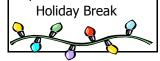


ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 1336 ELM ST PHONE 715-366-2941 ALMOND, WI 54909 WWW.ABSCHOOLS.K12.WI.US

December 2010

December Dates To Remember

- 12/4-A.C.T. Christmas **Talent Show** Auditorium 7:00 pm
- 12/6-Town Hall Meeting Auditorium 6:30 pm
- 12/9-High School Winter Concert Auditorium 7:30 pm
- 12/12-Eagle Booster Club Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12/14-Friends Of Music Meeting Band Room 7:00 pm
- 12/15-Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12/16-Middle School Winter Concert Auditorium 7:30 pm
- 12/21-Elementary Winter Concert Auditorium 2:00 pm -4K Winter Concert Bancroft School 6:00 pm
- 12/23-Early Release 12:00 pm
- 12/24-31-No School Holiday Break





Julia Swan retires after 35 years of service to the Almond-Bancroft School District with the Food Service Program.

We thank you Julia for your dedication and wish you well in your retirement.



NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON APRIL 5, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the School District of Almond-Bancroft on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 25, 2011.

OFFICE INCUMBENT

At Large Charles "Jerry" Dernbach

At Large Gary Smith

Town of Belmont, Rose, & Oasis Carol Ellie

Carol Ellie, Clerk

Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers for the Almond-Bancroft School Board term are to be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 4, 2011.

Papers can be filed in the district office or with the school district clerk. Candidacy and Nomination Papers are located outside of the district office.

High School Student Of The Week

October 18 - 22



I nominate Sam Spohn for my week. He has done a very good job as my TA and works well with the 7th grade class during that hour. He assists them when needed and they now seek him out for help. I can count on him to help out wherever and whenever he's needed, especially when working with the middle school class.

~ Mr. Bennett

High School Student Of The Week

November 1 - 5



My choice for Student of the Week is Deanna Felella. She happens to be the only female in her English class and has been surviving it very well. She stays on top of all of her work and always asks questions if she isn't sure of something. She is a good role model for others in class because she gives 100% to everything she does. Also, she is just an all-around joy to be around! ~ *Miss Brandt*

High School Student Of The Week

October 25 - 29



I have chosen Jon Pagel for the Student of the week. Jon continues to do well in math as he did last year. Jon is a top student in Pre Calculus and even though it can be challenging, he continues to excel in class. Jon is also one of four students who will be competing in the Advanced Mathematics portion of Math League this year. Keep up the good work!

~ Mr. Bradley

High School Student Of The Week

November 8-12



My selection for Student of the Week is Amber Hintz. Amber is a delight in the classroom. She is not afraid to ask questions, she completes her assignments in a timely manner, she comes in for extra help if she feels the need, she takes awesome notes, and she always has a smile on her face. I am so happy to be able to get to know Amber this year. And as the class treasurer I am able to see Amber outside the classroom as well. She has great ideas for the class. Amber you are truly a beautiful person and I loved the "mystery property of equality." ~ Mrs. Ciula

Middle School Students Of The Month



One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for their overall excellence as a student. These students are selected based on their overall academic achievements and proper behavior in the classroom. Achieving excellent performance for the month of October, the Students of the Month include the following: Dylan Bunders, Emily Demchik and Hailey Wierzba.

From the sixth grade we honored Dylan Bunders. Dylan is a very hard worker that is always on task. He takes his learning seriously by being attentive and asking good questions in class. Dylan is conscientious, cooperative, and respectful with his peers and teachers; he is a pleasure to have in class. From the seventh grade we honored Emily Demchik. Emily is a delightful student; she is always polite and conscientious because of her positive attitude. She is a hard worker that goes above and beyond with her studies always trying her very best. She has become a great addition to our middle school. From the eighth grade we honored Hailey Wierzba. Hailey is a leader amongst her classmates. Her enthusiasm is contagious to those around her and she is always willing to help others whenever she can. She is a hard working young lady that loves to learn and is a positive influence on any situation. With her permanent smile, Hailey is a joy to have in class.

Thank you for your hard work, Congratulations!

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

366-2941

Ext. 298 For Middle School Homework Ext. 299 For High School Homework



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

If your child is absent from school, please call the Attendance Office at 366-2941 extension 108 before 9:00 a.m.

Middle School Food Drive

The AB Middle School Home Base students will have a food drive during the month of December. If possible, please have your student bring non-perishable food items or paper products to school for donating to Operation Bootstrap. The final day for sending donations will be Friday, Dec. 17. There will be a contest among the classrooms to see which classroom donated the largest amount of goods. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please Welcome Our New Elementary Foster Grandma and Grandpa



The Elementary students and teachers at the Almond school are very fortunate to have not only one new foster grandparent but two! We would like to introduce to you Grandma Pauletta and Grandpa Bob. They have just recently moved to the Waushara County area and were very interested in getting involved in the Foster Grandparents Program. However, since this program does not exist in Waushara County, our school benefited immensely, as it is not to far from their home in Hancock. They are in our school Monday through Thursday helping out the students and sharing their smiles and enthusiasm with everyone. Please say "hello" to them and welcome them to Almond!

4K Dona

4K Donations Needed



Attention families, if your child (ren) have out grown or no longer need preschool/kindergarten size costumes please consider donating them to the Almond-Bancroft 4K program. The 4K is also looking

for donations that would be related to a castle theme or community service people (firefighters, police officers, nurse/doctors ect.). We appreciate your donations. You can leave them at the Almond school (just state they are for the 4K program) or the Bancroft school. If you have any questions feel free to call Mrs. Klinger at 715-335-4411 or email her at dklinger@abschools.k12.wi.us

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY By: Nicole Brandt, National Honor Society Advisor

On the day after Veterans Day the National Honor Society organized a Veterans Day ceremony. We were fortunate enough to have Andy Towner, a soldier in the Army National Guard, come to Almond to speak. He shared his experience of his tour in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His story was intensely moving and I believe we were all very touched by it.

