



February 2009

Bus Driver Recognition Week
February 15-21, 2009

A special thank you to all of the Almond-Bancroft School District bus drivers; Barbara Mehne, Ann Steberl, Jacqueline Cayce, Michael Tess, James Johnson, Gina Smith, Dean Lamb, Kory Stucker, Steve Stucker, Lowella Stucker, Donald Pohl, Edward Warzynski, Bernard Seaman, and van driver, Cindy Brandl. Thank you for transporting our students to and from school in a safe and caring manner. Students and parents please take the time to say "thank you" to your bus driver.



(Not pictured: Kory Stucker, Michael Tess, Jacqueline Cayce, & Cindy Brandl)

In The Event Of A Two Hour School Delay

In the case of bad road conditions or extremely cold weather Almond-Bancroft Schools may opt to put in place a two hour school delay. A two hour delay will push back the time your student will be picked up by the bus by exactly two hours. So if your child(ren) are normally picked up by the bus at 7:30 am, in the case of a two hour delay they would then be picked up by the bus at 9:30 am .

The school day will start exactly two hours later than normal.

February Dates To Remember

Jan. 31– School Play 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 1- School Play 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 6- 5th-8th Grade Spelling Bee 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 11– Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 13- Early Release 12:00 p.m.

Feb. 18- School Board Meeting



High School Student of the Week
December 8 - 12, 2008



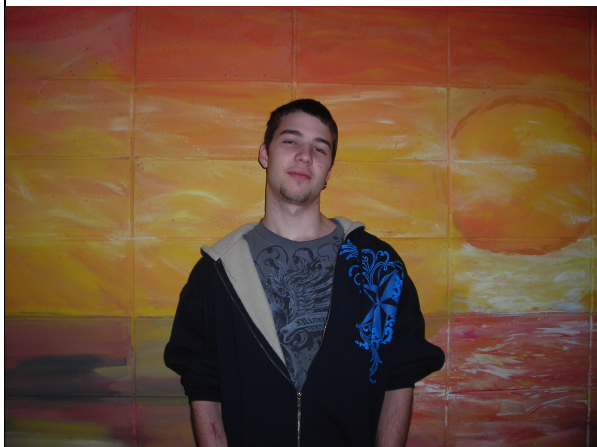
Ray Pieters is my selection for student of the week. Ray is a conscientious and enthusiastic student in U.S. History. He consistently participates well in class and is willing to ask high level questions to gain a better understanding of the content. Ray's enthusiasm for history motivates him to go above and beyond the requirements on assignments and projects. – *Mike Gerlach*

High School Student of the Week
December 1-5, 2008



My student of the week is Miranda Borchardt. Miranda always takes the time to go above and beyond in the classroom and in other ways. She demonstrates leadership and takes the initiative to help others and lead by example. She always has a smile on her face and is always working to better herself in and out of the classroom. – *Royal Gingery*

High School Student of the Week
December 22 - 26, 2008



Alex Craney is my student-of-the-week because he has shown a willingness to make positive choices in difficult situations. He has been courteous to me, and to peers in the alternative program. Alex shows determination in class and thus has completed most of his work well before the end of the semester. He has been very helpful, often assisting me with various errands.
—*Allison Huebner*

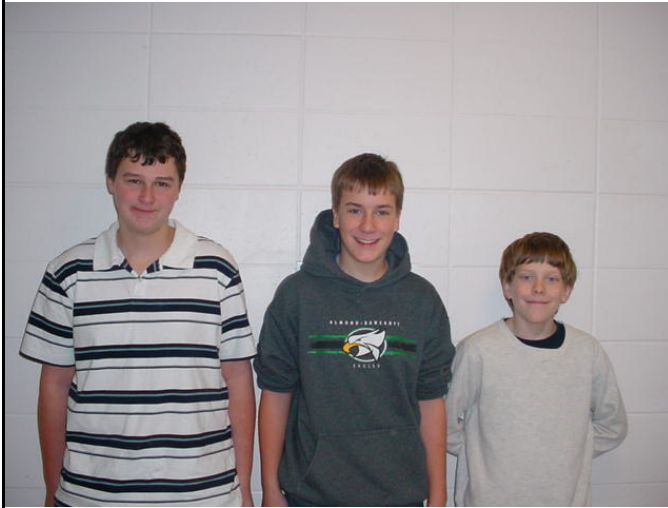
High School Student of the Week
January 5 - 9, 2009



