

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

June 2010

Senior Trip 2010-Washington D. C.



The class trip was an amazing experience that will hold many of my high school memories. It gave our class a chance to really connect away from school in a fun way. We saw some really amazing things that shaped our country during its formation. Together we managed to stay out of trouble and experience a world outside of Almond-Bancroft. I'd like to thank all the chaperones, administration, and our tour guide Bill Torado, who was very knowledgeable on all the sites.

~Brant Bickford, Senior Class President

Senior Tea "Spa Night" Hosted by P.I.E.



The Senior Tea "Spa Night" was held on May 19th at 7:00 pm. The library, FACE room and hallway were transformed into a "Spa" like atmosphere. Senior girls, along with a female guest, enjoyed stations that included; "Hot Wax" by Dana Christianson of Heavenly Hair, who provided lip or eyebrow waxing, "You Yoga" by Erin Andrews, who taught relaxing yoga positions, "Mighty Massage" by three massage artists, who gave the ladies an eight minute chair massage, "Pampered Hands & Feet" by P. I.E. members; Trina Warzynski, Leslie Burns, Betony Trzebiatowski, Kathy Miner, and volunteers, Marquerite Baumgartner, Val

Gendusa, Michelle Warzynski & Pat Voss; who applied Satin hands, paraffin wax dips on hands, ring cleaning, foot baths, foot massages, and finger nail painting. Sandy Cuila helped with set up and take down and Michelle Lansing put together gift bags for the senior girls. A relaxing and indulging time was had by all.

June Dates To Remember

6/3-MS Awards 1:30 pm, 8th Grade Promotion 2:00 pm

6/4-Early Release 12:00 pm, Last Day Of School

6/5-MS Student Senate Car Wash & Cookout 12-6 pm Details on page 13

6/8-P.I.E. Meeting 7:00 pm

6/13-Eagle Booster Club Meeting 7:00 pm

6/14-Summer School Program Begins

6/16-Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 pm

ATTENTION PARENTS OF INCOMING FRESHMAN 2010-11:

The Freshman
Orientation Meeting
will be held on
Monday,
August 9, 2010
at 7:00 pm
in the
Almond-Bancroft
HS Auditorium

High School Student Of The Week April 6 – 9, 2010



I have chosen Kristen Hafferman for student of the week. Kristen works very hard at her math and participates very well in class. She always strives to do the best she can on each assignment given. This extra effort is great. Keep up the good work. ~Mr. Bradley

High School Student Of The Week April 26 - 30, 2010



I selected Desiree Haviland as student of the week because she is a hard-working and conscientious student. Desiree always completes her work on time and usually works ahead of schedule to complete class projects. Desiree has also been my student aide for the past two years. She is always cheerful and willing to help out. ~ *Mike Gerlach*

Almond-Bancroft School District Mission Statement
The Almond-Bancroft School District, with support of families
and community members, will provide a safe and supportive
learning environment, which challenges and prepares each student
for success today and tomorrow.

High School Student Of The Week April 19 - 23, 2010



I have selected John Waggoner as my student of the week. John works really hard in and out of the classroom to improve his skills as a musician, he has really improved his improvisation and jazz skills. He has also done some great work composing music for guitar and string bass. $\sim Mr$. Gingery

The 2010 Junior Prom Court, "A Night to Remember"



(Standing L to R): Tyler Meddaugh, Audra Anderson, Richard Domenget, Datonn Ammel, Rabe Avery, Deanna Felella, Lucas Meddaugh, Stephanie Rodriquez, Zach Perzinski, Rachel Penza, Nick Chapa, Jeff Fletcher (Seated): Brittany Degler, Page-Chloee Dernbach, Queen-Emily Schude, King-Cory Richtmyre, Page-Connor Newby, Jessica Dorgan.

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

366-2941

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

Middle School Students Of The Month



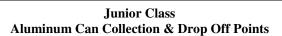
During the first week of May the following middle school students were honored for their excellence over the month of April. The Students of the Month include the following: Johl Turzinski, Megan Wiczek and Angie Iwanski. From the sixth grade we honored Johl Turzinski. Johl is a fun student to have in class; he is always full of energy and has a smile on his face. He works very hard and does extremely well in all of his classes. Johl is a positive influence on his classmates and is always willing to lend a helping hand when others struggle. He has a great attitude and is a great student in every classroom! From the seventh grade we honored Megan Wiczek. Megan is a very polite and respectful student; she is pleasant and her attitude is always positive. Megan puts forth her very best in all she does and is a very hard worker. She always has her work done on time with the highest quality. Megan is an all around awesome kid and we love to have her in class! From the eighth grade we honored Angie Iwanski. Angie is very studious and polite. She always does her very best and completes work with the best quality. Angie is a great leader, and always stands up for what she believes in. She is a positive member of any class!

Thank you for your hard work, Congratulations!



The Administration and Staff at Almond-Bancroft wish everyone a safe and fun summer vacation.

Almond-Bancroft
School District
Vision Statement
We are a
collaborative
community focused on
continued growth in
opportunities, choices, and
expectations for all students.
We prepare self-motivated
and responsible students to
become well-rounded and
successful citizens.



Drop-off points for donated aluminum cans are in Bancroft at Schmidt Metals and in Almond behind the school. The Junior class greatly appreciates your aluminum can donations!





Alborada A Latin-American Show

On May 18th P.I.E. brought to the Almond-Bancroft elementary students a program full of music, dancing and student participation including instruments created of wood, clay and armadillo. Songs were preformed in English, Spanish and Quecha (a native language of the Inca Indians). All students moved, danced and laughed to the great music and antics by Alborada.



