

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

March 2011

# Almond-Bancroft School Board Member Honored

#### March Dates To Remember

3/7-PIE Meeting 4:30 pm Elementary LMC

3/14-18-No School Spring Break

3/24-Board Of
Education
Meeting 6:30 pm
Almond School
Board Room



# ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

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



#### A-B Boys & Girls Club Wish List

- Art Drying Rack/Art Supplies
- X-Box Kinect Games
- PS2 Rockband Equipment
- Snacks
- Small Toys/Prizes
- Carpet Ball Table
- Disposable Paper Products-Cups, Plates, and Bowls
- Kleenex/Paper Towels
- Disinfecting Wipes

Job Opportunity-The A-B Boys & Girls Club has an opening for a program assistant. An application can be picked up at the Club.



Almond-Bancroft Boys and Girls Club will be open during A-B Schools Spring Break March 14-17th

Monday-Thursday 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Lunch will be served!

Join in on the fun and dress up!

Monday: Pajama/Movie Day Tuesday: Superhero Day Wednesday: Crazy Hair/Hat day

Thursday: Fiesta

# High School Student Of The Week

December 27 - 31



Isabell Wuesten is a pleasure to have in my Foodservice Operations and Senior Strategies courses. She is an excellent student with a super smile and pleasant personality. Isabellisteinwunderbarer Mensch.

~ Mr. Knepfel

# High School Student Of The Week

January 10 - 14



Danielle Dykes has been very involved in the agriculture department through her involvement previously in Weyauwega and now getting our program going here in Almond. She is serving as our A-B FFA President. We have been able to count on her to help out with activities and ideas drawing from her past experiences in the FFA and classroom work. Danielle takes her school work seriously and is working toward being a Veterinarian. She steps up in class to volunteer and outside of class to help out whenever needed. She is a real pleasure to have in class and as a member of the FFA. ~ Mrs. Meyers

# High School Student Of The Week

January 3 - 7



Anthony Ellie is my choice for the student of the week. He is very diligent in completing his work and does an excellent job on each task assigned. He actively participates in class discussion and willingly assists other students so they can understand the concepts. Keep up your outstanding performance. -P. Krueger

# High School Student Of The Week

January 17 - 21



My student of the week is Deziree Warzynski. She is honest, kind, and shows initiative.

~ Miss Mills

# Middle School Students Of The Month



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 January are: Matt Helmrick, Macy Baird, and Bryanna Sherd.

From the sixth grade the winner is Matt Helmrick. Matt is very polite and respectful in the classroom to both the teachers and his peers. He always has a positive attitude. Matt works very hard and always does an excellent job on his school work. He is a pleasant young man and a pleasure to have in class.

From the seventh grade the winner is Macy Baird. Macy is a positive, conscientious, and helpful student. She works really hard on her work and is always the first to lend a helping hand to other students in need. She excels at her academics. Macy is a delightful student to have in class.

From the eighth grade the winner is Byanna Sherd. Bryanna has grown into an excellent student in the middle school. She is a hard worker and is motivated to improve herself whenever possible. Bryanna has developed a great attitude towards learning and has also shown a strong work ethic this year. She has quickly become a positive influence on others around her.

Thank you for your hard work, Congratulations!

# A-B Geography Bee Champion





This years National Geographic Geography Bee was held on January 20th. The ten contestants had to answer some very challenging questions. Representing the various grades were:

4th grade - Aiden Whitman and Katelyn Simmons

5th grade - Derek Baumgartner and Paige Hintz

6th grade - Ben Lansing and Carter Newby

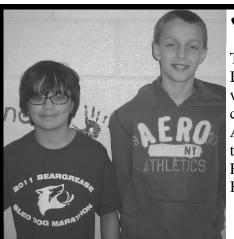
7th grade - Kyle Warzynski and Johl Turzinski

8th grade - Ramsey Avery and Devon Anderson When the dust cleared the two remaining contestants were Devon Anderson and Johl Turzinski in the Final or Championship round. Devon got the win when he knew that, "an ancient

lighthouse on the island of Pharos in the city of Alexandria was in the Country of Egypt."

Congratulations to Devon and all the contestants in this years Geography Bee.

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





## **A-B Middle School Spelling Bee**



The Almond Bancroft School District recently held its annual spelling bee. Ben Lansing defeated Dylan Bunders in a tightly contested match, which was held in the high school auditorium on Tuesday February 1st. Other contestants included Nathaniel Disher, Paige Hintz, Yadira Puente, Ava Anderson, Megan Wiczek, and Natalie Romo. Ben and Dylan advanced to the regional spelling bee, which was held at Wild Rose MS on Tuesday, February 15th at 1:00 PM. Ben placed 9th out of 12 and Dylan placed 6th. Ben missed the word Hamburger while Dylan missed the word prematurely.

Congratulations to Ben and Dylan on their accomplishments!

# 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School with the First Graders

The first grade students recently partook in an annual Day 100 Celebration. On Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, the first graders had a fun-filled day of activities that had to do with the number 100.

In the morning, with the help of parent volunteers the students participated in 6 different activities. They were able to work on puzzles with 100 pieces, count to 100 by 10 with paint, graph 100 balloons by color, write 100 reasons why they like Almond-Bancroft Schools, build with 100 Dixie cups and 100 cereal boxes, and make tally marks to 100. The morning had a grand finale of painting Mr. Boxx's face with green and gold paint!





In the afternoon the students headed for the gym to do 100-themed exercises. They wrote their name, sat, stood on one leg, and punched the air for 100 seconds.

