

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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High School News-Student of the Week



Fourth week in February: Desiree Haviland was selected by Sandy Karpen, Business Education Teacher. Desiree always has a smile on her face, is very nice and respectful to those around her. She enjoys coming to school and is very hard working in my classroom. I enjoy visiting with her and I know that she does her best in everything she tries. Desiree deserves this award because her behavior and demeanor makes her a student that Almond-Bancroft should be proud of.



First week in March: Chris Cordrey was selected by Mrs. Huebner. Chris always has a positive attitude. He is prompt, prepared, and very polite. Chris respects his peers, and is a great listener. He is willing to help out whenever he is asked



Second week in March: Budd Gutke was selected by Mrs. Dwyer. Budd shows great effort in his school work, he is readily handling out smiles and cheers to friends and he has a terrific team spirit about him. Budd is an uplifting student model. And Happy Birthday too!

The High School Student of the Month for February is: Ethan Meddaugh. He was selected by the staff.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

February Students of the Month

Students were honored last week for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Abigail Karpen. Abigail is a very good student. She is respectful and a pleasure to have in class. Abigail is very polite. From seventh grade, we honored Mary Zak. Mary always has her work done and on time. She always works very hard and is very polite. From eighth grade, we honored Hunter Vezina. Hunter always tries his best and he is a class act in every way. He is very polite and respectful, has a great sense of humor, and is a team player. Hunter makes good choices and is a good role model for other students. His attitude always shines. These students were selected by their teachers.



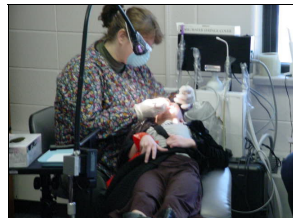
GOOD NEWS!

Have you moved into the Almond-Bancroft School District or had a new baby since July 1, 2007? That is good news for our school district and that means that we are growing. Come in and take advantage of our Family Resource Center Program for young parents and children every Thursday 10:00-11:30 am. Also, please take the time to call Pat Leary at the school anytime between 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Monday-Friday, so we can put that new resident(s) on the list for pre-school screening, and coming to school in the fall. You can reach her at 715-366-2941 ext. 421. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Any parents looking to enroll their child in Kindergarten or 4 year old kindergarten, please call 366-2941, to get information and paperwork for enrollment. The district needs to know total enrollment numbers for the 2008-2009 school year as soon as possible for planning purposes.

Avast Ye! By Miss Davy

On Friday, March 7th Miss Davy's class hosted a Pirate Party. The second graders have been studying map features and directions, while reading about pirates. Miss Davy's class took it upon themselves to develop pirate-themed games, such as *Pin the Patch on the Pirate* and *Pirate Flag Treasure Hunt*. They also feasted on pirate-inspired grub, to celebrate the end of their newfound knowledge. After their preparation, the class invited Mrs. Blokhuys and Mrs. Henske's class over to join in the fun! The students really enjoyed dressing the part and getting their pirate names. Thank you to the parents who donated food!



Brush'em, Brush'em

Healthy Smiles for Portage County visited the second grade to review proper teeth care and explain dental sealants. Each student received a "check up" from the hygienists; they sat in the dentist chair and even got to wear sunglasses! Everyone also was given new toothbrushes, toothpaste, and rinse. They are now armed to fight cavities!

On April 16th, the District will be replanting a portion of the school forest on County Hwy J. Any community volunteers that would be able to help along with students to complete the project, please contact Ed Warzynski at 366-2941 ext 344.



The 8th graders, combined with Ms. Weis and Mrs. Geisendorfer, have created "Family Tree" posters to go with the novel *Diary of Anne Frank*. In order to complete this project, students had to conduct research with family members in order to find out more details from their past. They also had to come up with a creative way to present the facts



on paper and to their peers. These creations can be found on the walls of the middle school and on the windows of the secondary library. Please take some time to check them out. Congratulations to the 8th Graders for doing an exceptional job!! In combination with this project, the students are in the process of learning about ration cards and discrimination. As the book continues, students are being challenged to think about life in hiding and some of the things we might hide from when we come to school today and in the world.

Safety Cadet News by Mrs. Upton Safety Coordinator

Can you believe it's almost April?? March seems to have just flown by! It has been nice having a few of those nice, warmer days. Megan Wiczek and Jace Stuebs are the Safety Cadets of the Month for the month of March. These two never hesitate to help out when needed. They both do a great job! All the Safety Cadets have really been aware of how they have been doing their duties lately and I'm very pleased to see that. Keep up the great job everybody!



Did your high school student forget to order a 2008 yearbook?

If so, get your order to Mrs. Karpen by the 15th of

April. If we don't get enough orders, we may not have a yearbook next year.



Box Tops

P.I.E. needs your soon to expire BOX TOPS to send in by May 1st. Please check any box tops you have that may be ready to expire. Be sure to continue saving them over the summer for the elementary competitions starting this fall. If you have any questions about box tops please call our coordinator Leslie at 366-2633. P.I.E.

Thank you for all of your support.

P.I.E. Minutes

On Tuesday, March 4, 2008 the PIE organization met and the following are the minutes of that meeting:

Old Business: Box Tops were mailed out. We will advertise box tops wars for next year at the Open House. The organization helped sponsor the fifth graders on their jazz field trip.

