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A Word from the Principal

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ROCKS

Respect
Ownership
Courage
Knowledge
Safety



This month we wrap up the second trimester and head into the third and final trimester of the school year. I am blown away by how quickly the school year has been flying by. It is hard to imagine that during the next twelve weeks we will watch the weather shift, celebrate all of our Spring festivities like Spirit Week, Youth Special Olympics, prom, and our Senior BBQ, and watch our seniors cross the stage to receive their diplomas.

This past month I have been so pleased with the incredible work happening in the GED program. We have had several students a week earning their GED, and I am excited to see their hard work payoff, and even more excited to see what is next in store for them. Congratulations!

Mrs. Harryman has been sending letters home and

meeting with our seniors about what they need to be doing to prepare for graduation and their next steps after graduation. If you are considering college, please be sure to complete the FAFSA and Oregon Promise. Do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Harryman for any assistance. Scholarship deadlines are quickly approaching, so make sure you are doing what you need to be eligible.

Seniors, make sure you are on top of your credits and classes, and working with Mrs. Harryman to make sure there is nothing standing between you and your diploma. Letters are about to go out to the parents of any seniors who are not on track to graduate at this point. Do what you can to make sure that you are not on that list!

Parents, now, more than ever, is when we need your help to make sure your student is coming to school, getting their work done, and passing their classes. If a student isn't at school we can't do anything to help

them, so please encourage your student to come every day and be here on time. We always encourage parents to contact us with any questions or concerns.


If you have concerns regarding the Coronavirus, please visit the district website at albany.k12.or.us or visit them on their social media for the current precautions and monitoring taking place. Our students and their safety is, as always, our number one priority.

As always, I would like to encourage parents to contact me or the counselor at any time if you have any questions or concerns about how your student is doing in their classes or where they are in regards to graduation.

Have a wonderful start to Spring and a relaxing, fun, and safe Spring Break.

-John Hunter
AOS Principal
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March, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Release	5 FINALS	6 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day	7
8 Daylight Saving Time starts	9 Start of Spring Trimester (Trimester 3, Grading Period 1)	10	11 Early Release	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Early Release	19 <i>First day of Spring</i> 	20 DEADLINE TO ORDER CAPS & GOWNS	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
NO SCHOOL: SPRING BREAK						
29	30	31 <i>Cesar Chavez Day</i>				

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Release	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Early Release <i>Passover begins</i>	9	10 APSF Scholarship Deadline Cesar Chavez Conference	11
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13	14	15 Early Release	16	17 NO SCHOOL: Staff Development	18
19	20	21	22 Early Release Administrative Professionals Day	23 FINALS	24 NO SCHOOL: Grading Day <i>PROM—7pm</i>	25
26	27 Start of New Grading Period (Trimester 2, Grading Period 2)	28	29 Early Release <i>ROCKS—Senior Class Meeting</i>	30	May 1	2

Important Information

CAPS and GOWNS

The deadline for seniors to order their caps and gowns for graduation is March 20th!

If you have not yet, go to:

minersgrad.com

and order your cap and gown. *The tassel is already included with the cap, so you do not need to order one.*

You can also order through the office at AOS. Check and exact change only.

GRADUATION

Graduation is June 8th at 7pm in the Russell Tripp Theater at LBCC.

Last day for seniors is Thursday, June 4th.

Senior Awards and Senior BBQ will be that day as well.

CTE Signing Day

Interested in going to LBCC for a career in the trades? Be sure to see Mrs. Harryman and sign up for LBCC's CTE Signing Day, which will be May 13th.

PROM: Havana Nights

Save the date!

Prom will be on Friday, April 24th at 7pm at Albany Options School!

The theme this year is Havana Nights. Tickets and additional information available soon.



GED Completers

Congratulations to the following students who earned their GED in the last month:

Tomy Jones
Mat Renfrow
Jarrett Stanley
Dominic Abad
Jordan Neville
Shannon Cano
Coridus Gentry
Ben Vinton
Autumn Nelms
Austin Young

Graduates

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

Alijah Alexander
Lilianna Childress
Liliana Sanders
Emily Campbell
Dylan Campbell



Pic of the Month



On Wednesday, February 19th, Mr. Hunter took advantage of the sunshine and grilled up hotdogs for the whole school during lunch for ROCKS Wednesday!

Student Recognized by Rotary

Congratulations to Angel Padilla, who was recognized as the Student of the Month by the Greater Albany Rotary Club on Monday, February 24th at their weekly luncheon.

Angel was nominated by the principal and staff of AOS for his achievements at school.

Angel shared his story of having to overcome his own poor choices



and behaviors as a freshman at West Albany High School, and how he changed his education projection. Angel is now on track to graduate as a Junior with plans of going to LBCC to begin his college journey towards a degree in mechanical engineering.

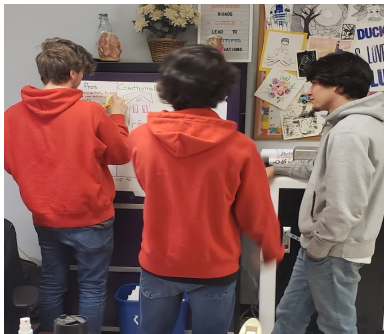
Congratulations, Angel!



Students Study Renewable Energy

Mrs. Gillispie's Earth Science Class has been looking into climate change and the effects of fossil fuels.

