

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

March 2009

Notes from the Administrator....

It is that time of year for us to start thinking about the budget process for the 2009-10 school year. The economy affects all of us and it will have an influence on our district. As you know, we receive approximately seventy-nine cents of every dollar spent from state and federal sources. It is obvious that the government has to look at every possible way to strengthen and regain confidence in our financial system. While Governor Doyle has presented his biennium budget, it must be discussed and voted on. We are not sure what the numbers will be for aid and programs, so I will put together a budget that provides little or no increase. Let me reassure the community and parents we will continue to offer a quality educational program that is designed to graduate well-educated and productive members of society. We will continue to strive to improve and increase class offerings and the quality of instruction.

I would like to express my concern to our community members who have temporally lost their jobs or income. If you have children in school, please utilize programs that may be available to assist you and your family through this difficult time.

First of all, our school offers a free or reduced breakfast/lunch program for students and families who have had a significant drop in their income level. Please feel free to give Pat Leary a call at 366.2941, extension 421 for more details. The program is in place to ensure our students receive the nutrients for a productive day at school.

Secondly, the State of Wisconsin offers the Badger Care Plus Health Care for all kids. What is BadgerCare Plus? BadgerCare Plus is a program for children under 19 years of age and families in Wisconsin who need and want health insurance. BadgerCare Plus is for all kids, regardless of the family's income. If you and your family find yourselves without insurance, or would like to change carriers, please call the Portage County Health and Human Services Department at 715.345.5350, or go online to http://www.badgercareplus.org/.

Third, the Almond-Bancroft School District provides an insurance policy through *Student Assurance* (paid by the district for all students grade PreK-12). Please refer to the policy coverage in this newsletter.

If you have questions regarding programs that are available to our students and families, please give us a call at 715.366.2941.

Thank you,

Dan Boxx Almond-Bancroft School District Administrator

March Dates To Remember

3/3 - PIE Meeting Elm. LMC 5:30 pm

3/6- No School

3/9- No School

- 3/10—Preschool Screening Day & 4 K Registration Bancroft School 8:00 am—3:30 pm
- 3/11 Eagle Booster Club Meeting Board Room 7:00
- 3/18 Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3/19—Read! Read! Read! It's Magic Auditorium 6:30 pm

3/27– Early Release, End of 3rd Quarter

3/27 - Community Varity Show 7:30 pm

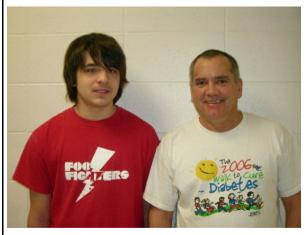


High School Student of the Week January 12 - 16, 2009



Esther Guzman is a great student. She is a happy person with a big smile and a heart to match. Her early morning greeting is always a welcome start to the day. Esther, thanks for being such an important part of our classroom this year. – *Todd Knepfel*

High School Student of the Week January 26 – 30, 2009



Dylan Schafer, a sophomore, is my pick for student of the week. He has been an excellent student all school year long. He comes to class ready to learn and asks for help when he doesn't understand an assignment. He completes his assignments in every class. His goal is to go on to college and work with computers in the area of graphic art. I am very proud of Dylan and all that he has accomplished at Almond- Bancroft school so far.

– Jeff Martens

High School Student of the Week January 19 – 23, 2009



Chris Roeske is my student of the week. He is an excellent student who is very conscientious about completing tasks and completing them well. Chris is very reliable. You can ask him to do something and he will gladly do the task and do it to the best of his ability. He is always up beat in class and willing helps others. – Pat Krueger

High School Student of the Week February 2-6, 2009



Steven Ellie is one of those students that can always be counted on. He is willing to help out whenever needed, and is consistently on top of his schoolwork.

– Toni Rock



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

January Students of the Month



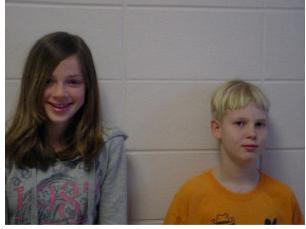
Students were honored in February for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Teagan Vezina. Teagan is always a good listener and participates well in class. He is always polite and respectful and has a good sense of humor. Teagan is also a very hard worker and strives to do his best every day. From seventh grade, we honored Ramiro Luna. Ramiro is a very caring boy who is always trying his best. He is pleasant in the hallways as well as in class. He enjoys talking to students as well as teachers about what he is reading or what is going on in his life. From eighth grade, we honored Heather Merila. Heather is consistently turning in homework and asking questions when she does not understand something. Heather is pleasant in the hallways as well as in class. She is a joy to have in class because she participates and is wanting to know how to do things. These students were selected by their teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS

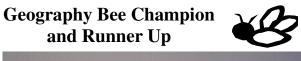
You make us Proud!



Spelling Bee Champion and Runner Up



Congratulations to Alexis Seitz for winning the spelling bee and **Devon Anderson as runner-up**. They will both compete in the regional bee held February 17 in Waupaca.





