



May 2009

Notes from the Administrator....

As you have heard me say previously, the schools belong to the community. With that in mind, the Board of Education has approved two surveys asking for your input.

May Dates To Remember

- 5/5- H.S. Awards
Ceremony 7:30 pm
- 5/6- Sports Concussion
Management Clinic
6 pm
- 5/7- M.S. Spring
Concert 7:30 pm
M.S. Science Fair
- 5/13- Booster Club
Meeting 7 pm
- 5/14- H.S. Spring
Concert 7:30 pm
H.S. Science Fair
- 5/20- Board Of
Education Meeting
6:30 pm
- 5/21- Elementary Spring
Concert 2 pm
- 5/22- H.S. Athletic
Banquet 6 pm
- 5/24- H.S. Graduation
2 pm
- 5/25- No School
- 6/3 - MS Awards/8th
Grade Promotion 1 pm
- 6/4 - Elementary
Awards Grades 3-5
10 am



SURVEYS OPEN AND READY FOR YOUR INPUT

The Community Survey will be asking your input on several areas. Those areas include climate of the school, cleanliness/safety, instruction, and communication/follow up. We will be asking your opinion regarding several curricular areas. Should you have students in school, please feel free to ask their assistance. Lastly, we will be asking your opinion as to the greatest challenges facing our schools; what you consider the best feature/attribute of our school, and anything that you would like to see changed. Survey may be taken by going to our school website www.abschools.k12.wi.us and clicking on the take 2009 Community Survey link or simply clicking on the URL address: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2294L2V3GCZ>

Copies will also be sent home, or may be downloaded from our website, if you are interested in having the survey sent to your home, please call Trina at 366.2941 extension 422 and leave a message. Completed copies should be returned to the school and placed in the drop boxes located throughout the school.

The Alumni Opinion Survey will be asking input from our 2007 graduates. The survey will be asking questions regarding their careers, co-curricular activities, curricular information, and any classes/changes they would recommend for our high school. If you were a parent of a 2007 graduate, we would ask that let your child know about the survey and ask them to participate by taking the survey. We appreciate your helping us in gathering the data. Survey may be taken by going to our school website www.abschools.k12.wi.us and clicking on the Take Alumni Survey link or simply clicking on the URL address: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2294L3Z3H2Y>

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Please make certain you complete the entire survey. We ask only our 2007 graduates participate in completing the Alumni Survey. We are looking forward in sharing the results. If you any questions, please call Dan Boxx at 366.2941 extension 418.

Thank you,
Dan Boxx

High School Student of the Week
March 23 – 27, 2009



Jon Pieters is a hard working student. He never wastes class time but will even use his study time to complete projects. He is willing to help out other students and act as a student tutor. Jon is a respectful and thoughtful young man.

– *Lynne Dernbach*

High School Student of the Week
March 30 – April 3, 2009



My student of the week is Danielle Folan. She is an immensely hard worker and always puts forth her best effort in and out of class. She is a strong singer and has a lot of talent. I'm proud to have her as a member of my choir.

– *Crystal Frank*

High School Student of the Week
April 6 – 10, 2009



Brooke Yonke is consistent with her work and she actively participates in class. She is always enthusiastic during 1st hour U.S. History. She works hard to understand new information and she isn't afraid to ask questions to learn more.

– *Mike Gerlach*

High School Student of the Week
April 13 – 17, 2009



I chose Jeanette Colombe because she is a very talented and dedicated student and musician. Jeanette works very hard in and out of the classroom and excels in the things she does. She is always working on improving her skills and helping those around her when she can. No matter what is happening, she always has a smile on her face.

– *Royal Gingery*



**High School Forensics Students
Earn Gold Medal
At State Contest**

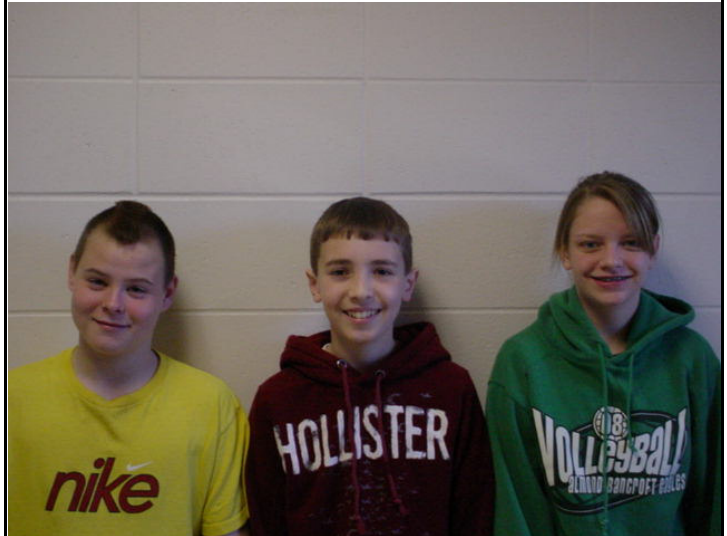
Cheyenna Schober and Carly Rast earned a perfect score

at the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association's State level contest held in Madison on Saturday, April 18th. Over 5000 students were part of the competition. The two performed a play-acting piece called "Chicken Wings." Play acting in forensics is very difficult as no props, costumes, or make-up are allowed. Everything must be so well acted that the audience can "see" what is portrayed.