The band and choir also did an amazing job playing patriotic songs for the ceremony which were clearly practiced and perfected. NHS members took part in giving brief speeches about the importance of honoring our veterans. And, veterans from the staff, alumni, and community were represented with a slide show playing in the background.

On behalf of the National Honor Society, I would like to thank everyone for attending the ceremony. We are very proud of our veterans and members of military service. We believe that these men and women honor our country with their efforts and sacrifices, and that by standing together for our nation, they have come together to fight for one cause—liberty and freedom for all Americans.



FROM THE DESK OF Dawn McDonald, Elementary Counselor

Elementary students have been exploring "respect" this year. They have identified *whom* and *what* should be respected, as well as what respect does and does not look like. Kindergarten through second grade students have discussed treating others well with a book entitled *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?* The concept of filling someone's bucket by being kind and dipping into it by being rude has been around for a while. This book and another entitled, *Fill A Bucket: A Guide To Daily Happiness For Young Children* are both available in our school library. If you would like to know more about the bucket books or concept to use with your children at home, please visit www.bucketfillers101.com.

Third through fifth graders have also reviewed the bucket filling concept and the fact that not all people they encounter will show respect or care about filling buckets. In these situations, we have discussed ways to deal with the bucket dippers with a book called *Simon's Hook:* A Story About Teases And Put-Downs. This fun book, also available in our school library, gives students five ways to deal with "hooks" (teases and put-downs) that fishermen (other kids) throw out instead of biting at them. The strategies are: 1. Do little or nothing. 2. Agree with the hook. 3. Distract the fisherman (change the subject). 4. Laugh or make a joke. 5. Stay away from the hooks. Move away from people who are rude if you can. Students learned that not all the strategies work in every situation and that they might need to try a few of them. It takes a lot of practice and some self-control to use these ideas rather than throwing hooks back themselves!

We celebrated our Red Ribbon Week October 25-27. Students had fun participating in dress-up days and creating owls to put on our tree display in the library hallway. Hopefully, you were able to see the nice display during parent teacher conferences. Our owl theme this year helped us to say, "We don't give a hoot about drugs." Students received red bracelets and/or ribbons to wear throughout the week with drug awareness messages. We talk a lot at school about respecting others, but Red Ribbon week is a great time for each student to say, "I will respect myself by staying drug-free."



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

Paige Hintz and **Lee Goman** have been selected as November's Safety Cadets of the Month. Both students always step right up and help out where help is needed. They both are also very cheerful whenever you see them! Congratulations Paige and Lee!

Parents, please help to see that your child is prepared for outside weather by coming to school with proper warm clothing. All students have two recesses during the day, regardless of the weather. If it's not raining or below O degrees, they're going out! Recess or Safety Cadet duty is always more enjoyable when you're warm and comfortable. Once the snow flies, all students will be required to have boots, snow pants, jackets, hats, and mittens. (Please start digging them out of the closet now so that your child is ready when we see the white stuff!) Here's hoping everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a relaxing time with family and friends. Be thankful and safe!

Almond-Bancroft Middle & High School 1st Quarter Honor Roll Students

"A" Honor Roll

Graduation Year: 2011

RABE AVERY MIRANDA BORCHARDT NICHOLAS CHAPA AMANDA CRAHAN DANIELLE DYKES JEFFREY FLETCHER LUCAS MEDDAUGH JON PIETERS

Graduation Year: 2012

MORGAN BAAR RUSSELL CAREY JEANETTE R. COLOMBE DANIELLE DAHMS ANTHONY ELLIE AMBER HINTZ JEFFREY KOLLOCK TAYLOR MARTINES BRADY MCINTEE JON PAGEL SORCIA ROCK ISABELL WUESTEN

Graduation Year: 2013

DESTINY DYKES KIARA I. TURZINSKI BAYLEE VOSS-PLUTSCHACK JOHN WAGGONER MARISSA WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2014

TISAN BAIRD ALEXANDER CRULL MCKENNA HECK PAYTON HINTZ ANGELA IWANSKI ABBIGAIL KARPEN HANNAH LANSING JEWEL MATKE CODY MEDDAUGH EVAN PAGEL ANNA PERRIN CARISSA PERZINSKI AIDEN ROCK ALEXIS SEITZ KAYLA SMITH SHELBY SWAN JACOB VALLERY MEGHAN VARGA

Graduation Year: 2015

DEVON ANDERSON RAMSEY AVERY HATTIE BERRY MEGAN BURNS NICHOLAS FIGUEROA TEAGAN HECK COLTON HINTZ JESSE HUNKINS MCKENZIE MINER NATALIE ROMO MARGARET SCOTT ASHLEY TAKACS HAILEY WIERZBA Graduation Year: 2016

MACY BAIRD AUSTIN BUNDERS DEANA CLARK JOSEPH CRAHAN EMILY DEMCHIK NATHANIEL DISHER DYLAN HECK JORDAN KEALIHER KAITLYNN LEHMAN ARIEL PLASKI JOHL TURZINSKI BLAKE VOSS-PLUTSCHACK KYLE WARZYNSKI ALISSA WILLIAMS GARETT YONKE

Graduation Year: 2017

DYLAN BUNDERS JOSEPH DORGAN JR. GAVIN HEINZ MATTHEW HELMRICK BENJAMIN LANSING CARTER NEWBY CATHERINE SCHMIDT EMMA WALLACE MICHAELA WALLACE JACOB WIERZBA

"B" Honor Roll

Graduation Year: 2011

DATONN AMMEL RICHARD DOMENGET COLLIN KEALIHER RACHEL PENZA ZACHARY PERZINSKI STEPHANIE RODRIQUEZ DYLAN SCHAFER

EMILY SCHUDE

Graduation Year: 2012

TYLER BUNDERS NICHOLAS J. BURNS IV JEREK DAKE ALISON KIM BRANDON LEHMAN SAVANNAH MUNDINAC CYNTHIA NIGH DREW PAINTER RYAN SANDERS ANGELA SHACKELFORD MASON SIGOURNEY SIERRA STUCKER

