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A Word from the Principal

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It is always with great pride and a little bit of sadness that I write this final letter to my students, families, colleagues, and friends. I cannot believe how quickly this school year has gone by and that it is already summer. However, I know that the next school year will be here before we know it and I already find myself thinking towards the next year with excitement.

Last year I was thrilled to have 61 graduates, breaking our previous record of 59 grads the year before. This year I am still trying to wrap my mind around the fact that we had 75 students graduate this year!

I was blown away all year by how hard our seniors worked to make up missing credits, pass classes, and get their Essentials met. This was one of the hardest working classes we have ever had, and it shows! Congratulations, graduates.

In addition, we also had 45 students earn their GED! That means we had 120 students leave us this year having met their educational goals. For that, we are extremely proud.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the amazing teachers and staff at AOS. Their

hard work, genuine love, and endless dedication to the students at AOS is truly humbling and daily inspires me to be a better principal.

Earlier this spring Ms. Jansen was elected to be the new union president for the certified staff of Greater Albany Public Schools. While we are very proud of her and excited for her new chapter, we are sad to lose her. She is and always will be part of the AOS family and we wish her the best as she heads out on her next adventure.

Although we are sad for the loss of Ms. Jansen from our teaching staff, I am excited to welcome Maria Bellando as our new English Language Arts teacher. She

comes to us from North Albany Middle School, where she was an 8th grade teacher. Prior to that she has experience both at Corvallis High School and College Hill High School, the alternative high school in Corvallis. She graduated from West Albany High School and earned her Bachelor's from Oregon State University. We have no doubt that she will be an excellent addition to our team and will fit right in. Welcome, Miss Bellando!

This summer I will be spending a week with our teachers in San Francisco for a conference, where we will learn more skills to better serve our students. While this will be a fun way for us to spend time together, I am mostly excited for us to all grow as educators so that we can better serve our students moving forward.

I would like to wish all of you a safe, relaxing, fun, and wonderful summer. I cannot wait to see you in the Fall for another great school year.

Sincerely, John Hunter



Senior Awards Assembly

On Thursday, June 6th, we held our Senior Awards Assembly followed by our annual Senior BBQ.

Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships and awards:

Scholarships:

Greater Albany Rotary Club—Gabriel Mena
 Rotary Club of Albany—Kathleen Hannah
 Peacemaker Award—Kathleen Hannah
 Albany Area Chamber: Pipeline CTE—Sierra Tagen
 American Legion: Senior Girl—Mikayla Weis
 Diane Smith Family Memorial (APSF) - Sierra Tagen
 Albany Pipeline (APSF) - Cole Bussell
 Candy Baker Memorial (APSF) - Caleb Mitchell
 IGA Hometown Proud (APSF) - Gavin Maloney
 Pilots of Albany (APSF) - Alexis Moreno Padilla
 Career and Technical Education (APSF) - Dylan Coonrod
 Dutch Bros Coffee (APSF) - CJ Preston
 ALO Program (GAPS) - Elise Hart and Jazmin Delamarter

Excellence in Academics:

Omar Vera—from Mr. Wolfe
 Samuel Campbell—from Mrs. Mitchell
 CJ Womack—from Mr. Corliss
 Christian Reynolds—from Mrs. Gillispie
 Cimantha Hormel—from Mrs. Roundy
 Christian Chilcote—from Ms. Fitzpatrick
 Sarah Watts—from Mrs. Glass
 Jordyn Lockwood—from Mrs. Harryman



Certificates of Appreciation:

The following were recognized by the school for their ongoing generosity and support of Albany Options School:

Albany Public Schools Foundation
 Sarah Steen
 Eric Aguinaga

Photos from the event by Sarah LaFond Photography. For the complete collection of photos go to www.facebook.com/albanyoptions



Class of 2019

Mara Renee' Adams
 Malena Leney Avila-Garcia
 Allyson Grace Backer
 Stephen Charles Bennett Bedford
 Autumn E'lain Benthien
 Ernest Matthew Berridge
 Nicholas James Brittain
 Leonardo Prince Brown-Morales
 Richard Cole Bussell
 Samuel Dean Campbell
 Gracie Lee Chagnon
 Christian William Chilcote
 Alex Lee Clark
 Dylan James Coonrod
 Jazmin Louise Herrling Delamarter
 Dawson Laurance DeVaney
 Ethan Andrew Ellison
 Sage Mariaha Floyd
 Alaina Desman Fosdick
 Tyler Alden Fournier
 Lyndsey Michael Frank
 Jordan Jacob Gaede
 Brianna Laurance Graunitz
 Daniel Ian Gruebele
 Kathleen Faith Hannah
 Sahara Elise Hart

Kylend Kenneth Hart
 Conner Kalani Hemzacek
 Cimantha Magan Hormel
 Michael Joseph Iademarco
 Hunter W Jameson
 Jordyn Nicole Lockwood
 Dustyn Blake Lowry
 Ramona Maciel Muniz
 Gavin Patrick Maloney
 Israel Martinez
 Gabriel Mena Rosales
 Jose Francisco Mendoza-Amador
 Caleb Thomas Mitchell
 Kassidy Ann Mote
 Alexis Moreno Padilla
 Mackenzie Ann Myers
 Alondra Orozco Bolanos
 Nayely Guadalupe Orozco-Valencia
 Alejandro Damian Padilla
 Annaliese Trinity Jade Papesh-Schmidt
 Daniel Mendoza Perez
 Javier Perez Cortez
 Champayne Denea Perry
 Emily Brook Pool
 Cimerron Lewis Preston
 J'Mer Joseph Michael Everett Ranck

