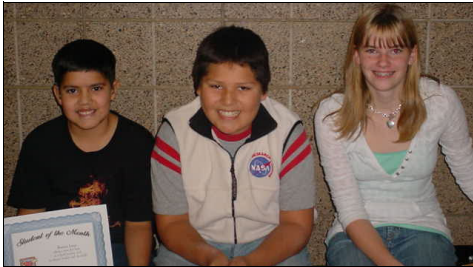


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JANUARY 2008



Middle School News-November Students of the Month

Students were honored last week for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Ramiro Luna. He always tries his best and works very hard on paying attention in class. He puts his best foot forward each day and he is always bright and cheerful. From seventh grade, we honored Ignacio Velasquez. He is a very polite and respectful young man. He comes to class each day in a good mood and ready to learn. He quietly does his work and completes everything on time. He is working very hard to keep his grades up. From eighth grade, we honored Morgan Baar. She is a very kind girl. She works hard at getting good grades. She is pleasant and gets along well with other students and teachers. She effectively applies herself in the classroom. The students were selected by their teachers.

High School News Students of the Week

First week in December: Mr. Bill Wagner, Technology Education Teacher, selected Clint Fechtner. Clint was selected because he strives to stay on task on projects and sees them through to completion. He was the first one to have completed the toboggan project by spending additional time outside of class when machines and other equipment are not being used. While other students may waste time waiting to use equipment, Clint moves onto other parts of the project and utilizes equipment readily available. He also demonstrated problem-solving skills to correct deficiencies on projects and ingenuity to find alternative procedures to complete tasks. Clint is always respectful and shows a willingness to lend a hand whenever possible.



Second week in December: Mr. VanderLaan, Physical Education Teacher, selected Graham Barden. Graham has been Mr. VanderLaan's student aide this year and has been working hard helping Mr. VanderLaan correct papers, run off copies, and eat his food!

Graham has also been involved in helping to decide what units to cover in physical education as well as teaching other students how to accurately keep their logbooks for weight training. Keep up the good work!

Almond-Bancroft Schools and Communities Support Coat Drive and Adopt-a-Family

This past month, Dawn Barber, Positive Action Coordinator, and Jean Colombe, the Positive Action Community Coordinator, have worked very hard getting items and money donated towards the coat drive and adopt-a-family programs. Thanks to all the groups and individuals that were able to help make winter a bit warmer, and the holidays a bit brighter for many students/families. Pictured below are some student groups that were very generous in their giving this season, Boy Scout Pack 248, Daisy Girl Scouts (Kindergarten), Junior Girl Scouts (Fifth

Grade), Brownie Troop 168 (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade), and Brownie Troop 370 (First Grade). Also, special thanks to the following groups that also gave to this good cause: Bancroft State Bank, Hometown Insurance, L&L Propane, Salon 2415, Misty Acres Animal Care, Wheeler's Laura's Lane Nursery, Magic Mirror, Heavenly Hair, PA Rendall Farms, Portage County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, as well as the many teachers and community members that donated their time and money to make this program be successful.



Boy Scout Pack 248



Daisy Girl Scouts (Kindergarten)



Junior Girl Scouts (Fifth Grade)



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Brownie Troop 370 (First Grade)

ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER
Centro de Recursos del Familias del condado de Portage

Almond High School
Room (Cuarto) S325

Enter through Almond Elementary (Entre por la Escuela Elementaria
Numero de telefono) 1-715-366-2882

November

Hello, Bueno, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Bringing together moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, and anyone else who wants to access “resources to support families” in the area. **Reuniendo madres, padres, abuelas, abuelos y cualquiera que desee obtener acceso sobre recursos para ayudar ha familias enel area.**

This will be a short calendar, because a new update will be coming in January of '08

Thank you everyone for all of your help this past year.

Melinda, for putting in our information for our Almond/Bancroft neighbors. Sandy, for shutting off my coffee pot, when I “think” that I left it “on.” Mr. Rykal, for letting the Family Resource Center Exist! Cathy, J.B. and Nicolle, for opening up the Resource Center, when I was not available. The Bancroft School teachers for helping me distribute flyers and letting me in the Bancroft School and, Darlene, for cleaning our room. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

YOUR UP AND COMING PLAY GROUP FOR JANUARY '08

Play Group provides a wonderful opportunity for your child to socialize with other young children and for you to talk with other parents you can relate to. Come as often as you can and relax and enjoy yourself while your child plays, has a snack, makes a craft and usually enjoys a story time. Wednesdays 10:00–11:30 a.m. No registration required.

