



**Albany Options  
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# AOS Newsletter

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## A Word from the Principal

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- ### ROCKS
- \* Respect
  - \* Ownership
  - \* Courage
  - \* Knowledge
  - \* Safety

It is unbelievable that we are beginning the month of November and the leaves are already falling. This is a great reminder that we finished our 6-week grading period and are quickly approaching the end of our first trimester at AOS (12-weeks)!

We had some great academic successes the first 6-weeks, but I must remind you that attendance is critical to this success. As we look at the students who earned the highest grade point averages and accumulated the most credits towards graduation it was not shocking to see that they had the best attendance.

I am hoping that our amazing attendance at September's Open House will springboard our AOS community into attending our upcoming conferences. I enjoy visiting with all of you and hope that you will continue to be involved at AOS as we partner to assure our students receive a great educational experience.

Adult involvement in a student's education is a huge indicator of improving a

student's chances of success academically, socially, and emotionally. In saying this, please join us for parent conferences in November. Appointments are not required. We look forward to visiting with you and having the opportunity to share your student's progress.

**PARENT CONFERENCES**

**Thursday, November 19th** (school day)  
4:00 pm—8:00 pm

**Monday, November 23rd** (no school)  
7:30am—12:30 pm, 2:00 pm—6:00 pm

**No appointments required.**

A few 6-weeks highlights:

#1: 83% percent attendance in the high school program the first 6-weeks of school (let's get 85% or better this 6-weeks).

#2: 13 students with perfect attendance.

#3: 9 students with 4.00 GPA's and 12 students with 3.50-3.99 GPA's.

#4: 3 Students who met graduation requirements to complete high school and 3 that completed their GED requirements.

In December our senior students will attend the

Youth Job Fair at LBCC. This is a graduation requirement associated with career education credit. They will be asked to dress professionally and appropriately, complete a resume and job application, and fulfill requirements associated with job fair. They will receive more details for this event in the next few weeks.

As I stated in my previous newsletter, we will maintain a continued focus on our three main goals this year at AOS:

#1: Increase our high school graduation rates and GED completion rates.

#2: Continue aligning our Math and Language Arts curriculum to Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced State Testing.

#3: Increase student attendance and family involvement at AOS.

I hope all is well with you and your families and we at AOS appreciate you and your support of our wonderful school.

Sincerely,  
John Hunter

## November, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 	2	3	4 Early Release	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Early Release <b>Education Support Profes-</b>	19 <i>Conferences:</i> 4pm-8pm	20	21
22	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Conferences</i> 7:30am-12:30pm 2:00pm-6:00pm	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Thanksgiving	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28
29	30	December 1	2	3	4 <i>Finals: Last day of trimester</i>	5

## December, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <b>Finals: Last day of trimester</b>	5
6	7 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Grading Day	8 Start of second trimester	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <b>YOUTH JOB FAIR:</b> <b>ALL SENIORS!</b>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Christmas! 	26
27	28 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> NEW YEARS EVE!	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	

**Winter Break**

## Important Information

### PARENT CONFERENCES

Our annual Fall conferences will be held on:

**Thursday, November 19th** (school day)

4:00 pm—8:00 pm

**Monday, November 23rd** (no school)

7:30am—12:30 pm

2:00 pm—6:00 pm

No need to schedule appointments. Just stop by and visit with the teachers in their classrooms and hear about your student's progress in their classes.

### *Free Dental Screening*

Check out the green sheet included in the newsletter.

**The Boys and Girls Club of Albany is offering free dental screening through their Dental Clinic.**

If you are interested in having your student participate please fill out the green form and turn it in to the front desk no later than November, 20th.

### Youth Job Fair

The Youth Job Fair for seniors will be here before we know it.

All seniors are required to attend this event in order to graduate so please mark your calendars for:

**December 15th**

Seniors will be required to have a completed resume and job application for the event, and dress professionally and appropriately.

For more info please see Mrs. Harryman.

## Pic of the Month

The Horticulture class has been volunteering their time to help rake up fallen leaves at Sunrise Elementary School with the recent change in the weather.



## Students Attend Riverside Cleanup

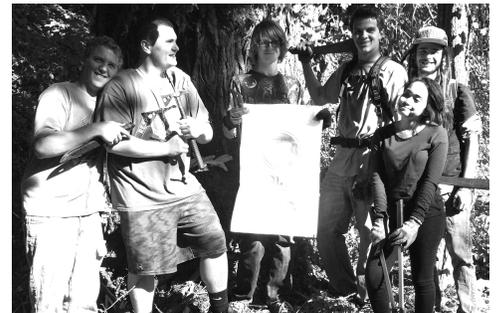


Students from AOS joined Mrs. Gillispie and Mrs. Harryman and volunteered for the day to participate in the annual SOLVE Riverside Cleanup event at Bowman Park.

Students spent the day removing invasive ivy, which aggressively grows in the area and acts as a parasite and kills many of the beautiful old-growth trees in the area.

The students worked alongside many members of the community.

Students have been volunteering for this event annually since 2011.



## Students Volunteer at Zombie Run

On Saturday, October 25th, students from AOS volunteered at the annual Zombie Chase 5k through downtown Albany.

Students were assigned to either be zombie or "HAZMAT" crew for the event.

