

### March 2025 Newsletter

# KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

### Celebrating 40 Years of Supporting Our Students



### iRun for Kids is March 15th!

Online Registration Closes 3/14 at 10am





# Scholarship Applications Close March 14th!

Scholarships are open to ALL graduating GAPS seniors from AOS, SAHS, and WAHS.

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# <u>iSwim for Kids is Sat. April 12th</u>

Register your student today!

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### Greetings from the APSF-

As we enter a new month, we reflect on the fantastic start to the year at the Albany Public Schools Foundation. We appreciate our donors and business sponsors who invest in Albany's youth. **This year, nearly \$245,000 in scholarships will be awarded.** If you know a high school senior in one of our three high schools, please let them know that the <u>scholarship portal</u> is open and **will close on March 14th.** 

The <u>iRun for Kids</u> event is just a few weeks away. This community event has garnered significant interest, as indicated by our current registration numbers, and we're thrilled that the community is rejoining us after a hiatus of a few years. **If you have not yet registered, there is still time**. The event will take place on March 15th at the West Albany High School Track to raise important funds for the Foundation. We extend our gratitude to *Northwest Community Credit Union* for being our Presenting Sponsor.

On April 12th, we will host <u>iSwim for Kids</u>, sponsored by Samaritan Health Services, at the Albany Community Pool. Students can swim laps to raise money for our Classroom Grants program plus fun prizes for their school. We aim to increase participation this year by sponsoring more students, but **we need your help with "Sponsor a Student"**. Many students are unable to collect pledges. Last year, we sponsored 30 students from three of our low-income schools. This year, we aim to sponsor 40 students and include another low-income school.

**A \$40.00 donation sponsors a student and provides a t-shirt**. If you are a business, a \$100 donation sponsors two students plus gets you sponsorship benefits. We currently have enough donations for 21 students. *Please help us reach our goal of 40 students!* 

We are excited to announce that <u>Peely's Teacher Supply House</u> is **now open for Pre-K through 5th grade teachers and staff** to order much-needed supplies for the classroom. As we fill orders, we are truly grateful for our community partners and sponsors of this wonderful resource to our teachers in the GAPS district. This initiative ensures that educators have the necessary tools to create engaging and effective learning environments for their students.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have donated to the foundation this past year. Your generosity is truly making a difference in the lives of our students and is helping us to continue offering valuable programs and opportunities.

Thanks so much.

Jeggy Burris

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# Come find us at the Linn County Flea Market on Saturday, March 29th!

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Linn County Fairgrounds 3700 Knox Butte Rd E Albany, OR 97322

at Linn County Fairgrounds

Linn County Flea Market

March 29 2025 Early Admission 8am - 9am \$10 Regular Admission 9am - 2:30pm \$5 Linn County's Largest Flea Market!

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Highlight

# 000000000000 West Albany High School **Chemistry Helpers**

**Grant Project** 

The Chemistry Helpers are an invaluable tool in our class. In the past we had to charge individual students, but this grant allowed us to provide free access for all students, increasing equity. Thank you so much!



The school with the most participation will win a cash prize of \$500! During registration, mark which school you want your participation to count towards!

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Want to Sponsor iRun? Email marketing@albanypsf.org

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# AT IRUN, WE'LL HAVE TONS OF FUN!



*Featuring Special Guests:* Rowdy the Redhawk from SAHS, Rocky the Roadrunner from LBCC, Stinger Steve the Bee from Oak Elementary, Mack the Knight from Corvallis Knights, and of course... Peely the Apple from the APSF!

# Every runner gets a swag bag full of our generous sponsors' items!



# Caesar the No Drama Llama

# FREEPHOIOBOOTH

PROOTES IN

Sponsored by Fitzpatrick Painting Get your photo taken with your friends and take home a physical photo strip!

BreeBood

Affordable iRun apparel from previous events available for purchase! (limited availability)



# 2025 Scholarship Applications

# APPLICATIONS CLOSE MARCH 14TH

# WHO CAN APPLY?

- Open to ALL Graduating GAPS Seniors, Regardless of GPA
- ANY Accredited College, University or Trade School, or Major!
- One application works for over 100 scholarships

Winners Notified in May/June





Click Here to Learn More







**GOAL: 40 STUDENTS** 

40

35

30

25

20

15

10

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April 12, 2025 | Albany Community Pool | 8-11:45am

# **SPONSOR A STUDENT**

Each year, the Foundation hosts an iSwim for Kids event. Students obtain pledges and swim at Albany Community Pool.

Half of the proceeds raised (after expenses) in the iSwim for Kids event go directly back to the schools of the swimmers. The other half of the funds are distributed through our Classroom Grants program. These grants help enhance educational opportunities for students throughout our district.

While this event is technically free for all GAPS students to participate, students must collect at least \$40 in pledges in order to earn an event T-shirt.

CURRENT: 21 sponsored students!



### Sponsor a Kid

- For Individuals
- \$40
- Sponsor a Kid gets one student in the pool from one of our sponsored low-income elementary schools, without the need for them to collect pledges.

### **Student Support**

- For Businesses
- \$100
- The Student Support level covers the cost of 2 students to participate in iSwim, plus sponsorship benefits.
- This includes your name on our website, social media, our sponsor board, the event T-shirt, and the special Thank You newsletter.



#### Scan the code to Learn More

Or visit our website at albanypsf.org/events/iswim-for-kids/

> **CONTACT US** marketing@albanypsf.org 541-979-2773







# **Be an iSwim Volunteer!**

We need your help! You could help us:

- Register swimmers
- Count laps
- Count laps on the track (for those who don't want to swim)
- Translate for Spanish speaking families (if you're fluent in Spanish)
- Guide students to lap lanes or the track
- Wherever we need you!

Event day volunteer time 7:45am-Noon

Scan the code or visit our website to fill out the volunteer form!

#### **ALBANYPSF.ORG**

>Events >iSwim >Scroll down to "Sign Up" to Volunteer





Samaritan Health Services

# YOU COULD GET:

Recognition on Social Media Logo on Website Logo on Event Posters Logo on "Thank You" Sponsor Board Logo on Event T-Shirts Logo in special Thank You Newsletter



Visit Our Website albanypsf.org/events/iswim-for-kids/



Email us Marketing@albanypsf.org

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# **Upcoming Events**

Daylight Savings Time Starts - Set clocks ahead 1 hour
<ul> <li>iRun Online Registration closes at 10am</li> <li>iRun Packet Pickup at WAHS Stadium Ticket Booth, 4-6pm</li> <li>Scholarship applications Close</li> </ul>
IRUN FOR KIDS • Registration/Packet Pickup starts 8am • Warmup starts 8:45am • Race begins 9am
St. Patrick's Day
<b>Linn County Flea Market</b> Linn County Expo Center, 8am - 2:30pm

View our full calendar

# Save the Date

March 15th, 2025	<b>iRun for Kids</b> WAHS Track, Races start 9am <u>Visit our website</u> for details
April 12th, 2025	<b>iSwim for Kids</b> <b>Albany Community Pool</b> Registration now open! <u>Visit our website for more info</u>



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