



# KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

*Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.*



## iSwim for Kids April 25th!

Open to all GAPS students!

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## Peely's Teacher Supply House - Spring School Supply Drive

April 1-30 - Help us restock our shelves to help our students finish the year strong!

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## iRetire - Retirement Planning Seminar

Thursday, May 7th

FREE event for anyone age 55+ dreaming of retirement

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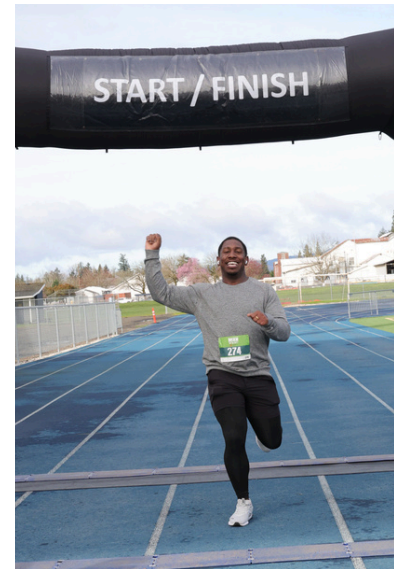
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**"Where flowers bloom, so does hope"**  
**~Lady Bird Johnson**

## **Spring greetings from the Albany Public Schools Foundation!**

We are pleased to announce that the **iRun event held on March 15** was highly successful. We extend our sincere gratitude to the community for their participation in the Little Leprechaun Dash, the 5K, and the 10-mile race. Watching the kids race around the track with all the mascots was a delight. It was great to see families and coworkers joining in to support APSF fundraising efforts. Your generosity means so much. Special thanks go out to the volunteers who helped make this event possible; we truly couldn't have achieved it without you.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our amazing sponsors. Your support for iRun and the APSF is genuinely valued. Special thanks to Jackson Automotive Group—Albany Hyundai, Albany Subaru, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, and Lava Auto Tire Service and Car Wash—for your Golden Apple Presenting sponsorship.



Now onto **iSwim for Kids on April 25th** at the Albany Community Pool. This wonderful event brings classmates together to participate in raising funds for their schools. I want to thank our wonderful community as you have helped us raise the funds to sponsor students for this event that might not have had the means to gather pledges and earn a t-shirt. Thanks to the donations, we will have at least 50 sponsored students in the pool. If you would like to donate to help more students swim, [please donate here.](#)

I am very excited for our upcoming **iRetire event on May 7th** at 6:00 pm at the Albany Comfort Inn & Suites. This event is a retirement planning seminar that covers the traditional retirement process, and we hope will be very educational for attendees as they start to think about retirement. Our guest speaker, Eric King of Bridges Wealth Management, will discuss how to plan for retirement. *This a FREE event* and we would love to have you join us. [Please RSVP here.](#)

**Peely's Teacher Supply House needs restocking!** In April, we're hosting a Spring School Supply Drive. [Visit our website](#) for needed supplies—you can order from listed sources and ship directly to us or drop off at one of our many drop off locations. It's simple and greatly appreciated.

**Scholarship** season is underway. Scholarship readers are reviewing applications in preparation for upcoming award assemblies, where many graduating seniors will receive funding for their education. Thanks to our generous donors, businesses, and community supporters.

Looking back at what we've accomplished and what's coming up, we know it's all thanks to our amazing donors. Your help has made a real difference for students and teachers in our community. From scholarships to much-needed classroom supplies, you've been key to creating a positive and well-rounded learning environment. So, thank you so much!!

Have a wonderful April

Take care



*Peggy Burris*

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# iRUN FOR KIDS

# THANK YOU

We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated, sponsored, donated, volunteered, or in any way supported iRun for Kids. This year's event was successful because our community came together to help us make it great.

We hope everyone will join us again for next year's iRun for Kids on **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2027!**

 *Presented by Our Golden Apple Sponsor*



- Citizens Bank
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*Special Thanks to these community partners:*

- Abby's Pizza
- Alpha Wolf Decals
- First Christian Church
- Genuine Foods
- North Albany IGA
- Willamette Valley Bank

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# iRUN FOR KIDS

## iRun Photos Now Available!



Click the link below to go directly to our Google Drive folder full of iRun photos!

[View iRun Photos](#)

You can also access the link by visiting the iRun for Kids website at [albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/](http://albanypsf.org/events/irun-for-kids/)



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# ISWIM FOR KIDS!

Presented by



Samaritan  
Health Services

**REGISTER  
NOW**



**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/](http://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!**



# Be a Sponsor!

## Available Sponsorship Levels



### Lilypad Sponsor

**\$1,000**

#### SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

- Recognition on Social Media
- Promotional Items in Goodie Bags (for kids)

#### Your Logo on:

- APSF Monthly Newsletter
- Event Shirt (Prominently placed)
- APSF Website, (Prominently placed with your website linked)
- "Thank You" Sponsor Board
- Special Thank You Newsletter

The Lilypad Sponsorship is a larger student support sponsorship that pays for 25 students to attend iSwim without the need to collect pledges (\$40 per student).