Congratulations to John Waggoner, for winning the Geography Bee. John survived a tough challenge from **runner-up Evan Pagel**, by answering correctly that, Kamchatka was in Russia. Other participants from this years Geography Bee were third place winner Dylan Bunders, along with Dylan Deford, Alex Crull, Hailey Wierzba, Margaret Scott, Blake Voss, Jordan Kealiher, and Josh Flores.

Student Drop-Off in the Mornings Before School

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

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



Sandy Ciula Dean of Students

Raptors Come to Almond-Bancroft Middle School

By: Mrs. Kathie Plaisance, Middle School Science Teacher

On January 8th, the Almond-Bancroft Middle School students listened to a presentation from Nicole Swanson, Environmental Educator from the Raptor Education Group, Inc. (REGI) from Antigo, WI. Nicole's presentation included facts and information about four education birds from REGI, which accompanied her for the presentation.

Students were enthralled to see these magnificent birds up close. Ms. Swanson went over the importance of raptors, or "birds of prey" and their vital niche in the natural ecosystem, and the adaptations they have for survival, like strong, sharp claws and hooked beaks. Nicole also discussed the federal laws that protect birds of prey, and shared the stories of why each of the teaching birds came to REGI. Students enjoyed hearing the hoots of Fonzie the great horned owl, as well as the cuckoo-like behavior of Lil Bit, the Northern saw Whet Owl who popped in and out of his log home. A rare treat for students was the chance to see a peregrine Falcon, named Ishmael, a bird which is endangered in our state.

We thank Nicole for her time and dedication to helping teach young people about the plight of raptors and for presenting her very informative program to our students.



Left: "Lil' Bit", a Northern Saw-Whet Owl, played peek-a-boo with the audience.

Right: Cody Meddaugh, Nicole, and the Great Horned Owl from REGI.



Wisconsin Public Service Presents Natural Gas Safety Program to Middle School Students

On Tuesday, February 10, two technicians, Eugene and Darren, from Wisconsin Public Service brought in special equipment to show students the properties of natural gas. The demonstrations gave students an idea of how natural gas is lighter than air, while propane and gasoline fumes are denser than air. Natural gas is clean burning also. They also showed us that an area has to contain a certain percentage of natural gas to cause ignition of the gas. They told students what to do if they smell natural gas, either in the home, or outdoors, and reminded students about "Digger's Hotline", so that natural gas lines and other buried utilities aren't damaged creating a hazard during construction projects. Many of our students admitted to pulling out utility marking flags - you may want to discuss this at home.

They also explained the hazards of Carbon Monoxide and explained to students the properties of carbon monoxide and how it is a silent killer because it is odorless, tasteless, and colorless. They explained the importance of having a Carbon Monoxide detector in your home, near where you sleep, in the event that there is incomplete combustion or a bad draft in your furnace, water heater, wood stove, or fire-place - ANY kind of heating or woodburning system can put you and your family at risk of carbon monoxide - just .02% can kill a person in 2 to 3 hours. The technicians also warned students that you should not run or warm-up a vehicle in an attached garage, as that can quickly increase levels of carbon monoxide inside the house.

Here are some safety tips from Wisconsin Public Service:

- CALL BEFORE YOU DIG Digger's Hotline "811" or 800-242-8511 Don't pull out flags until the work is complete!
- NEVER store propane tanks or gasoline in your basement!
- Install CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS close to areas where people sleep in the home
 (each level of the home is also a good idea obtain a detector with a readout, and don't forget to replace your detector if it is over
 5 years old)
- CO symptoms are headache, dizziness, queasiness, sleepiness, and eventually death (If everybody in the home has a headache or doesn't "feel right"; may be due to CO)
- Have all furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, and chimneys checked ANNUALLY to insure safety during the heating season.
- If you smell gas in your home, call WPS right away from someplace outside of your home (cell phone or neighbor's house)

To find out more online, go to wisconsinpublicservice.com/safetyforkids



<u>100 Days Celebrated!</u> By The First Grade Teachers

The 100th day of school was Friday, February 6th. To celebrate, the first grade classes got together during the week of February 2nd and experienced a number of activities focused around the number 100. We came together on Wednesday, to make and bake 100 cupcakes and for some hand-painting fun for count by 10's to 100. On Thursday we topped off the 100 cupcakes with a little white and chocolate frosting and continued our hand-painting activity. Mr. Boxx stopped in with a \$100.00 bill and one hundred \$1.00 bills and

while he was waiting he let some of the students design his "face." After this was all completed, we each had a sampling of the baked goods. A HUGE thank you to all of the adults that came in to assist us with these activities. Throughout the week we had collected 100 autographs from students and adults from around the school and wrote 100 words that each student could read and spell on their own. We also compared length and weight of non-edible items brought in by the students, what an eye opening experience!! It was a busy week, but full of fun and many hands on learning activities.