They did 100 jumping jacks and popped the 100 balloons from the morning activities. They finished the 100 activities by walking around the school to get 100 autographs.



The first grade would like to thank all the parents and the teachers who made their day possible!



#### <u>Safety Cadet News</u> By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

After considerable thought, I have decided to end the choosing of "Safety Cadet of the Month". We have many cadets that do a wonderful job everyday throughout each month. By picking one student from each of the fifth grade classrooms each month, I just feel that I'm not being fair to all of the others that do such a great job. I am looking to set a day in March for all of the Safety Cadets that are in good standing to be able to go to the auditorium and watch a movie. More information will be sent home with your student after the date is set.

# GOT TALENT?



Once again, we are looking for all types of talent: comedians, dancers, singers, instrumentalists, you name it!

Auditions will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>,

# from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the ABHS auditorium.

All auditions must be performance ready, meaning all words, dance steps, etc. are memorized and ready to perform. We ask that acts are kept under five minutes in length.

# Please contact Crystal Frank in the HS Music Office to set up an audition time (366-2941 x.124).

If you are interested in being a part of the show or have any questions please contact us. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Please help make this another successful year for the show.

#### SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





Many thanks to Mrs. Sarah Ritter and the 4th grade students who worked very hard to revitalize our G.I.F.T.S. wall in the elementary hallway. We have been teaching and acknowledging the demonstration of good character on our wall for over six years, and the newly painted gifts provide a colorful framework to show off the great things our students do. You can focus on the importance of good character at home too. The following 20 suggestions are excerpted from Dr. Helen LeGette's book: *Parents, Kids & Character: Twenty-One Strategies to Help Your Children Develop Good Character.*Model good character in the home. It is critically important that those who are attempting to influence children's character in positive ways "walk the talk."

Be clear about your values. Tell your children where you stand on important issues. Good character is both taught and caught.

Show respect for your spouse, your children, and other family members. Parents who honor each other, who share family responsibilities, and who resolve their differences in peaceful ways communicate a powerful message about respect.

**Model and teach your children good manners.** Insist that all family members use good manners in the home. Good manners are really the Golden Rule in action. Whether the issue is courtesy or other simple social graces, it is in the home that the true thoughtfulness for others has its roots. **Have family meals together without television as often as possible.** Mealtime is an excellent time for parents to talk with and listen to their children and to strengthen family ties. Whether the meal is a home-cooked feast or fast food from the drive-through, the most important ingredient is the sharing time — the time set aside to reinforce a sense of belonging to and being cared about by the family.

Plan as many family activities as possible. Involve your children in the planning. Family activities that seem quite ordinary at the moment are often viewed in retrospect as very special and memorable bits of family history. A dad's "date" with a teenage daughter, a family picnic in the park, or a Sunday excursion for ice cream can provide a meaningful time for being together and sharing as a family.

Don't provide your children access to alcohol or drugs. Model appropriate behavior regarding alcohol and drugs. Despite peer pressure, the anxieties of adolescence, a youthful desire for sophistication, and media messages that glamorize the use of drugs and alcohol, the family is the most powerful influence on whether a young person will become a substance abuser. Nowhere is the parents' personal example more critical than in the area of alcohol and drug use.

**Plan family service projects or civic activities.** At the heart of good character is a sense of caring and concern for others. Simple acts like taking food to a sick neighbor, mowing an elderly person's yard, or collecting outgrown clothes and toys for charity help youth learn the joys of assisting others and develop lifelong habits of service.

Read to children and keep good literature in the home. Great teachers have always used stories to teach, motivate, and inspire, and reading together is an important part of passing the moral legacy of our culture from one generation to another. Children's questions and comments about the stories offer parents important insights into their children's thoughts, beliefs, and concerns.

Limit your children's spending money. Help them develop an appreciation for non-material rewards. In today's consumerist culture, youth could easily come to believe that image — wearing the "right" clothes, driving the "right" car, etc. — represents the path to success and happiness Discuss the holidays and their meanings. Have family celebrations and establish family traditions. Observing holidays and celebrating family traditions not only develop these feelings of attachment to and kinship with others, but they also serve as a special kind of glue that binds us together as human beings, as family members, and as citizens.

Capitalize on the "teachable moment." As parents and children interact with one another and with others outside the home, there are countless situations that can be used to teach valuable lessons about responsibility, empathy, kindness, and compassion.

**Assign home responsibilities to all family members.** Even though it is often easier to clear the table, take out the trash, or load the dishwasher ourselves than to wait for a child to do it, we have an obligation to help children learn to balance their own needs and wishes against those of other family members — and ultimately, other members of society.

Set clear expectations for your children and hold them accountable for their actions. Defining reasonable limits and enforcing them appropriately establishes the parents as the moral leaders in the home and provides a sense of security to children and youth. It also lets them know that you care enough about them to want them to be — or to become — people of good character.

**Keep your children busy in positive activities.** Children and youth have remarkable energy levels, and the challenge is to channel that energy into positive activities such as sports, hobbies, music or other forms of the arts, or church or youth groups like the scouts. Such activities promote altruism, caring, and cooperation and also give children a sense of accomplishment.

**Learn to say no and mean it.** It is natural for children — especially teenagers — to test the limits and challenge their parents' authority. Despite the child's protests, a parent's most loving act is often to stand firm and prohibit the child's participating in a potentially hurtful activity.

