



KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.



iRun Registration Now Open!

Early Bird Registration Open 12/1 - 1/31

iRun for Kids is Saturday, March 14th

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Grant Projects We're Funding for 2025-26

We're giving out a record-breaking amount of Classroom Grants this year! See some of the projects schools are doing with their funding.

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Peely's Year-End Update

See how much we gave out in school supplies to Albany teachers from August 2025 to now.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

As we enter the busy holiday season, be sure to treat yourself with the sights and sounds of the holidays. Slow down and enjoy it before it passes you by.

The holiday season is not only a time for celebration and reflection, but it is also a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community. We understand that you have many options when it comes to supporting nonprofit organizations. However, we ask you to consider making a donation to the Albany Public Schools Foundation.

Your generosity can have a profound impact on students in our community. Donations to the Foundation help fund programs such as:

- **Our Student Assistance Program.** This program helps with colleges supplies, mentors and scholarships for first-generation students.
- **Scholarships** for AOS, WAHS, and SAHS graduates.
- **Grants for our schools** to provide new learning opportunities.
- **School and Classroom supplies** for teachers.

Please consider a one-time donation or become one of our community heroes with a monthly reoccurring donation.

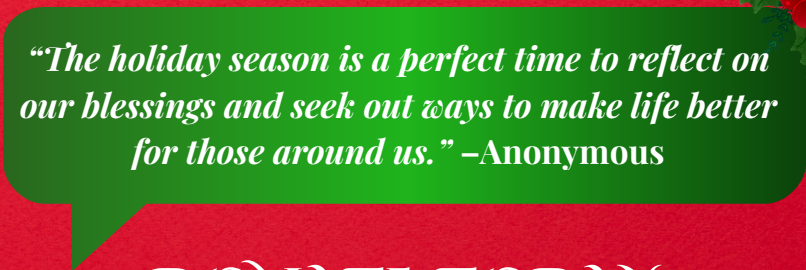
Thank you for thinking of the Albany Public Schools Foundation during this season of giving. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of local students.

We are deeply appreciative of your continued support!

Happy Holidays!



Executive Director
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"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us." –Anonymous

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We Wish You A

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

FROM THE STAFF AT THE ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

May your Holidays be filled with joy, laughter and warmth.

Albany Downtown Twice Around Parade

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
5-7PM**

We'll be in the parade!
Look for Peely and our banner!



Christmas Storybook Land

THROUGH DECEMBER 21ST

We're sponsoring a scene!
Look for *The Schoolhouse*

Give the Gift of Learning!



**ALBANY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION**

With your generous support, the Albany Public Schools Foundation opens new opportunities for students. Kids facing socio-economic challenges and other issues deserve an equal chance for success. You can help us achieve our vision and give **every student, every opportunity to succeed.**

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

SCHOLARSHIPS

GRANTS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Mentors, College
Supplies & Scholarships



Scholarships for
AOS, SAHS & WAHS



Providing New
Learning Experiences



Free School & Classroom
Supplies for Teachers through
Peely's Teacher Supply House