Third Grade Classes Celebrate Chinese New Year

Students really enjoy this celebration of the Chinese New Year. Students make the beaded hair pieces for the girls and the instruments and banner that students carry in the parade. During their Art classes the students made folded paper dragons which are on display above their lockers. A few weeks before the New Year celebration, students read stories about the Chinese New Year and then work on designing their hats.

Each class has a dragon that is carried throughout the parade...the dragon dance is suppose to bring good luck to the dancers if the dragon is satisfied with the dance . After the parade students head back to the classroom to enjoy a feast using chopsticks. This is the part that students love...because they get to try eating with chopsticks.

It's just a fun day and students are able to learn about another custom that the Chinese people share each year. This was the year of the Ox.



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Denise Upton, Safety Coordinator

It was so nice to have a little warmer weather for a short while, but as we all know, there is still plenty of winter left! All elementary students are still required to wear boots, jackets, hat, gloves, and snow-pants for both recesses. They need to bring in these items until there is no longer snow on the playground.

We have had two very helpful students that have become the Safety Cadets of the Month for February. These two students are Hunter Laska and Alex Karpen. They have taken on extra duties when classmates have been absent and are always very cheerful.

Congratulations Alex and Hunter!

Almond-Bancroft Middle & High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Students

"A" Honor Roll

Graduation Year: 2009 ARIEL AVERY GRAHAM BARDEN MORGAN BEIGEL DANIEL DAVENPORT CHELSEA GENDUSA TIFFANY GUMNEY BUDD GUTKE ESTHER GUZMAN-ALVAREZ JENNY HOLMES CASSANDRA KOLLOCK SKYLAR MILANOWSKI CAMERON OLSON BRANDI ROMO BRIAN UPTON MATTHEW WIESNER Graduation Year: 2010 BRANT BICKFORD DANIELLE FOLAN DESIREE HAVILAND RAYMOND PIETERS CHRISTOPHER ROESKE TIMOTHY SCHAFER STEVEN SWAN Graduation Year: 2011 RABE AVERY DANIELLE DYKES LUCAS MEDDAUGH JON PIETERS EMILY SCHUDE Graduation Year: 2012 MORGAN BAAR ADRIANA CABRERA-LABORDE JEANETTE R. COLOMBE DANIELLE DAHMS ANTHONY ELLIE AMBER HINTZ BRANDON LEHMAN BRADY MCINTEE JON PAGEL SORCIA ROCK

MASON SIGOURNEY

Graduation Year: 2013 BRETT BEIGEL DESTINY DYKES MERRICK MEDDAUGH KIARA I. TURZINSKI BAYLEE VOSS-PLUTSCHACK JOHN WAGGONER MARISSA WARZYNSKI MARY ZAK Graduation Year: 2014 JOSEPH BEIGEL TAYLOR CISEWSKI ALEXANDER CRULL MCKENNA HECK PAYTON HINTZ ANGELA IWANSKI ABBIGATL KARPEN DEREK KEENLANCE HANNAH LANSING JEWEL MATKE CODY MEDDAUGH EVAN PAGEL ANNA PERRIN CARISSA PERZINSKI AIDEN ROCK ALEXIS SEITZ KAYLA SMITH SHELBY SWAN ETHAN YONKE Graduation Year: 2015 DEVON ANDERSON RAMSEY AVERY HATTIE BERRY MEGAN BURNS NICHOLAS FIGUEROA TEAGAN HECK JACE STUEBS ASHLEY TAKACS TEAGAN VEZINA HAILEY WIERZBA

Graduation Year: 2009 CAMILLE CRAHAN DARCI DAKE STEVEN ELLIE JUSTIN GLENETSKI JESSIE LANE MARISSA MEDDAUGH CARLY RAST CELSO RODRIGUEZ NAOMI RODRIGUEZ LAURA SCHAFER-SHARP CHEYEANNA SCHOBER TONY VAUTHIER Graduation Year: 2010 ELIZABETH GALINDO KELSEY MCINTEE LEVI MILANOWSKI AUDREY SANDERS KATELYN SCHUDE KENNETH SMITH AMY STRICKER BENEDICT TURZINSKI MELANIE VALLERY BRANDON WARZYNSKI LUKE ZELINSKI Graduation Year: 2011 MIRANDA BORCHARDT NICHOLAS CHAPA AMANDA CRAHAN DEANNA FELELLA JEFFREY FLETCHER RACHEL PENZA ZACHARY PERZINSKI STEPHANIE RODRIQUEZ Graduation Year: 2012 TYLER BUNDERS NICHOLAS J. BURNS IV RUSSELL CAREY JEREK DAKE JEFFREY KOLLOCK DREW PAINTER SIERRA STUCKER DEZIREE WARZYNSKI

"B" Honor Roll

Graduation Year: 2013 SAMUEL BORCHARDT AVERY FAEHLING KRISTEN HAFERMAN JENNIFER HUNKINS HEATHER MERILA HAYLEY RISKE JADE STUEBS JONATHAN TURZINSKI Graduation Year: 2014 TISAN BAIRD SARAI BARRAZA GUNNAR LARSEN RAMIRO LUNA FELICIA PENZA JACOB VALLERY MEGHAN VARGA LACEY WARZYNSKI Graduation Year: 2015 YANTRA CARRIZOSA JESSE HUNKINS MCKENZIE MINER NATALIE ROMO MARGARET SCOTT MEGAN WICZEK

HOMEWORK HOTLINE 366-2941

Follow the Voice Prompts

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

They will be separated by MS and HS – listen to the voice prompts.