Know where your children are, what they are doing, and with whom. Adults need to communicate in countless ways that we care about children and that we expect the best from them, but also that we take seriously our responsibility to establish standards and to monitor, chaperone, and supervise. At the risk of being perceived as "old fashioned," insist on meeting your children's friends and their parents.

Refuse to cover for your children or make excuses for their inappropriate behavior. Shielding children and youth from logical consequences of their actions fails to teach them personal responsibility. It also undermines social customs and laws by giving them the impression that they are somehow exempt from regulations that govern others' behavior.

Know what television shows, videos, and movies your children are watching. While there are some very fine materials available, a proliferation of pornographic and hate-filled information is easily accessible to our youth. By word and example, teach your children responsible viewing habits. If you learn that your child has viewed something objectionable, candidly share your feelings and discuss why the material offends your family's values. Remember that you are the adult! Children don't need another buddy, but they desperately need a parent who cares enough to set and enforce appropriate limits for their behavior. Sometimes being able to say, "My dad won't let me" provides a convenient escape for a youth who really didn't want to participate in a questionable activity.

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

#### "A" Honor Roll

## Graduation Year: 2011

DATONN AMMEL RABE AVERY MIRANDA BORCHARDT AMANDA CRAHAN DANIELLE DYKES JEFFREY FLETCHER LUCAS MEDDAUGH ZACHARY PERZINSKI

#### Graduation Year: 2012 RUSSELL CAREY

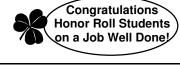
JEANETTE R. COLOMBE ANTHONY ELLIE BRADY MCINTEE JON PAGEL SORCIA ROCK ISABELL WUESTEN

Graduation Year: 2013

DESTINY DYKES KIARA I. TURZINSKI BAYLEE VOSS-PLUTSCHACK JOHN WAGGONER MARISSA WARZYNSKI

#### Graduation Year: 2014

TISAN BATED ALEXANDER CRULL MCKENNA HECK PAYTON HINTZ ANGELA IWANSKI HANNAH LANSING RAMIRO LUNA EVAN PAGEL ANNA PERRIN CARISSA PERZINSKI AIDEN ROCK ALEXIS SEITZ RAIDEN VANN MEGHAN VARGA



#### Graduation Year: 2015

DEVON ANDERSON

RAMSEY AVERY HATTIE BERRY MEGAN BURNS TEAGAN HECK ANTHONY HINTZ JESSE HUNKINS MCKENZIE MINER NATALIE ROMO MARGARET SCOTT JACE STUEBS ASHLEY TAKACS MARTA VANN HAILEY WIERZBA Graduation Year: 2016

AUSTIN BUNDERS DEANA CLARK JOSEPH CRAHAN EMILY DEMCHIK NATHANIEL DISHER DYLAN HECK JORDAN KEALIHER

KAITLYNN LEHMAN KYLE MERILA ARTEL PLASKT JOHL TURZINSKI KYLE WARZYNSKI ALISSA WILLIAMS GARETT YONKE

#### ALLAN ZINDA

Graduation Year: 2017 DYLAN BUNDERS JOSEPH DORGAN JR. MATTHEW HELMRICK BENJAMIN LANSING CARTER NEWBY CATHERINE SCHMIDT COLTON STANISLAWSKI EMMA WALLACE MICHAELA WALLACE

JACOB WIERZBA

#### "B" Honor Roll

Graduation Year: 2011 SHANE BEMBENEK NICHOLAS CHAPA RICHARD DOMENGET RACHEL PENZA JON PIETERS

STEPHANIE RODRIOUEZ

Graduation Year: 2012 MORGAN BAAR

TYLER BUNDERS DANIELLE DAHMS JEREK DAKE MICHAEL HARTMAN AMBER HINTZ ALTSON KIM JEFFREY KOLLOCK BRANDON LEHMAN TAYLOR MARTINES SAVANNAH MUNDINAC CYNTHIA NIGH DREW PAINTER RYAN SANDERS ZACHARY SANDERS ANGELA SHACKELFORD MASON SIGOURNEY STERRA STUCKER GARRET WARZYNSKI

BRETT BEIGEL SAMUEL BORCHARDT AVERY FARHLING KRISTEN HAFERMAN KAILYN KOEHLER MERRICK MEDDAUGH HEATHER MERILA HAYLEY RISKE JADE STUEBS

COLTER STUTESMAN

MARY ZAK

Graduation Year: 2013

Graduation Year: 2014

BRANDON EASTMAN ABBIGAIL KARPEN DEREK KEENLANCE JEWEL MATKE CODY MEDDAUGH KAYLA SMITH SHELBY SWAN JACOB VALLERY LACEY WARZYNSKI

REEGAN ANDERSON YANIRA CARRIZOSA JAROD CIESLEWICZ

Graduation Year: 2015

BRANDON CZLAPINSKI NICHOLAS FIGUEROA KLAYTON HAVILAND COLTON HINTZ MEGHAN MENADUE BRYANNA SHERD ALEXANDRIA SPOHN TEAGAN VEZINA MEGAN WICZEK Graduation Year: 2016

SAMANTHA BOWDEN JANESSA CISEWSKI ALEXANDER KARPEN HUNTER LASKA JASMINE LUNA CHRISTIAN NOTH CLAYTON SWAN PATTENCE TURNER COLE WARZYNSKI

AVA ANDERSON

Graduation Year: 2017

EDUARDO BANDA JAIME BANDA VELVET ELLIS GAVIN HEINZ WYATT RICHTMYRE JOSHUA SCHUDE ALEXUS WILLIAMS

# Making The Grade On Homework Habits

-Although you shouldn't do homework for your children, you can help them to develop good homework habits.

