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# AOS Newsletter

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## A Word from the Principal

Here at AOS we are working hard in our second six-week grading period! In the last four weeks we have had nine students meet their GED requirements and graduate out into the world, and that is very exciting news.

In the CHOICES program we are seeing students make wonderful progress toward graduation and credit recovery. It is great to see the students have

their successes and move closer and closer to their graduation goals.

Our Innovative High School is full, almost to capacity at 70 students. It is exciting watching them go through their day and accomplish such great things.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> we had our Open House. What a fantastic turnout it was. There were a lot of students here with their parents that en-

joyed a wonderful dinner put on by our foods classes. Mrs. Robbins and her students did an awesome job.

In November we will be having conferences on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Check out the AOS website to sign up to visit your student's teachers.

This school year just keeps getting better and more exciting seeing the awesome things that are happening here at AOS!

## AOS Partners with Habitat for Humanity

Last year Albany Options School applied for a \$5000 grant from State Farm and Habitat for Humanity International to work with the local Habitat for Humanity on a Service Learning project. AOS was one of nine recipients from across the country awarded this grant, which is a huge honor for our school.

Thanks to the generous support of State Farm and Habitat for Humanity International we are now able to provide our stu-

dents with a woodshop class every Saturday during this six-week grading period. The class takes place at South Albany High School and is worth 0.25 Elective Credits.

The students met for the first time on October 20<sup>th</sup> to begin the project. The students are building a large playhouse, which will be used to help raise funds for the next home they build.

The students worked to-

gether to create the plans for the playhouse, which they chose to build like a castle.



Above: Students on the first day of woods class!

## November 2012

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu                             | Fri  | Sat  |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
|  |  |  |  | 1                               | 2<br>Making College<br>Happen at<br>WOU              | 3<br>WOODS CLASS<br>at SAHS<br>9:00-2:00                 |
| 4<br><br>DAYLIGHT<br>SAVINGS ENDS | 5<br>NO SCHOOL                                   | 6<br><b>Election Day!</b><br>Prudential Spirit of<br>Community Award<br>Deadline | 7<br>Early Release                               | 8                               | 9  | 10<br>WOODS CLASS<br>at SAHS<br>9:00-2:00                |
| 11   | 12<br>Veteran's Day<br>NO SCHOOL                 | 13   | 14<br>Early Release<br>Conferences:<br>3:30-7:30 | 15<br>Conferences:<br>3:30-7:30 | 16   | 17<br>WOODS CLASS<br>at SAHS<br>9:00-2:00                |
| 18   | 19<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Conferences:<br>7:30am-3:30pm | 20<br>NO SCHOOL  | 21<br>NO SCHOOL                                  | 22<br>Thanksgiving<br>NO SCHOOL | 23<br>NO SCHOOL                                      | 24<br>No Woods Class                                     |
| 25   | 26   | 27   | 28<br>Early Release                              | 29                              | 30<br><b>FINALS</b><br>Last Day of<br>Grading Period | <b>DECEMBER 1</b><br>WOODS CLASS<br>at SAHS<br>9:00-2:00 |

## December 2012

| Sun | Mon                                 | Tue   | Wed                 | Thu             | Fri             | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| 2   | 3<br>First Day of<br>Grading Period | 4   | 5<br>Early Release  | 6               | 7               | 8   |
| 9   | 10                                  | 11<br><b>YOUTH JOB<br/>FAIR at LBCC</b><br>9:00am—12:30 | 12<br>Early Release | 13              | 14              | 15  |
| 16  | 17                                  | 18  | 19<br>Early Release | 20              | 21<br>NO SCHOOL | 22  |
| 23  | 24<br>NO SCHOOL                     | 25<br><i>Christmas</i><br>NO SCHOOL                     | 26<br>NO SCHOOL     | 27<br>NO SCHOOL | 28<br>NO SCHOOL | 29  |
| 30  | 31<br>NO SCHOOL                     | Winter Break  |                     |                 |                 |     |
|     |                                     |   |                     |                 |                 |     |

## Important Information

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences with teachers will be:  
Wed., Nov. 14th from 3:30-7:30pm  
Thur., Nov. 15th from 3:30-7:30pm  
Mon., Nov. 19th from 7:30-3:30pm

Please see the posted schedule on the AOS website of when the individual teachers will be available to meet and call the office to schedule your appointment.