JANUARY 23, 2008

Come and visit with Dragon August and Dragon June. These puppets, with the help of Pam Corcoran will teach us about “going to the dentist”.

Keep reading your District Newsletter, because we will be going to The Central Wisconsin Children’s Museum and have a Special Spring Play Group.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2008!

Potty Training, Bullying, What Portage County Has to Offer You, for a low price....or for FREE. Cinco de Mayo.

ALSO....WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.....STUDENTS!! TO HELP WITH THE CHILDREN. REMEMBER, YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME CAN BE USED AS A REFERENCE FOR THAT IMPORTANT FIRST REAL JOB. Remember: The classes can be counted as continued education and Certificates are provided as needed. Thanks for a great year at the Almond/Bancroft Family Resource. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season. Call me at the Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center at (715)366-2882. Jan Roth....your Family Resource Center Coordinator

Public Question and Answer Forum

If I have questions or would like to make suggestions where, do I go or who do I ask? We are going to answer those questions and any other that you may have regarding our school system. Recently, I met with a group of parents who had numerous questions regarding the operation of our school. Questions dealing with student pick up and drop off, before and after school, breakfast/lunch programs, parent volunteers, PIE organization, teacher/aide training, student recesses, and questions regarding the security system. You might have similar questions. If you do please give me a call or speak to one of the following parents who have agreed to help assist the district in gathering input; Luann Avery, Leslie Burns, Kathy Miner, or Brenda Newby. Please share your concerns or questions with any of us and we will address and try to answer them at a meeting on **Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Almond Auditorium.

We look forward in hearing your input and answering any questions you may have regarding our schools.

First Quarter Honorees

The following students were honored for a “clean” strike card. No strikes all quarter.

From sixth grade: Kayla Smith, Anna Perin, Abbigail Karpen, Meghan Varga, Evan Pagel, Ethan Yonke, Shelby Swan, Tisan Barid, Ramiro Luna, McKenna Heck, Joe Beigel, Jewel Matke, Felicia Penza, and Carissa Perzinski. Seventh grade: Hayley Riske, Kristen Haferman, Destiny Dykes, Ashley Lucht, Heather Merila, Colter Stutesman, Kiara Turzinski, Baylee Voss, Avery Faehling, Marissa Warzynski, Jeff Kolllock, Jerek Dake, Tyler Bunders, Taylor Martines, Yordecy Lopez, Morgan Baar, Brady McIntee, Sorcia Rock, Jeanette Colombe, Brandon Lehman, and Nick Burns. We are so proud of you for fulfilling our student expectations by being responsible and respect our school and yourself.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

We have two great Safety Cadets that have really put forth a lot of effort this past month to have earned the title of Safety Cadets of the Month. These two students are

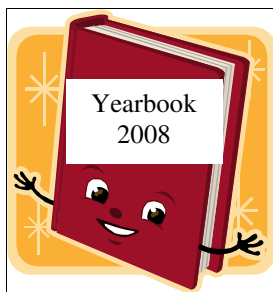
Margaret Scott and Tony Hintz. They both have been so helpful, are always cheerful, and are right on top of things. Congratulations Tony and Margaret!

In January all Safety Cadets that are in good standing will be invited to the Stevens Point YMCA for a swim party. The kids always have a great time! I will be sending home permission forms for the parents to sign when we get back from our winter break. Speaking of winter break....I want to wish everyone a very happy, safe, and fun time off. Enjoy!

Updates on Strategic Action Planning Committee:

It has been recommended to this committee to develop ways to recognize our students who excel academically. In the High School, one way we can accomplish this is to establish a Student of the Week. Each staff member was given a designated week to make their selection. In each newsletter, we will recognize students and why they are so special. In addition, they will receive a certificate and a five-dollar gift from Subway.

We congratulate them and are proud of them. If you would like to join us in developing new strategies for our district, please join us on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the Board Room.



2008 Yearbook will be on sale under the Skylight January 14th – January 25th Get your copy Ordered Today!

**\$42 w/o name on cover
\$47 with name on cover**

(A minimum \$20.00 deposit is required. Seniors must pay in full.)

