



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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January 2009

Notes from the Administrator.....

January Dates To Remember

- Jan. 1- No School
- Jan. 2- No School
- Jan. 6- Deadline for Filling Candidacy & Nomination Papers For Spring Elections
- Jan. 7- Booster Club Meeting 7PM
- Jan. 19- PIE Meeting 5:30 PM
- Jan. 19- School Board Meeting 6:30 At Bancroft
- Jan. 23- Early Release, End Of 2nd Quarter

We are very excited about the possibility of having the *Boys & Girls Club* of Portage County partnering with our district to offer a program for our students. Carrie Winn, Director of Program Operations, notified us that *United Way of Portage County* has earmarked \$15,000 to begin a pilot *Boys & Girls Club* program in Almond-Bancroft next semester. The main objective of the program is to give as many youth as possible, the chance to participate in our after school program. First and foremost, there are a number of decisions that must be made before we can open our doors; including programming location, what age range to serve, staffing, school and club collaboration, building additional community support, marketing strategy, transportation/accessibility, etc. The goal is to start the program in early February, at the very earliest. However, in the meantime, many details need to be worked out and I am asking for each of your support and involvement. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to be a part of developing the program, please give Trina a call at 366.2941 extension 422 or Carrie Winn at 341.4386.

A very special thank you to ***United Way of Portage County*** for their generous donation to this program.

Dan Boxx,
 District Administrator



NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
 ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 ON APRIL 7, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the School District of Almond-Bancroft on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2009.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Town of Almond	Roy Danforth
Village of Almond	Debbie Bradley

 Carol Ellie, Clerk

Declaration of Candidacy, Campaign Finance Registration Statement, and Nomination Papers for the Almond-Bancroft School Board term are to be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 6, 2009 in the district office or with the school district clerk. Forms are located outside of the district office.

High School Student of the Week

November 17 - 21, 2008



I select Jon Pagel as Student of the Week. Jon takes his education seriously and has exceeded expectations in the classroom. Jon has the ability to understand deductive thinking, which in turn brings him great success in class. Jon contributes to class discussions, is polite, and is always respectful. Congratulations Jon! - Ms. Ciula

High School Student of the Week

November 24 – 28, 2008



My student of the week is Rachel Penza. She is a very conscientious student and willing to rework a project until she is satisfied she has done her best. Rachel is very considerate of other students feelings and needs and is willing to offer anyone her assistance. She is a joy to have in class. —Mrs. Dernbach

High School Student of the Week

December 1-5, 2008



My student of the week is Danielle Dykes. She is a strong singer, works hard to master her music, and she is always willing to lend a hand in and out of class - Crystal Frank

**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.



2008-09 Almond-Bancroft Middle School & High School First Quarter Honor Roll

“A” Honor Roll

STUDENT NAME

Graduation Year: 2009

ARIEL AVERY
GRAHAM BARDEN
MORGAN BEIGEL
DANIEL DAVENPORT
AMANDA DEGROFF
CHELSEA GENDUSA
JUSTIN GLENETSKI
ESTHER GUZMAN-
ALVAREZ
JENNY HOLMES
CASSANDRA KOLLOCK
SKYLAR MILANOWSKI
CAMERON OLSON
CARLY RAST
BRANDI ROMO
LAURA SCHAFFER-SHARP
BRIAN UPTON
MATTHEW WIESNER

Graduation Year: 2010

BRANT BICKFORD
LEVI MILANOWSKI
CHRISTOPHER ROESKE
TIMOTHY SCHAFFER
STEVEN SWAN
RABE AVERY
DANIELLE DYKES
JEFFREY FLETCHER
LUCAS MEDDAUGH
JON PIETERS
STEPHANIE RODRIQUEZ

