



April 2009

Notes from the Administrator....

I would like to discuss a couple of upcoming opportunities for our students and community members.

For our students, we are in the process of organizing our Summer School Program. We have already committed to offer swimming lessons with the YMCA in Port Edwards. New for the 2009 Summer School Program will be transportation to and from Bancroft. We will be picking up students at a central location and returning them at the completion of summer school classes each day. In addition to the transportation, we will be offering a free breakfast and lunch to any student in our district. Please look for flyers and on our website www.abschools.k12.wi.us for additional information. Our plans are to have the program and schedule set by the end of April. If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call.

If you remember, the Board of Education set goals for this school year. One of our goals was to solicit public input regarding our schools and district. We believe that our schools and district belong to the public and one the best ways to gather information is simply by asking your input. The Board's goal reads:

Goal: To establish a survey that will be sent to community members and recent graduates soliciting their opinions regarding the operation of the district and suggestions that will enhance our district.

System of Measurement: Include survey results in annual meeting mailing and provide information at annual meeting in September.

Starting in May, we will be offering two surveys asking for your input, the Community Survey and the Alumni Opinion Survey.

The Community Survey will be asking your input on several areas. Those areas include climate of the school, cleanliness/safety, instruction, and communication/follow-up. We will be asking your opinion regarding several curricular areas, should you have students in school, please feel free to ask their assistance. Lastly, we will be asking your opinion as to the greatest challenges facing our schools, what you consider the best feature/attribute of our school, and anything that you would like to see changed.

The Alumni Opinion Survey will be asking input from our 2007 graduates. The survey will be asking questions regarding their careers, co-curricular activities, curricular information, and any classes/changes they would recommend for our high school. If you were a parent of a 2007 graduate, we would ask that you let your child know about the survey and ask them to participate by taking the survey. We appreciate your helping us in gathering the data.

In our May newsletter we will explain how you will be able to take part in the survey. We look forward to hearing from you and serving the needs of our students.

Thank you,
Dan Boxx, District Administrator

April Dates To Remember

4/7—Spring Elections

4/8—Booster Club
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

4/10—No School
Spring Break

4/13—No School
Spring Break

4/15—Board Of
Education Meeting
6:30 p.m.

4/22—Early Release
12:00 p.m.

4/20—P.I.E. Meeting
6:00 p.m.

4/25—Junior Prom



High School Student of the Week
February 9 - 13, 2009



Chris always works hard in weight training. I have now had him for both semesters and there has never been any let up.

– *Kevin VanderLaan*

High School Student of the Week
February 16 - 20, 2009



My student of the week choice is Levi Milanowski. Levi is always prepared for class and conducts himself in a respectful positive manner. He is actively engaged in classroom discussions and always has a smile to lighten up the room. He is active in sporting and musical events within the school and extracurricular activities. His model behavior is worthy of recommendation. I know Levi will be successful in whatever he strives to achieve in the future and will be an asset to any community event. Across the curriculum Levi is very responsible with his grades and understands the importance of balancing his responsibilities in the classroom with those on the court or on the field. We're all proud of you Levi! Keep up the good work! – *Lisa Vann*

High School Student of the Week
February 23 - 27, 2009



This semester Robert Fay has shown he has what it takes to be an excellent student. He has improved his grades a hundred-fold by being organized, on task, and motivated to succeed. Robert has a very good sense of humor, a ready smile, and always brightens my day. – *Allison Huebner*

High School Student of the Week
March 2 - 6, 2009



Jeanette has excelled in Algebra all year. She has a positive attitude and works very hard on her math.
– *Andrew Bradley*

High School Student of the Week
March 9 - 13, 2009



I choose Stephanie Rodriguez for my Student of the Week. She is an incredibly responsible and industrious student. She always does her very best at everything we do in class. Stephanie is also a very positive person and it's delightful to have her in my 1st hour class, since we all need some positivity in the morning!

- Nicole Brandt

High School Student of the Week
March 16 - 20, 2009



Lucas Meddaugh. Lucas has a great handle on geometry and the concepts involved with problem solving, reasoning, and the connection between the two. He consistently excels on his tests and quizzes. His homework is completed in a timely manner. He asks questions if he doesn't understand something and volunteers frequently. Lucas will be very successful after his high school years. I am proud to have him in my class. For these reasons, I have chosen Lucas as the Student of the Week. – Sandy Ciula

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

February Students of the Month



Students were honored in March for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Hailey Wierzba. Hailey is a hard worker and is always kind and respectful to her peers and teachers. She is a straight A student and has adapted well to the middle school program. She is always helpful and has a positive attitude. Hailey is very dependable, responsible, and a joy to have in class. From seventh grade, we honored Kayla Smith. Kayla is willing to ask questions when she does not understand. She is pleasant to other students as well as staff members. Kayla is a joy to have in class. She is a quiet leader. She participates in class and always has a smile on her face. From eighth grade, we honored Baylee Voss. Baylee is a pleasant student. She completes assignments on time and is willing to help others understand. She always has a nose in a book. Baylee does really well and asks good questions. These students were selected by their teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS

You make us Proud!

HOMESCHOOL HOTLINE

366-2941 ext. 5

Call the hotline to listen to a recorded message containing the homework assignments for that school day. They will be separated by MS and HS – listen to the voice prompts.

