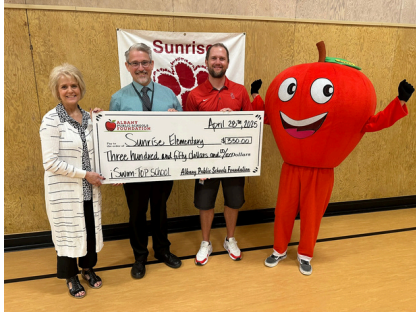


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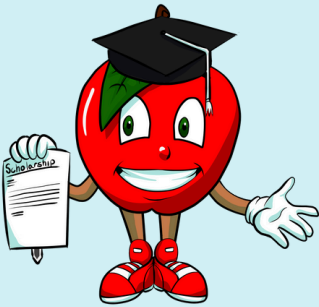
Celebrating 40 Years of Supporting Our Students



iSwim Winners!

Congratulations to all of our 2025 iSwim Winners!

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May 5-9 is Teacher Appreciation Week!

Show how much you care with Peely's Honor Roll!

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*Stress Management and Relaxation Class at
WAHS, projects funded by APSF Classroom Grants*

May the month of May be a month of sunshine, happiness, and endless blessings

~Unknown

Greetings from the Albany Public Schools Foundation!

I hope you are enjoying the spring weather we have had in the Willamette Valley over the past few weeks. Before long, summer will be here.

We have been very busy with scholarship season in full swing. Our volunteer readers and donors have been reading through over **4492 applications**, which is up from 3764 last year. These applications were submitted by 244 students, which is up from 172 students last year. We are very proud that we will be giving out **144 scholarships, totaling \$252,300**.

We wish we could give out more scholarships because as we know, this is life-changing to many of these students as they embark on furthering their education. Thank you so much to all our donors for making this happen. If you would like to learn more about how you can help next year, please reach out to Andrea, our Program Director, for more information.

On April 12th we held our iSwim for Kids event at the Albany Community Pool. We had over 166 students participate this year with hopes of earning prizes for their school.

I am happy to announce our winners:

Peely Prize for the Most Improved School: Central Elementary won \$100 (And Peely presented a certificate and a balloon!)

The Top School with the Most Participation: Sunrise Elementary won \$350

Top Student with the most money raised: Jossie from South Shore won a Dutch Bros Hot Chocolate party for her classroom!

The Top Class for participation from each school won a snack party. Great job everyone!

Thank you to Dutch Bros for donating the Hot Chocolate party and our other sponsors for making this event a big success!





SAVE THE DATE.....iCelebrate Kids Benefit Gala will be held this year on October 25th at the Linn County Expo Center. Thank you, *Honeymint Pediatric Dentistry*, for committing to be our Golden Apple Sponsor again this year. Our theme is ***“Ignite a Future of Possibilities”*** as we showcase our different programs that support the students and teachers in our community. Please join us for wonderful evening that will include silent and live auction items, games, food and fun. **Tickets will be going on sale starting May 19th.** Please help support the Albany Public Schools Foundation by attending, donating or sponsoring.

Join us in thanking the employees in the Greater Albany Public School District for all they do. During the week of May 5th, we will be delivering a gift of appreciation to all GAPS employees. We are lucky to have such dedicated teachers, teacher assistants, bus drivers, custodians, kitchen and office staff. Thanks for all you do for the students in our community.

In these uncertain economic times, **we are so appreciative of our donors** who continue to support the Foundation so that we can work together to make a difference for the teachers and students in our community. Ways to support the Foundation could include transferring personal stock, a Qualified Charitable Distribution or a Required Minimum Distribution. If you would like more information, give me a call so we can sit down and discuss.

