



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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October/November 2021

Dates To Remember

- 10/12 and 10/14- Middle and High School Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00 pm
- 10/18-No School
- 10/20-Budget Hearing/ Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm, Auditorium -Board Of Education Meeting, Board Room
- 11/5-Half Day for Students, Noon Dismissal
- 11/11 and 11/16- Elementary School Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30 pm
- 11/17-Board Of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, Board Room
- 11/24-11/26-No School, Thanksgiving Break



District Administrator Message

Fall is my favorite time of year. I love when the sun is shining, but the air is cool. It is also the most beautiful time of year - especially in Wisconsin, with all of the trees turning colors. I recently looked online to see what we should be celebrating in the month of October, and I was pleasantly surprised with some of the things that should be recognized in the month of October.

First of all, October is National Book Month and National Learning and Development month. In my short time in Almond-Bancroft, I am so impressed with the focus on learning and development that our staff, school board and community have. We are setting high expectations for our students and putting supports into place so that all of our students can meet these expectations.

At our elementary school, we have a Title 1 teacher and an interventionist that work with our struggling learners in both reading and math. This year we were also able to hire an interventionist at our middle school who is not only working with our struggling learners in reading and math but also our advanced learners in math. We are implementing a new phonics curriculum in K-2 that will help build an even stronger foundation for our students. At all levels we are analyzing many pieces of data (academic, social-emotional, behavioral) to better understand the needs of our students, and teachers and administrators are collaborating to develop ways to support them.

Books have always been a large part of my life. As a former English teacher, I love the way that books can take us places that we have never been and can give us experiences that we could never have on our own. It has been difficult in the last couple of years with Covid to really be able to enjoy books to the same extent that we have in the past, especially at school. However, this year we have been able to open up our library for more classes to come in and enjoy finding their 'best fit' book. Mr. Collins, our former librarian and current ELA teacher, and Mrs. Mocker, our new librarian, have purchased new books for both elementary and secondary students that will appeal to all tastes. Please encourage your children to pick up a book when they have some down time - there is nothing else like it!

I was also very excited to see that October is national caramel, cookie and dessert month! I usually feel a little guilty when I indulge in these three things, but this month I don't have to! This will just give me a reason to treat the staff who work each day to bring out the best in each and every student regardless of the other stresses going on. Covid is one of the things that adds some stress to everyone's life. We have been fortunate so far that we have not had many students or staff out for Covid or for quarantines. I hope that this will continue as we move through fall and into winter.

In this month's newsletter, you will find pictures and highlights from Homecoming, our proposed budget and notice of our annual meeting, information on our Covid testing program, and acknowledgement of our athletic teams.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools, teachers and students. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, suggestions or just to chat about what is going on in the district. I look forward to hearing from you!

Jodi Becker

Almond-Bancroft School District

Jodi Becker
District Administrator

Toni Schumacher
PK-12 Principal

Andria Bena
Special Ed Director/
Psychologist

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District, consisting of the Village of Almond, Towns of Almond, Belmont, Buena Vista, Lanark, and Pine Grove - all being in Portage County; Towns of Oasis and Rose - both being in Waushara County; State of Wisconsin; that the annual meeting, including the budget hearing (Wisconsin Statutes 66.94(4) and 40.08(1)) of said school district for the adoption of a tax levy and the transaction of all other business, will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the Almond-Bancroft School District Auditorium, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021.

Kim Weiss, District Clerk



PreK-12 Principal Message

It is parent/teacher conference time! This year we will be making a change in our conference structure. The middle and high school teachers felt that it would be beneficial to have conferences earlier in the year so that there would be time before quarter grades came out. Parents/guardians of students who need to improve or are struggling can work with the teacher to make a plan or figure out some strategies to help their student. Middle and high school parent teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 14th from 4:00-7:30 pm. The teachers will be in their rooms, and no appointments are necessary.

The elementary school teachers will hold their conferences on Thursday, November 11th, and Tuesday, November 16th from 4:00-7:30. Elementary conferences are scheduled. Parents/guardians should have received a sign-up form for conferences that will need to be returned soon. The schedule will be created shortly thereafter. Because there is so much to discern about student needs during the first quarter, we believe it is more beneficial to hold the conferences after first quarter.

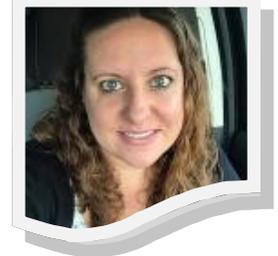
Regardless of whether you have an elementary, middle school, or high school student, I strongly encourage you to attend parent/teacher conferences. Every student benefits from a cooperative relationship between teachers and parents/guardians. We all want what is best for our kids, so please join us for conferences!

Toni Schumacher

Welcome New Staff



Hello! My name is Jenny Shier and I am excited to be the new K-12 School Counselor at the Almond-Bancroft School District. While I am new to the area, rural living is not new to me for I grew up on a small family farm in Montello WI. I earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees from Mount Mary University in Milwaukee WI and am dually licensed as a school counselor, licensed professional counselor (LPC) and substance abuse counselor (SAC). I have spent time working in the school counselor role at various public and private schools in the Milwaukee area, but have spent the past 4 ½ years working as a clinical therapist in various therapeutic settings (residential, partial hospitalization, and outpatient) in the Milwaukee and Madison area. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, which includes 4 cats! I look forward to meeting all of the students this upcoming school year and joining the Almond-Bancroft team!



