



# KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

*Celebrating 40 Years of Supporting Our Students*



## **iSwim for Kids is Sat. April 12th**

Register your student online today!

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## **GAEA Spring School Supply Drive** **April 1-30**

Benefiting the Albany Public Schools Foundation & Peely's Teacher Supply House

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## **Bottle Drop Earth Week Give**

Donate to the APSF through Bottle Drop April 15-26 to help us get a 20% match!

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*Takena Elementary Salsa Club*

Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.

~Unknown

## Greetings from the Albany Public Schools Foundation!

On March 15th, the **iRun for Kids** event was held after a three-year hiatus. Despite cold, wet, and windy conditions, the community still showed up and participated in the event. This year's iRun was made possible by our sponsors, particularly our Presenting Sponsor - *Northwest Community Credit Union*, and the numerous volunteers who supported the event.

On April 12th, attention will shift to [iSwim for Kids](#). We are pleased to announce that we have achieved our goal of having 40 sponsored students in the pool! Our new objective is to increase this number to 50 students. These students will be selected by their principals from one of our sponsored schools. They will receive a t-shirt and will not need to obtain pledges from friends or family. Once again, our community came together to make this happen.

**Scholarship season** is in full swing. The scholarship portal is closed, and now our scholarship reviewers and donors start the difficult task of choosing a recipient for each scholarship. **We have 140 scholarships totaling over \$245,000 to award** to graduating seniors from all three of our high schools. Our donors are making a huge difference for students in our community. If you want to start a memorial scholarship, business scholarship, or alumni scholarship, reach out to discuss options for next year's awards.

We recently visited **Waverly Elementary** to see the **Gaga Ball Pit** that was purchased with a Classroom Grant. It's an outdoor game similar to dodge ball. Students were having fun and enjoying their new activity. Thanks to our donors, we can offer such programs to students. *(Pictured below)*





A recent Big Impact Grant project involved **West Albany High School collaborating with Periwinkle Elementary on a Pottery Project**. Students from WAHS visited Periwinkle and assisted the younger classes in working with clay. The younger students appreciated the opportunity to work with the older students and are planning an art show for the spring. This collaboration between schools demonstrates a commitment to making a lasting impact through joint efforts.



We are so excited to announce that Peely's Teacher Supply House has given out over \$10,000 in classroom supplies, saving teachers from spending out of their own pocket. **In April, GAEA (Greater Albany Education Association) is hosting a [Spring School Supply Drive](#)** that will benefit the APSF and Peely's Teacher Supply House. Visit our website for the Amazon Wish List or drop off items at participating locations.

As we reflect on our recent accomplishments and look forward to upcoming events, we recognize that none of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors. Your contributions have made a significant impact on the lives of students and educators in our community. From funding scholarships to providing essential classroom supplies, your support has been instrumental in fostering a nurturing and enriching educational environment.

Thanks again for your support!  
Take care~

*Peggy Burris*

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# ISWIM FOR KIDS!

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# APRIL 12TH, 2025

## ALBANY COMMUNITY POOL

### 8am-11:45am

**REGISTER YOUR STUDENT TODAY  
WITH THIS QR CODE!**

Or go to [www.albanypsf.org](http://www.albanypsf.org)



**EARN A  
T-SHIRT!**

## EARN FUN PRIZES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL!





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# ISWIM FOR KIDS!



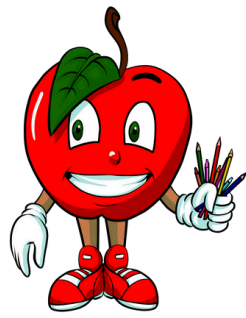
## Thank You to our Sponsors!



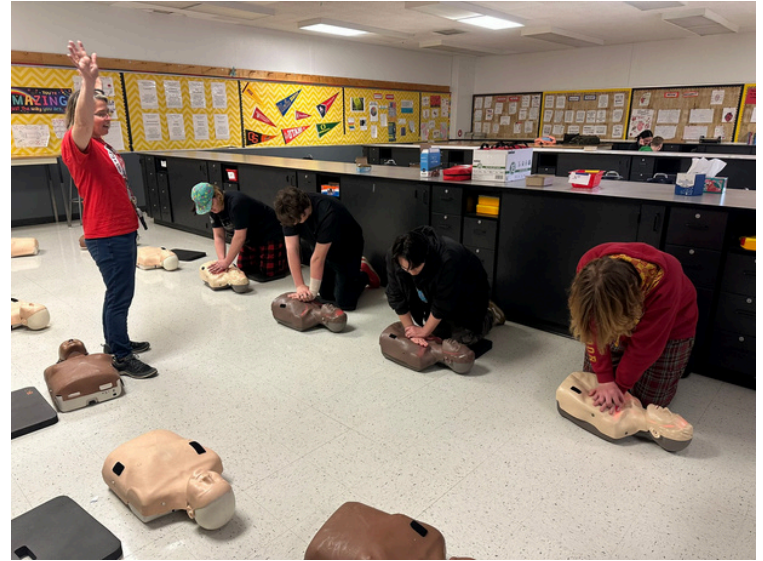
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# Classroom Grant Project Highlight



## Students at SAHS learn how to do CPR on mannequins in health class.

*Pictured left:* Students learn the rhythm and pressure required on mannequins that are connected to a wireless system and a screen, similar to a game.

