



June 2011

June Dates To Remember

- 6/3-HS Final Exams
- 6/6-MS Awards,
1:30 pm
8th Grade
Promotion,
2:00 pm,
Auditorium
- 6/7-Last Day of School,
Early Release,
12:00 pm
- 6/13-Summer School
Program Begins
- 6/15-Board Of
Education
Meeting, 6:30 pm,
Almond School
Board Room



This year, the senior class decided to take their trip to Denver, Colorado. We had a great chance to get to know each other on the overly long bus ride of 20+ hours one way! While there, we saw and hiked the rocky mountains, visited the royale gorge, went white water rafting, rode a train up to Pike's Peak, and got to walk through and climb in the Garden of the Gods. The unanimous decision for the most fun event was definitely white water rafting. On our down time, we had a chance to swim, eat out together, and shop...A lot! I would like to thank our class advisor's and everyone who helped us raise money towards this trip. I would also like to thank Mr. Rykal and Mrs. Gille for chaperoning and sharing the trip with us. It was an amazing experience and I would do it again in a heartbeat. It was our class's last chance to be crazy kids together as a whole before we each take our separate paths in life.

Senior Class President, Danielle Dykes

**ATTENTION
PARENTS
OF INCOMING
FRESHMAN
2011-12:**

The Freshman
Orientation Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday,
August 2, 2011
at 7:00 pm
in the
Almond-Bancroft
HS Auditorium

Wisconsin Leadership Seminar Sophomore Selected



2011 marks the 34th straight year that the Wisconsin Leadership Seminar (WILS) will be offering it's free 3-day seminar to outstanding sophomores across Wisconsin. This high-energy weekend event consists of team-building activities, motivational speakers, community service, a talent show, small group discussions, and more. Leadership development is encouraged through emphasis on personal responsibility, volunteerism, increased social awareness, and open-minded analysis of all sides of an issue when making a decision. WILS was created to provide recognition and growth opportunities to students who act positively and to acknowledge their contributions made now and in the future.

Baylee Voss-Plutschack was selected this year to attend the event, which will be held in June at Carroll College in Waukesha. Baylee is a responsible, kind, and studious student and we are happy to have her represent Almond-Bancroft High School!

High School Student Of The Week

April 11-15



My choice for student of the week is Rabe Avery. This is the first year Rabe has been able to work my classes into his schedule. He possesses a natural flair for the creative arts and is very enjoyable to have in class. He takes his work seriously and is willing to spend extra time to perfect his projects.

~ Mrs. Dernbach

High School Student Of The Week

April 18-22



My student of the week is Jordan Bowden. Jordy is very helpful in choir class. He is always willing to move equipment, open the curtains for concerts, go the extra mile to help out and "hustle's" in choir.

~ Mrs. Frank

High School Student Of The Week

April 25-29



I select Angie Iwanski. Angie is a very conscientious and dedicated student. She works hard to do her best and always goes above and beyond the expectations for her class work. She participates well in class and takes initiative with extra credit questions.

~ Mr. Gerlach

High School Student Of The Week

May 2-6



I choose Dylan Schafer for student of the week. He is the type of student who no matter how hard things might be he keeps trying and never gives up. When Dylan walks into a room you can't help but smile because of the great humor that he brings into any classroom. Dylan has also improved with his grades this year. Dylan is a great student and I have really enjoyed working with him for the last two years. He will be greatly missed. ~ Mrs. Gille

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

715-366-2941 Extension 5,
MS HOTLINE PRESS 1, HS HOTLINE PRESS 2

This service is for parents and students. This will provide students and parents the option to call the hotline to listen to a recorded message containing the homework assignments for that school day.

Almond-Bancroft Schools hope that this service will promote better communication between school and community, as well as parent and student.

High School Student Of The Week

April 11-15



I have chosen Tyler Meddaugh as my student-of-the-week. Tyler has a bright personality that comes through in his great smile. He is polite and charming with a good sense of humor (he especially likes to tease middle-aged school teachers like myself); he also works well in my class. Over the years I have volunteered him to help me with different small jobs and he has done so without complaint. I will certainly miss him next year.

~ Mrs. Huebner

Middle School Students Of The Month

April 2011



One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for their overall excellence as a student. These students are selected based on their overall academic achievements and proper behavior in the classroom. Achieving excellent performance for the month of April are: Jacob Wierzba, Johl Turzinski, and Yanira Carrisoza.

From the sixth grade the winner is Jacob Wierzba. Jacob is a genuine young man that works very hard at school and always tries his best. He always has a positive attitude. He is a bright kid and is a great student to have in any classroom.

From the seventh grade the winner is Johl Turzinski. Johl is a positive, conscientious, and helpful student. He is a hard worker both in the classroom and extra-curricular activities. Johl is a polite young man who is always kind to others in his class. His fun personality makes any class with him enjoyable for all.

From the eighth grade the winner is Yanira Carrisoza. Yanira is a respectful student with a great attitude towards learning. She is a pleasant young lady who is kind to both teachers and classmates. Yanira works hard to do well in school. Yanira is truly a pleasure to have in class.

Thank you for your hard work,
Congratulations!



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.

