



## ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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*May 2021*

### Dates To Remember

5/11-Spring Choir Concert, Limited Seating In Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

5/12-Board Of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Board Room

5/28-High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., West Gym

5/31-No School



### Almond-Bancroft School District

Penny Boileau  
District Administrator

Toni Schumacher  
Interim PK-12 Principal

Andria Bena  
Special Ed Director/  
Psychologist

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## Notes from the District Administrator

As another most unusual year comes to a close, I reflect upon our wonderful students and how they come to school with a thirst to learn. Learn, learn, and learn some more! That is what education is all about and my personal philosophy is we as educators must do what is necessary to have every student reach his/her potential. We must never squelch an opportunity to bring learning experiences to our students and we must never reduce our expectations. Our students are worth the best quality education we can give them.

We are all in this together. We cannot maintain support for high academic achievement without parents who not only advocate for their own children's education, but advocate for excellence in education for all students. Demand the best in curriculum and instruction. Your active support, participation, and encouragement will move academic success forward.

To our seniors graduating during another difficult year, unexpected hardships have taught you flexibility and have brought out the resiliency in you. Your positive attitudes and flexibility are important characteristics that will take you far in life. I am proud of your accomplishments and know you all have bright futures ahead of you.

After much thought, personal reflection, professional and spiritual guidance, I have accepted the Education Director position with Waterwood School that serves youth and young adult residents of the Winnebago Mental Health Institute. This new administrative position deeply aligns with what I believe and will be a great forward step for me in a career built on dedication to student achievement and a love for seeing students grow and learn.

I will cherish my time at Almond-Bancroft and leave with fond memories. I leave you with this *Irish Blessing*, "May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God keep you in the palm of his hand."

I wish you a wonderful summer filled with joy and good health.

With gratitude and best wishes for a bright future,

Dr. Penny L. Boileau

### **The Almond Bancroft Choirs are going to be putting on a concert on May 11, 2021 in the AB West Gym at 7:00pm.**

That's right, it's going to be the first live performance in over a year! It will consist of Middle School Choir and High School Choir. Seating will be limited and the students get first dibs on the available tickets. **If you're interested in attending the concert, please reach out to Miss Schmidt to check if we have tickets available for you. You may reach her via phone (715)-366-2941 ext 124 or email [tschmidt@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tschmidt@abschools.k12.wi.us)**

Hope to see you there!

### Almond-Bancroft School District Vision Statement

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

### 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.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month middle school staff members choose one student from each grade level that has demonstrated positive behavior throughout the month. They then put together comments about each of the students which are put into a video from Dr. Boileau to announce the winners. Here are the winners and comments.



Middle school students of the month for March are:

6th grade - Reina Galvan Orantes -

- Reina es una luz tan positiva en nuestra escuela y siempre está feliz de ayudar! En los últimos meses, he visto crecer a Reina y salir de su "concha" para hacer nuevos amigos y aprender cosas nuevas!
- Reina is such a positive light at our school and is always happy to help! In recent months, I've seen Reina grow up and get out of her "shell" to make new friends and learn new things!
- No matter how hard or easy the subject is Reina always tries her best! I can always see a smile on her face during class no matter what we are doing.



7th grade - Emalee Petrick –

- Emalee is a great worker. She catches onto any subject very quickly and isn't afraid to help others! She is always positive and upbeat and is always willing to participate in class discussions!



8th grade - Mason Sosin -

- Mason is so talented and artistic! He is also incredibly respectful and willing to help when asked. Having Mason in class was a joy.
- Mason is a very hard worker. He is dedicated to learning about what is going on in class and wants to always learn more! Plus he always has a positive attitude no matter what happens throughout the day.



### Superintendent Choice Awards Dr. Penny L. Boileau

There is a tradition in our school to deliver humorous awards to staff members at the end of the year. In my time at Almond-Bancroft, I have come to know some remarkable individuals who deserve recognition for the real reason we are here. These staff members come to work each and every day with a mission for excellence in what they do. My hat goes off to each one and I applaud them all for their outstanding contributions.

**DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD- SANDY CIULA AND PEG DOEDE-** In Recognition of Your Exceptional Teaching and Powerful Impact on Student Learning

**OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD- CHELSEA RICHTER AND AMANDA NEGRO-** In Recognition of Your Innovative Teaching and Many Contributions to Student Learning

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD- TRINA WARZYNSKI AND MELISSA CLARK-**In Recognition of Your Dedicated Service and Commitment to Excellence to Do What It Takes to Get the Job Done with a Pleasant and Positive Attitude

**STUDENT ADVOCATE AWARD-DANIELLE CHAPA-** In Recognition of Your Tireless Dedication to Student Success

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD- MARIA CHAPA AND CRAIG NIGH-** In Recognition of Your Dedicated Service to Excellence and for Putting in Many Hours Doing Tasks that are Not in Your Job Description, But Benefits and Helps our Students and Families

**CARING TEACHER AWARD- LISA WIMME-** In Recognition of Your Kindness and Caring Toward Your Students Who Learn by Your Positive Interactions and Example

**POSTIVE IMPACT AWARD- CARRIE OMERNIK AND WILLIAM WAGNER-** In Recognition of Going the Extra Mile to Make a Positive Difference in the Lives of Students

**NEW TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD- KELLY MENADUE-** In Recognition of Your Personal Growth to Promote Student Achievement

**HERO AWARD- ALL TEACHER AIDES-** In Recognition of Your Hard Work and Flexibility to Get Us through the Tough Times

# Reading Nook



Launching young readers!

## Reading Rockets

### Reading SOS from Reading Rockets

Reading Rockets is **offering a video series for parents on how to help their readers at home.** Reading Rockets is a website made by literacy

professionals to give information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why children can struggle, and how caring adults can help. Go to <https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-sos-with-experts> to learn from experts about how to help your child.

Find answers to questions about these topics:

- **Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Fluency**
- **Vocabulary and Comprehension**
- **Using Technology for Reading, Writing, and Learning**
- **Bilingual Families**

### EXAMPLE OF A VIDEO QUESTION

#### Featured Question: Should I correct my child when she reads aloud to me?

It depends on the situation, says Sandra Lloyd Wilborn. If your child is reading out loud for fun, it's best to just offer a gentle, quick correction and move on. But if your child is reading aloud as part of a more structured learning time, you should offer more guidance, such as encouraging your child to slow down and sound out unfamiliar words, and to check for understanding (e.g., does that sentence make sense?).

### GROWTH

Reading with our child can feel overwhelming if we are not sure how to help them progress. While it's not expected that parents are literacy experts, try these short videos to quickly get the answers to your questions. You may also contact your child's classroom teacher or me. I can be reached via email at [anegro@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:anegro@abschools.k12.wi.us) or phone (715) 366-2941 ext. 104. If you would like to talk in person (or via video chat), I am always available to schedule appointments.

Happy Reading!  
Mrs. Negro

## WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP INFORMATION

DC Trip Update:

Plans for the 2022 Washington DC Trip are progressing! Our dates have been solidified for departure on Sunday evening June 12, 2022 and return on Friday morning June 17, 2022. The transportation and lodging details have all been booked and confirmed. The trip will include the current Sophomore and Freshman classes. There is space still available for students in these classes who may still be interested in traveling! Feel free to reach out with any questions or interest in supporting our trip!

Thanks,

Luke Steuerwald  
[lsteuerwald@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:lsteuerwald@abschools.k12.wi.us)  
715-366-2941 x204



Exciting news!

Our high school students are able to have their Prom this year, which also means Post Prom is back! We are excited to continue the tradition of a safe party alternative on Prom night. This evening will include a photo booth, Bow and Arrow tag (provided by the National Guard), pool tournaments, corn hole tournaments, amazing prizes, delicious food, and so much more!

Prom will be held on May 15th, with the Post Prom to follow, from 11 pm - 2 am. If you are a Junior Parent and are interested in chaperoning the Post Prom or donating, please contact Jaimie Winn at [jwinn@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jwinn@abschools.k12.wi.us) or Candy Beggs at [cbeggs@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:cbeggs@abschools.k12.wi.us).

If you are interested in donating to this important event, you may drop your monetary donation or prize donation in the Almond-Bancroft school office, or mail them to Almond Bancroft School (% Jaimie Winn) 1336 Elm St, Almond, WI, 54909.

We want to thank our community for all of the support you have shown our kids and school in helping to provide this fun, safe evening.



