



# AOS Newsletter

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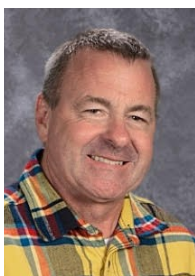
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Ownership  
Courage  
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## A Word from the Principal



AOS has had an incredible month. We finished our first grading period,

where we had record numbers for grades and credits. As always, I am so proud to be the principal at AOS.

I would like to encourage everyone to keep pushing themselves. As the holidays approach and the weather gets colder, it is easy to lose motivation. Push yourselves to come to school and continue to do amazing work. It will be worth it!

At the end of this month we will complete the first trimester, which means we will be one-third of the way done with the school year. I always encourage students to look at their transcript and make sure they are on track to meet their educational goals.

Seniors, the Youth Job Fair is coming up on December 17th, which is one of the highlights of your senior

year. Please make sure you are here that day as it is a graduation requirement in order to get your Career Education credits. Mrs. Harryman will be holding senior class meetings between now and then in preparation for the event.

I would like to thank all of our parents and guardians who attended conferences. Many of you were able to visit us, which shows me that our families care about our students and are invested in their success. It is always a joy to visit with you. If you missed conferences we would still love to touch base with you about your student. Do not hesitate to contact us.

This past month it was very exciting to watch our students engage in so many community and volunteer opportunities, whether it was volunteering at the library or elementary school, a Service Learning project outdoors, or meeting with leaders from the District to share their experiences as students in our district. Make sure to read




the stories in the newsletter about the great things they're doing.

The School District is seeking input from parents as they begin the implementation of their comprehensive Strategic Plan. If you have a moment, please go online to complete the survey. Paper copies in both Spanish and English are available at AOS as well.

**Go online to:**  
<https://albany.k12.or.us/district/student-success-act>  
**to complete the survey**

As we head into the month of November, I would like to wish all of our students and families a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am grateful to work at AOS every day and to be surrounded by such amazing students and supportive families. Remember to take some time to think about what you are thankful for this season. I look forward to celebrating the holiday with the whole school at the end of the month.

## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Oregon Scholarships Open	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	4 <i>Anger Management Class</i> <b>Academic All- Stars Awards</b>	5	6 Early Release <i>Ophelia's Place</i>	7 <b>ASVAB Test:</b> 10am	8	9
10	11 <b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Veteran's Day	12	13 Early Release <i>Ophelia's Place</i>	14	15	16
17	18 <i>Anger Management Class</i>	19	20 Early Release <i>Classified Appreciation</i>	21 <b>ASVAB Interpretation:</b> 10am	22	23
24	25 <i>Anger Management Class</i>	26 <b>FINALS</b> <b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	27 <b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Grading Day	28 <b>NO SCHOOL:</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30 

## December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Start of Trimester 2, Grading Period 1</b>	3	4 Early Release <i>Ophelia's Place</i>	5 Volunteer Appreciation Day	6	7
8	9	10	11 Early Release <i>Ophelia's Place</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <b>YOUTH JOB FAIR</b>	18 Early Release <i>Ophelia's Place (final session)</i>	19	20	21
22 <b>Hanukkah begins</b> 	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>	January 1 <b>New Years</b>	2	3	4 

# No School

# Winter Break

## Important Information

### SENIOR REQUIREMENTS

**All seniors are required to attend the LBCC Job Fair on December 17th.**

To attend you must have your resume completed as well as the provided job application.

Students will work with Mrs. Harryman to complete the assignments.

Students who do not attend this event will have alternative assignments to complete.

Students will be expected to dress professionally for the event.

**This is a state requirement for graduation.**

### SOCIAL MEDIA:

“Like” us on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/albanyoptions](http://www.facebook.com/albanyoptions)

“Follow” us on Instagram at:

@AlbanyOptionsSchool

#AlbanyOptionsSchool

#AOSrocks

#AOSknights



### Have a job?

Students can earn Co-Operative Work Experience elective credits for having a job. See Mrs. Harryman if you have questions. You could earn as much as 2.0 elective credits for work you're already doing!

## GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who earned their GED:

Angel Durston

Joseph Dunham

Pedro Olsen

Tehya Lazon

Tyson Shahparast

Alexander Elwell

Jesse Michael-Corona

Andrew Koker-Gosada

## Graduates

Congratulations to the following students who met the requirements for the high school diploma:

Harley Cleveland

Pedro Olson

Kaia Stewart



## Pic of the Month



Alex Elwell earned his GED this past month. He is pictured here with GED teacher Ms. Fitzpatrick (left) and Principal John Hunter (right).

## AOS in the News

Be sure to check out our school website to see the latest articles about Albany Options School.

You can find our archived newsletters, articles, and much more at:

[aos.albany.k12.or.us](http://aos.albany.k12.or.us).

If you have not seen the latest article titled AOS Finds Success with a New Framework, go to our website or Facebook page to check it out.

## en español

Para obtener la versión en español, por favor de ir a nuestra página de internet.

<https://aos.albany.k12.or.us/announcements/newsletter/>

O visite nuestro facebook.