Congratulations, girls, on earning the gold medal in a challenging category!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

April Students of the Month



Students were honored in April for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Brandon Czlapinski. Brandon always has a smile on his face and makes every effort to accomplish academic goals. He might get frustrated and stressed in class, but he never stops trying. Brandon pays attention and works to the best of his ability each day. He is a very pleasant person who is well liked by his peers. Brandon is friendly, responsible, and respectful to his teachers. From seventh grade, we honored Evan Pagel. Evan can lighten a mood as soon as he walks into a class. He is friendly to others and seems to always put a smile on someone's face wherever he goes. Evan is a very industrious student. He is admired by his peers and strives hard to do his best work every day. He is kind and respectful to everyone. From eighth grade, we honored Kiara Turzinski. Kiara is a caring individual. She is willing to help others, is an awesome student, and does anything asked of her. Kiara is a pleasure to have in class. These students were selected by their teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS

You make us Proud!

Family and Consumer Education Classes



Family and Consumer Education students enrolled in Foods II prepared desserts recently for several different Friends of Music fundraisers.

It appears in this photo that Tim Schafer was very "busy" helping Kaela Anderson. Nice job Tim!

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

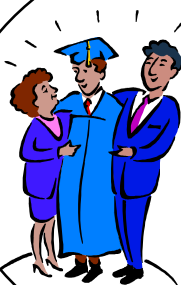
366-2941 ext. 5

Call the hotline to listen to a recorded message containing the homework assignments for that school day. They will be separated by MS and HS – listen to the voice prompts.

Almond-Bancroft Schools hope that this service will promote better communication between school and community, as well as parent and student.

**Almond-Bancroft
High School
Class of 2009**

**Graduation
Ceremony
Sunday May 24,
2009**



ALMOND-BANCROFT STUDENT RECEIVES THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP & CLASS OF 2009 VALEDICTORIAN



Cameron Olson has been selected to receive the 2009 Academic Excellence Scholarship by earning the spot of valedictorian of the 2008-2009 graduating class.

Academic Excellence Scholarships, established in 1989 by the state Legislature, are awarded to Wisconsin high school seniors who have the highest grade point average in each public and private high school throughout the State of

Wisconsin. The number of scholarships each high school is eligible for is based on total student enrollment. Almond-Bancroft, with a high school enrollment below 500, is able to award one senior this scholarship. In order to receive a scholarship, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis by September 30th of the academic year following the academic year in which he or she was designated as a scholar, at a participating University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College, or independent institution in the state. The value of the scholarship is \$2,250 per year, to be applied towards tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the institution matches the other half.

Cameron has been an all-around athlete and student all four years of his high school career. He was in Football, Basketball, Quiz Bowl, and the school plays all four years of high school, and he was in Track & Field and Baseball for two years each. He was also in the National Honors Society for 2 years, his senior year as the Vice President, and has been a Big Brother to an elementary student the last two years as well. Cameron is planning on attending UW-Parkside this fall and will be majoring in Sports & Fitness Management. He chose this field because he loves sports and wants to help people stay active, be healthy, build friendships, and learn the importance of teamwork.

Congratulations
to these outstanding
Almond-Bancroft
Students!

ALMOND-BANCROFT CLASS OF 2009 SALUTATORIAN

Cassandra Kollock has earned the position of salutatorian for the 2008-2009 graduating class. Cassy has been very active in extracurricular activities at Almond-Bancroft High School including acting in the school plays for all four years, participating in Volleyball, Track, Poms and Quiz Bowl, and holding the office of Class President for her Junior and Senior year. Cassy will continue her education by attending UW-Stevens Point this fall



and plans on majoring in English with a minor in either Creative Writing or Theater. She chose this field because she has always enjoyed school, especially her English classes. She wants to share her enthusiasm for education with her future students and, hopefully, they will love learning as much as she has!

BADGER STATE GIRLS NEWS



Junior **Audrey Sanders** has been selected to attend Badger State Girls at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh in June this summer. Thanks to the Almond American Legion Auxiliary Unit #339, Audrey is able to attend this event free of charge!

Approximately 700 young women from every part of Wisconsin come to Badger State Girls each year. The program is designed to teach young women about American's government

and to remind them the importance of the Constitution, which safeguards the principles of American heritage – justice, freedom, and democracy. To accomplish this, the girls will be grouped into cities and counties forming a “51st State.” For six days, the citizens of the “new state” will carry out all the main functions of city, county and state government using basic laws and fundamental procedures of the State of Wisconsin as their guide. This year, 2009 will mark the 68th session of Badger State Girls, and we are happy to have Audrey representing the Almond-Bancroft School District!



Science Fair

Yes, it is that time of year again; the Science Fair is here. Parents and community members will be able to view the Science Fair projects on two different dates.

The high school Science Fair projects will be on display May 14th before and after the high school choral and band concert in the high school science rooms.

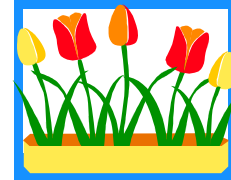
For Grades 6-8 the projects can be viewed before and after the Middle School choral and band concert on May 7th. The projects will be on display in the high school science rooms. Come see the projects that the students have worked on this year.