Graduation Year: 2012

MORGAN BAAR
TYLER BUNDERS
NICHOLAS J. BURNS IV
ADRIANA CABRERA-
LABORDE
RUSSELL CAREY
JEANETTE R. COLOMBE
DANIELLE DAHMS
ANTHONY ELLIE
AMBER HINTZ
BRANDON LEHMAN
BRADY MCINTEE
JON PAGEL
SORCIA ROCK

Graduation Year: 2013

BRETT BEIGEL
DESTINY DYKES
AVERY FAEHLING
KRISTEN HAFERMAN
MERRICK MEDDAUGH
JADE STUEBS
KIARA I. TURZINSKI
BAYLEE VOSS-
PLUTSCHACK
JOHN WAGGONER
MARISSA WARZYNSKI
MARY ZAK

Graduation Year: 2014

SARAI BARRAZA
ALEXANDER CRULL
MCKENNA HECK
PAYTON HINTZ
ANGELA IWANSKI
ABBIGAIL KARPEN
DEREK KEENLANCE
HANNAH LANSING
JEWEL MATKE
CODY MEDDAUGH
EVAN PAGEL
ANNA PERRIN
CARISSA PERZINSKI
ALEXIS SEITZ
KAYLA SMITH
SHELBY SWAN
ETHAN YONKE

Graduation Year: 2015

DEVON ANDERSON
RAMSEY AVERY
HATTIE BERRY
MEGAN BURNS
NICHOLAS FIGUEROA
TEAGAN HECK
MCKENZIE MINER
NATALIE ROMO
MARGARET SCOTT
JACE STUEBS
ASHLEY TAKACS
MEGAN WICZEK
HAILEY WIERZBA

“B” Honor Roll

STUDENT NAME

Graduation Year: 2009

CAMILLE CRAHAN
DARCI DAKE
STEVEN ELLIE
BUDD GUTKE
CHEYEANNA SCHOBER
TONY VAUTHIER

Graduation Year: 2010

DANIELLE FOLAN
DESIREE HAVILAND
KELSEY MCINTEE
RAYMOND PIETERS
AUDREY SANDERS
KENNETH SMITH
BENEDICT TURZINSKI
MELANIE VALLERY
BRANDON WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2011

DATONN AMMEL
MIRANDA BORCHARDT
JACOB CLARK
AMANDA CRAHAN
RACHEL PENZA
ZACHARY PERZINSKI
DYLAN SCHAFFER
EMILY SCHUDE

Graduation Year: 2012

KEVIN BUCKENBERGER
JEREK DAKE
JEFFREY KOLLOCK
TAYLOR MARTINES
DREW PAINTER
SIERRA STUCKER
DEZIREE WARZYNSKI
GARRET WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2013

SAMUEL BORCHARDT
JENNIFER HUNKINS
HEATHER MERILA
HAYLEY RISKE
JONATHAN TURZINSKI

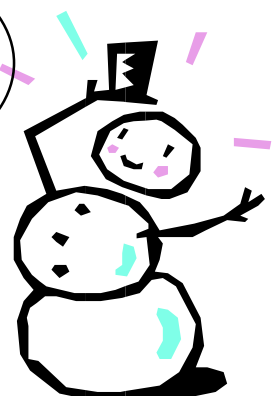
Graduation Year: 2014

TISAN BAIRD
JOSEPH BEIGEL
TAYLOR CISEWSKI
BRANDON EASTMAN
RAMIRO LUNA
FELICIA PENZA
AIDEN ROCK
JACOB VALLERY
MEGHAN VARGA
LACEY WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2015

YANIRA CARRIZOSA
JAROD CIESLEWICZ
BRANDON CZLAPINSKI
KLAYTON HAVILAND
JESSE HUNKINS
SAMANTHA RISTAU
BRIANNA SHACKELFORD
ALEXANDRIA SPOHN
TEAGAN VEZINA

**Congratulations &
Hats off to A-B
Honor Roll Students**



First Grade Students Bake And Share Banana Bread



In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, the first grade classes baked 30 small loaves of banana nut bread during the morning of the 25th, with lots of helpful adult volunteers! We then shared it with some of our friends around the school. These friends (such as our secretaries, kitchen and custodial staff, aides, librarians, and other teachers) are people who do nice things for us on a regular basis. Everyone even got to take a sample home to their families. This was a wonderful experience made possible by the contributions and collaboration of our families and the students.

