



# KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

*Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.*



## **iRun Early Bird Registration Open Through January**

**Early Bird Registration Ends Jan. 31**

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## **Peely's Odds and Ends Room Shopping**

Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - Open to GAPS Teachers & Staff

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## **Scholarships Open Soon**

2026 Scholarship Applications open Feb. 13- March 13

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## **Also in this Newsletter:**

**Letter from our Executive Director**

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### **Flexible Seating in Jacque Thwaite's classroom at North Albany Elementary School**

Flexible seating such as "tables at various heights, different chair styles, stools, and other resources that allow students to stay active while keeping their minds engaged. Many of them thrive when they can move around, as it helps them focus and opens up space for creative problem-solving."



**"May this year be full of good health, happiness, and unforgettable moments"**

Thank you all for your generous year-end giving support to the Albany Public Schools Foundation. Your financial contributions play a crucial role in helping us fulfill our mission to support students within our community and provide them with every opportunity to succeed. With your generosity, we are able to support students and teachers in our community. Here is a look back at 2025...

**With your help, we awarded:**

- \$280,800 in scholarships to graduating seniors from our 3 high schools
- \$30,000 in mentor and student grants
- \$102,744 in Classroom Grants
- \$22,000 in Big Impact Grants
- \$70,849 in Enrichment Grants
- \$20,000 to Sources of Strength Suicide Prevention
- \$50,000 for Water Awareness-swim lessons for 3rd and 4th graders
- \$23,335.42 Peely's Teacher Supply House. Free school and classroom supplies for Greater Albany Public Schools teachers.

Looking ahead to 2026, we aim to increase our support for students through scholarships, assist more teachers with grant funding to enhance their classrooms teachings, and provide additional school supplies. With your help, we can achieve these goals.

Other ways you can support the Albany Public Schools Foundation -

**iRun for Kids is March 14th.** We are currently looking for sponsors for this popular community event. Please contact me if you have any questions and are interested. Also, our registration is open for this event. We offer both 5K and a 10-mile run for more experienced runners. For our younger students, we have the Little Leprechaun Dash. Come out and support the kids! [You can register HERE](#). Early Bird registration ends on January 31st. A great way to kick off the year and those exercise goals!

**iSwim for Kids is April 25th.** This super fun fundraiser is just like the old-fashioned swim-a-thon. Another event that we are needing sponsors for. Not only for the event, but you can also be a sponsor of a student. Many of our students in our community don't participate in the event, thinking they need pledges. Your support of a student breaks down that barrier. Both ways to support [can be found HERE](#).

As the new year begins, we look forward to helping more students and teachers in our community. We know investing in young people's lives is the best investment we can make. With your continued support, we can make it a reality.

Happy New Year!!

*Peggy Burris*

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ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

# iRUN FOR KIDS

LITTLE LEPRECHAUN DASH

5K  
10 MILE

Presented By



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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026
West Albany High School Track
Races start 9am

Early Bird Registration  
ENDS Jan 31.

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)