I chose Lizzy Galindo as Student of the Week because each morning when I see Lizzy she always has a smile on her face. She is very positive and has a great attitude. As my aide, she is very helpful and thorough when assisting me in my classroom. As a student, she is very hardworking and cares about her work. She is a positive link to our school. – *Sandy Karpen*

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

November Students of the Month



Students were honored in December for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Jace Stuebs. Jace is always kind, respectful, and very helpful. He always offers to help with things. Jace is quiet, studious, and always industrious. We appreciate his bright and cheerful demeanor every day. From seventh grade, we honored Shelby Swan. Shelby is always trying new things and looking for ways that he can do more. He has learned to play multiple instruments and balance his academics with a busy co-curricular schedule. From eighth grade, we honored Sam Borchardt. Sam is kind, responsible, and trustworthy. He is concerned about how he is doing in class and always tries his best. These students were selected by their teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS

You make us Proud!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

December Students of the Month



Students were honored in January for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Devon Anderson. Devon is a pleasure to have in class. He always contributes to Social Studies and participates in class. From seventh grade, we honored Ethan Yonke. Ethan is willing to help others and asks questions when he doesn't understand. Ethan is a kind, and responsible young man. From eighth grade, we honored Mary Zak. Mary is kind, responsible, and trustworthy. She is concerned about how she is doing in class and always tries her best. Mary is willing to help others understand a concept when they are having difficulties. These students were selected by their teachers.

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Student Drop-Off in the Mornings Before School

Just a friendly reminder, the drop-off point is by the doors near the second grade classrooms which opens out onto the staff parking lot near the new (west) gym.

Thank you to all the parents that have been using this and making the morning drop-off a safer time for the district's children.

Sandy Ciula
Dean of Students



...Sing We Joyous All Together

The 1st and 2nd graders took advantage of a beautiful day, and headed out to carol on December 18th! Students greeted each house with song and smiles. We were able to visit about 15 different houses (thank you for allowing us to stopover). After their singing was complete students came back to hot cocoa, cookies, and candy canes.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us in our trek across Almond and donated treats!



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Denise Upton, Safety Coordinator

On Saturday, January 17, all of our Safety Cadets that were in good standing were invited to attend a Winter Swim Party at the Stevens Point YMCA. It sounds like the kids had a great time! I was glad to hear that many of the basketball players were done with their tournaments so that they could still make it for this fun event! I was unable to attend, but in my place were three parent volunteers. These three very helpful people were Edie Anderson, Carrie Larsen, and Ron Bowden. A huge "Thank You" goes out to these three parents for all of your help. Also, a thank you goes out to the Portage County Sheriff's Department as they are the ones that sponsor all of our events. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

For the month of January we have two new Safety Cadets of the Month. These two students are Kaitlynn Lehman and Vicente Vasquez. These students are always on time for their duties and never afraid to ask questions if they are unsure about something.

Congratulations Kaitlynn and Vicente!



GOT TALENT?

WE WANT YOU...

The Almond-Bancroft Music Department will host its **ninth annual Community Variety Show at 7:30 PM, March 27**, in the ABHS Auditorium. Once again, we are looking for all types of talent: comedians, dancers, singers, instrumentalists, you name it!

Auditions will be held March 3rd and 4th, starting at 3:30 p.m. in the ABHS Auditorium. All auditions must be performance ready, meaning all words, dance steps, etc. are memorized and ready to perform. We ask that acts are kept under five minutes in length. **Please contact the High School music office to set up an audition time (366-2941 x.326).** If you are interested in being a part of the show or have any questions please contact us. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Please help make this another successful year for the show.



