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A Word from the Principal

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So here we go, down the home stretch to the end of the school year!

As the calendar turns we are completing finals and heading into our last six weeks grading period! Now that is exciting.

This is always a difficult time for all of us with the warmer weather pulling us in many different directions. Make sure to remind your student to get to school on time and to study. It makes a difference when we make school a priority too.

We had many cool things happen here at AOS this

Spring. We had a Boy Scout complete his Eagle Scout project at AOS by building a foundation for the green house and then having it assembled.

The students in the Ecology class are working hard to create a nice classroom outside with the garden, new green house, bioswale, and shed. The students have accomplished so much and we are seeing many great changes and accomplishments.

We held our third annual OSU Clothing Event coordinated by the Sorority Sigma Delta Omega. Every

student had the opportunity to go through the shoes, clothes, accessories, and toiletries. It was a great success and the students were thankful.

Once the final six weeks begin, the graduating seniors have just 23 school days remaining to complete all of their Oregon Graduation Requirements. That is not a lot of time. There will be some that will make it with ease and there will be those that will need every last second of every single day. Please encourage them all along the way. High school is hard work.

ROCKS

- * Respect
- * Ownership
- * Courage
- * Knowledge
- * Safety

Class of 2014 Graduation on June 9th

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.

-Make sure you are checking regularly with the

counselor, Ms. Smith, to make sure you are earning the correct credits and are still on track towards graduating.

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

-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.

-Cap and gowns are re-




quired for graduation. If you have not ordered one yet please see Ms. Smith right away.

-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.

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 LAST DAY OF GRADING PERIOD LBCC Career Cruise	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Construction Career Day 9am	7 Early Release	8	9 OMSI OUTDOOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIP	10 OMSI OUTDOOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIP
Teacher Appreciation Week						
11 Mother's Day OMSI OUTDOOR FIELD TRIP	12	13	14 Early Release	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Early Release	22	23	24
Spirit Week!						
25	26 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	27	28 Early Release <i>Youth Special Olympics</i>	29	30	31 Service Saturday: Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center 10-1pm

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5	6 Last day of school for all graduating seniors!	7
8	9 11am: Graduation practice LBCC 7pm: Graduation at LBCC Russel Tripp Theater	10	11 Early Release	12	13	14
15 Father's Day 	16	17	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL PROGRAMS No early release	Summer Vacation 		21
22	23 Summer School	24 Summer School	25 Summer School	26 Summer School	27 Summer School	28
29	30	July 1	2	3	4  Independence Day	5
Enjoy your Summer and we'll see you next Fall...						

Important Information

Graduation:

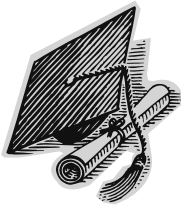
Class of 2014

Monday, June 10th

7:00pm

Russell Tripp Theater

Linn-Benton Community College



Dress Code Reminder...

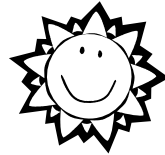
It's that time of year when the sun comes out, it starts to get warm, and we all forget about the dress code rules, so here's your reminder...

-**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.

Leadership Volunteers at TAG Game Nights



With the return of Mrs. Mitchell's Leadership class this last six-week grading period, the students have been busy with all of their great projects.

One of the larger projects they have been involved with is helping with the district TAG (Talented and Gifted) game nights for our TAG students and their families.

The students in the

Leadership class spent time in class learning the games and how to teach them, then spent an evening at the game night playing with the younger students and their families.



The students will continue to participate in the upcoming game nights until the end of the school year.

Ecology Gets New Greenhouse

As AOS continues to expand their Ecology and Horticulture program, it has made a huge impact on what the students are able to do with our recent addition of a greenhouse.

Over Spring Break, an Eagle Scout candidate from BSA Troop 99 had a foundation put in for the greenhouse



and the following weekend had the greenhouse assembled.

The school was able to purchase the greenhouse with support from Central Willamette Community Credit Union.

With the greenhouse the students have had much greater success starting seeds for our



garden. We have many different kinds of produce and flowers growing in the greenhouse, including zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, and much more, which will be transplanted in the raised beds in our school garden.

The students are enjoying the new addition and all of the many new opportunities that come with it. Thank you to those that made this possible.

GED Completers

Congratulations to the students who completed their GED tests during the month of April!

