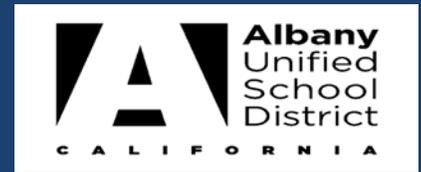


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SUPERINTENDENT MARLA STEPHENSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

A Message from Superintendent Stephenson



This is the 4th issue of AUSD's "Community" Newsletter.

We hope you enjoy it!

On Tuesday, 6/11/13, I announced that I am planning to **retire June 30, 2014.**

I want to give the Board and the school community ample time to make a good choice in the District's next leader and to minimize any distraction for our outstanding teachers, classified employees, administrators and, of course, our students.

I have served public education for 26 years, with the last 14 years spent in Albany. Who would have predicted that the economic recession would have occurred just two months after I was hired as superintendent?

I am proud that our district has weathered the fiscal storm of the past 5 years. We have been able to maintain music, art programs, librarians, science and physical education specialists and a 7 period day for grades 8-12.

We did not cut salary or benefits to employees and managed to maintain a healthy reserve.

In spite of fiscal challenges, we improved our API scores every year, we passed a parcel tax, built a new aquatics facility, put a strategic plan into place and are working on a facilities master plan. I am proud of what has been accomplished and extremely proud of Albany High School's recognition as a "California Distinguished School."

I remain committed to providing an excellent education for Albany students and assisting with the transition to a new superintendent.

Yours in Education,

Marla Stephenson, Superintendent



Albany Unified School will adjust the District Office hours for four (4) weeks during the summer to conserve energy. The District Office will be **closed on Fridays** beginning the week of **July 8th through August 3rd**. This is an energy conservation measure allowing AUSD to reduce energy cost thus reducing our carbon footprint.

During this time period, the District Office **hours will be extended Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

The District Office will **return to regular business hours** of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Monday, **August 5th**.

Albany Aquatic Center

InnerTube Water Polo

Summer 2013
July 12 ~ August 23



Championship Games - September 6
Top 4 teams play in championship

League Information

Each team...
consists of 6 players (including the goalie).
must consist of at least 2 women and 2 men
ages 16 & up.
will play a total of seven games plus a championship round.

Winning team receives champion shirts!

Schedule Summer 2013

When: All games are scheduled for Friday evenings
July 12 through September 6 (no meeting on August 30)
Time: 7:30pm to 10:00pm
Where: Albany Aquatic Center Outdoor Pool.
Team Captain's Meeting: Friday, June 28 at 6:00pm
Teams will receive schedules and other pertinent information
during this meeting.

Registration Information

League Fees

Residents: \$200.00
Non-Residents: \$225.00

*Only one player on the team needs to be an
Albany resident to receive resident rates.

Registration Deadlines

Registration opens: May 18
Registration Deadline: July 5

To Register

Completed registration form and full
payment must be submitted in person at
the Albany Aquatic Center, located at
1311 Portland Avenue in Albany, CA.



After home, work and/or school, where do you go? Your neighborhood pool — where everyone is welcomed and you can find fun and fitness for the whole family. Summer registration is open. Spots are filling fast!

Albany Aquatic Center offers activities for all ages:

- Youth classes are for toddlers, children and teens. Youth over the age of 7 can exercise daily during Lap Swim and youth of all ages can play in the pool during Family Swim.

Make sure to check out **Aqua Camp**, it's a blast!



- Adult programs** include lap swim, open exercise, water fitness classes and **Masters. Stroke** and Triathlon clinics are offered at various times throughout the year. Group and **private adult lessons** are also available each session.

• Student Services

Marsha Brown, Director III, Student Services



Back-to-School Packets Going Electronic!

In an effort to "go green" and save paper, and reducing our carbon footprint, staff is currently working to provide the annual back-to-school parent notification and permissions handbook to our families electronically. **Hard copies will also be available at each school office.**

Albany Residents

Can "Enroll Students" Online & "Re-Verify" by Email or In Person!