Jump Rope For Heart 2009

The annual **Jump Rope for Heart Event will be held the week of February 16th thru the 20th** at Almond-Bancroft School. **Grades first through fifth grades will participate during their gym classes.** Students who choose to can help raise money for the American Heart Association. The American Heart Association uses the money to fight heart disease and stroke through research and education. Jump Rope for Heart is fun, it teaches jump rope skills, the importance of physical activity, the problems that heart disease and stroke causes, and community service. Students who raise money for the American Heart Association receive thank you gifts depending on how much money they raise. Last year we raised \$1,725. Our goal for this year is to raise more than last year. Please help by supporting our student's efforts to raise money for the American Heart Association. You can help by contacting a first through fifth grade student or by contacting Mr. Young at school to make a pledge of money to the American Heart Association.

Thanks,

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator
Roger Young
366-2941 ext. 402



Almond-Bancroft School District Spelling Bee



The district spelling bee will be held on Friday, February 6th at 2:30 PM in the auditorium. Grades 5-8 will be participating. You are welcome to come to see who Almond-Bancroft's spelling bee champion will be!



Hunter Safety Class

The Almond Rod and Gun Club will sponsor a hunter safety education class for area youth and adults.

Classes will be held in the Almond-Bancroft High School auditorium starting at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 5th. The program will run Thursdays and Saturdays for five weeks, ending on Saturday, April 4th.

Registration will begin at 7:00 pm sharp on March 5th. Students under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian with them to register. The cost is \$10 per student. After registration that evening, we will begin teaching the course. Students will be dismissed at about 9:00 pm.

Students will be required to have a DNR customer ID number before graduating from the course. Students can obtain a DNR ID# by calling 1-888-936-7463 from 7 am to 10 pm, or they can visit a DNR service center during regular scheduled hours.

If you have any questions, please call Dan Folan at 366-8851.



LMC News

Students in the Secondary LMC

This year the Middle School/High School LMC has been the site of many students diligently working on class projects; using the computers for word processing and Power Point presentations; doing research with a variety of resources such as books, magazines, and the Internet; and reading - for pleasure and for assignments. There has been a great variety of different research projects for classes in Art, FACE, Civics, Spanish, English, and Science. Students also come to the library to look at the college and career resources put together by **Sarah Spencer**, Secondary Guidance Counselor.



All of the middle school students in grades 6-8 have a scheduled LMC time each week. They check out novels for personal reading, and they also check out children's books to read to their book buddies in the elementary. **Sheena Weis** has done a fantastic job motivating her students to read. Often she is quietly reading while her whole class is spread out in the LMC, sitting at tables with their books or even in cozy nooks of the LMC - all reading! See the attached photo of three sixth graders enjoying their books: **Mckenzie Miner**, **Megan Wiczek**, and **Hattie Berry**. It's great to see students utilizing the LMC resources and having fun reading.

LMC Donations

The LMC wants to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous gifts to the School Library Media Center during this past month: **Leslie Burns** (magazines), **Lynn Hintz** (photography & family magazines), **Esther Guzman** (books on the Titanic and children's books), **Donna McIntee** (magazines & calendars), **Dorothy Helmrick** (magazines), and **Marge Bowden** (the book *Farm Kid: Tales of Growing Up in America*; *Oprah's Book Club Selection: Where the Heart Is*; inspirational books; and some wonderful animal stories such as *Wally's World: Life with Wally the Wonder Dog*; *Dewey: The Small Town Cat Who Touched the World*; and *Amazing Dogs: Stories of Brilliance, Loyalty, Courage, & Extraordinary Feats*). Thank you all for your donations!

