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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

I hope everyone had a great Spring Break with friends and family! I took the opportunity to spend time with family in Sunriver. It was nice to spend some time enjoying beautiful scenery and relaxing.

News flash to seniors; graduation is on June 13th, which is fewer than 60 - school days away! Are you actively working to meet all your graduation requirements? Do you know how many credits you need to complete this last trimester to graduate and in what content areas? Have you passed all the essential skills requirements for graduation?

It is your responsibility to make your aspirations of graduation happen! Seek out help, speak to Mr. DeCoster or myself, communicate with your teachers, and put in the time and effort to make sure you walk across the stage on June 13th!

As the weather begins to warm up, it is still very important you come to school each day and enjoy the sun after 3:20 and on

the weekends. If you come to school we can teach you, help you, and increase your chances of being a successful student at AOS.

The school year is moving along quickly as we are down to 10-weeks left before we depart for summer! As the weather improves, sometimes our students

**Graduation:**  
Monday, June 13th  
7:00pm  
Russell Tripp  
Theater at LBCC

have the urge to not attend school. This can have disastrous consequences. With our short 6-week grading periods, a couple of missed days can negatively impact a student's ability to pass their classes. We want to encourage our students to be here every day.

As you read through the newsletter you will be informed about the many great things our students have been doing in the classroom, community, and around the AOS campus. It is much to be proud of and always reminds me of the incredible passion, empathy, and hearts our staff and students have at AOS!

We have many opportunities coming up during the

spring to please make sure you are following the website, Facebook page, newsletters, and announcements so you don't miss out.

As we move towards the end of the school year, I will be speaking with senior students and pushing them along to achieve their goal of graduation. If you have a senior, really push them to stay on course and finish up strong.

I want to thank our parents and families for becoming increasingly more engaged within the AOS school environment! It is important you advocate for our school and let everyone know there is a 3rd high school in town and it is the best of the three!

On a final note, I would like to congratulate our teacher, Holly Mitchell, who has been



awarded a scholarship to attend the Colonial Teacher Institute in Williamsburg, Virginia in July! This is a huge honor and she is well deserving of the opportunity.

## April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Development	2
3	4	5	 6 Early Release <b>Blazers Game:</b> Leave School at 3:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Early Release <b>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday</b>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Early Release	21 LBCC Earth Day 	22	23
School Volunteer Recognition Week						
24	25	26	27 Early Release Administrative Professionals	28	29 <b>FINALS: END OF GRADING PERIOD</b>	30

## May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Grading Day	3	4 Early Release	5	6	7
Teacher Appreciation Week						
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10 Construction Career Day in Salem	11 Early Release <b>School Nurse Day</b>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Early Release	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Early Release	26	27	28
Spirit Week						
29	30 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Memorial Day	31	June 1 Early Release	2	3	4

## Important Information

### Youth Special Olympics

Interested in volunteering at the Youth Special Olympics?  
 Every year AOS students help run the events at the Youth Special Olympics for young children at the SAHS track.  
**When:** Wed. May 27th, 8am-1pm  
**Where:** Meet at AOS, event at SAHS track and field  
**What:** Wear your AOS shirt  
**Who:** See Mrs. Harryman for info

### Graduation Slideshow

If you plan on walking at graduation, please bring in the following to school by **June 1st** for the graduation slideshow:

- Baby picture
- Senior portrait (if you took them)
- Any photos from school activities at AOS

Photos should have your name on the back of them and be given to Mrs. Harryman, or be emailed to Mrs. Harryman at:

[anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us](mailto:anna.harryman@albany.k12.or.us)

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for graduating seniors:

**Friday, June 10th (all work is due by 3:30pm if you plan to walk at graduation!!)**

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Last day of school for the rest of the school

**Wednesday, June 15th**

The last day of school is a full day and ends at 3:20 pm

## Class Partners with Jackson Street

The Family and Consumer Sciences sewing class spent the majority of the term learning how to sew.  
 For one of their final projects, the students took several trips to JoAnn Fabrics to learn how to cut, measure, and purchase fabrics, by buying material to make blankets.

Each student created a blanket for themselves then made blankets for the new Albany Jackson Street



Youth Shelter house to be given to youth staying in the shelter.  
 The material was funded for by Central Willamette Community Credit Union and their school small grants program.  
 The students received a visit from the Albany Democrat-Herald, which shared the story on the cover of the newspaper!

A member of the community was so impressed by the story that she purchased and donated more fabric so that the students could make more blankets!

## Pic of the Month



AOS staff and students volunteered on Saturday, March 26th in Newport for the SOLVE beach cleanup event. After volunteering all morning, they visited the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center.

## Students Recognized by School Board

Two students from AOS were recognized with the Principal's All-Star award by the School Board at the meeting Monday, March 28th.

Anthony Berger was recognized because of his outstanding commitment to the community. During his high school career he



has spent many terms as a member of the Leadership class, volunteered on many occasions, and has been one of the most reliable students for leadership and Service Learning.

Likewise, Ashlea Davenport has been dedicated to her academics as well as serving the

community whether with the Leadership class or independently.



Both students are examples to their classmates as citizens of our school and larger community, as well as consistently proving their dedication to their studies and academic goals. Congratulations!