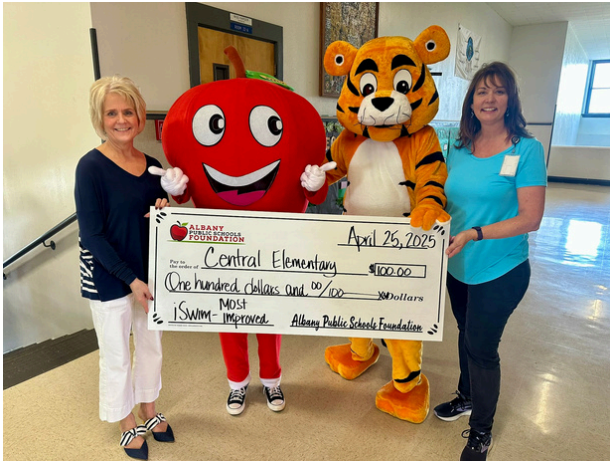
Together, we can give Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.

Warm regards,

Executive Director
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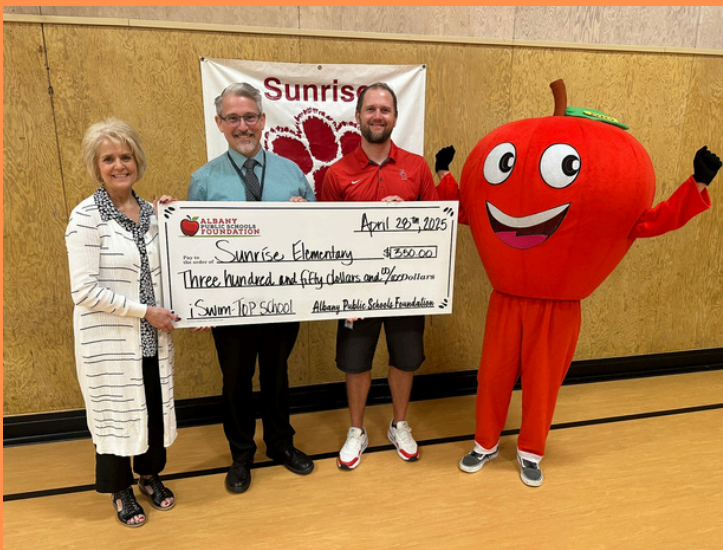
Central won Most Improved School for Participation at iSwim!



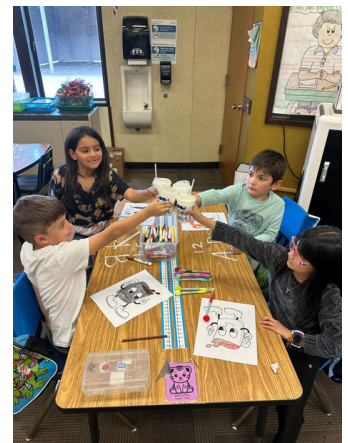
They won the Peely Prize of \$100, plus Peely came to present a special certificate and a balloon!

Sunrise won Top School for Participation at iSwim!

Sunrise won \$350 for their school for having the highest participation at iSwim this year!



Dutch Bros Hot Chocolate Party Winner



Congrats to Jossie in Ms. Castillo's 1st grade class at South Shore for collecting the MOST pledges out of all the students who came to iSwim this year! She won her class a Dutch Bros Hot Chocolate Party!

Snack Party for Ms. Bailey's Class at Meadow Ridge



This class won a snack party for having the most students out of their school come to iSwim!

THANK YOU TO OUR SNACK SPONSORS
Farmers Insurance - Scott Lebengood
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CHECK OUT OUR PHOTOS FROM ISWIM!

Thank you to Ashley B Portraits for being our photographer!



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SPRING SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

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



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the supply drive to help us restock Peely's Teacher Supply House, and to all of our drop off locations!

If this supply drive were a competition, F45 Fitness would have won for fullest box! It's because of amazing community businesses, sponsors, and donors that we are able to do what we do to support our teachers and students.

Thank You



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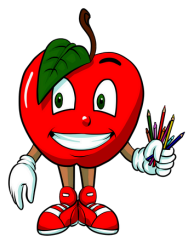


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EARTH WEEK GIVE 2025

Thank you to everyone who dropped off a Bottle Drop Blue Bag from April 15-26! We collected 11 bags during this fundraiser and are eager to see how much that is with the 20% match that Bottle Drop will donate to us.