Karin Mather, LMC Director

Supplies For Our Troops

Almond Bancroft Schools is still a drop-off spot for our troops in the Middle East. Thanks to all of you who have been generous in the past and have made some lonely men and women "over there" feel better. We have several new names and addresses of people to send to and a wonderfully generous donation from the Almond Legion Auxiliary to mail and purchase some items. We have lists in the HS LMC office for those of you who are unsure about what to send. We can't accept any hotel samples, chocolate (it melts), homemade foods, political info., glass, alcohol or tobacco, beef or pork. However, chips, hard candy, stamps and writing materials, pens and pencils, wipes, tea bags, chap stick, instant coffee packets, creamer and sugar packets, cup-a-soup, tuna in foil (no cans), snack size cookies, granola bars, personal size Kleenex packs, etc. are very welcome. Postcards from home, things to remind them of their school, etc. pictures and letters from students are good things to send also.

Thanks again from Mickey Van Ert, Esther Whitman, Karin Mather and Missy Henske
Almond Bancroft Schools
715-366-2941



Almond-Bancroft Student Council Valentine Candy Grams For Sale!

The ABHS Student Council will be selling and delivering candy grams again! Starting February 2nd and continuing through February 19th. The Elementary Students can buy them before school in the library and the Middle and High School Students can buy them during their lunch hour. Chocolate roses are \$1.00 and suckers are \$.25.

Student items delivered to: _____

Grade _____

Special Message _____

Number of:

Chocolate Roses _____ @ \$1.00

Suckers _____ @ .25

Total Amount Enclosed _____



**February 2009
Eagles Athletic Events**

- Feb. 2- Jr. High Girls Home
vs Rosholt 5:30
- Feb. 3- HS Boys Basketball
@ Gresham 6:00
HS Girls @ Pacelli 6:00
TC-AB Wrestling
@ Amherst 7:00
- Feb. 5- HS Boys Basketball
@ Marion 6:00
Jr. High Girls
@ Wild Rose 5:30
- Feb. 6- HS Girls Home
vs Marion 6:00
Poms Performing
- Feb. 7- TC-AB Wrestling
(Conference Meet)
@ Manawa 10:00 AM
- Feb. 9- HS Boys Basketball
@ Bowler 6:00
Jr. High Girls Home
vs Amherst 5:30
- Feb. 10- HS Girls Home
vs Bowler 6:00
Poms Performing,
Pep Band Performing
- Feb. 12- HS Boys Basketball Home
vs Rosholt 6:00
Jr. High Girls
@ Iola 5:30
- Feb. 13- HS Girls
@ Rosholt 6:00
- Feb. 14- TC-AB (Regional)
@ Mosinee 10:30 am
- Feb. 16- Jr. High Girls
@ Port Edwards 5:30
HS Boys C-Squad Home
vs Amherst 6:00
- Feb. 17- HS Boys Basketball Home
vs Iola 6:00
HS Girls @ Iola 6:00
- Feb. 19- HS Girls
@ Port Edwards 6:00
Jr. High Girls
@ Tri-County 5:30
- Feb. 20- HS Boys Basketball Home
vs Port Edwards 6:00
Poms Performing
- Feb. 21- TC-AB Wrestling (Sectional)
@ West De Pere 10:30 AM
- Feb. 23- Jr. High Girls Home
vs St. Pete's 5:30
- Feb. 24- HS Girls WIAA Regional
TBD
- Feb. 26- HS Girls WIAA Regional
TBD
Jr. High Girls
@ Rosholt 5:30
- Feb. 27- HS Boys Basketball Home
vs Gresham 6:00
Poms Performing



TC-AB TITANS WRESTLING



Front L to R: Brandon Lehman, Andrew Johnson, Joey Weise, Cody Leonardt, Joey Woyak, Jeff Higgins, Zach Sanders, Ray Applebee, Taylor Martinez
Back L to R: Coach Ben Corcoran, Coach Art Pagel, Alan Johnson, Jesse Crawford, Nic Woyak, Jesse Lane, Bradley Manock, George Schultz, Brandon Clapper, Sam Spohn, Russel Carey, Nicole Stricker, Coach Les Kramer, Coach Bill Wagner

TC-AB Placed 3rd as a Team at the Manawa Invitational,
10 teams competed.
The TC-AB Titans are currently 15-5 over all
and 3-0 in the conference.

