with professionals in the field, learn about the huge spectrum of careers, and even watch firemen tear open a car with

the jaws of life. The students had a great time at the event.



Pictured above: James Cox

## Rotary Club of Albany Honoree

On April 17th, 2012 senior Shannon Cooley, was honored by the Rotary Club of Albany as Student of the Month for her commitment to serving others. Shannon has participated in multiple Service Learning Projects this year including the Amnesty International Write-a-Thon, Adopt a Family, and Cadet Teaching. Additionally she went with the Journalism class to Memorial Middle School earlier this year to help students struggling with

writing. Shannon showed a true talent for teaching others and was complimented by the teacher in the MMS classroom on her natural ability to work with students.



## Middle School visits Burchams

On April 27th Middle School students took a field trip to Burcham's Metals in Albany after studying how metals are recycled in Science class. During the trip they learned about the value of different metals, the legality surrounding selling and purchasing scrap metal and got to tour the facility. During the tour they saw metals that are available for resale as well as those which are recycled. Students got to see first hand what they studied in class.

## Hart's Nursery Delivers Tomato Plants

Many students were aware that Earth Week was during the month of April, but very few students knew that April was also National Gardening Month when asked by a guest presenter from Harts Nursery on Tuesday, April 17th.



To celebrate National Gardening Month Harts Nursery made an

offer to every school in the district to give a tomato plant to every single student. AOS jumped on board and took advantage of the opportunity so that each student in our middle school and Innovative High School programs could have their own plant.

Students also learned about the diverse range of job opportunities available in the field of horticulture. While one typically thinks of watering and taking care of plants as being associated with this line of work, many students were surprised to learn about writing, photography, manufacturing, accounting and mathematics, science and hydroponics as well as many other positions needed in horticulture.

After the presentation every student was given a tomato plant to plant in their own pot. Each student planted their own golden tomato plant to take home with them at the end of the day to celebrate National Gardening Month. Thank you, Harts Nursery, for this special opportunity.



## GED Graduates

Congratulations to **Josh Lopez** and **Jacob Murphy** who successfully earned their GED in April 2012! We are very proud of your accomplishments and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

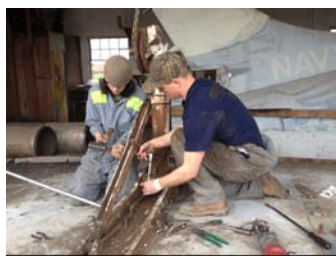
## AOS Garden



Students Siara Dougherty, Josh Graves, Trevor Sappenfield, and David Vera-Gonzalez plant flowers and vegetable starts in the raised garden beds.

## Jet Restoration Update

Students continue to work hard at Albany Municipal Airport each weekend gutting and reassembling old fighter jet planes that will go on display along I-5 when completed. Students, Cary Olson, Daniel Barnes, Josh Graves, Brian Little, Marcos Solis Garcia, and Alex Amador are currently involved in this project. Students are close to finishing the second plane and already looking forward to working on the third.



Pictured above: Students Cary Olson & Josh Graves working together on the second plane.



Pictured above: Cary Olson

Students have the opportunity to earn .25 elective credit for every 32 hours of volunteer service. Five students have earned their quarter credit thus far.

## AOS Wish List

AOS has added a "Wish List" to the school webpage. Included in this list are things that we believe will benefit the school and students. Each item on the list is something that will be used within the school but which we are not currently able to purchase with our budget. For example, there are various gardening supplies and tools that we would love to have for our new school garden here at AOS.

Our hope is that with the support of community donations, over time we can make our wish list come true. A modified version of the list is listed to the right. To view the list in full and learn about additional

ways to stay involved at AOS please visit us on the web at: <http://www.albany.k12.or.us/aos/action.php>.

### AOS Wish List:

- Watering cans
- Trowels
- Seeds and Plants
- Non-Latex Gloves
- Art Supplies



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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.....7-855-846-8376
- **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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