Hello! My name is Nicole Lewis. I just moved here from the Milwaukee area where I was a special education teacher for 11 years. This year I will be joining the Eagle family as a Reading Interventionist. In my free time I like to read, take my dog to the dog park, go on the UTV, craft, and bake. I cannot wait to get to know all of the students. I look forward to an exciting year full of laughter and learning!

Artist of the Month Will Omernik



Will is a sophomore at Almond-Bancroft enrolled in Drawing Painting class this semester.

Will created this self-portrait which is made with drawing pencil on paper.

Great work Will!
-Mrs. Ziebell

ALMOND-BANCROFT 2022 POST PROM PLANNING MEETING

There will be a Post Prom meeting on **Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m.** Junior class parents who would like to help with the planning of this exciting event please meet in the A-B School Library.



Partners In Education

We are having our first PIE meeting of the year on October, 27th at 4:00 p.m. in the elementary library.

If you are unsure about attending in person, there is an option to attend virtually - go to the link below at the time of the event to join us from anywhere!

Virtual Attendance Link:
<https://meet.google.com/xxm-fhns-qzm>

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

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ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)	Audited 2019-2020	Unaudited 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
Beginning Fund Balance (Account 930 000)	944,084.47	1,443,157.65	1,707,706.01
Ending Fund Balance, Nonspendable (Acct. 935 000)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance, Restricted (Acct. 936 000)	1,107,200.33	1,707,706.01	1,707,706.01
Ending Fund Balance, Committed (Acct. 937 000)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance, Assigned (Acct. 938 000)	335,957.32	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance, Unassigned (Acct. 939 000)	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE (ACCT. 930 000)	1,443,157.65	1,707,706.01	1,707,706.01
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
100 Transfers-in	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources			
210 Taxes	1,847,400.01	1,912,463.13	1,489,912.00
240 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
260 Non-Capital Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
270 School Activity Income	17,963.49	2,253.70	8,000.00
280 Interest on Investments	15,645.65	8,834.98	9,050.00
290 Other Revenue, Local Sources	18,781.92	7,899.26	7,800.00
Subtotal Local Sources	1,899,791.07	1,931,451.07	1,514,762.00
Other School Districts Within Wisconsin			
310 Transit of Aids	0.00	0.00	0.00
340 Payments for Services	333,825.00	260,384.00	277,431.00
380 Medical Service Reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00
390 Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other School Districts within Wisconsin	336,825.00	260,384.00	277,431.00
Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin			
440 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
490 Other Inter-district, Outside Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intermediate Sources			
510 Transit of Aids	10,658.00	18,660.64	10,400.00
530 Payments for Services from CCDEB	0.00	0.00	0.00
540 Payments for Services from CESA	0.00	0.00	0.00
580 Medical Services Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
590 Other Intermediate Sources	10,883.00	957.00	0.00
Subtotal Intermediate Sources	21,541.00	19,617.64	10,400.00
State Sources			
610 State Aid -- Categorical	45,031.79	45,274.00	44,000.00
620 State Aid -- General	3,124,399.00	3,046,953.00	3,412,199.00
630 DPI Special Project Grants	6,307.92	4,735.64	3,960.00
640 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
650 Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE Grant)	143,282.53	141,537.00	142,000.00
660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units	29,123.60	31,471.55	31,500.00
690 Other Revenue	555,166.53	556,567.41	552,685.00
Subtotal State Sources	3,903,311.37	3,826,538.60	4,186,344.00
Federal Sources			
710 Federal Aid - Categorical	0.00	0.00	0.00
720 Impact Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
730 DPI Special Project Grants	26,174.54	162,698.46	251,806.59
750 IASA Grants	103,772.00	95,625.00	84,656.00
760 JTPA	0.00	0.00	0.00
770 Other Federal Revenue Through Local Units	0.00	0.00	0.00
780 Other Federal Revenue Through State	0.00	0.00	0.00
790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct	31,872.00	32,234.00	39,074.00
Subtotal Federal Sources	161,818.54	290,557.46	375,536.59

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	Audited 2019-2020	Unaudited 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
Other Financing Sources			
<i>850 Reorganization Settlement</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
860 Compensation, Fixed Assets	695.00	935.00	750.00
870 Long-Term Obligations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Financing Sources	695.00	935.00	750.00
Other Revenues			
<i>960 Adjustments</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
970 Refund of Disbursement	9,037.89	6,752.68	6,500.00
980 Medical Service Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
990 Miscellaneous	7,718.87	6,300.23	2,000.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	16,756.76	13,052.91	8,500.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	6,340,738.74	6,342,536.68	6,373,723.59
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction			
<i>110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum</i>	874,297.52	890,123.33	1,015,621.60
120 000 Regular Curriculum	1,000,155.98	1,090,732.05	1,312,264.76
130 000 Vocational Curriculum	183,426.08	149,650.63	151,386.55
140 000 Physical Curriculum	149,512.44	154,477.71	164,123.19
160 000 Co-Curricular Activities	134,426.34	148,881.08	172,246.16
170 000 Other Special Needs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Instruction	2,341,818.36	2,433,864.80	2,815,642.26
Support Sources			
<i>210 000 Pupil Services</i>	88,566.12	39,404.47	65,072.35
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	169,526.72	213,019.30	163,452.22
230 000 General Administration	222,871.34	217,942.59	227,373.46
240 000 School Building Administration	260,733.56	209,492.29	195,960.94
250 000 Business Administration	960,163.46	1,004,157.76	916,062.75
260 000 Central Services	17,793.24	19,354.55	23,585.00
270 000 Insurance & Judgments	47,127.00	43,388.00	46,858.00
280 000 Debt Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
290 000 Other Support Services	212,804.07	306,405.63	184,197.26
Subtotal Support Sources	1,979,585.51	2,053,164.59	1,822,561.99
Non-Program Transactions			
<i>410 000 Inter-fund Transfers</i>	618,821.02	667,503.38	764,348.34
430 000 Instructional Service Payments	890,700.67	923,455.54	971,171.00
450 000 Post-Secondary Scholarship Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions	10,740.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Non-Program Transactions	1,520,261.69	1,590,958.92	1,735,519.34
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	5,841,665.56	6,077,988.32	6,373,723.59
SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUNDS 21, 23, 27, 29)			
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	63,901.78	59,148.16
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	63,901.78	59,148.16	54,148.16
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	888,268.45	855,472.78	988,970.49
100 000 Instruction	431,956.70	440,262.04	535,066.02
200 000 Support Services	227,872.97	254,464.36	269,904.47
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	164,537.00	165,500.00	189,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	824,366.67	860,226.40	993,970.49

DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUNDS 38, 39)	Audited 2019-2020	Unaudited 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	65,633.62	65,633.62	65,633.62
281 000 Long-Term Capital Debt	65,633.62	65,633.62	65,633.62
282 000 Refinancing	0.00	0.00	0.00
283 000 Operational Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
285 000 Post Employment Benefit Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
289 000 Other Long-Term General Obligation Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	65,633.62	65,633.62	65,633.62
842 000 INDEBTEDNESS, END OF YEAR	206,244.33	147,313.65	86,467.72

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUNDS 41, 46, 48, 49)	Audited 2019-2020	Unaudited 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	27,535.66	78,069.86	128,776.42
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	78,069.86	128,776.42	164,776.42
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	50,534.20	50,706.56	36,000.00
100 000 Instructional Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
300 000 Community Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)	Audited 2019-2020	Unaudited 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	5,146.40	18,104.14	23,695.02
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	18,104.14	23,695.02	26,329.31
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	276,907.03	200,498.82	176,950.00
200 000 Support Services	263,949.29	194,907.94	174,315.71
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	263,949.29	194,907.94	174,315.71

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80)	Audited 2019-2020	Unaudited 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	23,096.16	26,596.16	17,034.39
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	26,596.16	17,034.39	13,881.19
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	5,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
300 000 Community Services	1,500.00	39,561.77	43,153.20
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,500.00	39,561.77	43,153.20

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2019-2020	Unaudited 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	6,997,115.14	7,238,318.05	7,650,796.61
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	618,821.02	667,503.38	764,348.34
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	6,378,294.12	6,570,814.67	6,886,448.27
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		3.02%	4.80%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund	1,845,189.00	1,910,305.00	1,515,281.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	5,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	1,850,189.00	1,940,305.00	1,555,281.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		4.87%	-19.84%

Mil Rate	9.15	9.48	7.23
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COVID-19 SCHOOL TESTING: FAQs FOR PARENTS

This week we have the ability to test students, staff and immediate family members for Covid at our school. We hope that having testing in our building will provide a convenient option for parents, students and staff who would like to get tested. We want to reiterate that there are no requirements for getting tested and we will never test a student without parent permission. We just want our families and staff to know that this is an option for them should they so choose. We have put together some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the testing that are included here. Please feel free to reach out to Jodi Becker, District Administrator, or Toni Schumacher, 4K-12 Principal, if you have any questions.

General Information

Why is our school testing for COVID-19?

First and foremost, our community does not have a close place for students to get tested. Many parents and students are having difficulty setting appointments for testing. Because the testing clinics are not close, parents are taking off work to get their child tested. A clinic in the school will be more convenient for families in both of these situations. School testing is also another layer of protection for students, teachers, and school staff. Testing is a safe, effective way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and help keep our schools open for in-person learning. This is especially important for children under 12 years old who are not yet able to get vaccinated against COVID-19, families and staff with younger children at home, and others who are not vaccinated or are otherwise at risk for getting seriously sick from COVID-19. Because of the fact that many of the symptoms of COVID are similar to those of other ailments, having testing in our schools enables us to test students who are feeling ill but may not have COVID. This may allow students to get back into their classrooms sooner, without having to be quarantined.

What is the COVID-19 Testing Program at Almond-Bancroft?

Almond-Bancroft's COVID-19 Testing Program offers free testing to students and staff for COVID-19. At a parent's request, we will be testing students that have symptoms of COVID or if they have been deemed a close contact of a positive case. Parents can also request that their child be tested on a more regular basis.

Who is able to get tested?

Students, staff and their immediate family members are able to get tested at the school-based clinic.

If parents would like to get tested, will they be allowed in the school to test?

Yes, immediate family members of students and staff who want to get tested are able to. The testing clinic is in room 103. This room is located across from the main door, so exposure to students is extremely unlikely.

On the DHS website, there are other types of testing available to schools including regular testing of all students and testing for students in activities. Will we have to do that kind of testing if we are part of this program?

The school chooses the model and services that are appropriate for their community. The DHS (Department of Human Services) or the DPI (Department of Public Instruction) are not mandating a certain type of testing be conducted at a school.

Did the school district receive any incentive to participate in the program?

No, there was no incentive provided by any state or federal organization to participate in the program.

Will my child be tested without my knowledge?

No, students will never be tested unless a parent is contacted and gives permission first or if the parent contacts the school to ask for their child to be tested. With our current protocol, if a child comes down to the office because they are feeling ill, a member of our staff takes their temperature. If they have a fever and/or are ill, our staff contacts the parent to come and pick up the child. The only addition to our current protocol is now the parent will also be reminded of our on-site clinic and they can give permission for their child to be tested or not.

Does my child have to get tested to take part in school sports and extracurricular activities?