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 \$10.00 Rose Pops OPTION 3 \$15.00 Rose Pops

Bonus Extra \$1.00 Bonus Extra \$3.00





First Grade Sends A Huge Thank You!!

During our Social Studies Unit focusing on jobs, we invited family and friends in to our classroom to share their job experiences with us. We would like to thank the following individuals who were able to come in:

Lisa Lucht came in to talk to the students about her job as a nurse at a nearby hospital. She let everyone try the stethoscope and they all were able to feel what it was like to have a blood pressure cuff on their arm. The students were able to see a cement truck up close during a visit from **Tom and Pam Zinda**. They demonstrated how to mix the three main ingredients together to make cement. The students were able to see Mrs. Ambrose's baby during **Marguerite Baumgartner's** job share. She talked about her job as an ultrasound technician and had the students dress up and use a homemade version of a transducer. During the next presentation the students were able to witness a unique job that is found at some banks. **Orrin Ambrose** is a financial crimes investigator, who uses video cameras to help catch people and special equipment to see if money is real or not. **Heather Burns** came in to talk to us about her job in sports medicine. She showed us what she carried in her "black bag" and even wrapped everyone's wrist. Next the students were able to see some of the equipment used by a meat processor when **Tim Blokhuis** came in. He talked about safety issues, the importance of knowing about the different animals they work with, and then gave everyone a sample of tasty beef sticks. Have you ever wondered what the inside of your computer looks like? Well, **Dusty Huntington** gave us a very up close view of what you find inside and helped the students relate some of the pieces to our everyday school life. **Jamie Winn** shared with us a little about each of her three jobs. She talked about being a substitute teacher, a member of a band, and her most important job...being a mom! Our next presenter was **Jeremy Potts**, who talked about his job working with pickles and the vats they use to mix them with the brine. He showed some neat pictures and then gave everyone a crunchy green treat! When **Russ Frank** came in to talk to us about his job as a chemist making vitamins, the students were surprised when he shut the lights off. He used a blow torch to demonstrate how different chemicals burn and then showed us how each one has its own pattern. Thankfully, **Nikki Lukas** was here for fun in her police officer uniform to talk to the students about the different aspects of her job. They were able to check out the bulletproof vest and handcuffs up close, while being reminded that officers are our friends and that they shouldn't be afraid of them.

All of the presenters did an awesome job stressing the importance of school, responsibility, and respect!!

Once again a **HUGE** thank you to all of you for taking the time to share with us. Hearing information from someone other than the teacher and their own parents can make a difference and helps in answering some of the more specific questions the students have.



Second Grade Surprise Submitted by: Karen Kehring

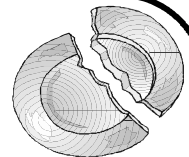


On March 3, Bob and Chris Lane came in and read Dr. Seuss books to each 2nd grade class. The last book they read was Oh Say Can You Say.

The 2nd graders were very surprised when Mr. and Mrs. Lane gave each of them their own hard covered copy of the book. Mrs. Lane taught in the district for many years. Mr. Lane was also the high school principal for a couple of years. Thank you so much for giving all of the 2nd graders the gift of a book!



DO YOU HAVE TINY TREASURES THAT NEED A NEW HOME?



My students and I are making mosaics during summer school and will be collecting interesting objects to include. Some of the types of things we could use include: game pieces (including scrabble tiles), jewelry, beads, broken plates with interesting patterns (or plates we can break), tiles (whole or pieces)...anything that is flat enough to be embedded in grout or concrete is a possibility. Please contact me if you have some things you would like to donate.

Thanks for supporting the arts!

Mrs. Sarah Ritter

715-366-2941 ext. 122



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

As the end of the school year approaches the Safety Cadet Program is winding down. We've had some wonderful Safety Cadets this year. On Friday, May 20th, eleven of the fifth grade cadets that were chosen at an earlier date were able to tour Wisconsin Dells. The names of these students will be announced on the last day of school at the elementary awards program, along with 2 students that will win a \$25 gift certificate and one lucky Safety Cadet that will win a new bike! Also, on Tuesday, May 24th, all of the Safety Cadets that were still in good standing were invited to Mt. Olympus, also in Wisconsin Dells, for a fun-filled day. All of the events that the Safety Cadets participate in during the school year are sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department. A huge THANK YOU to them for their generosity. Have a great safe summer!

Middle School Science News *By: Mrs. Plaisance*

Almond-Bancroft School Thanks Wal Mart for Trees!

We'd like to thank the people of WalMart who donated 500+ baby Norway Spruce Trees for our students on Arbor Day. Special thanks also to all the middle school students who packaged the trees for students to take home! Fortunately, the weather was beautiful and we could do this outside this year! We hope all the trees have their roots firmly in the ground and are growing well!!!

Bluebird Trail Installation Completed!