Almond-Bancroft Schools hope that this service will promote better communication between school and community, as well as parent and student.



TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Steven Ellie (left) and Ben Turzinski (right) completed this cabinet project in Technology Education Class for Heavenly Hair located here in Almond.

Several of the Technology Education classes have been working on numerous other projects for Almond-Bancroft community members, from minor home repairs, cabinets and shelves, to small engine work.



DID YOU HEAR? A-B FORENSICS STUDENTS ARE GOING TO STATE!

Congratulations to Carly Rast and Cheyenna Schober, who will be heading to the state forensics tournament on April 18th! The girls breezed through the sub-district and district competitions, easily earning the 40 points necessary to qualify for state. Carly and Cheyenna are working as a team, performing the 10 minute play "Chicken Wings," which involves a snooty business woman and the aerophobic gal that she is forced to sit next to on a cross country flight. The girls' personalities and acting abilities really make the piece fun. No wonder the judges liked their performances enough to send them to state!

Best of luck, ladies!



Congratulations Alexis Seitz!

Almond-Bancroft middle school student, Alexis Seitz (left) placed 2nd in the regional spelling bee which was held on February 17th in Waupaca, WI. Alexis missed the word "juggernaut" to place 2nd behind 1st place contestant, Luke Harger (right) from Waupaca MS.

Third-grade Almond-Bancroft student wins Schierl coloring contest!

Austine Avery was the lucky winner of a coloring contest held by the Schierl Tire & Service Centers for its 2008 Holiday Card.

One of the prizes awarded to Austine was a check for \$250.00 to use in her classroom in any way she wished. Austine was very generous and decided, along with her Mom, that it would be nice if she and her classmates could see a ballet. Many students had never seen a ballet before. As it happened, the Minnesota Ballet Company was performing "Coppelia" in Wisconsin Rapids on January 29th. The third grade classes were able to attend the ballet and enjoyed it very much!

Thank you very much Austine for making this possible!

Mrs. Doede

Mrs. Wimme

And all of you friends in third grade thank you too!



St. Patrick's Day Puppet Show

On St. Patrick's Day, the Portage County Library came to perform a puppet show for the second graders. The students showed off their green attire for the Irish characters in the plays. The students saw a show with an adventure finding a special, magic shamrock. Then we watched a mini performance about a tricky leprechaun... we'll never find that pot of gold! We enjoyed meeting all the puppets and hearing the wonderful Irish stories.

The second grade would like to thank the library ladies for their time and talent, and a special thanks to Liz Stucker for organizing the show.



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

It's official! Spring is finally here! It's my favorite time of the year! I've even seen a few robins while out walking! It just feels so great to be outside without having on three layers of clothes! It will even be better when all of the slush and standing water have all dried up. Seeing as we still are dealing with slushy snow and a lot of water, the elementary students still need to be bringing in their boots and snow pants. Those items will help to keep your child dry on these warmer snow-melting days. We will let your child know when they no longer need their winter apparel.

Jessica Webster and Joey Crahan have been chosen to be the "Safety Cadets of the Month" for March. Both students never hesitate to ask questions if unsure about something and are very willing to help out when they can.

Keep up the great job Jessica and Joey!



Tom Pease Performs For A-B Elementary Students

On March 4th, the 4K through grade 5 students had the opportunity to see

Tom Pease in concert. Tom Pease is a native of the Amherst area and is well known in Wisconsin for his children's musical performances. Students had a great time interacting with Tom and singing along to his songs, which many students knew by heart.

Special thanks to Chris Lane and the Almond Lions Club for organizing and funding the concerts that Tom performed for the students of the Almond-Bancroft Elementary School.

Special Education Information-Parent Liaison

I would like to introduce myself as the Parent Liaison for the Almond-Bancroft School District. My responsibilities include providing information to parents of our special Ed students. You are invited to come to the Almond School and review at your leisure the information regarding special education and conferences available. This information is located in the display rack to the left of the main office door. Also visit the Almond-Bancroft website at www.abschools.k12.wi.us and click on the link located on the left hand side labeled Special Education Resources to gather even more information. If you have questions, I will do my best to provide you with a resource to get you answers. Please call me at 715-366-2941 ext 419.

Michele Warzynski, District Parent Liaison

Science Fair

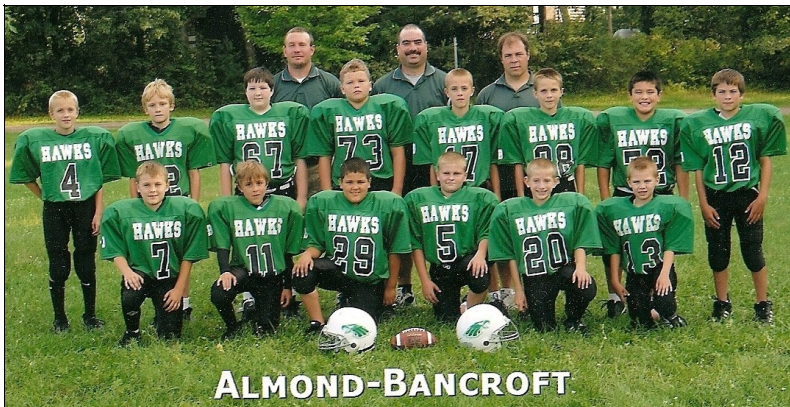
By this time your children in grades 6-9 should have their Science Fair packets. While the fair is not required in the 6th grade, it is a required project in grades 7-9. The students should be in the process of preparing their experiment or invention for the fair. Reminder: while the experiment does 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 7th for grades 6-8, which is also the date of the Middle School concert. May 14th 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 7th or the 14th of May.

