



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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October 2009

October Dates
To Remember

10/5 - P.I.E. Meeting
5:30 P.M.

10/14- Booster Club
Meeting 6:30 PM

10/19 – Immunization
Clinic 3-5:30 PM

10/21-Board Of
Education Meeting
6:30 PM

10/26– Town Hall
Meeting 6:30 PM

10/29- No School

10/30- No School



Portage County Health
and Human Services
will be offering an H1N1
Vaccination Clinic at the
Almond-Bancroft School.

More specific
information will be
provided at a later date.

Families will also be
notified through the
Emergency Notification
System when the details
become available.

Notes from the Administrator....

School is in full swing and running very smoothly. I would like to thank the students, staff, and parents for getting us off to such a great start. Mr. Rykal and I would like to invite you to our annual "Town Hall" meeting to discuss our district and to provide you the opportunity to share your questions or concerns regarding our district. That meeting is set for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Survey results:

The Community Survey site had 138 visits or hits, 9 partial surveys, and 64 completed surveys. The 2007 Alumni Survey site had 71 visits or hits, 1 partial survey, and 7 completed surveys. In both cases we had hoped to get better participation. However, with this being the first attempt at a community survey we are appreciative of those who took part in the process and hope to utilize this technique in the future.

Many of you are asking about the results of the surveys and what will be done with the information. We will be discussing the results/plans at our annual "Town Hall" meeting and offer copies to the public at that time. In addition, should you desire a copy, please contact Trina Warzynski at twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us or call 366.2941. extension 422. Results of the survey may be viewed on our district website at www.abschools.k12.wi.us. We will be analyzing the results and use them as talking points with our staff as well as developing an action plan to incorporate the results in our district goals.

Lastly, I would like to address our district WKCE results as printed in our annual report. We are all disappointed in the results that show our district is below the state average in several areas. The answer to improving test scores involves many processes and procedures. Those include: writing/ revisions to our curriculums, making certain that our textbooks/materials are aligned with state standards, and the data is reviewed and changes are implemented where needed.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT: State Superintendent Evers has announced that the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concept Exam (WKCE) will be phased out over the next two years. The state is accepting bids for state-wide testing that will begin in the 2011-12 school year. One of the negatives with WKCE is the lag time between the students taking the exam and the school receiving the results. The new tests will be computer based and the state will decrease the amount of money spent on state testing. Sarah Spencer our District Assessment Coordinator will be addressing the program and answer any questions you may have at our "Town Hall" meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:30 PM.

Thank you,

Dan Boxx

Almond-Bancroft School District Mission Statement

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



Almond-Bancroft Students Pitch In and Volunteer

High School students picked corn donated by Guth Farms to be used in the school lunch program.



Several Family and Consumer Education classes helped to shuck the corn (lots of corn) for the corn feed during lunch on Monday, Sept. 14.

Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

At this time all of the 5th grade students who were interested in becoming a Safety Cadet have now memorized, recited their pledge, and have earned their orange belts. (It seems like once they put that belt on, they become more powerful!) It was such an exciting time for them! The new cadets were all so eager to get out on duty! The fifth grade classes are smaller this year so we have a smaller group of cadets than usual. Hopefully, they will all keep up their grades so that they can continue to be in the program.

Throughout the year the Safety Cadets are invited to attend a few events. All of these doings are sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Mike Lukas is our schools representative and the students just love him!

This year should be a lot of fun!

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

Imagine...“Whirled Peace”

On Monday, September 21st, the International Day of Peace, elementary students took part in the art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace by “planting” a rainbow of pinwheels to spread messages of peace in Veterans Park.

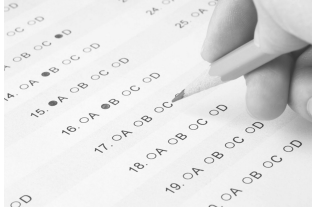
As part of the 3rd annual celebration, Mrs. Frank along with some of her vocal students led the song “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”.



Thank you to Lynn Hintz for taking so many wonderful photographs!