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

Help Make One of Wisconsin's Best Ideas...Even Better!

The Almond-Bancroft A.C.E.S. members, along with the Waushara County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail, would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join in an Ice Age Trail Building Event from August 12th thru August 15th. Volunteers of all ages and talents are welcomed, as a new section of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, just a few miles northeast of Coloma, is hand crafted.

Volunteers are needed to help build the trail, no experience or equipment needed. Certified crew leaders will train volunteers in trail building techniques. They also need volunteers to help prepare and serve meals to all of the hungry volunteers. There is also a need for friendly and organized volunteers to help keep the project running smoothly.

Work will begin at 8:00 am each day and conclude by 5:00 pm, except Sunday when it will conclude at noon. Any amount of time you can contribute to this project, from an hour to the full four days, will be greatly appreciated. Meals will be provided, as well as a place to camp nearby if interested. Bring sturdy boots, leather gloves, water bottles and insect repellent.

For more details and to preregister for this event, you can visit www.iceagetrail.org or call the IATA at (800) 227-0046. If you are interested in activities sponsored year-round by the Ice Age Trail Alliance's Waushara County Chapter, contact coordinator Randy Lennartz (lennartz@centurytel.net, or 920-787-2333) or visit www.iceagetrail.org/Waushara/index.htm.

Adventure Club with Environmental Services (A.C.E.S) Update

On Friday, April 30th the A.C.E.S members had the chance to try the sport lacrosse. The UWSP Women's Lacrosse Team came by to introduce the basic rules and skills. Members learned how to throw, catch, and cradle, along with a few strategies. After practicing the techniques, they got the chance to play a game! Members enjoyed the opportunity to try a different sport.

Things to look for:

- * Ski trip opportunities for all ages.
- * JOIN OUR CLUB!!! (A.C.E.S. is open to students grades 9-12)

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



"Wall Of Honor" News: From Karin Mather, Mickey Van Ert & Esther Whitman

Supporting The Troops

As the school years ends, we will not end our support of the Troops. Through the summer months Danielle Manock and Esther Whitman will meet at Danielle's home to fill boxes and do mailings.

The Almond Legion Auxillary is paying the postage to send the boxes.

Funds are needed to help buy supplies to fill the boxes. You can get donations to Danielle or Esther.

Boxes are sent to Troops that are stationed in the Middle East. Please call Esther (366-2174) with names and/or news of any other military personnel serving our country as they leave for duty or return home.

These are the soldiers who are currently receiving boxes as they serve in the Middle East:

Larry Sanchez (A-B graduate)

Daniel Abundiz (A-B graduate)

Steven Van Ert (A-B graduate)

Brittney (Davenport) Amador (A-B graduate)

Brenden Henske (son of A-B teacher Missy Henske)

In addition to the American Legion Auxiliary, we would like to thank Paradise Farms for donating "Pickles In A Pouch" and Girl Scout Troop 6046 for their delicious cookies.



High School Choir Notes... By Crystal Frank



Back Row: Jade Stuebs, Jenny Hunkins, Dominique Miner, Sierra Stucker & Cynthia Nigh Front Row: Datonn Ammel, Stephanie Rodriquez, & Danielle Folan Not Present: Amber Hintz & Danielle Dykes

Show Choir News

On Wednesday, April 14th the ABHS Show Choir performed at the LWML Women's Rally at the Lutheran Church on County D here in Almond. The Show Choir performed "Fly Away Medley" which contained songs such as Fly Away, We'll Understand It Better By and By, When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, On Jordan's Stormy Banks and When the Saints Go Marchin' In. Amazing Grace was also performed as a duet by Datonn Ammel and Danielle Folan.

The ladies involved in the ABHS Show Choir give up part of their lunch period twice a week to learn and practice their music. These young ladies have put in a lot of time and hard work this year and I'm very proud of them. Great job ladies!



Datonn Ammel, Raymond Pieters, Danielle Dykes

State Solo & Ensemble News

Three students participated in the State Solo & Ensemble Festival this spring. Ray Pieters performed a vocal solo and earned a 1st, Datonn Ammel and Danielle Dykes performed a vocal duet and earned a 1st, Datonn Ammel performed a classical solo receiving a 1st and a musical theater solo earning a 1st and an Exemplary State Soloist Award. Great job you have made us all proud!



Friends Of Music News By: Renie Milanowski, Co-Chair, Friends of Music

Giving thanks...

In this final Friends of Music newsletter article for the 2009-2010 school year, I would like to give thanks to our school and community. Most recently, thank you to those volunteers who assisted during our Variety Show dinner fundraiser: Royal Gingery, Crystal Frank, Jean and Shelby Swan, Rena and Hunter Laska, Jordan Bowden, Sam and Levi Milanowski, Cassy Kollock, Lisa Vann, Pat McDonald, Miranda Borchardt, and Dominique Miner.

Thank you also to our basketball fans, student helpers, parents and community members who provided or purchased baked goods, Colligan's Bakery, Cheese Pleasers, Guth Farms, Dan Boxx, Betty and Megan Burns, and Norm and Carol Kurkowski for your donations and assistance to our music students during this past year.

And for our music students, our family's Pastor said it best a few weeks ago, during a church service, when he led the congregation in giving thanks..."...for all singers and musicians and all who work in form or color to increase the joy of life...for poets and craftsmen, for all who rejoice in their work and make things well."

To all of our graduating seniors, I will greatly miss you, one in particular, named Levi. We are very proud of all of you and wish you the best always. And, remember, you can always come home to visit us. I would like to share with you a quote from someone whom most students know:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

— Doctor Seuss

It has been an honor and privilege this past year to represent and be a part of the Friends of Music at Almond-Bancroft. Thank you.