Mara Renee Reinkens
 Christian Nathaniel Reynolds
 Izick D'Angelo Rodriguez
 Samuel David Rodriguez
 Austyn Colt Rogers-Cramblett
 Lexus S Rutherford
 Alexander Sandoval
 Maxwell Christopher Shelton
 Ethan Charles Sjolander
 Jayden Alec Lee Stewart
 Sierra Faye Tagen
 Hunter Thomas Treglown
 Elias Jay Alan Utt
 Omar Vera
 Hailey Kay Renea Wall
 Sarah Jane Watts
 Mikayla Nicole Jolean Weis
 Tristan Blake Wells
 Tannyr Dale Whitecotton
 Corey John Womack Jr
 Hayden Zerlone Wong
 Emma Monroe Woods
 Keyarra Wright

*Photos from the graduation ceremony
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2018-2019 GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who completed their GED during the 2018-2019 school year:

Neci Lin Bashaw
Mike Kay Bentley
Hailey Ann Davis
Mark Esparza Brambila
Jason Allen Gonzalez
Hugo Gonzalez, Jr.
Davida Rahchel Gordon
Ahyana Mae Greene
Jacob Dalen Hall
Eric Lee Hayes
Anna Jean Hiner
Anisa Marie Hoffman
Caleb Nathaniel Howard

Gabriel Elijah Gene Howard
Anthony Ryan Johnson
Samuel Keith
Jennifer Angelina Kline
Patrick Jonathan Koker-Gosada
Jayden Kollaer
Morgan Lucille Langley
Luis Alberto Lopez-Ortega
Veronica Mace-Martinez
Gabrielle Annisia Martinez
Henry Cesar Meneses-Gonzalez
Nicole Leann Munson
Jacob Taylor Oliver
Esteban Perez
Ethan Alexzander Pool
Billie Cheyanne Grace Ranck

Drew Cecil Samson
Patrick Sesock
Richard Walker Skogley
Nathan Gabriel Smith
Pedro Miguel Tecpile
Shea Tompkins
Tylar Jean Transue
Angel Mari Trentacosti
Lucas Jol Ventura
Jesse Elijah Vieting
Addison Kaelijah Walch
Charles M. Wilder
Jacob Andrew Lee Wohlers
Josephine Shahala Wood
Jakob Everett Woods

Photos from Graduation Ceremony

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Mini Sessions



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After the seniors leave for graduation and on to their next chapter, the remaining students select one class to participate in through the rest of the school year. Each class lasts the whole day for that remaining week, and is an opportunity for the students to earn credit in an interesting class of their choosing.

Intro to Backpacking

Hiking, survival skills, biking, shelter building, plant identification, map reading...these are just a few of the things the students got to do in the 'Intro to Backpacking' PE class Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Glass, and Ms. Fitzpatrick taught. The students started out the week exploring Silver Falls State Park, where they had the chance to see five different waterfalls and identify a variety of different plants.



Other places tackled were Mary's Peak, where students competed in shelter and fire building challenges, as well as Dimple Hill, and McDowell Creek.

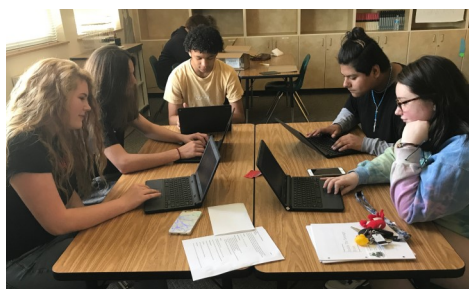
Thank you to Rich Olsen who donated bikes and took the students on a wonderful bike tour around Minto Brown Island Park and to Salem waterfront.

Fanfiction for Literacy

Fanfiction, or fan-created works about existing media, taught by Ms. Jansen, provides an easy entry point for reluctant readers or writers, as they are reading or writing about something they love.

Students went to see the Pixar exhibit at OMSI to learn about the creative process.

Using the anime Naruto, students rewrote scenes from the perspective of other characters, while exploring how to develop an interesting protagonist.



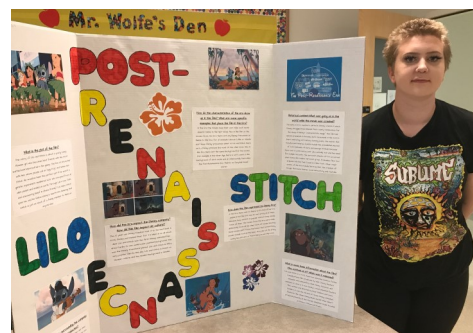
Students also read a variety of selected fanfictions. Students then produced their own fanfiction as part of their final, writing about a variety of television shows, movies, anime, and more.

US Cultural History: Disney

This year, Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Roundy taught a US cultural history mini session focused on the cultural phenomenon of Disney. Students learned about Walt, the company, and the 7 eras of animation.

Students also got to watch a variety of Disney animated classics, participate in Disney trivia, and compete in a Disney scavenger hunt. Students finished the week by presenting a movie from their era of animation, which included information about their historical context, era, and legacy.

Students got to have some amazing experiences with guest speaker Scott Smith and a trip to OMSI for their Science behind Pixar special exhibit on animation.



Intro to Robotics

This year's Robotics course, taught by Mr. Corliss and Mrs. Gillispie, took on some new adventures. The students built and programmed robots that had to navigate different obstacle courses. Initially, all of the students built the same robot, which allowed for a task to be programmed and completed each day. The first day they did a version of put-put golf, the second day they did an obstacle course, and the third day they did a sensor challenge, where the robot had to get out of a boxed-in area.



The class also took a field trip to OMSI, where they toured the Science of Pixar exhibit. Students got to learn about the many stages of development and all of the work and time that goes into creating one animated film.

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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.

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