- Designate a regular place and time to work on assignments. It doesn't necessarily need to be a desk. A kitchen table can work just as well.
- Make sure the place is well lit and quiet without distractions such as a TV, other children playing, or people talking.
- Keep materials-paper, pencil, dictionary-nearby so your children can get started quickly.
- There's no right time to do homework. Some children do best if they tackle homework right after school. Others do better if they leave homework until evening.
- Be sure to let your children have a say in deciding homework time. Homework is often a source of conflict between parents and kids. If you agree on a regular time and place, you can eliminate two of the most common homework related problems.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics

## Middle School Science News By: Mrs. Plaisance

- 1) We will miss Mrs. Christine Mechenich and hope to see her again during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester as a substitute teacher here at school! She did a wonderful job with our students in the middle school during first semester.
- 2) The 6<sup>th</sup> graders just made the "Biome Bob" music video and created lovely biome dioramas of each of the major land biomes of earth(see photos below). The biome dioramas have been on display in the LMC for the month of February. Students did a great job on their displays and the video was a big hit students have been doing this "tradition" for many years now.

Our "Biome Bobs" for this year were Colton Stanislawski and Wyatt Richtmyre; they are both terrific dancers!

- "Tundra Tess" was played by Alexus Williams, Emma Wallace, Catie Schmid and Michaela Wallace
- "Taiga Ted" was played by Dylan Bunders, Carter Newby, and Andy Simmons
- "Deciduous Darla" was played by Megan Green, Taylor Schafer and Kristin Figueroa
- "Grassland Gary" was played by Gavin Heinz, Joe Dorgan, Matt Helmrick and Josh Schude
- "Desert Desiree" was played by Velvet Ellis, Gabe Banda, Eduardo Banda, and Jaime Banda
- "Tropical Trey" was played by Jacob Wierzba, Ben Lansing, and Josh Cieslewicz
- The 6th graders are also learning about Marine Ecosystems and taking a trip to the world's oceans via the magic of the *Planet Earth* DVD.
- 3) The 7th graders have finished their Cells unit and are working on scientific classification in Life Science. They are currently working on a Tracks and Tracking mini-unit and have made some projects related to tracking of mammals

in Wisconsin. They read "January Thaw" in Aldo Leopold's <u>Sand County Almanac</u> to learn how tracks tell the stories of animal's activities.

4) The 8th graders have finished their Cells unit and are working on scientific classification in Life Science. They are currently working on learning about Plate Tectonics and Earthquakes in Earth Science: they are hoping there is not a major earthquake during their unit, but they are learning that there are earthquakes somewhere on earth every minute of every day. Those plates are on the move all the time, much like middle school students!!!







# 2010-11 Yearbook Information

#### Get Your Pictures in the Yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online -

Log on to: **images.jostens.com** Enter Login ID: **400110614** Password: **abyearbook** 

Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".

Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information. Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

#### Senior Pictures

Seniors, please turn in your senior picture to the yearbook. Deadline for senior pictures is **Friday, March 4**<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2011 Yearbooks are on sale now!

Order Online, and avoid having to send cash to school with your child. Go to www.JostensYearbooks.com, find Almond-Bancroft, and place your order by 3/25/2011.

Make sure to check out the fun and interactive accessories that may be added to your yearbook, such as Photo Pockets, Photo Key Chains, Colorful Autograph Pages, and more. **Book Price: \$42** 

# March Eagles Athletic Events



3/1-WIAA HS Boys BB Regional TBD
3/3-WIAA HS Boys BB Regional TBD
3/5-WIAA HS Boys BB Regional TBD
3/8-WIAA HS Girls BB Regional TBD
3/10-WIAA HS Girls BB Regional TBD
-WIAA HS Boys BB Sectional TBD
3/12-WIAA HS Girls BB Regional TBD
-WIAA HS Boys BB Sectional TBD
3/17-WIAA HS Girls BB Sectional TBD
3/17-WIAA HS Girls BB Sectional TBD
3/17-3/19-WIAA HS Boys BB State
Tournament TBD
3/24-3/26-WIAA HS Girls State
Tournament TBD

For more information on Regional, Sectional, or State Tournament schedules go to http://wiaawi.org/

# Thank you for Supporting A-B Athletics.....

Almond-Bancroft student athletes would like to thank Lynn Hintz and Art Pagel for all the time and effort they put into photographing the athletes at Almond-Bancroft. Lynn graciously supplies team photos for the newsletter and you will always see her with her camera on the sidelines of all athletic events from elementary to high school, just waiting for the perfect shot! You can find plenty of Mr. Pagel's photography lining the halls of the Middle School and High School along with team statistics and other great sports related information. The student athletes greatly appreciate all of Mr. Pagel's donated time and photos!

The A-B student athletes would also like to thank all of the supportive parents and fans who come to all the athletic events and the Eagle Booster Club. Go Eagles!

# 8th Grade Basketball



Back (L to R): Hattie Berry, Hailey Wierzba, Mckenzie Miner, Coach Yonke, Rebecca Kallio, Natalie Romo, Ashley Takacs Front: Megan Burns, Meghan Menadue, Alex Spohn

# 7th Grade Basketball



Back (L to R): Coach Galien, Catie Schmidt, Kaitlynn Lehman, Alissa Williams, Ava Anderson, Catie Methfessel

Front: Emma Wallace, Patience Turner, Michaela Wallace, Alexus Williams



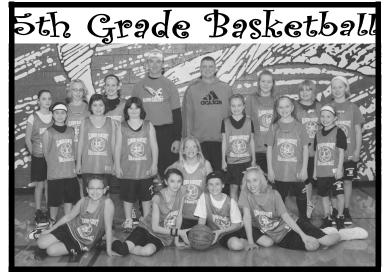
TC-AB Titan Wrestler, Senior Brandon Clapper, Qualified For The State Wrestling Tournament In Madison Held February 24th-26th, 2011

Brandon wrestles at 215 lbs. with a record of 35-7.