Booster Club News

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From the Guidance Office: Sarah Spencer



Twelve myths about paying for college

Billions of dollars in financial aid are available to those who need help paying for college. Yet a lot of misinformation clouds the facts about what type of aid is available and who is eligible. Here are some myths dispelled for those confronting the process of securing financial aid.

College is just too expensive for our family

- Despite the media hype, a college education is more affordable than most people think, especially when you consider that college graduates earn an average of \$1 million more over the span of their careers than high school graduates. The average yearly tuition at a four-year public college in 2006-2007 was just \$5,836. There are some expensive schools, but high tuition is not a requirement for a good education.

There's less aid available than there used to be

- In fact, student financial aid in 2006-2007 rose to a record level of \$135 billion. Most students receive some form of aid. Less of this aid now comes in the form of grants, however; most aid is awarded through low-interest loans or institutional and other grants. You should carefully consider the financing packages you've been offered by each college to determine which makes the most financial sense.

My family's income is too high to qualify for aid

- Aid is intended to make a college education available for students of families in many financial situations. College financial aid administrators often take into account not only income but also other family members in college, home mortgage costs, and other factors. Aid is awarded to many families with incomes they thought would disqualify them.

My parents saved for college, so we won't qualify for aid

- Saving for college is always a good idea. Since most financial aid comes in the form of loans, the aid you are likely to receive will need to be repaid. Tucking away money could mean that you have fewer loans to repay, and it won't make you ineligible for aid if you need it. A family's share of college costs is based mostly on income, not assets such as savings.

I'm not a straight-A student, so I won't get aid

- It's true that many scholarships reward merit, but most federal aid is based on financial need and does not even consider grades.

If I apply for a loan, I have to take it

- Families are not obligated to accept a low-interest loan if it is awarded to them. One financial aid administrator recommends applying for aid and comparing the loan awards with other debt instruments and assets to determine the best financial deal.

Working will hurt my academic success

- Students who attempt to juggle full-time work and full-time studies do struggle. But research shows that students who work a moderate amount often do better academically. Securing an on-campus job related to career goals is a good way for you to help pay college costs, get experience, and create ties with the university.

Millions of dollars in scholarships go unused every year

- Professional scholarship search services often tout this statistic. In fact, most unclaimed money is slated for a few eligible candidates, such as employees of a specific corporation or members of a certain organization. Most financial aid comes from the federal government, although it is a good idea to research non-federal sources of aid.

My folks will have to sell their house to pay for college

- Home value is not considered in calculations for federal aid. Colleges may take home equity into account when determining how much you are expected to contribute to college costs, but income is a far greater factor in this determination. No college will expect your parents to sell their house to pay for your education.

I should live at home to cut costs

- It's wise to study every avenue for reducing college costs, but living at home may not be the best way. Be sure to consider commuting and parking costs when you do this calculation. Living on campus may create more opportunities for work and other benefits.

Private schools are out of reach for my family

- Experts recommend deferring cost considerations until late in the college selection process. Your most important consideration is to find a school that meets your academic, career, and personal needs. In fact, you might have a better chance of receiving aid from a private school. Private colleges often offer more financial aid to attract students from every income level. Higher college expenses also mean a better chance of demonstrating financial need.

We can negotiate a better deal

- Many colleges will be sensitive to a family's specific financial situation, especially if certain nondiscretionary costs, such as unusually high medical bills, have been overlooked. But most colleges adhere to specific financial aid award guidelines and will not adjust an award for a family that feels it got a better deal at another school.

Source: www.collegeboard.com

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District Website

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to visit our website at www.abschools.k12.wi.us and see some of the changes/additions that have occurred.

For example, we have a section that pertains to the A-B School Board. There you will see a list of your current board members and the offices they hold. If you double click on this section, you will see the following sub-sections; A-B calendar, A-B school board meeting, and A-B school policies.

In the A-B calendar area you will see meeting dates that pertain to board meetings and committee meetings. In the A-B school board area, you will see agendas and minutes from previous and future meetings, and in the A-B policies section you will be able to view policies that govern our district. In the future, we want to add district handbooks and forms that are used on a regular basis for downloading at home.

If you have any questions or suggestions, give me a call at 366.2941 Ext. 418. Thank you.

What **You** Need to Know **About** Registering with **Selective Service**

Q: What is Selective Service?

A: 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?

A: 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?

A: 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?

A: 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?

A: 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?