THINK SCIENCE!!!

Pat Krueger, High School Science Teacher



2009 Youth Football & Cheerleading

If you are entering grades 3rd through 6th for the 2009-2010 school year, please join your friends and be a HAWK!

Sign up for youth football & cheerleading will be **March 31st, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria at the Almond school.

You must be ages 8 to 12 years old on September 1st, 2009 or 7 years old and entering 3rd.

Football fees \$65.00 & Cheerleading Fees \$45.00

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

Any questions you can contact Spence Bunders 366-4028, Scott Kollock 335-6631, or Brad Baumgartner 366-4900.

Come join the fun!

Almond-Bancroft Junior Prom 2009

"A Moment Frozen In Time"

Saturday April 25th, 2009

8:00—11:00 p.m.

Grand March 10:30 p.m.

Tickets:

Couples \$20.00—Advanced \$17.00

Singles \$10.00—Advanced \$8.00

Spectator \$3.00

Mark Your Calendars!

**Almond-Bancroft Community
Easter Egg Hunt**

April 11th, 2009

2:00 P.M.

Almond Lions Shelter House

All Children Ages 0-12

Are Welcome

Plenty Of Prizes and Candy !



LMC News

Wonderful Quilts Brighten Up the ELMC

The Elementary LMC has two new beautiful quilts adorning its walls. **Betty Burns** (grandmother to **Alex & Andy Burns**, sons of **Richard and Heather Burns**, and **Grant & Daniel Burns**, the sons of **Edward and Leslie Burns**) was the primary artist behind these projects. Her daughters-in-law Leslie and Heather as well as Leslie's mother **Kathy Richtmyre** all worked together on these fabulous quilts.

The first quilt has a sturdy brown tree with brightly colored cloth leaves made from the traced hand-prints of students from the Class of 2019; *this year the students are in second grade*. Each leaf has a student's name, and there are also leaves for the three Kindergarten teachers (**Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Gardner, & Mrs. Pinter**) who taught these students in 2006-2007. The quilt was made in the spring of 2007, and it belongs to Grant Burns and his parents. They are generously loaning the quilt to the LMC for display. The tree, a symbol of growth and knowledge, is set against a blue sky background, and it has a framed geometric border of yellow, brown, red, and purple.



The second quilt, also on loan from the Burns families, is titled "The Be Attitudes." It is decorated with twelve distinct squares which cleverly illustrate these important goals which we should all strive to attain: Be Warm, Be Loving, Be Positive, Be Kind, Be Patient, Be Respectful, Be Honest, Be Peaceful, Be Smart, Be Forgiving, Be Grateful, and Be Joyful.

The next time you are in school, come see these meaningful and well-crafted quilts.



March Donations to the LMC

During the past month the LMC received the following donations: **Cathy Guth of Guth Farm, Inc.** (the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Book of the Year - *Farmer George Plants a Nation* with a companion lesson & activity booklet about George Washington who "planted the seed of freedom on the battlefield, and with his ingenuity as a farmer...grew into a world leader in farming"), **Jane Otto Omerick** (two boxes of paperbacks and hardcovers for children and teens), **Michelle Van Ert** (a variety of books in honor of her mother Lila, a former school teacher), **Lowella Stucker** (*Better Homes & Gardens* magazines), **Sheena Weis** (wildlife calendars from her grandmother), **Jim & Tami Burns** (two boxes of children's books), **Frank Voigtlander** (*Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazines), **Julia Swan** (calendars), **The Frank Hornberg Chapter of Trout Unlimited** (*Wisconsin Trout*), **Jeanette Wilson** (children's books such as *The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh*), and **The Wisconsin Conservation Congress** (*Wisconsin Trophy Records 1840-2005*, published by the Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club).

The LMC thanks all the individuals and groups who continue to contribute useful resources to the Almond-Bancroft School LMC.

A-B School to Receive \$12,298.86 in E-Rate Funds

Each year public schools across the country apply for E-Rate funds. The E-Rate (The Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism) provides discounts and reimbursements, funded by the federal government, to assist schools in their quest to obtain affordable Telecommunications and Internet Access. The Universal Service Program is administered by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This corporation was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure that the benefits of telecommunications services reach as many students and communities as possible - especially small and rural schools such as ours. To be eligible, each school must have a Technology Plan in place, meet the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) as directed by the FCC, and spend part of their local budget on necessary technology such as the Internet, email services, web hosting, computer hardware, instructional software, and phone services.