Congratulations Titans!



Individual Medalists at the Manawa Invitational(L to R): Joey Woyak 2nd 125#, Jesse Crawford 2nd 135#, Joey Weise 1st 130#, Jesse Lane 3rd 285 #, Brandon Clapper 2nd 215#, Jeff Higgins 3rd 140#

News From Lisa Vann, Spanish/ELL Teacher

What makes a good role model for our students in today is not necessarily what someone might have said in the past, but is equally important. Students in Spanish classes had to complete a research project about Positive and Negative Role Models from Latin American Countries and their influences on Latin American Teens.

Here are their compiled comments that might make you think about what people see when they look at you as being a possible mentor for their lives.

- Make good and appropriate decisions.
- Show a serious want of helping adolescents.
- Understand the way adolescents behave and think nowadays.
- Understand that adolescents might not always take your advice.
- Tell some of the situations you have been in and the choices you made in those situations.
- Try to connect with the adolescent you are mentoring.
- Show that you care about the adolescent and the choices they make.
- Tell about the things you can accomplish in life if you apply yourself.
- Get to really know the adolescent you mentor and challenges they face in their lives.
- Earn the trust of those you mentor.
- Since 1909 we have much more technology and laws protecting children and teenagers. Back then it was common for teenagers to work in factories to help earn money for their families. Now it's illegal for them to work that hard and nearly every child in the USA goes to school. As a result today's teenagers are more educated but they also don't have as much responsibility.
- With the power to influence comes great responsibility to do, say, speak, and act in a way that would not negatively affect a person who might look up to them so they don't get a bad impression of the person they admire or copycat.
- Volunteer in your community and support the young people's events. If you can't afford to support them in any other way, just show up to their event and let them know you care with a smile.
- If you're trying to fake being a mentor just don't bother because you will be found out and then that person will not trust the next mentor who might have helped that person out of trouble.
- Respect your bosses and those around you or we won't respect ours which is you.
- Have good manners to those that are bigger and smaller than you.
- Do not do drugs or brag that you got drunk.
- Kids have ways today of being more up to date on everything.
- Be a Big Brother or Sister and help someone who can't help himself/herself. Plan activities thinking about the little and not just yourself.
- Work hard to be good at sports because steroids are just a waste and in time affect your entire life's work in a negative way.
- Even if you can only help a little know that it can make a HUGE difference to a kid who could eventually make a HUGE difference in the world you live in.
- If you come off like a mean person on the first impression you can be written off as someone who can help in a moment. Do positive things all the time and earn their respect.
- As a mentor you can just be yourself, most people will like you for who you are; you don't have to change for anyone.
- A role model is "someone worth imitating." "Every kid needs a good role model." What are you worth?
- Share your past experiences so I can learn from them and not by repeating them and learning the hard way.
- Don't come home drunk after driving yourself home and then expect me to make good choices.
- Mentoring requires dedication toward another human being, kind of like a marriage could be, supporting another person for the better.
- Mentors need to understand everyone has their own learning levels, rates, and capabilities. Mentoring in my opinion would be very hard! But worth it!



PIE Meeting Highlights from January 19, 2009

Sarah Ritter, presented a mural project proposal. PIE is very interested.

The 2nd grade has collected enough Box Topps to have an ice cream party, hooray! Pie will hold the ice cream party on Thursday, January 29th at 1:45. The 3rd graders are very close to reaching the goal also.

Kathy Miner is checking into possible assembly ideas.

The "Senior Tea" date was discussed and Ms. Ciula spoke with the senior girls and they wish to have a spa night. A Senior Tea planning meeting was set for **Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary LMC.**

Pie is always looking for parents, grandparents, and/or other community members to attend meetings and help with events. We are in need of fresh faces. Childcare can be provided at no charge! Hope to see you on February 10th!