Plant Sale

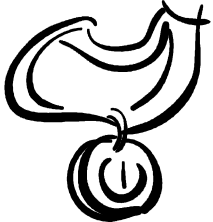
Sponsored by the Class of 2012

**Saturday, May 16, 2009
9:00 a.m.**

**Almond-Bancroft West Gym Parking Lot
Plants provided by 'Flowers By Ken'**



The Class of 2012 would like to thank all the individuals who purchased chicken dinner tickets. Remember to pick up your chicken dinner take out on Sunday, May 3rd 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Almond American Legion Hall



Almond-Bancroft High School Awards Ceremony

Please join the Almond-Bancroft School District in honoring our students and their achievements!

**When: May 5th at 7:30
Where: Almond-Bancroft Auditorium**



Students will be acknowledged for their achievements in attendance, student council, and various academic departments. Senior scholarship recipients will also be recognized. The evening will conclude with the annual induction ceremony for the Almond-Bancroft Chapter of the National Honor Society.



National Honor Society Membership Candidacy

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, and character. Members of the sophomore class will be evaluated by a Faculty Council.

Leadership is based on a student's role as a participant in school and community activities, and election to offices. The service requirement is met by those actions taken by the student on the behalf of others, without personal compensation. Also reviewed is the student's attitude toward any service project. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

Students will be screened by a Faculty Council consisting of five members of the faculty.



Middle School Class Trip Info

"Very soon your middle school student (Grades 6-8) will be bringing home a permission slip/medical form for our class trips this year. We will be heading to the Wisconsin Dells on May 29 for a day of "going Greek" at beautiful Mount Olympus. This trip is a long day trip, so parents will need to come pick their son/daughter up from school later in the evening. Please see permission forms for a close time approximation. Then, on June 2, students will head out for some nature awareness at Hartman Creek State Park. Students will hike, fish, and swim at the park, and ride the regular bus home.

Please ask your son/daughter for the information, and have them return the permission slip/medical form ASAP.

***** New this year***** If your son/daughter did not participate in the middle school magazine sale in the fall, there will be a charge for this trip. Please see permission form for the cost for students who did not sell magazines.

Middle School Science Fair - May 7

The middle school science fair is on May 7th, which coincides with the spring concert that evening. Projects will be presented in class during the day and then displayed for the general public in the evening in Ms. Krueger's science classrooms. Students should all have determined their topic of investigation and brought home a science fair packet. Please see that your student's project meets the requirements set forth in the packet.

Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

Yeah!!!!!!! It finally feels like Spring!!!! It's great to put away the winter coat and all that goes with it! Just recently we held a meeting reminding all the Safety Cadets about their duties and making sure that they are getting in all of their school work so that they keep up their grades. We only have a few more weeks of school, so please, help remind your child to make sure that they complete and hand in any school work that is due.

There will be two trips coming up in May. Both trips are to Wisconsin Dells. The first trip is set aside for the top cadets. That group will be touring the Dells and participating in a number of fun activities. Those students are selected by their teachers and also those of us that are out at recess duty with the kids. That way the teachers get to see how the students are in the classroom and the rest of us get to see how they handle their duties while out on the playground. The second trip is set aside for all the Safety Cadets that are still in good standing. That trip is to a water park where the cadets have a day filled with carnival rides, games, and water activities. Both trips are sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department. Forms will be sent home with your child within the next couple of weeks.

Our two students that are chosen as April's Safety Cadets of the Month are Garrett Yonke and Johl Turzinski. Garrett is very helpful and always asks questions if he is unsure of something. Now that Johl's leg is healing, he's finally able to move around a bit better. Both boys are doing a great job! Keep it up!

Donations Needed for 4K!



4K and Mrs. Klinger are looking for donations of old Prom or bridesmaid dresses, dress up shoes, dress up play clothes, tiaras, hats, old jewelry, purses ect. Also needed are men's dress shirts, ties, shoes, and watches. These will be used for a special day planned with the 4K classes. All varieties and sizes are needed. Items can be dropped off at the Bancroft School to Mrs. Klinger or at the Almond School in the administrative office.

The 4-K program thanks you so much for your donations;
they are needed as soon as possible.

Book Buddies

The 7th graders from Mrs. Weis's class have been book buddies all school year with Mrs. Blokhuis's 2nd graders. Each week, they build a relationship by taking turns reading to each other.

This past week they took a break from reading and dyed eggs. Then the 7th graders hid them in the library along with baskets filled with goodies for their younger buddies.

Miss Weis wanted to thank her 7th grade parents who donated to this activity. This activity couldn't have been done without their generosity.

Thanks!



Elementary Counselor News

By Dawn Barber

Our elementary students have spent the last few months in G.I.F.T.S. lessons exploring "self-discipline." It is a tough concept, but students have shown that they understand what self-discipline looks like, and many of them have practiced it by setting goals for themselves. The student's goals were quite admirable and ranged from being a better sport in gym class and on the playground, to expressing anger in an appropriate way. There were some students who were going to try to do a better job at turning in homework on time and others who were working on getting chores done at home without being told.

Many students admitted needing more work on controlling their emotions. This is not an easy task, but you can reinforce self-discipline in this area by reminding children to choose to use a calm voice or strategies learned at school such as ignoring or moving away from someone who is bothering them. There will always be opportunities to remind kids that they cannot always control the actions of others but that **they are in charge of themselves!**

Our final G.I.F.T.S. word for the year is FORGIVENESS. We will define it as follows: To stop blaming or feeling angry toward yourself or others. It will take self-discipline to forgive our friends and family for hurting us when we may really want to retaliate instead. As always, keep praising students for the virtues they demonstrate.