Change a student's life with your year-end donation of \$50, \$100, or more

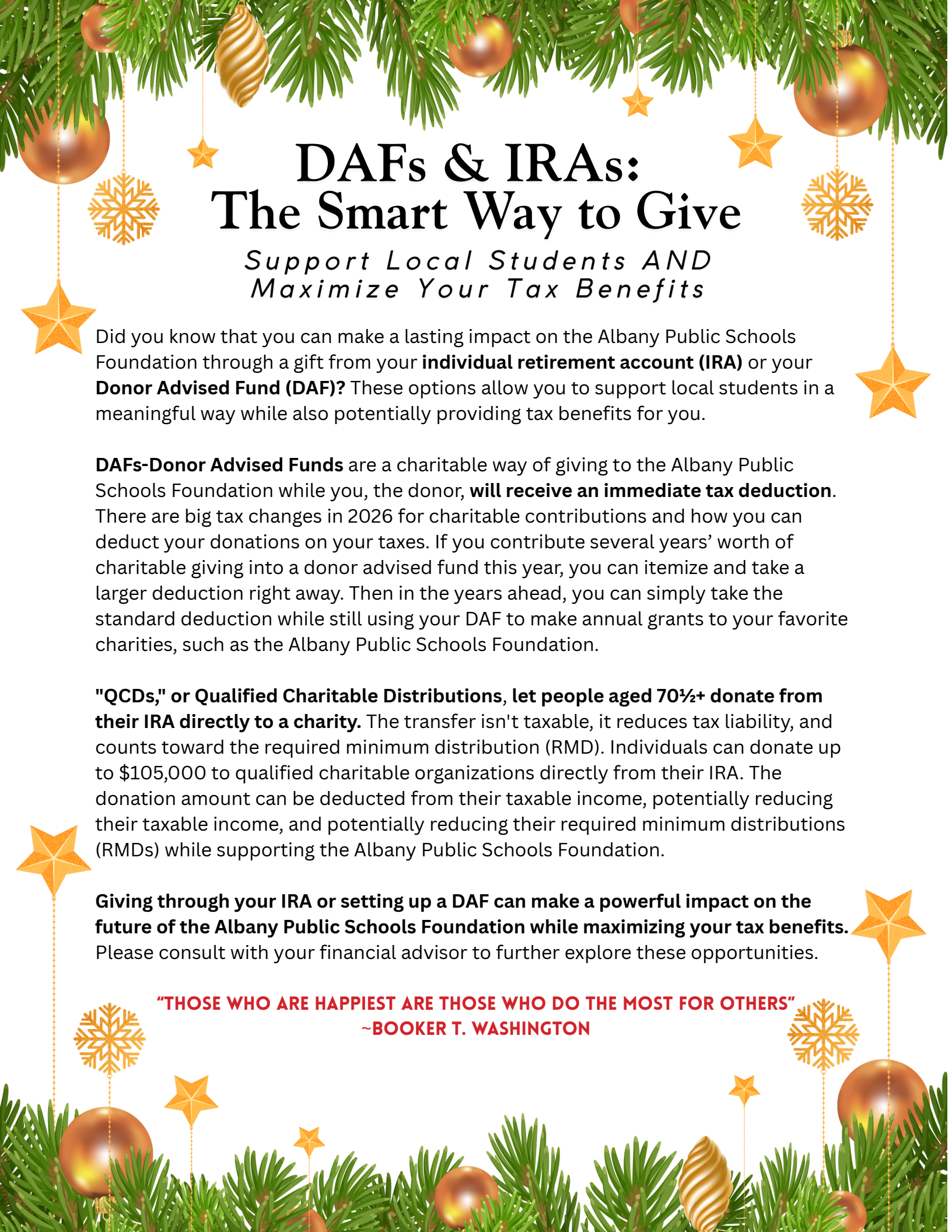
Since 1984, the Albany Public Schools Foundation has been making a difference for students. Your generosity will help increase our impact for years to come.
Thank you for investing in Albany students!



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DAFs & IRAs: The Smart Way to Give

*Support Local Students AND
Maximize Your Tax Benefits*

Did you know that you can make a lasting impact on the Albany Public Schools Foundation through a gift from your **individual retirement account (IRA)** or your **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**? These options allow you to support local students in a meaningful way while also potentially providing tax benefits for you.

DAFs-Donor Advised Funds are a charitable way of giving to the Albany Public Schools Foundation while you, the donor, **will receive an immediate tax deduction**. There are big tax changes in 2026 for charitable contributions and how you can deduct your donations on your taxes. If you contribute several years' worth of charitable giving into a donor advised fund this year, you can itemize and take a larger deduction right away. Then in the years ahead, you can simply take the standard deduction while still using your DAF to make annual grants to your favorite charities, such as the Albany Public Schools Foundation.

"QCDs," or Qualified Charitable Distributions, let people aged 70½+ donate from their IRA directly to a charity. The transfer isn't taxable, it reduces tax liability, and counts toward the required minimum distribution (RMD). Individuals can donate up to \$105,000 to qualified charitable organizations directly from their IRA. The donation amount can be deducted from their taxable income, potentially reducing their taxable income, and potentially reducing their required minimum distributions (RMDs) while supporting the Albany Public Schools Foundation.

Giving through your IRA or setting up a DAF can make a powerful impact on the future of the Albany Public Schools Foundation while maximizing your tax benefits. Please consult with your financial advisor to further explore these opportunities.

"THOSE WHO ARE HAPPIEST ARE THOSE WHO DO THE MOST FOR OTHERS"
~BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

iRUN FOR KIDS

LITTLE LEPRECHAUN DASH

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

West Albany High School Track

Races start 9am

***Early Bird Registration
Dec. 1 - Jan 31.***

Why Come to iRun?

