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LAST CHANCE to get your tickets for iCelebrate Kids!

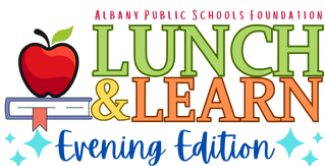
Registration deadline EXTENDED to October 22nd!



SNEAK PEAK at our Auction Items for iCelebrate!

We have something for everyone in our Silent and Live auctions - check out some of our items that we'll be auctioning off!

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Lunch and Learn Evening Edition

November 13th

Learn how to navigate the PERS retirement process at this FREE event. All GAPS Staff are invited!

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New musical instruments at Calapooia Middle School, thanks to a Classroom Grant.

"Fall is proof that change is beautiful"

Fall greetings from Albany Public Schools Foundation~

I hope wherever you are, you are enjoying this wonderful fall weather. For me, this is truly a special time of year, the leaves changing colors and that crispness in the air make it so refreshing and memorable.

In a few short weeks we will be celebrating our [iCelebrate Kids Gala & Auction](#) on October 25th at the Linn County Expo Center, and we would love for you to join us. We will be highlighting the student and classroom successes that you supported this past year.

Your attendance at iCelebrate Kids is vital to raising funds for Albany students. This major fundraiser supports enrichment opportunities that help our students succeed.

The RSVP deadline is near. Join us for an evening supporting local students, featuring food, games, a raffle, photo booth, silent and live auctions, wine pull, dessert dash, and a paddle raise. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to the Foundation - [Donate Here](#).

We are excited to announce we are bringing back our **Lunch & Learn Evening Edition** on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 pm at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Albany. Thanks to our guest speaker and sponsor Eric King of Bridges Wealth Management who will be discussing the PERS retirement process and how to blend pension income with social security and other retirement assets in a tax efficient manner. Light refreshments will be served. All GAPS staff are invited to attend! [Please RSVP on our website](#).

We are pleased to report that we have had a very successful start to the year for **Peely's Teacher Supply House**. We appreciate that teachers are taking advantage of this valuable resource to make sure students have the necessary supplies for academic success. So far this school year, we have filled 115 orders worth over \$14,500 of classroom supplies. We are so pleased knowing that teachers are not spending this money out of their own pockets. Help us continue to meet the need by [donating to Peely's](#) or [shopping our Amazon wishlist](#). Your support is greatly appreciated!

Scholarship season is upon us! We are currently working on scholarships for the graduating senior class of 2026. If you or your business or service club is interested in starting a scholarship, we would love to discuss this with you. Last year we provided \$248,800 to 137 graduating seniors. Unfortunately, we had 244 students apply, which left 107 students without the possibility of receiving a scholarship. Help us change this. Please contact Andrea Recek, our Director of Programs, to discuss starting a scholarship. Let's make sure every student gets an opportunity to succeed.

I am hoping you all received our [2025 Impact Report](#) which we sent out last month. We are very proud of the work we are doing to support our teachers and students. None of this would be possible without support from donors like you. If you haven't made your Required Minimum Distribution or your yearly donation, please consider donating to the Albany Public Schools Foundation to help us continue to support our students here in Albany.

Enjoy this wonderful fall weather.



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iCelebrate Kids

ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

IGNITE A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Linn County Expo Center

DINNER & LIVE AUCTION

SILENT AUCTION | WINE PULL | RAFFLE | DESSERT DASH



Get Your Tickets Now!

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

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Sneak Peak at our auction items!



One Week Stay in Las Vegas

Donated by Elaine Clark

A one week stay in Las Vegas for up to 4 people at The Marriott's Grand Chateau. Package includes a 1 bedroom villa from April 24-May 1, 2026



One Week Trip to Hawaii with a Ride to/from the Airport

Donated by The Boys & Girls Club of Albany & Groome Transportation

One week vacation in Kona at the Billfisher Resort in Hawaii. One bedroom unit sleeps up to 4 people. Unit includes full kitchen, bathroom, and lanai. Resort amenities include heated pool, BBQ areas, and ocean views. Dates: May 22-29, 2026
Also includes a ride to and from the Portland airport for two by Groome Transportation.