A HUGE thank you to everyone!

Collecting For The Troops

We at Almond Bancroft Schools are collecting items for troops to carry with them in the Middle East to make their lives a bit easier while serving their country. The High School Library is the collection site for the donations. Mickey Van Ert, Missy Henske, Karin Mather and Esther Whitman are the coordinators. All items must be purchased in the already wrapped form, such as lunch snack size cookies, etc. Home made cookies, jams, etc. will not be accepted. They will be removed from boxes before they reach the troops at the check points. Some suggestions are: Chips in cans or individual size bags, wrapped candy (hard candy only, chocolate will melt in the high heat), cup-o-noodles, individual size dry soup packets, wipes, writing materials, stamps, tea bags, instant coffee packets, creamer packets, small toothpaste and other small travel size toiletries. Paperback books and magazines are also good bets and even newspapers from home. We also accept money, either to buy items or mail the boxes.

We have lists of suggested items to send, they are located in the library and will be happy to help. We have already mailed 3 boxes to local people.

Thanks in advance for your support.
Mickey Van Ert



Advanced Foods Students Share the Joy

Students enrolled in Mr. Knepfel's Advanced Foods class prepared a variety of muffins for residents at Sunset Manor during the Thanksgiving holiday. Students delivered the muffins and had a chance to talk to several of the residents. For Christmas, students prepared pies to be used in holiday baskets for families in Bancroft. Everyone enjoy the opportunity to share the holiday spirit. Great job students!



Elementary Counselor News

By Dawn Barber

Our unit on honesty may be wrapping up but that does not mean we should forget all we have learned. I encourage our students to explore our own school library for books that relate to our G.I.F.T.S. topic(s). There are several on honesty, including:

Darci In Cabin 13, Karen's Big Lie, Pinky Promise, Arnie And the Stolen Markers, Two Point Zero, Franklin Fibs, Sniffles, The Berenstain Bears And The Truth, and many more! Check them out!

We will be talking more in the next few months about self-discipline. This concept covers many things: being able to control your temper, manage your time, make healthy choices regarding food and activities. Students will identify ways they already show self-discipline, perhaps by finishing homework before playing or watching television or choosing a healthy snack. We will also look at areas we need to improve such as listening to the teacher instead of chatting with our friends or raising our hands rather than blurting out in class. Chore charts are a great way to introduce self-discipline at home. They can be used with young children by taking pictures of the task or chore (cleaning up toys, etc.) as well as with older children using checklists for daily tasks.

Fifth grade girls have the opportunity to join a small group that will read and discuss, **A Smart Girl's Guide To Friendship Troubles.** Our groups will be starting soon but students need to have their parent sign a permission slip to participate. Students can see me if they need an extra permission slip. Congratulations to all of the students who have received green postcards this semester for demonstrating honesty or another one of our important concepts. There were many!!

2009 Yearbook Sales

Yearbooks will go on sale the week of January 26th.

Prices are \$42.00 with out name on cover and
\$47.00 with name on cover.

A minimum \$20.00 deposit is required.
Seniors must pay in full.

If you have any questions or to place an order contact
Mrs. Karpen at 366-2941 ext. 314.



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

After we come back to school from our winter break all Safety Cadets that are in good standing are invited to attend a Winter Swim Party at the Stevens Point YMCA on January 17th, 2009. This party is sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department. More information will come home with your child as we get closer to that date.

Gavin Larsen and Blake Voss-Plutschack are December's Safety Cadets of the Month. Both boys are doing a fabulous job and should be very proud of themselves! Keep up all your wonderful efforts!