Help a GAPS School win \$500! ◀

All runners vote for a school – the school with the most votes will win \$500!

Fun for all ages and skill levels – ◀ Anyone Can Participate!

Run/Walk in the 5K, or challenge yourself or others in the 10 Miler!

Kids are welcome ◀

Kids in K-2nd grade can run in the Little Leprechaun Dash!

Help support Albany Students! ◀

All proceeds benefit the APSF and help support our programs.



Event	K-12 Student Price	EARLY BIRD Adult Price 12/1 - 1-31	Adult Price 2/1 - 3/12
Little Leprechaun Dash (K-2nd Grade)	\$10		
5K	\$20	\$40	\$50
10 Mile	\$20	\$55	\$65

NEW You can now purchase *extra* T-shirts & sweatshirts when you register online!

NEW Sponsor a Student

Help low-income GAPS students be able to participate in iRun! **With just a \$20 donation**, you can help cover the cost of one student to be able to participate in iRun. (Donate during registration or on our website)

REGISTER NOW

albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/



Golden Apple Sponsor
TBD

Be an iRun Sponsor!

► **MARCH 14, 2026**

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO REALLY MAKE AN IMPACT!

YOU COULD GET:

- Up to 8 free race entries with shirts
- A booth at the event
- Your logo on the race shirts
- Your logo on event flyers
- Your logo on our social media pages, on our website, and in the newsletter
- Your business banner hung at the event
- Promo items in swag bags
- Your logo in post-event thank you newsletter

See Sponsorship Packet



Available Sponsorship Levels:

- Achievement Apple
- Red Apple
- Applesseed
- *NEW* Student Support



500+ Runners & Walkers, both kids and adults attend this event



CALL US
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Grant projects we're funding for 2025-26

The Albany Public Schools Foundation is thrilled to be awarding a record **\$107,035** in Classroom Grants and **\$26,590** in Big Impact Grants this fall!

A total of **127 Classroom Grant projects in schools across the district will receive funding**. Classroom Grants support projects in health and wellness, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), art, music, and performing arts.

Big Impact Grants fund projects that connect two or more schools. This year, the Foundation is excited to be able to fund five projects that will benefit fourteen schools in Albany.

Grant funding helps teachers and staff enrich the educational environment for their students with projects, equipment, and materials that go beyond what the school district budget can provide. We appreciate your support in giving these opportunities to our students and teachers!

Please keep in mind this is only a small sampling of the grant projects we are awarding this year. You can find the full list on our website.



Calapooia Middle School



OMSI Planetarium Presentation

Musical Instruments

Physical Education Supplies

Wireless Translation for School Events

Tutoring Program

Diabetic Care



FACT





Grant projects we're funding for 2025-26 (Pg. 2 - Continued)



Meadow Ridge Elementary School

Meadow School Garden

Enhancing Play and Wellness: Recess Equipment Improvement

Oregon Battle of the Books--Collection of Books

Makerspace Arts and Craft Supplies



Library Books

Aerospace 24197 FTC Robotics Team and Engineering Club



Memorial Middle School

Lego Robotics for Engineering Club and Beyond

Annie Jr. (play)

North Albany Elementary School

Composting and Irrigation

Oak 3D Printer Project

Oak Elementary School

Functional Skills Adapted PE Equipment

Oak Grove Elementary School

Special Education Learning Environment

Engaging, Hands on Activities for Special Needs

Periwinkle Elementary School

Welding Helmets

Dissection Supplies

South Albany High School

Key Club District Convention

Authentic German Food Experience: "Grillen wie in Deutschland"





Grant projects we're funding for 2025-26

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South Shore Elementary School

Soccer Cones and Soccer Balls

Sunrise Elementary School

OMSI Assembly & Classroom Projects

Oregon Coast Aquarium School Outreach

Live Butterflies

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

Second Grade Gardening Project

Tangent Elementary School

Resource Room Class Library

Balance Training

Crocheting and Fine Motor Skills

Timber Ridge School

3D Multi-Color Printer

Binoculars for Birding

Photography Lens Update

Stage Makeup Mirrors

Waverly Elementary School

Art Supplies

West Albany High School

Board Games to Enrich Spanish Class

Rainbow Parachute for Special Ed.