No, COVID-19 tests are optional even if participating in an activity.

How will the school protect my child's privacy?

Testing results will be shared only for public health purposes, which may include notifying close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and taking other steps to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in your school community. **Information sharing and notifying of contacts will be done in a way that protects your child's privacy.** Sharing of information about your child will only be done in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting student privacy and the security of your child's data.

How do I opt out of this program?

Because the test is only given upon specific request by the parent, no opt out option is necessary.

How the program works

How do I give consent for my child to be tested?

A one-time consent form will allow students and staff to participate in testing program. This form was mailed to each student's home. If you would like your student to be able to participate in the testing program, please return the consent form to the school office. If the form is not returned, a verbal consent may be given. **Either way, before a student is tested at the clinic, parents will be called to get permission for the test that day.**

Is the one-time consent form all that is needed?

No, anyone who is tested must register on the Covid Connect portal to enable our testing vendor to conduct the test. Once parents register their child for the test, they will receive a QR code that the vendor uses to conduct the test. School staff will explain the process to parents as needed.

To register your child for the COVID-19 Testing Program, visit register.covidconnect.wi.gov

When will my child be tested?

As per our current protocol, if your child becomes ill at school and/or has a fever, school staff will call parents to come and pick up their child and let them know that there is testing available if they would like their child tested. If their child is deemed a close contact to a positive case, school staff will call parents to come pick up their child and will let them know of the testing option. Students will only be tested if their parents would like them tested. Parents can also request a test for their student at any time.

What happens if I choose not to give consent for my child to be tested?

This is a parent's choice. Current protocols for ill students and close contacts will be followed.

Can my child's teacher send him/her down for testing?

No, teachers will never send a child for testing. Teachers would follow the protocols already in place for sending ill students down to the office for parents to be contacted. When the parent is contacted, they can then give consent for their child to be tested, if they desire.

How will the testing be done?

The COVID-19 tests will be free, quick, and easy. We will use a viral test, known as an antigen (rapid) test, which returns a result in approximately 30 minutes and a PCR test that will take approximately 24-48 hours to get results.

How is the test given?

Both tests involve a nasal swab. It is a quick and easy test. This nasal test gently swabs the inner part of the lower nostril. The test is not painful. We do not use the longer swabs that reach higher into the nose.

Who will conduct the test?

Our vendor, Covid Clinic, will conduct the COVID-19 testing.

How much does the test cost?

The COVID-19 tests will be free to students and staff. You will never receive a bill, and your insurance will not be charged.

Results**When will we know the results of the test?**

The results of the rapid test should be available within 30 minutes. The results of the other test will be available within 24-48 hours.

Is the test reliable?

Tests can show a false negative or false positive, but most test results are useful and give families the information they need. Sometimes—depending on the type of test and other factors—more testing to confirm a result may be recommended. This is the reason that we are utilizing both tests – the Rapid test and the PCR test – to ensure that we have the best information.

What if my child tests positive?

You will need to keep your child home for the quarantine time that Portage County dictates. You will be asked to provide information about your child's close contacts so that everyone who has been exposed can be notified. We will be in touch to discuss medical care and other support for your child and family. We are following the recommendations of the Portage County Health Department.

What if someone in my child's school tests positive?

If your child was determined to be a close contact with that person, we will be in touch to discuss what actions to take. We are following the recommendations of the Portage County Health Department.

Current Portage County guidelines for close contacts:

A vaccinated individual who does not have symptoms does not have to quarantine - they can be in school with a mask on and monitoring their symptoms.

A person who is not vaccinated

--They are sent home whether they have symptoms or not

--They can be tested 5-7 days after the last contact that they have had with the positive case. If they test negative and don't have symptoms, they can come back to school with that negative test and mask until the 10 day mark.

--If they do not get tested, they must quarantine the full 10 days and can only come back if they don't have symptoms. They monitor for four more days for symptoms.

To register your child for the COVID-19 Testing Program, visit register.covidconnect.wi.gov

EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



Eagles Athletic Events

- 10/11-HS volleyball @ Rosholt, JV 6:00 pm
Varsity 7:30 pm
- 10/12-MS football @ Port Edwards, 4:00 pm
-MS volleyball home vs. St. Peter MS,
5:00 pm
- 10/14-HS volleyball @ Tigerton, JV 6:00 pm
Varsity 7:30 pm
- 10/15-HS football @ Owen-Withee, 7:00 pm
- 11/4-MS boys basketball home vs. Rosholt,
5:00 pm
- 11/8-MS boys basketball @ Tri-County,
5:00 pm
- 11/11-MS boys basketball home vs. Pittsville,
5:00 pm
- 11/15-MS boys basketball @ St. Peter Middle
School, 5:00 pm
-HS girls varsity basketball scrimmage
home vs. Iola-Scandinavia, 5:30 pm
- 11/16-MS boys basketball @ Port Edwards,
5:30 pm
- 11/18-HS girls basketball home vs. Marion,
JV 5:45 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm
- 11/22-MS boys basketball home vs. Wild
Rose, 5:00 pm
-HS girls basketball @ Weyauwega-
Fremont, JV 6:00 pm, Varsity 7:15 pm
- 11/23-HS boys Varsity basketball home vs.
Tigerton, 5:30 pm
-HS girls Varsity basketball home vs.
Tigerton, 7:15 pm
- 11/29--MS boys basketball home @ Rosholt,
5:00 pm
- 11/30-HS girls basketball @ Mauston,
JV 5:30 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm
-HS boys basketball home vs. Bowler,
JV 5:45 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm

**Schedule is subject to change.*

Middle School Football

Back Row (L to R): Coach Steuerwald, Karson Garner, Baden Ramirez, Davis Dernbach, Emmitt Stiles, Milton Perez-Pacheco, Coach Wagner
Front Row: Malachi Ramirez, Charles Hutkowski, Tucker Stiles, Chase Barden, Hazen Breneman



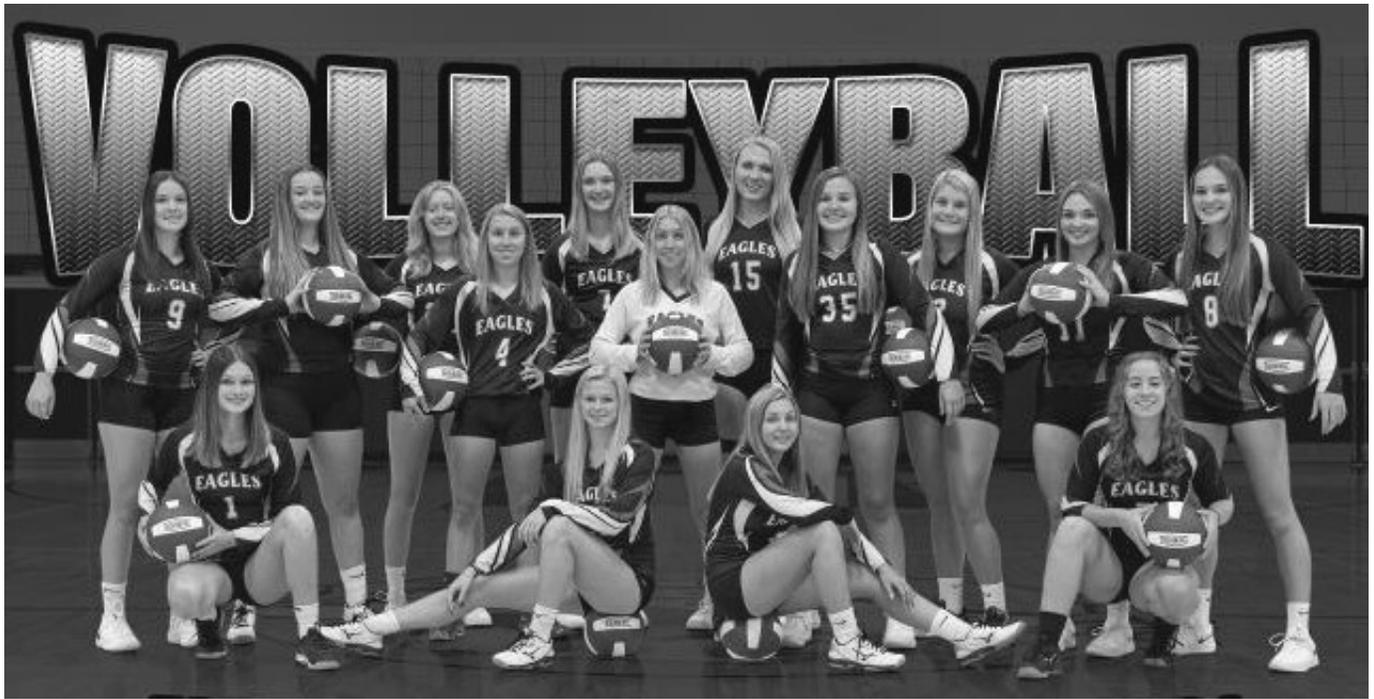
Thank you, Almond-Bancroft Junior, Emily Wysocki of MLE Photo Art for the volleyball and football team photos!

**Photos were edited to fit this publication.*

7th Grade Volleyball
Back row (L to R):
Coach Klismith, Delaney Omernick, Lacie Bradley, Callie Warzynski, Kaylee Doll
Front Row: Aubree Wojcik, Lexi Carlton, Emersyn Budelier, Elizabeth Wiza

8th Grade Volleyball
Back Row: (L to R):
Coach Newby Duchow, Emalee Petrick, Destiny Kiefer, Riya Ceballos, Oakley Omernik, Mya Dernbach, Aubree Phillips, Valerie Banda
Front Row: Alyssa Borski, Paige Lemke, Camryn Wade, Aaliyah Newby, Laney Carlton