"To err is human, to forgive, divine."
Alexander Pope



First Grade Ceiling Tile Project

Cauy Huntington and a parent volunteer painting ceiling tiles to be placed in the 1st grade classroom ceilings. All student tiles are looking fantastic. Thank you to all the adult volunteers supervising the painting.

FAMILY READ IN CELEBRATED AT BANCROFT SCHOOL

This year's Family Read In at the Bancroft school was a huge success!! Approximately 90 people attended!

This year's author was Norman Bridwell, author of the Clifford the Big Red Dog books. There was lots of fun to be had by everyone!! There was a camping room where families could climb into tents and read books by the light of a flashlight or step outside and roast a marshmallow! There was a game room where the family could learn about taking care of the earth while playing games and doing mazes. There was a circus room with clowns to decorate and adventure books to write while eating popcorn.

A hot dog dinner was served with tasty hot dogs from Pete's Market. Thank you Tim and Sara Blokhuis!! And there were wonderful cookies to frost and eat thanks to some of Mr. Knepfel's students! Thank you!! And a big thanks to all the parents who came and brought their children and had a great time!!



Olivia, Daniel, & Marguerite Baumgartner enjoy a book in the reading tent!

**May 2009
Eagles Athletic Events**

- May 1—JV Softball Home vs Iola
4:30 pm
- May 4—Baseball & Softball Home
vs
Wild Rose 4:30 pm
JV Softball @ Pacelli 4:30 pm
JV Baseball @ Wild Rose 4:30
pm
Track @ Iola 3:45 pm
- May 5—JV Baseball @ TC 4:30 pm
- May 7—JV Baseball & Softball
Home
vs Tri-County 4:00 pm
Track @ Waupaca Time TBD
- May 8—Baseball & Softball @
Marion
4:30 pm
- May 11—Baseball & Softball (DH)
@
Bowler 4:00 pm
JV Baseball Home vs. Wild
Rose
4:30 pm
- May 12—Baseball & Softball @
Weyauwega (DH) 4:00 pm
- May 14—Baseball & Softball Home
vs
Rosholt 4:30 pm
Track @ Wild Rose 4:00 pm
- May 16—Track CWC Tournament
@
Bowler Time TBD
- May 18—Baseball Home vs.
Port Edwards 4:30 pm
- May 19—Baseball & Softball @
Tigerton 4:30 pm
JV Softball Home vs. Wild Rose
4:30 pm
Track @ Bonduel 3:45 pm
- May 21—Track @ Weyauwega 4:00
pm
- May 26—Track Regional @ Tri



**Concussion Management Presentation
Held At Almond-Bancroft High School**

The topic of concussion management has been in the media spotlight recently with special reports featured on ESPN, articles in TIME magazine and news items in various national newspapers such as USA Today. Several deaths have been documented among athletes as a result of concussions. Due to the serious nature of head injuries, especially to the adolescent brain, the staff of Point Sports Medicine Center feels it imperative to provide an educational presentation open to athletes, parents and coaches.

Point Sports Medicine Center, in association with the Wisconsin Sports Concussion Collaborative, will be presenting in the Almond area on:

Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 pm
in the **auditorium of Almond-Bancroft High School.**

We would like you to encourage all Almond-Bancroft athletes and coaches attend, but specifically football, basketball, wrestling, and track & field.

Almond-Bancroft High School Athletic Banquet

Sponsored by Mead-Rath-Gutke Post 339

**Friday, May 22, 2009
6:00 pm**

At The Almond American Legion Hall

Guest Speaker: Kevin Knudson

Principal, Coach, Athletic Director, and WIAA Board of Control
President for 2008-09.

Cost of meal is \$12.00 per person
Junior and Senior athletes are free.

All attendees must sign up and pay in the Secondary Office



Eagle Booster Club News

The Eagle Booster Club would like to thank those who generously donated to the Sports Complex Improvement Project and also helped out with all of our youth basketball and volleyball tournaments this winter. It was a very exciting year! Our goals to add large scale aluminum bleachers to the football field, improve the outfield at both the **Joseph J. Connor** baseball and softball fields, and provide underground sprinkler systems to enhance and maintain all of these fields, were astonishingly achieved in just 7 months! The infields were upgraded at both the baseball and softball diamonds over a year ago, and with the community's help we continued the progress.

These improvements benefit grade school, middle school, and high school football as well as little league and high school baseball and softball. These upgrades will have long term benefits. The bleachers, sprinkler system, and outfields will last for many years with minor maintenance costs. It also benefited the school by giving us the privilege of hosting our first football playoff game ever, with hopefully many more to come!

We initiated our plans by having a brand new well put in at the complex. The school had a building installed to protect and maintain the new well, as well as provide storage space for the sports programs that need it there. Our hope is to further develop the complex, but the progress is greatly dependent on your continued kindness and generosity.

Our new goals are to replace the existing press box, develop practice fields for the youth and high school football teams, install permanent fencing to protect these facilities, and replace the P.A. system with some new sound equipment. We are researching the possibility of cooperating with the village and utilizing some of their land for the practice fields. We again want to offer our sincerest thanks and gratitude to all those who gave their time, resources and money to make our initial dreams a reality for our kids and communities.