A: 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



**Register with
Selective Service.**

**Use the Internet:
www.sss.gov**

From the Library

The Spirit of Christmas

During this holiday season we would once again like to thank the generous people and organizations who continue to donate books and other resources to the school LMC. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!

This past month the LMC received magazines and calendars from **Mickey Van Ert**, **Angela Iwanski**, **The Evelyn Foundation**, **Lynn Hintz**, **Lowella Stucker** and **Julia Swan**. In 2008 we also will be receiving two new subscriptions from **The Almond Rod & Gun Club: Wisconsin Outdoor Journal** and **Wisconsin Outdoor News**. Thanks also go to the following people for donated books : **Connie Takacs** (hardcover and paperback books for children including *Dr. Seuss*, *The Boxcar Children*, *Barbie*, and *Lizzie McGuire* books), **Jean Colombe** (*Sesame Street* books), **Mickey Van Ert** (children's classics illustrated by Howard Pyle, professional books for educators, *Bulfinch's Mythology*, and *Wind Rider*), **Angela Iwanski - 6th Grade** (children's books), and the **Burns Family** (*Our Singing Planet*).

As a small school LMC, we are particularly grateful to add these books and educational resources to our collection. The LMC staff wishes everyone a most Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy & Healthy New Year!



Junk Sculpture in the LMC

What is Junk Sculpture? Come to the Secondary LMC to see a fascinating display of Junk Sculpture, otherwise known as Contemporary Sculpture in Metal and Mixed Media. The 3D (Three Dimensional) High School Art Class taught by **Lynne Dernbach** created these unusual works of art from any objects they could find - items such as metal, wood, plastic, old license plates, tree branches, and aluminum cans. The students put the junk together by welding, nails, and glue. See the attached photo of the untitled creation by **Brooke Yonke**, 10th Grade. She used items found in a shed

and decorated the twisted metal leaves and vines with sparkling colors of blue and silver to produce an interesting visual swirl of colors and shapes. Therefore, it's not just Junk Art; it's Recycled Art!

Karin Mather, LMC Director

Community Members Wanted as Tutors

Almond-Bancroft Senior High is looking for volunteers from the community in the following areas: Algebra, Geometry, English, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Civics, and U.S. History. Volunteers will assist students during school hours, in study hall. Partners, or groups, will be matched with a tutor based on common subject matter.

Volunteering to work with students provides them with a connection to their community. So, if you have some time, and would like to make a connection, then share your skills and knowledge with our students.

For information, or to apply, please contact Sandy Ciula at 715-366-2941, ext. 108.

115.38 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT; EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REVIEW

(2) Annually by January 1, each school board shall notify the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school district of the right to request a school and district performance report under this subsection. Annually by May 1, each school board shall, upon request, distribute to the parent or guardian of each pupil, including pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the school district, or give to each pupil to bring home to his or her parent or guardian, a school and school district performance report that includes the information specified by the state superintendent under sub (1). The report shall also include a comparison of the school district's performance under sub. (1) (a) and (b) with the performance of other school districts in the same athletic conference under sub. 1 (a) and (b). If the school district maintains an Internet site, the report shall be made available to the public at that site.

Updates on Strategic Action Planning Committee:

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER

Breakfast vs. Student Achievement

Despite well-documented research linking healthy breakfast to student achievement, Wisconsin continues to rank last among the 50 states in the number of students receiving school breakfast.

Studies show that many Wisconsin students start school with no breakfast or an inadequate breakfast. Qualitative surveys on breakfast consumption completed by Wisconsin students showed that approximately 10 percent of students at the elementary level, 25 percent in middle school and 30 percent of high school students started school without breakfast. Many others students come to school with an inadequate breakfast.

Studies show that omitting breakfast interferes with cognition and learning, an effect more pronounced in nutritionally at-risk children. A landmark study examined the effects of school breakfast on academic performance among 1,023 low-income third through fifth grade students. Results showed that children who participated in the study had significantly greater gains in overall standardized test scores, and showed improvements in math, reading, and vocabulary scores. In addition, rates of absence and tardiness were reduced among participants.

Hunger and Behavioral Problems

An estimated four million American children experience prolonged periodic food insufficiency and hunger each year, representing eight percent of the children under the age of 12 in this country.

The Community Childhood Hunger Identification Project (CCHIP) study examined the relationship between hunger and psychosocial functions among low-income, school-aged children. Analysis showed that virtually all behavioral, emotional, and academic problems were more prevalent in hungry children. Aggression and anxiety had the strongest degree of association with hunger.

