

## ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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February 2015

### **February Dates To Remember**

2/18-Board Of  
Education  
Meeting, 6:30 pm,  
Almond School  
Board Room

2/27-No School,  
In-Service



### **Almond-Bancroft School District**

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District Administrator

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PK-12 Principal

Sandra Ciula  
PK-12 Dean of Students

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## **4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR**

**-Look for them in the mail soon!**



If you have a child turning 4 years old on or prior to Sept. 1, 2015, you will be receiving a registration packet in the mail during early February. If you do not receive the packet, that means we did not have your child on the district's census data, and you should contact the school so that we may get your updated contact information and get a packet in the mail. Contact Sandy Barden at (715) 366-2941, ext. 329, to get your registration packet today.

Completed registration packets are to be brought to the main office at the **Almond School**. No appointment is necessary. In order to verify your child's birthdate, we ask that you bring your child's ***original*** birth certificate (no copies). Office staff will simply confirm the date on the paperwork: no copies of the birth certificate will be made or retained by the school district. Any questions about the paperwork can be answered at that time. Please contact Sandy Barden at (715) 366-2941 ext. 329 with any questions you may have.

**Registrations received on or prior to February 27, 2015**, will receive a special thank you gift that includes a "**Proud to be an Eagle**" t-shirt for your child with the new school logo on it!

## **PARENT INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN AGES 30 - 40 MONTHS**

In lieu of Child Development Days, the Almond-Bancroft School District will be mailing developmental questionnaires to the homes of children with birthdays between 8- 31-11 and 8-1-12. If you do not receive one in the mail, please contact Sandy Barden at (715) 366-2941 ext. 329.

Families that **return the questionnaire by February 20, 2015** will receive a special thank you gift that includes a "**Future Eagle**" t-shirt for your child with the new school logo! So please get those questionnaires filled out and returned to the main office at the Almond School.

**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 residents of the district and who have not graduated high school, to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. To request further information or to request a referral, contact Tracey Kelz at 366-2941 ext. 123

If you're concerned about the way your baby or toddler is developing, Portage County offers a free screening for children from the age of 3 months through 2 ½ years. For more information, contact **Birth to Three Services** at (715) 345-5984.



## Middle School Students Of The Month

One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for his/her overall excellence as a student each month. These students are selected based on their academic achievements and exceptional behavior during the school day. Achieving excellent performance for December, the Students of the Month include the following: Chloe Dernbach, Cassie Lehman, and Emily Takacs.



From the sixth grade we honored Chloe Dernbach. Chloe is a social butterfly and always has something to share. She is kind-hearted and will help a friend in need without hesitation. Chloe is always cheerful and pleasant. With her contagious smile and goofy sense of humor, she is able to brighten anyone's day. She works hard and tries her best on everything she does; she is very conscientious. Chloe enthusiastically

jumps into a new challenge with both feet. She is a joy to have in the classroom!



From the seventh grade we honored Cassie Lehman. Cassie is an exceptional student who takes the time to put in extra effort on her work. She takes her schoolwork seriously and puts her best foot forward every day. She is hard-working and deep-thinking. She is motivated and does well both academically and athletically making her a good role model for her peers. Her positive disposition and high

expectations for herself make her very successful in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. She is a joy to have, and teachers as well as her peers really enjoy her presence.



From the eighth grade we honored Emily Takacs. Emily is an awesome student and an independent, mature young lady who knows her own mind. She does her own thing and is not swayed by others. She is a sweet, reflective, and very artistic deep thinker. Emily always does exceptional class work, earning high marks on all tests and assignments. She is witty and fun to be around. She never backs

away from a challenge and instead emerges as a leader in the group. Keep up the great work, Emily!

Thank you for your hard work!  
Congratulations!

