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ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS from Peter I. Parenti, Albany USD Director
Results from the Smarter Balanced Assessments, as well as other statewide tests will be published soon. During the month of September, individual reports will be mailed home to parents, and school-wide results will be provided to the public. Albany USD appreciates the increased depth and rigor found in the new CA State standards and assessments, and we have made a lot of good progress. However, we need to be sensitive to the needs of our students.

The most important priorities are to be sure that students and staff are celebrated and supported for the work they do every day. When discussing results, keep in mind that no one measure should be used to describe a student's intelligence; nor can one standardized test capture the complexity of our amazing schools. For more information, including video tutorials and frequently asked questions, please visit the following website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>

6TH GRADE TEAM BUILDING

We were able to bring a 6th grade team building program to AMS this year. It is intended to help bring all of our 6th graders together so they can get to know students who attended other elementary schools. We want to bring our students into the Albany Middle School community and their class community in a positive and proactive way. This team building is being done this week Tuesday through Thursday. Ask your child about it! Thank you so much to the AMS PTA for sponsoring this and making it possible!

6TH GRADE POTLUCK MIXERS

The PTA sponsors a welcome event for 6th grader families as an opportunity for you to get to know families who your children are in class with. Each potluck is sponsored for two (or three) classes at a time. We are still looking for a coordinator. Please let June McDaniels, PTA president know if you're interested (junemcdaniels@gmail.com). Flyers with more information will be passed out at Back to School Night. However, in order to save the dates, find your child's class's date below. They will be from 6-7pm.

Thursday, 9/24: Morris & Chambers
Tuesday, 9/29: Anderson-Stanford & Mann
Thursday, 10/1: Bryndza & Fryer
Tuesday, 10/6: Loftus & Peairs
Wednesday, 10/7: Pace & Clark & Backowski

PICTURE DAY

Friday, September 11th, is picture day. All students will have their picture taken for their student ID and the yearbook. If you would like to purchase a photo packet, please send money with your child

on picture day. Order forms are in the orientation packets. There are extra order forms available in the office. We need parent volunteers to help on Picture Day. If you are able to help, please email Debbie at dmarquez@ausdk12.org.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - Mark your calendars! Back to School Night is scheduled for September 17th. Come meet your child's teachers and learn about the various classes and expectations. The event begins in your students' classrooms at 7:00pm and ends at 8:40pm. Each parent will be provided their child's schedule in advance and parents will follow that schedule to visit each of their child's classrooms. This is an adults only event. Please arrange for childcare at home.

E-TREE

You can receive this weekly notice electronically. To sign up for the e-tree send a blank email with a Subject of "Subscribe" from your email account to: AlbanyMiddleSchool-subscribe@yahoo.com. Yahoo sends back a confirmation email which could go into your Bulk or Spam folder. You have to respond to this email to be subscribed.

YMCA Hiring Lunchtime Yard Monitors

The Albany YMCA is seeking multiple LUNCHTIME YARD MONITORS.

Under the supervision of the Teen Coordinator, Lunchtime Yard Monitors will supervise student activity at Albany Middle School during the lunch hour. This is a part time position: 5-7.5 hours per week. Please submit your resume in a word document to: sdelarosa@ymca-cba.org.

Responsibilities for this position:

- Supervise groups of students grades 6-8 in both recreational and social scenarios, Enforce school policies and procedures, Ensure student safety at all times

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working with youth, CPR/First Aid certified

Compensation:

- Part-time position; \$12.00 hour

KOREAN FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

"District-wide "Back-to-School Night" for Korean families, sponsored by AUSD and the City of Berkeley, will be held on **September 3 (Thurs.) between 6:30pm and 8:30 pm at the Oceanview Elementary Library**. Families who are new to the country or to the district are strongly encouraged to attend since you can learn a lot about the school programs and communities and your questions will be answered at this event. Please RSVP to Soo Sim at ssim94706@gmail.com by September 1 (Tue.) if you need childcare. The letter regarding this event can be found in the school office.

한인 가정을 위한 'Back-to-School Night' 오리엔테이션이 **9월 3일 (목) 오후 6:30 ~8:30 까지 Oceanview 초등학교 도서실에서** 열립니다. 학교와 커뮤니티에 대한 정보를 얻을 수 있으며 좋은 기회가 될 것이므로 특히 미국이나 알바니에 처음 오신 가정들은 꼭 참석하시길 바랍니다. 궁금하신 점이나 참석 여부 그리고 아이돌봄 필요 여부를 Soo Sim, ssim94706@gmail.com 에게 알려 주시면 준비에 많은 도움이 되겠습니다. 이 행사 관련 편지는 각 학교 오피스에서 찾아보실 수 있습니다.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, 9/1 to Thursday, 9/3:	6 th Grade Team Building
Monday, September 7th:	Labor Day, No School

Friday, September 11 th :	Picture Day
Thursday, September 17 th :	1 st PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00PM- ALL ARE WELCOME!
Thursday, September 17 th :	Back to School Night 7:00- 8:40PM
Monday, October 12 th :	Staff Development, No School