SCHOOL PICTURES ARE HAPPENING! We’re excited to announce that we will be having school picture days this fall! We and the district have worked with our photography company, Blue Note Photography (the same people as last year, just under a new name), to develop a photography plan that is safe and as simple as possible under our current circumstances. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to briefly visit the school, have a photo session, and have your child/ren be included in this year’s class photo. Class photos will be composites this year and the only way to have your child included is to attend one of these photo sessions.

There will be two windows for photography: **Wednesday September 30 from 8:30am - 11:30am and Thursday October 1 from 12:30 - 3:30pm.** The entrance for picture day will be the side gate on Brighton Ave. **In order to take part, you must first sign up for a specific time slot here:** [https://BlueNote.as.me/OV](https://BlueNote.as.me/OV). The time you select is the beginning of a 15 minute window, during which you may arrive anytime. Please select the quantity of sessions equal to the number of children arriving with you. These time slots are limited to avoid crowding and maintain social distancing guidelines. You are encouraged to bring all Ocean View students in your household at one time. If you are part of a “pod,” you may come as a unit with a single guardian to help reduce the number of people onsite.

**OTTER NEWS**

5TH GRADE BAND PARENTS INSTRUMENT PICK UP TONIGHT POSTPONED Due to poor air quality. Please look for more information coming soon.

**WEEKLY SUPPLIES PICK UP** Please follow your student’s classroom pick up hours. If you miss the pick up window, the tote bags will be relocated to a table in front of the office for pick up the next day.

**COUNSELING FOR STUDENTS DURING REMOTE INSTRUCTION.** There are ebbs and flows to mental health and well-being, regardless of what era we’re in. Teachers and support staff have always played part counselor in schools and the social emotional well being of your child(s) continues to be a primary importance of ours. If you think your child is in need of counseling and you are unable to provide for this on your own please reach out to Principal Georgeson tgeorgeson@ausdk12.org.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

FAMILIAS LATINAS DE ALBANY IS HOSTING A VIRTUAL CAFECITO Saturday, September 12, at 10 am via Zoom. It’s a chance to meet, share our experiences of the last few weeks, get to know each other, and give each other some coraje to keep going!

Here’s the link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89013419856](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89013419856) Meeting ID: 890 1341 9856

**THE ADS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP:** The Albany Disability Squad is a group of families raising students with disabilities who are served by the Albany Unified School District. We formed in the spring of 2020 in response to cuts to Special Education during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our purpose is to work collectively
with each other and collaboratively within the school district and beyond:

- advocate for the needs of students with an IEP or a 504 plan, or students are in need of one
- support each other in our journeys through the Special Education system
- advocate for educational equity and justice for all students, recognizing the intersection of disability with race, ethnicity, gender and sexual identity

NEWSLETTER
Meetings Every Second Wednesday Time: 6:30 To 8:00pm  albanydisabilitysquad@gmail.com

HELPFUL TIPS TO REGISTER TO VOTE You can apply to register to vote right now by filling in the online application. The application is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. If you have any questions, visit Frequently Asked Questions or contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or by email. To Obtain a Paper Voter Registration Application. If you would like to register using a paper voter registration application, you can pick one up at your county elections office, library, Department of Motor Vehicles offices, or U.S. post office. It is important that your voter registration application be filled out completely and be postmarked or hand-delivered to your county elections office at least 15 days before the election. To request a paper voter registration application be mailed to you, please call (800) 345-VOTE(8683) or email Elections Division staff. https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE
OV OFFICE HOURS The office is open to support our teachers and staff Monday through Friday 8:30am-3:00pm. If you need assistance please call our offices (510)558-4800 or email gshigeta@ausdk12.org We thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our staff safe.

ATTENDANCE LINE (510)558-4801. Your child’s attendance and engagement in remote learning is very important. In the event that your child is going to be absent, please call our Attendance line by 10:00 am OR email OVAttendance@ausdk12.org Make sure to tell us: 1) Your name, 2) Your Child's full name, 3) Teacher name, and 4) Reason for absence. If we don’t hear from you when your child is absent, an autodialer call will be sent. Parents have a maximum of five (5) days to excuse an absence before we begin our process to check in with families for reasons for nonparticipation.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT The IT Department is working together to resolve several issues including wifi, login, and other connection problems. f you experience connectivity issues you can proceed in the following way. 1. Email our site Tech support teacher -Ray Pedersen at rpedersen@ausdk12.org He will have office hrs from 8:00am-9:00am M, T, Th, Fri. and 2:00pm-3:00pm on Wednesdays. 2. Place a "Help Ticket" through the district website. This will go directly to our tech department. Please provide your student's name and the AUSD code on the backside of the Chromebook. helpdesk@ausdk12.org 3. ALWAYS email your teacher to inform them of the Chromebook issue.

REMINDER TO FIRST GRADE FAMILIES Please remember to turn in immunization updates, the Health Examination form, and the Oral Health form to the OV Annex Office, as soon as possible. All children entering 1st grade should have a CHDP health exam form and an Oral Health form on file with us.

AERIES PARENT PORTAL open for parents to update data and download emergency forms Aeries Parent Portal. Please print, sign, and return to the school the following documents By Friday, October 9th: 1) Student Emergency Card, 2) Supplemental Emergency form, and 3) Acknowledgment Form. You simply need to have an updated email address in the AERIES system; office staff can check or correct that for you. Hard copies of the above forms are also available in the office as well as on our website (under Parent Forms, as a secondary option.

FROM AUSD
FOOD SERVICE FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR: FREE Grab and go meals for all children 18 & under on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Albany High School multipurpose room, 603 Key
Route Blvd. from 11:30 to 1:30. You do not need a barcode. Social distancing measures are in effect. Face coverings are required. Children do not need to be present to pick up food. Chef Sabina 510-558-2608

PTA HAPPENINGS
FIRST PTA (ZOOM) MEETING OF THE YEAR, Please Join us NEXT WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, 7PM As our families face the challenges of distance learning in the new school year, supporting our school community is more important than ever. Your Ocean View Parent Teacher Association (PTA) parent board invites you to show your support for our children, our teachers and staff, and our school by joining the Ocean View PTA, and coming to our first (Zoom) PTA meeting, Agenda is below.

- Meet your PTA parent board officer
- Update from Principal Terry Georgeson on distanced learning and construction of new school buildings
- Our proposed PTA budget and activities for the year
- Black Lives Matter
- Ideas for supporting our children and school during distanced learning

Visit the Ocean View PTA Website Today The Zoom link for the meeting will be emailed on the morning of September 16. Questions? Contact us at volunteers@oceanview-pta.org

FUNDRAISING CORNER
BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION IS AN EASY WAY TO MAKE MONEY FOR OV PTA! You might still find the traditional pink Box Tops on some products -- clip and bring them into your school office Thur, Sept. 17th. Box Tops for Education is transitioning to a new and improved mobile app scanning program. Just download the app to your smartphone and scan your receipt every time you shop! Many online delivery services work with Box Tops for Education also. https://www.boxtops4education.com/ It all adds up!

AMAZON SMILE Did you know your Amazon orders can generate .5% back to the Ocean View PTA? Go to https://smile.amazon.com, sign in to your Amazon account, enter a search for “Ocean View PTA” and then choose the Ocean View School listing that is located in Albany. That’s it! Your friends and family, as well as your place of employment, can also register on Amazon and choose Ocean View. Just make sure you are on smile.amazon.com each time you order.

Have a wonderful weekend!—Terry Georgeson, Principal