Tristan Pearcy

Eyatt Eveleigh

KC Fili

Mikayla Johnson

Rhiana Rabbe

Allie Deveney

Caleb Reed

OSU Clothing Event Success

For the third year in a row, Sigma Delta Omega has coordinated a huge clothing drive amongst several sororities and fraternities at Oregon State University.

The clothes, accessories, shoes, and toiletries are then set out for the students to browse and pick out anything they like.

In addition to the overwhelming generosity of the college students, the event also saw support from local businesses as well. Old Navy donated hundreds of clothing hangers for the event, Kohl's

donated shopping bags for the students to use, and St. Vinnie's delivered clothing racks to use for the event.

Mrs. Agee's Cooking class cooked delicious banana and zucchini breads as treats for the students. The district's FACT program provided boxes of soaps and other toiletries items for the students to choose from.

The students left at the end of the day with large bags full of great items. Thank you so much to everyone who made this great event possible.

Building Literacy Skills at Sunrise!

Mrs. Agee's Fairy Tales Literature class is partnering with Mrs. Beattie's kindergarten ELD class at Sunrise Elementary School.

Every Friday

AOS students work on bringing ear-



ly literacy skills to the kindergartners. AOS students have been learning about the importance of building literacy skills in the early years.

They are practicing such skills as emphasizing the

title, reading with enthusiasm, pointing to words in the story, and asking comprehension questions.

AOS students are doing awesome and their new little reading buddies are so excited to see them every week!



History Class Researches Albany

Mrs. Harryman's class worked hard the last six-week grading period in the Local Albany History class.

The students spent many hours in the Albany Regional Museum in downtown Albany researching their individual topics.

Students collected primary and secondary sources on their topic and compiled their research into historical research essays.

Topics ranged in subject matter from Camp Adair, the local clothing and general store shops, magic in Albany,

the Monteith and Hackleman families, the railroads, and of course the legendary Timber Carnival.

One student chose to research the history of the fire department in Albany and even contacted a retired Fire Chief to learn more about the subject.

The students spent a great deal of time and work to produce their essays. They learned the struggles of finding sources, sorting out discrepancies, and turning their findings into an essay.

One essay will be published in the Albany Regional Museum's newsletter!

Pic of the Month



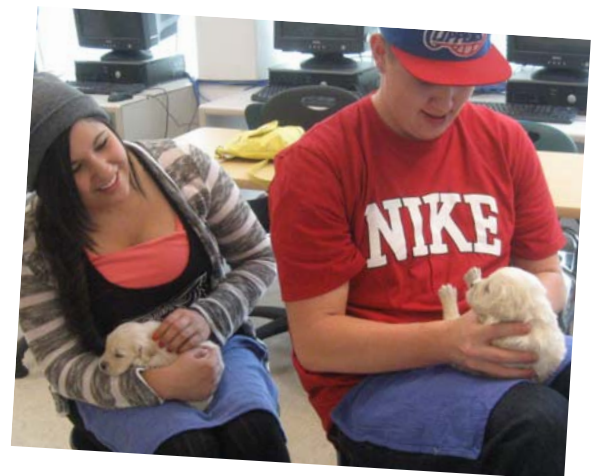
Congratulations to Hayden Purpura, who was recognized as the Student of the Month by the Greater Albany Rotary Club.

Joys of Living Assistance Dogs Visit AOS

For the third year in a row the Joys of Living Assistance Dogs organization, which trains assistance dogs for persons with physical disabilities, visited Ms. Kozak's class.

This visit brought puppies not even four weeks old. The students participated in training the puppies by helping to socialize them and expose them to new smells, touches, and situations.

The puppies will return to visit again as they get older and the students can help with the next stages of training.



AOS Students Celebrate Earth Day at LBCC

On Tuesday, April 22nd, students from the Ecology class went to Linn-Benton Community College at the beginning of the day to participate in the Earth Day celebrations.

Not only did the students attend the event, but they had their own booth for our school at LBCC. The students had created posters about the school garden, greenhouse, rain garden bioswale, and

AOS as a certified Oregon Green School. The booth also included some plants from our greenhouse, our Wildlife Habitat certification, and the episode from the PBS show, "This American Land," featuring the AOS Ecology program.



Harrison and Trevor were some of the students who took turns running the booth at the LBCC Earth Day event.

The students also had the opportunity to tour the gardens and farm programs at LBCC, listen to live music and poetry, check out other local businesses and organizations, enjoy organic produce, and take home some plants from the event!

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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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