AOS Office: (541) 967-4563

### Attendance Awards:

Miss Sokolov and Mrs. Fewless are tracking everyone's attendance to see who has perfect attendance (no unexcused absences). Last year students with perfect attendance were taken to a **Trail Blazers** game in Portland. Rumor has it we may be doing that again this year...

### T-Shirt Contest Winner!!!

Congratulations to our t-shirt contest winner,

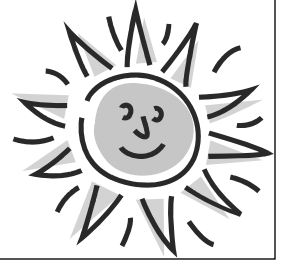
**AJ Bidwell!**

We're looking forward to our new school shirts

### Daylight Savings Ends

Daylight Savings "Falls Back" to standard time on Sunday, **November 4th!**

Be sure to change your clocks back an hour so that you get an extra hour of sleep Saturday night.



## GED Graduates!

Congrats to our GED graduates!

Krystal Frame  
Tysen Bass-Peterson  
Josh Moncrief  
Karter Thompson  
Carlos Ramirez  
Kristin Rhine  
Mallory McMichael  
Nick Miranda  
Thalia Cortez

## December 11th—Senior Youth Job Fair

Every year all of the high school seniors in Linn County meet at LBCC for the annual Youth Job Fair, which is a graduation requirement for all students.

This year the event will be on **December 11th from 9:00am-12:30pm**, which means an early start to the day for most of our seniors. All seniors are required to participate in this event as part of their career education requirements.

The event is made up of three parts, the keynote speaker, career and education booths, and the mock trials. Profession-

als from the community volunteer their time to interview the students and give them realistic feedback to help prepare them for the workforce.

Students will be expected to have completed copies of their resume at that time and to come prepared for the event dressed professionally and appropriately.

During the course of the next month the teachers and staff at AOS will be working with the students to prepare them for this fun and exciting event.

## Picture of the Month



Principal Mr. Knight raising the American Flag before school starts on Wednesday, October 24th.

Several years after moving into our new building AOS finally has a flagpole out front!

## Making College Happen

**November 2nd** Western Oregon University (WOU) is hosting their annual "Making College Happen" event.

Students who attend will learn about admissions, requirements, and college life.

Students who attend and apply for college on-site that day will automatically be placed into a drawing for college scholarships.

For more info see Ms. Smith.

## Leadership Class

Mrs. Mitchell will be offering a Leadership class next term. If students are interested in joining the class, please see Mrs. Mitchell for an application, which is due by the end of this grading period.

The class will take on projects to serve the community and the school.

Leadership Class is a great thing to have on a resume for jobs and college. See Mrs. Mitchell for questions.

## AOS Students Recognized by the School Board



Above: Cary Olson, (far right) received a certificate from the School Board at the meeting Oct. 8th. Olson was recognized as a student All-Star for re-

ceiving the highest scores at AOS last year in Reading and Math on the State Assessments.

Right: Former AOS Middle School students, Bryce

Walling and Bryce Slenning (not pictured) were recognized at the School Board meeting on October 22nd as All-Stars.

Walling and Slenning were among a group of freshmen who had the highest scores at their schools last year as 8th graders. Walling placed the highest in the AOS Middle School program in reading on the State Assessment, and Slenning had the highest score of all AOS Middle School students in science.

Congratulations!