The zombies wore costumes and makeup, and they



jumped out to surprise the runners and chase them, tagging them with their bottles of fake blood.

Students who dressed as hazmat crew helped direct the runners and handout water to them as they ran past them.

The students made their own costumes ahead of time.

## Grads and GED

Congratulations to the students who completed the requirements for the high school diploma at the end of the first six-week grading period.

**Rachel Hartung**

**Scott Brown**

**Alex Vega**

Congratulations to **Cassandra Johnson** and **Miranda Barrett** for passing and completing all of the tests for the GED.

# Halloween Festivities at AOS



# Haunted House Fundraiser Success



On October 23rd, the AOS Leadership class put on a haunted house for neighborhood children and families. Not only was the haunted house a major event, but there was

all sorts of fun and different activities for kids and teens to enjoy.

There was the Candy Toss game, headed by Imelee and

Lupita; the face painting station, headed by Carlos, Jasmine, Vic, and J.C.; and the pumpkin decorating station, headed by Ashlea.

Of course the main event was the Scooby Doo themed haunted house! Everyone in the Leadership class as well as other students from the Digital Media class, Horticulture class, and the Art class spent a week to



make this spooky scene come true!

Thanks to the efforts put out by the AOS staff and students, Albany Options School managed

to raise over \$375 in one night!

The funds will go towards Leadership's annual "Holiday Adopt-a-Family" project. The class is also doing a coin drive to raise additional funds.

This article was written by senior, Ashlea Davenport, who is a member of the Leadership class.

## Academic Awards for the First Six-Week Term

**Congratulations to the following students who earned outstanding academic awards from the following teachers in their classes:**

### Mr. Corliss

Ashlea Holcomb—Geoetry  
Cole VanHoosen—Algebra 1  
Gage Hoover—Financial Algebra  
Austin Fox—Geometry  
Anthony Cournyer—Algebra 2  
Connor Seunninga—Computer Prog.

### Mrs. Gillispie

John Morganti—Art  
Carlos Orozco—Biology  
Austin Fox—Chemistry  
Luis De Santiago—Biology  
Taylor McGarvey—Earth Science  
Jessica deMontigny—Earth Science

### Mr. Wolfe

Austin Fox—Mock Trial  
Ashlee Holcomb—Psychology  
Mariah Campbell—American Gov  
Gage Hoover—Current World Topics  
Jaushua Jung—Running  
Cody Milligan—Running  
Sean Dohe—Running

### Ms. Fitzpatrick

John Morganti—Heath  
Jose Hernandez—Geometry  
Austin Fox—Adventure and Survival

### Mrs. Mitchell

Dakota Sanders—Leadership  
Alejandro Leon-Gomora—Graphic Lit  
Christian Shannon—Geography  
Megan Scalise-Harvey—American Lit

### Mrs. Harryman

Lizet Martinez-Sanchez—OR History  
Jasmine Barrientos—Mythology  
Mario Tucuch May—Horticulture  
Imelee Perez—World Religions Lit  
Jasmine Ramirez—World Religions  
Shania Sims—Foods

### Ms. Jansen

Bryce Spowehn—Digital Media  
Mariah Campbell—Journalism  
Jessica deMontigny—Legends Lit  
Connor Seunninga—Legends Lit  
Jasmine Barrientos—Science Fiction  
Janel LaBell—Science Fiction Lit

**Congratulations to the honor role students from the first six-week grading period!**

### 4.0 GPA:

Connor Seunninga  
Jasmine Ramirez  
Jasmine Barrientos  
Mariah Campbell  
Anthony Cournyer  
Gage Hoover  
Janel LaBell  
Lizet Martinez  
Cole VanHoosen

### 3.5-3.99 GPA:

Jessica deMontigny  
Ashlea Davenport  
Bryce Spowehn  
Michael Malott  
Mariah Downer  
Mario May  
Ashlee Holcomb  
Jaushua Jung  
Elias Burgoa  
Imelee Perez  
Megan Scalise-Harvey



**Congratulations to the students who earned the 100% Perfect Attendance Award:\***

Keenan Buck  
Ashlea Davenport  
Matt Derusha  
Luis DeSantiago  
Austin Fox  
Michael Malott  
John Morganti  
Carlos Orozco  
Connor Seunning  
Shania Sims  
Bryce Spowehn  
Elias Burgoa  
Mario Tucuch May

*\*These students are now qualified to attend the free Portland Trail Blazers game and dinner in the Spring!*

## Biology Class Raising Baby Salmon

This last month, Mrs. Gillispies' Biology class has been raising salmon. The Oregon Department of Wildlife provided all the materials as well as the eggs for her class to observe and care for as they grow.

About two weeks after receiving the eggs, they started to hatch. They are at the point where they are freely swimming around the tank and will continue to grow until they are able

to provide for themselves on their own. At that time, they will be released back into the wild in hope they will continue to help the salmon population to grow.

The Biology class has been using the salmon to study water quality. After testing the tank water for dissolved oxygen and pH, the class

was able to determine if the tank was safe. The class will continue to look at the salmon life cycle as well as a few other water quality param-

eters to help understand the importance of keeping our rivers and streams clean, not just for human use but the salmon and wildlife as well.



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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
- **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/](http://www.albany.k12.or.us/AOS/)

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