Almond-Bancroft Schools hope that this service will promote better communication between school and community, as well as parent and student. Congratulations A-B Honor Roll Students on a Job Well Done!



LMC News

RIF Contract Approved for 2009

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) prepares and motivates children to read by delivering free books to children. Founded in 1966, RIF is the oldest and largest children's and family nonprofit literacy organization in the United States. RIF provides 4.5 million children with 16 million new, free books and literacy resources each year.

All RIF programs combine three essential elements to foster children's literacy: reading motivation, family and community involvement, and the excitement of choosing free books to keep.

RIF's accomplishments are due in part to the generous support of the U.S. Department of Education, corporations, foundations, community organizations, and thousands of individuals. RIF projects that receive federal funds are required to fund the "local matching share" for RIF books (at least 25 percent of the total cost of books for the children served). Each year the Almond-Bancroft School District contributes over 25% of the cost to provide free books to our students three times a year.

The RIF (Reading is Fundamental) contract for 2009 has been approved thanks to **Jeff Rykal** who completed the application process for the school. Organizations participating in RIF Programs must follow specific guidelines. At the end of the program year, RIF programs must complete a performance report on RIF activities and submit a new proposal to RIF. The performance report is designed to help RIF staff share ideas with other RIF projects and report to Congress and corporate sponsors. Programs receiving federal funds must also submit a distribution report for each distribution held and also complete guidelines checklist forms in order to be approved.

The first distribution of this new contract year will be sometime in April or May of this school year, and the next two distributions will take place next fall. RIF is a great program for the Almond-Bancroft students.

LMC Donations for February

This past month the LMC received the following donations: **Delores Strasser** (news magazines for history research), **Lisa Vann** (Spanish language books), **Karen Takacs** (*Colonial Homes* and *Country Living* magazines), **Sheena Weis** (*Fur, Fish, & Game* magazines - from her grandparents), **Leslie Burns** (family and children's magazines), **Lynn Hintz** (sports, cooking, photography, & family magazines). Thank you all for your donations!

The LMC Needs Magazines with Nature Photos

If anyone would like to donate magazines or calendars, the LMC especially needs items with photos or artwork of birds, fish, and/or animals (wild animals such as deer, turkeys, and bears and also domestic pets - cats and dogs). These type of magazines are very popular with both the younger students and the secondary students - as well as teachers for class projects. Donations can be dropped off at the school office c/o Denise Upton or Sandy Barden or given to me or Mickey Van Ert in the LMC. Thanks!

LMC Volunteer

Recently **Bev (Schafer) Dachel** stopped by the LMC to volunteer her time. She is the mom of Grace Dachel in first grade and Hunter Berry in third grade. What made her visit extra special is the fact that she is a former A-B LMC Science student who worked in the school LMC...over 10 years ago! It was so great to have her donate her time and reminisce a little. Thanks, Bev!



YOUTH ART MONTH!

Youth Art Month is celebrated each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

This year's celebration will include displays of elementary student artwork right here in our

local community. Examples of selected student work that represent quality, pride in accomplishment and creativity will be in the post office, bank, and library. Art projects by all our talented students are displayed every month in our schools. I hope that you will take the time to recognize our young artists for their accomplishments by talking with them about their art and what it means to them.

Students who learn the lessons of the arts learn to see new patterns, how to learn from mistakes, and how to envision solutions. These skills will indeed help them become better artists, but also better students and better citizens.

Thank you to all who appreciate and support art education in our schools.

Mrs. Sarah Ritter Elementary Art Teacher

Varsity Girls Basketball



Back Row: Coach Milanowski, Marissa Meddaugh, Brooke Yonke, Coach Vander Laan, Katelyn Schude, Emily Schude, Coach Young Front Row: Chelsea Gendusa, Brandi Romo, Camille Crahan, Amanda Crahan, Stephanie Rodriquez, Jessica Dorgan, Danielle Folan

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball



The Almond-Bancroft girls varsity basketball team is having its best season in over 5 years. They are currently 15-3 overall and 14-3 in conference. The team is 3rd in conference standings thus far and have a chance to move up in rankings if they win on Thursday. The girls will also be the number 2 seed in their regional which means they will have a chance to host 2 regional games. Those games will be played on February 24th and 26th. Please come cheer on the girls and watch some exciting basketball.