Secondary Counselor News: From the Desk of Ms. Spencer

Almond-Bancroft Class of 2010 Scholarship Recipients

Academic Excellence (1 person at \$2,250) – Steven Swan

National Honor Society (2 people at \$250 each) – Brant Bickford & Christopher Roeske

Sandra McKone (1 person at \$1,000) – Steven Swan

Bancroft Lions (1 person at \$500) – Braden Hunkins

Almond Lions (2 people at \$500) – Danielle Folan & Melanie Vallery

Jacob Memorial (1 person at \$500) – Raymond Pieters

Joe Connor (1 person at \$500) – Benedict Turzinski

Ben and Theresa Turzinski (1 person at \$500) – Benedict Turzinski

Angie Sheldon (1 person at \$750) – Raymond Pieters

AAEA (1 person at \$1,000) – Melanie Vallery

Bill & Anna Wallner (1 person at \$300) – Katelyn Schude

Almond American Legion Mead-Rath-Gutke Post 339 (1 person at \$500) – Luke Zelinski

Edward "Bud" Berry Memorial (2 people at \$500 each) - Luke Zelinski & Brooke Yonke

Michael A. Holden Memorial (1 person at \$250) – Kenneth Smith

The Sons of the American Legion (1 person at \$500) – Raymond Pieters

John & Jean Judd Business (1 person at \$500) – Bradley Manock

Almond-Bancroft Athletic Booster Club (2 people at \$500 each) - Brant Bickford & Katelyn Schude

Almond United Methodist Church Lydia Yohn Memorial (1 person at \$1,000) – Danielle Folan

Almond United Methodist Church Beverly Christman Memorial (1 person at \$1,000) - Kelsey McIntee

Melvin R. Laird Youth Leadership (1 person at \$2,000) – Steven Swan

Wausau Stettin Mutual (1 person at \$500) – Katelyn Schude



What is the Parent Project®?

www.parentproject.com

- A 10 to 16 week parent-training program designed specifically for parents of strong-willed or out-of-control adolescent children
- The curriculum teaches concrete prevention, identification, and intervention strategies for the most destructive of adolescent behaviors (poor school attendance and performance, alcohol and other drug use, gangs, runaways, and violent teens).

How does it work?

- Parents meet one night per week, three hours per night, for 16 weeks.
- Parents attend and learn, in a classroom model, to manage teen behavior problems at home.
- Parents receive and work within an activity based 216 page curriculum "A Parent's Guide to Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior," available only to program participants.
- Parent support groups are formed using the UCLA self-help support group model.

Upcoming Class Offerings

Location: 801 Hwy HH/Hwy 10 (Good News Church), Stevens Point, WI

Dates: 6/8/10 – 9/28/10 (11 sessions)

Time: 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm

Cost: Two Parents and one Teen - \$38.50 One Parent and one Teen - \$32.00 One Parent and no Teen - \$25.50

Additional Teens - \$6.50

The above costs represent the materials fee. Community sponsors supplement the program costs.

Facilitators: Dr. John L Krzich and Stephanie Krzich

Concurrent Teen Program Available: A parallel program for teens, chosen for its compatibility with the Parent Project curriculum, emphasizing personal responsibility, decision making skills, and responsibility to others is offered concurrently with the above Parent Project class. While parents are involved in the Parent Project curriculum, teens meet with a facilitator separately to learn to approach problems (including family conflict) more thoughtfully.

Registration Information Contact: Stephanie Krzich Phone: 920-372-3300

Best Time to Call: 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Email: stephaniekrzich@yahoo.com



LMC Awards 2009-2010

At the High School Awards Ceremony on May 7, Jeff Rykal presented the Schleizer Award to two deserving LMC students. These awards are given annually in the memory of Paul and Matt Schleizer, two brothers who were responsible and hardworking members of the Library Club and Sound Team. The awards have been given out to deserving library students since 1999. This year's honorees received certificates of appreciation and also had their names placed on special plaques located in the LMC.



The Paul Schleizer Sound Team Award went to **Jacob Clark**. Although he is only a junior, this is the second consecutive year that this award has gone to Jacob. He is always willing to go the extra mile to help teachers and other students - even if it means volunteering to work in his free time. Jacob has been a great asset to the LMC- working on AV and computer equipment, picking up books from the elementary classrooms, shelving books - whatever library task there is to be done, Jacob will tackle it.

The Matt Schleizer LMC Award went to **Brianna Cummings**. This young lady always has a smile on her face; Brianna has an incredibly positive attitude. She has been a kind, conscientious, mature, and responsible LMC Science student who has checked out books to elementary students, laminated

posters, and worked on a variety of projects. As a graduating senior, her reliable and excellent service to the LMC will be missed. Congratulations to both Brianna and Jacob!

Additional students were also honored for their outstanding service to the School LMC. These exemplary Library Science students were: **Danielle Folan, Elizabeth Galindo, Audrey Sanders, Dylan Schafer, Brandon Lehman, Heather Merila, Patricia Ramirez, Kiara Turzinski, Marissa Warzynski,** and **John Waggoner**. Thank you all for your assistance in helping students and staff in the school LMC this year!

Thanks Everyone!