To show Almond-Bancroft's participation in the event some of those pictures will be posted in the gallery on the Pinwheels for Peace official website at <http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com>.

From the Desk Of
Sarah Spencer, Middle School & High School Guidance



Students/Parents of Sophomores:

Once again this year, all our sophomore students will be taking the PLAN test. This test is an ACT preparation test, which is a predictor of success on the ACT, an early indicator of college readiness, and a tool to help students explore careers that match their interest.

The testing process went well last year, and the students found their results helpful.

All 10th grade students will again be taking PLAN on October 6th this year during hours 1-4.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Spencer, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.



University Bound Juniors & Seniors:

You have the opportunity on October 16th to travel to the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point to visit the campus. You will learn about the admissions process, financial aid, student life, and career services. You will also go on a campus tour, which includes a mini-session on housing and an in-depth look at a residence hall. Even if you may not be interested in attending UW-Stevens Point, this would be a great chance for you to visit a Wisconsin 4-year University. A sign-up announcement will be made a week prior to the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Spencer, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.



LMC News Karin Mather, LMC Director

Volunteers Needed for RIF

Attention all community members! The school is in need of volunteers to distribute books to elementary and middle school students. We need parents, grandparents, senior citizens, or anyone in the community who would like to see the smiles on the faces of children receiving free books. Your main duty would be to record the title of the book that each student chooses. The students select their books in the Elementary LMC; all the classes are accompanied by their classroom teachers.

RIF (Reading is Fundamental) is a federally subsidized program which, with the support of the local school district, provides free books to children. There will be many different time slots available. You could come for thirty minutes or an hour; it's up to you. RIF distributions for 2009 will be Tuesday, Oct. 27th and Tuesday, December 15th. If you'd like to assist with this great program or have any questions, please contact me at 366-2941, ext. 412, between 8:30-3:00. Thanks!

Summer & September LMC Donations

The LMC thanks the following groups and individuals for their donations to the Almond-Bancroft School LMC : **Wendy Bickford** (a huge crate of books for the Elementary LMC & Secondary LMC), **Toni Rock** (classic children's videos including *James and the Giant Peach*), **Dalene Rendall** (a variety of *National Geographic* and *Wisconsin Trails* magazines), **the Takacs family** (books from the *Goosebumps* series), **the Mather family** (nature field guides published by The National Audubon Society), **The Bill Cook Chapter of The Izaak Walton League of America** (over \$75.00 in brand new conservation and environmental books from **Bookfinders Book Store** in Stevens Point), and **the Lansing family** (an assortment of fiction and non-fiction books including such classics as *Alice in Wonderland*, *Bridge to Terabithia*, and *The Secret Garden*). Thank you all for your generosity! What a great way to start the school year!



Tom Collins' Goals

- Work with the S.T.E.P. program and produce a senior volunteer system
- Organize a teen volunteer group (high school age)
- Work with the after-school tutoring program
- Set up adult education classes



The scoop about Almond-Bancroft's new Americorps member

Hello to everyone in Portage County. My name is Tom Collins and I am the new Americorps Member for the Almond-Bancroft School District. I was told many good things about the Almond-Bancroft area, as well as the community members, and I thought it would only be fair to give a short background of who I am, where I came from, and what my plans are as your newest public servant.

I was born in Milwaukee but raised on a farm in Burlington, Wisconsin. No, there is not a coat factory located in my home town, but I am proud to say that Burlington does produce Nestles chocolate. Every morning the people of Burlington wake up to the faint smell of cocoa beans being turned into edible goodies. The smell alone is a good excuse to wake up early and accomplish something positive as the day moves for-

ward.

In 1998 I graduated from Burlington High School and I planned to attend a four-year-college and become a teacher, but first I wanted to experience other professions to make sure I wasn't perfect for a different job.

