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- * Knowledge
- * Safety

AOS Newsletter

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A Word from the Principal

We made it through our 1st 6-week grading period of the school year; those 6 weeks went by super-fast! On October 17 we had a great turn out for our Open House. We had a good number of families representing their students. Our Cooking Club prepared an amazing dinner of Cheesy Potato Soup with Cheddar bread and a veggie dish. For dessert they made Pumpkin Bars and Coffee Cake. Delicious!

At the end of the 1st Trimester and the second 6-week grading period we will host Parent Conferences on November 25th

and 26th. The times will be 3:30-7:30 on Monday and 7:30-3:30. Check our school website for teacher availability as some teachers work less than full-time and may not be present during those times. We hope to see all parents and guardians attending so that we may work together to better help your student be even more successful in school.

As you may know, your student has graduation requirements they must attain in order to successfully achieve their high school diploma. One of those requirements is to

meet or exceed the Reading, Math and Writing OAKS. We will begin our first round of OAKS testing in November, beginning with the Reading test the 5th-8th. We ask you to encourage your student to be their best on test days, eat a good breakfast and take the tests very seriously.

For students that are unsuccessful in meeting or exceeding their OAKS we will place them in Zero Period work-sample classes before school to help them meet their graduation requirements.

Service Saturdays

Saturday, October 26th students met at Lexington Park to work with Albany Parks and Rec to plant native plants.

In an effort to reduce city spending the city has returned a portion of the park to a native grounds area that will

not need watering, weeding, or mowing.

The students worked for three hours, and during that time almost 100 native plants were planted in the area.



Students can sign up for Service Saturdays in the cafeteria on the Service Learning board. Hours spent volun-





teering go towards earning elective credits through the Co-operative Work Experience curriculum. Upcoming Service Saturdays include the volunteer orientation at

Safe Haven Humane Society and volunteering at the Christmas Storybook Land.

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 SERVICE SATURDAY City of Albany Swale 9:00am-1:00pm
3 Daylight Savings Ends 	4	5 ELECTION DAY 	6 Early Release	7 Cooking Club 3:15	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL	12 Prudential Spirit of Community Award deadline	13 Early Release	14 Cooking Club 3:15	15	16 SERVICE SATURDAY Safe Haven Humane 11:00am-1:00pm
17	18	19	20 Early Release	21 Cooking Club 3:15	22 Last day of grading period.	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL Conferences 3:30—5:30pm	26 NO SCHOOL Conferences 7:30am—3:30	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29 NO SCHOOL	30

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Early Release	12	13	14
15	16	17 YOUTH JOB FAIR	18 Early Release	19	20	21 SERVICE SATURDAY Christmas Storybook Land 9:00am-2:00pm
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL <i>Christmas</i> 	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	1 NO SCHOOL 	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4

Important Information

PARENT CONFERENCES

AOS Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on:

Monday, November 25th –

3:30-5:30pm and 6:00-7:30pm

Tuesday, November 26th—

7:30-11:30am and 12:30-3:30pm

Appointments can be made ahead of time by calling the school office at **(541) 967-4563**. Otherwise parents are welcome to drop-in and meet with teachers during any of the conference times.

Habra un intérprete (español-inglés) sólo disponible el día lunes 25 de octubre de 3:30 a 5:30.

End of First

Trimester

Our first trimester comes to an end this month.

Remember to regularly check your grades, look to see if you are missing any assignments, and ask for help!

DRIVER'S LICENSE

Students wishing to get their **driver's license** will not receive their proof of enrollment from the school unless they have at least 80% attendance and are earning all passing grades.

Reminder that absences are unexcused unless accompanied by a letter from the doctor or other official. Multiple unexcused absences will result in the involvement of the school's truancy officer, Dina Ratzlaff.

GED Grads

Heimar Aviles
Harrison Brewer
Molly Moore
Chris Stephenson
Derek Holland
Kimberly Martin
Zakary Heward
Angelia Schultz
Isaiah Hahn Hoyt
Hayden Layne
Pablo Reyes

Community Award

The deadline to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award is **Tuesday, November 12th**.

Students who have been involved in community service at school or independently may apply.

Recipients of the award in the past have even been recognized by President Obama with a signed letter and certificate for their many hours of service to the community.

If you are interested or have questions please see Ms. Sokolov.

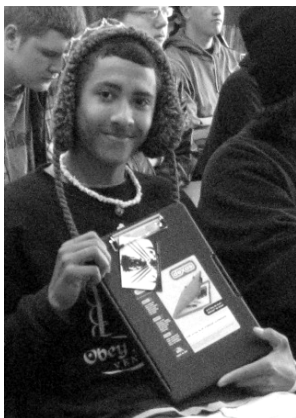
Halloween At AOS



New School T-Shirt

Congratulations to student, Keenan Henry, for winning this year's T-shirt design competition.

At the beginning of every year students submit designs that incorporate the school's theme of "ROCKS," which stands for Respect,



Ownership, Courage, Knowledge and Safety, as well as the school's name. Congratulations!



THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Scott Wehrman and those who helped from Corvallis Moving and Storage for the pickup and delivery of a fire-proof filing cabinet to AOS at no charge. Thank you!



Open House Success

On Wednesday, October 17th AOS hosted their annual Open House to all of the families and students of our school. The evening included a delicious dinner, staff introductions and a welcome from the principal, and an opportunity for the parents to chat with the teachers and staff and see the school.

That evening over fifty people enjoyed the amazing dinner prepared for us by the Cooking Club. Lead by Mrs. Robbins as an after-school class the students meet every Thursday. This week they worked extra hard and for several days to

prepare a cheesy potato soup with bacon, cheddar bread, veggie platters, and multiple desserts including a delicious pumpkin cake bar with frost-

ing and ice cream.

Mr. Knight, the school's principal, spoke with the parents about how we can better serve our students by meeting their academic needs both in school and at home. He also took a moment to thank Mrs. Robbins and the Cooking Club for all of their hard work.

After introducing all of the staff our guests were given time to visit the classrooms and get to know the teachers.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for such a lovely evening. It was a pleasure getting to spend time with each and every one of you.

We would also like to thank all of the individuals who worked so hard to give us such a special evening. Special thanks to Mrs. Robbins, the Cooking Club, Mr. Knight, LaDonne Smith, and Wendy Marks.



Seniors—REQUIRED Youth Job Fair on Dec. 17th

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 17th 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 edu-

cation booths, and the mock trials. Professionals 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 and copies of the provided job application 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.

**Youth Job Fair
Dec. 17th from
9am-12:30pm**

Resume information and the formatted document is posted on the AOS website under the section titled, "FORMS."

Students should begin to assemble a professional outfit to wear for the occasion. Appropriate clothes include slacks, knee-length skirts, button-down shirts, blazers, ties, and dress shoes. See Ms. Smith or Ms. Sokolov for any assistance.

Student Awards for the First Six-Week Grading Period

Spanish 1 Award (Agee):
Janelle Brand

ELL Class Award (Agee):
Jose Garcia

Cultural Lit Award (Agee):
Julia Rodriguez

“Ambassador to Egypt” (Blackman):
Anthony Bergener

World Lit Award (Blackman):
Chance Becknal

Artistic Merit Award (Blackman):
Sydnee Grice

Algebra 1 Award (Corliss):
Sebastian Reyes-Vera

Financial Algebra Award (Corliss):
Levi Mode

Algebra 2 Award (Corliss):
William Bumgarner

Superhero Science Award (Gillispie):
Hayden Purpura

Superhero Science Award (Gillispie):
Jordyn Hanna

Earth Science Award (Gillispie):
Cody Rezanow

Earth Science Award (Gillispie):
Levi Mode

Physical Science Award (Gillispie):
Bryce Spowehn

Biology Class Award (Gillispie):
Alex Navarro

Graphic Literature Award (Kozak):
Cody Becknal

Choices Class Award (Kozak):
Collin Caldwell

Algebra 1 Award (Kriz):
Jordyn Hanna

Algebra 1 Award (Kriz):
Jacob Hyatt

Math Foundations Award (Kriz):
Cody Becknal

Geometry Award (Kriz):
Maria Gonzelez-Birrueta

Ecology Class Award (Mason):
Robby Frantum

Health Class Award (Mason):
Shelby Lucero

Child Development Award (Mason):
Gerald McAlister

Superhero Superstar (Mitchell):
Luis Garibay

Superhero Superstar (Mitchell):
Keenan Henry

US History Award (Mitchell):
Christian Juarez

American Government Award (Wolfe):
Christian Juarez

Successfully Passed Essential Skills in Writing (Wolfe):
Jacob Guthrie

Successfully Passed Essential Skills in Reading (Mitchell):
Sebastian Reyes-Vera
Anna Garibay

100% Attendance Awards:
Jessi Farr
Matt Foon
Luis Garibay
Dylan Hicks
Hayden Purpura
Cody Rezanow

3.5 GPA:
Gerardo Hernandez

4.0 GPA:
Connor MacAuley
Cody Rezanow

Alaska Husky Spirit Visits AOS

Lorraine Temple brought her Alaskan sled dogs and Iditarod sled gear to AOS and gave a dynamic presentation that encouraged students to realize their own path, and inspired students to persevere to achieve their goals. Students were treated to a slide show, CNN video, and sled dog demonstration.



Ms. Temple's career includes college degrees, being a commercial fisherman, Iditarod dog trainer, and having a unique business inviting tourists to Alaska to experience operating a dog sled.

The motto for Alaska Husky Spirit is “To be a star, you



must shine your own light, follow your own path, and don't worry about the darkness for that is when stars shine the brightest!”

Samantha Tollman became a “musher” for the assembly to demonstrate the use of a sled. Staff members Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Kriz, and Mr. Corliss also volunteered to help handle the dogs.

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