The Almond Bancroft School and the Almond Rod and Gun Club have sponsored a "Bluebird Trail". Eighth grade students built houses in shop class under the direction of Mr. Joel Bennett with wood supplied by the generosity of the Almond Rod and Gun Club. Students then installed the birdhouses, which were sited by Dr. Kent Hall (aka Dr. Bluebird). Look for 12 bluebird houses this spring and summer - we hope to fledge many Eastern bluebirds, but other cavity-nesting birds like wrens, chickadees, and tree swallows may also utilize the houses. They will be monitored once a week during the nesting season; watch for further information. If you are interested in helping with the spring and summer monitoring of these nest boxes, share observations of nesting activity, or would like more information on the work of the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, please give Kathie Plaisance a call at (715)366-2941 XT 200. You can also check out www.braw.org to find plans for bluebird houses and other information on bluebird recover in Wisconsin!

Carrie Frost School Forest

The school would like to acknowledge **Mr. Bruce Bergsbaken of B & D Portables** who donated the port-a-potty for use during the spring season at the Carrie Frost School Forest. B & D Portables serves Central Wisconsin in renting out portable toilets, handicapped units, and wash stations. Thank you **B & D Portables!** Thanks also to the **Almond Rod and Gun Club** for their continued generosity and commitment to our school forest and environmental projects in our community!



Family And Consumer Science News



Dee Erlandson, SAVS Coordinator, visits 8th Grade

In 8th grade Family and Consumer Science class, students discuss relationships and dating. Unfortunately some relationships can involve some form of sexual assault or abuse. For many years Dee Erlandson has visited Almond-Bancroft school to describe a program she coordinates called *Sexual Assault Victim Services* (SAVS), which is available to youth and families of Portage, Waushara, and Waupaca Counties. SAVS is a community assistance services program. As Mrs. Erlandson stresses to eighth graders: 1 out of every 4 people – average age of 14 – are involved in

some form of sexual assault or abuse. Overall, if you think of starting a relationship with another person, seek out someone who has similar values, interests, and concern for others. Everyone has the right to feel safe all the time, and others have the right to feel safe with you. Before you start dating know your boundaries and understand the consequences of your behavior.

Mrs. Erlandson, thank you and your program for its many years of community assistance!!!



News From Lisa Vann, Spanish Teacher & Title III ELL Coordinator

Feliz Cinco de Mayo

A Cinco de Mayo celebration was the heart of a service learning project at the Almond-Bancroft School under the direction of Spanish Teacher and E.L.L Coordinator Lisa Vann. High school Spanish students created an afternoon of cultural splendor for students in the 1st and 2nd Grade in Almond. Students painted “Cubed Dudes” by Picasso and “Melting Clocks” by Dali. They enjoyed a bilingual puppet show about a fable of “How the Toad Got His Spots” put on by students in Spanish III. Their puppet show included dinner theater with a menu of *jugo de uvas y manzanas*/grape and apple juice, Mexican sombrero cookies, and nachos. Students stood patiently in line to have a variety of ethnic images painted on their cheeks or hands. The afternoon included carnival games in the gymnasium and a Hispanic game of *fútbol*/soccer.

Students learned a variety of social rules that will help them appreciate diversity throughout the day. Some of the lessons and objectives included: 1.) Appreciation for every nation. 2.) Teamwork helps you reach goals you could not reach on your own. 3.) Asking someone for help when you need it is a sign of strength. 4.) We are all in this world together. 5.) Extending help to others makes everything easier for everyone to live in harmony.

Students wrapped up the day with a large group reflection of what they had learned from the day and finished the celebration with the traditional “Tomatina” festival event which is a tomato toss celebrating a year of plentiful harvest that takes place annually in Buñol, Spain. Students who demonstrated positive behaviors throughout the day had their names placed into a drawing to throw ladles of ketchup at two high school students who created suits out of garbage bags and goggles. Mason Sigourney and A.J. Ellie were the recipients of several ladles of tomato sauce and they had true spirit with smiles and laughter throughout the ordeal.

High school students participating in the event included: Angie Iwanski, Marissa Warzynski, Anna Perrin, Sorcia Rock, Jeanette Colombe, Amber Hintz, Jeff Fletcher, Avery Faehling, Destiny Dykes, Brady McIntee, A.J. Ellie, Nick Burns, Jade Stuebs, Mason Sigourney, Jon Pagel, Merrick Meddaugh, Brett Beigel, Kiara Turzinski, Cynthia Nigh, Heather Merila, Bailey Voss-Plutschack, Angie Shackelford, Sam Borchardt, Alexis Seitz, Mckenna Heck, Abby Karpen, Dylan Schafer, Cody Meddaugh, Derek Keenlance, Hannah Lansing, Carissa Perzinski, Robbie Scott, Kayla Smith, Lacey Warzynski, Ethan Yonke, Jacob Vallery, and Payton Hintz.

Elementary students included: Derik Anderson, Mackenzie Baird, Luis Banda, Daniel Baumgartner, Sophia Dolski, Brian Garcia, Katrina Gendusa, Ethan Heinz, Hailey Sawyer, James Takacs, Angeline Wimmer, Jasmin Banda, Chloe Dernbach, Angelina Diaz-Barriga, Monica Herrera, Thomas Hunt, Devon Miner, Connor Newby, Ellie Noth, Gerson Sanchez-Vera, Isaiah Solis, Halie Stucker, Macey Turzinski, Jack and Mitch Blokhuis, Derek Clark, Jacob Dobbe, Kaitlin Hintz, Tyler Hutkowski, Courtney Lukas, Mason Manske, Meghan Marchel, Sergio JR. Rodriguez, Ella Winn-Seghers, Austin Zinda, Shayla Armstrong, Olivia Baumgartner, Brandon Beltran, Megan Bentley, Daniel Burns, Adolfo Castillo, Robbie Frank, Abigail Hansen, Tyler Huntington, Orion Kunst, Kaylee Lehman, Hunter Lischka, Gracie Rendall, Alysha Armstrong, Gilberto Banda Jr., Andrew Burns, Alana Chilsen, Benjamin Colombe, David Curtin, Trinity Firkus, Arick Iwanski, Braden Potts, Claire Turzinski, Paige Turzinski, and Austin Warzynski.