## SENIORS: Graduation Reminders from the Counselor

### Seniors Get Ready to Continue Their Education:

Working with Angela Spencer, the GAPS Career and College Readiness Coordinator, the staff of AOS has gotten most of our seniors qualified for the "Oregon Promise" and "Post-Graduate Scholar" Programs. These are the official names for the State of Oregon's funding for students to attend state community colleges. Since most of the living wage jobs in our community require training beyond a

high school diploma, we want to make sure that our graduates and GED recipients have opportunities to continue their training and education, and qualify for careers with employers throughout the Greater Albany area.

For more information about these programs please contact Angela Spencer or Kevin DeCoster at 541-967-4563.

**AOS Graduation is on Monday, June 13th, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Tripp Theater at LBCC.**

All graduation requirements must be met by 3:30pm Friday the 10th, and all students must attend graduation rehearsal that morning in order to walk in the ceremony.

### Scholarships Available for Seniors:

There are several scholarships that are targeted specifically at the needs of AOS students. Applications are available through our counselor Kevin DeCoster. For more information, please contact him at 541-967-4563.

## Theater Class Performs BFG Play

After six weeks of preparation, the theater students took their dramatization of Roald Dahl's children book, the BFG, on the road to the Albany Public Library, Central Elementary School, and Sunrise Elemen-



tary school, performing for over 600 people. The audience loved it, and showed their investment to the story

with smiles, laughter, and even a tear or two (the masks were scary for some younger audience members). This huge success was only

possible with the help of the Art and Family and Consumer Science classes, who made many of the props and set pieces.



## GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who completed their GED during February and March:

**John Fosdick**  
**Amber Goliher**  
**Tiana Coleman**  
**Alex Lentz**  
**Jonas Zarr**  
**Nicole Bennett**  
**Reina Herrera**  
**Savannah Gilliland**  
**Alexzanderia Houser**

**Rylie Tucker**  
**Stephanie Baughman**  
**William Pepper**  
**Armando Aguilar**  
**Dakota Tagen**  
**Trenton Stepina**  
**Izsak Wilkinson**  
**Dru Eshleman**  
**Josselyn Basarreyes**  
**Zachary Conser**  
**Hailey Serverson**

## Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who completed the requirements for graduation:

**Keenan Buck**  
**Elias Burgoa**  
**Mariah Campbell**  
**Anthony Cournyer**  
**Shania Sims**  
**Zac Otto**



## Academic Awards for Last Six-Week Term

Congratulations to the following students who earned academic award in the past six-week grading period:

### Mr. Corliss

Hannah Gann—Geometry  
Kole King—Algebra I  
Quinton Bowling—Geometry  
Imelee Perez—Trigonometry  
Jasmine Ramirez—Algebra II  
Andrew Middleton—Comp. Hardware

### Ms. Jansen

Stephen Hackney—Digital Media  
Jacob Lacey—Legends of Europe Lit  
Victoria Kinzer—Legends of Europe  
Andrew Middleton—Sci Fi Lit  
Kylee Adams—Science Fiction Lit

### Mr. Wolfe

Taylor McGarvey—Sociology  
Jaushua Jung—Economics  
Connor Seunninga—Current World  
Luis DeSantiago—Running PE

### Ms. Fitzpatrick

Quinton Bowlin—Math Lab  
Angeline Navarro—Geometry  
Michael Robb—Adventure/Survival

### Mrs. Harryman

Dakota Sanders—World History  
Kathleen Elliot—Mythology Lit  
Meghan Hartford—Pilates PE  
Cassandra Vasquez—World Religions  
Anthony Bergener—World Religions  
Jessica Young—Sewing Class (FACS)

### Mrs. Gillispie

Emily Sterner—Art  
Lizet Martinez—Chemistry  
Kylee Adams—Biology  
Anthony Bergener—Biology  
Kole King—Astronomy  
Christian Shannon—Astronomy

### Mrs. Mitchell

Taylor McGarvey—Theater  
Zulema Rivera—Writing Workshop  
Tyfanie Strickland—Graphic Lit

### 100% Attendance Awards:

Quinton Bowlin  
Ashlea Davenport  
Matt Derusha  
Luis DeSantiago  
Stephen Hackney  
Dakota Sanders  
Shania Sims  
Forrest Myres

Congratulations to the following students who earned an Honor Roll GPA during the last grading period:

### 4.0 GPA:

Andrew Middleton  
Kylee Adams  
Jaushua Jung  
Jasmine Ramirez  
Anthony Cournyer  
Hannah Gann  
Victoria Kinzer

### 3.5-3.9 GPA:

Jadyn Whitney  
Kathleen Elliott  
Austin Fox  
Connor Seunninga  
Jessica Young  
Joseph Williams  
Marlen Sanchez  
Michael Robb  
Ashlea Davenport  
Zulema Rivera  
Stephen Hackney  
Angeline Navarro-Herrera  
Mariah Campbell  
Alena Hernandez

## New Music Class at AOS

This spring the school was given the amazing opportunity to start a music class with Ms. Fitzpatrick. She was able to raise enough money through grants and donors to purchase twelve instruments for the class, which began the week before Spring Break.

Through this class students will be given the opportunity to learn how



to play the mandolin (strung on a Ukulele), they will also be learning a little bit of music theory, and a few have even begun to learn how to play the keyboard as well.

So far the students have already learned about rhythm and are beginning to learn how to read music.



The students have learned three major scales and can play them forwards and backwards. The class has been working on playing together as a whole and keeping on tempo.

The class is working towards being able to visit Regency of Albany senior home by the end of the term and perform for the residents.

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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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