Brandon has also set the school record for most career wins and pins!

Congratulations Brandon and good luck at State!





Back Row (L to R): Ashley Armstrong, Abigail Cisewski, Cami Newby, Coach Berry, Coach Gendusa, Megan Manske, Lauren Dykes, April Chilsen Middle Row: Manager Madi, Bryn Turzinski, Molly Turner, Chole Lehman, Gabrielle Gendusa, Aurora Larsen, Manager Katrina Front Row: Breeley Warzynski, Maizie Berry, Paige Hintz, Kara Cisewski



Back Row (L to R): Maryah Cook, Emily Takacs, Brianna Borski, Sydney Otto, Katelyn Simmons Coach Young Front Row: Michaela Stucker, Emaleah Matke, Angela Rogers, Star Rodiguez, Montana Thompson



#### Almond-Bancroft- Coaches Needed

Head HS Baseball Coach, Assistant HS Baseball Coach, & Assistant HS Track Coach

The Almond-Bancroft School District is seeking a Head Baseball, Assistant Baseball & Assistant Track Coach for the upcoming season. These positions will be open until filled. Any further questions or information contact our athletic director Ms. Jodi Meyer at (715)-366-2941, ext. 313. Please send application materials (resume, cover letter, etc.) to Ms. Meyer at 1336 Elm St., Almond,



## DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Join in the fun! Get your 7 person team together for the Annual Dodgeball Tournament. Register your team with Mr. Baumgartner before March 21st!



When: 6:00, Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Where: West Gym

Who: Sponsored by the AAEA (proceeds go to scholarship fund)

#### Tournament Divisions:

5<sup>th</sup> grade and under 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

9<sup>th</sup> grade – Adult (must have at least 2 girls on your team in this division)

Guaranteed at least two matches-Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each division!

Admission to Gym will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students

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



#### **Family And Consumer Science News**

#### INTRODUCING FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE STUDENT TEACHER......



Hello, my name is Candice McGregor. This semester I'm student teaching in the Family and Consumer Sciences department with Mr. Knepfel. "I'm really enjoying my time here". "The students and staff are wonderful".

I grew up in Wisconsin Rapids where I attended Lincoln High School. During my freshmen year in high school I took a successful teens class through the FCS department and "I absolutely loved it". I continued to take FCS courses throughout my high school career. By my senior year I knew Family and Consumer sciences was the career path I wanted to take. In 2007 I began my college education at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Throughout my college education I was an active member of the Stevens Point Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. I was also a teacher's assistant at Gesell Preschool on campus. At Gesell I helped plan and

prepare activities for the children. On the weekends I work at Saint Michael's Hospital in nutrition services, where I help prepare, set up, and deliver meals to patients. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my husband.

#### SAFETY OFFICER VISITS 8TH GRADE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

Deputy Megann Spindler, Safety Officer for Portage County Sheriffs' Department, recently talked to 8<sup>th</sup> graders about sexual assault awareness. During their human growth and development unit in Family and Consumer Science class, grade eight students learn about relationships and dating. Along with that, awareness of and consequences related to different types of behavior and activities are discussed.





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

# **Skiing**

January was ski month for Almond-Bancroft students! All students were invited to go skiing or snowboarding with ACES members to Nordic Mountain on Monday nights. Twenty students and parents joined in on the fun for four Mondays. Thank you to all the participants, we hope to see you next year!



# **Humane Society**

The ACES members embarked on their monthly travel to the Humane Society in January and February. The group continues to enjoy this activity. They will continue their visits for the rest of the year.



As part of our Ice Age Trail adoption responsibilities, we need to help maintain the trail at least once a month. A small group of members took a snowshoe walk around the lake to help clear and ready the trail for the Sweetheart Candlelight Hike. On Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, three

members and some friends joined in the volunteer efforts to help make the Candlelight Hike a success. These volunteers helped by parking cars, snowshoeing the trail, filling candle bags, and laying out and lighting candles.

A great effort was shown by these young ladies and gentlemen.

#### **Upcoming Field Trip**

In March we have a field trip planned to Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London. We will participate in eco-challenge group cooperative activities, snowshoeing, and a winter survival skill: fire building.

#### **Fundraising**

The club sold root beer floats in February to the high school and middle school students during lunch. Thank you to all who supported our mission and bought a root beer float! We would also like to thank the members who volunteered to sell, donated ice cream, and donated soda.

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





#### **Recent Donations**

The LMC would like to thank the following people for their donations: **Thomas Hunt** - 2nd grade student (*Magic Tree House* books), **Carrie Karch** (calendars), **Rhonda Anderson** (fund-raising supplies for the Library Club fund-raiser), **Mickey Van Ert** (dog stories, *Where's Waldo*, a cookbook, & fund-raising materials), the **Portage County Bank** (date stamps and calendars), **Ed Poock** (calendars), the **Colombe family** (elementary books and calendars), **Joann Cummings** (beads for the Library Club fund-raiser & assistance making bracelets), **Lynn Hintz** (calendars), **Wanda Yonke** (magazines and calendars), **Ed Warzynski** (calendars), **Hannah Lansing** - 9th grade student (three novels for the Secondary LMC). Thank you <u>all</u> for your support of the school LMC!