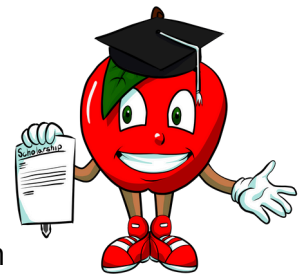
*Pictured right:* Students learn about blood flow and how every pump affects the heart and brain on their new mannequins (this year's Classroom Grant). These new mannequins light up with every pump!

## Honor your favorite GAPS Staff with **PEELY'S HONOR ROLL**

Give your favorite Greater Albany Public Schools teacher or staff member a pat on the back by making a donation to the Albany Public Schools Foundation in their name! With your donation of \$15 or more, they will receive a special certificate of appreciation to let them know how much they're loved!

### **You can thank ANY GAPS staff member!**

Thank a teacher, bus driver, principal, office staff, janitor, kitchen staff, counselor, librarian, nurse, teacher's aid, or any other special staff member who's made an impact on you! *(Please note that the staff member must be currently employed with GAPS)*



[Learn More and Donate on our Website](#)





# SPRING SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**Benefiting the Albany  
Public Schools Foundation  
& Peely's Teacher Supply House**



## APRIL 1-30

*Teachers shouldn't have to pay out of their own pockets for school supplies.*

**DONATE NEW, UNUSED, AND UNOPENED  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GAPS TEACHERS!**

### Most Requested School Supplies

Construction Paper    Pencil top erasers    Dry erase markers    Disinfecting wipes    Markers (all types)  
Highlighters    Hand sanitizer (8oz.+)  
Dry erase erasers    Facial tissue    Colored sharpies

### Participating Dropoff Locations

- All Albany and Corvallis Citizens Bank Locations
- Albany Oregon State Credit Union Locations
- Healing Motion Physical Therapy
- Brim Coffee Co (North Albany)
- Mid-Willamette Family YMCA
- The Barn at Hickory Station
- Southpaws Pizza
- F45 Fitness
- Albany Public Schools Foundation Office

**Scan the QR Code to Learn More!**

Or go to  
[Albanypsf.org](http://Albanypsf.org)  
>What We Do  
>Peely's Teacher  
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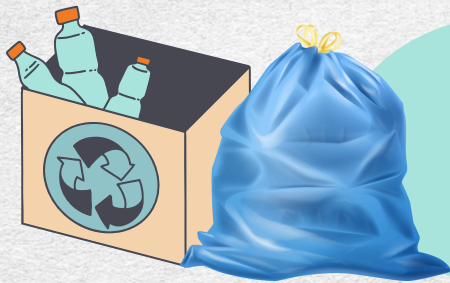
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# EARTH WEEK GIVE 2025

## APRIL 15-26



### FILL UP AN APSF BLUE BAG

Fill up and drop off a blue APSF Bottle Drop bag at any Bottle Drop location

### - OR - DONATE!

Donate online through your Bottle Drop Green Bag account directly to the APSF

[bottledrop.com/fundraiser/albany-public-schools-foundation/](https://bottledrop.com/fundraiser/albany-public-schools-foundation/)



### THE APSF GETS A 20% MATCH

For all donations given to the APSF through Bottle Drop from April 15-26, Bottle Drop will give us a 20% match!



***Blue Bags are FREE!***

Call us at 541-979-2773 or email [marketing@albanypsf.org](mailto:marketing@albanypsf.org) to schedule pickup.



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## Upcoming Events

<b>April 5</b>	<b>Willamette Valley Jaguars Game Changer Spotlight Night</b> Benefiting the APSF <a href="#">Click Here to Learn More</a>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>iSwim for Kids</b> Albany Community Pool 8am-11:45am <a href="#">Register Now!</a>
<b>April 1-30</b>	<b><u>GAEA Spring School Supply Drive</u> - Benefiting the APSF &amp; Peely's Teacher Supply House</b> <a href="#">Learn More</a>
<b>April 15-26</b>	<b><u>Bottle Drop Earth Week Give</u></b> Drop off our blue bags or donate through your Green Bag account for the APSF to receive a 20% match from Bottle Drop! <a href="#">Learn More</a>
<b>April 20-26</b>	<b><u>National Volunteer Week</u></b> Placing a spotlight on inspiring figures whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and our world in general. <a href="#">Learn More</a>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Happy Easter!</b>



[View our full calendar](#)

## Save the Date



**iCelebrate Kids**  
ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

**October 25th**

Linn County Expo Center



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