A tax-deductible gift of ANY amount is greatly appreciated. We installed family and business signs on the back of the new bleachers for those that gave larger amounts and will continue that opportunity. Please send in your donation to the address listed. Or you can drop it off at either the Portage County or Bancroft State Banks. If you have any questions or need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Eagle Booster Club. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Eagle Booster Club
7270 County Road D
Almond, WI 54909

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



READ ACROSS AMERICA LMC Contest

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. The A-B LMC decided to celebrate reading for a whole month with the focus on the favorite books of staff members here at the Almond and Bancroft Schools! The LMC had a special guessing contest.

Students tried to match over thirty staff members with their favorite books. There was a lot of excitement and speculation regarding who chose which book. The secondary LMC had a display of all the "favorite" books, and the students were given a handout with book descriptions. Nonetheless, the contest was very difficult - there were so many great books chosen by the staff as their favorite books! The students could ask teachers and other participants for clues; plus clues were also read over the elementary and secondary morning announcements for several weeks. In the end there were seven students with the most correct answers. Each received a book of their choice.



Congratulations to the winners of the contest: **Austine Avery** (grade 3), **Ashley Takacs** (grade 6), **Ramiro Luna** (grade 7), **Taylor Martines** (grade 9), **Jacob Clark** (grade 10), **Amy Stricker** (grade 11), and **Skylar Milanowski** (grade 12).

National Library Week

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the U.S. each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate. This year National Library Week was observed April 12-18, 2009 with the theme, "Worlds connect @ your library@." The following is the proclamation issued on behalf of libraries:

WHEREAS, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever;
WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy;
WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream - places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning;
WHEREAS, library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend;
WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities;
WHEREAS, libraries can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it;
WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the "digital divide;"
WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries.
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that National Library Week is April 12-18, 2009.

All residents are encouraged to visit their local libraries this month and every month of the year. There are the wonderful resources available at the Almond Branch and at the Portage County Public Library in Stevens Point. Remember: Worlds connect @ your library.



Sesame Street Art

In March the Elementary LMC had a colorful display of paper mache Sesame Street characters made by the Middle School students in the art class taught by **Lynne Dernbach**. The creatures came in all sorts of shapes and sizes and were painted in bright and bold primary colors. See the accompanying photo of **Payton Hintz**, grade 7, with her Big Bird creation. The younger students really had fun seeing these television and book characters come to life in the ELMC.

LMC Donations

The LMC would like to thank the following individuals and families for their generous gifts: **Donna McIntee** (magazines and calendars), **Doreen Zielinski** (young adult mysteries for the LMC and novels for the troops), **Julie Crull** (a fabulous assortment of hardcover and paperback books including such classics as *Heidi*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Harry Potter*, *The Magic Tree House Series*, and *The Chronicles of Narnia*), **Dave & Michelle Lansing** (travel books and information on different states), **Mickey Van Ert** (magazines and *The Consumer Reports Buying Guide*), **Jan Connor** (magazines and calendars), **Art Pagel** (*The 2008-2009 Tri-County/Almond-Bancroft Wrestling Highlights, Results, & Statistics*), **Lynn Hintz**

(photography & women's magazines), **Wanda Yonke** (magazines, catalogs, and calendars), **Sheena Weis** (*Fur-Fish-Game* magazines), **Douglas Eskritt** of the **Portage County Bank** (*Ducks Unlimited* and agriculture magazines), **Jeni Heck** (books by R.L. Stine for teen readers), and A-B student **Esther Guzman** (*Princess in Love* and *At Her Majesty's Request*). Thanks so much!!!

Supporting the Troops

Since the last newsletter we have learned of some additional area people who are serving in the armed forces. Thanks so much to those who took the time to call and let us know.

Non-Combat (the following A-B Graduates): **Daniel Campos**, **Matthew Clark**, **Holly Hotchkiss**, and **Hans Schmid**
In the Combat Zone: **Eric Petrusky** (nephew of Denise Upton, A-B Staff member)

Also, we have another way the community can help support the troops. Many military family members struggle to make ends meet while their loved ones are overseas. You can assist them by saving grocery coupons which the families can use to stretch their budgets. Even if the coupon is outdated (up to 6 months), military stores will still accept them. Here at school we are collecting product coupons to pass on to **The Almond Legion Auxiliary** which will then send them on to the military bases where the coupons are placed on tables in the commissary and PX. Help if you can. Thanks!



Be Kind to Animals/You Can Help!

The LMC has a special focus on pets and animals for the remainder of this school year. There are posters of cats, dogs, horses, birds, fish, and other pets in the library windows as well as information on The Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month (April) and Be Kind to Animals Week (May 3-9) sponsored by the American Humane Association. Both the elementary LMC and the secondary LMC have displays of animal books such as: *Pets - a Complete Handbook on the Care, Understanding, and Appreciation of All Kinds of Animal Pets / Kindness to Pets / Guinea Pigs / Goldfish / When a Pet Dies / Small Pets from Woods and Fields / Pet Parrots / The Complete Guide to Pet Care / My Cat - How to Have a Happy, Healthy Pet / Pet Reptiles / From Puppy to Dog / 101 Facts About Ferrets / Me and My Pet Rabbit / Encyclopedia of the Horse / My Pet Hamster & Gerbils* and many more great and informative books!