-Coach Kevin Vander Laan



Back Row: Danielle Dahms, Amber Hintz, Coach Young, Emily Schude, Riley Anderson Front Row: Alison Evisizor-Siem, Rachel Penza, Kristie Fellela, Jessica Dorgan,

Desiree Warzynski, Deanna Fellela

March 2009 Eagles Athletic Events

- Mar. 2—Jr. High Girls Home vs Wild Rose 5:30
- Mar. 30—Softball Home vs Port Edwards 4:30
- Mar. 31—Baseball Home vs Gresham 4:30



8th Grade Girls Basketball Team

Back Row: Coach Yonke, Payton Hintz, Kayla Smith, Jennifer Hunkins, Mary Zack, Destiny Dikes, Coach Galien Front Row: Marissa Warzynski, Carissa Perzinski, Kiara Turzinski



7th Grade Girls Basketball Team

Back Row: Coach Yonke, McKenna Heck, Payton Hintz, Kayla Smith, Lacey Warzynski, Angela Iwanski, Reba Lytle, Coach Galien Front Row: McKenzie Miner, Carissa Perzinski, Natalie Romo

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LYNN HINTZ FOR SUPPLYING TEAM PHOTOS!



A-B HS POMS / DANCE TEAM

Standing: Cassandra Kollock, Cheyanna Schober Kneeling: Jenny Holmes, Sierra Stucker Sitting: Coach April Anderson



Secondary Counselor News From the Desk of Ms. Spencer

SPASH Post-Secondary Night

Stevens Point Area Senior High proudly invites your students and parents to join us on Wednesday, March 11th for our Post-Secondary night.

Students from grades 9-12 from neighboring school districts are invited to join us for this event.

We have invited 2yr and 4yr colleges and universities, the military, and special technical programs to be on hand for students and parents.

Post-Secondary Night will include both a college fair and break-out information sessions. The fair is meant to be a more informal event where students and parents can gather information and visit multiple booths. We will then follow the fair with two information sessions. The colleges will each be given a classroom to present more specific information to students and families who attend. Here is our schedule:

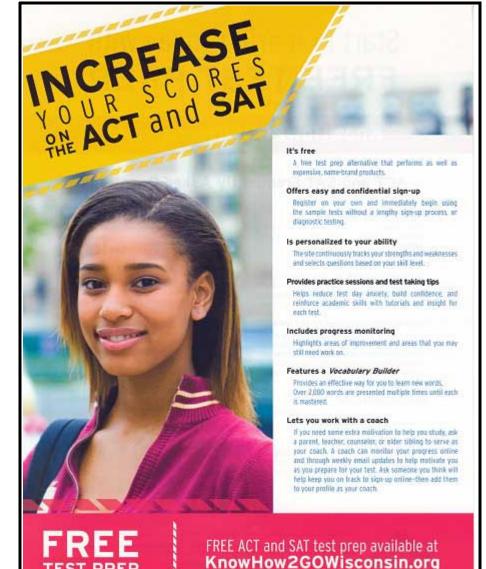
Wednesday, March 11th 5:00-7:00 pm at SPASH

5:00-6:00 College Fair 6:00-6:10 Welcome in Auditorium 6:15-6:35 Information Session 1 6:40-7:00 Information Session 2

Representatives from the following schools & military have already RSVP'd and will be joining us:

(we are still getting RSVP's daily so the list will grow)

Air Force Army Carroll University Fabco Equipment Gustavus Adolphus College Marines Michigan Tech Navy Northcentral Technical College Northland College Ripon College St. Mary's University (Winona, MN) State College of Beauty Culture Universal Technical Institute University of Minnesota-Duluth UW Marshfield-Wood County UW-Green Bay UW-Madison UW-Parkside UW-River Falls UW-Stout UW-Whitewater Viterbo WvoTech



Registered R.E.A.D. (Registered Education Assistance Dogs)



working out of the Sequoia Branch Library in Madison, always looks for more locations to share the benefits of R.E.A.D. and to strengthen the human-animal bond.



In an attempt to decrease testing anxiety and invite ELL elementary students to reading and taking the mandated tests with me we have initiated PAWS for Literacy at Almond-Bancroft. "Monte" is a white golden retriever who will be in our school for reassuring support of students during pulled out classes for testing and reading and comprehension activities. He is a happy mellow young dog who will learn more with each passing year. Currently he is fond of sitting on command, smiling, and laying on the floor next to kids who need a reading buddy when working 1:1 with me. Research has proven the testing anxiety directly affects the student's ability to perform and we are trying to help our elementary, middle, and even high school students who would find the classroom experience a fun relaxed place to learn with a canine assisted program. Monte will appear at the Almond and Bancroft Schools throughout the year during testing and literacy support programs.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this program please do not hesitate to ask. I can be reached at 715-366-2941 Ext. 320. Thank you.

