



**Albany Options
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AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

It is so pleasant to be refreshed with sunshine and see summer so near! Summer is a time to unwind, create memories, and enjoy adventures. However, before we get to fully relax and enjoy summer, there is work that must be done at AOS.

We must continue our efforts to strive for academic success and finish this last 6-week grading period strong. We must continue to attend every day and enjoy your friends, teachers, and the staff at AOS. This is your home away from home!

I am so proud of the students who earned academic honors for a GPA of 3.50-4.0 this past 6-week. These 12 students did an amazing job in the classroom and should

be proud of their accomplishments.

I would also like to thank Oregon Freeze Dry for providing two of our students with a fantastic opportunity upon graduation from AOS. Jeremy Sease and John Sublette will be provided a job, mentored by an Oregon Freeze Dry supervisor, and be provided an opportunity for free college tuition and training. We are so thankful for this newly found partnership with Oregon Freeze Dry! Their investment in the students at AOS is much appreciated.

We are currently planning for graduation. The Graduation Ceremony will take place at LBCC in the Tadena Hall Building. The ceremony takes place in the auditorium called the Rus-

sell Tripp Theatre. This venue allows for lots of parking and plenty of seating for family and friends to celebrate our students graduation! Graduation is Monday June 8th at 7:00 pm.

Seniors will be required to attend graduation practice Monday. They will not be allowed to walk UNLESS they attend practice; there are no exceptions to this rule.

We will soon be embarking on some fun activities and traditions at AOS. Spirit week is around the corner and the Senior BBQ as well. We are also starting a new tradition of Senior T-shirts! We have designed and ordered the t-shirts and will soon have a tie-dyeing event for the senior class.

Theater Performs at MMS and AOS

Students in Mrs. Mitchell's Theater class put together a social awareness play on gossip, which they performed for Memorial Middle School 6th graders on April 13th and later in the week for the AOS students.






The play, Gossip, centers around a group of high

school friends who are manipulated by Gossip.





The Theater students also spent a Saturday at Albany Civic Theater doing a Service Learning project. The students helped create the set for their production of the Wizard of Oz.

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LBCC Career Cruise	2
3	4	5 <i>Teacher Appreciation Day</i>	6 Early Release Entek Field Trip	7	8	9
		Teacher Appreciation Week				
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	11 Peacekeepers Meeting— Library 4:30	12	13 Early Release	14	15	16
17	18 Nerd Day 	19 <i>favo sports team</i> 	20 Early Release Dress like a star	21 <i>Twin Day</i>	22 <i>Hawaii Day</i> 	23
	Spirit Week 					
24	25 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	26	27 Early Release YOUTH SPECIAL OLYMPICS	28	29	30

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SENIORS End of Day BBQ	6
						
7	8 Grad Rehearsal at LBCC—11:30 GRADUATION at LBCC-7:00pm	9	10 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL PROGRAMS— Regular 3:15 schedule	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Summer Vacation!					
28	29	30				

Important Information

Youth Special Olympics

Interested in volunteering at the Youth Special Olympics?

Every year AOS students help run the events at the Youth Special Olympics for young children at the SAHS track.

When: Wed. May 27th, 8am-1pm

Where: Meet at AOS, event at SAHS track and field

What: Wear your AOS shirt

Who: See Mrs. Harryman for info

Graduation Slideshow

If you plan on walking at graduation, please bring in the following to school by **June 1st** for the graduation slideshow:

- Baby picture
- Senior portrait (if you took them)
- Any photos from school activities at AOS

Photos should have your name on the back of them and be given to Mrs. Harryman, or be emailed to Mrs. Harryman at:

anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for graduating seniors:

Friday, June 5th (all work is due by 3:30)

Senior end-of-year BBQ that day, 2:15-3:15!

Last day of school for the rest of the school

Wednesday, June 10th

AOS Instagram

AOS has expanded its presence on social media, adding an Instagram account.



Follow us at:

AlbanyOptionsSchool

Use the hashtag:

#AlbanyOptionsSchool

Enjoy daily photos of our students and all the great things going on at AOS. Be sure to follow and "like" us!

Plants for Sale

It's May, which means we're spending our weekends planting our gardens at home.

Before going to the nursery, come visit us at AOS and see if we have any plants you might be interested in.

All plant starts are \$1.

We have a variety of plants including tomatoes, cucumbers, broccoli, zinnias, cosmos, sage, basil, cilantro, pansies, lettuces, and more.

To check out our greenhouse set up an appointment with Mrs. Harryman.

GRADS and GED

Congratulations to the following students who completed the requirements for their GED during the month of April:

William Veitch
Roman Gurule III



Junior Seminar to Help Prepare Students

The week of May 13th Juniors begin testing on the Smarter Balanced math performance task. This assessment involves a "real world" problem that students will solve mathematically, justifying their work as they go.

After they have completed this task, they will move on to the computer-based assessment of a variety of mathematical concepts.

Once the math portion is finished, students will proceed to the English side of the test.

This term we have built a prep-class into our schedule for Juniors to feel more prepared for these assessments. They spend half of their time working on a variety of math tasks and concepts, and the other half preparing for the English part.

Students have been given opportuni-

ties to try Smarter Balanced practice questions, use the computer tools that are available, work through performance tasks, and practice defending their reasoning as they go.