Collect These Items And Help Support Almond-Bancroft School Programs

MY COKE REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

The My Coke Rewards for Schools program can help students learn and grow by turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for accredited schools grades K-12, providing playground equipment, art supplies, sports gear, educational resources and much more.

You can help Almond-Bancroft earn by collecting points from codes found on participating Coca-Cola products. Go to www.mycokerewards.com/schools to donate points to Almond-Bancroft Schools.

HELP US EARN PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE BANCROFT SCHOOL

The Bancroft School is collecting Campbell soup labels to be redeemed for equipment for the school: computer games, play ground toys and/or manipulatives.

However, the rules for turning them in have changed. They no longer want the whole front of the label. They only want to UPC symbol. In fact, we will only be able to submit the UPC symbols from now on.

Thank you,
The Bancroft Staff



TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Apply for the Target RED card or if you already have one go to target.com and designate Almond-Bancroft as your school and Target will donate up to one 1% of your RED card purchases to Almond-Bancroft Schools.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Start collecting Box Tops! Look for the 10 cent Box Tops coupon on hundreds of products. You can find Box Tops on brands such as Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty and more.

To see all participating products containing the Box Tops coupon go to www.boxtops4education.com.



JUNIOR CLASS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION & DROP OFF POINTS

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!





ATTENTION PARENTS

Immunization Requirements 2011- 2012

Tdap and Varicella Immunization Requirements for Students have changed. Students who have been current with vaccines may now need additional vaccines. Two vaccines have been added to improve protection against varicella (chicken pox) and pertussis (whooping cough). The required student immunization schedule may affect your student next fall, 2011.

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law for the 2011-12 school year requires students to have completed the following vaccinations:

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students entering grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 in the fall of 2011.

1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) for students entering grades 6, through 12 in the fall of 2011.

*Pertussis vaccine is only available in a combined vaccine with tetanus (Tdap). Tetanus is a vaccine normally administered every 10 years. In order to boost the protection for pertussis Tdap will be required if it has been more than 5 years since your student has received a tetanus containing vaccine.

*Children who have had pertussis still receive the Tdap because the length of natural immunity from the disease is unknown and the diagnosis can be difficult to confirm.

There is no reason to wait. Avoid the late summer "back to school" rush. You can avoid lines and delay by having your child immunized well in advance of next fall's school opening. These vaccines are also available from your child's doctor.

The Varicella and Tdap vaccines (with other childhood vaccines) are available at immunization clinics sponsored by Portage County Health Department. Ruth Gilfry Building

817 Whiting Ave. Stevens Point

Tuesdays 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm Fridays 9:00 am-11:00 am

Each vaccine is \$5.00. Fees may be waived due to inability to pay.

If you need assistance verifying your child's immunization status contact your child's physician or Portage County Health Department at 715-345-5350. Ask for a public health intake nurse. Have your child immunized well in advance of next fall's school opening.

2011 Almond-Bancroft Yearbook On Sale!

This year only happens once.

The yearbook is a great way to share the events of the school year with your son or daughter. Don't miss out on everything they've experienced. Get your copy while you can!

Ordering Options:

- ⇒ Option 1: Fill out the form below. Detach and return it with your payment enclosed.
- ⇒ Option 2: **Order Online**, and avoid having to send cash to school with your child. Go to ***www.JostensYearbooks.com***, find Almond Bancroft, it's that quick and easy. Place your order as soon as possible, they are going fast.
- ⇒ **Book Price:** \$42

***Note: Lines of personalization, accessories, and icons are no longer available to order.*

Fill out this form and return in an envelope, with your payment enclosed

(Make check payable to Almond-Bancroft Schools; please seal the envelope)

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

_____ # of Yearbooks @ \$42.00 per yearbook

_____ Total \$ Enclosed



LMC News: Reflections on My Retirement by Karin Mather, LMC Director

As one gets older, time seems to move faster, and it's hard to believe that I'm at the end of my educational career. I have worked as the District LMC Director (librarian) for the Almond-Bancroft School District for the past 29 years. Much has changed (different trends in education, new technologies, the changing of the staff over time, even the physical building here at Almond), but I still agree with Henry David Thoreau: "Books are the treasured wealth and the fit inheritance of generations and nations."

In 1982, I inherited the care of the Almond School Library from its previous librarian, **Angie Sheldon**. The library was on the upper floor of the old brick school building. It had gray metal shelving units, holes in the wooden floors where desks had once been bolted down in place, and piles of books waiting to be catalogued. As a young idealistic educator, I saw this room as a challenge – to bring it into the 20th century. The following describes some of the ways the library was transformed into the LMC.