Then the school must annually appoint a person or entity to fill out a series of complex online forms and gather the necessary information for the federal paperwork in order to apply for reimbursements and discounts on behalf of the school. The time frame of 7-01-2008 through 6-30-2009 was the last application I filed after working on the district's E-rate for over half a dozen years, and I am pleased to announce that the Almond-Bancroft School District will receive \$12,298.86 this year in discounts and reimbursements for Telecommunication and Internet bills. The E-Rate filing process is now in the capable hands of Jenny Miner and Karin Finken of CESA 9, and the school district should continue to receive these valuable technology funds in the years to come.

Karin Mather, LMC Director

Supporting the Troops

From this small community there are at least two dozen brave Americans serving their country here at home and overseas. We are still collecting items to send to the soldiers in combat zones. This is an ongoing program - not just for the holidays. Please look over the list of names (below) and let us know if there is anyone else with a connection to the Almond-Bancroft School District (former students or family members of students and/or faculty). If you know the person's address, that would be very helpful. We are trying to send items to all the local soldiers in combat zones that have a connection to our school. We have received letters of appreciation so we know our help is well received by those far from home.

A special thanks to the **United Methodist Church of Almond** for providing two boxes of goods to ship abroad and the postage for four boxes. Also, our thanks to the **Almond American Legion Auxiliary** for their monetary gift which was used for postage and supplies sent to our troops in combat zones. If anyone else or any other group would like to contribute, either postage costs or items for the soldiers, stop by the secondary LMC or call 366-2941 x.412 for further information. Note: The cost of shipping each box is \$11.95 to the APO addresses.

Also, when you come to school for sports events, concerts, and other activities, stop by the hall between the secondary LMC and the cafeteria to see our "Wall of Honor" designed by **Esther Whitman**. It is illuminated with lights to show our pride and best wishes for the following military people:



Local Soldiers in Combat Zones

Darrell DeGross - Father of A-B student Amanda DeGross
Father Dan Farley - St. Maximilian Kolbe
Jerry Hutkowski - Son of Charles & Carol (Holtz) Hutkowski
Kyle Kowalski - Husband of Jennifer Warzynski
Christopher Morter - A-B Graduate
Cory O'Keefe - Grandson of Dorothy O'Keefe & former A-B student
Chris Piper - Husband of Andrea Wimmer, A-B Graduate & father of A-B Kindergarten student Angel
Kyle Turner - A-B Graduate
Jim Wasserberger - Brother of Lisa Vann, A-B teacher
Emily Whitman - A-B Graduate and daughter of Larry & Esther Whitman

Local Soldiers in Non-Combat Zones (A-B Graduates)

Brittany (Davenport) Amador, Adam Dahms, Lucas Hutkowski, Vince Konczak, Scott Menadue, Alyse Milanowski, Sean O'Keefe, Michael Pierce, Lance Sanchez, and Larry Sanchez

Additional Soldiers in Non-Combat Zones (with connections to A-B)

Eugene Fosmire - Husband of Sara Wimmer, A-B Graduate
Steven & Korisa Van Ert - Son & Daughter-in-Law of Jim & Mickey Van Ert
Bill Wagner - Tech Ed Teacher at A-B School

Thanks again to all the people who have contributed food and snacks, games, books, toiletries (like tissues, travel size bottles of shampoo, lip balm, gel insole cushions, sunblock, etc.), 35 mm cameras, batteries, patriotic knick-knacks, and most importantly of all - cards and letters. Many of the students here at school have sent hand-drawn cards and letters, and we thank the **A-B Teachers** for taking the time out of their busy classroom schedules to encourage their students to thank the people serving in the Armed Forces.

Karin Mather, Mickey Van Ert, and Esther Whitman

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES

Parents who wish to request a specific teacher for their child who will enter grades kindergarten through fifth during the 2009-2010 school year must do so no later than May 1, 2009. This deadline was developed to give the teachers and principal sufficient time to assign students to classes prior to the end of the school year. At the completion of this process, your child's teacher for the 2009-2010 school year will be indicated on your child's fourth quarter report card. The Board policy regarding the assignment of students to classes includes the following: "Students may be assigned to other classrooms upon parent written request provided that: a) Space permits, b). reasons are appropriate, c). the request is received on or before May 1st of the previous school year." Requests must include an appropriate reason for desiring a particular class or teacher. Reasons for request that are vague may be returned for further clarification. Request forms are available in the office.

Just because a request is submitted doesn't mean that the student will automatically be placed in the requested classroom.

**April 2009
Eagles Athletic Events**

April 2—Baseball & Softball @
Tigerton 4:30 p.m.

April 6—Track @ Marion 4:00 p.m.

April 7—Track @ Necedah 4:15 p.m.
Baseball & Softball Home vs
Menominee 4:30 p.m.

April 9—Track @ Wild Rose 4:00 p.m.
Baseball & Softball @ Amherst
4:30 p.m.

April 14—Track @ Port Edwards
4:30 p.m.
Baseball & Softball @ Wild Rose
4:30 p.m.

April 16—Track @ Shiocton 4:00 p.m.
Baseball & Softball @ Tri-County
4:30 p.m.

April 17—Baseball & Softball Home
vs Marion 4:30 p.m.

April 20—Track @ Wild Rose
4:00 p.m.
Baseball & Softball Home
vs Bowler 4:30 p.m.

April 23—Track @ Port Edwards
4:00 p.m.
Baseball & Softball @ Rosholt
4:30 p.m.