Varsity Volleyball

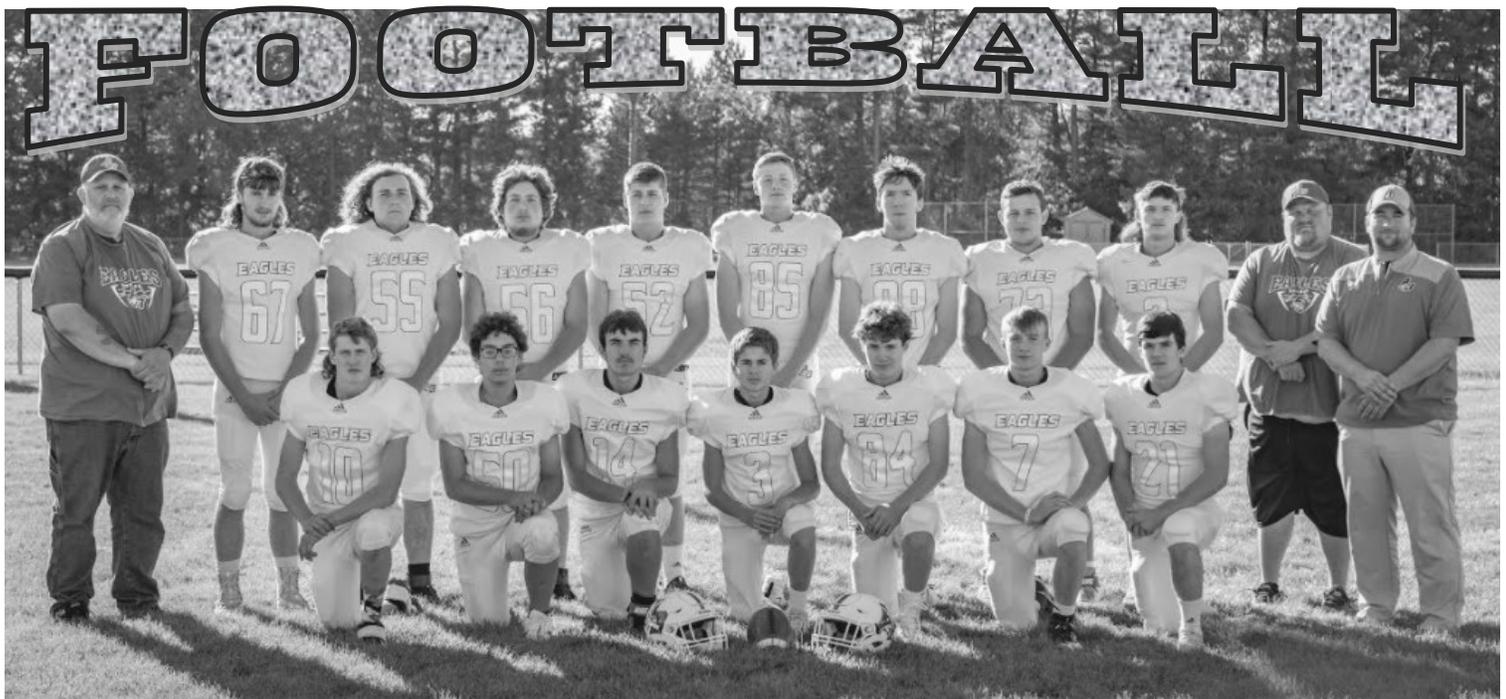
Back Row (L to R): Raegen Omernik, Riley Stiles, Ella Winn, Carlee Lamb, Mikala Seymour, Megan Bentley, Olivia Baumgartner, Courtney Lukas Middle: Paige Turzinski, Clarie Turzinski, Lexie Dernbach Front: Messina Meddaugh, Gracie Rendall, Jillian Newby, Gracelynn Breitenstein

JV Volleyball

Back Row (L to R): Coach Grote, Isabelle Behnke, Messina Meddaugh, Madalyn Potts, Felicity Budelier, Mckenze Kowalski, Adrianna Conley, Coach Parr Front Row: Kerstyn Clark, Cenona Russell, Roxanna Castellanos

Varsity Football

Back Row (L to R): Coach Applebee, Braden Potts, Xander Miner, Wyatt Jones, Mason Manske, Aiden Phillips, Ben Colombe, Tyler Huntington, Elijah Applebee, Coach Lewis, Coach Bradley Front Row: Connor Brewer, Riley Sandoval, Karson Pavelski, Brody Dernbach, Shane Klismith, Richie Bentley, Daniel Burns



Homecoming 2021

The Wizard of Oz

Senior Battle Cry!



Spirit Week- Games, skits, and pep rally....oh my!



Homecoming Court:

Megan Bentley and Daniel Burns, Courtney Lukas and Ben Colombe, Carlee Lamb and Andy Burns, Queen-Olivia Baumgartner and King-Tyler Huntington, Riley Stiles and Mason Manske, Ella Winn and Elijah Applebee, Gracie Rendall and Braden Potts



Follow the yellow
brick road.....
Parade fun!

Junior Class Float and Spirit Week Champions!



There is no place like a
HOMEcoming win!



Dear Families,

During the ups and downs of the past couple of school years, one thing is certain: teachers and students need more help than ever before. Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to support our school.



The Box Tops program has been around for over 25 years, and it really can make a difference. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost **one billion dollars to schools since 1996**. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital, giving participants the ability to earn for any school across the country with just the touch of a button.

And now, Box Tops is building on its longstanding commitment to education by giving participants an easy way to help schools in need. The Box Tops app recently added functionality that allows you to search for schools that could use a little extra help, so you can help give students in low-income schools the opportunity to succeed.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your designated school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your digital or email receipt and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

Learn more about how to submit digital receipts at [BTFE.COM/EMAILGROCERYRECEIPTS](https://www.btfec.com/emailgroceryreceipts)

See a list of participating products at [BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://www.btfec.com/products)

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and give more kids the opportunity to dream. **Little by little, we can help make a big difference.**



DON'T HAVE THE APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT TODAY! LEARN MORE ABOUT BOX TOPS AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

Estimadas familias:

¡Están por llegar grandes cambios al Programa Box Tops for Education y ustedes son los primeros en enterarse!

Durante el verano, comenzarán a ver que algunas marcas participantes cambian sus empaques del tradicional recorte de Box Tops a la nueva etiqueta de Box Tops.



SI VE ESTO...
RECÓRTELO



SI VE ESTO...
ESCANEE SU RECIBO

De ahora en adelante, en vez de recortar de los empaques y revisar las fechas de vencimiento, todos los Box Tops se obtendrán digitalmente al escanear su recibo. El equipo de Box Tops for Education está trabajando arduamente para desarrollar una NUEVA y mejorada aplicación móvil de Box Tops, fácil de usar que estará lista este verano.

La nueva aplicación incluirá tecnología de punta que le permite escanear su recibo de la tienda, buscar productos participantes y agregar instantáneamente Box Tops a los ingresos de nuestra escuela en línea.