## Eagles Athletic Events

# EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



Middle School Softball and Baseball Season is in full SWING, check them out!

- 5/3-HS Track @ Tri-County, 3:45 pm  
-HS Softball and Baseball home vs. Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
- 5/4-MS Softball and Baseball home vs. Pacelli, 4:30 pm
- 5/6-HS Track @ Weyauwega-Fremont, 3:45 pm  
-HS Softball and Baseball @ Rosholt, 4:30 pm  
-MS Softball @ Wittenberg-Birnamwood, 4:30 pm
- 5/7-MS Softball and Baseball @ Pittsville, 4:30 pm  
-HS Softball @ Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:30 pm
- 5/8-HS Softball and Baseball Triangular, home, 10:00 am
- 5/10-HS Track @ Weyauwega-Fremont, 3:45 pm  
-HS Softball and Baseball home vs. Tri-County, 4:30 pm
- 5/11-MS Softball and Baseball, home vs. Amherst, 4:30 pm
- 5/13-HS Track @ Tri-County, 3:45 pm  
-MS Softball and Baseball home vs. Rosholt, 4:30 pm  
-HS Softball and Baseball @ Pittsville, 4:30 pm
- 5/14-HS Softball home vs. Bowler, 4:30 pm  
-HS Baseball home vs. Rio, 4:30 pm
- 5/17-HS Softball and Baseball home vs. Pacelli, 4:30 pm  
-MS Softball DH home vs. Nekoosa, 4:30 pm
- 5/18-HS Track @ Wild Rose, 4:00 pm  
-MS Softball and Baseball @ Tri-County, 4:30 pm  
-HS Baseball home vs. Tigerton, 4:30 pm
- 5/20-MS Softball home vs. Auburndale, 4:30 pm
- 5/21-MS Softball and Baseball @ Wild Rose, 4:30 pm
- 5/24-HS Track @ Marion, 4:00 pm  
-HS Softball and Baseball @ Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
- 5/25-HS Softball @ Woyak Complex, 4:30 pm  
-HS Baseball @ Bukolt Park, 4:30 pm
- 5/27-HS Softball and Baseball home vs. Rosholt, 4:30 pm

\* Schedule is subject to change.



### Eagle Pines Disc Golf Update

The disc golf course will soon begin work to finish two of our big duties. The first duty on the list is to pour at least 20 concrete tee pads. Once this is complete, our second item is to post signage for each tee, each basket sponsor, and a list of donors and volunteers. The work will hopefully begin in May and June.

If you would be willing to assist, please let Tom Collins know what you're most happy to help out with and that will make it easier to set up work days that fit into schedules. Tom can be contacted via email at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us) or by phone at 715-366-2941. Feel free to get in touch with him even if you just have questions or want to make helpful comments.

An area of concern the Disc Golf Club discussed is the recent vandalism. Someone is driving a large vehicle through the disc golf course to shoot paint cans, clay pigeons, and chose to shoot at wooden tee pad posts. Law enforcement is aware of this and has been in contact with the school about how to deal with situations like this in the future. If you notice anything that may damage the school forest and disc golf course, please contact the authorities right away. Thank you so much for all the support, and even though there's work to do you are definitely allowed to play disc golf right now. It's ready for playing up to 20 baskets/holes right now, but it will be even better as the warmer months get near. Don't forget to check us out on Facebook.



# Almond-Bancroft Menus: May/June 2021

## Breakfast Menu

| Monday                                  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                      | Thursday                             | Friday   |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>3</b><br>Breakfast Pizza             | <b>4</b><br>Waffle               | <b>5</b><br>Breakfast Kit      | <b>6</b><br>Bagel<br>Yogurt          | <b>7</b><br>Virtual Instruction                            |
| <b>10</b><br>Breakfast Kit              | <b>11</b><br>French Toast Sticks | <b>12</b><br>Oatmeal<br>Toast  | <b>13</b><br>Frudel<br>Yogurt        | <b>14</b><br>Virtual Instruction                           |
| <b>17</b><br>Pancake Wrapped<br>Sausage | <b>18</b><br>Breakfast Pizza     | <b>19</b><br>Waffle            | <b>20</b><br>Cinnamon Roll<br>Yogurt | <b>21</b><br>Virtual Instruction                           |
| <b>24</b><br>Cook's Choice              | <b>25</b><br>Cook's Choice       | <b>26</b><br>Cook's Choice     | <b>27</b><br>Cook's Choice           | <b>28</b><br>Virtual Instruction                           |
| <b>31</b><br><b>No School</b>           | <b>June 1</b><br>Cook's Choice   | <b>June 2</b><br>Cook's Choice | <b>June 3</b><br>Cook's Choice       | <b>June 4</b><br>Virtual Instruction<br>Last Day of School |

**4K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Morning Milk:**

**\$0.35 a day**

\*No Charge for approved free/reduced households.