Just a reminder to please remember to dress your child warmly as they are outside for two recesses during the day. Coat, hat, gloves, boots, and snowpants are a must. If your child is a Safety Cadet they also are required to have all of these items, or else they will receive a check mark for not being prepared for their duties.

I'd like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! I hope you all find time to just kick back, put your feet up, and enjoy some quiet time.! Be Safe!

LMC News

Winter RIF Distribution

In December the last RIF distribution for the year 2008 took place. Students from Pre-K through 7th Grade, at Bancroft and Almond, were able to choose a book to keep as their very own - compliments of the federal government and the Almond-Bancroft School District. Several community members graciously volunteered to help with RIF. Our thanks go to **Pam Berry**, **Brenda Newby**, and **Dorothy Helmrick** for giving of their time during the busy holiday season! In 2009 we hope to include the 8th graders as recipients of free books. **Jeff Rykal** is working on the necessary paperwork to expand our program to all the middle school. Next year's RIF distribution will take place this spring. It's a wonderful program that brings book ownership to many students and lots of smiles on children's faces.



Photo of RIF: **Mrs. Helmrick** with **Mickie Wiza**, **Blanca Castillo**, **Noah Kollock**, **Sydney Otto** & **Briana Borski** (from **Missy Henske's** 2nd Grade Class)

The Spirit of Christmas

During this holiday season we would once again like to thank the generous people and organizations who continue to donate books and other resources to the school LMC. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!

This past month the LMC received photography books and magazines from **Lynn Hintz**, children's videos from **Lisa Wimpe**, blank VHS videotapes and wrestling magazines from **Art Pagel**, children's books & aviation and home decor magazines from **Teagan Heck & family**, and two subscriptions from **The Almond Rod & Gun Club**: *Wisconsin Outdoor Journal* and *Wisconsin Outdoor News*.

As a small school LMC, we are particularly grateful to add these books and educational resources to our collection. The LMC staff, **Mickey Van Ert** and I, wish everyone a most Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Karin Mather, LMC Director

WWI Unit Project/Research in the LMC

During this past month high school students in US History, taught by **Mike Gerlach**, have been busy working on research for their World War I Projects. They have spent a lot of time in the LMC looking up articles, reading books, and using the Internet. Some of the topics they explored included the following: biographies of Woodrow Wilson and Czar Nicholas II, analysis of significant battles such as Gallipoli and Verdun, the underlying causes of war, famous heroes of the war, specific weapons of WWI such as poison gas and zeppelins, and some students also did research into their own family involvement in the First World War (such as **Carly Rast** who brought WWI artifacts from her great-grand uncle to show her classmates as part of her project). All the students produced a graphic representation of their work (posters, models, artifacts, skits, or displays) and then presented their project to the class. The students worked well and obviously learned a lot about this important event in world history. It was fantastic to see the students working so hard and utilizing the LMC resources! These informative and creative projects will be on display in the secondary LMC through January.