## High School Students Of The Week



Alondra Guerra-Reyna is my student of the week Dec. 8-12. Alondra is a pleasure to have in my class. She is a respectful young lady with a bubbly personality that keeps me smiling. I appreciate that she shares my love of reading and is willing to discuss her thoughts about what she has read. In class, when she

faces a challenge, she is ready to spend extra time on her work to gain a better understanding. She is also willing to help others when she can. Keep it up, kiddo! ~ Mrs. Huebner



My nomination for student of the week Dec. 15-19 is Emmett Stanislawski. Emmett has shown great passion and exuberance for learning in science, and is excited to further his knowledge. He is a great student to have in class, and is always willing to ask questions if he is unsure of something. He has even taken the initiative to come in

after school for extra help if needed. Emmett is very polite and courteous to his teachers and fellow classmates, and is a model student. ~ Dr. Wall



I choose Jemina Woods as my Student of the Week Jan. 5-9. It's really fun having Jemina in class. She always has a great attitude and a smile on her face. She does impeccable work and contributes meaningful opinions to discussions. Jemina is a neat person and a super student! ~ Mrs. Schoenfeld



I nominate Alec Wiczek for the week of Jan. 12-19. Alec has wonderful handwriting skills. His notebook is amazing! Alec completes his assignments on time. He asks questions. He volunteers answers in class. Alec has grasped a wide range of Geometry concepts this year. It is great having him in class and Alec, you are a neat person. Alec, you will go far in

your educational career and good luck in the future!  
Congratulations! ~ Mrs. Ciula



## Elementary School News

### Elementary Hug a Book Night

The elementary will be hosting Hug a Book Night on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6:30. This night will be dedicated to family reading and using our Accelerated Reader program.

**There will be free pizza and soda to enjoy in the cafeteria!!!**

Letters will be sent home the week of February 2<sup>nd</sup> for parents to indicate if they'll be attending and how many family members will be eating dinner.

We hope you can make it!



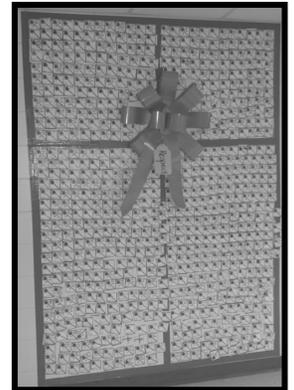
### Packers Hall of Fame Kicks Off Annual "Tundra Tales" Reading Program

Our 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Tundra Tales" at-home reading program. The "Tundra Tales" program, which will run from January 27<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>, aims to develop lifelong reading habits by encouraging children to read at home. Students must read or be read to for 60 minutes every week, outside of school, for 8 weeks, which totals to 480 minutes). Those who achieve the goal will earn 1 child ticket and 1 adult ticket for a Lambeau Field stadium tour!!

As Vince Lombardi stated, "Practice does not make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect."

### PBIS

Elementary students earned GIFTS tickets in December and January for showing respect and responsibility. They filled up the entire gift box on our hallway wall. A reward is being planned for Friday, February 6. It will be a dance in the gym and our own Mr. Rykal will serve as the DJ for the afternoon.



## Middle School News



Cassie Lehman and Ariel Castillo

### Conservation Poster Contest Participants!

The following students have had their Conservation Posters selected to participate in the 2015 Portage County Land Conservation Division poster contest! The theme for this year is "Local Heroes – Your Hardworking Pollinators"

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Graders (Grade 7-9 Division)

Gerardo Castellanos, Cauly Huntington, Dylan Omernik, Victoria Jones, Lillian Jones, Cassie Lehman, Makayla Perzinski, Hailey Studinski, Melissa Perzinski, Grace Dachel, Ariel Castillo, Ruth Barraza, Breana Schafer, Kenny Gaspar, Alex Burns, Gage Meddaugh, Jeni Gaspar, Drayvon Novascone

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Graders (Grade 4-6 Division)

Halie Stucker, Derek Lockhart, Hailey Sawyer, Macy Turzinski, Jasmin Banda, Monica Herrera