The Department of Public Instruction provides the following guidelines for parents who wish to apply for open enrollment.

Parents are urged to apply on-line directly from the open enrollment website <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>. The on-line application will be available from midnight Feb. 2 until 4 p.m. on Feb. 20. Applications cannot be made at any other time.

Paper applications can be obtained from the DPI or any public school district. Paper application forms must be submitted to the nonresident school district no earlier than Feb. 2 and no later than 4 p.m. on Feb. 20. A postmark for paper forms will not meet the requirement. Hand-delivery of paper application forms to the nonresident school district is strongly recommended.

Parents may submit applications to no more than three nonresident school districts for each child during the open enrollment application period. Submitting more than three applications to nonresident school districts will result in all applications being invalidated.

Forms must be filled out completely and accurately. Contact the local school district office or the DPI if assistance is needed in filling out the form. An inaccurate or incomplete form may result in denial of an application.

Parents may request enrollment in a specific school or program in the nonresident school district; however, enrollment in the requested school or program is subject to space and other limitations and is not guaranteed.

Most students who attended a nonresident school district under open enrollment last year are not required to reapply for the 2009-10 school year. However, if the student will be entering middle school, junior high school, or high school in the 2009-10 school year, parents should call the nonresident school district to find out if reapplication will be required.

Parents may apply for their children to attend 4-year-old kindergarten under open enrollment only if the resident school district also offers a 4-year-old kindergarten program for which the child is eligible.

To assist parents in submitting open enrollment applications, a directory of public school districts is available on the DPI website at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/schlsrch3.aspx>.

More information is available from local school districts or from Mary Jo Cleaver, DPI, (888) 245-2732 (toll-free), or maryjo.cleaver@dpi.wi.gov.

Almond-Bancroft School District Is Implementing Code Red

Code Red is a database of contact numbers used to notify families if there is an emergency school closing. We are asking families to list up to three phone numbers that parents or guardians of Almond-Bancroft students can be reached at in the event of a school closing. The first contact number listed should be the number that you are most likely to be reached at. Please fill out the bottom portion and return it to the Almond-Bancroft School or e-mail the information to: warzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us

Please print and return to Almond-Bancroft Schools, District Office

Parent/Guardian Name

Name(s) and grade(s) of child(ren) attending AB schools

Parents/Guardian Contact Numbers

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Daffodil Days

Has winter gotten the best of you? Is it time for that first sign of spring? The American Cancer Society is again sponsoring Daffodil Days to bring the hope of spring to cancer patients with the blooming of the daffodils. Donations from this sale provide programs and services to cancer patients in our area and help to fund research and education on detection and prevention of cancer. You can purchase the daffodils for yourself, to give to a friend, or to be given to cancer patients at St. Michael's hospital. The cost of daffodils is as follows:

Bunch of Daffodils - \$10

Bunch and a Vase - \$12

Dainty Daffodils - \$15 (live plant)


Gift of Hope - \$25 (larger bouquet in a vase)

Bear and a Bunch - \$25 (a Boyd's Bear and a bunch)

Bear Hugs for Hope - \$25 (a Boyd's Bear delivered to a child)

Sunshine Bouquet - \$75 (six bouquets in a large vase)

The **local contact person for ordering or more information is SuAnn Pagel-Rast at school (ext. 106) or home (366-2595)**. Orders are due by February 10, 2009 (Tuesday) and deliveries will be made on March 10, 2009.



Is the Winter already getting you down? Do you wonder what you can do in the evenings without having to travel too far?

Why not take a FREE beginner's computer class at Almond-Bancroft Schools?

Sign up today! Call 366-2941 ext. 329 to register.