New Business: The babysitting class is set for Saturday, May 17, 2008. Flyers will be handed out to all fifth and sixth graders. A suggestion on a request for funds form. This form would be filled out by anyone requesting monies. This form would then be submitted to the organization for discussion and possible action. Professional Day was discussed and a request for five gift certificate to be distributed next month. Staff appreciation breakfast will be held Wednesday, May 7th in the elementary library. The Senior Tea is in the planning stages. A meeting in two weeks will be held to make final arrangements for the tea, which will be held May 2nd. Eighth grade graduation was discussed. It will be held on June 3rd. We will continue with the same menu as in past years. A fundraiser idea was presented and the committee will consider this interesting project.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday April 22, 2008** at 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary LMC. Please plan to attend.



Author Visits Fourth Graders

The fourth graders received a visit from Jim Pope, the author of Everyday Adventures of a Farm Boy in the 50's. This book is about the author growing up on a family farm in Waupaca. Mr. Pope read to the fourth graders and talked about being an author. He also gave each child his/her own autographed copy of the book and provided two copies for the school library. The fourth graders additionally received an arrowhead or a stick pencil. This was all provided for the children through the Rural Heritage Reading Project.

Attention all Parents!

The State of Wisconsin has changed the immunization requirements for school aged children. Please see the following forms for the specific changes. Those parents with children that will need immunization updates prior to the 2008-2009 school year will receive notification via mail from the school. It is also a good idea to check with your family physician to see if your children need any immunization updates. There will be two clinics held in the Almond area for your convenience:

- The Portage County Health Department will be in Almond on April 2 from 9:00 am -12:30 pm at the Methodist Church for an immunization clinic.
- On April 30, from 3:30 pm— 5:30 pm, the Health Department will be at the Almond School for a second immunization clinic.

School Immunization Law

Parents:

The Wisconsin Student Immunization law was recently changed. Two different vaccine requirements were added which may affect your child's compliance with the law. The change will go into effect this fall with the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. Parents are required to have their children vaccinated or claim a waiver by indicating their choice on the Student Immunization Record and returning it to their child's school. The following fact sheet may help answer questions about the new requirements:

New Tdap and Varicella Immunization Requirements for Students

1. Why are these requirements being made?

From 1986 through 2004, Wisconsin had the 5th highest rate of pertussis (whooping cough) in the nation with almost 5,000 cases being reported in 2004 alone. Pertussis outbreaks occur because protection declines 5-10 years after completion of childhood DTP/DTPaP vaccinations. Tdap is a new vaccine that is recommended for adolescents and is anticipated to help prevent pertussis from occurring including pertussis outbreaks in schools. Pertussis can place a significant burden on children and parents as a person with pertussis must be isolated for a minimum of 5 days of antibiotic treatment.

Two doses of varicella vaccine have been shown to be more effective than one dose in preventing "breakthrough disease" cases of chickenpox in children of all age groups.

Recommendations for both Tdap and varicella vaccines are made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

2. What are the new requirements, what grades are affected and when will they begin?

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law will require:

- 1 dose of **tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap)** for students entering **6th, 9th and 12th grades**, and
- 2 doses of **varicella (chickenpox) vaccine** for students entering **Kindergarten, 6th and 12th grades** beginning in the 2008-09 school year (this coming fall).

3. What do parents need to do?

Have your child vaccinated with Tdap and/or varicella vaccine if he or she has not already received the vaccine(s).

Record the date(s) of the immunization in the bold outlined box(s) on the enclosed Student Immunization Record, sign it and return it to your child's school. To claim a waiver for health, religious or personal conviction reasons follow the instructions on the Student Immunization Record and return the signed form to your child's school.

Be sure to add the Tdap and varicella vaccine dates to the permanent immunization record you keep for your child at home. These dates are important for future schools, colleges or employers.

4. Are there exceptions to the Tdap and varicella vaccine requirements?

Yes, there are two. The first is with Tdap vaccine. If your child will be entering 6th, 9th or 12th grade and already received a tetanus-containing vaccine (eg. Td vaccine) within the last 5 years, your child is compliant and Tdap vaccine is not required. Check the box marked "Td", enter the date it was received on the Student Immunization Record and return it to school. The second exception is for varicella vaccine. If your child had chickenpox disease, even after the 1st dose of varicella vaccine, further doses of the vaccine are not required. Check the "Yes" box to the chickenpox disease question on the Student Immunization Record and return it to school.

5. If my child already had pertussis disease, should he or she still get the Tdap vaccine?

Children who have had pertussis disease still need the Tdap according to the routine recommendations because the length of protection provided by disease is unknown and diagnosis can be difficult to confirm. This is not an exception to the Tdap requirement.

6. Where can I get Tdap and/or varicella vaccine for my child?

These vaccines are available from your child's doctor or local health department. Please have your child immunized well in advance of school opening to avoid the late summer rush at your doctor's office or immunization clinic.

The **varicella and Tdap vaccines** (along with other childhood vaccines) will be available at this immunization clinic sponsored by Portage County Health Department: **Almond Methodist Church, Wednesday April 2, 9:00 am-12:30 pm**. Each vaccine is \$4.00. Fees may be waived due to inability to pay.

