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- * Safety

AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

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

We had some AMAZING academic successes the first 6-weeks, but I must remind you that attendance is critical to this success. As we looked 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. We 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.

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, job application, and fulfill requirements associated with the 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 four main professional development goals this year at AOS:

PD Goal #1: Develop cross-curricular partnerships be-

tween classes, including projects, activities, lessons, and service learning opportunities.

PD Goal #2: To promote relevance in the curriculum through hands-on learning, community involvement, cross-curricular partnerships, and connecting learning to real-life skills and significance.

PD Goal #3: Develop a variety of credit packets for students to earn additional credits outside of their regular school day in an effort to help improve graduation rates and increase credit recovery.

PD Goal #4: Incorporate Service Learning opportunities into our classes to increase student engagement, relevance, community and career exposure, hands-on learning opportunities, and meaningful learning.



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

Sincerely, John Hunter


PARENT CONFERENCES

Thursday, November 3rd (school day) 4:00pm—8pm
Friday, November 4th (no school) 7:30am—12 pm, 12:30pm—5:00pm
No appointments required.

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Early Release	3 Conferences 4pm-8pm	4 No School Conferences 7:30am-12pm; 12:30-5pm	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day 	9 Early Release	10	11 No School Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15	16 Early Release Classified Appreciation Day!	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 No School	24 No School Thanksgiving	25 No School 	26
27	28	29	30 Early Release	December 1	2	3

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Finals: Last day of Trimester	3
4	5 No School Grading Day	6	7 Early Release	8	9	10
11	12	13 YOUTH JOB FAIR: ALL SENIORS	14 Early Release	15	16	17
18	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 Christmas Eve! Hanukkah Begins!
25 Christmas!	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 

Winter Break

Important Information

PARENT CONFERENCES

Our annual Fall conferences will be held on:

Thursday, November 3rd (school day) 4 pm—8 pm

Monday, November 4th (no school) 7:30am—12 pm 12:30 pm—5 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.



Picture of the Month

Students Jaush Jung and Shayla Kelly dressed as the presidential nominees for the AOS Mock Debate that took place before our Mock Election.

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 13th**

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 Mr. DeCoster**

Government and Leadership Classes Put on Mock Debate

On October 18th, we were introduced to our two current presidential candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. The assembly took place in a quiet setting with Shayla Kelly dressed and playing the role of Clinton, while Jaush Jung was dressed and playing the role of Trump. Very professional in the center of the stage was Rylee Wilson to ask the candidates their questions.

During the questioning, a lot of key questions were asked and answered. Questions addressing our issues with healthcare and the candidate's

opinions on keeping these issues at a state level decision. They also addressed ISIS and the constant debate on gun control.

In the beginning of the assembly, students were given a sheet of paper that addressed all the questions that were going to be asked by Rylee, along with spaces to fill in your own personal thoughts on the questions and their answers. While not everyone took the time to fill in these blank spaces with thoughts, I feel that most everyone was paying attention and thinking on the issues being addressed.

I also admired the detail that was provided in the candidate's answers. It made everything seem that much more real and serious. It really made me think harder on a personal level when it came to our candidates, since I really don't invest much time educating myself in them and their beliefs.

- Monet Jackson (student writer)

GED Completers

Congratulations to:

Brittney Girard
Michael Wise
Destry St. Clair
Gabriel Eggers
Aryanna Weis
Ryan Merril
Noelle Lerma

for passing and completing all of the tests for the GED.

Leadership Volunteers @ NAE Carnival



On October 14th from 4:15-7:45, a select few students from Albany Options School assisted in the North Albany Elementary School carnival. Students who attended, assisted with activities such as: Ghost Darts, Score a Goal, Face Painting and Pumpkin Beanbag Toss. AOS students

helped make a positive and authentic carnival environment for the North Albany Elementary students who were driven by earning candy by participating in the fun events. The AOS Leadership class was specifically requested to help with this event after they did a knock out job at Oak Grove's carnival last year. Serving the community is the goal of the Leadership class and they have many more ideas planned for the year.

Welcome Ms. Roundy

With our beloved Mrs. Harryman gone on her exciting, and as many of you teenage boys view it "gross" journey, into the wonderful birth of her firstborn boy; we find ourselves in the presence of a familiar face for a bit longer than most of us are used to.



Ms. Roundy will be watching over the happenings of Mrs. Harrymans' classes until her maternity leave is over. Ms. Roundy has been subbing in educational institutions for 2 ½ years now, and subbing at AOS since last year. She considers herself from Florida and earned her teaching degree from Florida State University.