Nuclear Chemistry

Calculators for Classroom

Honor Band Audition Fees





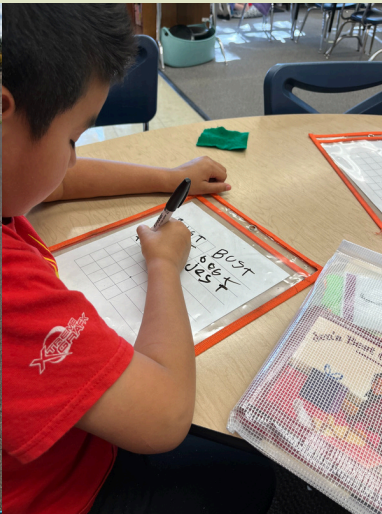
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BIG IMPACT GRANTS

Big Impact Grants support collaborative projects including two or more schools.

Schools Included	Project
Calapooia Middle School; Memorial Middle School; North Albany Middle School; Timber Ridge School	Microscope Restoration
Lafayette Elementary School; Periwinkle Elementary School; West Albany High School	Periwinkle and Lafayette Elementary Pottery Project
Albany Options School; Memorial Middle School; North Albany Elementary School; North Albany Middle School; South Albany High School; Timber Ridge School; West Albany High School	3D Printer And Cricut Acquisition for SWARM Robotics Team
Memorial Middle School; North Albany Middle School; South Albany High School; Timber Ridge School; West Albany High School	South & West Albany High School Combined Equestrian Team
Lafayette Elementary School; Liberty Elementary School; Meadow Ridge Elementary School; Oak Grove Elementary School; Periwinkle Elementary School; Tadena Elementary School; Timber Ridge School	Special Ed Classroom Monthly Rotations





Peely's Year-End UPDATE



In September 2024 when Peely's Teacher Supply House opened, through the following summer, we gave out about \$15,000 in school supplies to Albany teachers from Pre-K to 5th grade.

This year, starting August 25, we opened to ALL grades from Pre-K through grade 12. From August to December, we have given out over **\$22,000** in school supplies... *and the school year isn't over yet.*

Here are some of the items we've given out to teachers since August:

Item	Quantity
2-pocket folders	1015
Spiral notebooks	675
Bundles of Pencils	597
Markers (broad & fine line)	576
Colored Pencils - boxes	555
Scissors (all sizes)	550
Dry Erase Markers (bundles) & Erasers	542
Crayons - boxes	508
Composition Notebooks	492
Glue sticks (bundles) & bottles	464
Bundles of Highlighters	406
Post-it notes	368
Rulers	364
Pencil sharpeners	283
Sharpie bundles	235

Item	Quantity
Pencil top eraser bundles	234
Pencil boxes & pouches	216
Tissues - boxes	203
Loose leaf paper bundles	192
Binders (all sizes)	181
Watercolor paint sets	176
Pink eraser bundles	173
Hand sanitizer bottles	165
Sidewalk chalk packs	158
Tape (Scotch, blue)	157
Index card packs	146
Disinfecting surface wipes	145
Bundles of Pens	115
Calculators	65
Boxes of Band-aids	52



Want to give your favorite GAPS staff
a present for the Holidays?

PEELY'S HONOR ROLL

Give your favorite Greater Albany Public Schools teacher or staff member a present they'll cherish and appreciate, 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 or your child! *(Please note that the staff member must be currently employed with GAPS)*

**LEARN MORE AND
DONATE TODAY!**

PEELY'S ODDS AND Ends Room Open for Shopping!

Open to GAPS Teachers & Staff! (with ID)



Friday, January 30th, 2026



9am-5pm



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Upcoming Events

Nov. 29 - Dec. 21	Christmas Storybook Land <i>Linn County Expo Center</i>
Dec. 1 - Jan. 31	iRun for Kids Early Bird Registration albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/
Dec. 6	Albany Downtown Twice Around Christmas Parade 5-7pm
Dec. 24-26	Christmas - APSF Office Closed
Jan. 1	New Years Day - APSF Office Closed
Jan. 30	<u>Peely's Odds & Ends Room Shopping</u> <u>& Open House</u> 9am-5pm
Feb. 13 - Mar. 13	<u>Scholarship Applications Open</u>



[View our full Event Calendar](#)

SAVE THE DATE



March 14, 2026



April 25, 2026



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