Lisa Vann Almond-Bancroft ELL Coordinator Spanish Teacher

Almond-Bancroft School District Is Implementing Code Red

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

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

Parent/Guardian Name

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

Parents/Guardian Contact Numbers

1) _____ 2) _____ 3)



Dodgeball Tournament

Join in the fun. Get your 7 person team together for the 2nd Annual Dodgeball Tournament.



Register your team with Mr. Baumgartner before March 8th

When: 6:00, Thursday, March 12th <u>Where: West Gym</u> Who: Sponsored by the AAEA (proceeds go to scholarship fund)

<u>Tournament Divisions:</u> 5th grade and under 6th grade - 8th grade 9th grade – adult (must have at least 2 girls on your team in this division)

> Double Elimination Tournaments Prizes for 1st place in each division!

Admission to Gym will be \$1 for adults and \$.50 for students

Concessions Sold (Hot Dogs, Cheese Curds, Pretzels, Nachos, etc.) Cake Raffle 50/50 Raffle



EAGLE BOOSTER CLUB NEWS By Renee Hunkins

5th-8th Grade Basketball Tournaments

The Eagle Booster Club is nearing the end of our tournament season. Over the past several weeks we have had the opportunity to host basketball tournaments at each of the grade levels for the boy's and the girl's teams. Our athletes have been able to compete against teams from as far away as Columbus, Janesville, Winneconne, Appleton, and Auburndale and as close as Wild Rose, Wautoma, Iola, and Plainfield. The athletes have been challenged by playing against some larger schools, but still having the comfort of home court.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank <u>everyone</u> who has helped make these tournaments successful. We especially appreciate the scorekeepers, officials, and parents who help with the concessions. We have a limited group of Booster Club members so everyone is appreciated. We would also like to thank the high school athletes and recent graduates who have stepped in to help coach our younger players. Personally, I feel this has been a beneficial experience for all involved.

Finally, we want to pass on to the community how truly impressed visitors have been with our facilities, tournament coordination and our town. There have been numerous compliments and we wanted to share those with you.

Mark your Calendars

Please mark your calendars as **on December 29th and 30th of 2009 the Booster Club will be hosting the first annual "Eagle Booster Club Holiday Invitational". We have invited three teams to come to Almond to play non-conference basketball during the winter break. This will involve our JV and Varsity Boy's and Girl's teams.** We hope that this will not interfere with travel plans for our athletes and will provide our community with some extra basketball games to enjoy. More information will be provided as plans are finalized. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of our members.

ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER

Room S325 Almond High School (enter at Almond Elementary) 715.366.2882 or 715.421.4635 (for Pre-Registering) March 2009

Hello everybody and welcome Mr. Ground Hog. Did you know that a Ground Hog and a Wood Chuck are one and the same? So far, the new date for Drop-In Play Group has been going well. We have seen new faces and some faces from last year. Please come and check us out. We are free of charge and it is a great place to visit with our neighbors during this long 6 weeks of winter. Look for Drop-In Play Groups to be held in other places besides Almond Elementary. Keep checking your District Newsletter.

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

Remember to call if there is no school. When teachers are present in the building, Drop-In Play Group will most likely be held. To make sure, feel free to call. If for some reason I cannot make it to Drop-In Play Group, I will call the school secretary. In the past I have had a substitute or even a Play Group parent open the room. REMEMBER, everyone is welcome....and dads, you are welcome. Come and share family issues, parenting issues, and even community issues. I will try to have a craft, story time, and a snack. On those birthdays....you are always welcome to bring a special treat. No pre-registration is required. OH, Grandmothers and Grandfathers....don't forget to bring those grandchildren.

SPECIAL ALMOND DROP-IN PLAY GROUP ON MARCH 13th. This is your Lucky Day. Wear something 'scary' to Drop-In Play Group and win a prize! WHOAOAOA!

Single Session Workshop:

Look forward to <u>'Potty Training, Biting, and Daycares Workshop'</u> On March 23^{rd} , to be held at Almond Elementary. This will be a 2-hour workshop, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Continuing Education Certificates will be available for attending this workshop.

AND...CAR SEAT SAFETY—BUCKE UP! Will be coming in May. CINCO DE MAYO will be celebrated at Almond this year. Look forward to these important dates.

Office hours: Before Play Group on Fridays..

IF YOU WANT A FAMILY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL THE SEMESTER'S EVENTS, PLEASE CALL 715-341-3609

e-mail: almondbancroftfrc@gmail.com



Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to announce the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County will be starting an afterschool program in Almond-Bancroft – officially opening on <u>Thursday</u>, February 19th to any youth 3rd – 7th grade. The club will operate Thursdays, immediately after school until 7:00pm in room 318, past the office and just before the stairwell to the back parking lot. Each day we will provide children with a healthy snack and a variety of programs that build character and leadership skills, promote good study habits, and involve them in positive and fun social activities.