**Immunizations are also available at the
Portage County Health Department, - 817 Whiting Ave., Stevens Point
Tuesdays 3:00 pm -6:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am- 11:00 am.**

Book Buddies by Miss Weis

The 7th graders from Mrs. Weis's class have been book buddies all school year with Mrs. Ramczyk's 1st graders and Mrs. Blokhuis's 2nd graders. Each week, they build a relationship by taking turns reading to each other. This is one of the many examples of the benefits of a grade 1-12 school!

This past week they took a break from reading and dyed eggs. Then the 7th graders hid them in the library along with baskets filled with goodies for their younger buddies. It was a hoppy time!



Elementary Lost and Found

The Elementary Lost and Found is overflowing! We would like to encourage families to stop in at the Lost and Found and claim items. The Lost and Found is located outside Mrs. Karch's fourth-grade classroom. While you can look in the lost and found any school day, we have arranged special times that the items will be on display in the elementary library:

Monday, April 14: 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

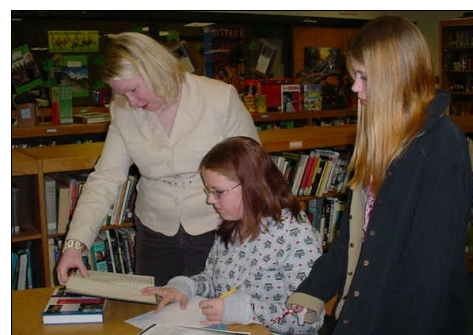
Thursday, April 17: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

After April 17, the lost and found items will be donated to Goodwill.

News from the Library by Mrs. Mather

Research in the LMC

Middle School and High School classes have been busy doing research in the LMC for the past few weeks. **Ms. Weis' 7th Graders** read "The Waltons Go to Birmingham." Then they came to the LMC to look for information on famous African-Americans from the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s which resulted in a poster project. *The accompanying photo shows Ms. Weis assisting Mary Zak and Kristin Haferman in the Secondary LMC.*



Mr. Knepfel's 6th Graders had a unit on families. The end result was either a Word Document or a Power Point Presentation. **Ms. Krueger's Biology**

Students are busy working on a Bio-Ethics research paper, and science students from the Middle School and High School are gathering information for their end-of-the-year science projects. **8th Graders from Mrs. Geisendorfer's Class and Ms. Weis' Classes** have just finished studying genealogy and creating family trees. Some of their projects are on display in the LMC windows. It's great to see students utilize the resources of the LMC.

Spring Brings Great Donations

This past month the LMC received some wonderful donations. We would like to thank the following individuals and groups; **Cathy Guth & Guth Farms, Inc.** (the DVD "101 Things Kids Want to Know About Farming" and a set of eight hardcover agriculture books including "Extra Cheese, Please! Mozzarella's Journey from Cow to Pizza"), author **Jim Nicewander**, pen name Jim Pope (autographed copies of his book "Everyday Adventures of a Farm Boy in the '50s"), the **Brian & Connie Takacs family - Ashley & Emily** (books from the popular "High School Musical" series), **Eleanore Galien** (a book about the history of the Great Lakes called "Locks & Ships"), **Lynn Hintz** (food magazines), the **Bartelt/Smith Family** (a beautiful hardcover entitled "Book of Peoples of the World : A Guide to Cultures" published by the National Geographic Society), the **Darin & Rena Laska family - Forest & Hunter** (two huge boxes of "Learning to Read" books and elementary & chapter books for the Bancroft Pre-K and Kindergarten students and the Elementary LMC), **Julia Swan** (five Disney videos of classic stories including "The Lion King" and "Black Beauty"), **Payton & Paige & Madi Hintz** (children's books), and **Donna McIntee** (family and home decorating magazines). Thank you all for your generosity!!!

The Sixth graders enrolled in Mr. Knepfel's Family and Consumer Education class are learning about the health risks associated with the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Students recently wrote letters to the editor of the school newsletter to help others become aware of the dangers of smoking.

Dear Editor,

In middle school we recently learned about the health risks and dangers of tobacco use. I want you to understand how dangerous tobacco use really is. Not only for your health but everyone around you.

1. Smoking harms almost every organ in your body. Which can lead to death.
2. So many things are bad for you but smoking kills. It affects your brain, eyes, mouth, lungs, heart, stomach, kidneys, and pancreas.
3. It can also hurt the ones you love. Secondhand smoke can harm your kids and everyone around you. Sometimes it gets so bad you eventually die.

So my advice to you is don't ever smoke. Someone I love does, it hurts me every time. So please listen to me. I know that I never will, but, it's your choice, but, don't blame people for not telling you. Because we did.

Sincerely,

Jewel Matke

6th Grade

Dear Editor,

In our Family And Consumer Education class we recently learned about the negative effects of tobacco and drug use. I want your readers to understand how dangerous tobacco really is.

1. If you smoke, you have three times greater risk of developing cataracts!
2. A stroke can lead to permanent damage including memory loss, paralysis, loss of speech, or even death!
3. Periodontitis is gum disease and if it is left untreated it can lead to teeth drifting apart and even falling out!
4. Lung cancer happens when cells in your lungs mutate and grow out of control, if it is not treated it will spread to other parts of the body!