As another school year comes to an end, I'd like to thank all the generous people of our district who have donated books, magazines, videos, DVDs, and old calendars to the LMC. The school is very appreciative of your support. This past month, the following donations were received from these thoughtful individuals and families: the **Lynn Hintz** family (a wonderful assortment of elementary books, magazines, and books for the 4K students), **Lisa Vann** (Spanish and bilingual books), **Mickey Van Ert** (assorted magazines and calendars), **Pat Leary** (Almond-Bancroft School Yearbooks, from years past), **Jeff Hunt** (*Farm & Ranch* magazines), **Cathy Guth** (a set of delightful and popular *Tractor Mac* books for children), **Leslie Burns** (*Parenting* and *Good Housekeeping* magazines), **Dorothy Helmrick** (*Birds & Blooms* and the *Wisconsin Historical Society Newsletter*), **Cathy Kunst** (hardcover children's books including titles on Native Americans), and others who wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you all! And best wishes to everyone for a wonderful summer!



A-B Family Resource Center News

Almond-Bancroft FRC

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10 am in Almond during June, July & August Office hours by appointment

Special Playgroups

Monday, June 7 at Boston School Forest (with Stevens Point FRC) Call 341-3609

*NOTE: This will be in place of June 8th playgroup.

Tuesday, June 22 at 10:00 am - Teddy Bear Picnic at Bancroft Park

Bring your favorite teddy bear and we'll provide snack and blankets.

Thursday, July 1 at 10:30 am -The Frog Prince Puppet Show Followed by an Ice Cream Social

Register @ 341-3609 and coordinator will contact library with group registration.

Tuesday, July 13-Outdoor Fun Day – Sidewalk chalk, bubbles, games, and more.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 27</u>-Rainbow Fish Day – We'll read the book, make our own Rainbow Fish and have Goldfish for snack. <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 10</u>-Wacky Water Fun Day - Come dressed in swimsuit and bring a towel. Squirt toys and other water toys are welcome.

Tuesday, August 24 - End of Summer Picnic @ 10 am at the Bancroft Park

Bring something to share and FRC will provide a special treat.

We are also planning a Family Fun Event for this summer. Please call 341-3609 for more information.

May Eagles Athletic Events



6/1-Softball Regional TBD Baseball Regional TBD 6/2-Baseball Regional TBD 6/3-Softball Regional TBD

*Dates and times are subject to change.

Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Screenings Dates

Wednesday, July 21, 2010 5:30-8:00 pm Ministry Medical Group Orthopedics-Plover

Tuesday, July 27, 2010 **Ministry Medical Group Orthopedics-Stevens Point**

The cost of the physical is \$25.00 -due at the time of the exam.

\$20.00 of the fee will be donated back to the Almond-Bancroft athletic department.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 715-342-7800

Ministry Medical Group Sports Physicals-Peds Dept. 715-342-7655

Wed. June 30th, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Jennifer I. Weiser

-Dr. James A. Kasukonis

Thurs. July 8th, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Jeanne T. Groos

-Dr. Ralph M. Locher

Tues. July 13th, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Jeanne T. Groos

-Dr. Ralph M. Locher

Tues. July 27th, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Jennifer I. Weiser

-Dr. Ralph M. Locher

Mon. August 2nd, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Anne Marie Reed

-Dr. Ronald T. Locascio

Wed. August 4th, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Luke Tremble

-Dr. Jeanne T. Groos

Tues. August 10th, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Luke Tremble

-Dr. Ronald T. Locascio

Thurs. August 12th, 4:00-8:00 pm

-Dr. Anne Marie Reed

-Dr. James A. Kasukonis

Sport Light **EAGLES**

HUNKINS SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT



(Photo by Lynn Hintz Photography)

Braden Hunkins, son of Scott and Renee Hunkins has signed his letter of intent to play baseball at Riverland College in Austin MN. Riverland is a Division III Junior College that is currently ranked fourth in the nation. Braden has had a passion for baseball from the time he could hold a bat and ball. Braden has played in the Plover Whiting Youth Athletics (PWYA) program from the ages of 5 through 16. He then went on to play for the Plover Blacksox (American Le-

gion Post 543). Braden has been a part of the Almond-Bancroft High Baseball program where he has lettered his first three years and been named to the All-Conference teams all three years. Favorite baseball memories: playing in the final game of the AAA Junior Legion State Tournament where he pitched and playing Tigerton his Senior year where he batted 4 for 4 with three homeruns. Braden would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported him with his dream to baseball and helped him to have the opportunity to play at the next level.

Braden was also recently Channel 9 News, Athlete of the Week. Congratulations Braden.

American Legion Awards

Senior Boy Athlete-Ken Smith Senior Girl Athlete-Katelyn Schude

Boy Scholar Athlete-Brant Bickford, Alternate Chris Roeske Girl Scholar Athlete-Danielle Folan, Alternate Brooke Yonke Matt Schleizer Award-Brad Manock

WIAA Scholar Athlete Awand-Steven Swan & Danielle Folan Gannett Media Sports Awards-Brandt Bickford, Danielle Folan Three Sport Awards-

Brooke Yonke, Katie Schude, Brant Bickford, Luke Zelinski & Brad Manock Academic All Conference Lettered Student Athletes-

Seniors-Steven Swan, Chris Roeske, Brant Bickford & Ray Pieters, Juniors-Danielle Dykes & Lucas Meddaugh, Sophomores-Jon Pagel, Danielle Dahms, A.J. Ellie, Sorcia Rock, Brandon Lehman & Jeff Kollock, Freshman-Kiara Turzinski

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, August 9, 2010 5:00 pm -HS Football equipment pick up 6:30 pm -HS Fall Sport Meeting

Coaches Needed

Middle School Football Fall 2010

If you have any interest or know someone who is interested please contact, Jeff Rykal-Principal, 366-2941 x 416 or Art Pagel -Athletic Director,

366-2941 x 313

middle school is August 23rd.