Graduation Year: 2013

BRETT BEIGEL SAMUEL BORCHARDT AVERY FAEHLING KRISTEN HAFERMAN KAILYN KOEHLER HEATHER MERILA HAYLEY RISKE JADE STUEBS COLTER STUTESMAN

Graduation Year: 2014

SARAI BARRAZA JOSEPH BEIGEL DEREK KEENLANCE RAMIRO LUNA NATHANIEL NEWBY LACEY WARZYNSKI ETHAN YONKE

Graduation Year: 2015

REEGAN ANDERSON JENNIFER CASTILLO JAROD CIESLEWICZ ANTHONY HINTZ MEGHAN MENADUE ALEXANDRIA SPOHN JACE STHERS TEAGAN VEZINA MEGAN WICZEK

Graduation Year: 2016

AVA ANDERSON ALISSA GARCIA ALEXANDER KARPEN TAYLOR KIM HUNTER LASKA JASMINE LUNA SHAYLA NEWBY CHRISTIAN NOTH CLAYTON SWAN PATIENCE TURNER COLE WARZYNSKI JESSICA WEBSIER ALLAN ZINDA

Graduation Year: 2017

EDUARDO BANDA JAIME BANDA MEGAN GREEN ALEXUS WILLIAMS

Congratulations & Hats Off To A-B **Honor Roll** Students





A-B Foodservice Operations Students Visit Fox Valley Technical College and Banquet Facility



Fox Valley Technical College Tour

Foodservice Operations students recently visited Appleton. Their agenda included a stop at the Grand Meridian restaurant to learn about the operation and management of a large banquet/catering facility. Afterward, students traveled to Fox Valley Technical College for a guided tour of the Culinary Arts training kitchen by Levi Milanowski, A-B alumnus, and chef-instructor Craig Hribal. Levi and chef Craig explained the many degree options available at the technical college. They also discussed the importance of career planning, college prerequisites, and college costs, including tuition, housing, books, and other learning resources. (Levi Milanowski is currently working on a Culinary Arts and Hotel Restaurant Management degree. Amanda Degroff, another A-B alumnus, is also enrolled in the Culinary Arts program but was too busy being a student to share her experience with our group.)

"It was a busy day, but a great experience for our students," said Mr. Knepfel, "it appears Levi and Amanda are doing well." Keep up the good work!

Secondary Counselor News: From the Desk of Ms. Spencer

ASVAB: Not Just for the Military

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is the test a person must take to enter into the US Military. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a civilian-based program that can help you take steps toward finding a career that's right for you. Students do not need to be interested in the military to take the ASVAB. You can benefit from the Program whether you plan to pursue further education after high school or enter the workforce right away. The first step towards finding a career is to spend some time finding out about yourself. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes tests and activities that help you identify your interests and provide information about your Verbal Skills, Math Skills, and Science and Technical Skills. It them lets you know how your interests and skills relate to the demands of more than 400 occupations to help you start making your educational and career plans.

What YOU Need to Know About Registering with Selective Service

Q: What is Selective Service?

The Selective Service is a government agency whose job is to provide untrained manpower for the Armed Forces if there's a national emergency.

Q: What is Selective Service Registration?

A: By registering, you add your name to a list of all the men in the nation, ages 18 through 25. The list would be used to identify men for possible military service in case of a national emergency.

Q: What happens if there's a draft?

There hasn't been a draft since 1973. If there were an emergency sufficient for Congress to order another draft, Selective Service would conduct a birthdate lottery to decide the order in which to call men. Those who turn 20 during that calendar year would be called first in a sequence determined by the lottery. If more men were needed, those 21 to 25 would be called, youngest first.

Q: Who is required to register?

A: The law says that all 18-year-old men (including U.S. citizens living abroad and non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register. The only young men exempt from registration are non-citizen males who are in the U.S. temporarily as tourists, diplomats and their family members or foreign exchange students; incarcerated or institutionalized men; men on active duty in the Armed Forces; and students at U.S. military academies.

Q: Why don't women have to register?

Our nation only registers men. This has always been the case. Selective Service law as it is presently written refers specifically to "male persons" in stating who must register and who could be subject to a draft. Therefore, Selective Service procedures do not apply to women. In order for women to be required to register with Selective Service, Congress would have to change the wording of the law.

Q: What if I don't register?

You are breaking the law. If prosecuted, you could be sent to prison for up to 5 years and may be fined up to \$250,000. In addition, if you fail to register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits and many state and federal jobs.

Q: Is registration hard?

No. In fact it's never been easier. A young man can register with Selective Service in less than 2 minutes via the Internet at: **www.sss.gov**. You can also register by going to your local post office and completing a registration form. It's as simple as filling in your name, address, telephone number, date of birth and Social Security number. Registration forms should be available in your local recreation or social service center, school's guidance or registrar office, or you may receive a form in the mail. Simply complete it and mail the form to Selective Service.

Q: When should I register?

A: Within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you cannot register on time because you are hospitalized or in prison, you have 30 days in which to register after you are released. If 30 days have already passed since your 18th birthday, register immediately, either online or at your post office. Although Selective Service will accept a late registration, the longer you wait, the longer you are breaking the law and jeopardizing your future benefits.

Q: How do I prove I registered?

When registering via the Internet, you will receive your Selective Service number immediately. That number is your proof of registration - for safe keeping, jot it down. You will receive a Selective Service card by mail within 2 weeks confirming that number. (Note: If you registered by mail, you will receive a card confirming your registration with 60-90 days.) If you don't get your card within 90 days, write to:

Selective Service System Registration Information Office P.O. Box 94638 Palatine, IL 60094-4638

Or call 1-847-688-6888



Use the Internet: WWW.SSS.gov



A.C.E.S CLUB News: From Mrs. Ramczyk & Mrs. Negro

Marathon Volunteers



Earlier in October, our A.C.E.S. group was contacted through our website by an organization in Wisconsin Dells asking for volunteers to help at their first half/full marathon. So we decided to put this opportunity out there for all of the high school students. This way they could come along for the fun and/or for the freshman that need to earn 20 hours of community service before they graduate.