#### **Winter Book Displays**

There were some important holidays and celebrations in January and February, and both the Elementary LMC and the Secondary LMC had special displays of books as well as handouts for the elementary students with word searches, fun facts, crossword puzzles, and pages to color.

**Martin Luther King Day** was January 17, and the whole month of February was designated **Black History Month**. The theme of Black History Month 2011 was "African Americans and the Civil War." By the end of the war, nearly 186,000 black men, almost 10% of Union forces, served in the U.S. Army and Navy, along with thousands of men and women who supported the Union effort as carpenters, laborers, nurses, scouts, and guards.

Students were able to learn some fascinating facts about famous African Americans and the Civil War by checking out some of these <a href="new">new</a> books in the LMC: The Almanac of African American Heritage; Women of the Civil Rights Movement; Promises to Keep - How Jackie Robinson Changed America; The Jesse Owens Story; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Timothy O'Sullivan, America's Forgotten Photographer - the Life and Work of the Brilliant Photographer whose Camera Recorded the American Scene from the Battlefields of the Civil War to the Frontiers of the West; Forged in Battle - the Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and White Officers; and The Big Book of the Civil War - Including Historic Photographs, Maps, and Documents, as well as many more titles to further the knowledge and understanding of the role of African Americans in the history of our great country.

This year the **Chinese New Year** fell on February 3, 2011. It was the start of "The Year of the Rabbit." Although everyone always thinks of lion dances and firecrackers, there is so much more to this special holiday: spending time with family, historical traditions, gift giving, and, of course, the festival of wonderful food. Traditions provide continuity with the past and help give individuals an identity of which to be proud. As we learn about other cultures, we learn more about ourselves. Some of the books on display were: *Lion Dancer, Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year; Dragon Parade - A Chinese New Year Story; Michelle Kwan, Heart of a Champion; The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung - a Chinese Miner; Chinese New Year - a Time for Parades, Family, and Friends; The People of China and Their Food; Count Your Way Through China; Chinese Brushwork in Calligraphy and Painting; Island - Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island 1910-1940; The Diary of Ma Yan - the Struggles and Hopes of a Chinese Schoolgirl; and China - A Primary Source Cultural Guide.* 

Of course, **Valentine's Day** was February 14. In the two LMCs there are hundreds of books on friendship, love, romance, cooperation, and families. Titles range from the children's book *I Love You Always and Forever* to the classic *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

And February 21st was **Presidents' Day**. The LMC has books on all the presidents from Washington to Obama. The newest titles are: *Of Thee I Sing - A Letter to my Daughters* (Barack Obama reflects on the traits of thirteen groundbreaking Americans, such as the kind Jane Addams, the courageous Jackie Robinson, and the inspiring Cesar Chavez, and shares how children embody these characteristics); *First Dog* (a picture book about a Portuguese water dog that ends up at the White House); *Barack Obama - Our 44th President*; and *Michelle Obama - in Her Own Words*. There are many, many wonderful and informative books to read in the LMC!

#### **Reading to Rover**

The University of California Davis School of Veterinary medicine has found some interesting correlations regarding children reading to dogs:

\*One study showed that kids who read to a pet may be able to improve their ability to read aloud and become more relaxed and confident in their reading abilities.

\*In a second study, reading to a dog helped kids' fluency by 12% (the biggest improvement was with students reading below grade level).

After all, dogs don't make any negative comments; they just listen. Students know that their dogs won't make fun of them. Therefore, the students become more relaxed, and, consequently, their reading skills and self-esteem improve. Have your children read to their dogs (and cats too!). It may very well improve their reading skills.



#### **Partners In Education News**

Listed below is the date, time, and a list of items that will be on the agenda at the next PIE meeting, we would love to have you attend! **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** 

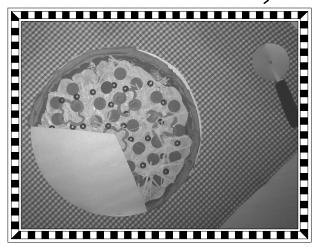
Planning for American Red Cross Babysitter Training

Planning for Senior Tea

Planning for Staff Appreciation Day Planning for Eighth Grade Graduation

Please contact **Trina Warzynski** at **715-366-2941 ext 422 or 715-366-2773** if attending a meeting is not possible, but you would still like to become involved. Partners In Education values all input!

# HELP A-B ELEMENTARY FILL OUR PIZZA PAN WITH SLICES OF PIZZA!



In order for the A-B elementary to have a pizza party they need to collect 9,000 Box Tops. Each slice of pizza equals 1,000 Box Tops collected. Please check out our bulletin board in the elementary entrance. They have only three more slices to fill the pan, so send in those BoxTops! Look for the 10 cent Box Tops coupon on hundreds of products. Box Tops are on products 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. A collection box is located in Ms. Ciula's office.

Remember to check the expiration date, we cannot send them in after they have expired.

Thank you for your help!

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

Partners In Education is offering a Babysitter's Training Course on

Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Almond School in the F.A.C.E. Room.

Class size is at least 6 students and <u>not more then 12</u>. Registration required by April 15th.

Registration is on a first come first serve basis. Must be 11 years old to attend.

Cost is \$48.00, P.I.E. will cover 1/2 the cost for A-B students. A-B student cost would be \$24.00.