We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for your child. You can reach me at (715) 295-0040 if you have questions or would like further information regarding the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County. I look forward to meeting and working with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Katie VanLanen

Almond-Bancroft Program Director, Boys & Girls Club of Portage County, www.bgclubpc.org

Dear Friends & Community Members,

My name is Graham Barden and I am a senior at the Almond-Bancroft Schools. I am proud to announce that I was recently selected to play in the WFCA All-Star Football Game. This is quite an honor, as I was selected to the team from players all over the state of Wisconsin.

The All-Star game will be held July 18, 2009 at the J. J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium on the campus of UW-Oshkosh. Not only is the All-Star game a great opportunity for me to be a part of, but <u>all</u> the money raised by the players will help benefit the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association charitable organization, the <u>Children's Hospital of Wisconsin</u>. This hospital was recently recognized as the third best pediatric hospital in the nation. The money raised by the players will help keep it that way. All the players involved in this event are asked to raise money in order to participate. I am hoping you might help by contributing as a sponsor for this event. As a sponsor you would receive the following.

Your name or business name listed in the All-Star program, naming you as a sponsor on my behalf.

The option of taking out an ad which will be put into the All-Star program and viewed by over 10,000 potential customers.

It is my goal to be one of the leading contributors in gathering donations toward this great event and to show the state of Wisconsin that our area supports our student athletes! If you would like to be an All-Star game sponsor on my behalf you can send a check back to me.

<u>CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO:</u> WISCONSIN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

MAIL TO: GRAHAM BARDEN 1349 ELM ST ALMOND, WI 54909

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (715) 366-4272. Thank you for supporting our local high school programs and our community.

Thank You For Your Support Graham Barden Almond-Bancroft Public Schools



To get your name in the program listed below are the different levels of contributions. However, any amount you could contribute would be greatly appreciated!

First Down Club \$10-\$25

_ Field Goal Club \$26-\$100

_ Touchdown Club \$101 & up

For more detailed Ad information please call me at 715-366-4272. Ads can range anywhere from 1/8 of a page to a full page Ad.

Almond-Bancroft Student Accident Insurance and Claim Procedure

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The ______Almond-Bancroft______School District provides student accident insurance for all students in pre-school through grade twelve. This insurance is purchased from Student Assurance Services, Inc., and provides the following coverage to students (please refer to the attached Policy Schedule for exact coverages):

- a. attending regular school sessions,
- b. participating in or attending school-sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities,
- c. participating in school-sponsored and supervised interscholastic sports, and
- d. traveling directly to and from school for regular school session; and while traveling to and from school sponsored and supervised extracurricular activities in school-provided transportation.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE COVERAGE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PURCHASING IS A SUPPLEMENT TO YOUR FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE. It pays only after your family health or auto policy and then within the limits of the policy's benefits (explanation of benefits attached). This plan does not cover penalties imposed for failure to use providers preferred or designated by your primary coverage.

CLAIM PROCEDURE

Filing of the claim is the parent's responsibility.

- 1. Parents notify the school and obtain a claim form immediately. The school will fill out Part A if it's a school injury.
- 2. Parents complete Part B. Answer all questions.
- 3. Parents submit copies of your itemized bills to your own family insurance first, even if you have a large deductible. You will be sent a report called an Explanation of Benefits (EOB).
- 4. Parents send the claim form, copies of itemized bills and the EOB to:

STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES, INC. PO BOX 196 STILLWATER MN 55082

- 5. The claim will be completed when all of the above documents have been provided. Should you have a question as to the status of a claim, you can contact Student Assurance Services, Inc. at 1-800-328-2739.
- NOTE: Students must have been treated by a licensed physician within 60 days of the date of the injury. Proof of claim should be submitted within 90 days from the date of accident, or a reasonable time thereafter not to exceed one year. The company is responsible only for expenses incurred within one year.

INHOUSE/PARENT-GROUP LTR

Preschool Screening – Child Development Day

The Almond-Bancroft School District will be holding preschool screening (Child Development Day) on Tuesday, March 10 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Bancroft school. Parents in the district who have children between the ages of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 4 that are currently not enrolled in a school provided program are requested to attend. If you're worried about the way your baby or toddler is developing, the Birth to Three Program will also be on hand to screen children from 3 months of age through 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. Appointments are needed for all screenings and should be scheduled by Feb. 26th.

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

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

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

Four-Year Old Kindergarten Registration

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

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

ages you may select from: Option 1: (\$5.00) Happy Birthday chocolate rose or 4 tootsie pops. Option 2: (\$10.00) Same as #1, bu Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated ball Bonus Extra \$1.00–we will include	balloon on party stick decorated with r t with addition of New Stuffed Eagle.		d your choice of a
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Show your Support for Autism at the Second Annual "Strike Against Autism"

In September 2007, Gary Albro was diagnosed with severe autism. With the help and love of family, friends, and The Bridge Center, Gary is making great progress. However, many children are still being diagnosed with autism every day.



PLEASE DOIN US, TO Support The Bridge Center"

SATURDAY, MARCH 7^{TH} , 11 am – 4 pm

Plainfield Bowl 207 W. North Street Plainfield, WI 715-335-6500

All ages welcome! Door prizes, Drawings, Bowling, and Raffles!