Recently, the students have looked into alternative sources of energy. In groups, students investigated one type of renewable energy. Students then created informative posters that they shared with the class. The post-



ers displayed how the renewable energy worked, the pros and cons of it, as well as the cost of the energy.

For their final, they were given a prompt asking which energy source they would use. The students did a

great job choosing one they would use and supporting their idea with quotes from the posters their classmates made. - Mrs. Gillispie, Science Teacher

Volunteer of Year



Last month Mrs. Gillispie was recognized as a Volunteer of the Year by the Ocean Blue Project non-profit for her work with AOS students. Congrats!

Mrs. Fewless Celebrates Her 60th Birthday

Happiest of birthdays to our beloved Mrs. Fewless, who turned sixty on Wednesday, March 4th.

Mrs. Fewless is in her fourteenth year here at AOS. She has been here longer than almost every staff member, and has been here for four principals and two building locations.

Mrs. Fewless is informally known as



the "mom" here at AOS to both the staff and students. When you arrive at AOS you are always greeted with a warm smile and a friendly hello from her at the front desk.

AOS would not be the same school without her here.

Happy birthday and many returns!

Our District FACT Program

At AOS we are very fortunate to be housed in the same building as the district's FACT program. FACT, which stands for Families and Communities Together, is a health and social services program for our school district.

FACT consists of a team of Family Service Consultants who link schools, students, and families with available community services in the area. Each school is as-



signed a family worker, except AOS, where we are served by Rich Guzman, who is the South Albany FACT consultant, and Rhonda Jacques, who is the West Albany consultant and the Teen Parent Coordinator for the district.

The goal of FACT is to provide support to students and their families in locating and accessing educational, health, and community services to help tackle the barriers to student success.



Some examples of services include home visits, connecting students and families to mental and physical health resources, providing Oregon Health Plan information, helping to find community

services, and housing support.

If you or your student would ever like to connect with the FACT consultant, please let Mrs. Harryman know and she will connect you.

Computer Programming

Students in Corliss' Computer Programming class once again are wrapping up the term with their own take on an 80's dungeon crawling game.

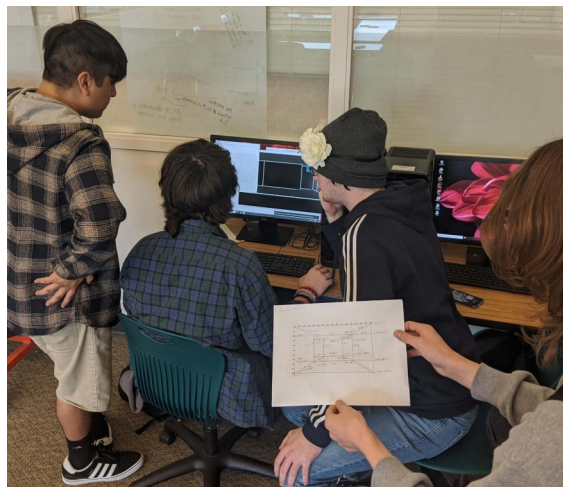
For 12 weeks, the students learned the basics of coding and the mentalities of building a program. They used Python, which is a common and popular language that is something they continue to see if they choose to pursue this field in the future.

Programming continues to grow in the workplace as a strongly sought after

skill. Students with this experience, and the interest in continuing to learn it beyond this class, will have a step up on job applications in a variety of fields.

If they don't continue in this field after this class ends, then they still have the chance to learn something new and create something unique of their own.

-Mr. Corliss, Math, Computers Teacher



Reminders and Deadlines for Graduating Students

Dear Graduating Students,

Graduation will be here before you know it, so make sure you have taken care of the following items and have the dates and deadlines written down where you won't forget them:

- In order to be considered on track to graduate, you must have 3 credits or fewer remaining. If you have more, make sure you have a plan with Mrs. Harryman to complete them.
- Make sure you have ordered your cap

and gown. You can go to: minersgrad.com to order them or see one of the ladies at the front desk. The deadline to order them is March 20th.

- Complete the FAFSA and Oregon Promise if you plan on going to college. Schedule an appointment with Mrs. Harryman if you need assistance with this.
- Scholarship deadlines are in the next few weeks. Mrs. Harryman will not

consider you for a scholarship until you have completed the FAFSA.

- Senior portraits, tickets, and shirts is May 21st from 12:30-2:30 pm. Bring in your baby photo for the graduation slideshow.
- Last day of school for seniors is June 4th. All work must be turned in by 3:30pm on June 5th.
- Graduation is June 8th. Mandatory rehearsal is at 11am at LBCC.

Optimist Youth Appreciation Awards

Tuesday, March 3rd, Gemini Soules, Charles Clay, and George Llamas-Meza received the Youth Appreciation Award from the Optimist Club of Albany.

Three students from each high school and middle school in the



district are selected for the award. The Optimist Club asks for the schools to nominate students for the award who "uphold the dignity of youth for sincere devotion to our welfare and generous and unselfish contributions to society," and who represent the school in

leadership, academics and community service.

These three students were nominated by Principal John Hunter and the staff at AOS for embodying those qualities.

Each student was introduced by Mrs. Harryman, who shared how each student earned the recognition. They each received \$50 cash as well as a certificate to honor their accomplishments.

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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.

****For more community resources please visit the Albany Option School webpage:**
www.albany.k12.or.us/AOS/

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