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# AOS Newsletter

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## A Word from the Principal

The sunshine makes me think of the simple life that summer brings, and the anticipation for summer increases. I have to remind myself that we still have six weeks until then and we have to stay the course and focus on the task at hand in order to finish the school year strong.

Our Leadership class continues to add to the AOS experience. They have come up with a Spirit Week. During Spirit Week students will be allowed to

dress up to show their school spirit. On Friday we will have a special schedule so we can end the day with student versus staff activities. It should be a great time!

We are currently preparing for graduation. The graduation ceremony will be held out at LBCC in the Takena Hall Building in the Russell Tripp Theater. This is the

beginning of a new tradition for AOS and we are excited. There will be plenty of parking and lots of seating for all of the family and friends of our graduates to join in the pomp and circumstance.

We are also planning on having summer school again this year. Summer school will be held here at AOS June 17-28 and we will offer multiple learning options. All students may participate! More information about summer school coming soon.

#### Spirit Week Schedule:

**Mon.**—Crazy hat day  
**Tues.**—70's Day  
**Wed.**—Duck Dynasty  
**Thur.**—Nerd Day  
**Fri.**—Team Day

**Be sure to check out page 3 of the newsletter for more information about graduation!**

## Leadership Book Drive for Sunrise

The AOS Leadership Class is coordinating a book drive, which will go to support the students of Sunrise Elementary school located across the street from AOS in an effort to promote literacy.

The students are collecting new and gently used children's books in English and Spanish and at all reading levels.

Partners in the community have set up drop-off sites for people in the community to donate their books in addition to AOS. These locations are:

- Central Willamette Community Credit Union (both locations)
- Ray's Food Place (located in north Albany)
- The Public Library (located near the Safeway

in Albany)

-Rhythm and Brews (in downtown Albany)

These drop-off sites will be available through May 13th.

Goodwill has donated 300 books to help the Leadership students in their efforts. Thank you to everyone who is helping in our efforts to improve literacy in our community.

## May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Release	2	3 <b>LBCC Career Cruise</b>	4 Jet Restoration 10-2:00pm
5	6 <b>Testing Schedule</b> Crazy Hat Day	7 <b>Testing Construction Career Day</b> 70's Day	8 Early Release Duck Dynasty	9 Nerd Day	10 Team Day	11 Jet Restoration 10-2:00pm
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14 <b>Advanced Diploma Meeting</b> <b>LBCC—7:00pm</b>	15 Early Release	16	17	18 <b>SERVICE SATURDAY:</b> City of Albany
19	20	21 <b>Book Drive Event at Sunrise Elementary</b>	22 Early Release	23	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25
26	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Memorial Day	28	29 Early Release Youth Special	30	31	June 1

## June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 LAST DAY FOR SENIORS!!! Early Release	6	7	8
9	10 Grad practice at 10am at LBCC <b><u>GRADUATION</u></b> <b>LBCC—7:00pm</b>	11 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR IHS</b>	12 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GED/CHOICES</b>	13	14 <b>Flag Day</b>	15
16 <b>Father's Day</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 	29
30						Enjoy your Summer and we'll see you next Fall...

## Important Information

### Graduation:

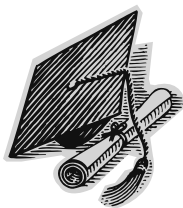
Class of 2013

**Monday, June 10th**

**7:00pm**

Russell Tripp Theater

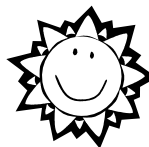
Linn-Benton Community College



### 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 Wednesday, June 5th. Early release schedule.

The last day of classes for **Innovative High School (IHS)** is Tuesday, June 11th. Regular schedule.

The last day of classes for **GED and Choices** is Wednesday, June 12th. Regular schedule.

## SENIORS: Important Graduation Information!!

### **Graduation Rehearsal:**

All seniors planning on walking in the graduation ceremony are required to attend the graduation rehearsal **at LBCC on Monday, June 10th at 10:00am**. If you do not attend the rehearsal you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

### **Fees and Dues:**

Make sure all fees and dues are paid prior to graduation. Students will not receive their diploma until all bal-

ances are paid. Balances can range anywhere from \$0.5 to \$500 so please contact the AOS front desk to make sure these are taken care of right away.