Please DON'T smoke! If you don't smoke now...DON'T START! If you do smoke I know it's hard to quit but please try to quit, it means a lot to everyone around you.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

McKenna Heck

Almond-Bancroft Music Department Hosts Eighth Annual Community Variety Show

The Almond-Bancroft Music Department will host its eighth annual Community Variety Show at 7:30 PM, April 4, in the ABHS Auditorium. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Mr. Royal Gingery at (715) 366-2941 ext. 326. Tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and seniors.

Come and join the fun as we showcase the talents of students, staff, and the community. The A-B Friends of Music will be raffling off prizes throughout the evening!



Molly Hyland, of the Stevens Point Junior Women's Club presented the Almond-Bancroft School District with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) with a storage case.

Twenty schools throughout Portage County each received one. The name of the project was called, Community Improvement Project.

The St. Michael's Foundation and Portage County Emergency Management Services were sponsors for the project. As another part of the project, the women's club is also sponsoring free CPR & Automated External Defibrillators (AED) classes. The classes will be offered on March 24 & 31 and April 7, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 from 6:30-9:00pm at St. Michaels' Hospital in conference rooms 6 and 7. Class size is limited, so please have an alternate date in mind in case your first choice is full.

Parents and
Students:
JOIN

DINNER &
TOWN HALL MEETING

APRIL 10, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Almond School

Watch for more information to
come in the district newsletter
and informational flyers that
students will bring home.

Contact Person:

Dawn Barber, Elementary Counselor &
GRAA (Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse)
Coordinator

366-2941 ext. 121

Please R.S.V.P. for dinner.

Topic: TEEN ALCOHOL USE

- Hear local data regarding what our 7-12 grade students are thinking and doing related to alcohol and drug use.
- Have discussions with other parents, students, school staff members and presenters.
- Give your input. What does our community need to do to address teen alcohol and drug use?

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

A-B School will deliver singing Happy Birthday Telegram to your favorite Student/Staff member on their Birthday! There are packages you may select from:

Option 1: (\$5.00) Happy Birthday balloon on party stick decorated with ribbons, birthday hat/noisemaker, card, and your choice of a chocolate rose or 4 tootsie roll pops.

Option 2: (\$10.00) Same as #1, but with addition of New Stuffed Eagle.

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noise maker, card, rose or pops, beads and our new bobble head Eagle or new Eagle hat.

Bonus Extra \$1.00-we will include 3 strands of Mardi Gras beads in school colors, Green, White, & Black.

Bonus Extra \$3.00-4x6 Photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

Student Name: _____

Birthday: _____

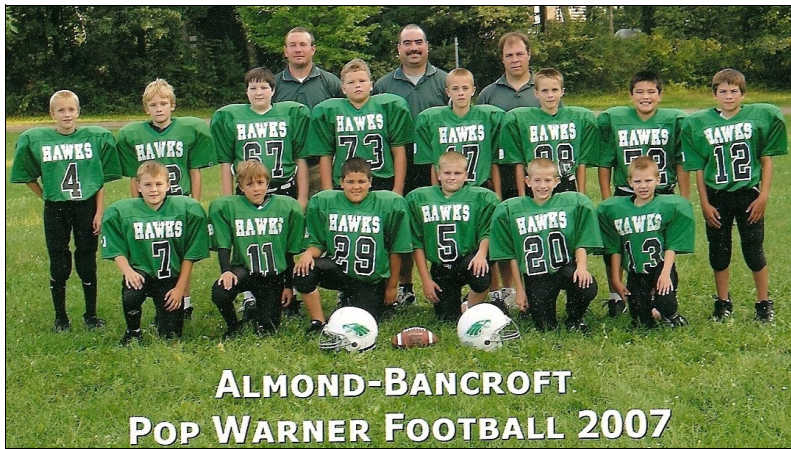
Grade/Teacher: _____

Special Message: _____



OPTION 1 \$5.00 Rose Pops OPTION 2 \$10.00 Rose Pops OPTION 3 \$15.00 Rose Pops

BONUS EXTRA \$1.00 BONUS EXTRA \$3.00



2008 Youth Football & Cheerleading

Grades 3rd through 6th for the 2008-2009 school year. Join your friends and be a Hawk. Sign up for youth football (formally Pop Warner) and cheerleading April 10, 2008 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria at the Almond School.

You must be 8 years old by September 1, 2008.

Football Fees \$65.00 Cheerleading Fees \$45.00

All you former Hawks please wear your jersey on sign up day.

Any questions you can contact Rod Vezina 366-4765 or Brad Baumgartner 366-4900. Come Join the Fun!

Science Fair

By this time your children in grades 6-9 should have their Science Fair packets. While the fair is not required in the 6th grade, it is a required project in grades 7-9. The students should be in the process of preparing their experiment or invention for the fair. Reminder: while the experiment does take time to perform, it does not have as high of a point value as the write-up of the experiment and the interpretation of the results. Also, the background information is research that your child will do to find information related to his/her experiment. If you have any questions related to the writing of the paper or the points awarded each section, please feel free to call your child's science teacher.

The dates of the fair are May 8th for grades 6-8, which is also the date of the Middle School concert. May 15th is the date for 9th graders; which is also the date of the High School concert.