I worked every single department (except meat) at Spiegelhoff's Pick'n'Save from ages 15-20. Along the way, at the age of 18, I tried to make it in the heating, ventilation, and A/C business. I soon found out I wasn't quite right for the job and went back to the grocery world. At the age of 20 I studied at Gateway Technical College to become a real estate agent. I earned the certificate but I was only successful in selling one house...to my mother. Thanks mom.

At the age of 21, I moved to Elkhorn, Wisconsin and worked at another grocery store named Daniel's Sentry. At that point I knew it was time for col-

lege.

I graduated from UW-Stevens Point twice. The first time was in May of 2007, and I earned a B.A. in English Studies. The second graduation came in June of 2009 when I completed the English Education program and earned a teaching certificate.

During my college career, I was lucky enough to work for the Boys & Girls Club of Portage County. With them I was able to gain the necessary experience to take on the Americorps position with the Almond-Bancroft School District.

My goal is to work closely with the people in the community to create volunteer programs, establish adult education classes, work on the after-school tutoring program in Almond, and meet the needs of this wonderful community. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to set up a time for us to meet.

Getting things done within the community

Tom Collins has four main goals he would like to accomplish.

#1- Meet Seniors/retirees who would like to volunteer within the school to help students, teachers, and the administration

#2- Organize a group of teen leader volunteers where they will be able to create their own goals and find out ways to meet or exceed those goals

#3- Set up an organized after-school tu-

toring program that will increase student grades and provide mentorship to the students

#4- Establish adult education courses for a variety of interests, purposes, and goals

Are you interested in helping in any of these four areas? If so, contact Tom via email:

tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us

Or phone: 715-366-2941 *310

Community News

On September 9-10, Tom Collins and Jeff Rykal attended the Americorps conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The purpose of this event was to train all of Wisconsin's new and returning Americorps staff members how to assess the needs of the community by focusing on the gifts, talents, hopes, and dreams of the people who make towns like Almond and Bancroft what they are today.



Tom Collins and Jeff Rykal attend the Americorps Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

"I have met many good people within the schools, but my next goal is to meet with other folks from Almond-Bancroft so I can learn what makes their town great. From there, I believe we can create community outreach programs, clubs, adult education classes, and after-school opportunities that many can enjoy" said Tom.

To contact Tom Collins and tell him what made you proud of the Almond-Bancroft area(s) in the past or present, please email him at tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us or call him at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. Maybe your story will make it in the next Community News.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye! S.T.E.P. has been approved

On Wednesday, September 16, the School Board approved the Senior Tax Employment Program (S.T.E.P.). This program allows people who are 62 years of age or older, are paying property taxes in the Almond-Bancroft School District, and receives Social Security to volunteer within the schools and earn money that would go towards property taxes.

Those who qualify for the program and are interested in the many volunteer opportunities the Almond-Bancroft district has to offer would earn \$7.00 an hour, and there is a cap of \$400.00 that can be earned. To be a part of this program, volunteers can apply with the District Office at 1336 Elm Street in Almond, Wisconsin.

If you have any questions or would like more information about how to apply or how to get involved, please contact Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. Or send an email to tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us

S.T.E.P. into action with Almond School's LMC opportunities

Karin Mather, the Learning and Media Center's head librarian, is seeking volunteers to help with the following jobs. These opportunities can be short or long-term positions. The choice is yours:

Reading Shelves Coordinator: Schedule a time between 8:15am—3:00pm to reshelve books and put them in order.

Basic Room Supervisor: Assist the classroom teacher and help students find specific books on the shelves.

Bookmark Liaison: While sitting or standing, pass out bookmarks to elementary students.

Reading Mentor: Read a holiday or other appropriate story to elementary students.

Scanner Planner: Work behind a computer to scan student library cards so they can check out books.

Reading is Fundamental Helper: Pass out free books to students on Tuesday, October 27th and Tuesday, December 15th. Each book is a chance to bring a smile to a student's face.

—High School Students—

Would you like to become a reading buddy, mentor, or even a coach? Talk to Mr. Collins in room S310 to find out how.


Make a Difference



STOP!