Don't forget your physicals.

Volleyball News *Volleyball camp, for players entering grades 7-9 fall of 2010, Will be held on Monday, June 21st through Thursday June 24th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm each day. *Almond summer league for high school begins Tuesday June 15th in the west gym at 6 pm. *High school camp will be held on Tuesdays June 15th, 22nd and **29**th at 3:30 to 5:30 in the west gym. *The 1st day of practice for the high school is August 16th &





Back (L to R): Sam Spohn, Nick Chapa, Michael Hartman, Coach Gerlach, Brad Manock, Chris Roske, Coach Negro, Jon Pieters, Ray Pieters, Jeff Kollock Front (L to R): Jade Stuebs, Deanna Felella, Jarek Dake, Katie Schude, Cody Leonardt, Emily Schude, Amber Hintz





Back (L to R): Coach Berry, Coach Gendusa, Dani Folan, Brooke Yonke, Brianna Cummings, Jessica Dorgan, Brianna Kawlewski, Kiara Turzinski, Coach Yonke Middle: Manager Lacey, Riley Anderson, Deziree Warzynski, Destiny Dykes, Alison Evilsizor-Siem, Danielle Dahms, Danielle Dykes, Marissa Warzynski, Manager Payton Front: Heather Merila, Taylor Martines, Stephanie Rodriquez, Rachel Penza, Mandi Crahan, Daytonn Ammel, Amy Stricker







Back (L to R): Coach Dernbach, Brant Bickford, Jeff Fletcher, Kevin Buckenburger, Steven Swan, Braden Hunkins, Luke Zelinski, Brandon Warzynski, Lucas Meddaugh, Mason Sigourney, Coach Mehne

Front: Garret Warzynski, Tyler Bunders, Kenneth Smith, Dylan Warzynski, Drew Painter

ALMOND-BANCROFT JV BASEBALL 2010



Back (L to R): Coach Dernbach, Garret Warzynski, Jeff Fletcher, Kevin Buckenburger, Mason Sigourney, Nick Burns, Drew Painter, Coach Mehne Front: Steaphan Lischke, Avery Faehling, Brett Beigel, Tyler Bunders, Shane Bembenek, Robert Fay Not Pictured: Merrick Meddaugh

Team Photos
Taken and Submitted By
Lynn Hintz Photography



First graders draw the new pond during art class.

Extreme Makeover: Courtyard Edition

"It's like an extreme makeover!" was how a 4th grade student described the courtyard on his first visit to the new garden space. The elementary courtyard has been transformed over the past 6 weeks. Many people offered support and help with clean-up, layout and planting to make this neglected place an inviting outdoor classroom for students, teachers and the community. Pathways, seating areas, garden beds, a pond, a birdhouse and nesting robins have already provided many learning (and teaching) opportunities for students. The gardens include plants (saved and replanted by teachers) that have been growing for years along with too many weeds for them to thrive or be seen.

When the first phase of the plan is complete, in addition to the perennial gardens, there will be a garden for students to plant and harvest, enough seating for class use, a picnic table and rain barrels to water the plants and the pond. This natural sanctuary

will be a valuable place to study and enjoy nature through science, art, math, language arts and conservation.

Thanks to all who have contributed their time and ideas, with special thanks to the following groups and individuals for helping to make this project a success:

Mr. Boxx and the School Board for their generous support; Doug Rehwinkel who donated a portion of his time landscaping; Orrin and Nicole Ambrose for planning and creating the pond; PIE for the pond's solar pump; the Anderson Family for the birdhouse and feeder they built and donated; Peg Doede for many hours of shared physical labor and moral support; Tom Collins for helping ignite the spark to begin; and Target Stores and Home Depot for cash donations.

Sarah Ritter, Elementary Art Teacher



Doug Rehwinkel lays path edging.



Nicole, Orrin and Kizer Ambrose by the new pond they created.



Partners In Education News

Many Thanks From P.I.E.. A HUGE thank you goes out to all families who donated desserts or salad items towards Almond-Bancroft Staff Appreciation Day. The teaches, retirees and all other staff greatly appreciated it! Also, thank you to everyone who helped with this years Senior Tea; all volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated by not only P.I.E. but also the graduating senior girls. Thank you so much for your time and talents.

Listed below you will find the last meeting date of the school year, as well as a general list of topics that will be addressed.

Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Re-cap of previous PIE events Scheduling all future PIE meetings for the 2011-2012 school year Input for improvements or additions Please contact **Trina Warzynski** at **366-2941 ext 422 or 366-2773 or Kathy Miner** at **366-2854** if attending a meeting is not possible, but you would still like to become involved. Partners In Education values all input! Thank you to all who have helped to make Partners In Education capable of providing educational and fun experiences for students throughout the years!

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

Option 2: (\$10.00) Same as #1, but with addition of A-B stuffed eagle.

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noisemaker, card, rose or pops, beads and A-B stocking hat.

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

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

Student Name:	Birthday:	Grade/Teacher:
Special Message:		
OPTION 1 \$5.00 Rose Pops	OPTION 2 \$10.00Rose _	_Pops OPTION 3 \$15.00RosePops
Bonus Extra \$1.00Bonus Extra \$	\$3.00	





Cinco de Mayo Celebration Brightened the Day for Almond-Bancroft Students

Lisa Vann, Spanish Teacher and English Language Learners Coordinator of Almond-Bancroft Schools wanted to create a service-learning project that her high school Spanish students would remember for the rest of their lives. On May 5th, 2010 her classes spent the afternoon with second graders, during multicultural activities that included Huichole Yarn Art, Tacos and Tales of Multicultural Diversity, and multi-colored water balloon tosses, ending the day in a Latin dance that involved almost 100 participants. Second grade teachers Sarah Blokhuis, Amanda Negro, and Missy Henske were thrilled to allow high school students to lead their classes in this unique blend of bonding that breaks barriers and promotes cultural appreciation. Mrs. Vann is very proud of her students' dedication and efforts to make the day a success.

