ALBANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

November 2026 Newsletter



KEEPING UP WITH PEELY

Every Student. Every Opportunity to Succeed.



Bottle Drop Holiday Give

November 15 - December 1

Bottle Drop is matching all donations by 20%!

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Give the Gift of Learning!

Change a student's life with your year-end gift!

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New Special Appeal Video

Watch our NEW Special Appeal video that premiered at iCelebrate this year. Hear from GAPS teachers how the APSF has impacted them and their students.

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"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
– John F. Kennedy

November greetings from Albany Public Schools Foundation -
My deepest thanks to everyone who sponsored our auction, attended, or purchased items. Your generosity is essential to APSF's efforts to raise funds for students and teachers in our community. We couldn't do what we do without people like you. I am so grateful to live in a community that shows up for the kids.

If you were unable to attend and would still like to support, **please visit our website** to learn how you can give, or think of us with your year-end giving.

As we turn our attention to scholarships for graduating seniors, we invite you to help a student take the next step toward their dreams. Anyone can sponsor a scholarship—a business, a family, or a service club. **Scholarships start at $500.00**. As a donor, you can choose the criteria and help us select the recipient. When a student hears their name called at their school's awards ceremony, they receive more than financial support. They also hear a message: *someone in their community believes in them*. That belief is a priceless gift we can offer our young people.

If you're interested in sponsoring a scholarship or would simply like to learn more, please give me a call. I'd love to talk with you.

A heartfelt thank-you to Kiefer Nissan of Corvallis and Burcham's Metals for recently committing to support our Student Assistance Program. They join Selco Community Credit Union and Samaritan Health Services in helping students pursue their dreams with financial and emotional support along the way. To all our sponsors, thank you for being there for our students. Your generosity means so much to them and to all of us at APSF.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with time to relax and enjoy the company of friends and family. As we pause to give thanks, please know how grateful I am for each of you.

Take care,



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iCelebrate Kids
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An Autumn Evening of Giving: Harvesting Hope for the Future

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- Greater Albany Education Association
- People's Bank
- Willamette Valley Bank

Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who attended iCelebrate Kids 2026, to our sponsors who made this possible, to our volunteers who helped put all of this together, and to our auction item donors for making this event one worth remembering.
We hope you will all attend next year for iCelebrate Kids 2027!

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, October 23rd, 2027
Linn County Expo Center

Recycle for a Reason this Holiday Season



BottleDrop® Give

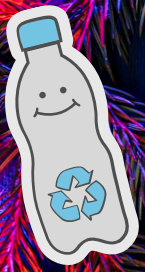
HOLIDAY GIVE 2026

November 15 – December 1

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





OR DONATE!

Donate to the APSF though your Green Bag Account
bottledrop.com/fundraiser/albany-public-schools-foundation/

The APSF Gets a 20% Match
For all donations given through Bottle Drop
from Nov. 15 – Dec. 1

Blue Bags are FREE!
Call us at 541-979-2773 or
email marketing@albanypsf.org to schedule pickup

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Give the Gift of Learning This Holiday Season

With your generous support, the Albany Public Schools Foundation opens new opportunities for students. Kids facing socio-economic challenges and other issues deserve an equal chance for success. You can help us achieve our vision and give ***every student, every opportunity to succeed.***

STUDENT ASSISTANCE



Mentors, College Supplies & Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarships for AOS, SAHS & WAHS

CLASSROOM FUNDING



Providing New Learning Experiences

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Free School & Classroom Supplies for Teachers through *Peely's Teacher Supply House*

Change a student's life with your year-end donation of $50, $100, or more

Since 1984, the Albany Public Schools Foundation has been making a difference for students. Your generosity will help increase our impact for years to come.
Thank you for investing in Albany students!

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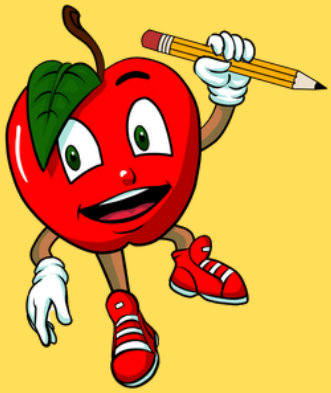
WATCH:

We premiered our newest Special Appeal video at iCelebrate Kids 2026 that we now have available on our YouTube channel.

Harvesting Hope for the Future - Why the APSF Makes a Difference



Hear from GAPS teachers how the APSF has impacted them and their students.
Plus, hear from one of our successful SAP students and how the program is helping him get through college.



Classroom Grant Project Highlight



"Wonder": Literacy, Art, Wellness

Waverly Elementary

"Students spent a lot of time writing positive comments on each peer's poster. They were so excited to get their own poster back to read all the comments. I am hoping this is something they will keep for a long time! Also, they loved the novel, "Wonder". We had so many good class discussions about each character, the many precepts in the book, and the overall theme, "*Kindness Matters*"."

Student Assistance Program

The Albany Public Schools 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, limited parental support and other educational obstacles.

Post- Secondary Education Support

Basic Needs



Providing dorm room essentials, school supplies, laptops, etc.

Mentors



Transitions students from high school to college/trade school

Financial Assistance



Needs-based criteria helps fill financial gaps

Each SAP Student Receives:

- $2,000 per year scholarship for up to 4 years
- A mentor to help transition from high school to college or trade school
- $1,500 stipend for first-year expenses (laptop, dorm supplies, etc)

The SAP Program costs $10,000 per student

Thank You to our SAP Sponsors

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Kiefer Nissan of Corvallis

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 5	**iRetire - PERS Edition** 6pm | Comfort Inn Suites How to navigate the PERS retirement process *ALL GAPS staff are invited!*
Nov. 11	**Veterans Day** APSF Office Closed
Nov.14	**North Albany IGA Holiday Open House** 11am-3pm *We'll be there with a table!* Enjoy free samples, a hot chocolate station, beer & wine tastings, kids craft room, raffle prizes, and a visit with santa!
Nov. 15-Dec. 1	**Bottle Drop Holiday Give** Turn in your Blue Bags or Donate to the APSF through your Green Bag account, and Bottle Drop will match your donation by 20%!
Nov. 26 & 27	**Happy Thanksgiving!** APSF Office Closed
Dec. 5	**Albany Downtown Twice Around Parade**

View our full Event Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

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March 13, 2027

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