Almond-Bancroft seeks crossing guards to allow our students and pedestrians to travel safely across public streets. If you would like to get involved with the school and have a chance to enjoy the outdoors, this volunteer opportunity might be the right one for you. Positions available during the mornings and after school. This is a S.T.E.P. approved opportunity. Please speak to Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 for more details.

Check out The Boys & Girls Club's fall schedule

 <small>BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF PORTAGE COUNTY, INC.</small>	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY
3:30—3:45 Grades 3—8	OPEN CLUB	OPEN CLUB	OPEN CLUB	OPEN CLUB
3:45 Grades 3—8	MEMBER MEETING	MEMBER MEETING	MEMBER MEETING	MEMBER MEETING
4:00—4:30 Grades 3—8	POWER HOUR/ WALKING CLUB	POWER HOUR/ WALKING CLUB	POWER HOUR/ WALKING CLUB	POWER HOUR/ WALKING CLUB
4:30 Grades 3—8	ART WITH BECKY (outside if weather permits)	ULTIMATE JOURNEY WITH ANDREW	ART WITH BECKY (outside if weather permits)	CHEFTACULAR WITH BECKY
5:00 Grades 3—8	GROSSOLOGY WITH LAUREN	OUTSIDE OR LARGE GAME	CLUB TECH WITH ANDREW	OUTSIDE OR LARGE GAME
5:30 Grades 3—8	GAMES WITH ANDREW ON Wii OR PS2	GAMES WITH ANDREW ON Wii OR PS2	GAMES WITH ANDREW ON Wii OR PS2	GAMES WITH ANDREW ON Wii OR PS2



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After-School tutoring has begun

This year, after-school tutoring for 5th through 8th grade students is being held on Mondays—Thursdays from 3:30—5:00pm in room S310. This program not only allows your student to finish his/her homework and reading minutes, but your child also has the opportunity to work closely with tutors, listen to guest speakers, read to a therapy dog and more.

The Almond-Bancroft School District is dedicating itself to teach your student how to build better study habits and organizational skills, focus on personal strengths, improve on possible deficits, and build confidence to improve self image. What this program needs is your dedication in making sure your student attends.

If you sign your student up for this program it is your responsibility to make sure s/he shows up on a daily basis. I, Tom Collins, will record the days your son/daughter attends the after-school program and will either release your son/daughter to you during tutoring time or s/he will be released from the main entrance of the school when the program ends at 5:00pm.

To sign your student up for the after-school tutoring program, please locate the contract on the next page, read it thoroughly, sign the appropriate spaces, and then return it to the District Office.

There are a few dates in the first semester where we will **not** hold tutoring sessions. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Those dates are:

- Wednesday, October 28
- Tuesday, November 24
- Wednesday, December 23
- Thursday, January 21

I look forward to working with you and your child this school year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns — please contact me (Tom Collins) either by email (tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us) or phone (715) 366-2941 [Ext. # 310].

Adult education classes coming soon

Due to the success of the computer course last year, the Almond-Bancroft School District is pleased to announce that adult education courses will be taught once again. Not only will adults be able to sign up for computer courses, but we are also planning on providing dance, yoga, math, creative writing and more. In order to serve your interests better, it would be great to understand what kinds of classes you would like to take. Please contact Tom Collins at tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 Ext# 310 to give him your opinions and feedback. Your ideas can be turned into opportunity.



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AFTER-SCHOOL TUTOR PROGRAM CONTRACT
5th-8th Grade

Dear parents/guardians and student:

This contract is in place to serve the student, parents/guardians, and the school by allowing everyone to be on the same page with one another as the After-School Tutoring Program starts a new year. Please read the contract thoroughly and sign the appropriate areas. Each signature symbolizes your acceptance to the tutoring program.

—>I, _____, agree that _____ will
(Parent/Guardian signature) **(Student signature)**
attend the After-School Tutoring Program.

—> _____ will commit to the program on (circle the days of the
(Student signature)
week your son/daughter will attend) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week.