If you care about animals and want to contribute in some way, you can help on a community level. The day-to-day operations at the **Humane Society of Portage County** (344-6012) require unbelievable quantities of supplies for feeding and cleaning. Remember this fine organization next time you shop or visit the NEW location at 3200 Iber Lane, Plover (off Hwy B across from Jay-Mar) from noon to 5:00 on Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Friday/ from noon - 3:00 on Wed./ and from 11:00 am - 3:00 on Saturday.

The following items are needed; please drop them off at the Plover location during the open hours listed above:

- *Quality Brands of Adult dog & puppy food - Purina One, IAMS or better, please!!!
- *Quality Brands of Cat & Kitten food -Purina One, IAMS, or better please!
- *Canned cat & dog food - please no Sprout or Old Roy!
- *Cat & dog toys - anything that can be sterilized with bleach
- *Bleach & powder detergent
- *Clorox Clean-Up and Jungle Jake Cleaners
- *Paper towels, toilet paper, liquid hand soap, dishwashing liquid
- *Wood pellets (used for cat litter) - purchase at Lowe's, Walmart, or Jay Mar
- *Cat scratching posts and cat "condos"
- *Volunteers (for dog walking, cat sitting, general cleaning & laundry work, etc.)
- *Cash donations are always appreciated!

As Immanuel Kant said, "We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." Thanks in advance for your help, and be kind to your pets!

Karin Mather (LMC Director) and Mickey Van Ert (LMC Assistant)

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

Partners In Education is offering a Babysitter's Training Course on **Saturday, May 16th, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. at the Almond School in the F.A.C.E. Room.**

Class size is at least 6 students and **not more than 12. Registration required by May 7th.**

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

Cost is \$42.00, P.I.E. will cover 1/2 the cost. **Your cost would be \$21.00.**

Payment will be returned if class is full. Payment is nonrefundable after May 14th.

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

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

Contacts: Sherri Galle-Teske, Instructor, American Red Cross Portage County, at 344-4052 or Trina Warzynski, P.I.E. Chair, at 366-2773.

Red Cross Babysitter's Training - Sponsored by P.I.E.

Make check payable to: American Red Cross of Portage County, Return this form and check to: Almond-Bancroft Dean Of Students Office

NAME _____ DATE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

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

ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER

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

Hello everybody, and where did Easter go? If I have not been around, it was because the last two Drop-In Play Groups were held outside of Almond Elementary. We celebrated a Drop-In Play Group at the Central Wisconsin Children's Museum and another for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Helicopter Park. The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with over 9 families.....BUT, this Easter Bunny did NOT have enough Easter Eggs. Many suggestions were given to me as to how to make next years 'hunt' better. This Easter Bunny WILL have triple the eggs, and divide the 'hunt' into age groups. We are continuing to grow and we see many new faces. Please come and check us out. We are free of charge and it is a great place to visit with our neighbors, especially with the warmer weather. Hope to see many of you soon.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT BROUGHT A SNACK TO THE EASTER EGG HUNT.

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

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

A SPECIAL ALMOND DROP-IN PLAY GROUP AT BANCROFT SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH. WE WILL HAVE A PUPPET SHOW AND A PERFORMANCE IN A THEATER WITH TWO WONDERFUL DRAGONS, AUGUST AND JUNE. THE CHILDREN WILL LEARN HOW TO 'HAVE FUN AND BE FIT'.

There will be no Drop In Play Group on Friday May 8th.

Single Session Workshop, also held in lieu of Friday Drop-In Play Group

CAR SEAT SAFETY-BUCKLE UP

Friday, May 1st, 2009

Almond Elementary, meet at Room S 325

Join Patti Dickey and the Portage County Passenger Safety Team and get your child/rens car seat checked. Learn if you car seat is safe, and learn the proper way to BUCKLE UP your child. You must pre-register for this event. 30 minute appointments are needed, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Call 366-2882 or 421-4635 after hours.

FAMILY FUN EVENT

Cinco de Mayo on Oucho

It has finally arrived...but this year in the Almond Elementary Cafeteria. This is our 4th and it is becoming a tradition. Come and make a few 'child friendly' crafts. Plan on breaking the piñata...if you can. Please call to pre-register and bring a snack to share. Friday, May 8th from 6:00-7:30 p.m....Call: 715-366-2882 or 715-421-4635.

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

e-mail: almondbancroftfc@gmail.com



PIE Meeting Highlights from April 20th, 2009

P.I.E. had three new faces at the April 20th meeting and one of them won the awesome door prize donated by Kathy Miner! Thank you so much for attending! Mrs. Ritter presented the tile project, parents should be getting information home soon. Senior Tea invitations have been sent out to senior girls and a female guest. Administrative Professionals Day cards and gift certificates were given to 5 staff at A-B. Two more classes have reached the goal to have an ice cream party! Staff Appreciation Day will be May 5th and P.I.E. will be calling for dessert donations. Mrs. Klinger requested a \$100.00 donation for the Pre-K graduation, P.I.E. will donate \$100.00. 8th grade graduation plans are in the works. An anonymous donation was given to the P.I.E organization, thank you to that wonderful person, it is greatly appreciated and students at Almond-Bancroft will greatly benefit from the donation.

The next P.I.E. meeting will be held June 8th, at 5:30 p.m. Open House will be on agenda.

We would love to have some more new faces at this meeting, another door prize will be given out!



BAND & CHOIR HIGHLIGHTS

By : Mrs. Frank & Mr. Gingery



Choir Students Turn in an Excellent Performance at Solo & Ensemble

On February 28, 2009, students from the Almond-Bancroft Middle and High Schools fought illnesses and early morning jitters and went to participate in the CWC District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Rosholt High School. These performances are the culmination of several months of dedication and practice on the part of the students.