High School students participating in the event reflected on the successes of the day with pride. Amber Hintz stated, "I liked it when all of the kids got in a big group and they were all dancing like crazy. They looked so carefree, happy, and innocent I couldn't help but smile and laugh. I know I did well because all of the kids I met have said hi to me and hugged me since then. I don't think I could have done a better job." Rylee Anderson said, "The kids were so excited that we were there. They look up to us. I think we should do more with them. It's very fun!"

Danielle Folan said, "I learned to make yarn art and dance. The second graders could dance well." Deziree Warzynski said, "Teaching the kids and watching all of them was a great time!" Danielle Dykes said, "I could tell that we had a big impact on the kids. I remember everything they said and thought they were cool. I'm happy we got to do this awesome experience. I hope we get to do it again sometime soon." Danielle Dahms said, "I hope the little kids had as much fun as me!"

Future teachers included Stephanie Rodriguez who said, "What I learned from the day was working together to solve racial problems. Many people take certain races for granted these days. Not many people look into other races. All they see is you're different. I wish there were more people that were understanding. They need to realize that different is good. The kids don't see the colors of skin; they see personalities. Maybe for once we should listen and learn from kids." Melanie Vallery added, "One of the main reasons I did like to work with the younger children is because I want to be in your position one day. Getting the experience to work with a group of new younger kids was very rewarding. It was nice to see such enthusiasm and fun the students had for the activities."

Brandon Lehman learned new skills for working with younger students. "You have to be patient. They need help sometimes and this is what you build off friendships with...help. You need to introduce yourself and ask questions." Jeanette Colombe said, "I am an expert at making yarn flower petals! Helping the second graders was a lot more fun than sitting in class. I think we should do that much more often. I love working with the little kids. They have so much imagination!" Mandi Crahan says, "I think this should be a yearly event for the elementary kids and the Spanish students." Dominique Miner was touched by the courage and compassion of a second grader who shaved her head because her grandma has cancer. "I had fun helping her. I learned more about the students."

Sorcia Rock's reflection of this celebratory day sums it up. "For *Cinco de mayo* Spanish classes were released to spend their day enjoying the company of second graders with food, water balloons, and beautiful yarn art. As we did this you could see the different personality each child as they placed brightly colored bits of string across pieces of paper forming the shapes of hearts and suns and mothers day cards. Tacos were a different story. Instead of brightly colored bits of yarn it was the colors of cheese and lettuce and taco meat scattered across white plates with little fingers picking at the food as if it was an unknown food. By story hour the food was forgotten to enjoy the bright colors of rainbows splashed across the book covers. Watching them pick up on the fact that the world wouldn't be the same if all the colors didn't exist was like watching sophomores in geometry. Once the story started the attention was directed to Patricia Ramirez and every bilingual word she spoke. Speaking occurred outside too as chalk drawings brightened the sidewalks for the rest of the close community to enjoy. Then the water balloons came out and it went from gentle waves to the shrill and shrieks as water splashed across the big kids and across their cute little toes. This is what I saw during Cinco de Mayo as I took the 200 pictures to document this AMAZING day." Have a look at the pictures and see for yourself! Indeed it wasAMAZING.







AB AmeriCorps News



Skulls, Pelts, and Poops...Oh My!

On March 31, Keith Bollinger, from the UWSP Wildlife Society, presented to the Almond elementary students on the subject of wildlife skulls, pelts, poops, and crane migration. Students took part in an activity where they became Wisconsin's crane population and learned about different aspects of crane life.

After several questions from the students,

Bollinger read a short passage from The Last River Rat, written by Kenny Salwey. The message Bollinger wanted to send with the kids



was the fact that they are the future of the natural world and they need to care for it with understanding, care and appreciation. As the students left, one of them said, "I wish we could learn more things like this in school."

To learn more about crane migration and general wildlife, please contact Keith Bollinger by email at Keith.A.Bollinger@uwsp.edu. You can also find out more about UWSP's Wildlife Society by checking out www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/wildlife.

It was Pawsitively educational and fun

On Friday, April 16, Renea Dahms, from Pawsitively Unleashed, presented to the Almond elementary students and community about bite prevention and canine behavior. Mrs. Dahms explained the different mannerisms of dogs and how the students should act if they are faced with an unstable canine.

The elementary students played games, looked at pictures of dogs in different moods and they were also able to work with a live dog on simple tricks.

Mrs. Dahms is a licensed bite prevention specialist and is happy to attend local events, attend home visits and loves to have people attend her training sessions in Custer, Wisconsin. If you would like to find out more about dog training classes or to learn more about the different mannerisms of canines, you may visit Renea Dahms' website at **www.pawsitivelyunleashed. com**. She can also be reached at 715-347-3294.

AHC ends on a positive note

The After Hours Center would like to thank parents, teachers, school staff, and community members for the support given throughout the school year. AHC had its last day of tutoring on May 25 and a celebration of their hard work the following day. Students celebrated a positive year by playing Nintendo Wii, dodgeball, and networking with the Boys & Girls Club.