Breana Schafer



Gage Meddaugh



## Band and Choir News

### All-Star Band and Choir Festival, submitted by Mary Nowinski

On Saturday January 17th, select members of the ABHS band and choir traveled to Port Edwards for the Central Wisconsin Conference All Star band and choir festival. Directors from each school chose their most outstanding music students to receive the honor of participating. After preparing the music on their own, students came together for a fun day of intense rehearsal with a master conductor. The event was created by CWC music teachers to give students from our small schools an opportunity to experience making music as part of much bigger groups. Audiences at the final afternoon concert got to hear a band of 114 students and a choir of 127 perform music of a very high caliber. Students were encouraged to keep all the musical knowledge, skill, and excitement they gained that day, and take it back to their home towns to make their own bands and choirs even better. A sophomore in the AB Band said, "It was so neat. Everyone there was ready to work as a team to make this really hard music come together. By the end of it I just had this feeling like if we could accomplish all that together in a day, there was probably nothing we couldn't do with all the rehearsal time we have back at our school." With All Star band and choir behind them, our musicians are looking ahead to their next set of performances: Two remaining pep band games (Feb 13, 17), District Solo and Ensemble in Necedah (Feb 28), and the WSMA Large Group festival hosted by Almond (Apr 10).



Band photo caption: 2015 All Star Band Members. Left to Right: Velvet Ellis, Nathalie Sierra, Devon Anderson, Emily Demchik, Hunter Laska, Patience Turner, Colton Stanislawski, Forest Laska



2015 All-Star Choir Participants:  
Zack McCracken, Garrett Stanislawski, Jace Stuebs, Jaci Brandl  
Daisy Chaidez, Blake Voss, Jessica Webster, Joey Crahan,  
Emmett Stanislawski, Amada De Leon, Maria Vann, Emma  
Wallace, Chloe Lehman, Yadira Puente

## *Almond-Bancroft High School Wind Ensemble*



A BIG thank you to everyone who bought band photos during our fundraiser. We exceeded our goal! We never could have done it without Rena Laska- her dedication made the whole thing possible.

*-Friends of Music*

*Group band photos taken by Rena Laska Photography.*

## 5th Grade Band



## 6th Grade Band



## Middle School Band



### FRIENDS OF MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Friends of Music Cake Raffles have had a great participation rate! We have 2 Raffles remaining-

Friday February 13th- Boys BB vs. Wild Rose  
Tuesday February 17th- Girls BB vs. Tri-County

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 3rd at 6pm in the Band Room.



# Counseling Program News

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*Upcoming Events/  
Important Dates!*

<b>MS/HS Minute Meetings</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>2014-2015 HS Scheduling Begins</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>National School Counseling Week</b>	<b>Feb 3-7</b>

## National School Counseling Week

National School Counseling Week 2015, "Celebrate School Counseling," will be celebrated Feb. 2-6, 2015, to focus attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. We feel proud to be able to work in a career that is the foundation for constructing a healthy and productive school environment.

This year, we will celebrate National School Counseling Week by providing information to students about the school-wide counseling programs and opportunities available to them, quizzes and games, and a scavenger hunt!

## 2014-2015 HS Scheduling

High school students will begin scheduling in February. We have a number of **new courses** available, so be sure to review the 2015-2016 Curriculum Handbook! After submitting course requests, students will work with Ms. Spear to create their 2015-2016 schedule. Be sure to keep your future goals in mind as you start thinking about courses for next year!

## ACT Test Preparation for Juniors

We will be having a full day of test preparation for Juniors on February 3. This session will be focused on helping students become better prepared for the ACT Plus Writing and ACT WorkKeys tests that they will be taking in March. Students will review content topics and take practice tests in each of the subject areas. Additional practice tests will be available for those students that would like them. Just a reminder that the ACT Plus Writing test that will be taken as part of the required state testing this year for all Juniors CAN be used for college entrance!



## Transcripts for Seniors!

Seniors continuing on to a postsecondary educational institution next year, please be sure to let Ms. Spear know when you have decided where you will be attending and have been accepted. Also, be sure to complete a transcript request form so Ms. Spear can send a final transcript to the college of your choice at the end of the year to complete your application process.

