



KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.



REGISTER NOW FOR IRUN FOR KIDS

Register Online by March 12th!

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"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."

— Anthony J. D'Angelo

Greetings from the Albany Public Schools Foundation!

We are quickly approaching our [iRun for Kids](#) event, which will take place on March 14th. This annual event brings together our community to support local schools and students. If you haven't already signed up, there is still time to participate. Your involvement helps make a positive impact, and we would love your support!

I'd like to tell you about one of our programs that really demonstrates how we support our students. Our [Student Assistance Program](#) plays an important role in making a positive difference for them. This program is unique and very meaningful. Our Foundation believes that every student should have an opportunity to succeed. The Student Assistance Program strives to break down barriers in K-12 and post-secondary education due to issues such as housing insecurity, financial challenges, and limited parental support. Our three high schools collectively choose 6 students to participate in this program. Each student is paired with a mentor for not only emotional support, but also to help the student navigate their first year of college. The mentor is given a grant to spend solely on the student for necessities, such as laptops, dorm room supplies, clothing, and other needed items. The students receive a 4-year scholarship that can be renewed each year. If you are interested in helping us fund this program, [please donate here](#). Your support will allow us to add more students to the program next year.

[iSwim for Kids](#) is quickly approaching. On April 25th, we will welcome students in the Greater Albany Public Schools to participate in our swim-a-thon. The event is free to all students, but each student is encouraged to raise \$40.00 in pledges to receive a free t-shirt. Each year, we try to raise funds to sponsor swimmers so that our students who do not have the means to raise the pledges can still earn a t-shirt. **If you would like to sponsor a student**, [please click here](#). The students have the chance to earn a hot chocolate party for their class, or money for their school. The funds we raise will go towards our Classroom Grants program.

[Scholarship applications are now open!](#) If you know a senior in the GAPS district, encourage them to check out our website. We have more than \$272,000 in scholarships available, thanks to incredible support from our community.

iRetire—Yes you can!! is coming up on May 7th at 6:00 pm at the Comfort Inn Suites in Albany. We want to invite you to a FREE seminar on how to retire. Eric King with Bridges Wealth Management is our sponsor as well as our guest speaker. [Please sign up now](#) and reserve your spot. *Please note*, this seminar will not be covering PERS retirement. We will be holding a PERS iRetire later this year.

In closing, I wanted to share with you that now, more than ever we need your support. One of our largest funding sources has cut back on how much grant funding we will be receiving this year. Let me reassure you that the Albany Public Schools Foundation is solid. What this lack of funding means is we will have to cut back on our funding for our teachers in the means of grants. Many grants will go unfunded and that breaks our heart.

Your continued generosity makes a real difference, especially during challenging times like these. Together, we can ensure our teachers and students have the resources they need to thrive. Thank you for standing with us and for being such an important part of our community.

Have a wonderful March and enjoy the start of spring.



Peggy Burris

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ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

iRUN FOR KIDS

LITTLE LEPRECHAUN DASH

5K
10 MILE



Presented By



SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

West Albany High School Track
Races start 9am

Register online by
March 12th!

Finisher Medals
for 5K & 10 Mile!



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



First-place winners in each age category of the 5K and 10 Mile races will receive an apple pie!

***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.



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



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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

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ISWIM FOR KIDS!

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Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
ALBANY COMMUNITY POOL
8am-11:45am



**REGISTER YOUR STUDENT TODAY WITH
THIS QR CODE! OR GO TO:**
albanypsf.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**  **TARGET**

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





Linn County Flea Market

at Linn County Fairgrounds

March 21 2026

Early Admission 8am - 9am \$10

Regular Admission 9am - 2:30pm \$5

Linn County's Largest Flea Market!

Linn County Fairgrounds
3700 Knox Butte Rd E
Albany, OR 97322

The APSF Will be at the Linn County Flea Market!
Come see us and play some plinko!

Saturday, March 21st

8am-2:30pm

Linn County Expo Center



ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Retirement Planning Seminar

Thursday, May 7th

6pm-8pm

Comfort Inn Suites of Albany

"Yes, You CAN Retire!"

Guest Speaker:

Eric King, CFP, Bridges Wealth Management

Topic:

The Traditional Retirement Process and How to Make Your Retirement Dreams Come True

Who should attend:

Anyone 55+ dreaming of retirement in the next 5-10 years



Limited Seating Available

RSVP Here ->

FREE TO ATTEND!

*Coffee and dessert
will be served*



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Upcoming Events

Feb. 13 - Mar. 13	Scholarship Applications Open
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
Mar. 21	Linn County Flea Market 8am-2:30pm Linn Co. Expo Center
April 1-30	Online Spring School Supply Drive Shop online for school supplies and have them shipped to the APSF!
April 25	iSwim for Kids 8am-11:45am Albany Community Pool
May 7	iRetire Retirement Planning Seminar Comfort Inn Suites 6pm-8pm



[View our full Event Calendar](#)

SAVE THE DATE



March 14, 2026



April 25, 2026



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