The three year Universal School Breakfast Program pilot study in six Minnesota elementary schools showed a general increase in composite math and reading scores, and improved student behavior, reduced morning trips to the nurse and increased student attendance and test scores.

Allington, Julie, *What's Right for Kids, Improving the School Nutrition Environment.*

We Need Your Help

The Wellness Committee needs your input. The Almond-Bancroft School District is trying to put an effective wellness policy in place as mandated by the department of public instruction.

We need parents, students, staff members and community members to come forward and share their ideas. There have been a number of issues related to fundraising, vending machines, concession stands, lunch-room atmosphere, etc.... We want to know what problems are out there so that we may work together to improve.

We are asking that you come to our first meeting on **MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008 at 6PM IN THE BOARD ROOM.**

At this meeting we will be meeting with Board members – Cathy Guth, Debbie Bradley and Jeanette Wilson; Food Service Personnel – Connie Kaehn and Pat Leary; and Administration – Jeff Rykal.

We are **MISSING** – community members, staff members, students and parents!!!!

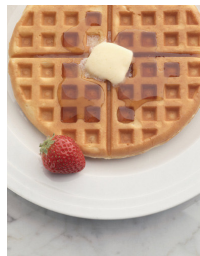
The Wellness Policy consists of several topic areas. We are looking for individuals to offer advice or opinions on how we can make improvements. If you could help us in one or more of the following areas – we would appreciate hearing from you at the January meeting:

1. Health Education and Curriculum Development – review curriculum K-12 in areas regarding nutrition, physical activity and health living. Are we meeting the needs of our students at the appropriate age levels?
2. Physical Education and Activity – how can we creatively schedule more physical activity or fun “moving” activities in our student’s day?
3. Healthy School Environment – in the opinions of the students and staff what areas need to be addressed? Some examples may be bullying, better communication, intruder alerts, Portage County Sheriff’s Department presence, etc...
4. Nutrition – are we offering healthy choices to our students and community through the lunch line, athletic concessions or student fundraisers?
5. Staff Wellness – how can we improve the health of our staff? Could we form classes, aerobic, winners can be losers, walking, stress reduction? Could we find speakers to help them learn more about a variety of topics? Could we improve overall morale with staff?
6. Health Services – are there issues related to poor air quality? Could we improve emergency procedures? Do all staff members have access to student health alerts? Could we schedule flu shots or hepatitis vaccinations?

These are just a few suggestions for each of the areas included in the Wellness Policy. I’m sure that each of you has something to offer – please come and share your ideas.

APPLE SPICE WAFFLES

2 cups biscuit/baking mix
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground nutmeg
2 eggs
1-1/2 cups milk
6 Tbsp butter, melted
1 cup chopped peeled apples



In a large bowl, combine the biscuit mix, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Combine eggs and milk; stir into dry ingredients until smooth. Stir in butter and apple. Bake in preheated waffle iron according to manufacturer’s directions until golden brown.
Yield: 12 waffles.

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Almond-Bancroft School District
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting held in boardroom Almond School
November 14, 2007 6:30 pm
OPEN MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1) Call Meeting to Order by President

Roy Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

2) Roll Call-Establishment of Quorum

__Bradley __Danforth __Dernbach __Ellie __Guth __Wilson __Smith

All board members were present. Administrators present included Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper was present. Members of the audience included Sandy Ciula, Linsey Rodriguez, Nikki Hunt, Mike Gerlach, Michael Seymour, Peg Doede, SuAnn Pagel-Rast, Toni Rock, and Dorine Gardner.

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

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

4) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

Nikki Hunt presented the National Honor Society with a donation for \$400 for the work the students did at the Nekoosa Pumpkin Festival. She was very grateful for their help. Also Linsey Rodriguez and Brandi Romo were presented with checks for \$800 to put towards furthering their education.

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A October 17, 2007, 6:30 p.m.-Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

6B October 17, 2007, Negotiations Committee Closed Session

Minutes approved in closed session.

6C October 31, 2007, Negotiations Committee Closed Session Meeting

Minutes approved in closed session.

6D October 31, 2007, Special Board Meeting

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

6E November 7, 2007, Co-Curricular Committee Meeting

Minutes approved in closed session.

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 6-0.