## Minute Meetings



Mrs. McDonald and Ms. Spear will be conducting short face to face conferences called Minute Meetings with all students. During this time, we ask students a series of questions that allow us to check in with them regarding their academics, social relationships and interests for possible career choices. We also make sure to let students know we are available if they need to talk with us more in depth.

## Elementary Guidance

Recently, elementary students concluded a unit on self-awareness. Fifth graders spent the first part of the year exploring different learning styles. Not only did they identify their prominent learning style, but they explored some study habits and strategies geared to their style(s). As a final activity, they demonstrated their knowledge of self-awareness and learning styles in a game of Jeopardy.

Our current GIFTS concept is *Resistance*. Elementary students will be identifying situations that could be harmful to themselves or others and learning strategies to say no. Protective behaviors will be discussed and students will be able to identify good touch vs. bad touch and will learn the NO-GO-TELL Rule:

When in a situation in which touch makes you feel uncomfortable: Say NO

GO away from the person if possible

TELL a trusted adult right away



Students will be asked to identify adults both at home and at school that they could seek out if they needed help protecting themselves from a harmful situation.



## Eagles Athletic Events

- 2/3-MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Amherst 5:30 pm
- MS & HS Wrestling @ Almond vs. Montello, 6:00 pm
- Hockey Co-op vs. Wausau East @ Marathon Park, 7:00 pm
- 2/5-MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Iola, 5:30 pm
- 2/6-MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Menominee Indian, 6:00 pm
- HS Boys Basketball @ Menominee Indian, 6:00 pm
- Hockey Co-op vs. Black River Falls @ Ice Hawk Arena, 7:00 pm
- MS Wrestling @ Tri-County, 4:15 pm
- 2/7-MS Wrestling Conference Meet @ Weyauwega-Fremont, 10:00 am
- 2/9-MS Girls Basketball @ Port Edwards, 5:30 pm
- HS Girls Basketball @ Tigerton, 6:00 pm
- 2/10-Varsity Boys Basketball Home vs. Tigerton, 7:00 pm
- Hockey Co-op vs. Rhinelander @ Rhinelander Ice Arena
- 2/12-MS Wrestling @ Nekoosa, 4:30 pm
- MS Girls Basketball @ Tri-County, 5:30 pm
- HS Girls Basketball @ Wild Rose, 6:00 pm
- 2/13-MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Wild Rose, 6:00 pm
- 2/14-MS Wrestling Regionals @ Manawa, 10:00 am
- 2/16-MS Wrestling @ Pacelli, 6:00 pm
- 2/17-MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Tri-County, 6:00 pm
- HS Boys Basketball @ Tri-County, 6:00 pm
- 2/19-MS Girls Basketball @ Rosholt, 5:30 pm
- HS Girls Basketball Home vs. Marion, 6:00 pm
- 2/20-MS Boys Basketball @ Marion, 6:00 pm
- 2/21-MS Wrestling Sectionals @ Bonduel, 10:30 am
- 2/23-MS Girls Basketball Home vs. Wild Rose, 5:30 pm
- 2/24-MS Girls Basketball Regionals, TBD
- 2/26-MS Boys Basketball @ Bowler, 6:00 pm

\*Schedule is subject to change.

# EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



Almond-Bancroft High  
Teagan Vezina

Stevens Point Pacelli Hockey Co-op  
Forward  
#22

**Weight** 175

**Height** 5' 10"

**Grad Year** 2015

#	Name	GP	G	A	PTS	PPG	PPA	SH	SHA	PIM	FOW	FOL	HIT	+/-	GW	AVG PTS
22	<u>Teagan Vezina</u>	16	11	10	21	1	2	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	1	1.31

## Wrestling Updates

The wrestling season is well on its way, but that doesn't mean it's too late to join. We will accept student athletes at all levels; youth, middle and high school. Interested athletes or parents can contact me for further information. The youth wrestling program will run through mid-March, and the middle and high school season through February.