[www.facebook.com/albanyoptions](http://www.facebook.com/albanyoptions)

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## Giving to AOS

Giving to AOS is easier than ever!

You can now go online to:

<https://albanytblite.lblesd.k12.or.us/>

and select Albany Options School, the amount you are wanting to donate, and even leave a memo if you are donating for a specific event, purpose, or fund (e.g. AOS Thanksgiving dinner, student fund, prom, Service Learning, etc.). You will receive a receipt for tax purposes too!



## Students Volunteer at Elementary Carnival

Members of both Leadership and Latinos Unidos joined forces to help at the North Albany Elementary annual carnival.

These students carved out their own time on a Friday evening to help make a memorable night for the North Albany Elementary students.



AOS students were able to assist in some setup as well as running carnival games for the NAES students to participate in.

The NAES PTP was super impressed with our AOS students' ability to connect with the younger students, and were really grateful.



In the words of the NAES PTP president, "we would not have been able to pull off the carnival this year without the AOS stu-

dents who helped out."

This is the third year AOS students have volunteered at this event.

## Students Volunteer at Albany Library

On Monday, October 28th students from the AOS Latino Club, Latinos Unidos, joined Mr. Diaz and went to the Albany Public Library for the second year in a row to volunteer at their Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event.



The students ran two of the activity tables, where they assisted the children participants in completing the activities.

In addition, they joined the other volunteers in setting up the event and cleanup at the end.



## Service Learning at Periwinkle Creek

On Tuesday, October 29th, a group of AOS students braved the cold temperatures to spend their morning on a Service Learning project with our science teacher Mrs. Gillispie.



plant over 50 plants along the banks of Periwinkle Creek.

AOS has partnered with this non-profit on several previous occasions.

The students planted along the banks of the Periwinkle Creek near the former Mega Foods with the purpose of preventing

bank erosion. The plants help hold the bank together and prevent it from col-



lapsing into the creek. This can be very helpful to prevent further damage during flooding.

The plants also help clean and filter out pollutants in the waterways.

Thank you to the students who participated.

The students partnered with the Blue Ocean Project, a nation-wide non-profit focused on protecting and conserving the oceans and waterways, to

## Academic Award for Trimester 1, Grading Period 1

*Congratulations to the following students who earned academic and attendance awards during the first six-week grading period:*

### Ms. Bellando:

Film —Adaline Winningham  
American Lit—George Llamas-Meza  
American Lit—Josie-Beau DeVaney  
Public Speaking—Cierra Turkovich  
Modes of Writing—Eleyse Schaff

### Mr. Corliss:

Geometry—Kenya Gosnell  
Financial Algebra—Lili Childress  
Algebra I—Elijah Maffel  
Financial Alg—George Llamas-Meza  
Algebra II—Cierra Turkovich  
Digital Media—Tyler Nelson

### Ms. Fitzpatrick:

Health—Hannah George  
Geometry—McKayla Keuter  
CrossFit—Logan Ward  
CrossFit—Miranda Holcomb  
CrossFit—Gemini Soules  
CrossFit—Lilianna Childress

### Mrs. Gillispie:

Art—Miley Parmele  
Physics—Nikolis Ford  
Engineering—Bowen Wheeler  
Engineering—Austin Smith  
Astronomy—Lilianna Childress  
Astronomy—Rayven Wilson

### Mrs. Mitchell:

Sewing—Alex Herrera  
Alijah Alexander—US History  
Graphic Lit—George Llamas-Meza  
Graphic Literature—Austin Smith

### Mrs. Roundy:

Mythology—Lilianna Childress  
World History—Taylor Farver  
World History—Yahir Vega  
Legends of Europe—Justin Watkins  
Legends of Europe—Vivian Nordman  
Foods—Nikolis Ford

### Mr. Wolfe:

Weight Training—Yahir Vega  
Economics—Josie-Beau DeVaney  
Psychology—Elyese Schaff  
Sociology—Peter H

### Mrs. Harryman

Horticulture—Bowen Wheeler

### Perfect Attendance Award:

Larry Genaro  
Miley Parmele  
Bowen Wheeler  
Jacob Scott

### Honor Role Award:

#### 4.0 GPA

Lilianna Childress  
Josie-Beau DeVaney  
Gemini Soules  
Miley Parmele  
Rayven Wilson

#### 3.5-3.99 GPA

Alexander Alijah  
Nikolis Ford  
Peter H  
Cierra Turkovich  
Liliana Sanders  
Bowen Wheeler  
McKayla Keuter  
Austin Smith

## Rotary Club Recognizes Student

Congratulations to McKayla Keuter, who was recognized on Monday, October 21st, by the Greater Albany Rotary Club as their student of the month.

The award is given to a student who has had to overcome obstacles in their education and life to achieve their success.

McKayla was selected by the principal, John



Hunter, for all of her hard work to be successful at AOS.

McKayla shared her story with the Rotary club and was then given her certificate and a gift card.

McKayla is pictured to the right with Superintendent Melissa Goff (left) and school counselor Anna Harryman (right).

Congratulations, McKayla!



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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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