Good luck with your projects and see you on the 8th or the 15th of May.

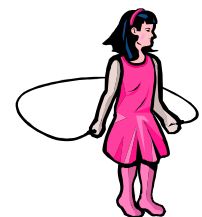
THINK SCIENCE!!!

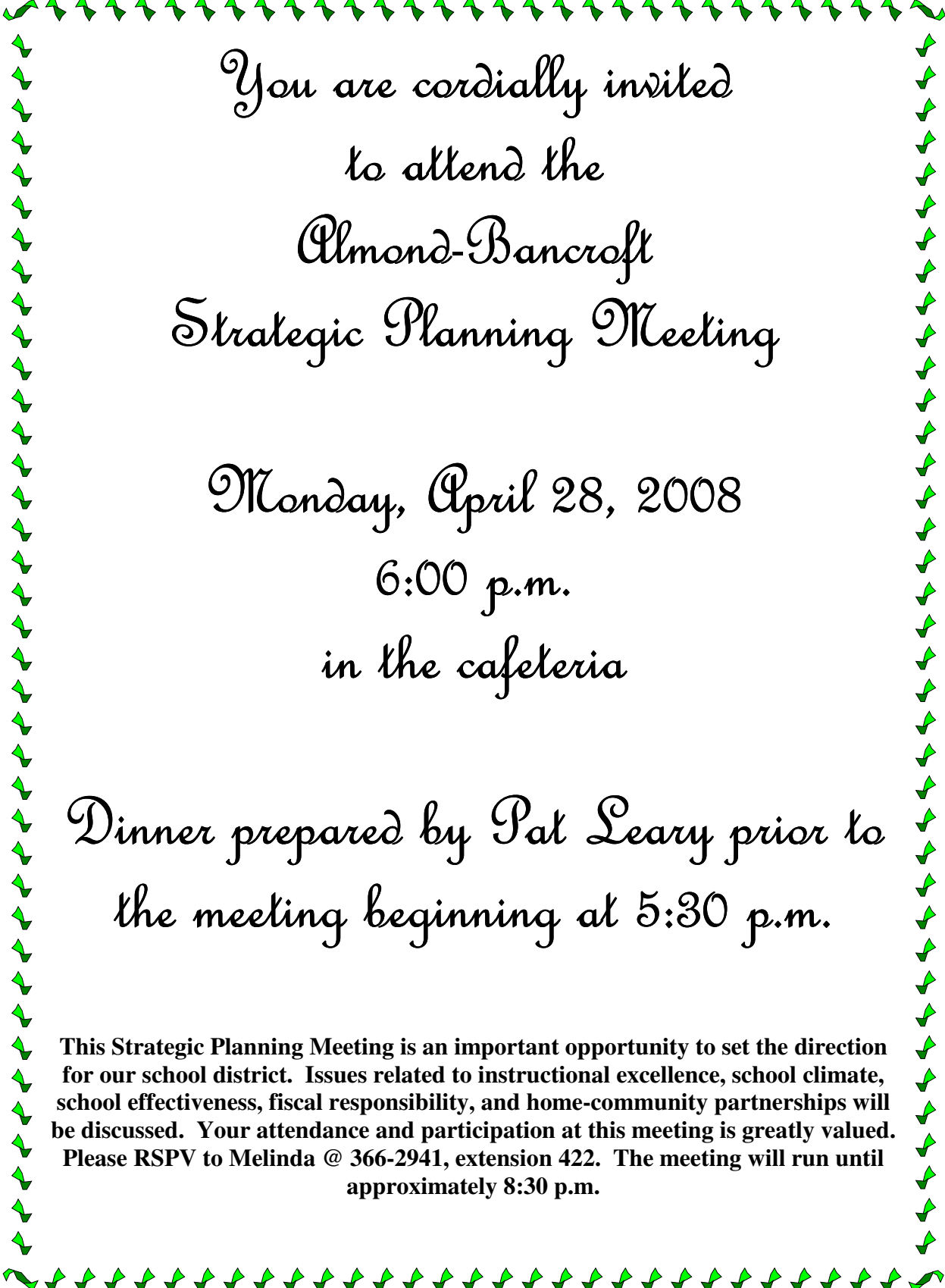
Pat Krueger, High School Science Teacher

Jump Rope For Heart 2008

Jump Rope for Heart was held during the week of February 11th thru the 15th. The event was held during the student's normal physical education class times. Students first thru fifth grade jumped rope to bring awareness to the importance of taking care of their heart, and to raise money for the American Heart Association. Who uses the money for research and for education to help cure and prevent heart disease. Thirty-four students helped raise money for the American Heart Association and raised a total of \$1,725! These students will receive thank you gifts from the American Heart Association. The top money raiser was Samantha Bowden \$243, followed by Luke Manock \$131, Cade Lamb \$126, and Catie Schmidt \$100! T-Shirt Club members are those who raised at least \$50 and earned a t-shirt. The following students are members in the T-Shirt Club: Cade Lamb, Josh Cieslewicz, Catie Schmidt, Noah Kollock, Gabrielle Gendusa, Luke Manock, Ben Lansing, Derek Baumgartner, Samantha Bowden, Shayla Newby, Jessica Webster, Isaiah Spohn, Alex Spohn, Molly Turner, Macy Baird, and Matt Pierce. Congratulations to all students who took part in Jump Rope for Heart! Thanks to everyone who donated money for a great cause!