The goal of the class is to have every student prepared to give the test their best shot. We're looking forward to seeing how well they can do with this new assessment.

Pic of the Month



Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to Luis Garibay, who was recognized by the Greater Albany Rotary Club as their student of the month.

Luis was recognized at their luncheon meeting, where he had the opportunity to share his story and receive the award as well as gifts from the club.

Luis joined us at AOS



last year and quickly proved how smart, driven, and capable he is.

He has participated in countless Service Learning projects, has been an active member of the Leadership class, has worked in our cafeteria, and consistently earned high grades and academic awards in his classes.

Honor Roll Students: Trimester 3, Grading Period 1

Congratulations to the students who earned a 4.0 GPA during the first six-week grading period of the third trimester:

Ashlea Davenport

Jeremy Sease

Devan Walling

Congratulations to the students who earned a 3.5 or higher:

Michael Malott

Taylor McGarvey

Mariah Campbell

BreAnna Fitch

Jasmine Bariantos-Duran

Anthony Cournyer

Kishanna Powell

Zulema Rivera

Stephen Cade

Horticulture Program at LBCC Earth Day Event

Students in Mrs. Harryman's Horticulture class were invited to return this year for the Earth Day celebrations at Linn-Benton Community College.

LBCC hosts an annual celebration on Earth day, which includes booths from local businesses, organizations, non-profits, and LBCC programs. The event also includes live music, poetry readings, fresh food, a keynote speaker, and tours of their Horticulture program.



The AOS Horticulture program was invited to have a booth at the event after hosting one last year as well to share all of the environmentally friendly efforts being made daily by the school.

AOS is a certified Oregon Green School as well as a certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. AOS uses organic gardening practices, composts from the cafeteria and school kitchen, and even filters the runoff water from our



school parking lot and grounds through the bioswale to help limit the amount of pollutants and chemicals

returning to our waterways.

Students ran the booth and had the opportunity to enjoy all of the other festivities and opportunities at the Earth Day celebration. The students brought zinnia flower starts grown from seed in the school greenhouse to share with anyone who stopped by at our booth.

Academic Awards for Trimester 3, Grading Period 1

Mr. Corliss

Jasmine Barrientos—Geometry
Luis Garibay—Algebra II
Atallah Holmes—Trigonometry

Mrs. Gillispie

Riley Wilson—Astronomy
Jeffrey Jackson—Chemistry
Taylor McGarvey—Biology
Jeremy Sease—Astrobiology

Mrs. Harryman

BreAnna Fitch—Yoga/Pilates
Devin Broyles—Horticulture
Stephen Cade—Pacific Rim History
Anthony Dixon—Mythology
Fabian Silva-Ortiz—20th Century Lit
Shania Sims—Foods

Ms. Kozak

Tim Heward—Choices

Mr. Kriz

Anthony Cournyer—Geometry
Josh Jung—Geometry

Mrs. Mitchell

Hannah Hagan—US History
Zac Otto—Rec Sports
Anthony Cournyer—Theater
Fabian Silva-Ortiz—Historical Fiction

Mrs. Terwilliger

Lola Naiman—Art
Zulema Rivera—Art
Stephen Cade—Art
Brian Welker—Art
Mariah Campbell—English
Angeline Navarro-Herrera—English
Elias Burgoa Pablo—English
Atallah Holmes—English
Taylor McGarvey—English

Mr. Wolfe

Ashlea Davenport—Government
Jasmine Barrientos—Psychology
Atallah Holmes—Current World
Jaushua Jung—Running

100% Attendance:

Jeffrey Jackson
Luis Garibay
Anthony Dixon
Elias Burgoa Pablo
Matthew Derusha
Michael Malott
John Morganti
Zachary Otto
Zulema Rivera
Shania Sims
Devan Walling
Ashlea Davenport



Spirit Week at AOS— Week of May 18th-22nd

AOS is excited to announce a new format for our annual Spring Spirit Week.

In the past Mrs. Mitchell's Leadership class has been responsible for planning all of the events and competitions, but this year the responsibility is being shared by the different 2nd period classes.

The second period classes are each planning and running the events for a specific day, which means almost every student at AOS is going to help put the event together.

Students from each grade level will compete, as well as the staff. Fresh-

men and Sophomores will serve on one team and compete against Juniors, Seniors, and Staff.

Here is the breakdown of each of the days:

Monday: Nerd Day

Hosted by the Geometry class. Lunch activity: Heavy Throw Contest.

Tuesday: Favorite Sports Team

Hosted by the Rec Sports Class. Lunch activity: Tug-of-War.

Wednesday: Dress Like a Star Day

Hosted by the Chemistry Class. Lunch activity: Pie eating contest.

Thursday: Twin Day

Hosted by Multi-Cultural Lit. Lunch activity: Three-legged race.

Friday: Hawaiian Day

Hosted by the Pacific Rim History class with the help of the Foods Class. Lunch activity: water balloon toss.

The students will also be hosting a luau during an extended lunch that day for the whole school, including hula dancers from Hula of Corvallis, food made by the Foods class, music, games, activities, and more!



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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
- **Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center:** Overnight and drop-in resources for youth in Albany, Corvallis.....541-207-2958
- **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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