



KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.



SAHS Scholarship Winners

South Albany High School held their scholarship ceremony on May 20th

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WAHS Scholarship Winners

West Albany High School held their scholarship ceremony on June 1st

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AOS Scholarship Winners

Albany Options School held their scholarship ceremony on June 3rd

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CONGRATS!



"June is the time for dreams to take flight and soar into reality."

—Emma Racine de Fleur

Greetings from the Albany Public Schools Foundation!

This month's quote feels especially fitting as we celebrate the Class of 2026, whose dreams for the future are beginning to take flight.

The Albany Public Schools Foundation is honored to support these students' future goals and plans by **awarding 157 scholarships worth more than \$293,000**. Thanks to our generous community partners, donors, and service clubs, we can help make many students' futures a little brighter.

If you would like to help a graduating senior with their future plans, please consider establishing a scholarship for the Class of 2027. Contact Andrea Recek, our Director of Programs, to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE— Our iCelebrate Kids Gala & Auction will be held on October 24th at the Linn County Expo.

Join us for an evening of celebration and fundraising in support of students in our community. Your support is especially meaningful this year as we continue investing in programs across our district. [We are currently seeking event sponsors.](#) **Registration OPENS August 1st.**

Join us and help make a difference to the students!

As the school year comes to a close, we are celebrating 28 Greater Albany Public Schools educators and staff members who are retiring this year. We hope they know the lasting impact they have made on students, and we wish them a joyful and relaxing retirement.

In closing, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have stepped up this past year and helped the APSF. Whether it was at one of our events, iRun, iSwim or iCelebrate, or at a work party here at the office, we could not do what we do without your help. From our amazing board members to community members to service clubs, you help us in so many ways, and we are eternally grateful.

As we wrap up our fiscal year, I encourage you to continue supporting the Albany Public Schools Foundation's efforts to ensure every student in our community has the opportunity to succeed. Did you know [we accept Donor Advised Funds \(DAFs\)](#), which may offer tax advantages under current tax laws? Please feel free to call me to discuss your charitable giving to APSF.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps create brighter futures and is sincerely appreciated.

Take care and have a wonderful start to the summer!



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CONGRATULATIONS SAHS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



CONGRATULATIONS WAHS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



CONGRATULATIONS AOS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



Congratulations to All GAPS Retirees!



Every year, we attend their retirement ceremony to wish the retiring GAPS staff members a happy retirement and to present them with a special gift from the APSF staff and board members. We are honored to have been a part of your careers!

The inscription on their flower pots reads:

"Never underestimate the difference you made and the lives you touched."

It's the end of the school year!

Say "Thank You" to your favorite teacher with

PEELY'S HONOR ROLL

YOU

Donate \$15+ to the APSF in the name of your favorite GAPS teacher/staff member



Will create and deliver a special Certificate of Appreciation for that person

WE

THEY

Will feel loved, appreciated, and cared for!

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[Learn More and Donate on our Website](http://albanypsf.org)

GAPS Principals:

Enrichment Grant Applications Open June 1 - August 14

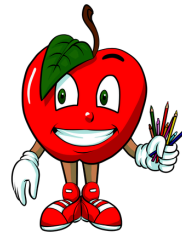


Enrichment Grants support innovative programs, tools and supplies that create enrichment opportunities for students in the areas of art, music, science and health/wellness.



This is different than the classroom grant program in that **the applicant is the school principal and the grant is for a school wide program.**

[Learn More and Apply](#)