Albany residents are now able to enroll students online, reducing our carbon footprint, or in person.

Summer office hours for "New Student Enrollment"

Monday and Wednesday 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 -12:00 Noon



Summer office hours for "Address Re-Verification"

Monday and Wednesday 8:00 – 12:00 Noon
Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 -5:00 p.m.

We understand that it is not always convenient for parents to come to the district office each year for address re-verification. This year we have implemented a new system to make it easier. Parents now have the option to scan and send their residency documents by email to residency@ausdk12.org.

We have also expanded the list of documents that meet residency requirements to better align with state and other school districts' requirements. The list of required documents can be found in the "Enrollment" section on the district website www.ausdk12.org. **Please direct all questions to Linda Williams at (510) 558-3762.**

Facilities

Don Albright, Facilities Supervisor



At the **Green Committee's** last meeting on 5/21/13, the committee reviewed the measures taken to date by AUSD to make the district's business operations more **sustainable and carbon neutral**. After reviewing what has already been done, the group discussed other ideas to take to the Board of Education for discussion in 2013-14.

Human Resources

Cynthia Attiyeh
Human Resources Administrator



On June 11, 2013 the Albany Unified School District **Board of Education passed resolutions** to honor retirees and employees with ten, twenty, and thirty years of service. We greatly appreciate the work and commitment all of these employees have shown to support the development of our students.

We would like to again thank the following retirees: Martha Valdivia, Norvell Harrison, Kermit Bankson, Dave DeHart, Susan Charlip, Donna Donohue, Fran Sheppard, Tom Gamba, Giulia Matteucci, Robin Blum, Sheila Addiego, Joan Morgan and Janice Cinquegrano.

Please join us in recognizing the following for their years of service: 10 years-Sara Backowski, Afsaneh Ghadimi, Adirenne Kohn, Michelle Lau-Seim, Richard Iew, Pam Lim McAlister, Ray Pedersen, Abby Skrivan; 20 years-Minka Bakkenta, Judith Carey, Michael DeWall, Catherine Lawrence, Alexia Ritchie, Fran Sheppard; 30 years-Yvonne Arnold, Leslie Barta, Susan Charlip, Dave DeHart, Joanna Pace

Kindergarten Assignment Process



Kindergarten assignments are made in the following **priority order**:

1. Special education needs.
2. Sibling(s) already attending a particular school
3. Program needs (such as English Language Development)
4. Parent request

In the event that a particular site or schedule (Early Bird or Late Bird) has more parent requests than space available (after 1 -3 have occurred), a lottery is held to determine which students will be assigned that school/schedule. If a family does not receive their first choice, they may request being placed on the waiting list for their preferred school and/or schedule.

Families are notified of kindergarten assignment by mail. Staff strives to provide the notification by the end of July.

Technology Department

Brian Hyland, Director of Technology



"New Wi-Fi"



AUSD has begun to deploy a completely new, district-wide, wireless network. The **new wi-fi system** was designed to bring increase coverage and capacity to all AUSD classrooms. It will increase data throughput and more reliable connections for AUSD wireless devices.

"VoIP"

Technology Services will be completing the roll out of the new VoIP (**voice over IP**) **phone system** over the summer. Once completed, AUSD will have a modern, flexible phone system that will be integrated district-wide.



Perry-Stier Family Recognition

On May 14, 2013, the meeting of the Albany Board of Education began with the **approval of a resolution** to honor the Perry-Stier family (pictured above) for their leadership in **civics and human rights** in carrying the **fight for gender equality** all the way to the Supreme Court.

AUSD District E-tree

AUSD now has a **district e-tree for staff, parents, and the community!** If you would like to receive periodic emails that will **keep you up-to-date** on all the **latest district news and announcements**, please visit www.ausdk12.org and **subscribe on the home page.**

AUSD has a Facebook page! Please visit www.ausdk12.org



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