Payment will be returned if class is full. Payment is nonrefundable after April 22nd.

Textbooks and course materials are included in the price. Students will need to bring a sack lunch with drink.

The babysitter's training course will give you the safety skills and confidence to be a great babysitter. You'll learn what to expect from parents plus get the skills you need to help handle any real life babysitting situations. After you complete the training you will be certified to baby-sit and have your own baby-sitters card!

Contacts: Sherri Galle-Teske, Instructor, American Red Cross Portage County, at 715-344-4052 or

Trina Warzynski, P.I.E. Chair, at 715-366-2773.

Red Cross Babysitter's Training - Sponsored by P.I.E.  Make check payable to: American Red Cross of Portage County, Return this form and check to: Almond-Bancroft Dean Of Students Office				
NAME	DATE			
MAILING ADDRESS				
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DADENT SIGNATI IDE				

I give my permission for my child to attend the American Red Cross Babysitting Training. I understand that once registered, no refunds will be given. Moving my child into a class on a later date is acceptable if room permits. The Red Cross reserves the right to send a student home with no refund if they are disruptive to the class. Students earn their Babysitting Certificate by participating in class discussion, practicing all required skills, and showing a general understanding on how to be a responsible babysitter. Class begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Students arriving after 9:15 a.m. will have missed vital information and may be asked to leave & return at a later date.

# **Community News**

# March Fit Kids Challenge News

Portage County Can is sponsoring an Challenge Event on

Friday, March 4th, 5:00-7:00 pm Where: Boys & Girls Club, 2401 Cedar Drive, Plover

**What:** A trip around the world! Allowing families and children to explore different cultures while staying active. Come experience Antarctica, Asia, North America, and Africa all in one evening.

Don't forget! You'll receive your prize ticket when you arrive and you can enter your name for a chance to win exciting prizes like a Wii game station, Wii Fit, bike, and other fun door prizes!

Almond-Bancroft will be hosting a Challenge Event on Saturday, March 26th. More information about this event will be sent home with your student at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Schomer (715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us)

#### Thank You!

Thank you to all community members who donated hangers and clothes for the AB Charity Closet this past month! Please think of the AB Charity Closet when cleaning out your closet this spring.

# Continuing Education March Classes

**Healthy Cooking 101:** One way to help make sure those shorts fit this summer is to learn how to cook traditional meals a little bit healthier. Come learn some tricks-of-the-trade on Tuesday, March 22 @ 6 pm in room 319; \$5.00/ person. Space is limited to 15 people, contact Jen Schomer to reserve your spot!

Tips to Transition into College: Attention collegebound seniors and parents! Hear advice and learn tips about do's and don't about that next step in life on Wednesday, March 23 @ 6:30 in the High School Library for free. Please RSVP to Jen Schomer before 3/22/11. **Basic Computers:** Amazed how everyone seems to know so much about computers? Attend the Basic Computer class on Wednesday, March 30 @ 6 pm in room 103; \$3.00/ person. Contact Jen Schomer to reserve your seat! Free Adult Fitness Class: Come bust a move every Monday and Thursday evenings starting at 5:30 pm in room 124 (Choir room) at Almond High School. Walking Club!: Walking those pounds off! Walking can start any time before 6:30 pm, Monday-Thursday in Almond School. Please sign-in by room 101. There will be prizes each month for those who walk the most hours! **AB Book Club:** Check out our book club. The only cost is the purchase of each book. Meetings are held every other Thursday @ 7 pm in the library. Contact Jen Schomer to find out what book they will be reading next!

Contact Jen Schomer to register for a class; jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 Ext. 101



# Volunteer Spotlight



#### Day 100 Volunteers!

On Friday, February 4th, the first graders celebrated the 100th day of school by participating in a variety of activities based around the number 100. Fifteen volunteers came in to help run these activities, which included Balloon Sorting, SMART Board Tally Game, Love My School Hearts, Hand Painting by 5's or 10's, putting together 100 piece puzzles, building fun things with 100 Dixie Cups, and using 100 cereal boxes as dominos. Thank you to Pam Zinda, Kristi Hintz, Amy Manske, Jamie Winn, Jean Colombe, Al Kunst, Jenifer Rendall, Leslie Burns, Cathy Kunst, Jeremy Firkus, Heidi Iwanski, Heather Burns, Josette Armstrong, Deanna Ruiz, and Lori Curtin (not pictured).





#### From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

Thank you for keeping your family lunch bill paid up, it is great to see all the students eating breakfast and lunch! It is so important to eat breakfast every day! It is also important to eat fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables come in terrific colors and flavors, but their real beauty lies in what's inside. They are a great sources of many vitamins, minerals and other natural substances that may help protect you from chronic diseases.

To get a healthy variety, think color. Eating fruits and vegetables of different colors gives your body a wide range of valuable nutrients, like fiber, folate, potassium, and vitamins A and C. Some examples include green spinach, orange sweet potatoes, black beans, yellow corn, purple plums, red watermelon, and white onions. I hope you and your family try a new fruit or vegetable choice today!

Sincerely Yours,
Pat Leary, Food Service Director
"This institution is an equal opportunity provider"



## Portage County Farm To School Program

During lunch on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, all students will have the opportunity to try locally grown carrots as a part of the monthly Farm to School Harvest of the Month tasting. The goal of Harvest of the Month is to excite students about eating fresh fruits and vegetables and to inspire them to try new foods. It also encourages the school food service to purchase foods from local farmers and producers.