Sapphire & Diamond Necklace

Donated by Jordan Jewelers

4K White Gold Sapphire & Diamond Necklace



Harvest Trunk

Donated by Patty Street

Includes Harvest lazy susan, Wooden spoons, Wooden charcuterie board, Candle, Coffee mugs, Candies, Potpourri, Flameless candles, Blanket



Whiskey Basket from the Squeaky Cork

Donated by The Squeaky Cork

\$50 gift card to the Squeaky Cork, Bottle of Buffalo Trace whiskey, Decanter, Mixology book, Shaker, Spoon, Ice maker, Muddler, Glasses, Shot glasses, Lamps, Wood ships, Lighter, Bar snacks

Spooky Halloween Basket

Donated by Barb Grossman

Light up Spooky Sign, LED Ghost, Large throw blanket, Pillow, Candle





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers of all ages to help out with our largest fundraiser of the year!

We Need Help With:

Setup on Fri. Oct. 24th - 10am-5pm

Registration & Checkout - MUST
BE CONFIDENT WITH COMPUTERS

Silent Auction - Closing the auction, matching
items to winners, helping carry items to cars

Heads or Tails Game - Adults & Students
needed (Must be good with people)

Wine Pull - (Must be over 21 years of
age, good with people)

Raffle - (Must be good with people)

Clearing tables - must be 18+ to clear
tables with alcohol glasses on them

Takedown (Around 9pm) - decorations,
linens, garbage, etc



SATURDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2025

4PM-9PM



LINN COUNTY EXPO CENTER

3700 Knox Butte Rd E
Albany, OR 97322

Contact Us

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SIGN UP ONLINE

Or go to [Albanypsfsf.org](https://albanypsfsf.org)
>iCelebrate Kids
>Scroll down to Volunteer



CLASSROOM GRANTS

Applications Open
September 8 - October 15



Scan to Learn More

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> What We Do > Grants > Classroom Grants

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Classroom grants support teachers in providing enriching programs and supplies in the areas of art, music, STEM, and health and wellness.

GAPS teachers, staff, and administrators are eligible to apply.

BIG IMPACT GRANTS

Applications Now Open!

Applications Open 10/1 - 11/7

- Projects connecting 2 or more schools collaborating together on a big project or program
- Any GAPS staff can apply!

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ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

LUNCH & LEARN Evening Edition



Thursday, November 13, 2025

7pm-8pm

Located at Comfort Inn Suites of Albany

100 Opal Ct, Albany, OR 97322



Navigating the PERS Retirement System

Focusing on the PERS retirement process and how to blend pension income with social security and other retirement assets in a tax efficient manner. Topics also covered are things that people should be considering as they approach retirement.

With Guest Speaker Erik King, CFP, Bridges Wealth Management

Who should attend: All GAPS Staff are invited! It's never too early to start planning your retirement! *Recommended to attend if you're within ~5 years of retirement.*

Free!

Free to attend!

Coffee and desserts will be provided.

RSVP on our website at Albanypsf.org
>Events >Lunch & Learn Evening Edition

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 22	DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR ICELEBRATE
Oct. 25	iCelebrate Kids Benefit Gala Fundraiser Linn County Expo Center Click Here to Get Tickets and Learn More
Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends <i>Turn clocks back one hour</i>
Nov. 11	Veterans Day APSF Office Closed
Nov. 13	Lunch and Learn Evening Edition 7pm Comfort Inn Suites How to navigate the PERS retirement process <i>ALL GAPS staff are invited!</i>
Nov. 27 + 28	Thanksgiving APSF Office Closed



[View our full calendar](#)

REGISTER NOW!

Registration deadline October 22nd!



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October 25th

Linn County Expo Center

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