Roger Young





You are cordially invited
to attend the
Almond-Bancroft
Strategic Planning Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2008

6:00 p.m.

in the cafeteria

Dinner prepared by Pat Leary prior to
the meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m.

This Strategic Planning Meeting is an important opportunity to set the direction for our school district. Issues related to instructional excellence, school climate, school effectiveness, fiscal responsibility, and home-community partnerships will be discussed. Your attendance and participation at this meeting is greatly valued. Please RSVP to Melinda @ 366-2941, extension 422. The meeting will run until approximately 8:30 p.m.

Almond-Bancroft School District
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting held at the Almond School
February 20th, 2008 6:30 pm
OPEN MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1) Call Meeting to Order by President

Roy Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2) Roll Call-Establishment of Quorum

__Bradley __Danforth __Dernbach __Ellie __Guth __Wilson __Smith

All board members were present. Carol Ellie arrived at 6:33 pm. Administrators present were Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper was present. Members of the audience included Mary Chris Thompson, Linda McLarnan, Mike Gerlach, Carrie Karch, Cindy Wills, and Michelle Bowden.

3) Proof of Posting of Meeting Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84

Dan Boxx reported that the meeting was posted according to statute.

4) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

There were no public appearances before the Board.

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A January 7, 2008, Food Service Committee Meeting Open Session

Minutes approved in closed session.

6B January 16, 2008, Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 5-0.

8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items

8A District Administrator Report

Report on January 28th Meeting

There were about 20 community members that came to the meeting on January 28th. Jeff Rykal, Dan Boxx, and Steve Stucker as well as two board members attended. Topics discussed included morning student drop off, academic communication, and middle school time before first bell. It was a positive meeting that helps administration communicate with community members.

Reports from attendees who attended the WASB convention

Mr. Boxx reported that he would be starting a school board professional library from the items that the board members received at the convention. Mr. Boxx reported that we are fortunate to have the board members, staff, and students that we have. We have staff that care and students that want to learn. In early March there will be a presentation for an engraving machine. Tomorrow morning at 9:00 am the board was invited to attend the bus driver appreciation breakfast at the Farmhouse restaurant.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

There was a pep rally for grades 1 to 12. It went pretty well. There will be some tweaking necessary for the next rally. There are plans to have a pep rally after every sport season. Parent volunteers were recognized. Safety cadets were recognized. The trip to Chicago to see Wicked went well. The students had a lot of fun. Kindergarten registration is February 28th at 6:30 pm. 4K registration /Child Development Day is March 12th. Students made cards for the bus drivers who will be attending breakfast in the morning. The new club ACES started by Brenda Ramczyk and Amanda Davy took a group of students skiing at Nordic Mountain. They have weekly meetings during lunch. Homecoming will be the third week in September or the first week in October.

General Building Updates

The Kindergarten went to Jordan Park for a winter field trip. They had a blast. It even snowed the day they went. The 5th grade Counteract graduation took place. The Portage County Sheriff's Department is a part of this program.

Updates on programs

The RIF application was approved for next year. This program allows the school to give 3 books to every student grades 4K to 7. Middle School student of the month and Eagle Wings are going very well. High school student of the week and month are going well and in the newsletter every month. The school forest plan still needs some tweaking before the board approves.

The positive alcohol grant trip to Albuquerque went well. Some more fun nights are being planned. A town hall style meeting to address the concerns and issues within our community will be held. The results of the community survey will be discussed. Teachers are continuing to meet biweekly to discuss the objectives of the REACH grant.

9) Policy Development and Review

9A Second reading of policy Local Agency Special Education Program for Children with Disabilities
Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to approve the Local Agency Special Education Program for Children with Disabilities policy. Motion carried 6-0.

9B Early Graduation Policy

First reading

9C Homecoming Court Selection Procedures 373-Rule

The student council decided that a student should be active in a fall co-curricular activity/sport to be eligible for Homecoming court. The homecoming committee will decide how many couples each year for court. Mr. Rykal will tweak the rule and bring back to the board.

10) Action Items

10A Recommendation for following positions: MS Forensics (**Nicole Brandt**), HS Track Head Coach (**Shane Dornfeld**), HS Track Assistant Coach (**Kip Gutke**), HS Softball Assistant Coach (**Sheena Weis**), HS Baseball Assistant Coach (**Taylor Dernbach**).

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Gary Smith to approve Nicole Brandt as MS Forensics director, Shane Dornfeld as HS Track Head Coach, Kip Gutke as HS Track Assistant Coach, Sheena Weis as HS Softball Assistant Coach, and Taylor Dernbach as HS Baseball Assistant Coach. Motion carried 5-0 with Jerry Dernbach abstaining.

10B Approval of Wrestling Co-op

Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve wrestling co-op with Tri-County. Motion carried 6-0.

10C Approve teacher contracts for 08-09

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Carol Ellie to approve teacher contracts for 08-09. Motion carried 6-0.