Tyler Rodriguez & Kelsey McIntee
with their WWI projects

January Athletic Events

- Jan. 6– HS Boys Basketball
@ Home vs Montello 6:00 PM
*Poms Performing at Half Time
- Jan. 8– HS Girls Basketball
@ Home vs Rosholt 6:00 PM
TC/AB Wrestling
@ Pacelli 7:00 PM
- Jan. 9– HS Boys Basketball
@ Rosholt 6:00 PM
- Jan. 10– TC/AB Wrestling
@ Wittenberg 10:00 AM
- Jan. 12– HS Girls Basketball
@ Home vs Port Edwards 6:00 PM
- Jan. 13– HS Boys Basketball
@ Port Edwards 6:00 PM
- Jan. 15– Jr. High Girls Basketball
@ Amherst 5:30 PM
TC/AB Wrestling
@ Home (TC) vs Bonduel
- Jan. 16– HS Boys Basketball
@ Gresham 6:00 PM
HS Girls Basketball
@ Home vs Gresham 6:00 PM
*Poms Performing at Half Time
- Jan. 17– TC/AB Wrestling
@ Manawa Time TBD
- Jan. 19– Jr. High Girls Basketball
@ Home vs Iola 5:30 PM
C-Squad Boys @ Amherst 6:00 PM
- Jan. 20– HS Boys Basketball
@ Home vs Tigerton 6:00 PM
HS Girls Basketball
@ Tigerton 6:00 PM
TC/AB Wrestling
@ Home (TC) vs Montello 7:00 PM
- Jan. 22– Jr. High Girls Basketball
@ Home vs Port Edwards
- Jan. 23– HS Boys Basketball
@ Menominee 5:30 PM
HS Girls Basketball
@ Home vs Menominee 5:30 PM
*Poms Performing at Half Time
- Jan. 24– TC/AB Wrestling
@ Wild Rose 9:00 AM
- Jan. 26– HS Girls Basketball
@ Wild Rose 6:00 PM
Jr. High Girls Basketball
@ Home vs Tri-County 5:30 PM
TC/AB Wrestling
@ Wautoma (scrimmage) 6:00 PM
- Jan. 27– HS Boys Basketball
@ Home vs Wild Rose 6:00 PM
- Jan. 29– Jr. High Girls Basketball
@ St. Pete's 5:30 PM
TC/AB Wrestling
@ Home (TC) vs Wittenberg 7:00 PM
C-Squad Boys @ Port Edwards 6:00 PM
- Jan. 30– HS Boys Basketball
@ Home vs Tri-County 6:00 PM
*Poms performing at Half Time
HS Girls Basketball
@ Tri-County 6:00 PM



spot Light

7th Grade Boys Basketball Team



Back Row: Coach Dernbach, Cody Meddaugh, Ethan Yonke, Shelby Swan, Joe Beigel, Gunnar Larson, & Coach Dernbach
Front Row: Alex Crull, Kyle Leonardt, Evan Pagel, Jacob Vallery, Taylor Cisewski, & Derek Keenlance

7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team



Back Row: Coach Dernbach, Ethan Yonke, Merrick Meddaugh, Brett Begiel, Avery Faelling, Shelby Swan, & Coach Dernbach
Front Row: Cody Meddaugh, Evan Pagel, Joe Beigel, & Derek Keenlance

Eagle Booster Club News

By Renee Hunkins

This has been a very busy year for the Booster Club, we are happy to say!!! We started the school year with the completion of the sprinkler and bleacher installation. I think that everyone really enjoyed the improvements this football season and we were fortunate enough to have one of the playoff games at home.

We were also fortunate in that we were able to host a volleyball tournament in Almond this year because the lady Eagles had such a successful season. The Booster Club worked with the Senior class in providing concessions for those who attended.

Our 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball teams with the help from a few of the 6th graders have already competed in three tournaments this year. We traveled to Westfield, Pardeeville, and Wautoma. It is wonderful to see how these young ladies work together to form teams with mixed grade levels. Our girls have had to work hard to perform as well as they did. Awesome job ladies!!!

Now the winter season has begun. Roy Danforth has offered our Middle School girls the opportunity to play Club Volleyball with the Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Association. We have six girls in 7th and 8th grade and two from out of our area. They will be hosting their first tournament on January 11, 2008 and competing against teams from larger districts. This is a great opportunity for the girls to improve their volleyball skills. **Please come out and support them on January 11th, the Booster Club will be providing concessions.**

The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls have started practicing for their basketball tournament season as well. This year we have a great group of high school athletes who will be coaching the younger athletes, what a great opportunity to role model and be mentors. **We will be hosting tournaments for:**

7th and 8th grade boys on Saturday, January 17, 2009

5th and 6th grade girls February 7-8, 2009

5th and 6th grade boys February 14th

7th and 8th grade girls February 21st

In the midst of all this activity we are working on a few more projects to benefit our student athletes. We continue to keep the accounts at Portage County Bank and Bancroft State Bank for those who wish to donate toward future improvements at the sports complex.