8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items

8A District Administrator Report

Notices were sent to the townships and newspapers for board elections. Jerry Dernbach is at-large, Gary Smith is at-large, and Carol Ellie is the representative for the towns of Belmont, Oasis, and Rose. Mr. Boxx will be at the WASB meeting the 23rd through the 25th. Jerry Dernbach, Cathy Guth, and Carol Ellie are registered and have rooms booked for the Board Convention in January.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

Fourth graders went to Madison for a field trip. Banners for Respect, Responsibility, and Resolution have been hung up in the elementary hallway as part of the GIFTS program. The GIFTS program has been used to buy stencils with which the students will make signs for the remainder of the focus words in the GIFTS program. Red Ribbon Week will be soon and there will be different dress up days to help with alcohol and drug awareness. There will also be random t-shirts given away as part of the weeks activities as well. WKCE's testing in the elementary will be completed next Wednesday. We are on schedule. The first grade classes had a pumpkin party and delivered some of the carved pumpkins to the senior citizens. Middle school and high school WKCE testing was over a two week time period. Middle school students receive Eagle Wing Awards once a month. Each class has a meeting to see who wins the awards. Hello Dolly was excellent. Toni Rock, Crystal Frank, and Joel Bennett did an outstanding job. The sounds of Christmas music can be heard in the halls these days. The high school concert is December 6th at 7:30 pm, the middle school concert is December 13th at 7:30 pm, and the elementary concert is December 20th at 2:00 pm. Basketball and wrestling have started. We are cooping with Tri County for Wrestling and practices are held at the Almond School. As part of Positive Action Brad Baumgardner has been taking students to rake leaves for those in the community who are unable. Parent/Teacher conferences are 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and are going well. The School Forest Inservice was November 7th held by Kathie Plaisance.

Updates on programs

The rest of the inservice time was spent on the REACH grant. We would like to improve reading comprehension by 5% by May 1st. There will be three tests given to monitor improvement. Collaborative team meetings will be held to help teachers achieve this goal. The Alternative Education grant award notification came in the mail today.

9) Policy Development and Review

9A Second reading of Drug Free Workplace

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Carol Ellie to approve the Drug Free Workplace policy. Motion carried 6-0.

9B First reading of 600 series Fiscal Management

10) Action Items

10A Senior Class Trip

The senior class trip will be in Chicago from April 19th to April 21st. Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the initial draft of the itinerary. Motion carried 6-0.

10B Recommendation for fall coaching contracts

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Carol Ellie to table until the December board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

10C Recommendation for High School Special Education Teacher

Deferred to closed session.

10D Parent request

A parent would like permission to have an Amherst school bus pick up her child at their home. The Amherst bus drives past their home to pick up other students. Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Gary Smith to approve this request. Motion carried 6-0.

10E Music trip to Chicago

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Carol Ellie to approve music trip to Chicago for Saturday, December 15th, 2007 to go to dinner and see Wicked. Motion carried 6-0.

11) Items for Signatures

11A Approval of meeting minutes

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

12A Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

13) Roll Call-Adjournment to Closed Session

Consideration for movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Possible discussion of coaching staff and professional staff (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. AAEA update and vote to ratify ABESPA contract, non-union support staff (f) Considering financial, medical, social or person histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigations of charges against specific persons except where par. B applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to –in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Family leave request for 08-09.

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Cathy Guth to adjourn to closed session at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary.

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Debbie Bradley to return to open session at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Cathy Guth to ratify contract with ABESPA without \$200 stipend as requested and using existing grievance language only to be changed if the grievance procedure changes in the AAEA contract. Motion carried 5-0 with Gary Smith abstaining.

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Debbie Bradley to approve pay increase for non-union staff to coincide with ABESPA contract. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Carol Ellie to approve contract for Pat Dwyer, as High School Special Education teacher. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve family leave request. Motion carried 6-0.