On a cold, damp Sunday morning, eight young ladies met at the school to volunteer their time for this outing. After a rough start, the van needed jumping and gas, the ladies and chaperones started towards Wisconsin Dells. Upon our arrival we were directed towards one of the water stations along the route for the full marathon portion. The ladies jumped right in handing out cups of either Gatorade or water, along with packets of Gu, to the over 300 runners that passed by them. Our station was located at the turn around point of the run, so we actually got to see all the runners twice! Cheering and hoots were also encouraged!

Following the dismantling of the water station, our crew went back to the Dells Center. This time we helped separate the ankle bracelets, worn by the runners and ordered them by the numbers. This part of the experience was a little disgusting, but the girls handled it very well. Overall this was a fun, enjoyable and educational opportunity for all those involved. Each of those that volunteered received a t-shirt, some snack foods and all the Gu they wanted to try The ladies that participated were Angela Iwanski, Anna Perrin, Abby Karpen, Payton Hintz, Jewel Matke, McKenna Heck, Alexis Seitz and Hannah Lansing. These ladies were chaperoned by Ms. Schomer, Mrs. Negro and Mrs. Ramczyk.



A.C.E.S Updates



The ACES Members started their monthly volunteer projects at the Ice Age Trail near Bohn Lake and the Portage County Humane Society. The club sends members each month to monitor part of the Ice Age Trail they adopted last year and to help the Humane Society employees. In October AJ Elle, Michael Hartman, Ryan Sanders, Sierra Stucker, Amber Hintz and Kevin Buckenberger volunteered, while in November Nick Burns, Brandon Eastman, Sorcia Rock, Mason Sigourney, Dominque Miner, Cynthia Nigh and Aiden Rock

took over. The students walked the trail and picked up debris that had fallen due to weather, then they walked dogs, played with the animals and did laundry. Their help was much appreciated!

Thank you for supporting our club and our mission by purchasing root beer floats during parent-teacher conferences!

If you are interested in helping with donations or providing future activities for the club, please contact advisors Mrs. Brenda Ramczyk or Mrs. Amanda Negro.





A.C.E.S is sponsoring FOUR ski trips for the month of January!

Come snowboard, ski or tubing!

Contact Mrs. Negro if you would like to attend 715-366-2941 x 116

Lift Tickets cost \$30 for <u>ALL</u> 4 trips.
Ski Rental cost \$30 for <u>ALL</u> 4 trips.
Must provide your own transportation.



Every Monday in January.

January 10th January 17th January 24st January 31st

Honoring Native Americans

In honor of *National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month*, both the Elementary LMC and the Secondary LMC had window displays of Native American posters and books.

National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month is celebrated each November to recognize the intertribal cultures and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of the American Indian and Alaska Native people. With a long history, rich culture, and more than 300 spoken languages, the wisdom of Native American tribes has been passed down through the centuries. As of 2008, the Census Bureau estimates there were 4.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives living in the United States.

Native Americans have brought to this great country certain values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit: the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper without destroying the natural environment; the understanding that people from very different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can come together to build a great country; and the awareness that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division.

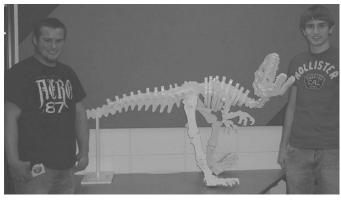
In conjunction with *National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month* and their study of Native Americans, the **5th grade students who are taught social studies by**

Mrs. Kim Weiss have once again made some incredibly detailed and authentic-looking three dimensional models of American Indian homes: a Caddo Grass House, a Cahokian Hut, a Chickee, a Hogan, an Igloo, a Longhouse, a Plankhouse, Pueblo Adobe Houses, and a Wigwam. (*See the corresponding photos for some examples.*) The students used a variety of materials including twigs, pretzels, sand, play dough, cardboard, pine branches, birch bark, and stones. These homes show the diversity of Native peoples all across the United States. If you were able to visit the Elementary LMC during Parent-Teacher Conferences, you probably saw these wonderful Native American homes constructed by the 5th Graders! The students in grades 1-4 sure enjoyed looking at the projects every

time they came to the LMC and can't wait till its their turn to make models of



traditional Native American homes!



There's a new creature in the Elementary LMC - a fossil replica of a dinosaur who roamed the Earth over 150 million years ago - an *Allosaurus*. This museum quality piece was created by **Sam Spohn** (Grade 12) with the assistance of **Jon Pagel** (Grade 11) as an independent project for their Tech Ed course taught by **Joel Bennett** (long term sub for **Bill Wagner**, who is serving overseas right now).

Sam and Jon cut 48 individual pieces of wood with a jigsaw. Then they notched and glued all the wooden bones together to form the skeleton of this dinosaur. Lastly, they painted the fossil white to accentuate the ribs and the open jaw and make the bones seem more real. Although Sam began with a pattern, he improvised to tilt the head and make the *Allosaurus* look more

dramatic and fierce. It is over five feet long, and this project took the whole first quarter to complete! Now these two high school students have generously donated the *Allosaurus* to the Elementary LMC where it is on display with an assortment of dinosaur books.

Also, the ELMC has a "Name the *Allosaurus* Contest" open to all students in Grades 1-5. The prize will be a miniature replica of the *Allosaurus* which will also be made and donated by Sam Spohn and Jon Pagel. Students may pick up a copy of the Contest Rules in the ELMC. Entries are due Friday, Dec. 3.

And, two senior students, **Brianna Kawlewski** and **Emily Schude**, under the guidance of high school art teacher **Lynne Dernbach**, are currently working on a mural as a backdrop to the fossil. It will show the elementary classes what an *Allosaurus* is thought to have looked like as it roamed during the Jurassic Period in states such as Oklahoma, Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah, Montana, New Mexico, and Colorado. This independent art project should be completed by December.