On a proactive note, we would like you to think about the AHC program next year. Students will need tutoring in the core subject areas and the mentoring aspect of this program is pivotal to provide students a sense of belonging, usefulness, importance and competence. We look forward to seeing you next

Junior Achievement in AB middle school

For the month of March, Mr. Kujawa's seventhgrade students took part in a program called Junior Achievement in order to connect civics with today's entrepreneurial skills. Each student learned the four characteristics of being an entrepreneur, and when these skill-sets were understood the students put their own entrepreneurial traits to work.

Two groups of seventh-grade entrepreneurs came up with a business plan for the A-B communities to think about creating a teen center for them and other young people to attend after school. The presentations were so impressive that Mr. Collins invited the two groups to take their business plans and present them to the school board on Wednesday, May 19th.

Nicholas Figueroa and Anthony Hintz, two seventh-grade students, were very instrumental in the teen center process. Nicholas said, "As a group we know teens need a place to go after school. This place needs to be safe, organized and fun." If you are interested in the Junior Achievement program, check out their web site at:

http://portagecounty.ja.org

All volunteers invited to AB Fun Day

On Tuesday, June 1, all volunteers who filled out a volunteer application and worked at least one hour in the AB school district is invited to the A-B Fun Day. There will be inflatables such as sumo suits, bungee runs, boxing gloves and ring and an inflatable obstacle course.

Volunteers will also be able to enjoy food and beverages. Besides food, volunteers will receive an (enter prize) as a thank you for your time. If that's not enough, please take part in the carnival and take a chance at winning great prizes along-side the elementary and middle-school students.

To join the fun, please call Tom Collins and let him know you are attending. You may reach Tom at 715-366-2941 *310.

Or email him at: tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us. If you are interested in checking out the newest volunteer opportunities within the district, you may visit our volunteer web site at:

www.volunteersrock.org

YMCA FITNESS REVOLUTION!

Improve your health and look and feel better than ever by signing up for the Stevens Point Area YMCA's Fitness Revolution class! This interactive group fitness class makes a transition from calorie torching cardio exercises to the most effective muscle building strength training exercises during each session. This class also provides you with tips on how to get fit and stay that way as well as information and instruction on how to stay injury free through effective warm ups and flexibility techniques. Regardless of your age, gender, body composition, or ability level you can improve your fitness with Fitness Revolution!

Class includes a free pre and post test fitness evaluation and a free pedometer for all participants for the option of tracking their daily steps in and out of class. Participant max is 15 per class so sign up today for this 8-week class at the Stevens Point Area YMCA or at the main office at the Almond-Bancroft School District.

Class registration info:

Registration begins-Friday, May 21tst at the Stevens Point Area YMCA or the Almond Bancroft School District Office

Register for classes from one of the two offered times:

<u>Monday</u> evenings starting June 7th from 6:00pm-7:00pm (15 participant max)

Wednesday mornings starting June 9th from 5:30am-6:00am (15 participant max)

Price for session (8 weeks, 8 classes):

\$16.00 for YMCA members or \$20.00 for non-members

Participant max is 15 per class so sign up today at the Stevens Point Area YMCA or at the main office at the Almond-Bancroft School District. Classes are located at Almond-Bancroft Schools. Exact location is to be determined.



Middle School Dance—AB Luau

The middle school held their second dance of the school year on May 14 with a theme of Hawaiian Luau. Most dressed up in board shorts, Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses. However, many of the students went so far as to come out in grass skirts, flowers for their hair, sandals and straw hats with the ocean in mind.

Kip Gutke was the DJ for the night, and because of the wide variety of music he played the students danced the night away.

One student, Christian Bloede, walked up to the teaching staff and chapperones and said, "Thank you for the best night of my life."

Hailey Wierzba, Student Senate President, said she enjoys the dances so much that she would like to see the middle school hold a dance every month. "Now that we know how to plan a dance, we



Hannah and Angie cleaning up after the dance

could do this all of the time and everyone would love it," Wierzba mentioned.

The "Hawaiian Luau" dance was planned, promoted, and paid for by the Middle School Student Senate. Without this wonderful group of students none of this would have happened this year. Now that the school year is almost over it will soon be time to elect new offices to arrange events, community service offerings and fundraisers for the next school year. If you have any ideas for the MS Student Senate to work on, please call Ryan Peterson (At-Risk teacher) at 715-366-2941.

It's time to beautify Almond School

It's that time of year again where the gardening equipment is coming out of the garage and is ready for use. Almond School is hoping you will bring your tools and energy during the month of June to help plant flowers and trim shrubs in the front of the school to make it beautiful for the summer months. There is also the possibility of planting a small tomato, pepper and herb garden.

If you are not able to offer your gardening services but would still like to help, donations of plants and gardening tools will be accepted and appreciated. To be a part of this service project, please call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. You can also email Tom at

tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us

Middle School Senate Fundraiser

On **Saturday, June 5th,** the Middle School Senate is holding their first fundraiser. In the spirit of summer fun, they named it "The Carwash Cookout." If you are interested in cleaning up your car and eating something from the MS Menu, please stop by between the hours of **12pm—6pm on June 5th at Almond School.**

Carwash and Cookout Menu

Car Wash = \$5.00

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Food	Beverages
Brat = $$2.50$	Mountain Dew = $$1.00$
Hot $dog = 1.50	Fanta = \$1.00
Hamburger = \$2.00	Pepsi = \$1.00
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Many Thanks.....

Gus and I would like to thank Tyler Rodriquez, Cory Richtmyre, Dylan Warzynski, Sam Spohn and Mr. Wagner. The benches that you young men built for us in honor of Callyn, my son and Gus's brother, are truly beautiful. Your parents should be proud that they have raised some amazing children. I am very

proud to have these kind compassionate children in my life, as I am of all of the children in our District. Mr. Wagner, thank you so much for guiding and helping them. You have done a very good job of teaching them as you also did with my boys.