15) Adjournment

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

★ ★ January 2008
★ Breakfast Menu ★

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|---|--|--|---|--|
| 31 Monday No School | 1 Tuesday No School | 2 Wednesday No School | 3 Thursday Cereal, muffin Juice, milk | 4 Friday Cinnamon roll, Juice, milk |
| 7 Monday Cereal, muffin Juice, milk | 8 Tuesday French Toast Sticks, Applesauce, milk | 9 Wednesday Egg Omelet, Toast, Fruit, milk | 10 Thursday Cereal, Toast, Juice, milk | 11 Friday Bagel w/cream cheese, Juice, milk |
| 14 Monday Cereal, muffin Juice, milk | 15 Tuesday Oatmeal, Toast Juice, milk | 16 Wednesday Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, milk | 17 Thursday Cereal, Toast Juice, milk | 18 Friday Cinnamon Roll Juice, milk |
| 21 Monday Cereal, muffin Juice, milk | 22 Tuesday French Toast Sticks, Juice, milk | 23 Wednesday Egg Tacos, Fruit, milk | 24 Thursday Cereal, Toast Juice, milk | 25 Friday Bagel w/cream cheese, Juice, milk |
| 28 Monday Cereal, muffin Juice, milk | 29 Tuesday Oatmeal, Toast Juice, milk | 30 Wednesday French Toast Sticks, Juice, milk | 31 Thursday Cereal, Toast Juice, milk | 1 Friday |



Notes and Announcements



Breakfast Prices: Reduced: FREE
22 days @ \$1.00=\$22.00



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| 31 Monday | 1 Tuesday | 2 Wednesday | 3 Thursday | 4 Friday |
| No School | No School | No School | Hamburger on a bun French Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, milk | Tacos, corn, applesauce, milk |

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| 7 Monday | 8 Tuesday | 9 Wednesday | 10 Thursday | 11 Friday |
| Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Peaches, milk | Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Bread, mixed fruit, milk | Chicken patty, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Pineapple, milk | Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce, Bread, milk | Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Pears, Bread, milk |

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| 14 Monday | 15 Tuesday | 16 Wednesday | 17 Thursday | 18 Friday |
| Hot Dogs, Tater Barrels, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruits, milk | Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cranberries, Bread, milk | Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Green Beans, Applesauce, milk | Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles, Peas, Pineapple, Bread, milk | Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Peaches, milk |

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| 21 Monday | 22 Tuesday | 23 Wednesday | 24 Thursday | 25 Friday |
| Chicken Fajita, Pears, Veggies & Dip, milk | BBQ, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Peaches, milk | Chili, Veggies & Dip, Mixed Fruit, Bread, milk | Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce, Bread, milk | Pizza, Salad Bar, Pineapple, milk |

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|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|
| 28 Monday | 29 Tuesday | 30 Wednesday | 31 Thursday | 1 Friday |
| Beefy Nachos, Corn, Peaches, milk | Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Bread, milk | Hamburger on a bun, Tater Barrels, Baked Beans, Applesauce, milk | Mostacioli, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Pineapple, milk | |

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Lunch Prices: Reduced 22 days @ \$.40=\$8.80 K-5 22 days @ \$1.60=\$35.20
Grades 6-12 22 days @ \$1.85=\$40.70



Almond-Bancroft Apparel with Eagle logo for sale

Apparel may be seen in the Secondary Office.

Order forms are also available in the Secondary Office. Payment must accompany order form-make checks payable to Almond High School.

All orders are due by February 1st and delivery will be made mid February.

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| Short Sleeve Tee | \$10.00 |
| Long Sleeve Tee | \$15.00 |
| Hooded Sweatshirt | \$25.00 |
| Colorblock Crew Sweatshirt | \$25.00 |
| Tri-Color Hoodie | \$30.00 |
| Unisex Sweatpants | \$25.00 |
| Ladies Sweatpants | \$25.00 |
| Micro Poly Pullover | \$35.00 |

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Student Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

Special Message: _____



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

OPTION 3 \$15.00 Rose Pops

BONUS EXTRA \$1.00 BONUS EXTRA \$3.00

January 2008 Eagle Activity Calendar

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|---|---|-----|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Classes Resume Wrestling vs Pacelli 7pm | 4 GBB @ Rosholt BBB vs Rosholt | 5 Wrestling @ Wittenberg 10 am |
| 6 | 7 | 8 BBB vs Green Lake | 9 | 10 | 11 GBB vs Marion BBB@ Marion | 12 Wrestling @ Manawa |
| 13 | 14 Wrestling @ Athens 6pm Action Comm 6pm | 15 GBB @ Northern Lutheran | 16 | 17 | 18 GBB @ Port Ed BBB vs Port Ed. | 19 Wrestling @ Menominee Indian 9am |
| 20 | 21 PIE IMC 5:30pm | 22 BBB @ Wild Rose GBB vs Wild Rose | 23 | 24 Wrestling @ Wittenberg 7pm | 25 GBB @ Gresham BBB vs Gresham | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 BBB @ Necedah | 30 | 31 | | |
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