The high school wrestlers are starting to gear up for upcoming tournament action. We have our conference meet, regional, sectional and state tournaments all taking place in February. Wrestlers must place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at the regional tournament, held Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at Manawa High School, to advance on to the sectional tournament at Bonduel, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. The State tournament is held in Madison Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>st</sup> at the Kohl Center.

We have several wrestlers that are doing well this season. During winter break the Warbirds traveled to the UW Oshkosh campus, where 64 teams competed in the Lourdes Academy Classic two day tournament. Cole Warzynski placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 39 wrestlers in the 285 lb. weight class and Jack Lawlis placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 41 wrestlers at the 220 lb. weight class. The second week in January the team traveled to Merrill where 25 schools competed. Cole Warzynski finished 1<sup>st</sup> at 285 lbs., Jack Lawlis finished 1<sup>st</sup> at 220 lbs., Kirby Lawlis finished 7<sup>th</sup> at 182 lbs., and Taylor Kim finished 9<sup>th</sup> at 285 lbs. Cole Warzynski currently leads the team with 33 wins and 3 losses followed by Jack Lawlis with 23 wins and 4 losses.

If you have questions please contact me at 715-366-2941 ext.333 or [wwagner@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:wwagner@abschools.k12.wi.us) cell 715-965-5820.

William Wagner, Head Wrestling Coach



# Almond-Bancroft Menus, February 2015

## Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pancake Wrapped Sausage	3 Box Breakfast	4 Breakfast Sandwich	5 Frudel, Yogurt	6 Bagel, Yogurt
9 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	10 French Toast Sticks	11 Scrambled Eggs, Whole Grain Toast	12 Box Breakfast	13 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
16 Breakfast Pizza	17 Oatmeal, Whole Grain Toast	18 Box Breakfast	19 Cereal, Toast	20 Bagel, Yogurt
23 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	24 Egg Omelet, Whole Grain Toast	25 Box Breakfast	26 Frudel, Yogurt	27 No School

Juice and/or fresh fruit served daily with breakfast.

Choice of 1% white or skim milk served with every breakfast  
Choice of 1% white, skim, or fat free chocolate milk served with every lunch.

### Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge

4K (M-W-F) – 11 days @ 1.10 = \$12.10

4K (T-Th-F) – 11 days @ 1.10 = \$12.10

K-12<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 1.10 = \$20.90

### February

#### Morning Milk

\$3.30-M-W 4K

\$3.30-T-Th 4K

\$5.70-K-5<sup>th</sup>

(\$ .30 a day)

## Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Mandarin Oranges	3 Hamburger Mac & Cheese Hot Dish, Corn, Pineapple	4 Brat on Bun, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Applesauce	5 Popcorn Chicken, Tater Tots, Carrots, Peaches	6 Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Green Beans, Pears
9 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit Cocktail	10 Cheese Ravioli, Salad Bar, Applesauce	11 Hamburger, French Fries, Baked Beans, Peaches	12 Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Pears	13 Pizza, Salad Bar, Pineapple
16 Chicken Fajita, Carrots, Strawberries	17 Taco Salad, Peaches	18 Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pears	19 BBQ, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Pineapple	20 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit Cocktail
23 Hot Dog, French Fries, Green Beans, Applesauce	24 Chicken Stir Fry, Salad Bar, Pears	25 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies & Dip, Mandarin Oranges	26 BBQ Pork Riblet on Bun, Tater Tots, Corn, Peaches	27 No School

A chef salad meal option is available as a substitute for every HS or MS lunch.

Fresh fruit and/or fresh vegetables served as an option with every lunch.