—>I, _____, understand that all school rules apply during the
(Parent/Guardian signature)
program and my son/daughter, _____, will follow these
rules. **(Student signature)**

—>If _____ is going to miss one or more days of tutoring
then **(Student signature)**
_____ will call Tom Collins 12 hours in advance and let him
(Parent/Guardian signature)
know of the schedule change.

—>I, _____, understand that my son/daughter will have the
(Parent/Guardian signature)
opportunity to listen to guest speakers, partake in educational activities, read to a therapy dog, and work with tutors. These are experiences I would like _____
to be a part of. **(Student signature)**

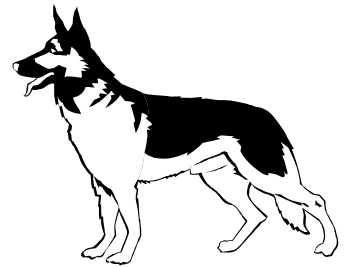
PAWS for Literacy and Reading Education Assistance Dogs

In an attempt to decrease testing anxiety and invite ELL elementary students to reading and taking the mandated tests with me instead of having students feel they were pulled from classes for testing we discovered great success with our students last year with the PAWS for Literacy at Almond-Bancroft. "Monte" made many friends in our school functioning as reassuring support of students pulled out of classes for testing, reading, and comprehension activities. He enjoyed sitting at the feet of students and listening to them read and loved to sit in the hall with a smile for kids he recognized earlier that day who liked a reading buddy that did not correct their mistakes. I observed the words per minute and effort during testing increase from previous years at an exciting rate and the overall joy students had to have a dog that just enjoyed being with them at their side. Research has proven the testing anxiety directly affects the student's ability to perform and we are trying to help our elementary, middle, and even high school students who would find the classroom experience a fun relaxed place to learn with a canine assisted program. Monte became ill over the summer and is not able to continue on this journey into the future with us but we are forever grateful for his ability to find the students who needed him most and sit next to them to reassure them that whatever was going on it would be okay. Sometimes he could sense when a student was feeling down before I could which opened up pathways of communication with the student. This year another sweet canine will be walking our halls and comforting and supporting our students. Jaycee is a German Shorthaired Pointer who is just learning the ropes. This multi-talented intelligent breed is a terrific companion in the hunting field as well as the therapy units of schools and health facilities. Katie, a German Shorthaired Pointer, is the mascot for UW-Stevens Point. Jaycee is very good at sit and is learning to shake and give a kiss to cheeks. She will continue her training and handling and live with my family at our home. We will keep you updated with photos of her at work in our school. We look forward to working with her over the years. She is one of the dogs that will be working with our students. Her name came from my husband who decided that since she has one liver colored circle on her back by her tail that looks like a penny and works with his wife who loves to go shopping there might very well be others who will love Jaycee Penny as much as his wife. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this program please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely~

Lisa Vann

ELL Coordinator & Spanish Teacher
715-366-2941 Ext. 320
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ATTENTION VILLAGE OF ALMOND RESIDENTS



The Almond Busy Bees 4-H Club will be **trick or treating for canned goods** during the Village of Almond's trick or treating hours on October 31st from 4 to 7 pm.

If you have any canned goods you would like to donate have them ready.

All canned goods collected will be donated to Operation Bootstrap, who serves the needy of Portage County.

The Almond Busy Bees appreciate your support.

Also, if you are between the ages of 5-18 and are interested in joining the Almond Busy Bees 4-H club please contact Trina Warzynski at (715) 366-2773.