- **Classes begin Thursday, February 19th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 pm.**
- **Classes will meet each Thursday from February 19th through March 26th.**
- **Almond-Bancroft Schools Computer Lab A.
Instructor: Mrs. Sandy Karpen**

Preschool Screening – Child Development Day

The Almond-Bancroft School District will be holding preschool screening (Child Development Day) on Tuesday, March 10 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Bancroft school. Parents in the district who have children between the ages of 2 ½ and 4 that are currently not enrolled in a school provided program are requested to attend. If you're worried about the way your baby or toddler is developing, the Birth to Three Program will also be on hand to screen children from 3 months of age through 2 ½ years. Appointments are needed for all screenings and should be scheduled by Feb. 26th.

Children will enjoy a number of fun activities designed to compare their play, socialization, motor skills, and overall developmental levels with other same-age children. Hearing and Vision screenings conducted by Portage County Health Dept. are included as part of the preschool screening. In addition, representatives and/or literature from various community services (Birth to Three, Family Resource Center, Head Start, etc.) will be available to provide information regarding services offered to families with young children.

Parents of children born *prior* to June 1, 2006 should contact Sandy Barden at Almond-Bancroft Schools to schedule an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (366-2941 ext. 329). Parents of children born *after* June 1, 2006 should contact Sue Chapman at Birth to Three Services to schedule an appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (342-0393). The entire screening will take approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours. Children under the age of 2 ½ can be screened in approximately 45 minutes.

Note: The school district must locate, identify and evaluate ALL resident children with disabilities (including children with disabilities who attend private schools, regardless of the severity of the disability). The school district uses a special education screening program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are resident of the district and who have not graduated high school, to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Angie Meilahn at 366-2941 ext. 123 or by writing her at 1336 Elm Street, Almond WI, 54909.

Four-Year Old Kindergarten Registration

Four-year old kindergarten (4K) registration will coincide with the Preschool Screening on Tuesday, March 10th at the Bancroft school from 8:45 until 3:00. To register for 4K, children must be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2009. Three year olds who are determined to have special needs will also qualify for enrollment in the integrated 4K / Early Childhood program. Please bring your child's birth certificate to verify his/her age. You will also need emergency contact information, immunization records and your family doctor and dentist's phone numbers. Registration can be completed in about 20 minutes. No appointment is necessary. Please contact Sandy Barden at 366-2941 ext. 329 with any questions you may have.

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



ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER

Room S325 Almond High School (enter Almond Elementary)

715.366.2882 or 715.421.4635 (for Pre-Registering)

January 2009

Hello everybody, and welcome to the cold. The Holidays are over and January 2009 is in the past. I hope that those of you who came to the Ice Cream Social in Mrs. Klinger's room enjoyed yourselves. Look for more Drop-In Play Groups to held in other places besides Almond Elementary. Keep checking your District Newsletter.

DROP-IN PLAY GROUP Fridays from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. Almond Elementary

PLAY GROUP has already welcomed one new family. Hopefully Fridays will be a welcome change. Remember to call if there is no school. When teachers are present in the building, Drop-In Play Group will most likely be held. To make sure, feel free to call. 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. Drop-In Play Group is free of charge and no pre-registration is required. OH, Grandmothers and Grandfathers....don't forget to bring those grandchildren.

SPECIAL ALMOND DROP-IN PLAY GROUP ON FEBRUARY 13TH. WE WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL VALENTINE FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE.

MULTI-SESSION WORKSHOP: More 1-2-3 Magic!

If you liked '1-2-3-Magic', you won't want to miss this two session video workshop. Parents will learn how to encourage positive behavior, responsible independence, and a healthy self-concept in their children.

ALMOND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER. Held, Mondays, February 16th and February 23rd from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please pre-register by Friday, February 13th.

Call 715-366-2882 or after hours (715) 421-4635 Education Certificates will be available.

Look forward to 'Potty Training, Biting, and Daycares Workshop' in March.

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

Or e-mail: almondbancroftfrfc@gmail.com

Almond-Bancroft School Makes the Grade with School Breakfast

According to Foodservice Director, Connie Kaehn, School Breakfast is really the most important meal of the day for children since it provides the necessary fuel to start a day of learning and achievement.