There were 30 choir events that participated this year. Datonn Ammel & Danielle Dykes both received *1st on their events and will be participating in state festival on May 2 at UW-Stevens Point.

The choir students worked very hard this year and did a great job by placing in the top three spots. They all will receive medals for their achievements this year. I have really enjoyed working with my choir students and look forward to future success! The complete list of the choir results are as follows:

Solo & Ensemble Vocal Results

Middle School

Class B-1st

Rebecca Kallio, vocal solo

Class B- 2nd

Alexis Seitz, vocal solo

Jade Stuebs, vocal solo

Class C – 1st

Reba Lytle, vocal solo

Reba Lytle & Anna Perrin, vocal duet

Megan Burns & Natalie Romo, vocal duet

Maria Vann, vocal solo

Natalie Romo, vocal solo

Hailey Wierzba, vocal solo

Class C- 2nd

Ken Cook, vocal solo

Hailey Wierzba, Natalie Romo, Ashley Takacs,

Hattie Berry, Alex Spohn, Yanira Carrizosa, Tony Hintz,

Klayton Haviland, Margaret Scott, vocal triple trio

Megan Burns, vocal solo

McKenzie Miner, vocal solo

Class C – 3rd

Hannah Lansing, vocal solo

High School

Class A - *1st (Going to State)

Datonn Ammel & Danielle Dykes, vocal duet

Datonn Ammel, musical theater vocal solo

Danielle Dykes, vocal solo

Datonn Ammel, vocal solo

Class A – 1st

Carly Rast, vocal solo

Carly Rast, musical theater vocal solo

Sierra Stucker, vocal solo

Cassy Kollock, vocal solo

Cassy Kollock, musical theater vocal solo

Class A – 2nd

Laura Schafer-Sharp, vocal solo

Cassy Kollock, Datonn Ammel, Danielle Dykes, Sierra Stucker,

Carly Rast, Amber Hintz, double vocal trio

Raymond Pieters, vocal

Carly Rast & Chelsea Gendusa, vocal duet

Danielle Folan, vocal solo

Dominique Miner, vocal solo

Class A – 3rd

Miranda Borchardt, vocal solo

Class B – 2nd

Laura Schafer-Sharp & Amanda Degroff, vocal duet

ABHS Student Selected for State Bound Honor Band

Ray Pieters, a junior in the Almond-Bancroft High School Band, was selected as a member of the State Bound Honors Band. Membership in this select ensemble is limited to high school musicians who have demonstrated excellence in musical performance and outstanding achievement as a musician.

Their day was intense with rehearsals starting at 8:00 AM. Students worked with their conductor Dr. Scott Wright, a noted music educator, clarinetist and professor at the University of Kentucky; and participated in several sectionals and master classes throughout the day with members of the United States Air Force woodwind and brass quintets. The United States Air Force Quintets performed for the students after which they participated in a discussion about music and careers in music with Colonel Dennis M. Layendecker. Their day ended around 9:30 PM, after turning in an amazing performance at the Weidner Center in Green Bay.

Ray has worked very hard over the past two years to perfect his baritone playing and has made tremendous progress. All of his hard work and effort has really paid off for him culminating in this amazing accomplishment and performance opportunity.



THANK YOU to the following wonderful people and businesses who helped make the Almond Community Easter Egg Hunt a huge success!

A.J. Holly Funeral Home, Almond Lions, Almond Snowmobile Club, Betty Burns, Connie Tackacs & Family, Dorothy Helmrick, Fuel Stop, Golden Needle Quilters, Heavenly Hair, Karen Warner, Kathy Miner & Family, Longbranch, Over Drive, Patrykus Farms, Union Telephone Company, & Wilbur-Ellis

Around 100 kids showed up again this year. It turned out to be a nice day outside as well! We were able to fill over 1500 eggs with candy and prizes, and were able to give out large prizes to everyone! We wouldn't be able to have this fun event without the help of all the generous people who donated their time and money! Special thanks to The Fuel Stop in Almond who held a chili cook-off and donated all the profits to the Egg Hunt!

Thanks Again,
Cheri Wiczek

We Need Your Help...

The Almond-Bancroft School Music program needs your help. Our black concert piano is in a state of disrepair and we desperately need to purchase a new piano. Our students here at Almond-Bancroft frequently rely on this instrument for music throughout the day, to perform at concerts and in general enjoy music.

How can you help support your school music program?

A new piano can be very costly and with today's budget crunch it is difficult for the school district to just purchase a new piano. ***So help our students continue to enjoy music by purchasing a PIANO KEY!***

By donating just \$35 you can purchase one key on the new piano and by doing so get the talented students of Almond-Bancroft one key closer to a brand new piano. With your donation of \$35 you will be actively participating in each music class and every concert. In addition to supporting your local music department **you will be placed on a large banner with your name placed on your key.**

If you would like to support the Almond-Bancroft Music program please fill out the form below and send it in with your donation to Almond-Bancroft Schools,
Attn: Crystal Frank, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909

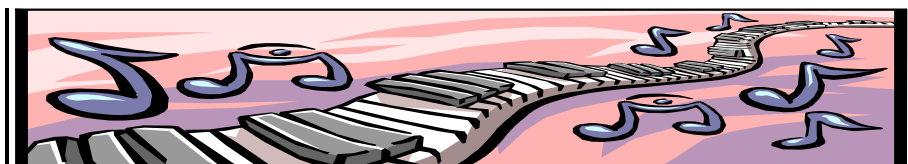
Almond-Bancroft Piano Key Sale
Yes I would like to purchase a piano key and support the
Almond-Bancroft Music Program.