CUANDO SE LANCE LA NUEVA APLICACIÓN, ASEGÚRESE DE DESCARGARLA O ACTUALIZAR SU APLICACIÓN EXISTENTE:

Como mencionamos arriba, algunas marcas ya comenzaron a actualizar sus empaques por anticipado. Hasta que se lance la nueva aplicación, si ve la nueva etiqueta de Box Tops en los empaques, puede usar la aplicación actual Box Tops Bonus App para ganar Box Tops por ese producto. Simplemente descargue la aplicación, elija la oferta del bono del producto que adquirió y escanee su recibo para ganar.

Si aún tiene recortes tradicionales de Box Tops en casa, asegúrese de enviarlos a la escuela. Todavía recibiremos efectivo por todos los recortes de Box Tops hasta que venzan. Lo que es mejor aún, una vez que se lance la nueva aplicación, puede hacer una "doble carga" durante la transición de los empaques al recortar los Box Tops tradicionales Y escanear el recibo de la tienda que contiene los productos participantes.

¡Gracias por ayudar a nuestra escuela a conseguir lo que necesita!

CONOZCA MÁS SOBRE ESTOS CAMBIOS EN [BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK](https://www.btfec.com/sneakpeek)



S.O.S. Christmas Box Application**
For families living in Almond, Bancroft, Hancock and Plainfield
Aplicación para Caja de la Navidad**
Para las familias que viven Almond, Bancroft, Hancock y Plainfield

Names of Head of Family
Nombres de Jefes de la Familia _____

Mailing Address
de correo _____

Phone Number
Numero de Teléfono _____

Number of children (ages 0-14) _____ Number of adults (ages 15 and up) _____ living in your house.
Numero de niños (edad 0-14) _____ Numero de adultos (edad 15 y mas) _____ viviendo en su casa.

Names, Ages, Sex and Clothing Sizes of Children 0 through 14 years old
Nombres, Edades, Sexo y Tallas de Ropa de Sus Niños de 0-14 anos

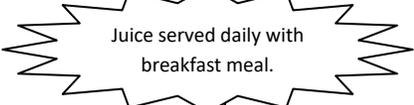
<u>Children's Names</u> Nombres del niño	<u>Age</u> Edad	<u>Sex</u> Sexo	<u>Size</u> Talla <small>(youth or adult sz?)</small>	<u>Gift Ideas (please be specific)</u> Ideas para regalo (favor de ser especifico) <small>(Children 0-14 years only! Niños 0-14 anos!)</small>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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9. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

****Please fill out only one application per family!** This application *must be completed and returned as soon as possible, but no later than **November 10, 2021.*** If you will not be living in this area on December 8, 2021, please **do not** fill out an application!! **Return to S.O.S. PO Box 161, Plainfield, WI 54966**

****Favor de llenar solamente una aplicación para cada familia!** Esta aplicación *se tiene que llenar y devolver lo mas pronto posible o no mas tardar del **10 de `noviembre de` 2021.*** Si Ustedes no van a estar viviendo aquí para la fecha del 8 de diciembre de` 2021, favor de no llenar una aplicación. **Volver al S.O.S. PO Box 161 Plainfield, WI 54966**

Almond-Bancroft Menus: October 2021

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Bagel and Cream Cheese Yogurt
4 Frudel Yogurt	5 Breakfast Kit	6 Breakfast Pizza	7 Oatmeal Toast	8 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt
11 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	12 Muffin Yogurt	13 Breakfast Kit	14 French Toast Sticks	15 Bagel and Cream Cheese Yogurt
18 No School	19 Waffles	20 Breakfast Kit	21 Breakfast Pizza	22 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt
25 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	26 Breakfast Kit	27 Oatmeal Toast	28 Waffles	29 Bagel and Cream Cheese Yogurt

Free Meals for Students

Complete breakfast meals and complete lunch meals are free for enrolled students this school year!

If only a single menu item is taken, there is a charge for that single item.

4K-5th Grade Classroom Milk Break:

\$0.35 a day or free with an approved free/reduced application

Juice Choices:

- Apple Cherry
 - Apple
 - Grape
 - Orange
- Single item price \$0.50

Milk Choices:

- Skim
 - 1% White
 - F/F Chocolate
- Single item price \$0.35

Milk served daily with breakfast and lunch meal.

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Popcorn Chicken French Fries Peas Fruit of the Day
4 Cheese Quesadilla Salad Fruit of the Day	5 Chicken Patty on Bun Tater Barrels Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	6 Mostaccioli Salad Fruit of the Day	7 Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Green Beans Fruit of the Day	8 Mini Corn Dogs Ravioli Carrots Fruit of the Day
11 Pizza Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	12 Chicken Alfredo Noodles Green Beans Fruit of the Day	13 Pancakes Sausage Hash Brown Fruit of the Day	14 Beefy Nachos Corn Fruit of the Day	15 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Baked Beans Fruit of the Day
18 No School	19 Pizza Dippers Salad Fruit of the Day	20 Salisbury Steak Buttered Noodles Peas Fruit of the Day	21 Cheeseburger Hot Dish Corn Fruit of the Day	22 Hamburger on Bun Seasoned Wedges Green Beans Fruit of the Day
25 Tacos Hard or Soft Shell Corn Fruit of the Day	26 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Broccoli Fruit of the Day	27 Garlic Cheese Bread Salad Fruit of the Day	28 Chicken Fajita Green Beans Fruit of the Day	29 Hot Dog on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit of the Day

Fresh fruit may be served as an additional option with breakfast and lunch.