April 24—Baseball & Softball @
Port Edwards 4:30 p.m.

April 27—Baseball @ Gresham
4:30 p.m.

April 28—Track @ Marion 4:00 p.m.
JV Baseball & Softball @ Rosholt
4:30 p.m.

April 30—Track @ Tri-County
4:00 p.m.
Baseball & Softball
Home vs Tigerton 4:30 p.m.



2008-09 JV BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



**2008-2009 ALMOND-BANCROFT EAGLES
JV BASKETBALL**

Back: Coach Bunders, Mason Sigourney, Jeff Fletcher, A.J. Ellie, Jeff Kollock, Jon Pagel
Front: Zach Perzinski, Kevin Buckenberger, Tyler Bunders, Garret Warzynski, Brady McIntee, Manager Cade Lamb

2008-09 VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



**2008-2009 ALMOND-BANCROFT EAGLES
VARSITY BASKETBALL**

Back: Coach Lamb, Braden Hunkins, Levi Milanowski, Luke Zelinski, Budd Gutke, Brian Upton, Steven Swan, Lucas Meddaugh, Coach Bradley
Front: Coach Bunders, Kenneth Smith, Brant Bickford, Graham Barden, Matt Wiesner, Cameron Olson, Ben Turzinski, Manager Cade Lamb

BAND STUDENTS TURN IN AMAZING PERFORMANCES **AT SOLO & ENSEMBLE**

On February 28, 2009, students from the Almond-Bancroft Middle and High Schools fought illnesses and early morning jitters and went to participate in the CWC District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Rosholt High School. These performances are the culmination of several months, and in a lot of cases years, of dedication and practice on the part of the students.

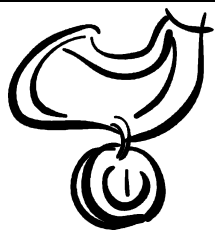
There were 32 band events that participated this year. Ray Pieters received a *1 rating on his baritone solo and will be participating in state festival on May 2 at UW-Stevens Point. Eleven students received ratings of I on their solos including: McKenzie Miner, Natalie Romo, Megan Wiczek, Megan Burns, Maria Vann, Hailey Wierzba, Aiden Rock, Hannah Lansing, John Waggoner, Baylee Voss, and Taylor Cisewski.

Fourteen events received a rating of II this year. Students receiving this rating on their solos are: Audrey Sanders, John Waggoner, Dominique Miner, Angie Iwanski, Shelby Swan, Jeanette Colombe, Margaret Scott, and Raiden Vann. Ensembles receiving a II include a clarinet duet by Jewel Matke and Abby Karpen and one by Miranda Borchardt and Carly Rast; a flute duet by Aiden Rock and Meghan Varga, and an alto saxophone trio by Taylor Cisewski, Shelby Swan, and Evan Pagel. Two quartets also received a rating of II at festival. Those students were Angie Iwanski, Tisan Baird, Baylee Voss, Alexis Seitz, Destiny Dykes, Heather Merila, Evan Pagel, and Carissa Perzinski.

Four events received a rating of III this year. Students receiving this rating for their solos include Jeff Fletcher and Cody Meddaugh. A trumpet duet by Sam Borchardt and Destiny Dykes and the middle school clarinet quartet including Abby Karpen, Jewel Matke, Carissa Perzinski, and Lacey Warzynski also received this rating.

Participating in the Comment Only category were sixth grade percussionists Matthew Pierce and Christian Bloede.

The band students have really worked hard the past two years and have been steadily improving in both technique and musicianship. Every student that participated from the band program placed in the top three places and have earned medals for their participation. Looking back to the first days of band this year I have seen some remarkable improvements and want to thank every one of them for their hard work and dedication to music and to band. I also want to thank all of our band parents for their support of their student and the study of music.



Almond-Bancroft High School Awards Ceremony

Please join the Almond-Bancroft School District in honoring our students and their achievements!

When: May 5th at 7:30

Where: Almond-Bancroft Auditorium



Students will be acknowledged for their achievements in attendance, student council, and various academic departments. Senior scholarship recipients will also be recognized. The evening will conclude with the annual induction ceremony for the Almond-Bancroft Chapter of the National Honor Society.



National Honor Society Membership Candidacy

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of a 3.2. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, and character. Members of the sophomore class will be evaluated by a Faculty Council.

Leadership is based on a student's role as a participant in school and community activities, and election to offices. The service requirement is met by those actions taken by the student on the behalf of others, without personal compensation. Also reviewed is the student's attitude toward any service project. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

Students will be screened by a Faculty Council consisting of five members of the faculty members.



FRIENDS OF MUSIC - It takes a village...

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Friends of Music, to thank several sponsors for their support of our music students at Almond-Bancroft:

- Colligan's Bakery for providing us with 63 dozen cookies to serve at our elementary, middle school, and high school concerts.
- McDonald's Restaurant, Plover, for assisting us in providing a beverage at these concerts.