Date: _____

Name(s) (Please print clearly):

Number of Keys Purchased: _____

Amount of donation: \$ _____



ALMOND-BANCROFT 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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30	31					

Aug. 19—New Employee Orientation (Optional, 9 am – 4 pm)
Aug. 25 - 26 – Staff In-service
Aug. 27 – (12:15-3:30) Staff In-service , (4:00 – 7:30 pm)
 Open House, Grades K – 12

JANUARY 2010

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Jan. 4—Classes Resume
Jan. 22 – No School, End 2nd quarter (44) Staff In-service RK
 19

SEPTEMBER 2009

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	X	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Sept. 1—First day for students
Sept. 7-Labor Day

21

FEBRUARY 2010

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28						

Feb. 19 -22 No School - Winter Break

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OCTOBER 2009

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	X	X	31

Oct. 29-30—No School, State Convention

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MARCH 2010

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NOVEMBER 2009

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22	23	24	X	X	X	28
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Nov. 6 – End of 1st quarter, (46) Early release, Staff .5 RK
Nov. 12&17—P/T Conferences (4 – 7:30 pm)
Nov. 25-27—Thanksgiving Break
 18

APRIL 2010

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April 1 – End of 3rd quarter(47) Early Release, Staff .5 RK
April 2- 5 - No school Easter Break

20

DECEMBER 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	X	X	X	X		

Dec. 23– Early release
Dec. 24– Jan. 4—Winter Break

17

MAY 2010

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May 31—No School, Memorial Day

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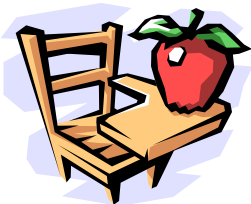
- # New Employee Orientation
- @ Teacher In-Service
- * Open House
- X No School
- ^ Early Release
- ~ Parent Conferences

JUNE 2010

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June 4 - Last Day of School, End of 4th quarter (43)
 Early Release, Staff .5 RK

4



From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Families,

Spring is in the air. Time to plant those healthy vegetables and get ready to pick the ripened fruit soon. It is getting to be the end of the school year. It would be very much appreciated if you would send your morning milk money for the last quarter, which is \$11.50. Whatever money you may have extra will be applied to your family account and it will give you a little head start in the fall. I want to take this time to tell all you parents "Thank You" for keeping your lunch bills paid up. I know it is not easy all the time. You have done very well and I do appreciate it very much.

Respectfully Yours,
Patricia Leary
Food Service Director

Princess For A Day



NHS would like to invite all Kindergarten through 3rd-grade girls to come in and enjoy being a princess for a day.

Princesses will be pampered as they have their hair, nails, and make-up done.

After lessons in etiquette, a luncheon will be served.

Come dressed in your best!

Where: A-B West Gymnasium

When: May 16, 2009 10am-12:30pm

At 12:15 - the girls will perform a dance for the adults.

\$7.00 for one in attendance

\$5.00 for each girl after

Please return this slip to your elementary teacher by May 8th.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

No. attending: _____ Amount Due: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Almond-Bancroft Menus, May 2009

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
4 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	5 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	6 Pancakes, Juice	7 Cereal, Toast, Juice	8 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
11 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	12 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice	13 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	14 Cereal, Toast, Juice	15 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
18 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	19 French Toast Sticks, Juice	20 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar, Juice	21 Cereal, Toast, Juice	22 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
25 NO SCHOOL	26 Cooks Choice	27 Cooks Choice	28 Cooks Choice	29 Cooks Choice

Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per
Quarter

Milk Served
With Every
Meal

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced - No Charge

4K (M-W) - 7 days @ 1.00 = \$7.00

4K (T-TH) - 8 days @ 1.00 = \$9.00

K-12th grade - 20 days @ 1.00 = \$20.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Tacos, Corn, Fruit
4 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit	5 Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	6 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	7 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	8 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit
11 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit	12 Chicken Pattie, Potato Wedges, Fruit	13 Cheeseburger Macaroni, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	14 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	15 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit
18 Hot Dog, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	19 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Fruit	20 Hamburger On Bun, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	21 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	22 Tacos, Corn, Fruit
25 NO SCHOOL	26 Cooks Choice	27 Cooks Choice	28 Cooks Choice	29 Cooks Choice

Lunch Prices:

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

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

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

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

K-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



Community Immunization Clinic



Portage County Health and Human Service
Department will be holding an
immunization clinic on
Wednesday, May 13th, 2009
from **3:00 to 5:30 pm**
in the Almond School,
Dean Of Students Office

If you have any questions, contact
Almond-Bancroft school nurse,
Marilyn Dethlefsen at
715-345-5751

Results of the 2009 April Elections

School Board Members Voted In:
Representing the Village Of Almond
- Debbie Bradley
Representing the Town Of Almond
- Roy Danforth



Almond-Bancroft School
Calendars -
2009-10, 2010-11, & 2011-12,
Are now posted on the
Almond-Bancroft School web page
www.abschools.k12.wi.us

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