We hope that a few more of you will have the opportunity to join us at one of our meetings. We look forward to new ideas and projects! **We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Board Room of the High School. However we will meet next on January 7th at 7pm due to the upcoming tournaments that we will be planning for.**



Bilingual Book Buddies!

Due to the environment here at Almond-Bancroft with a mix of ELLs and English speaking students Mrs. Henske and Mrs. Vann initiated a program in 2007-2008 that they have continued in 2008-2009 allowing students to partake in a literacy campaign involving high school Spanish students and elementary classes with students who have low proficiency levels in English and low reading levels. Mrs. Vann's high school Spanish students read and listen to books with Mrs. Henske's elementary students.

Unlike usual book buddy programs the B.B.B program allows ELLs and Spanish students to have an exchange of culture and language not usually available to either group to enhance their reading proficiency levels in both languages. We look forward to providing this opportunity for our students throughout the year. It is nice to see the students from both groups exchange "Hola/Hello!" high fives in the hall increasing the comfort level of younger students in the halls. **We appreciate any donations of bilingual books written in English and Spanish to this endeavor as well as any ideas you may have for our students.** We have had amazing success with this program and look forward to advancing the proficiency levels and unique friendship bonds within our student body between the grade levels. Our high school students feel honored to mentor to their new friends and it has been an honor to Mrs. Henske and Mrs. Vann to work with such fine individuals and watch them grow.

Do You Have Projects Around The House That Require A Handyman?



The Almond-Bancroft High School Construction Class is offering its services to help community members with areas of concern around their homes. **This class begins at the end of January and continues until the end of May.** Please contact the course instructor, Bill Wagner, at 366-2941 ext. 333, if you have a project that you think the class may be able to help you with. Cost of materials is the responsibility of the homeowner, and a small labor fee may be charged that will go directly back into the technology education program.

ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER

Room S325 Almond High School (enter Almond Elementary)
715.366.2882 or 715.421.4635 (for Pre-Registering)
December 2008

Hello to everyone and welcome to a New Year... We will have some changes with the Family Resource Center...the biggest being the changing of Play Group to FRIDAYS. We will be having some Play Groups at the Bancroft School and some at the Helicopter Park. Please remember to take advantage of the Play Groups that are held at The Central Wisconsin Children's Museum. Don't be 'afraid' to come... everybody is welcome. Also, take note that Almond Elementary is in no way associated with The Resources Centers of Portage County. We are fortunate and very thankful, that the school allows us to use one of their rooms. The Center's in Junction City and Amherst do not have rooms. They have to meet at a municipal building and a school gym. So, come and enjoy your neighbors and offer your children new friendships.

PLAY GROUP: FRIDAYS FROM 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

A Special note about Play Group from Jan

What is Play Group? First and foremost...it is for families. Rich, poor, young, & old and everyone in between... including older siblings. I see young parents in the halls of Almond Elementary with their strollers... Play Group is for you. Grandparents watching their children... Play Group is for you. Day Cares that need an outing...Play Group is for you. Some of our participants that came to Play Group when their children were one year old, now have 4 year olds in school. The wonderful part...they now have friends that were developed in Play Group...making the transition easier. Parents now have 'lunch' friends and better yet, babysitters that can help out with their children. Come and check us out while we still have a room to meet in. The children might make a craft, listen to a story, and have a snack. Parents...you have one and one-half hour of freedom, with adult conversation. Come and let me do the work. Happy New Year, Jan Roth

Special Play Group at Bancroft: Friday Jan. 23, 2009.

Ice Cream on a Cold Day: We will be meeting in Mrs. Klinger's room.
You bring the bowl and spoon, and we will provide the ice cream and the toppings. Oh, we will also have fun playing.