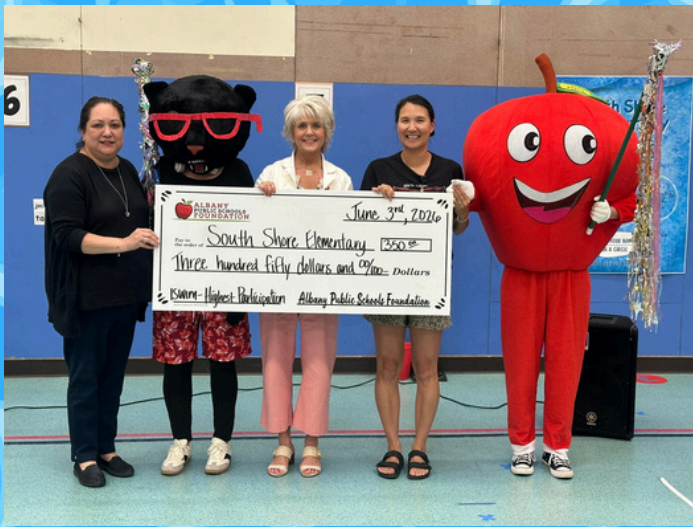
**Classroom
Grant Project
Highlight**

Enhancing Play and Wellness: Recess Equipment Improvement

“This project has been a huge success. It has been a joy watching students at recess engage in so many activities. We have had way less conflicts because students have so many activities to choose from. Every morning my TA brings the cart of equipment outside and he is surrounded by 3rd graders. They are so excited to get out to recess and play. Students that normally just sit or can't find something to do are now active and trying all kinds of new things.”

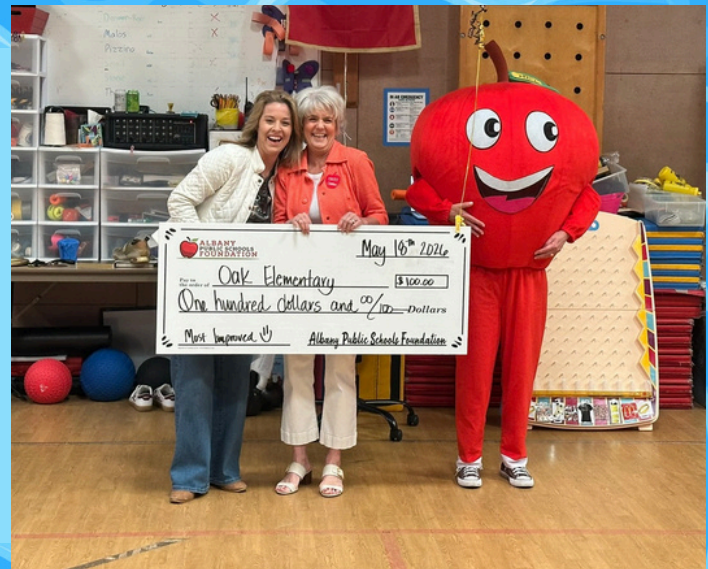
**Nicole Rennaker
Meadow Ridge Elementary**

Wrapping Up iSwim



South Shore Elementary WON Highest Participation at iSwim for Kids, and earned \$350 for their school! Peely visited their school with a giant check to celebrate.

Oak Elementary won Most Improved by Participation at iSwim for Kids, and earned \$100 for their school! Peely visited their school with a giant check, a balloon, and a special certificate to celebrate. Principal Bennett also awarded special prizes to the class with the highest attendance, the class that raised the most money, and the student who raised the most pledges.



Margo from South Shore raised the most pledges out of every student at iSwim, raising \$365! As a reward, she earned her whole class a Dutch Bros Hot Chocolate party. Congrats Margo!



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

AUGUST 1-31

Help us restock Peely's for the new school year

Donate new, unused, and unopened school supplies for GAPS teachers!



SEE ALL NEEDED SUPPLIES AT
ALBANYPSF.ORG

- >WHAT WE DO
- >PEELY'S TEACHER SUPPLY HOUSE
- >DONATIONS

HAPPY *Pride* MONTH!

WE'LL BE AT
ALBANY PRIDE!
SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH
Come visit our booth!

MONTEITH PARK
11AM-3PM



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Upcoming Events

June 1 - Aug 14	Enrichment Grant Applications Open Learn More and Apply
June 19	<i>Juneteenth - APSF Office Closed</i>
June 28	Albany Pride @ Monteith Park APSF will have a booth!
July 3	Happy Independence Day! APSF Office Closed
August 1-31	Peely's Back to School Supply Drive Help us re-stock our shelves for the new school year!
August 28	Peely's Odds and Ends Room Open for In-Person Shopping <i>Open to GAPS Teachers and Staff</i>



[View our full Event Calendar](#)

SAVE THE DATE



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