The following companies and individuals donated items for our baked goods raffles at the basketball games:

- Colligan's Bakery – Gift certificate
- County Market – Gift certificate
- Cheese Pleasers – Cheese products
- Dan Boxx – Custom Eagle team gear hats
- Guth Farms – Pickle gift baskets

We also wish to give a special thank you to Mr. Knepfel and his foods classes for making very delicious desserts for the sub and soup dinner before the play, and to all of our parents and students who donated baked goods to our concerts and basketball games. We wish to extend an "honorable mention" to grandmother, Pat McDonald; and students, Shelby Swan and Melanie Valery, who consistently assisted at the raffles.

Last and most importantly, thank you to all the basketball fans and concert attendees who either purchased raffle tickets or baked goods. Without you, our fundraisers would not have been possible. With all of your support, we were able to raise over \$1,800.

I do believe it takes a village to help raise a child. The Almond and Bancroft communities are a testimony to how this is done. The generosity and dedication to our children, from this community, is nothing short of impressive and inspirational, especially in these tough economic times.

We do have much to be proud of. As only one example, immediately after the recent final sectionals girls basketball game in Wau-paca, I witnessed a WIAA official congratulate Cassy Kollock on her singing of the National Anthem. We congratulate her, too, for representing our school, so beautifully, at the regional and sectional basketball games.

I encourage our students to continue to become involved in as much as they can, whether it be extracurricular activities related to music, academics, drama, or sports. We are proud of you and support you.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of Music or wish to assist in any way, please contact me, Mr. Gingery, or Mrs. Frank.

Renie Milanowski,
Co-Chair, Almond-Bancroft Friends of Music



PIE Meeting Highlights from March 3rd, 2009

Meeting called to order at 5:34 With 4 people in attendance. After \$500 given towards roller blades the balance in checking is \$2634.45. Art 2 Remember and tile project around water fountain coordinated with Mrs. Ritter will start soon. PIE gave 2 more ice cream parties. If the classes reach another goal of 1000 we will give a watermelon and lemonade party. Senior tea planning is underway. Red Cross Babysitting Training will be held on May 16th for students 11 and up. Pie will cover 1/2 of the cost. Assembly set for May 26th with 2 shows back to back for the 4k -12 grade. This will be all on rainforest animals, 5-8 animals will be present for the children to interact with. Administrative Professionals Day cards and gift certificates will be given to 5 staff.

Next meeting, Monday 6:00 p.m. April 20th



Students attend CareerView Day at MSTC

On Wednesday, February 18, Almond-Bancroft Juniors and Seniors had the opportunity to visit Mid-State Technical College's Wisconsin Rapids campus for a CareerView Day. On this day, students learn about admission requirements, tour the campus, listen to a panel of current students talk about their MSTC experience, and attend informational sessions on four different program areas of interest. Some of these areas include Nursing, Automotive Technology, Marketing, and Cosmetology. The students said it was a great experience, and they not only learned what MSTC has to offer, but they became more excited to start their post-secondary education!

ACT Workshop a Success!

On Wednesday, March 11th, Almond-Bancroft hosted an ACT workshop. This workshop introduced students to test taking strategies in the four main sections of the test (English, Reading, Math, and Science) and the writing section. They were given a testing experience in each of these areas and then evaluated to show where their strengths and weaknesses were. Students were also taught the importance of pacing yourself throughout the test and what an ACT score actually means. Sixteen Almond-Bancroft students participated in the workshop along with 16 students from Amherst for a total of 32, which are 6 more students than last year! Curt Hossman, the ACT Student Coordinator from CESA 5 who ran the workshop, stated that the group was very motivated and well behaved and all should do well on the actual test.

Below are some comments written by students who attended the workshop:



"It was entertaining and helpful."

"I had a great time and learned a lot."

"I feel more prepared for the ACT now."



"This class has helped me prepare a lot. I now feel more confident about taking the ACT."

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

By Renee Hunkins

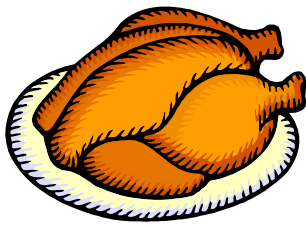
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a service organization affiliated with Family and Consumer Sciences. Most of us are more familiar with its former name, Future Homemakers of America (FHA). Over the years the name was changed to make the organization more appealing to both genders. FCCLA promotes personal growth; leadership and character development; creative and critical thinking; interpersonal communication; practical knowledge; and vocational preparation.

Jennifer Hunkins is representing Almond-Bancroft and Weyauwega-Fremont Schools as a Regional Rep. As a Regional Rep. she attends all conferences and assists with a variety of duties. Jennifer will be attending the State Leadership Conference in April which will be held at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. While there she will assist in tabulating the individual scores for a variety of events ranging from public speaking to Culinary Arts.

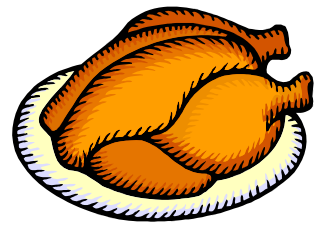
She is also a Peer Team Member for the Financial Fitness National Project. As a Peer Team Member she is responsible for organizing a chapter project which will teach Financial Fitness to students PK-4th grade. Jennifer has organized a project at

Weyauwega-Fremont Elementary schools. She has contacted the area banks who have generously donated cash or piggy banks. Jennifer has also contacted the elementary teachers to organize a time for the FCCLA members to come into their classrooms and do a presentation on the importance of saving money.