### Lunch Prices:

Reduced 4K (M-W-F) – 11 days @ .40 = \$4.40

Reduced 4K (T-Th-F) – 11 days @ .40 = \$4.40

Reduced K-12 – 19 days @ .40 = \$7.60

4K (M-W-F) – 11 days @ 1.85 = \$20.35

4K (T-Th-F) – 11 days @ 1.85 = \$20.35

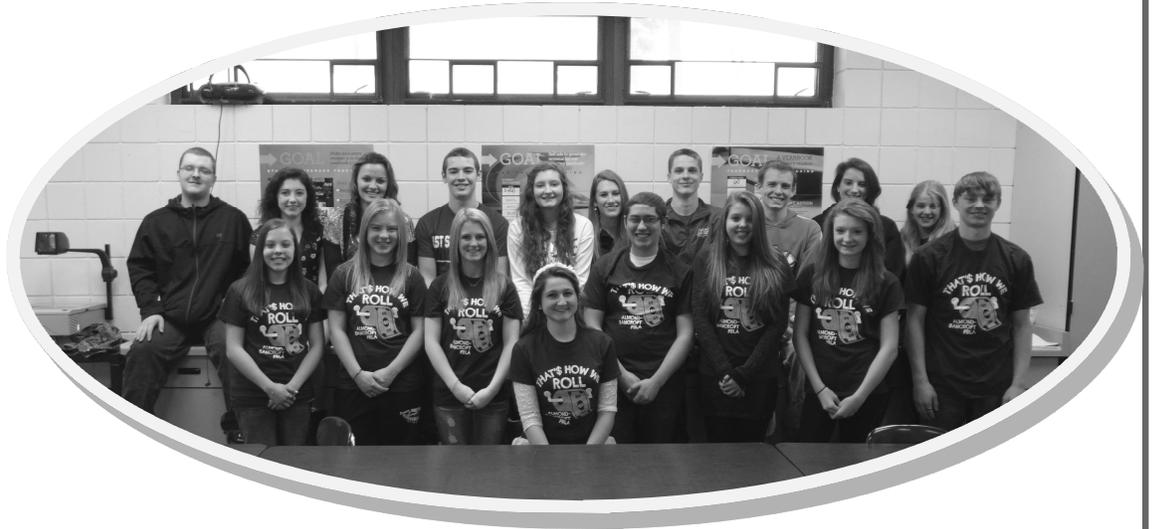
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 1.85 = \$35.15

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 2.10 = \$39.90

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## Almond-Bancroft FBLA Celebrates Career and Technical Education Month

– Students and faculty at **Almond-Bancroft** will join others across the nation during the month of February to celebrate national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month™. This year's theme is **Recognizing Classroom Innovators!** CTE Month provides CTE programs across the country an opportunity to demonstrate how CTE educates students to be college- and career- ready and prepares them for high-wage, high-demand career fields.



“The activities planned over the next month will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer our students,” said Ms. Stiebs, director of Business Education. “CTE programs are investing in students’ lives with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees as well as future leaders.”

CTE encompasses 94 percent of high school students and 13 million postsecondary students in the United States and includes high schools, career centers, community and technical colleges, four-year universities and more. CTE is a major part of the solution to myriad national economic and workforce problems, such as high school dropout rates, a weakened economy, global competitiveness and massive layoffs. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly one-third of the fastest growing occupations will require an associate’s degree or a postsecondary vocational certificate. At a time when job opportunity is so critical, CTE programs in every community are ensuring students are adequately equipped with the skills to successfully enter the workforce.

### Good Luck!

Members of the A-B FBLA organization will be traveling to Nekoosa High School on Saturday, February 7th to compete in the Region II Regional Leadership Conference. Last year we were well represented on stage and had 3 members move on to state-level competition. I hope to see even more students STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE and move on to the SLC this year in La Crosse!

#### ATTENTION

If your child is absent from school, please call the Attendance Office at 715-366-2941 extension 108 **before 9:00 a.m.**



#### AUSENCIAS

Si su hijo(a) esta ausente usted es responsable de llamar la Escuela de Almond-Bancroft antes de las **9:00 a.m.** al 715-366-2941 Ext. 101

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