In the 1980s - All the books from the upstairs library and all the books from the individual classroom libraries were moved into an integrated collection in a beautiful new facility; a central library collection was organized for the 3rd/4th grades at Bancroft, and the Library Science course was begun. There were countless contests and reading incentive activities such as Photographing Students & Staff Reading, Designing Book Covers, Book Fairs, Teen Read Week, Poster Contests, Mobiles, Crossword Puzzles of Favorite Books, Trivia Contests, and, of course, RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) which was initially begun in our school by **Dorothy Helmrick** (Reading Specialist and Elementary Principal). She was devoted to the importance of reading in children's lives. We had such fun reading poetry to the students! And, for 25 years I organized a writing/drawing contest and annually produced a creative literary booklet for students in grades K-12. That was one of my most favorite accomplishments. The LMC has also been the showcase for some incredible art displays thanks to our fantastic art teachers (past & present) **Sarah Ritter, Jackie Janson, Terry Mengel, and Lynne Dernbach**. I believe art and literature have close ties.

In the 1990s - A Library Media Skills Curriculum was developed for grades K-8; a small computer network was set up in the LMC; a retrospective conversion (over 12,000 titles transferred from card catalog cards to the new library system) was done, and the LMC had its first online system (MOLLI) installed! In 1995 I proudly received an exemplary rating for the school library program - the highest possible rating given by the State of Wisconsin. In 1997 I designed the first A-B LMC Web Page in coordination with the industrious **Stewart Nehls** (Guidance Counselor) who developed the first Almond-Bancroft School Web-Site. We also worked together to develop a Community Career Center. In 1999 the Elementary LMC had its own circulation computer installed.

From 2000 -2011 - The AR (Accelerated Reader) Program was started by elementary principal **Lynn Winn**. She ordered the quizzes; I located and catalogued the corresponding books. The LMC upgraded its library system to DESTINY. In a span of 6 years, I was able to obtain more than \$72,000.00 in E-Rate funds for Telecommunications and Internet access. In 2009 **Dan Boxx**, our current District Administrator, turned this responsibility over to CESA. I thank him so much! Although this is a small district, I am so proud of the fine facilities here and how the LMC has grown from 10,000 volumes in 1982 to almost 30,000 items now. Over all these years, I have had many different responsibilities: supervising study halls, videotaping thousands of educational programs, serving on the Advisory Committee for WI public television for 15 years, ordering & maintaining AV equipment & computers (until **Michael Seymour**, Technology Coordinator, took over the helm), being a class advisor, serving on Technology Committees, supervising the Sound Team, teaching library skills to elementary students, and being an advisor to the Library Club. At the end of each school year, I have always taken the library students on an educational trip. I fondly remember being safely driven to our destinations by **Steve Stucker**. For 13 years, exemplary library students have been honored with the Schleizer Awards. This year's two deserving recipients are **Jacob Clark** and **Dylan Schafer**. Their names have been placed on a special plaque in the LMC. Congratulations to these two fine young men for all their help in the LMC this past year! And my thanks to **Jeff Rykal**, our current principal, for presenting these awards and also for providing calm and thoughtful leadership in the often hectic school environment.

I would also like to thank **Rhonda Anderson** for volunteering once a week and give my thanks to **Leslie Burns, Bev Dachel, Dorothy Helmrick, Lynn Hintz, Nancy Schulze, and Doreen Zielinski** for helping with RIF this year. I especially want to express my heartfelt gratitude to **Mickey Van Ert** (LMC Assistant and dear generous friend who is also retiring this year after 18 years at the school). We have shared many, many memories here; this year marks the end of the "Library Ladies." Another friend and co-worker that I would like to thank is **Esther Whitman** who has diligently worked in the LMC part-time for the last quarter of this school year. Other great LMC Assistants in the past were **Kristy Bandy, Nancy Degler, Kathy Richtmyre, Geri Riley, Denise Upton, Diana Warzynski, and Regina Wimmer**. Thank you all!

I must also give special thanks to the spectacular office staff (past & present) for their expert knowledge and friendly assistance: **Sandy Barden, Jan Connor, Pat Leary, Miriam O'Keefe, Denise Upton, Michele Warzynski, and Trina Warzynski**. The A-B School is like a large family - celebrating weddings, birthdays, and holidays as well as helping each other deal with tragedies. The office staff is the hub of this giant wheel. And over the years, the A-B community and staff have been extremely generous to the school LMC. Thanks to all the individuals, families, and groups who have donated items to the LMC! This is my final newsletter article and my final farewell.