The road that I have walked this last year has been a very long journey and I am very thankful that I have had your children to walk with me, from the 4K all the way up to you parents. Be proud of your children, you have done a fine job of teaching them manners and respect. To all of you children, as you leave for the summer or to start your adult life on your own, please, please, remember why these benches were built for Gus and I. You are not invincible. My son made some bad choices, choices that have caused us, his family and friends, major pain and sadness. All of you have seen my sadness and pain. My son was not a bad person he just made some bad choices. He was human, as we all are, and we all make bad choices at times. Please consider your choices, if you find yourself in a position that you should not be driving or even riding always remember there is someone out there that will be more than willing to get you home safe. So when your parents ask or tell you not to do something they are not asking this of you to be mean,

they love you and do not ever want to feel the pain of a parents worst nightmare. So please enjoy your summer and your life, just be safe. I truly appreciate what you have done for me.

The cook lady, Connie Kaehn



We, True Harmony, want to thank everyone for coming to Austin's benefit and being so generous. With everyone's help it was a huge success. So far we are at over \$7,000.00. Well on our way for Austin to receive his service dog, from 4 paws for ability. A big thank you for letting us use the school too. Everything was much appreciated. Like we said it takes a village and with all the help with all the surrounding communities we couldn't be more thrilled.

Thank you from True Harmony.

I would like to express our family's appreciation for those that attended the concert, donated, and volunteered to support 4 Paws for Ability in honor of Austin Warzynski. Thank you Rochelle and Gary, Tom and Trish, and Deb and Charlie of True Harmony. Thank you Shelly McIntee and Nancy Mykisen of Mosquito Bluff. The music was excellent and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. We are a little over half way to our fundraising goal and getting very excited. Thank you for the use of the school's cafeteria and auditorium. Austin's dog will be ready 6 to 9 months after we reach our goal. Austin lives in a very supportive community. Thank you all very much.

The Alvin & Michele Warzynski Family

Thank you to
Richard & Heather Burns
for the donation of potatoes to the lunch program.
The students greatly enjoyed the
baked potato bar!



From The Desk Of Pat Leary, Food Service Director

Dear Parent(s),

I want to take the time to thank each and everyone of you for keeping your lunch bills paid up. It has been a great year. Connie has implemented new entrée's and the students are loving it. Healthier is our theme. Everyone have a great summer. I will be seeing a lot of you this summer in summer school, which will be great. Remember, meals are **free** for all Almond-Bancroft students (whether they attend summer school or not) during the Almond-Bancroft summer school program, Monday-Thursday, June 14th - July 1st and July 12th-July 29th. Breakfast is served from 8:00-8:30 am and lunch is served from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Enjoy your vacation, I will be looking forward to seeing how everyone has grown next fall.

Have fun,

Pat Leary Food Service Director

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ALMOND-BANCROFT 2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2010

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Aug. 18 — New Employee Orientation (Optional, 9 am – 4 pm)

<u>Aug. 26, 27, 31–</u> Staff Inservice

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Jan.3—Classes Resume

Jan . 21 - End 2nd quarter (46) Early release, staff .5 RK

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<u>Sept. 1</u>—First day for students

Sept. 6-Labor Day

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Oct. 28-29 — No School, State Convention

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MARCH 2011

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March 14 - 18 - No School - Spring Break

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Nov. 5 – End of 1st quarter, (45) Early release, Staff .5 RK Nov. 11&16 — P/T Conferences (4 – 7:30 pm) Nov. 19 - No School Nov. 24 – Early Release Nov. 25 - 26 — Thanksgiving Break

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APRIL 2011

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April 1 – End of 3rd
quarter(45) Early Release,
Staff .5 RK

<u>April 22</u> - No school Easter Break

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DECEMBER 2010

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Dec. 23 – Jan 2- Christmas

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May 30—No School, Memorial Day

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- # New Employee Orientation
- @ Teacher In-Service
- * Open House
- X No School
- ^ Early Release
- ~ Parent Conferences

JUNE 2011

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<u>June 7</u> - Last Day of School, End of 4th quarter (45) Early Release, Staff .5 RK

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Almond-Bancroft Menus, June 2010 **Breakfast & Lunch Menu** Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 31 2 No School Cooks Choice Cooks Choice Cooks Choice Cooks Choice Lunch Prices: Breakfast Prices: 4K Reduced (M-W) - 1 days @ .40 = \$.40Reduced - No Charge 4K (M-W) - 1 days @ 1.00 = \$1.00 4K Reduced (T-TH) 2 days@.40 = \$.80 4K (T-TH) - 2 days @ 1.00 = \$2.004K (M-W) - 1 days @ 1.60 = \$1.60K-12th arade - 4 days @ 1.00 = \$4.00 4K (T-TH) 2 days@ 1.60 = \$3.20 $K-12^{th}$ grade Reduced – 4 days @ .40 = \$1.60 $K-5^{th}$ grade -4 days @ 1.60 = \$6.40 $6^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade - 4 days @ 1.85 = \$7.40



PARENTS.....

IF YOUR CHILD HAS MEDICINE AT THE SCHOOL, PLEASE PICK IT UP BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.

IT WILL NOT BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD!

IF THE MEDICINE IS NOT PICKED UP BY THE END OF JUNE IT WILL BE DESTROYED.

Car Cruise
Benefit
For 4 Paws 4 Ability
In Honor Of
Austin Warzynski

June 19th at 1:00 PM

Cruise starting location,
Pop A Top in Bancroft.
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after return to Pop A Top.
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