11) Items for Signatures

11A Signatures for meeting minutes

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

12A Negotiation meetings Monday, February 25th and Thursday, February 28th 6:00 pm

12B Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

13) Roll Call-Adjournment to Closed Session

Consideration for movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Approval of Administrator Contract (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. AAFA (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Student concern

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn to closed session at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, seconded by Jerry Dernbach to return to open session. Motion carried 7-0

14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary

Motion by Gary Smith, seconded by Carol Ellie to approve two-year contract with Dan Boxx as District Administrator.

Motion carried 6-0.

15) Adjournment

Motion by Cathy Guth, seconded by Carol Ellie to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Parents requesting a specific elementary teacher for the 2008-2009 school year, requests must be turned into the office prior to May 1st.



DID YOU KNOW? Kids who drink before age 15 are 5 times more likely to have alcohol problems when they're adults!

Who: Middle & High School Students and Their Parents

What: Dinner and a Town Hall Meeting

When: Thursday, April 10 6:00 PM

Where: Almond School

Why: To learn more about teen alcohol and drug use among our own student body and to discuss what our community should be doing to address challenges. **Note:** Local data was compiled by Carol Roth of Starfish Consulting, Inc. based upon CHOICES survey taken by 7-12 grade students in October of 2007. All parents regardless of child's grade level are welcome at the dinner and meeting.

Please R.S.V.P. if you are attending to Dawn Barber @ 366-2941.121



Positive Action sponsored a dodge ball tournament on March 14, 2008. Over 12 teams played and there were many spectators to watch the fun on a Friday night.

Thank you to the following people who assisted: Brad Baumgartner, Amanda Davy, Tina Schroeder, Brenda Ramczyk, Renee & Scott Hunkins, Toni Rock, Trina Warzynski, Jean Colombe, Darlene McChesney, Brian Barden and all of those who participated.



Health and Wellness Information

By Renee Hunkins

We are excited to announce that the Wellness Committee for the District has been organized! This has been a project several months in the making – but I promise it will be worth it when you see the changes that are made to help improve the health and wellness of the Almond-Bancroft School District.

If you have ideas or suggestions that you would like to share, PLEASE feel free to contact one of the following people. Everyone is welcome to join us – if you would like to be a member of one of the committees, please contact the co-chair listed.

Nutrition – school meals, fundraisers, concessions = Toni Rock

Staff Wellness/School Environment – stress reduction, weight reduction, better

Communication, school climate = Marcey Lehman

Health Education/Curriculum/Physical Activity = curriculum in regard to good nutrition, healthy lifestyle choices, and the amount of physical activity our students participate in = Kevin VanderLaan, Brad Baumgartner, & Amanda Davy

Chairperson: Renee Hunkins, off2ball@yahoo.com

Chicken Breasts Teriyaki

¼ cup soy sauce

¼ cup orange juice

1 Tbsp sugar

1 Tbsp vegetable oil



¼ tsp ground ginger


1 clove garlic, crushed


4 chicken breast halves (about 1-1/2 lbs)


Mix all ingredients except chicken. Pour mixture over chicken in a Ziploc bag. Be sure all pieces are coated. Let sit in refrigerator for at least 1 hour, but no more than 24 hours, turning chicken occasionally. Remove chicken from marinade. Cover and grill chicken, 5 to 6 inches from medium heat about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Turn chicken. Cover and grill 10-20 minutes longer, turning and brushing 2 or 3 times with reserved marinade, until juice runs clear. Discard any remaining marinade.




31 Monday	1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday	4 Friday
	Pancakes Juice or fresh fruit Milk	Cereal Toast Juice Milk 	Oatmeal Toast Juice or fruit Milk	Cinnamon Roll Juice or fruit Milk 

7 Monday	8 Tuesday	9 Wednesday	10 Thursday	11 Friday
Cereal Muffin Juice Milk	French Toast Sticks Juice Milk	Egg Omelet Toast Juice Milk	Cereal Toast Juice Milk	Bagel w/cream cheese Juice Milk 

14 Monday	15 Tuesday	16 Wednesday	17 Thursday	18 Friday
Cereal Muffin Juice Milk	Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar Juice Milk	Egg Tacos Juice Milk 	Cereal Muffin Juice Milk	Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk

21 Monday	22 Tuesday	23 Wednesday	24 Thursday	25 Friday
Cereal Muffin Juice Milk	Pancake wrapped sausage Juice Milk	Oatmeal Toast Juice Milk	Cereal Toast Juice Milk	Bagel w/Cream Cheese Juice Milk 

28 Monday	29 Tuesday	30 Wednesday	1 Thursday	2 Friday
Cereal Muffin Juice Milk 	French Toast Sticks Juice Milk	Scrambled Eggs Toast Juice Milk		

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 Reduced: Free K-12: 22 days @ \$1.00 = \$22.00



31	Monday	1	Tuesday	2	Wednesday	3	Thursday	4	Friday
			Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies & Dip Applesauce Milk		Pizza Burger Wedges Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk		Ham Scalloped Potatoes Glazed Carrots Strawberries Bread Milk		Mini Corn Dogs French Fries Peas Pineapple Milk

7	Monday	8	Tuesday	9	Wednesday	10	Thursday	11	Friday
Pizza Dippers Salad Bar Pears Milk		Salisbury Steak Buttered Noodles Peas Peaches Bread Milk		Frito Chili Veggies & Dip Applesauce Bread Milk		Beef & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn Pineapple Bread Milk		Ham Sandwich Tater Barrels Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	