Research has shown that children who eat breakfast have:

Higher Academic Scores

- Students who eat breakfast earn, on average, a letter grade higher in math than kids who don't according to

Pediatrics Magazine.

- Studies have also shown eating breakfast results in higher test scores

Improved Behavior

- Hungry children are more likely to have discipline problems
- Satiated teens are less likely to be suspended from school

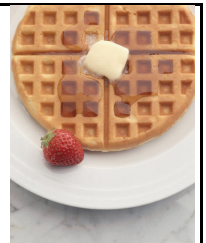
Reduced Tardiness and Absenteeism

- Kids who participate in the School Breakfast Program are tardy and/or absent from school less often

School breakfast provides 25% of the recommended daily allowance of protein, calcium, and iron, vitamins A and C and calories for kids as well as meeting federal nutrition guidelines based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Breakfast is served at Almond-Bancroft Schools every day. We hope to see your children come and enjoy breakfast with us. Please visit our school website to check the menu with your student.

Sincerely,
Connie, Lowella, Julia, and Pat
Almond-Bancroft School Food Service



Almond-Bancroft Menus, February

Breakfast Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 3 Egg Taco, Juice | 4 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar, Juice | 5 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 6 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice |
| 9 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 10 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice | 11 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice | 12 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 13 Cinnamon Roll, Juice |
| 16 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 17 French Toast Sticks, Juice | 18 Cereal, Toast, Juice | 19 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 20 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice |
| 23 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 24 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice | 25 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice | 26 Cereal, Muffin, Juice | 27 Cinnamon Roll, Juice |

Morning Milk
\$11.25 Per
Quarter

Milk Served
With Every
Meal

Breakfast Prices:
Reduced – No Charge
4K – 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00
K-12th grade – 20 days @ 1.00 = \$20.00

Lunch Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| 2 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Fruit | 3 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread | 4 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit | 5 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies & Dip, Fruit | 6 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit |
| 9 Pancakes, Sausage, Hash browns, Apple Sauce | 10 BBQ Pork, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit | 11 Tacos, Corn, Fruit | 12 Sub-Sandwich, Beef Veggie Soup, Fruit | 13 Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit |
| 16 Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit | 17 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Fruit, Bread | 18 Sheppard's Pie, Fruit, Bread | 19 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Fruit | 20 Warm Ham Sandwich, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit |
| 23 Hot Dog, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit | 24 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread | 25 Hamburger, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit | 26 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Fruit, Bread | 27 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit |

Dessert
Served Once
Weekly

Lunch Prices:
4K Reduced – 8 days @ .40 = \$3.20
4K – 8 days @ 1.60 = \$12.80
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



AARG, AHOY THERE MATEY!

The Almond-Bancroft School Drama Department will be putting on the play *Pirates and Petticoats* by Pat Cook.

The play will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

Adult tickets are \$4.00 and Student/Senior tickets are \$3.00.

CAST LIST –

PIRATES AND PETTICOATS!

NEW at ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS!

HOMESCHOOL HOTLINE

366-2941

Follow the Voice Prompts

This new service is for parents and students. This will provide students and parents the option to 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.

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| JACK | - | Graham Barden |
| JUAN | - | Matt Weisner |
| MAC | - | Brad Manock |
| BLUE | - | Jon Pieters |
| SARA | - | Kelsey McIntee |
| BARRY | - | Tyler Rodriguez |
| CORAL | - | Cheyenna Schober |
| PEARL | - | Katie Schude |
| FISHER | - | Brant Bickford |
| PUG | - | Cameron Olson |
| JAMAICA | - | Cassy Kollock |
| MARIGOLD | - | Braden Hunkins |
| BALL | - | Ray Pieters |
| MILO | - | Chris Roeske |
| ENSIGN | - | AJ Ellie |
| ONA | - | Datonn Ammel |
| IMA | - | Carly Rast |
| PACKY | - | Levi Milanowski |
| PEG | - | Amber Hintz |
| KATE | - | Sierra Stucker |
| POLLY | - | Danielle Dykes |
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