Ms. Roundy enjoys chilling, reading books, and feeding her

addiction to Netflix. She would like the student body to know that she really enjoys teaching, has a VERY cute dog, and loves the students here at AOS. Also, Ms. Roundy has a second job mentoring for the OSU academics for student athletes (which she also enjoys deeply). Overall, it seems like Ms. Roundy really enjoys teaching here at AOS; so let's give her a warm official welcome to our school.

- Jaush Jung (student writer)

AOS Halloween Costume Contest



Halloween is coming up and as usual we will be having a **costume contest** at lunch on **Monday, October 31st at lunch**. Bring your best and creative costumes in hopes of earning one of our three prizes. Remember to keep costumes school appropriate. **No offensive costumes, no face paint, and NO CLOWNS.**



Leadership Annual Coin Drive

The Leadership class has officially began their Coin Drive to help local families in need during the holiday season. All proceeds go to buying Christmas gifts, a tree, and a holiday feast for local families in need. Please help support this wonderful cause by stopping by the coin containers in the front office. This is a boys vs girls competition and the winner will get a pizza party.



DC Fundraising

A group of AOS students are determined to fundraise enough money to visit Washington DC for an educational trip. They are currently raking yards, babysitting, collecting cans, and selling Fun Pasta. (<https://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/aos-washington-dc-trip>)

If you would like to contribute in time or money please contact Danny Corliss or Holly Mitchell.

*This is not a school sponsored trip.

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

Madison Frederic—Geometry
Destiny Blackburn—Algebra 1
Quinton Bowlin—Financial Algebra
Cyra Berry—Algebra 1
Garrett Nock—Algebra 2
Tanner Kalugin—Comp. Programming

Ms. Fitzpatrick

Mary Bursey—Health
Jared Iverson—Geometry
Erick Rodriguez—Leisure Sports
Breanna Volkers—Geometry
Cyra Berry—Geometry

Mrs. Gillispie

Madison Frederic—Art
Breanna Volkers—Biology
Jared Iverson—Biology
Andrew Middleton—Chemistry
Erick Rodriguez—Astronomy
Carlos Orozco—Astronomy

Mrs. Harryman

Amber Scott—Modern World History
Cyra Berry—Mythology
Eric Martinez-Contreras—Horticulture
Karla Franco—World Religions
Evelyn Mireles—Sewing
Estefany Sanches—Sewing

Ms. Jansen

Meghan Hartford—Digital Media

Shyanne Hoggins—Modes of Writing
Isaiah Yocum—Contemporary Lit
Destiny Wilson—Contemporary Lit
Kat Elliott—Speculative Lit
Kaleb Washington—Speculative Lit

Mr. Wolfe

Mackenzie Vinyard—Psychology
Meghan Hartford—Government
Isaiah Yocum—Current World Topics
Isac Huesca—Running

Mrs. Mitchell

Amber Scott—Leadership
Denver Landtroop—US History
Jadyn Whitney—Theatrical Lit
Michael Robb—Theatrical Lit



Congratulations to the honor role students from the first six-week grading period! 4.0 GPA:

Anessa Johnson
Michael Malott
Andrew Middleton
Kylee Adams
Cyra Berry
Austin Fox
Alan Hernandez
Jaushua Jung
Michael Robb

3.5-3.99 GPA:

Makenzie Vineyard
Jadyn Whitney
Jared Iverson
Stephni DeMello
Jessica deMontigny
Amber Scott
Kathleen Elliott
Madison Frederic
Denver Landtroop
Connor Seunninga
Matthew Cleveland
Stephen Hackney
Meghan Hartford
Jazzy Ramirez
Erick Rodriguez
Kaleb Washington
Rylee Wilson



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

Madison Frederic
Meghan Hartford
Isac Huesca
Anessa Johnson
Briar Lynch
Michael Adams
Israel Moreno
Breanna Volkers
Isaiah Yocum

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

Incorporating Engineering in the Classroom

With the beginning of the new term, Mrs. Gillispies' Chemistry class hits the ground running with a battery engineering challenge. The students were asked to create a device that would hold a battery, two wires, and a light bulb, all while getting the light bulb to work. The students created a wide variety of designs given they had limited materials. The students were

only allowed to use 4 popsicle sticks, 4 paper clips, 4 binder clips a piece of cardboard and hot glue. The students went above and beyond the expectation. One student even created their own battery hold; Henry Spires was very detail oriented in creating a battery holder that really helped his design to work. The students will be using this to learn about the periodic ta-

ble and electrons. At the end of the term the students will be designing and building efficient and functional batteries.



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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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