Classroom Grant Project Highlight



Students at Memorial Middle School build DNA models out of Red Vines, colored marshmallows, and toothpicks, thanks to a Classroom Grant.

“One of the main goals of middle school science is to get kids into the subject so that we can get them interested in STEM careers. Doing labs, especially edible labs like our candy compounds and DNA, really help get the kids excited about the subject. Most of us are spending \$500 or more on lab materials each year just to keep our programs at their current level. Our principal cannot afford to fund lab materials out of the school budget, either. We need grant funds to supplement what we have already spent in years past.”

**Thank you so much for helping to support Classroom Grants
to fund engaging projects like these!**

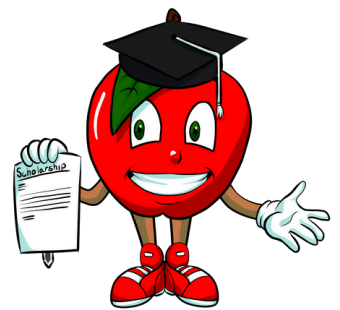
MAY 5-9 IS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

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](#)

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We'll be there!



SATURDAY, MAY 10TH
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM AT THE YMCA

Come visit the APSF at our booth!

Join us on Saturday, May 10th, 2025, from 11:00AM – 5:00PM for the Albany Community Carnival & Great Platypus Drop, presented by Rockholt Real Estate!

Located at the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA

Support the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA and the Albany Area Habitat for Humanity and with this FREE, fun, and unique fundraiser. Our carnival is packed with activities and entertainment for the whole family, including:

- Ultimate Bounce Zone & 110-Foot Obstacle Course
- Carnival Games with Prizes
- Toddler Fun Zone
- Photo Booth
- Food Vendors & Vendor Fair
- And, of course, the Great Platypus Drop with amazing prizes!

Admission to the Albany Community Carnival is FREE, **but for just \$5, you can purchase a rubber duck** and watch it take flight for a chance to win incredible prizes, including a 7-Day Caribbean Cruise, during the Great Platypus Drop!

[Learn more on their website](https://www.ymcaalbany.org/events/albany-community-carnival/)

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iCelebrate Kids

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IGNITE A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Linn County Expo Center

DINNER & LIVE AUCTION

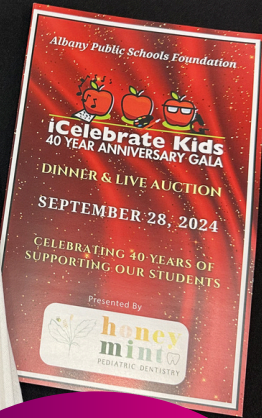
SILENT AUCTION | WINE PULL | RAFFLE | DESSERT DASH



Registration Opens May 19

Single Ticket: \$80 Table of 8: \$600

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Upcoming Events

May 5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week The APSF will be giving a special thank you gift to every GAPS staff member as a token of our appreciation for supporting our students.
May 10	Albany Community Carnival/The Great Platypus Drop Come say hi at our booth, and meet Peely the Apple! 11am-5pm, Located at the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA Learn More
May 11	Mother's Day
May 19	iCelebrate Registration Opens Learn More on our Website
May 22	Stinger Steve's Hoedown Oak Elementary's Mascot - Stinger Steve, is celebrating his birthday! The APSF will be visiting with Peely to help celebrate Stinger Steve! Oak Elementary, 5:30pm-7pm Learn More
May 26	Memorial Day - APSF Office Closed
May 21	SAHS Scholarship Awards Ceremony 6-7pm
June 2	WAHS Scholarship Awards Ceremony 6-9pm
June 4	AOS Scholarship Awards Ceremony Noon-1:30pm



[View our full calendar](#)

Save the Date



October 25th

Linn County Expo Center



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