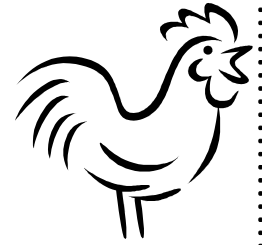
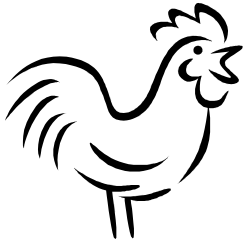
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Tacos Corn Pineapple Milk		Hamburgers Potato Wedges Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk		Chicken Nuggets French Fries Veggies & Dip Peaches Milk		Sub Sandwiches Beef Vegetable Soup Pears Milk		Cheese Fries Salad Bar Applesauce Milk	

21	Monday	22	Tuesday	23	Wednesday	24	Thursday	25	Friday
Hot Dogs Tater Barrels Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk		Chicken & Gravy Green Beans Peaches Bread Milk		BBQ Potato Wedges Peas Pears Milk		Mostacioli Salad Bar Garlic Bread Applesauce Milk		Pizza Salad Bar Pineapple Milk	

28	Monday	29	Tuesday	30	Wednesday	1	Thursday	2	Friday
Beefy Nachos Corn Peaches Milk		Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas Strawberries Bread Milk		Chicken Patty Tater Barrels Veggies & Dip Applesauce Milk					

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4K=Mon. Wed 8 days @ \$1.60=\$12.80 4K=Tues. Thurs 9 days @ \$1.60=\$14.40
 K-Gr. 5 = 22 days @ \$1.60=\$35.20 Grades 6-12 22 days @ \$1.85=\$40.70
 Reduced Grades K-12 =22 days @ .40=\$8.80

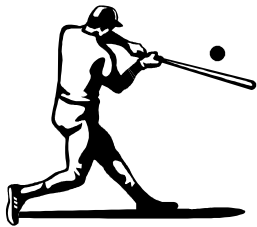


Chicken Dinner
at
The Almond American Legion Hall
On Sunday, April 20, 2008
from 11am - ???
\$7.50

*includes 1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Baked Beans,
Corn, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Milk or Coffee*

Tickets will be pre-sold by Almond-Bancroft Students, Booster Club Members, and at Local Businesses and Churches.

All proceeds to benefit the
Almond-Bancroft Sports Complex Improvement Project
Sponsored by: Eagles Booster Club and
Thrivent Financial for Lutheran Supplemental Funds



Booster Club Update

The Booster Club is pleased to announce that we have officially started to raise funds for the Almond-Bancroft Sports Complex Improvement Project. We are asking community members, alumni, and area businesses to make tax deductible donations at The Portage County Bank or the Bancroft State Bank where we have established accounts.

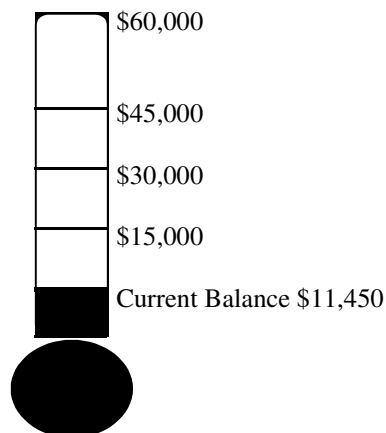


Our project began when the Booster Club installed a new well at the Sports Complex last fall. The School Board then decided to put up a pole shed to protect the new well, provide extra storage and create a new home for the concession stand. About a year and a half ago the school had new infields installed on the baseball and softball fields.

We felt that with just a little more work we could really enhance the sports complex by installing permanent bleachers to be utilized by Pop Warner, Middle School, JV, and Varsity football fans. We will then complete the project by having underground sprinklers put on the baseball field, softball field and football field to keep the grass growing and the weeds out!!

To kickoff our project we will be hosting a chicken dinner at the Almond American Legion Hall on Sunday, April 20 beginning at 11:00 am. Once again, thank you for supporting our students, athletes, and our community!!

THERMOMETER OF PROGRESS:



April 2008

Eagle Activity Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 T @ Necedah B @ Gresham	2 Immunization Clinic @ Almond U.M.C. 9-12:30pm	3 B/S Marion T @ Wild Rose	4 B/S @ Princeton Variety Show 7:30pm	5
6	7 B/S @ Bowler	8 T @ Tri-County	9	10 B/S Tigerton T @ Port Edwards AODA Dinner 6pm	11 B/S @ Iola	12
13	14 T @ Bowler	15 B/S Port Ed- wards T @ Amherst	16	17 B/S Rosholt	18 Senior Class Trip	19 Senior Class Trip
20 Chicken Din- ner @ Am. Legion 11am-?	21 B/S @ Wild Rose Senior Class Trip	22 T @ Iola Elem. Cultural Pres- entation @ 9am	23	24 B-Amherst T @ Tri-County	25 B-Gresham	26
27	28 T @ Iola Strategic Planning Meeting 6pm	29 B @ Marion	30 Immunization Clinic @ AB School 3:30-5:30pm			
B=Baseball S=Softball T=Track						

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