Menu is subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Almond-Bancroft Menus: November 2021

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	2 Breakfast Bar	3 Scrambled Eggs With Cheese and Ham Toast	4 Breakfast Kit	5 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt
8 Cereal Muffin Yogurt	9 French Toast Sticks	10 Breakfast Kit	11 Breakfast Pizza	12 Bagel and Cream Cheese Yogurt
15 Waffles	16 Breakfast Kit	17 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	18 Oatmeal Toast	19 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt
22 Frudel Yogurt	23 Breakfast Kit	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School
29 Breakfast Kit	30 Breakfast Sandwich			

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- Apple
- Grape
- Orange

Single item price \$0.50

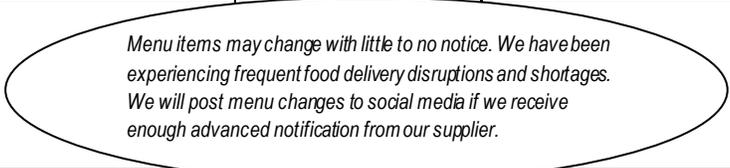
Milk Choices:

- Skim
- 1% White
- F/F Chocolate

Single item price \$0.35

4K-5th Grade Classroom Milk Break:
 \$0.35 a day or free with an approved free/reduced application

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Pizza Dippers Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	2 Popcorn Chicken Mac & Cheese Green Beans Fruit of the Day	3 BBQ Pork Wedges Peas Fruit of the Day	4 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggies & Dip Fruit of the Day	5 Beefy Nachos Corn Fruit of the Day
8 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Carrots Fruit of the Day	9 Cheese Quesadilla Broccoli Fruit of the Day	10 Ham & Chesse Sandwich Sunchips Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	11 Cheeseburger Hot Dish Peas Fruit of the Day	12 Taco Hard or Soft Shell Corn Fruit of the Day
15 Chicken Nuggets Wedges Green Beans Fruit of the Day	16 Salisbury Steak Buttered Noodles Carrots Fruit of the Day	17 Pizza Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	18 Chicken Patty on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	19 Garlic Cheese Bread Salad Fruit of the Day
22 Chili Veggies & Dip Fruit of the Day	23 Chicken Fajita Green Beans Fruit of the Day	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School
29 Chicken Alfredo Noodles Carrots Fruit of the Day	30 Pancakes Sausage Hash Brown Fruit of the Day			

Fresh fruit may be served as an additional option with breakfast and lunch.

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Almond-Bancroft was awarded a Cool Water Program grant and received a new water bottle filling station from Delta Dental of Wisconsin Foundation (DDWIF).



COOL WATER PROGRAM

What does this mean for your child? They not only will they have access to cold, filtered water throughout the school day, but will also receive a toothbrush and reusable water bottle to help keep their teeth strong and healthy.

Why is it important for your child to drink water?

- Water washes away harmful bacteria that can cause painful cavities
- Water is an excellent alternative to sugary beverages like juice and soda
- Drinking water combats obesity and increases energy
- Drinking water prevents headaches and stomachaches commonly caused by dehydration
- The earlier drinking water becomes a habit, the sooner your child will be on the road to lifelong health

Almond-Bancroft was selected because they recognize the importance of drinking water and are committed to making water an important part of your child's school day. Lessons supporting the importance of water will be integrated into each classroom through the school year.

DDWIF believes this touchless water bottle filling station is vital in the efforts to keep your child safe by limiting the spread of germs from traditional water fountains. Please join your child in drinking more water at home and celebrating access to clean, cold water while they are at school!

Substitute Teachers
Substitute Classroom
Aides & Kitchen
Assistants
Substitute Custodians



The Almond-Bancroft application can be found on the District website, hover over the District tab and click on Employment Opportunities.

Return application to:
Almond-Bancroft Schools
Mrs. Jodi Becker
1336 Elm Street
Almond, WI 54909
jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us

If you would like additional information contact: **Trina Warzynski, 715-366-2941 ext. 422**
 or
twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us



Almond Lions Club
Halloween Carnival
Games & prizes!

Where: A-B east gymnasium
 When: Friday, October 29, 2021
 Time: 7:00-9:00 pm
 Ages: Infant to 5th grade



Trick-or-Treat Dates & Times

Village of Almond
Friday, October 29th
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Make sure to visit the Almond Fire Department too.

If you want children to stop at your home for treats, please leave your light on.

Town of Pine Grove-Bancroft
Sunday, October 31st
3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

If you want children to stop at your home for treats, please leave your light on.

Fall 2021 Portage County
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK

FREE EVENT!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
 ROSHOLT CAFE - ROSHOLT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
 VILLAGE PARK LODGE -
 JUNCTION CITY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22
 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
 JENSEN CENTER - AMHERST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
 8 A.M.-NOON
 LINCOLN CENTER - STEVENS POINT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
 12:30 P.M.-2 P.M.
 COMMUNITY CENTER - ALMOND



Bring all your (or anyone else's) unwanted, unneeded, or expired prescription and over-the-counter medication in their original container for disposal. Please remove the patient's name, but leave the identity of the medication intact.

Items accepted:

- Pills
- Syrups
- Salves
- Creams
- Capsules

Items not accepted:

- Inhalers
- Oxygen Tanks
- Nebulizers
- Sharps
- Radioactive Cancer Medication

Contact Portage County Solid Waste at 715-346-1931 for information on how to dispose of items not accepted.

Prescriptions can also be disposed of at the Portage County Sheriff's Office drop box, or the Stevens Point or Plover Police Departments drop boxes.

Sponsored by the Portage County Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention, Portage County Sheriff's Office, the Stevens Point Police Department, and the Jensen Center.

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