This incredible *Allosaurus* created by Sam Spohn with the help of Jon Pagel has found its permanent home in the Elementary LMC. Stop by anytime to see it, but remember "to look, but not touch" this fragile dinosaur skeleton.

LMC News Continued

November Donations

As Thanksgiving approaches, our thanks go to the many warm-hearted and generous citizens of the Almond-Bancroft School District. The LMC has received many great donations this past month including gifts from the following groups and individuals: the **Takacs family** (a box of children's books and magazines), **Mickey Van Ert** (books for the LMC and newspapers for class projects), the **Hintz family** (sports and women's magazines), **Jan Connor** (magazines), the **Mather family** (magazines and newspapers), **Melissa Vezina** and **Donna McIntee** (a variety of magazines), **Sam Spohn** and **Jon Pagel** (the *Allosaurus* fossil replica), and the **Frank family** (*The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*).

Thank you all very much, and best wishes to everyone for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

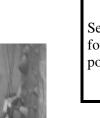
Top Patron Statistics

Destiny, the LMC online circulation and catalog system, collects data about library usage. For example, it can calculate the top patrons - the people who check out the most books. For the 1st Quarter of school, the top three staff members who checked out the most library resources were: **Missy Henske** (2nd Grade teacher), **Ryan Peterson** (Middle School Social Studies and At-Risk Teacher), and **Jeff Rykal** (District Principal). The top high school students were: **Tisan Baird** (Grade 9), **Marissa Warzynski** (Grade 10), **Amber Hintz** (Grade 11), and **Shane Bembenek** (Grade 12). The top middle school readers were: **Gabe Banda** and **Matt Helmrick** (tied for Grade 6), **Emily Demchik** (Grade 7), and **Alexandria Spohn** (Grade 8). All of the elementary students check out a lot of books, but the class with *the highest average circulation per patron* was the **3rd Grade Class of Mrs. Wimme**.

Congratulations to all these great readers and library patrons!

Some of the gang in between a friendly rope climbing competition!





Nick gives Mrs. Negro some support!

On Saturday, November 13th, A.C.E.S. organized a trip to the Boulder Gym in Madison for any high school student that wanted to give rock climbing a try. A small group made the journey and had a fun adventure. The experience was so positive, that there is already talk of a return visit in the spring.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Boulder Gym or any other A.C.E.S. events, please contact Mrs. Negro or Mrs. Ramczyk.

A special thanks to Stucker Bus Service, Mr. Rykal, and Mr. Boxx for helping make these activities possible!



Halie, Amber, Avery, and Sierra give Boulder's Gym a thumbs up!





Brandon and Sorcia stop for a pose before she starts the climb.

December Eagles Athletic Events



- 12/2-MS Boys BB Home vs Tri-County 5:30 pm
 - -TC-AB Titans Wrestling @ Shiocton 7:00 pm
- 12/3-HS Boys BB Home vs Necedah 6:00 pm
- 12/4-TC-AB Titans Tournament @ Necedah Time TBD
- 12/7-MS Boys BB @ Westfield 3:30 pm
 - -HS Boys BB Home vs Gresham 6:00 pm
- 12/9-MS Boys BB @ Rosholt 5:30 pm -TC-AB Titans Home (Tri-County)
- 7:00 pm 12/10-HS Girls BB Home vs Tigerton 6:00 pm
 - -HS Boys BB @ Tigerton 6:00 pm
- 12/11-TC-AB Titans Tournament@ Pittsville Time TBD
 - -HS Boys BB Home vs WI Valley Lutheran 4:00 pm
- 12/13-MS Boys BB Home 5:30 pm
- 12/14-HS Boys BB Home vs
 - Menominee Indian 6:00 pm
 - -HS Girls BB@ Menominee Indian 6:00 pm
- 12/16-TC-AB Titans@ Manawa 7:00 pm
 - -HS Girls BB Home vs Wild Rose 6:00 pm
- 12/17-HS Boys BB @ Wild Rose 6:00 pm
- 12/18-TC-AB Titans Tournament@ Kimberly Time TBD
- 12/21-HS Girls BB Home vs Tri-County 6:00 pm
 - -HS Boys BB @ Tri-County 6:00 pm
- 12/28-29-HS Girls & Boys Booster Club Holiday Tournament Almond 6:15 pm & 8:00 pm

2009-10 Open Gym Hours

Sunday evenings 7 PM in the west gym. All ages are welcome!

Contact Scott Kollock, 335-6631, for more information.



FACILES

Sport Light

2010 Fall Sports Award Winners

High School Football

Team Awards:

Corey Richtmyre-MVP

Lucas Meddaugh & Zach Perzinski-Captain Award

All Conference Awards CWC 10:

1st Team Defense-Corey Richtmyre

2nd Team Offense-Corey Richtmyre and Garret Warzynski 2nd Team Defense-Garret Warzynski and Zach Perzinski

High School Volleyball Awards

Team Awards:

Danielle Dykes-Captain Award Mandi Crahan-Eagle Award Stephanie Rodriquez-Defensive Player Award

All Conference Awards CWC 10:

2nd Team -Mandi Crahan



Titan Wrestling

We are encouraged and excited for the 2010-2011 wrestling season to get underway. The wrestlers have put in the time and effort over the off-season and should compete for several CWC Conference Championships both individually and as a team. The wrestling season has begun with practices being held daily at the High School. Support your High School Titan Wrestling Team this season; most competitions take place on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings/afternoons. Check out the competition schedule below and stop in to see what all of the excitement is about surrounding the Titan Wrestlers this season. For more information contact Coach Peterson, 715-366-2941x205, rpeterson@abschools.k12.wi.us.

