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# AOS Newsletter

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## A Word from the Principal

The last six weeks have just gone by so quickly! Maybe it is just my perception, but it's been a good six weeks! As we all acclimate to a new school year, we see many new faces of students and staff alike. I can say that it has been fun to get to know each and get reacquainted with those already known.

I believe that we have found some high quality new teachers to work side by side with us going forward this school year. All of our teachers continue to amaze me in their hard work and dedication to our students. We have some of the most amazing students; They continually accept

new things in their life and strive to be successful.

We have made some changes in how we present and prepare the curriculum this year. Teachers have developed their courses to meet the new Common Core State Standards. You will notice when you look in Pinnacle that assignments and tests will be directly linked to the classes' content standard.

We are here for you and your students. We are willing to support our students in their life and educational development. We will help in developing the skills needed so they may identify and achieve their personal and life goals. We

are always looking at new ways to improve how we can meet the needs of our students through our programs.

I have been looking forward to beginning my second year at Albany Options School. The feeling of community from within these walls that was expressed last year really made for a great year. It is my hope to continue that into this school year. We invite your input and comments as we move through this school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

## AOS OPEN HOUSE—OCT. 17th

Albany Options School will be hosting their annual Open House on Thursday, October 17th at 5:00pm. Come join us for a delicious meal prepared by the Cooking Club and for an opportunity to get to know the staff.

**Thursday,  
October 17th  
at  
5:00pm**

#### SCHEDULE:

**5:00-5:45**—dinner prepared by the Cooking Club

**5:45-6:00**—welcome from the principal




**6:00-6:30**—opportunity to meet and chat with your student's teachers.

La escuela alternativa "Albany Options School" estará realizando su evento anual de "Casa Abierta" el día jueves 17 de octubre a las 5:00 pm. Venga a acompañarnos para disfrutar una cena deliciosa, preparada por el "Club de Cocina" y para tener la oportunidad de conocer a los miembros del personal.

## October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Early Release	3 <b>Cooking Club 3:15</b>	4	5
6	7	8	9 Early Release	10 <b>Cooking Club 3:15</b> Last day of grading period	11 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	12
13	14 Columbus Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	15	16 Early Release <u>Yogurt Extreme Fundraiser</u>	17 <b>Cooking Club 3:15</b> AOS Open House 5pm	18	19
20	21	22	23 Early Release	24 <b>Cooking Club 3:15</b>	25	26 SERVICE SATURDAY 9:00am-12:30pm
27	28	29	30 Early Release	31 <b>Cooking Club 3:15</b> Halloween! 		

## November 2013

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

## Important Information

### Facebook

Be sure to "like" the Albany Options School Facebook page. We are regularly sharing special opportunities, news, photos, upcoming events, reminders, and more.

Search for Albany Options School and "like" us!



### Student Dress Code Rule Reminder...

- No inappropriate content on clothing
- No visible bra straps or cleavage
- No slippers or sagging pants

Students violating the dress code will be asked to change their clothes or go home.

### REMINDER: No School on...

October 11th    November 11th  
October 14th    November 15th-29th

### Yogurt Extreme Fundraiser

The Yogurt Extreme in Albany is generously donating 20% of all proceeds to AOS on:

### Thursday, October 16th!

Head over to Yogurt Extreme and help the AOS Leadership and Service Club raise money for their upcoming trip to Costa Rica this Spring!



## Meet Our New Staff at AOS!

### Mr. Corliss

Mr. Corliss is our new math teacher from Corvallis High School where he was teaching math. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Math at WOU, where he also earned his Master's in Teaching. He loves bowling, golfing, archery, trivia, and weird movies. He and his wife have three boys ages 6, 2, and 4 months old.



Mrs. Burton is the new GED Proctor at AOS now that we are an official testing site. Before joining us she was a classified sub for the school district.

When she's not at AOS she's running her two daughters, ages 7 and 13 to their many activities.

### Mrs. Burton



Mr. Kriz is our new math and GED teacher. This is his 7th year as a teacher after having taught math, science, social studies, health and PE at the middle and high school levels. Before becoming a teacher he was a Clinical Exercise Physiologist and did graduate work in the area of Cardiac Rehab. He earned his Master's in Teaching from WOU. He's a football and track coach at WAHS. He has three children ages 5, 4, and 2 years old. He was also an All-American track athlete at U of O.