Multi-Session Workshop: Look for More 1-2-3 Magic

Thank you...

Mr. J. Rykal, Mrs. S. Barden, Mrs. M. Chappa, Mrs. D. Klinger, Mrs. C. Ciula, Mrs. Trina Warzynski,
Mrs. Michele Warzynski, Mrs. P. Leary, Mrs. D. McChesney, Mr. E. Warzynski, and Mr. F. Voightlander.

The Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center would not be able to function with out all of your help.
A great big THANK YOU.

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 New Stuffed Eagle.

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noisemaker, card, rose or pops, beads and our new bobblehead Eagle or new Eagle hat.

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

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

Student Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Special Message: _____

OPTION 1 \$5.00 Rose Pops OPTION 2 \$10.00 Rose Pops OPTION 3 \$15.00 Rose Pops

Bonus Extra \$1.00 Bonus Extra \$3.00



Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application Letter to Households

If your household gets FOODSHARE OR W-2 CASH BENEFITS, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List child(ren)'s name, school, grade, and a FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number.

Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

For Public Schools Only

If you are applying for a child that is HOMELESS, MIGRANT or a RUNAWAY, follow these instructions:

Check the appropriate box in Part 2 and contact [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator].

Fill out application by following instructions for ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

Part 1: Use a separate application for each foster child. List the child's name, school, and grade.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income, if any.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List each child's name, school, and grade.

Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1–Name: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Column 2 –Gross income last month and how often it was received. Next to each person's name list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received. For example, *Earnings from work*: List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). *All other income*: List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, (second column) pensions, retirement Social Security (third column), and ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES (fourth column). In the All Other column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.

Column 3–Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child)			
Names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last)	School Name	Grade	FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case # (if any). Skip to Part 5 if you list one of the above.
			Case #
			Case #
			Case #
			Case #
			Case #

DO NOT LIST: Forward or Quest Card numbers; or Medicaid, SSI, W-2 Childcare case numbers. Please fill in Part 4 if you are not receiving FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits at this time.

Part 2. Homeless/Migrant/Runaway (For Public Schools Only)
 If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator at phone #] Homeless Migrant Runaway

Part 3. Foster Child
 If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check this box and then list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____. Skip to Part 5.

Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often

1. Name (List everyone in household) (Example) Jane Smith	2. Gross income and how often it was received <i>Example: \$100/monthly \$100/twice a month \$100/every other week \$100/weekly</i>				3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	All Other Income	
\$200/weekly	\$150/weekly	\$100/monthly	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	\$ ____/____	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part 5. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)
 An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.)
I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.
 Sign here: X _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____ I do not have a Social Security Number

Part 6. Children's racial and ethnic identities (optional)

Mark one or more racial identities: <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Mark one ethnic identity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino
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Don't fill out this part. This is for school use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12

Total Income: _____ Per: Week, Every 2 Weeks, Twice A Month, Month, Year Household size: _____

Categorical Eligibility: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____ Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Reason: _____

Temporary: Free _____ Reduced _____ Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)

Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2007-2008					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$756	\$698	\$349
2	24,420	2,035	1,018	940	470
3	30,710	2,560	1,280	1,182	591
4	37,000	3,084	1,542	1,424	712
5	43,290	3,608	1,804	1,665	833
6	49,580	4,132	2,066	1,907	954
7	55,870	4,656	2,328	2,149	1,075
8	62,160	5,180	2,590	2,391	1,196
Each Additional person:	6,290	525	263	242	121

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a FoodShare Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (W-2 cash benefits) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



***Holiday Greetings From:
Head Cook Connie, Lowella, Julia, and Pat.***

We want to wish each and every one of you a healthy and happy holiday season. Along with the breakfast and lunch program, the children are enjoying our healthy snacks of fresh fruits and vegetables and that pleases us.