## Alumni News!

**Daniel Naylor** (2012) is currently working as the production assistant at the Albany Civic Theater (ACT).

**Chris Perez** (2011) is studying Criminal Justice at LBCC.

Alumni, we would love to hear from you. Please keep us updated!

## From School Nurse Jeannie...

The flu and cold season is upon us! Here are a few tips to help you and your classmates keep well this season:

- 1) Get plenty of sleep
- 2) Wash your hands
- 3) Drink plenty of fluids and take multivitamins to help build up your system to fight colds

- 4) Get a flu shot if you can
- 5) Cough and sneeze in your elbow crease or cover your mouth with a handkerchief
- 6) Don't come to school if you are sick with a fever over 100 degrees

Have a good year!

-Jeannie Watts LPN  
School District Nurse

## A Special Thank You to...

Mrs. Robbins and all the Foods Class students who prepared the delicious dinner for all of us at the AOS Open House on Thursday, October 18th.



Students, family, and alumni joined us for the chance to enjoy a wonderful meal, mingle, and get to know the teachers and staff for the Open House. Students prepared the meal that evening using some fresh produce from our

very own school garden! Produce included our fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions that the Ecology class harvested.

Thank you, Mrs. Robbins and Foods Classes for all your hard work!







Above: AOS gets a new flagpole installed out front of the school building!



Above: Students Brian Little and Alyssa Rogers were recognized by Mrs. Muller at the assembly on Monday, October 15th, for their outstanding work the last six weeks.

Right: Principal Knight recognizes students Jason Monroe, Taylor Vasquez, and Connor MacAuley on behalf of Mrs. Mitchell for their great work the last six weeks.



## Student Awards for First Six-Week Grading Period

Algebra I Outstanding award (Beall):  
**AJ Bidwell**

Geometry Outstanding award (Beall):  
**Gerald McAlister**

Fundamentals of Algebra (Beall):  
**Ashley Eastman**

Algebra II Outstanding award (Beall):  
**Tahnee Ankarberg**

Math Special Recognition (Beall):  
**Cody Garrett**

World History award (Blackman):  
**AJ Ibarra**

American Lit award (Blackman):  
**Greg Diehl**

Physics Class award (Gillespie):  
**Devon Longtin**

Physical Science award (Gillespie):  
**Brittany Vasquez**

Hard Work and Attendance (Kozak):  
**Jason Monroe**

Mythology Class award (Kozak):  
**William Bumgarner**

Hard Work and Attendance (Kozak):  
**Alexandra Navarro**

US History award (Mitchell):  
**Jason Monroe**

Current World Issues (Mitchell):  
**Taylor Vasquez**

Health Class award (Mitchell):  
**Connor MacAuley**

Ecology Attentive award (Muller):  
**Michael Meza**

Biology Knowledge award (Muller):  
**Alyssa Rogers**

Child Development award (Muller):  
**Brian Little**

Food for Family & Friends (Robbins):  
**Christian Juarez**

Dining on a Dime award (Robbins):  
**Becca Fewless**

Outstanding Volunteer (Sokolov):  
**Corey Houser**

Writing Skills Class award (Wolfe):  
**Greg Diehl**

Writing Workshop award (Wolfe):  
**Trevor Sappanfield**

Psychology Class award (Wolfe):  
**Alyssa Rogers**

**2011/2012 Academic All-Star Award:** Cary Olson

**100% Attendance Awards:**

Gerald McAlister

William Bumgarner

Alexandra Navarro

Jason Monroe

Corey Houser

**Students who earned a 4.0 GPA:**

Tahnee Ankarberg

Becca Fewless

Corey Houser

Connor MacAuley

Susana Pulido

**Students who earned above a 3.5:**

AJ Bidwell

Josie DeLaCruz

Angelica Garza

Corwin Moulder

Cary Olson

Alyssa Rogers

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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.....7-855-846-8376
- **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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