Little did I know what the impact would be on my life when I walked into **Ed Poock's** office back in 1982. **Ed Poock** (District Administrator) was wearing sweatpants and the very kind **Ken Stahl** (Principal) arrived with his motorcycle helmet. I thought to myself: "This is an interesting place." But, I must say that **Ed Poock** was the best boss I ever had - full of compassion and the drive to help each and every student fulfill their potential; he demonstrated the importance of really knowing people as individuals - whether they were students or staff. I will never forget that first day and the many days that followed. I have so many memories of this "interesting place" where I have spent almost three decades of my life. I can still see **Don Engelbert** (history teacher) walking with determination down the hall in his floppy rubber boots; I can hear the echoes of the sarcastic wit and pointed humor of **Harry Porfilio/HP** and **Dennis Sutliff** (English teachers); I can hear the soft voice of **Greg Kehring** (4th grade teacher, also retiring this year) as he recommends some great authors to his class; I can feel the gentle breeze as the angelic **Lisa Wimme** (3rd grade teacher) softly rushes by to check her mail; I can taste the delicious pork roast cooked for the school lunch by **Connie Kaehn** and **Teresa Gutke** and smell the yummy desserts baked by the FACE students under the direction of **Todd Knepfel**; I can hear the delightful infectious laughter of **Sandy Barden** (school secretary) and **Cindy Wills** (5th grade teacher); I can sense sweet **Carrie Karch** (4th grade teacher) quietly sneaking in the LMC to "borrow" some book pockets; I can hear the swish of skates and the yells of enthusiasm coming from the elementary students skating in the parking lot with **Roger Young** (phy. ed teacher); I can see the intelligent and steely stare of **Peg Doede** (3rd grade teacher) when she's concentrating on getting her point across; I can hear the middle school students trooping into the LMC to check out books with **Sheena Vitello** (MS English teacher) and observe the high school students seriously doing research for **Pat Krueger** (science teacher, also retiring this year); I can hear the hum of the vacuum cleaner as **Darlene McChesney** cleans the LMC; I can recall reading the fun & heart-warming emails written by the clever **Kathie Plaisance** (MS science teacher); I can hear the beautiful melodies coming from the room of **Crystal Frank** (music teacher); I can see the colorful & positive posters put on the walls by **Dawn McDonald** (Elementary Guidance Counselor); I can hear the excited voices of the young students saying they want to check out "lyberr" books. The list goes on. It's impossible to name everyone, but my deepest thanks to all the staff, administrators, and students for some incredible memories!

Now it's time to start a new chapter of my life - gardening, traveling, putting pictures in photo albums, and concentrating on my family: my husband of 39 years, our son who's in college studying psychology, and my elderly mother. Plus, I'll have time to read a lot of great books! I wish you all the very best!

Many Thanks..... Michelle VanErt, LMC Assistant

I would like to say thank you and goodbye to all the wonderful people at Almond-Bancroft Schools. I have worked here for 18 short years and have always considered A-B my home away from home. I love the atmosphere, students, and staff! Thanks from the bottom of my heart for putting up with me for so long! I will miss all of you!



High School Choir Notes... By Crystal Frank



2011 State Solo & Ensemble Participants

On Saturday May, 7th there were 5 events presented at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival at UWSP. These three young ladies did a great job and represented our school and community well!

Rebecca Kallio (8th grade) sang a classical solo and received a 2nd
Danielle Dykes (12th grade) sang a classical solo and received a 2nd
Datonn Ammel (12th grade) sang a classical solo and a musical theater solo and received a 1st on each
Datonn Ammel and Danielle Dykes sang a vocal duet and received a 1st

More *NOTES* on Datonn Ammel....She has been performing at State Solo & Ensemble since 8th grade. She has received a 1st for her musical theater since her 8th grade year and last year she was recognized with a judge's award for musical theater performance. In the fall Datonn will be attending UW Eau-Claire, majoring in special education with a minor in music. She also plans to try out for the equestrian team and the choir.



Partners In Education News



The **Senior Tea "Spa Night"** was held on May 18th at 6:30 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 **Rochelle Schultz & Dana Christianson** of Heavenly Hair, who provided lip or eyebrow waxing, "You Yoga" by **Erin Andrews**, who taught relaxing yoga positions, "Mighty Massage" by four massage artists: **Debbie Jones, Jessica Fenske, Teresa Gutke**, and another artists who gave the ladies an eight minute chair massage, "Pampered Hands & Feet" by P.I.E. members; **Trina Warzynski, Leslie Burns, Kathy Miner, Marguerite Baumgartner**, and volunteers, **Jodi Meyer, Michelle Warzynski, Dominique**

Miner & Michele Warzynski; who applied Satin hands, paraffin wax dips on hands, ring cleaning, foot baths, foot massages, and finger nail painting. **Sandy Cuila** purchased the delicious treats and **Leslie Burns** and **Dawn Richtmyre** embroidered bath towels for the senior girls. **Kathy Richtmyre, Breeley Warzynski, April Chilsen, Grant and Daniel Burns** helped with set up and take down. A relaxing and indulging time was had by all.

New P.I.E. event to be held during the 2011 Open House on August 30th

Help us earn books for the Library, come to the P.I.E. Book Fair! You can choose from a wide variety of books to purchase for gifts or for reading fun! Go to www.ubah.com to preview products.

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You

Thank you to all the wonderful families who supplied delicious desserts and salad fixings for Almond-Bancroft Staff Appreciation Day! P.I.E. greatly appreciates your generosity and the staff at A-B truly enjoyed the meal!

EAGLES

Sport Light

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, August 2, 2011
5:00 pm
-HS Football & Volleyball
equipment pick up
6:30 pm
-HS Fall Sport Meeting

Sports Physicals 2011-12

The cost of the exam \$25-due at the time of the exam. \$20 of this fee will be donated to the A-B athletic department.