At the State Conference Jennifer will be working with Peer Team Members from other chapters to educate fellow FCCLA members in the importance of Financial Fitness. One of the things planned will be a Hollywood Squares type game show where she will play "Sarah Balin" aka Sarah Palin. Jennifer will also be creating a display board for our chapter's Financial Fitness project as well.



CHARCOAL
CHICKEN DINNER
Sponsored by the Class of 2012



Sunday, May 3rd

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

\$ 8.00

American Legion Hall

Almond

(Take Out Only)

Advanced ticket sales only.

Freshmen will be selling tickets starting April 3st.

Get your ticket and enjoy!

**If you don't know a freshman, please call Sandy at 366-2941, ext. 108
for your tickets.**

You Are Invited To Attend The Next Partners in Education (P.I.E.) Meeting

Date: Monday, April 20th

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: In the Elementary Library

Attend this meeting & enter for a chance to win a door prize!

Please make time in your busy schedule to become a member of a wonderful group that does so much for the students and staff of the Almond Bancroft School. We only meet 5-6 times a year but we do so much.

If we do not get more involvement we will not be able to continue the programs that P.I.E now offers.

A List of P.I.E. Sponsored Events

Senior Tea

Open House

Red Cross Babysitting Training

Staff Appreciation Day

Administrative Professionals Day

Box Tops and Ice-cream Parties

Art 2 Remember

8th grade graduation

\$Donation to help purchase roller blades

Educational Assemblies

Class Trips/Bussing

Cultural Event

Swim Program

Staff Appreciation Day

Daycare can be provided at no charge

Please call Kathy before meeting to schedule daycare 366-2854

ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER
Room S325 Almond High School (enter Almond Elementary)
715.366.2882 or 715.421.4635 (for Pre-Registering)
2009

Hello everybody, and with the passing of March 20, comes the beginning of spring. The new date for Drop-In Play Group has been going well. Please note that when school is cancelled, Drop-In Play Group is cancelled. Often, there might be a substitute Play Group at Mrs. Klinger's Classroom in Bancroft. OR, a workshop might be 'in place' of Drop-In Play Group. Please come and check us out. We are free of charge and it is a great place to visit with our neighbors. Keep checking your District Newsletter.

DROP-IN PLAY GROUP Fridays from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. Almond Elementary
Remember to call if there is no school. When teachers are present in the building, Drop-In Play Group will most likely be held. If for some reason I cannot make it to Drop-In Play Group, I will call the school secretary. In the past, I have had a substitute, or even a Play Group parent open the room. **REMEMBER**, everyone is welcome....and dads, you are welcome. Come and share family issues, parenting issues, and even community issues. I will try to have a craft, story time, and a snack. And on those birthdays....you are always welcome to bring a special treat. No pre-registration is required. OH, Grandmothers and Grandfathers....don't forget to bring those grandchildren.

SPECIAL A/B DROP-IN PLAY GROUP ON APRIL 3RD.

The Family Resource Center is sponsoring a FREE PLAY DATE at the Central Wisconsin Children's Museum. DO not hesitate to come if you have never been to Play Group. This is your chance to meet new friends AND to check out the Children's Museum for FREE.

SPECIAL ALMOND DROP-IN PLAY GROUP ON APRIL 10TH.

We will be meeting at Helicopter Park for an Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a snack to share and....dress appropriately. I will be bringing hot chocolate. In case of bad weather, we will meet at the Village Hall.
(No Play Group at the Elementary School on the above days)

SINGLE-SESSION WORKSHOP: CAR SEAT SAFETY—BUCKE UP!

Held on Friday, May 1st, 10:00 a.m. PRE REGISTRATION is required, to make appointments. The Passenger Safety Team will be at the Family Resource Center.

CINCO DE MAYO will be celebrated at Almond this year. Look forward to these important dates.

Office hours: Before Play Group on Fridays.

IF YOU WANT A FAMILY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL THE SEMESTER'S EVENTS,
PLEASE CALL 715-341-3609

E-mail: almondbancroftfr@gmail.com

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

A-B High School will deliver singing Happy Birthday Telegrams 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 pops.

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

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noisemaker, card, rose or pops, beads and our new bobblehead Eagle or new Eagle hat.

Bonus Extra \$1.00—we will include 3 strands of Mardi Gras beads in school colors.

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

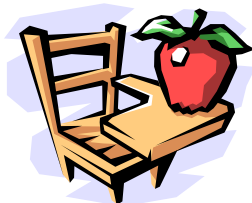
Student Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

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





From the desk of Pat Leary

Hello fellow district residents. Have you had a cut in hours, just got laid off, or lost your job? Enclosed is a copy of the form sent to the Almond-Bancroft Public Schools from the State of Wisconsin including the Federal guidelines for free and reduced lunch to help out citizens of this Country with the rising problems we are facing today. Please feel free to fill out the form and send it to the Almond-Bancroft Public School 1136 Elm St. Almond, WI 54909 Attn: Pat Leary. If you have any questions regarding the form or need help filling the application out, just give me a call at 715-366-2941 x 421. I am willing to help you in any way I can. Remember, if you are eligible for reduced lunch your child will receive breakfast and morning milk at no cost. Lunch will be \$.40 a day. According to a recent study eating breakfast gives your child the ability to learn so much more. It's a proven fact.