**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.





# 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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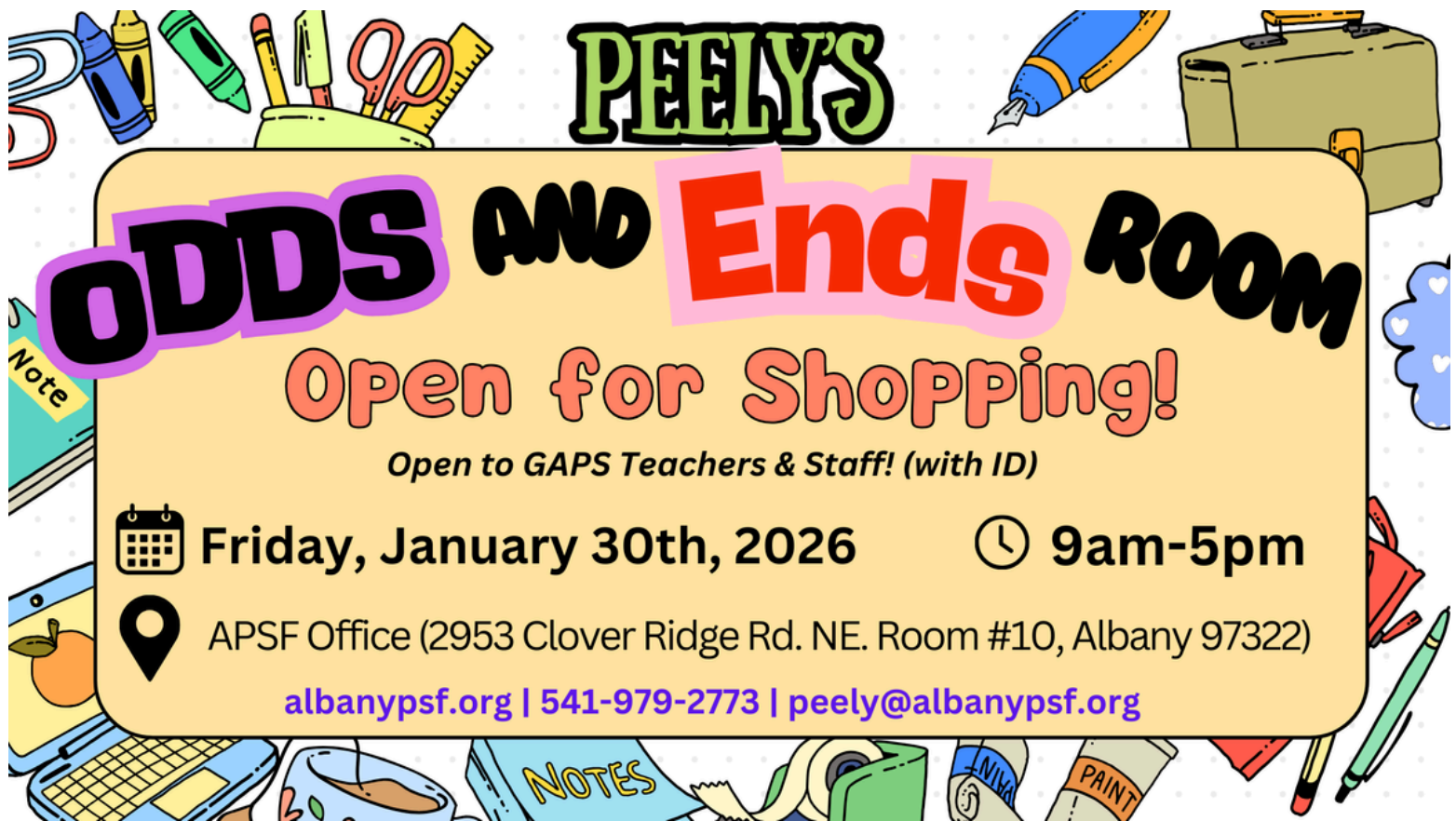


**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
[albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/](http://albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/)



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**PEELY'S**

# **ODDS AND Ends Room**

## **Open for Shopping!**

*Open to GAPS Teachers & Staff! (with ID)*

 **Friday, January 30th, 2026**  **9am-5pm**

 **APSF Office (2953 Clover Ridge Rd. NE. Room #10, Albany 97322)**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

 **ANNE**  
Albany Nonprofit  
Networking Event

**Thursday  
January 15**  
**Boys and Girls  
Club of Albany**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

## **The APSF will be at ANNE!** *(Albany Nonprofit Networking Event)*

Thursday, January 15th  
Boys & Girls Club of Albany  
Community time will be 11:30am-1pm  
Come meet the nonprofits of Albany!

## **The APSF is the January Recipient of the North Albany IGA Monthly Round Up**



**ACE North Albany IGA SUPERMARKET**

# **MONTHLY ROUND UP**

Round up your change at the register to support the APSF! 100% of all donations will go to us.

*January 1 - 31*



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# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

FEB. 13 - MAR. 13

OPEN SOON

## WHO CAN APPLY?

- Open to ALL Graduating GAPS Seniors who plan to attend any accredited College, University or Trade School
- One inclusive application works for over 100 scholarships
  - Includes all majors, GPAs, and backgrounds

## CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY!

*Note: Applicants must use a personal email address, not their GAPS student email.*



**LEARN MORE**

[albanyps.org](https://albanyps.org) › What We Do › Scholarships



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## Upcoming Events

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31	<b>iRun for Kids</b> <b>Early Bird Registration</b> <a href="http://albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/">albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/</a>
Jan 1-31	<b>North Albany IGA</b> The APSF is the January recipient of the Monthly Round Up! Round up your change at the register to help support us.
Jan. 15	<b>ANNE - Albany Nonprofit Networking Event</b> Boys & Girls Club of Albany Community Time 11:30am-1pm
Jan. 19	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> <b>APSF Office Closed</b>
Jan. 30	<a href="#"><u>Peely's Odds &amp; Ends Room Shopping</u></a> <a href="#"><u>&amp; Open House</u></a> 9am-5pm
Feb. 2	<b>Peely's Teacher Supply House</b> Second semester ordering begins
Feb. 13 - Mar. 13	<a href="#"><u>Scholarship Applications Open</u></a>



[View our full Event Calendar](#)

## SAVE THE DATE



**March 14, 2026**



**April 25, 2026**



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