### Appleseed Sponsor

**\$500**

#### SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES

- Recognition on Social Media

#### Your Logo on:

- Event Shirt
- APSF Website
- "Thank You" Sponsor Board
- Special Thank You Newsletter

### Student Support (for businesses)

**\$100**

While iSwim for Kids is technically free for all GAPS students to participate, each student must collect at least \$40 in pledges in order to earn an event T-shirt and help their school win cool prizes!

Donate to help sponsor students from one of our low-income elementary schools, without the need for them to collect pledges.

The Student Support level covers the cost of 2 students to participate in iSwim, plus sponsorship benefits.

#### Your NAME on:

- Event Shirt
- APSF Website
- "Thank You" Sponsor Board
- Special Thank You Newsletter

### Sponsor a Kid (for individual donors)

**\$40/student**

Sponsor a Kid gets one student in the pool from one of our sponsored low-income elementary schools, without the need for them to collect pledges.

- Donate on our iSwim fundraising platform, [Zeffy.com](http://Zeffy.com)

### Contact Us

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# PEELY'S

TEACHER SUPPLY HOUSE

ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

# SPRING SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

**April 1-30**

*Help our students finish the year strong!*

**DONATE NEW, UNUSED, AND UNOPENED SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR GAPS TEACHERS!**

Throughout the month of April, purchase school supplies for Peely's Teacher Supply House to help our students finish the year strong! We need your help to restock our shelves with school and classroom supplies of all kinds.

**SHOP OUR WISH LISTS:**   

## 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



## SUPPLY DROP SITES

- APSF Office
- Oregon State Credit Union, North Albany Branch
- Willamette Valley Bank
- People's Bank
- Selco Community Credit Union
- Mid-Willamette Family YMCA

**See all needed supplies and learn more**



**SCAN HERE OR GO TO**

[Albanypsf.org](http://Albanypsf.org)

>What We Do

>Peely's Teacher Supply House

> Donations



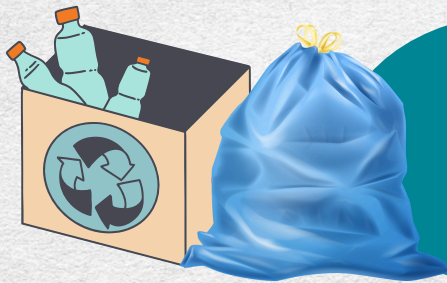
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# **EARTH WEEK GIVE 2026**

## **APRIL 15-26**



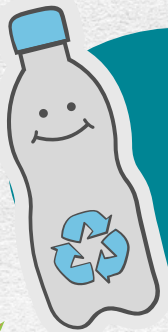
### **FILL UP AN APSF BLUE BAG**

Drop off a Blue APSF Bottle Drop bag at any Bottle Drop location

### **DONATE ONLINE**

Donate to the APSF through your Green Bag Account

[bottledrop.com/fundraiser/albany-public-schools-foundation/](https://bottledrop.com/fundraiser/albany-public-schools-foundation/)



### **THE APSF GETS A 20% MATCH**

For all donations given through Bottle Drop from April 15-26!

***Blue Bags are FREE!***

Call us at 541-979-2773 or email [info@albanypsf.org](mailto:info@albanypsf.org) to schedule pickup.





# iRetire

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

*This seminar covers the traditional retirement process. It does NOT cover PERS. If you would like more information on retiring with PERS, please attend our next Lunch & Learn Evening Edition later this year.*

### Sponsored By



**Limited Seating Available**

**RSVP Here ->**

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

*Coffee and dessert  
will be served*



[albanypsf.org/events/iretire/](http://albanypsf.org/events/iretire/)

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# Upcoming Events

<b>April 1-30</b>	<a href="#"><u>Online Spring School Supply Drive</u></a> Shop online for school supplies and have them shipped to the APSF!
<b>April 15 - 26</b>	<a href="#"><u>Bottle Drop Earth Week Give</u></a> From April 15-26, return an APSF Blue Bag to Bottle Drop or donate through your Green Bag Account, and Bottle Drop will MATCH your donation by 20%!
<b>April 25</b>	<a href="#"><u>iSwim for Kids</u></a> 8am-11:45am   Albany Community Pool
<b>May 7</b>	<a href="#"><u>iRetire</u></a> Retirement Planning Seminar Comfort Inn Suites   6pm-8pm FREE to attend!
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Albany Community Carnival &amp; Great Platypus Drop</b> YMCA, 11am-4pm
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Albany Pride</b> Monteith park



[View our full Event Calendar](#)

## SAVE THE DATE



**April 25, 2026**



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