



KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.



iRetire - Retirement Planning Seminar

Thursday, May 7th

FREE event for anyone age 55+ dreaming of retirement

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May 5-9 is Teacher Appreciation Week!

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iSwim Photos & Winners

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Peely with the PE Teachers from Sunrise and South Shore Elementary at iSwim

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."

- Emily Brontë

Spring greetings from the Albany Public Schools Foundation!

We held our iSwim for Kids event on April 25th. **We are so excited to say we had over 177 swimmers and walkers join us for a fun day in the pool and at the track.** Swimming or walking with friends and classmates while trying to win prizes for their class and their school always makes for a great time. Thanks to our community we were able to sponsor 50 students from 5 schools. These funds took the \$40.00 barrier away and allowed these students to receive an iSwim t-shirt. We love our community and how they step up to help when we ask.

Our Scholarship committee has been very busy this past month. **They have read over 4,449 scholarships from 219 students.** Our donors continue to visit the office to review and to make recommendations for their scholarships. In the June newsletter, I will let you know how many scholarships we awarded this scholarship year.

Thank you to our donors, businesses, and individuals for helping make these students' dreams a reality. To learn about starting a scholarship, contact Andrea Recek, Director of Programs.

Later this month, we will be delivering small tokens of appreciation to every staff member in the Greater Albany Public Schools District. This simple gesture is our way of showing gratitude and acknowledging the dedication and hard work to the staff. We want each individual to know that they are genuinely valued for their commitment to our students and the positive impact they make every day.

I have mentioned before how fortunate we are to have such an amazing community, and I would like to highlight once again the incredible ways our supporters step up whenever we reach out. **In April, we organized a school supply drive for Peey's Teacher Supply House.** The response from our community was truly overwhelming, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity and commitment shown. Final counts are not in yet, as the supplies continue to show up. I will let you know in June our final number of how much was donated.

Also, in June I will share a recap of how much school supplies we gave away to our teachers this past school year. It is truly amazing knowing what this resource means to our teachers.

Here are a few comments we have received:

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“Thank you so much for having Peely’s! I ordered for the first time during the second semester. It was such a gamechanger! Not only were the supplies greatly appreciated, but I also appreciated the emotional boost it gave me! It felt like someone was on my team helping me get what I needed! Thank you so much for the wonderful resource!”

“I’m a first-year teacher and this program has saved my life over and over again. I cannot thank you enough for everything you’ve done for me and my students.”

If you missed our supply drive, we accept donations throughout the year. [Check out our website](#) for our Peely’s Shopping List.

iRetire is coming up on May 7th at 6:00 pm. This *FREE* seminar will walk you through the steps you need to take to retire. [Please RSVP HERE](#) and join us on May 7th. Special thanks to our sponsor and guest speaker, Eric King with Bridges Wealth Management.

ICELEBRATE KIDS is on October 24th. Please save the date and plan to join us as we celebrate our successes. Your support is greatly appreciated!

I hope you have a wonderful month of May. Thank you once again for the ongoing support you provide to the Albany Public Schools Foundation. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of students, teachers, and our entire school community. We appreciate your dedication and commitment and look forward to sharing more updates with you in the coming months.

Take care



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Retirement Planning Seminar

Thursday, May 7th
6-8pm

Comfort Inn Suites of Albany



Guest Speaker: Eric King, CFP, Bridges Wealth Management

Who should attend: Anyone 55+ dreaming of retirement in the next 5-10 years

Are you dreaming of retirement in the next 5 to 10 years? Wondering what it will take to make it happen and afford it? Join us!

iRetire will cover the traditional retirement process and help you learn what you need to do to make your retirement dreams come true.

FREE Event!

REGISTER NOW

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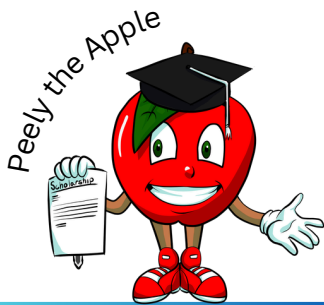
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PEELY'S HONOR ROLL

Give your favorite Greater Albany Public Schools teacher or staff member a pat on the back by making a donation to the Albany Public Schools Foundation in their name! With your donation to the APSF of \$15 or more, they will receive a special certificate of appreciation to let them know how much they're loved!
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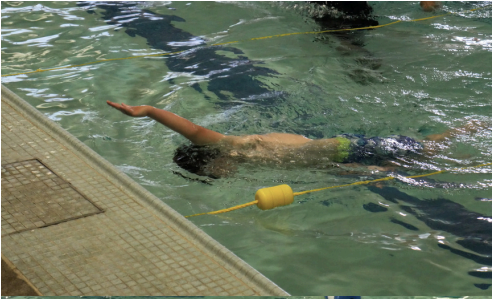
>How to Give

>Peely's Honor Roll



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SWIM FOR KIDS!





Thank you to everyone who participated in iSwim for Kids 2026!

We had a great event this year, and it's always worth it to see students having so much fun in the pool. We appreciate everyone who has donated, collected pledges, volunteered, sponsored swimmers, sponsored the event, or came to cheer the kids on!

SEE ALL ISWIM PHOTOS

Thank you to Justen at JN Films for being our Photographer!



[VIEW ALL ISWIM PHOTOS](#)



WINNERS

Top School, Based on Participation

Wins \$350 for their school

South Shore Elementary

Peely Prize for Most Improved School, Based on Participation

Wins \$100 for their school, and Peely will come and present a special certificate and a balloon at an assembly

Oak Elementary

Top Student, based on most pledges raised

Wins a Dutch Bros Hot Chocolate Party for their Class

Margo Lyons, South Shore Elementary

Raised \$365!

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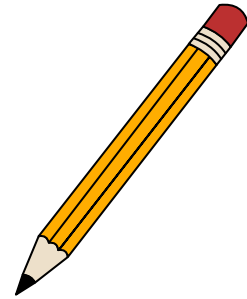
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SPRING SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for our Spring School Supply Drive in April! We greatly appreciate every donation made to Peely's Teacher Supply House.

Special Thanks to our Drop Off Sites:

**Oregon State Credit Union,
North Albany Branch**

Willamette Valley Bank

Selco Community Credit Union

People's Bank

Mid-Willamette Family YMCA

Riverfront Community Center



Our next School Supply Drive will be in August for our big Back to School Supply Drive - mark your calendar!

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Upcoming Events

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May 7	iRetire Retirement Planning Seminar Comfort Inn Suites 6pm-8pm FREE to attend!
May 9	Albany Community Carnival & Great Platypus Drop YMCA, 11am-4pm
May 20	SAHS Senior Awards Ceremony
May 25	Memorial Day - APSF Office Closed
June 1	WAHS Senior Awards Ceremony
June 3	AOS Senior Awards Ceremony
June 19	Juneteenth - APSF Office Closed
June 28	Albany Pride Monteith park



[View our full Event Calendar](#)

SAVE THE DATE


iCelebrate Kids
ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
October 24, 2026



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