**Tuesday, July 12—Ministry Medical Group
Stevens Point-
Orthopedics department, 5:30pm-8pm
Wednesday, July 20—Ministry Medical Group
Plover, 5:30pm-8pm**

A-B Volleyball Summer Schedule

Tuesdays at Almond High School, June 14th, 21st, & 28th
July 12th, 19th, & 26st, Game times 6:30, 7:30, & 8:30 pm
Sundays at Rosholt High School,
Dates & times to be determined
Any questions call Coach Strnad (715-347-4618)
Sign-up in the Secondary Office if you will be attending.



Attention

Now is the time to sign up for the
A-B Youth Football and Cheer Program!
Please call Spence Bunders at 715-366-4028
if you wish to participate in the program this fall.
Open to most youth in grades 3rd-6th.



Tri-County/Almond Girls' Volleyball Camp

June 13-16 in the TC HS Gym,
8:00-11:00 am OR 12:00-3:00 pm
\$40.00 per student

The camp is open to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. You may mix and match days and times, if needed. (ie: Attend Mon. & Wed. morning and Tues. & Thurs. afternoon, or any combination thereof.)

Please make checks payable to: Shane Lilly
Detach and return the form and money (non-refundable)
to High School Office.

Tri-County/Almond MS Girls' Volleyball Camp

June 13-16 in the TC HS Gym
3:30-5:00 pm
\$20.00 per student

The camp is open to 2011-2012
5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Please make checks payable to: Shane Lilly
Detach and return the form and money (non-refundable)
to High School Office.

Name (please print): _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ School _____

Year entering in Sept., 2011: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____

I accept full responsibility for all medical expenses due to injury/illness incurred at the volleyball Camp. I hereby authorize the coach of said camp to act for me according to their best judgement in any emergency requiring medical attention.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Emergency Phone Number Parent/Guardian Can Be Reached At During The Camp

Softball



Back (L to R): Coach Berry, Destiny Dykes, Kayla Smith, Danielle Dahms, Brianna Kawlewski, Isabell Wuesten, Abby Karpen, Lacey Warzynski, Coach Yonke, Coach Gendusa, Middle: Kiara Turzinski, Angela Iwanski, Rachel Penza, Payton Hintz, Jessica Dorgan, Hannah Lansing, Lexi Seitz Front: Jewel Matke, Heather Merila, Mandi Crahan, Carissa Perzinski, Stephanie Rodriguez

Baseball



Back (L to R): Coach Vitello, Jeff Fletcher, Mason Sigourney, Ethan Yonke, Kevin Buckenburger, Cody Meddaugh, Merrick Meddaugh, Tyler Bunders, Coach Gendusa Front: Shelby Swan, Avery Faehling, Steaphan Lischka, Lucas Meddaugh, Nick Chapa, Drew Painter, Garret Warzynski

Track



Back (L to R): Evan Pagel, Deanna Felella, Jon Pagel, Colter Stutesman, Zach Sanders Middle: Emily Schude, Kyle Leonardt, Michael Hartman, AJ Ellie Front: Coach Gerlach, Joe Beigel, Taylor Cisewski, Mckenna Heck, Coach Schoenfeld Not pictured: Rylee Anderson & Jarek Dake

**TEAM PHOTOS
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Community News

Fit Kids Challenge News

Thank you to all students and parents who participated in Fit Kids Challenge 2011. All student who participated received a free t-shirt to wear during Elementary Fun day on May 31st. Please encourage students to return the Physical Activity Log to receive another free prize!

Fit Kids is sponsoring summer fun with five events this summer. Check out the pamphlet sent home with your child. Please register online at www.PortageCountyCan.org or return Summer Fit Kids Challenge registration to Jen Grezenski by June 17th! Extra pamphlets are available in the main office.

Challenge Events:

Kick-Off Event at YMCA on June 17th

YMCA Fit Kids Triathlon on July 8th

Tour de Boys & Girls Club Bike-a-thon on August 13

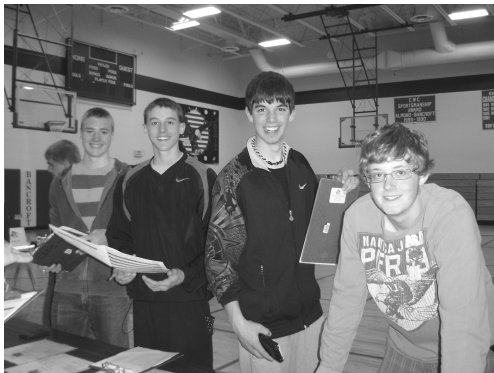
American Cancer Society Walk/Run on September 18

Camp Glacier Hollow on September 27

Prizes will be raffled at the End of Challenge Celebration on September 24th

Almond-Bancroft Reality Shop Event for the High School Students

On Wednesday, May 18, Almond-Bancroft High School hosted a Reality Shop in the gymnasium for all of its junior and senior students, as well as Tri-County's junior students. The Reality Shop is a personal finance experience for high school students. Students randomly receive a "life" that tells them what career they have, a monthly net income, if they



receive benefits from work, if they are married or single, and if they have kids. Different businesses a person may need to deal with as an adults (car dealership, bank, mortgage company, daycare providers, electric company, etc) set up tables in the gym. Student then need to use a budget worksheet to visit the different business tables around the gym and create a balanced monthly budget that is within their means. Thus, a student making \$2,000 a month and a parent of 2 children may not be able to afford the new Chevy Silverado the car dealership is selling but should buy a used Honda Civic instead. Yet young people usually don't realize how quickly bills can add up and get the Silverado, only to realize they don't have enough money for food and utilities by the end of the experience. So it's an interactive experience for the students that teach them about budgeting and bills.