### Mr. Kriz



Mrs. Agee is our new ELD and Spanish teacher. Prior to coming to AOS she was an ELD and Spanish teacher at Stayton High School for 7 years. Mrs. Agee is married and has two children who are 1 and 3 years old.

### Mrs. Agee



### Mrs. Mason

Mrs. Mason spends her morning as a Pre-K teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School and on the weekends she works at a vet clinic. She earned her Child & Family Studies degree from LBCC and is currently working on her Bachelor's degree from SOU. Married with two children, ages 6 and 3, she loves to garden, sew, bake, and tie-dye. She is also a huge Oregon Ducks fan.

## After-School Cooking Club with Mrs. Robbins



AOS is extremely fortunate to have Mrs. Robbins, who retired as our Family and Consumer Science teacher last Spring, turn this Fall to teach our students in the Cooking Club.

The Cooking Club meets once

a week after school on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15.

Participating members are able to earn Cooperative Work Experience hours, which goes towards their Elective Credits.

Students will be helping to prepare the food for the upcoming Open House at AOS on October 17th.



Students interested in participating in this class must get prior permission from the school counselor, Ms. Smith, and complete the necessary form.

See Ms. Smith in the counseling office for more information about the Cooking Club.

## Spirit of Community Award

Last year Angelica Garza, now an alumna from AOS, received the Prudential Spirit of Community Certificate of Achievement award as the local honoree after being nominated by the staff at AOS. She was nominated because of her outstanding work in the community.

Cary Olson, now a senior, and Becca

Fewless, currently an Advanced Diploma student, also earned recognition with the certificates of merit for their dedication to serving the community.

These students were recognized for their many hours of service through personal community service and Service

Learning projects at school.

It is that time of year for students involved in community service to begin applying for the award.

**Deadline to apply is  
NOVEMBER 12th!**

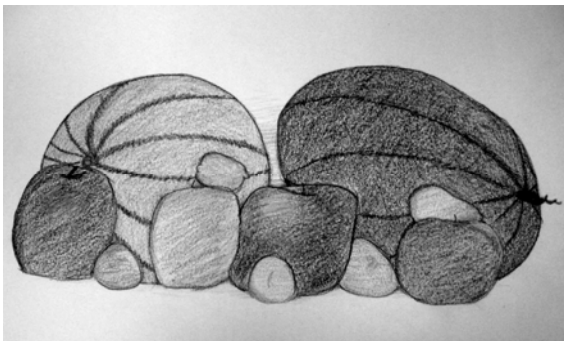
If you have any questions about the award or about participating in community service opportunities please see Ms. Sokolov in the Outreach Office.

## Drawing in Art Class

Students in Robert Blackman's art class have been working on their drawing skills.

Recently students practiced drawing still items such as fruit using colored pencils.

Students have also had the opportunity to practice drawing self-portraits as well as images of



others from pictures. This picture of fruit was drawn in color pencil by Syndee Grice who is a sophomore this year.

The students continue to do outstanding work in their art classes and we look forward to

seeing their upcoming work.

## School Counselor

See our school counselor, Ms. Smith, if you are interested in:

- PSAT, SAT, ACT
- College visits
- PE Credits/YMCA/ Curves
- Transcripts
- LBCC
- Career Ed Credit
- Advisory Council





## What's Happening in the School Garden



## Leadership Club Fundraises for Trip to Costa Rica!

Students from AOS have partnered up outside of school to raise money for a trip to Costa Rica later this Spring.

The students will be participating on a ten-day tour of Costa Rica where they will help reforest mangroves along the coastlines, which were ruined due to the rubber industry.

The students are receiving assistance from teacher Holly Mitchell and the school's Business to School Liaison Anna Harryman who are volunteering

in their free time to help the students reach their fundraising and planning goals. The students are responsible for raising all of the funds to cover the cost, which is over \$2,500 per student.

Students are currently doing a pasta fundraiser, which includes Beaver, Duck, football, holiday, and other special occasion pastas. Go online to <http://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/albany-options-school> if you are interested in purchasing some pasta.

Yogurt Extreme in Albany is also donating 20% of all proceeds on Wednesday, October 16th. Between now and the holidays the students will also be doing a holiday wreath fundraiser.

For more information about the efforts please contact Anna Harryman at [anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us](mailto:anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us).

The Costa Rice Trip is a student initiated cultural activity and is not sponsored or endorsed by the Greater Albany Public School District.

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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
- **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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