**Juice Choices:**

- Apple Cherry
- Apple
- Grape
- Orange

Juice served daily with breakfast.

**Milk Choices:**

- Skim
- 1% White
- F/F Chocolate

Milk served daily with breakfast and lunch.

## Lunch Menu

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| <b>3</b><br>Hamburger on Bun<br>Wedges<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit of the Day        | <b>4</b><br>Pancakes<br>Sausage<br>Hashbrown<br>Fruit of the Day                 | <b>5</b><br>Hamburger Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Peas<br>Fruit of the Day | <b>6</b><br>Pizza Dippers<br>Salad<br>Fruit of the Day              | <b>7</b><br>Virtual Instruction                            |
| <b>10</b><br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Tater Barrels<br>Baked Beans<br>Fruit of the Day | <b>11</b><br>Pork Chop w/Bread<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Carrots<br>Fruit of the Day | <b>12</b><br>Pizza<br>Salad Bar<br>Fruit of the Day                        | <b>13</b><br>Taco<br>Soft or Hard Shell<br>Corn<br>Fruit of the Day | <b>14</b><br>Virtual Instruction                           |
| <b>17</b><br>Popcorn Chicken<br>French Fries<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit of the Day  | <b>18</b><br>Beefy Nachos<br>Corn<br>Fruit of the Day                            | <b>19</b><br>Chicken Patty on Bun<br>Hashbrown<br>Peas<br>Fruit of the Day | <b>20</b><br>Cheese Fries<br>Salad<br>Fruit of the Day              | <b>21</b><br>Virtual Instruction                           |
| <b>24</b><br>Cook's Choice<br>Entrée<br>Vegetable<br>Fruit                       | <b>25</b><br>Cook's Choice<br>Entrée<br>Vegetable<br>Fruit                       | <b>26</b><br>Cook's Choice<br>Entrée<br>Vegetable<br>Fruit                 | <b>27</b><br>Cook's Choice<br>Entrée<br>Vegetable<br>Fruit          | <b>28</b><br>Virtual Instruction                           |
| <b>31</b><br><b>No School</b>  | <b>June 1</b><br>Cook's Choice<br>Entrée<br>Vegetable<br>Fruit                   | <b>June 2</b><br>Cook's Choice<br>Entrée<br>Vegetable<br>Fruit             | <b>June 3</b><br>Cook's Choice<br>Entrée<br>Vegetable<br>Fruit      | <b>June 4</b><br>Virtual Instruction<br>Last Day of School |

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

Menu is subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Mead-Rath-Gutke, Almond Post 339 will hold their Memorial Day Program on May 31, 2021 in the West Gym of the School starting at 10.00 am.

The day to remember with gratitude and pride all those who served and died for our Country and our Freedom.

The names of deceased veterans will be read.

Quilts of Valor will be presented by the Almond Golden Needle Quilt Guild.

To conclude the program, we will go to the Village Cemetery and Decorate the Grave of the Unknown Soldier.

After which we will have the rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

Unit 339 the Ladies Auxiliary will have Poppies available for those who would like to have one for a small donation.



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**"CRIME DOESN'T PAY... WE DO!"**



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Ukulele fundraiser. The students and I are extremely excited to announce that we met our goal and the ukuleles have arrived! The students are so

excited to get their hands on them as soon as they can!

Again, if you contributed financially, or show support to the Almond-Bancroft music program in any shape or form, I am extremely appreciative, and I know the students are too. Be on the lookout for some fun ukulele pictures and videos soon!

Thank you for your help in making that possible!

~ Miss Schmidt



**ANNOUNCING  
CLASS OF 2021  
GRADUATION**

**PLACE: WEST GYM  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 28TH**

*Class of*  
**2021**  
*Congratulations Graduates!*

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