I have been wondering if you have gotten a lay off notice or if you are now working less hours. \$50.00 or more, less a week on your paycheck and you may be eligible for reduced or free meals. If I can help you in any way, please call me at 366-2941 extension 421 and I will get you a form immediately. I also want you to know if you are approved reduced or free your status will not change until October 1st, 2009, which is one of the federal government standards. Remember, if you qualify for reduced lunch, your children will receive free breakfast and free morning milk. We want to ensure all our families in this district receive nutritional meals.

Warmest Holiday Greetings,
Pat Leary

Almond-Bancroft Menus, January

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	6 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar, Juice	7 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice	8 Cereal, Toast, Juice	9 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
12 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	13 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice	14 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	15 Cereal, Toast, Juice	16 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
19 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	20 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice	21 French Toast Sticks, Juice	22 Cereal, Toast, Juice	23 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
26 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	27 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	28 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	29 Cereal, Toast, Juice	30 Cinnamon Roll, Juice

Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per
Quarter

Milk Served
With Every
Meal

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge
4K – 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00
K-12th grade – 20 days @ 1.00 = \$20.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Hot Dog, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Fruit	6 Chili, Veggies & Dip, Fruit, Bread	7 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Fruit, Bread	8 Cheeseburger Macaroni, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	9 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit
12 Beefy Nacho's, Corn, Fruit	13 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Fruit	14 Meat Loaf, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	15 Chicken Nuggets, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	16 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Fruit
19 Tacos, Corn, Fruit	20 Chicken Pattie, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	21 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	22 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Fruit	23 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar, Vegetable, Fruit
26 BBQ, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	27 Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles, Vegetable, Fruit	28 Pizza Burger, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	29 Hamburger & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	30 Chicken Fajita, Vegetable, Fruit

Dessert
Served Once
Weekly

Lunch Prices:

4K Reduced – 8 days @ .40 = \$3.20
4K – 8 days @ 1.60 = \$12.80
K-12th grade Reduced – 20 days @ .40 = \$8.00
K-5th grade – 20 days @ 1.60 = \$32.00
6th – 12th grade – 20 days @ 1.85 = \$37.00

AARG, AHOY THERE MATEY!



The Almond-Bancroft School Drama Department will be putting on the play *Pirates and Petticoats* by Pat Cook.

The play will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

Adult tickets are \$4.00 and Student/Senior tickets are \$3.00.

Tickets go on sale Monday, January 19th in the main office or by calling 366-2941 ext 329.

CAST LIST – PIRATES AND PETTICOATS!

AARG, CAN YOU HELP?

The play this year is about pirates!
Any type of buccaneer gear that you would be willing to donate or lend to the drama department would be greatly appreciated! We have both male and female pirates and a couple of military men. Hats, sashes, shirts, skirts, swords, pirate flags - whatever you have can be used!

**Please contact Toni Rock at 366-2941 x 302
with any offerings.**

We will happily come to pick up items if you can't bring them in to the school.

Thank you!

JACK	-	Graham Barden
JUAN	-	Matt Weisner
MAC	-	Brad Manock
BLUE	-	Jon Pieters
SARA	-	Kelsey McIntee
BARRY	-	Tyler Rodriguez
CORAL	-	Cheyenna Schober
PEARL	-	Katie Schude
FISHER	-	Brant Bickford
PUG	-	Cameron Olson
JAMAICA	-	Cassy Kollock
MARIGOLD	-	Braden Hunkins
BALL	-	Ray Pieters
MILO	-	Chris Roeske
ENSIGN	-	AJ Ellie
ONA	-	Datonn Ammel
IMA	-	Carly Rast
PACKY	-	Levi Milanowski
PEG	-	Amber Hintz
KATE	-	Sierra Stucker
POLLY	-	Danielle Dykes
MAYA	-	Morgan Biegel



*The Almond-Bancroft Staff Would Like To Wish You
A Merry Christmas And A Wonderful New Year!*

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