### **Graduation Slideshow Photos:**

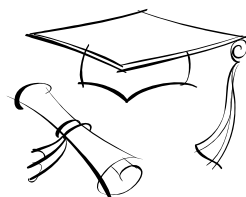
Miss Sokolov is compiling a slideshow for the graduation ceremony. Please turn in your favorite baby picture, senior photo or portrait, and any pictures you may have from school activities during your time at AOS. You can either email your photos to Miss Sokolov or bring them in and she will scan them. Make sure to **put your name on the**

**back** of the picture so she can return it to you when done.

Email your pictures for the graduation slideshow to: [anna.sokolov@albany.k12.or.us](mailto:anna.sokolov@albany.k12.or.us). Have your pictures in by May 20th.

### **Other:**

If you have any other questions or concerns please see our counselor Ms. Smith.



## Students Write Staff Biographies



In Mr. Wolfe's Writer's Workshop class the students have been working with staff members at AOS to write their biographies.

Pictured left is Mrs. Marks and Hannah. Hannah interviewed her and compiled her story. She created a

beautiful bound book to present to Mrs. Marks after sharing her story with the whole class.

Students have spent a great deal of time writing questions, interviewing staff, and compiling their biographies.

Mrs. Marks commented on how much she enjoyed the opportunity to share her story and get to know Hannah better.

## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our staff and students who celebrated their birthday during the month of April including Mrs. Boydston and Mr. Wolfe!



## Picture of the Month



Holly Hood of Central Willamette Community Credit Union (far right) visited AOS last month to deliver the \$300 check the class received to help with the their book drive. THANK YOU!

## Leadership Volunteers at Regency

Every Friday the Leadership class heads down the block to Regency of Albany assisted living facility. Regency of Albany is a secure facility.

The students help out every week with their Bingo activities. Pictured left is student, Chance, helping set-up Bingo for the seniors. They also visit with the seniors in their rooms and keep them company.

The students had to go through



trainings and orientation earlier in the year.

The students have really enjoyed their time over there and come back full of smiles and positive stories every week. The staff and residents at Regency of Albany have really enjoyed having the students come spend time there.

## Eagle Scout Candidate Builds AOS a Garden Shed

AOS has a new garden shed thanks to Bradley Collette and BSA Boy Scout Troop 100.

Bradley coordinated this project for his Eagle Scout project. The



shed kit was purchased by AOS and assembled by volunteers from Troop 100.

The foundation materials were bought through donations, and the roofing materials were donated by Stutzman and Kropf Contractors, Inc.

The project is almost complete and only needs a coat of paint, which was supplied by the GAPS Physical Plant to match the AOS building, and a new ramp for easy access.

When the project is completed there will be a sign on the building listing the sponsors of the project who helped make this possible. Thank you, Bradley Collette and Troop 100!

## Mrs. Robbins Earns Teacher of the Year Award!

Our very own Mrs. Robbins earned the Teacher of the Year award from the Oregon Association of Family and Consumer Science!

Mrs. Robbins teaches Family and Consumer Science classes as electives at AOS where the students have the opportunity to learn how to cook, sew,



Mrs. Robbins and her Teacher of the Year award.

and other great skills.

Recently the students have been working on some exciting projects. The students have been working on sewing drawstring backpacks, which will be donated to Family Tree Relief Nursery later this month.

The students have also been



Student Keenan making pasta in Mrs. Robbins' Family and Consumer Science elective class.

doing fun cooking projects like learning how to make pasta.

Mrs. Robbins will be retiring at the end of this year and we will miss her greatly. In addition to working at AOS for many years she also teaches at

Calapooia Middle School.



## Joys of Living Assistance Dogs Training at AOS

AOS students help train service dogs for persons with physical disabilities...



## PBS Films at AOS for Season Three Episode

Last months AOS was visited by crews from the PBS program, "This American Land" as they shot segments for an upcoming episode in their third season this Summer.

Last year AOS received a \$500 grant from the Captain Planet Foundation to continue efforts on the bioswale behind the building. With the funds the school has been able to purchase plants from Native Grounds Nursery in Brownsville.

A bioswale is a low-lying piece of land that serves as a collecting spot for rainwater during the wet seasons.

The students have learned how they can help reduce the school's impact on the watershed

and also help cut down the water pollution going into our waterways

through planting native plants designed to live in such conditions.

The episode will be broadcast near the end of the Summer. AOS will be sure to spread the word so everyone will have the opportunity to see it.



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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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