Thursday, Dec. 2nd
@Shiocton

Saturday, Dec. 4th

@Necedah Saturday, Dec. 11th

@Pittsville

Thursday, Dec. 16th
@Manawa

Saturday, Dec. 18th @Kimberly

Thursday, Jan. 6th vs. Amherst (@ TC)

Saturday, Jan. 8th
@WittenbergBirnamwood

<u>Tuesday, Jan. 11th</u> vs. Westfield (@ AB)

Saturday, Jan. 15th
@Manawa

Saturday, Jan. 22nd
@Bonduel

Thursday, Jan. 27th
@WittenbergBirnamwood

Tuesday, Feb. 1st
vs. Weyauwega-Fremont
(@ AB)

Saturday, Feb. 5th
@Rosholt (Conference
Tournament)

Saturday, Feb. 12th (Regional Tournament)

Saturday, Feb. 19th (Sectional Tournament)

Thurs. – Sat. Feb. 24^{th} – 26^{th} State Tournament



Eagle Booster Club News

Eagle Booster Club Holiday Invitational

Mark your calendars! On December 28th and 29th the Booster Club will be hosting our 2nd Annual Holiday Invitational High School Basketball Tournament. Games will begin at 2:45 pm each day with the final game beginning around 8:00 pm. We will be hosting teams from Wisconsin Valley Lutheran, Stratford, Princeton and Manawa. The tournament will have Boys and Girls JV games in the East Gym and Boys and Girls Varsity games in the West Gym. On Tuesday the 28th, A-B Girls Varsity will play Princeton and the JV Boys will play Wisconsin Valley Lutheran at 6:15. That will be followed by the A-B Boys Varsity playing Wisconsin Valley Lutheran and the JV Girls taking on Princeton about 8:00. A-B students will have free passes to the games. Otherwise, admission will be \$5 per adult and \$3 per student for an entire day. Kids 5 and under will get in free. There will be a 50/50 raffle each day and concessions will be available.

Youth Basketball Teams

The Eagle Booster Club, along with Roger Young, has already begun scheduling for 5th-8th grade boys and girls basketball teams. Coaches will be sending home information regarding the practice times and dates that have been scheduled for tournaments.

The tournaments in Almond will be as follows:

January 15, 2011 - 7th and 8th grade boy's tournament

January 22, 2011 - 5th and 6th grade girls' tournament

February 12, 2011 - 5th and 6th grade boy's tournament

February 19, 2011 - 7th and 8th grade girl's tournament

As we enter our busiest time of the year, we again invite everyone to join the Eagle Booster Club or volunteer to help with our tournaments. The proceeds from these youth basketball events are one of the primary reasons we can offer so many opportunities to our student-athletes and help to provide our kids with the best equipment, facilities and experiences possible at Almond-Bancroft Schools.

Thank You from the Eagle Booster Club!



FFA & A-B Athletics Canned Food Drive







Thank you to the local area businesses (advertised on the shirts) for donating the T-shirts to the athletic program.

The FFA will deliver all the collected canned goods to a local food pantry.

Come out to support A-B Athletics, FFA and Portage County Food Pantries!



Please Be Advised When attending athletic events or other school activities make sure you are

NOT parked in a no parking area (across the street from

the school and other locations around the building). If you park in the no parking areas the Police will be ticketing for these offences.

The student parking lot is available for parking during after school activities.



Check out the NEW A-B Sports Zone on the Almond-Bancroft web page www.abschools.k12.wi.us

On the homepage click on A-B Sports Zone in the menu bar on left. Select the boys or girls sport desired from the drop down list for schedules, stats, and other sport related information.

"Wall Of Honor and Military Support" News: From Esther Whitman

Still Supporting Our Military Personnel

Dannielle Manock and Esther Whitman are still sending boxes to our soldiers in the combat zones. We need names and addresses of military personnel currently serving. Even if you think we already have their address please let me know, I would rather have duplicates than not at all. We try and send boxes once a month. If you would like to make a donation of items to send they can be brought to the LMC for Esther to pick-up. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

If you have a name and address for us or if you would like to make a donation please call, 715-366-2941 ext. 305 or 366-2174. Thank you for help and support.



Volunteer Spotlight



Volunteer Spotlight is a section of the newsletter to thank those volunteers who have given a little extra to the school district and our community. If you would like to nominate someone for this section, please contact Jen Schomer; 715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us.

A huge **Thank You** to **Mr. Art Pagel** for the collection of numerous videos he has donated to the A-B science department!

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity Art!

Thanks for all you do for our students and staff!!!!

Kathie Plaisance & Pat Krueger



Volunteer of the Month!

Rhonda Anderson is a hardworking and conscientious volunteer who works in the LMC almost every Wednesday afternoon. She is a community member, a wife, and the mother of three boys (Derik - 2nd Grade, Daren - 4th Grade, and Devon - 8th Grade), yet she always finds time to help at the school when needed. Rhonda shows her passion for education by being involved with school activities and helping with any task assigned. You can usually find Rhonda in the LMC, where she has been a huge asset. Some of her varied projects include: shelving books, putting the Accelerated Reader books in order, labeling and processing new books, searching for information on the computer, and organizing all the monthly bulletin board materials and posters. Thanks, Rhonda, for volunteering your time and for always having a wonderful smile on your face!

Thank You to 1st Grade Pumpkin Carving Parents

A group of 1st grade parents helped students carve pumpkins before Halloween. Parents worked one-on-one with each child providing them with a fun and unique experience. For some, this was the first experience of carving pumpkins. Following the carving, the first graders delivered their Jack-o-Lanterns around the community to help spread some smiles... from those that received and from those that gave. Thank you to Leslie Burns, Jenifer Rendall, Marguerite Baumgartner, Nicki Lucas, Frank Marchel, Jamie Winn, Heather Burns, Heidi Iwanski, Lori Curtin, and Pam Zinda for all of your hard work.



Almond Make-a-Difference Day - 2010 Rake-a-thon!