Vacation Bible School at St John Lutheran Church in Almond

Always Doing Great, Exciting Things at VBS. *PandaMania* is our theme this year. Join us on August 7th through August 11th from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm. Students ages 3–12 are invited to come to meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. We expect a great response, so enroll your child today. To register call 366-4642 or 366-4644 or register on the church website <http://www.stjohnsalmond.com>. The church is located on County Road D next to the Portage County Bank.



Almond-Bancroft
Class of 2011 Scholarship Recipients

Academic Excellence (1 person at \$2,250) – Danielle Dykes

National Honor Society (1 people at \$200) – Lucas Meddaugh

Sandra McKone (1 person at \$1,000) – Rabe Avery

Bancroft Lions (1 person at \$500) – Jeff Fletcher

Almond Lions (2 people at \$500 each) – Datonn Ammel & Amanda Crahan

Jacob Memorial (1 person at \$500) – Miranda Borchardt

Joe Connor (1 person at \$500) – Datonn Ammel

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

Angie Sheldon (1 person at \$750) – Rabe Avery

AAEA (2 person at \$500 each) – Datonn Ammel & Jeff Fletcher

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

Edward “Bud” Berry Memorial (4 people at \$300 each) – Lucas Meddaugh, Amanda Crahan, Stephanie Rodriquez, & Emily Schude

Michael A. Holden Memorial (1 person at \$250) – Amanda Crahan

The Sons of the American Legion (1 person at \$500) – Miranda Borchardt

Almond-Bancroft Athletic Booster Club (2 people at \$500 each) – Lucas Meddaugh & Amanda Crahan

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

Almond United Methodist Church Beverly Christman Memorial (1 person at \$1,000) – Jeff Fletcher

MSTC Scholarships – Zach Perzinski & Miranda Borchardt

UWSP Noel Compass (Full Tuition and Room & Board) – Stephanie Rodriquez

Lee Rogers Memorial (\$1,200) – Jeff Fletcher

National FFA (\$1,000) – Danielle Dykes

Agri-Business (\$350) – Danielle Dykes

John Wandrey Memorial (\$500) – Danielle Dykes



From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

We can't believe it is the end of the year, congratulations to the graduating class of 2011! Remember, those lunch bills and morning milk bills need to be paid up for student clearance. This needs to be paid by June 1st! You will receive a credit in the fall for any remaining amount you may have left. If you have \$10.00 or more in your account you will receive a notice in August stating the credit in your family account for the 2011-12 year.

Summer School starts June 13th. Every student in our District up to age 18 is entitled to a FREE breakfast and lunch, whether you attend summer school or not. Adults can also receive a meal, \$2.75 for a lunch and \$1.75 for a breakfast. Free breakfast (8:00-8:30 am) and lunch (12:30-2:00 pm) will be served June 13th –30th and July 11th-28th.


Sincerely Yours,

Pat Leary, Food Service Director
Connie Kaehn, Head Cook
Teresa Gutke, Assistant Cook

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Almond-Bancroft Menus, June 2011

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Milk \$11.50 A Quarter		1 Cooks Choice	2 Cooks Choice	3 Cooks Choice
6 Cooks Choice	7 Cooks Choice	Juice Served Daily		 Milk Served With Every Meal

Breakfast Prices:
 Reduced – No Charge
 4K (M-W) - 2 days @ 1.00 = \$2.00
 4K (T-TH) – 2 days @ 1.00 = \$2.00
 K-12th grade – 5 days @ 1.00 = \$5.00

Lunch Prices:
 4K Reduced (M-W) – 2 days @ .40 = \$.80
 4K Reduced (T-TH) 2 days@.40 = \$.80
 4K (M-W) – 2 days @ 1.60 = \$3.20
 4K (T-TH) 2 days@ 1.60 = \$3.20
 K-12th grade Reduced – 5 days @ .40 = \$2.00
 K-5th grade – 5 days @ 1.60 = \$8.00
 6th – 12th grade – 5 days @ 1.85 = \$9.25



Almond-Bancroft Boys & Girls Club



Open Monday-Thursday 12:30-5:30 PM

June 13-August 19

Closed Monday July 4th


All members are welcome if they are going in to 1st-8th grade.

Little Hitters: Members 8 and younger are eligible to play in our inter-club tee-ball league.
 Come to the club if you are interested in learning the basics of baseball.

Stop by the club today to get a calendar of our theme days/weeks and upcoming events.



Stop in the club today to sign up! Yearly Membership fee: \$10/member or \$25/family of 3+ *Assistance is available *



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

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