Be sure to ask your students and children how they enjoyed trying the carrot salad made from carrots from Whitefeather Organics in Custer, WI. Two medium carrots or eight baby carrots are equal to about one cup of vegetables. One cup of carrots is an excellent source of vitamin A and vitamin K. Vitamin A helps maintain good vision, fight infection, and keep skin healthy. Vitamin K helps stop cuts and scrapes from bleeding too much and starts the healing process.

There are many ways to use carrots. You can buy baby carrots to take with you for an easy, on-the-go snack, add raw carrot sticks as a crunchy side dish at lunch, or grate carrots into salads and over soups to add a crunchy, sweet flavor. Carrots are a great addition to any meal. They can be eaten whole, sliced into sticks, cut into rounds, chopped or shredded. Ask your child to help think of fun ways to include carrots in family meals.

Please feel free to contact your Portage County Farm to School Representatives with any comments, questions, or if you would like to lend a hand. Maggie Stremkowski: stremkowskim@co.portage.wi.us and Kelly Smith: smithke@co.portage.wi.us.

#### **Carrot Salad**

#### Ingredients

4 carrots, shredded 1 apple - peeled, cored and shredded

1 tablespoon lemon juice

2 tablespoons honey

1/4 cup raisins

salt and pepper to taste

#### **Directions**

In a bowl, combine the carrots, apple, lemon juice, honey, raisins, salt and pepper. Toss and chill before serving.



## **Almond Community Theatre presents...**

"Love Thy Neighbor" Comedic Play Written by Gary Ray Stapp Directed by Larry Whitman and Lisa Vann, Performed by Almond Community Theatre (ACT).

SAVE THE DATES! APRIL 29-30 & MAY 1, 2011

Tickets will be available for purchase after April 10th.

Look in the April newsletter for more details or contact Lisa Vann, 715-630-5834.

# Almond-Bancroft Menus, March 2011

#### **Breakfast Menu**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Juice Served With Every Breakfast	1 Pancake Sausage Wrap	2 Scrambled Eggs, Toast	3 Box Breakfast	4 Breakfast Bagel
7 Cereal, Muffin	8 Pancake, Sausage	9 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	10 Box Breakfast	11 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
14 No School	15 No School	16 No School	17 No School	18 No School
21 Cereal, Muffin	22 Oatmeal, Toast	23 Box Breakfast	24 Egg Omelet, Toast	25 Bagel, Yogurt
28 Cereal, Muffin	29 French Toast Sticks	30 Box Breakfast	31 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	

New Breakfast Smoothie Flavors For Spring: Pineapple-Coconut, Pineapple, Mango, Mandarin Orange, & Mango-Strawberry



Breakfast Prices: Reduced – No Charge 4K (M-W) - 7 days @ 1.00 = \$7.00 4K (T-TH) – 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00

K-12<sup>th</sup> grade - 18 days @ 1.00 = \$18.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Menu	I Egg Roll, Fried Rice, Fortune Cookie	B.B.Q., Oven Potatoes	3 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread	4 Chicken Quesedilla
7 Beefy Nachos	8 Chicken Stir Fry, Salad Bar	9 Fish Sticks, French Fries	10 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,	11 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar
14 No School	15 No School	16 No School	17 No School	18 No School
21 Chicken Nuggets, Tater Barrels	22 Tacos, Corn	23 Baked Potato Bar	24 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Bread	25 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar
28 Hot Dog, French Fries	29 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Dessert	30 Ham Scalloped Potatoes	31 Corn Dogs, Ravioli	

Vegetable & Fruit Served Daily Lunch Prices:

4K Reduced (M-W) - 7 days @ .40 = \$2.80

4K Reduced (T-TH) 8 days@.40 = \$3.20

4K (M-W) - 7 days @ 1.60 = \$11.20

4K (T-TH) 8 days@ 1.60 = \$12.80

 $K-12^{th}$  grade Reduced – 18 days @ .40 = \$7.20

K-5<sup>th</sup> grade – 18 days @ 1.60 = \$38.20

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade - 18 days @ 1.85 = \$33.30

# Almond-Bancroft High School Play An Inconvenient Corpse

Show times Saturday, February 26th - 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 27th - 5:00 PM

Tickets

Adults - \$5.00

Students and seniors - \$3.00

#### **An Inconvenient Corpse Cast List**

(In order of appearance)

Kaitlin – Alexis Seitz

Molly – Payton Hintz

Frieda - Jewel Matke

Megan – Lacey Warzynski

Dexter - Avery Faehling

Mac - Kevin Buckenberger

Dolly Manfred – Datonn Ammel

June Hildebrand – Amber Hintz

Luann Sommers – Kailyn Koehler

Myrna Fontaine – Audra Anderson

Gert Hoppelmeyer – Danielle Dykes

Alvinia Carnes - Aiden Rock

Mayor Hightower – Richard Domenget

Nelda – Jade Stuebs

Darryl Burdett - AJ Ellie

Mimi Monroe – Jessica Dorgan

Sheriff Dan – Drew Painter

Mirium – Brittney Degler

Doc Poindexter - Jeff Fletcher



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# Like to Read... Dr. Seuss!

# **Dramatic Story Reading**

Mr. Peter - The Story Book Reader NOT Story Telling, but Story READING.



These questions are answered and more. A great time is had by all ages, especially when the page in *Green Eggs and Ham* with all the places listed, is read in *one breath*. Requests for favorite Dr. Seuss stories are welcomed.



Almond-Bancroft Elementary School Family Night Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:15 pm in the Almond Auditorium This is a free event. Hope you can join us!

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