On Saturday, October 23 a group of students and community members set out to rake four yards in the Almond community. Unfortunately, Saturday, October 23 happened to be a cold, rainy morning. We were able to accomplish some of the raking before the rain became too heavy. Thank you to Sorcia Rock, Brandon Trout, Jeanette Colombe, Amber Hintz, Mike Hartman, and Cynthia Nigh who were dedicated rakers through the rain on Saturday. The remaining yards were then raked the next Thursday with a different group of students. Cole Warzynski, Joey Dorgan, Josh Schude, Sorcia Rock, and Brandon Trout worked extra hard picking up a lot of leaves along with Mrs. Ramczyk and Ms. Schomer on Thursday, October 28th. A special thank you needs to be given to **Sue Swamer**, a community member from Blaine, for coming out both raking days to help the students—her work was definitely appreciated.

Community News

Are you looking to volunteer for the school but don't have time? Opportunities #1 and #2 will be perfect for you!





Almond-Bancroft School District receives clothing donations throughout the school year for students, however, we do not have a means of displaying these donations. We are looking for all the necessary hardware and supplies to build a closet to hang all of the clothing donations. If you would like to contribute to this project, please drop off donations at the Dean of Students office. If you have any questions please contact Jen Schomer; 715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us. Thank you for your help and donation.

Items Needed: closet shelving brackets able to hold a 2 inch rod, wooden 2 inch closet rods, laminated shelves about 10-12 inches wide, hardware and hangers.



Attention Middle School Parents!

Student Senate is asking middle school parents to send in their favorite recipes. These recipes will be used to create the first Almond-Bancroft Student Senate Cookbook. These cookbooks will be sold as a fundraiser throughout the school year. Please send your recipes to Jen Schomer before December 3, 2010 with your full name and complete, legible recipe. Recipes can be submitted through email (jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us), dropped off at the main office or mailed to Almond-Bancroft School District, Attn: Jen Schomer, 1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909.

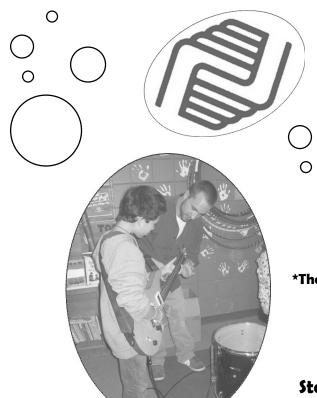


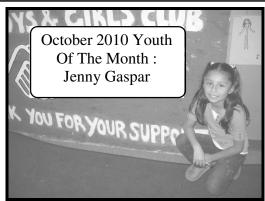
Almond-Bancroft is Looking for a Male Mentor

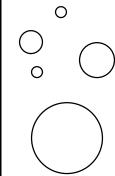
Currently, there are two elementary boys who could benefit from having a positive male role model in their lives. Both boys are under the age of eight, live in the Almond area and lack guidance from a male figure. The mentor must be able to provide transportation and Spanish speaking is a plus, but not required. A small orientation will be available in order to provide mentoring skills and techniques. We are asking for a commitment of 12 hours a month. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact Jen Schomer; 715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us.

Get Involved At The Almond-Bancroft Boys & Girls Club

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Club Hours:

Monday — Thursday After School — 6 PM

The Plover Club is Open if the Stevens Point School District Cancels School Due to Snow and on no School Days

Upcoming Events:

Dec 5th Kids and Santa Party

Stop by the club today and sign up to get involved!

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES FOR 2010-2011



There is still time to sign up for adult education classes for this school year. Each course meets once a month. Below is the registration form and schedule of all courses. Registration fees cover supplies, facilitator and light refreshments. As a reward for your dedication, if you attend all classes offered in your selected course, half of your registration fee will be refunded!

Deadline to sign up for a course is November 30, 2010. Return the completed registration form to the main office in the Almond-Bancroft School to guarantee your seat! All classes are held in the Almond school. Please contact Jen Schomer with any questions or concerns: 715-366-2941 Ext#101 or jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us

Money Matters: (1st Wednesday of the month) Room 314; 7-8 PM; \$30.00

Money Matters deals with basic financial responsibilities.

Book Club: (Every other Thursday starting 11/4/10) In Library; 7-8 PM

If interested, please join with the next book in December. Contact Jen Schomer to find out the book selection.

Crafts & Hobbies: (2nd Wednesday of the month) Room 122; 6-8 PM; \$40.00

Express your creativity by participating in a variety of craft classes—the possibilities are endless!

Enrichment 101: (2nd Thursday of the month) Room 103; 6:30-7:30 PM; \$30.00

Classes range from basic Spanish, stress management, gardening basics, how to deal with difficult people, to energy conservation. Once you start, you just can't stop!

Culinary Arts: (3rd Wednesday of the month) Room 319; 6-8 PM; \$60.00

Participate in a variety of cooking classes.

Technology: (3rd Thursday of the month) Room 316; 5:30-6:30 PM; \$30.00

The Technology course has endless possibilities and is perfect for the technology challenged individual.

Family Wellness: (4th Wednesday of the month) Room 312; 6:30-7:30 PM; \$30.00

This course is designed to provide you resources and tools to support the challenges of parenting.

Aerobics: (Every Thursday night) Room 124; 5:30 PM; FREE!

Work out with community members. Walk-ins are welcome!

Name: (First, Last)

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES FOR 2010-2011



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Return the completed registration form to the main office to guarantee your seat! Please make checks payable to Almond Bancroft Schools. Registration forms can be dropped off or mailed to Almond-Bancroft School, Attn: Jen Schomer, 1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909. One registration form per household please.

	City:		State:	Zip:
	Home/ Cell Phone:	Email Addre	ess:	Are you over the age o
Culinary	Arts	Cost Per Person \$60.00	Name(s) Attendi	ing Total Cost
Oprah's	Book Club	Cost of each book		N/A
Crafts &	Hobbies	\$40.00		
Enrichm	ent	\$30.00		
Money I	Matters	\$30.00		
Technology		\$30.00		
Family V	Wellness	\$30.00		
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From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

Thank you for keeping your lunch bills paid up! It is very much appreciated. I know it is not easy with the Holidays coming up. Remember to send your child(s) lunch money to school in an envelope labeled with your child's name on the outside.