All proceeds will be donated to The Bridge Center

Any questions or for directions call Katy 498-8843 of Anna 630-9910



Family Fun!

Come join us for some family fun! On **Thursday**, **March 19th**, **at 6:30**, Bob Kann, a professional storyteller will be performing.

This free performance, <u>Read! Read! Read! It's Magic</u>, will be in the <u>Almond-Bancroft auditorium at 6:30</u>. It is a 45-minute program. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kehring at 366-2941 ext. 104. We hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars!

Almond Girl Scouts Easter Egg Hunt April 11th, 2009 2:00 P.M.



Almond Lions Shelter House

All Children Ages 0-12 Are Welcome

Plenty Of Prizes and Candy !



PIE & and Almond-Bancroft Students NEED YOUR HELP!

Open House, Red Cross Babysitters Training, 8th Grade Graduation, Senior Tea, Bus Transportation to Elementary Events, Cultural Events & Assemblies, OH, MY! Have you, your child, or grandchild taken part in any of these PIE sponsored events?

If these events are to continue PIE needs your help!

PIE is currently without a treasurer and we would love to have you join our committee! The next PIE meeting will be held Tuesday March 3rd, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Elementary LMC.

Pie is always looking for parents, grandparents, and/or other community members to attend meetings and help with events. We are in need of fresh faces. Childcare can be provided at no charge! Hope to see you on March 3rd, items on the agenda: Senior Tea, Babysitters Training, Assembly, & Box Tops Promotion!



ALMOND COMMUNITY THEATRE

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

Now calling all sweet, homicidal spinsters (or at least those who have dreamed of being one on stage). The Almond Community Theatre announces auditions for Arsenic and Old Lace, directed by Royal Gingery and Crystal Frank. No experience making elderberry wine required.

Auditions will be held on April 17 starting at 6:30 PM and on April 18 starting at 2:30 and 6:30 PM in the Almond-Bancroft High School Auditorium at 1336 Elm Street in Almond, WI. All auditions are cold readings and you do not need to prepare other material. We need a total of 14 cast members – 11 men and 3 women. Three performances are set for July 24 and 25, 2009 in the evening with a matinee on July 25.

If you have any questions regarding auditions or the show, you may contact the directors; Royal Gingery at 715-366-2941 (ext. 326) or Crystal Frank 715-366-2941 (ext. 124).





The Almond-Bancroft Music Department will host its ninth annual Community Variety Show at 7:30 PM, March 27, in the ABHS Auditorium. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased in advance

by contacting Mr. Royal Gingery at (715) 366-2941 ext.326. Ticket are on sale now. **Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and seniors.** Come join the fun as we showcase the talents of students, staff, and the community.

Friends Of Music Spaghetti Dinner

The A-B Friends of Music will also be sponsoring their annual spaghetti dinner before the Variety show on March 27th.

The all-you-can-eat meal will cost \$7.00 (\$6.00 for seniors), and includes salad, entrée, garlic bread, beverage, and dessert.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling (715) 366-2941 ext.326 or can be purchased at the door.



Hunter Safety Class

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

Classes will be held in the Almond-Bancroft High School auditorium starting at 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 5th. The program will run Thursdays and Saturdays for five weeks, ending on Saturday, April 4th.

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

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

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

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9 No School	10 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Vegetable, Fruit	11 Cheese Burger Mac, Vegetable, Fruit	12 Egg, Sausage & Cheese Muffins, Hash Browns, Apple Sauce	13 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit
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23 Hot Dog, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	24 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	25 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit	26 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Fruit, Bread	27 Tuna Salad Sandwich, Chips, Vegetable, Fruit
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Almond-Bancroft Welcomes Mr. Ryan Peterson Middle School At-Risk Teacher



Hello my name is Ryan Peterson. I was born and raised in Wisconsin and have lived here for almost my entire life. My wife and I currently live in the Appleton area, with our German Shepherd "Gretta" and our cat "Guss". I have recently become a teacher through the teacher certification program at Concordia University-Wisconsin. I have a Bachelors of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a Major in History and a Minor in Political Science.

My only real hobbies are sports related; I have been around and involved in sports my entire life. I played College Football for 2 years, and also Wrestled in college for 2 years.

I look forward to my time here at Almond-Bancroft School District.

Ryan Peterson



Almond-Bancroft School 1336 Elm St Almond, WI 54909

Live Well, Live Long Almond-Bancroft!

Growing Stronger: Strength Training for Older Adults is coming to your community! This program teaches the basics of strength training for adults age 50 and older. Class participants can experience the benefits of strength training, including: stronger bones, reduced falls, and a healthier body and mind. **Classes meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour each time starting March 10th, at the Bancroft Community Center.** Bring a friend and start Growing Stronger today!

Registration is \$10 for the 12 week program. Call the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 346-1401 to register or for more information.

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