



KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.



**REGISTER NOW FOR
IRUN FOR KIDS**

T-SHIRT DEADLINE IS FEB. 23RD

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**2026 Scholarship Applications Open
February 13th**

Applications open Feb. 13- March 13

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Bilingual Scholarship Info Session

Feb. 19th, 5:30pm, Calapooia Middle School
All GAPS seniors and parents welcome!

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North Albany Elementary

"Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises."

— Charmaine J. Forde

January was a busy month for us as we prepare for [iRun for Kids](#) on March 14th. I want to thank all of our sponsors who have stepped up to support this popular community event. A huge shout-out to JACKSON AUTO GROUP-Albany Hyundai, Albany Subaru, Albany Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, and Lava Car Wash for being our Golden Apple Presenting Sponsor.

I want to encourage you to sign up to walk or run our 5K, or for you more experienced runners, to sign up for our 10-mile race. For the kindergartners through 2nd grade, be sure to sign up for the Little Leprechaun Dash. You can start the dash with your favorite mascot!

NEW THIS YEAR: This year, you can sponsor a student runner by donating and marking your funds for **"Sponsor a Student Runner."** Your support will cover registration fees and enable more students to participate with friends.

Scholarships are ready to open! [The scholarship portal](#) will open on February 13th and close on March 13th. If you know a graduating senior in the Greater Albany Public School District, please let them know to apply for a scholarship. ***This year, we will be awarding over \$271,000 in scholarships*** that can be used at accredited trade schools, community colleges, or universities. Thanks to our wonderful community donors for their support of our youth here in Albany. Together, we will make a difference to these students as they embark on a college education.

I want to say a special thank you to all of you who thought of us with your year-end giving. I know things might be tight for many of you, so I deeply appreciate your generosity. I heard a speaker last week say that *many of our students show up at school not only with their backpacks and books, but also with the weight of the world on their shoulders*. Many care for siblings or work a part-time job to help support their family. With your support, we hope to make their school experience more impactful and enjoyable. The grants that we provide to teachers and administrators do just that. They offer something new and exciting beyond their textbooks. We hope it opens their eyes to new possibilities. Thanks so much for your support!

Have a wonderful February and we look forward to seeing you at iRun for Kids on March 14th.

Take care



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iRUN FOR KIDS

LITTLE LEPRECHAUN DASH

5K >> 10 MILE



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SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

West Albany High School Track
Races start 9am

*Register by Feb. 23rd to get a
FREE T-Shirt!*

Finisher Medals
for 5K & 10 Mile!



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.



REGISTER NOW
albanyps.org/events/irun-for-kids/

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)



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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

FEB. 13 – MAR. 13

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 > What We Do > Scholarships



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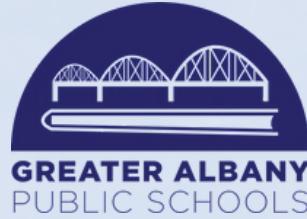


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**GREATER ALBANY
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BILINGUAL SCHOLARSHIP INFO SESSION



Sponsored by the GAPS Welcome Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

5:30PM

CALAPOOIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

All GAPS Seniors and Parents Welcome to Attend!

West, South & AOS

Presentation will be given in both English and Spanish

**APSF Scholarship Applications
Open February 13 - March 13**

- Learn how to apply
- Learn how the selection process works
- Have your questions answered

Questions?

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On Friday, January 30th, we held an Open House for Peely's Odds and Ends Room, so teachers could shop in person and take what they needed for their classrooms. The things in this room are odd bits and bobs donated to us throughout the year that we can't use in our standard inventory for Peely's Teacher Supply House.

We were especially happy for the teacher from Periwinkle who got the big stuffed moose, and the Graphic Arts teacher from South who got the (very expensive) printer that's been sitting back there for about a year. We also had a librarian come by who was *very excited* about our children's book collection, and nearly cleaned us out!

Several teachers came prepared with wagons and filled them up! Books, binders, cork boards, desk organizing supplies, etc. They were ready.

We will hold another Odds and Ends shopping event in the fall/winter when the new school year starts. (We need time to accumulate new stuff!)



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ISWIM FOR KIDS!

Presented by



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Health Services

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Visit our website or Email
marketing@albanyps.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
ALBANY COMMUNITY POOL

8am-11:45am

**REGISTER YOUR STUDENT TODAY WITH
THIS QR CODE! OR GO TO:
albanyps.org/events/iswim-for-kids/**



- Open to all GAPS Students
- This is a **FREE** Event, but students who raise \$40+ in pledges will get a T-Shirt!
- Swim or walk the track to participate



**EARN FUN PRIZES FOR YOUR
CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL!**





Online SPRING SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Benefiting



April 1-30

Help our students finish the year strong!

Shop for school supplies online and ship them directly to the APSF!

Shop our wish lists:

amazon **Walmart** 

Send supplies to our physical address:

Albany Public Schools Foundation
2953 Clover Ridge Rd. NE
Room #10
Albany, OR 97322

MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

- Disinfecting Wipes
- Hand sanitizer (8oz+)
- Tissues
- Dry Erase Markers/Erasers
- Black & Colored Sharpies
- Post-It Notes
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Pink & Pencil top erasers
- Other basic school supplies

**See all needed supplies
and learn more**

Scan Here or go to

Albanypsf.org

>What We Do

>Peely's Teacher Supply House > Donations



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Upcoming Events

Feb. 2	Peely's Teacher Supply House Second semester ordering begins
Feb. 16	President's Day APSF Office Closed
Feb. 23	iRun for Kids T-Shirt Deadline <i>Register by Feb. 23rd to get a FREE T-shirt with your registration!</i>
Feb. 13 - Mar. 13	Scholarship Applications Open
Feb. 19	Bilingual Scholarship Info Session 5:30pm, Calapooia Middle School
Mar. 8	Daylight Savings Time Starts
Mar. 13	iRun for Kids Packet Pickup 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Ticket Booth at the Stadium on Elm Street Albany, OR 97321
Mar. 14	iRun for Kids West Albany High School Races start 9am
April 1-30	Online Spring School Supply Drive Shop online for school supplies and have them shipped to the APSF!



[**View our full Event Calendar**](#)

SAVE THE DATE



March 14, 2026

April 25, 2026



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