On another note Connie has been doing a great job with all the new smoothie recipes. Have your student try one for breakfast! On behalf of Connie, Teresa, Amanda and myself, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely Yours,
Pat Leary, Food Service Director
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Almond Community Theatre (A.C.T.) Presents



"An Evening of Christmas Talent and Spirit"

Saturday, December 4th, 2010 7:00 pm Almond School Auditorium

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas entertainment, friendship and complimentary refreshments.

Advanced Tickets \$6.00 Call for tickets after 1:00 pm M-F 715-366-2911 At the Door \$8.00

What Kids Eat

There are recommendations—and then reality.

BY IAN YARETT

73 percent of the recommended dairy.

But 31 percent of milk intake is in the form of whole or 2 percent milk. Choose low-fat or fat-free milk products instead, and make sure to find other sources of calcium if you don't consume milk.

57 percent of the recommended oils.

But 28 percent of those oils are in the form of corn-based salty snacks and potato chips. It's best to get your fats from fish, nuts, and vegetable oils, while minimizing consumption of solid (saturated or trans) fats like butter or margarine.

44 percent of the recommended vegetables.

But 22 percent of those vegetables are in the form of fries and potato chips. Stay away from fried food when possible, and eat more green and orange vegetables.

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71 percent of the recommended meats and beans.

But 33 percent of those are in the form of sandwiches and burgers. Choose lean meats, fish, and poultry—baked, broiled, or grilled rather than fried—and try to eat beans, nuts, and seeds, as opposed to just beef.

45 percent of the recommended fruits.

> But 53 percent of those are in the form of juice. It's better to minimize consumption of fruit drinks, which are high in sugar.

118 percent of the recommended grains.

But 27 percent of those grains are in the form of sandwiches, burgers, and pizza. More whole grains like brown rice or whole-wheat bread would be a better choice.

SOURCES: INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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 A-B stuffed eagle.

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noisemaker, card, rose or pops, beads and A-B stocking 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 \$10.00Rose	_Pops OPTION 3 \$15.00RosePops
Bonus Extra \$1.00Bonus Extra	\$3.00	



Almond-Bancroft Menus, December 2010

Breakfast Menu

Monday	_\ Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Juice Served Daily		1 French Toast Sticks	2 Cereal, Toast	3 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
6 Cereal, Muffin	7 Oatmeal, Toast	8 Pancake Sausage Wrap	9 Blue Box Breakfast	10 Breakfast Bagel
13 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	14 Egg Omelet, Toast	15 Blue Box Breakfast	16 Breakfast Sandwich	17 Bagel, Yogurt
20 Cereal, Muffin	21 Blue Box Breakfast	22 French Toast Sticks	23 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	24 No School
27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School
Lunch Menu	Milk Served With Every Meal		Breakfast Prices: Reduced – No Charge 4K (M-W) - 7 days @ 1.00 = \$7.00 4K (T-TH) – 7 days @ 1.00 = \$7.00 K-12 th grade – 17 days @ 1.00 = \$17.00	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	V	1 Chicken Pot Pie, Dessert	2 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip	3 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar
6 Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Vegetable	7 Beef Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable	8 Pizza, Salad Bar, Dessert	9 Chicken Pattie, French Fries, Vegetable	10 Taco, Corn, Dessert
13 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Dessert	14 Chicken Fajita, Vegetable, Dessert	15 Sub Sandwich, Cream of Broccoli Soup	16 Beefy Nacho's, Corn, Dessert	17 Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable
20 Hot Dog, Oven Potatoes, Vegetable	21 Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles, Vegetables, Bread	22 Ham Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread	23 Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Vegetable	24 No School
27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	
		<u></u>	unch Prices:	

Fruit Served With Every Lunch

Reduced 4K(M-W) - 7 days @ .40= \$2.80 Reduced 4K(T-Th) - 7 days @ .40= \$2.80 Reduced K-12 – 17 days @ .40 = \$6.80 4K(M-W) – 7 days @ 1.60= \$11.20 4K(T-Th) – 7days @ 1.60= \$11.20 K-5th grade – 17 days @ 1.60 = \$27.20 $6^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade - 17 days @ 1.85 = \$31.45



TOWN HALL MEETING!!

Your attendance is requested

WHEN: Monday, December 6th, 2010

6:30 PM

WHERE: In the Almond school auditorium

TO ALL PARENTS, FACULTY, BOARD MEMBERS and COMMUNITY MEMBERS in the Almond-Bancroft School System:

Due to a very low turnout at the last Town Hall meeting, we would like to extend another invitation to attend this informational meeting to learn about what is new in our school district and what changes are on the horizon. However, the most important thing that we want to achieve is to hear from YOU! This will be an open and casual forum in which you will be given opportunities to voice your thoughts on both what things we are doing right and what we could be doing better.

We have a wonderful opportunity to make our school district climb to a level of excellence, and we all need to work together to make that happen. Our students are counting on us to create a positive learning experience in which they can excel and be well prepared for their life after High School. With the state of the economy, this means putting our heads together as a united group and getting creative. If there are problems, they can be solved! If there are issues, they can be addressed! If you are excited about current programs in place, we need to hear about that!

This community has a great sense of school pride and spirit – let's build on that to make our school stand out. Every one of our kids deserves to thrive and we have the chance and ability to take ownership in making that happen together.

Please join us! Refreshments will be served and babysitting will be provided for children under the age of 7.

- **Please call Michelle Lansing in advance at 366-7888 if babysitting service is needed in order for us to have an appropriate babysitter to child ratio. There will only be babysitting available if we are told in advance of the need.
- **Babysitting service will not be provided if you do not contact Michelle ahead of time. Thank you!!

"Soar with Eagle Pride!"

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