Respectfully,
Pat Leary

Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application Letter to Households

If your household gets FOODSHARE OR W-2 CASH BENEFITS, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List child(ren)'s name, school, grade, and a FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number.
- Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

For Public Schools Only

If you are applying for a child that is HOMELESS, MIGRANT or a RUNAWAY, follow these instructions:

Check the appropriate box in Part 2 and contact [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator].
Fill out application by following instructions for ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: Use a separate application for each foster child. List the child's name, school, and grade.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income, if any.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school, and grade.
- Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1—Name: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Column 2—Gross income last month and how often it was received. Next to each person's name list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received. For example, *Earnings from work*: List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). *All other income*: List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, (second column) pensions, retirement Social Security (third column), and ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES (fourth column). In the All Other column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.

Column 3—Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART
For School Year 2008-2009

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$756	\$698	\$349
2	24,420	2,035	1,018	940	470
3	30,710	2,560	1,280	1,182	591
4	37,000	3,084	1,542	1,424	712
5	43,290	3,608	1,804	1,665	833
6	49,580	4,132	2,066	1,907	954
7	55,870	4,656	2,328	2,149	1,075
8	62,160	5,180	2,590	2,391	1,196
Each Additional person:	6,290	525	263	242	121

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child)

Names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last)	School Name	Grade	FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case # (if any). Skip to Part 5 if you list one of the above.
			Case #
			Case #
			Case #
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			Case #

DO NOT LIST: Forward or Quest Card numbers; or Medicaid, SSI, W-2 Childcare case numbers. Please fill in Part 4 if you are *not* receiving FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits at this time.

Part 2. Homeless/Migrant/Runaway (For Public Schools Only)

If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator at phone #] Homeless Migrant Runaway

Part 3. Foster Child

If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check this box and then list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____. Skip to Part 5.

Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often

1. Name (List everyone in household)	2. Gross income and how often it was received <i>Example: \$100/monthly \$100/twice a month \$100/every other week \$100/weekly</i>				3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	All Other Income	
<i>(Example)</i> Jane Smith	\$200/weekly	\$150/weekly	\$100/monthly	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Part 5. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: X _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

Part 6. Children's racial and ethnic identities (optional)

Mark one or more racial identities:

- Asian American Indian or Alaska Native
 White Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Black or African American Other

Mark one ethnic identity:

- Hispanic or Latino
 Not Hispanic or Latino

Don't fill out this part. This is for school use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household size: _____

Categorical Eligibility: ____ Date Withdrawn: _____ Eligibility: Free ____ Reduced ____ Denied ____ Reason: _____

Temporary: Free ____ Reduced ____ Time Period: _____ (expires after ____ days)

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Almond-Bancroft Menus, April 2009

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Breakfast Sandwich, Juice	2 Cereal, Toast, Juice	3 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
6 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	7 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar, Juice	8 Cereal, Toast, Juice	9 Biscuits & Gravy, Juice	10 NO SCHOOL
13 NO SCHOOL	14 French Toast Sticks, Juice	15 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice	16 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	17 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
20 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	21 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice	22 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	23 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	24 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
27 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	28 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	29 French Toast Sticks, Juice	30 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	31 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice

Morning Milk

\$11.50

Per Quarter

Milk Served
With Every
Meal

Breakfast Prices: Reduced – No Charge
4K M-W – 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00
4K T-Th - 9 days @ 1.00 = \$9.00
K-12th grade – 20 days @ 1.00 = \$20.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit	2 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	3 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit
6 Pizza Burger, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	7 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	8 Cheeseburger Macaroni, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	9 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit	10 NO SCHOOL
13 NO SCHOOL	14 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	15 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Fruit	16 B.B.Q., Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	17 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit
20 Hamburger On Bun, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	21 Chicken Fajita, Vegetable, Fruit	22 Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	23 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	24 Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit
27 Hot Dog, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	28 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Fruit, Bread	29 Chicken Pattie, Tator Barrels, Fruit	30 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Fruit	31 Tacos, Corn, Fruit

Lunch Prices:

4K Reduced – 8 days M-W @ .40 = \$3.20 4K Reduced - 9 days T-Th @ .40 = \$3.60
4K – 8 days M-W @ 1.60 = \$12.80 4K - 9 days T-Th @ 1.60 = \$14.40
K-12th grade Reduced – 20 days @ .40 = \$8.00
K-5th grade – 20 days @ 1.60 = \$32.00
6th – 12th grade – 20 days @ 1.85 = \$37.00

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a cross (X) in the square at the RIGHT of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the name in the blank space provided for the purpose.

School Board Member for Town of Almond **Vote for One**

Roy Danforth.....

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School Board Member for Village of Almond **Vote for One**

Debbie Bradley

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4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Act quickly to register for next year's 4 year-old kindergarten! If you missed registration on March 10th, please contact Sandy Barden (366-2941 ext. 329) for information. To complete registration, you will need to fill out a registration card and complete a health history questionnaire. To verify your child's age we will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

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