October 2009 Eagles Athletic Events

10/1-MS VB **Home** vs. Wild Rose 5:30 PM
 MS FB **Home** vs. St. Pete's 4:30 PM
 HS VB @ Rosholt 6:00 PM
 10/2-Varsity FB @ Rosholt 4:00 PM
 10/5-JV FB **Home** vs. Rosholt 6:00 PM
 10/6-MS VB Home vs. Tri-County 5:00 PM
 HS VB @ Port Edwards 6:00 PM
 10/8-MS FB **Home** vs. Tri-County 4:30 PM
 MS VB **Home** vs. Iola 5:00 PM
 10/9-Varsity FB **Home** vs. Tri-County 7:00 PM
 10/10-HS VB CWC Pool Play TBD
 10/12-MS VB @ Port Edwards 5:00 PM
 JV FB **Home** vs. Port Edwards 6:00 PM
 10/13-HS VB CWC Finals TBD
 10/15-MS VB @ St. Pete's 5:00 PM
 HS VB @ Montello
 10/16-Varsity FB **Home** vs. Sebastopol 7:00 PM
 10/19-JV FB **Home** vs. Bowler 6:00 PM
 10/20-HS VB WIAA Regional TBD
 10/22-Varsity FB TBD
 10/23-10/24-VB Regional TBD
 10/26-MS Boys BB @ Amherst 5:30 PM
 10/27-Level 1 FB Playoffs TBD
 10/29-10/30-VB Sectionals TBD

EAGLES sport Light

7th & 8th Grade Football



Top to Bottom: Jarod Cieslewcz , Shelby Swan, Nathan Newby, Reagan Anderson, Kyle Leonardt, Alex Crull, Adam Green, Jacob Vallery, Ethan Yonke, Jesse Hunkins, Gunnar Larsen, Taylor Cisewski, Cody Meddaugh, Teagan Vezina, Evan Pagel, Raiden Vann, Joe Beigel, Coach Pagel, Coach Bennett, Christian Bloede Not Pictured: Matt Pierce & Derek Keenlance

Almond-Bancroft Hawks Youth Football & Cheerleading 2009



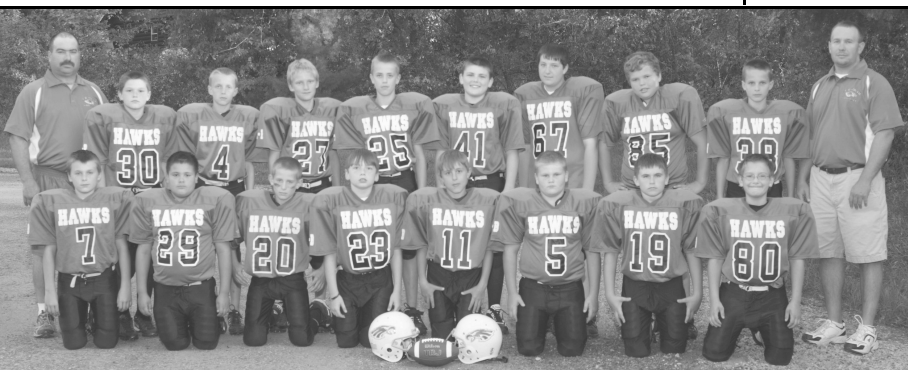
JR Pee Wee Team

Back Row: Coach Lamb, Coach Kollock, Coach Stanislawski
 Middle: Jon Perrin, Matt Helmrick, Derek Baumgartner, Emmett Stanislawski, Forest Laska, Garrett Stanislawski, Jadon Solis, Zach Clark
 Front: Zachary Bunders, Zach Helmrick, Cade Lamb, Lee Goman, Noah Kollock, Jacob Wierzba, Alex Zinda



Cheerleaders

Back Row: Maryah Cook, Catherine Schmidt, Sydney Otto, Middle: Breeley Warzynski, Michaela Wallac
 Back Row: Emma Wallace, Gabrielle Gendusa, Brin Turzinski



Pee Wee Team

Back Row: Coach Newby, Josh Schude, Dylan Bunders, Dylan Heck, Allan Zinda, Garrett Yonke, Jordan Kealiher, Cole Warzynski, Austin Bunders, Coach Bunders
 Front Row: Wyatt Richtmyre, Joseph Dorgan Jr, Carter Newby, Nathaniel Disher, Johl Turzinski, Christian Noth, Clayton Swan, Joshawa Cieslewicz

Photos Provided by Lynn Hintz Photography



Parents and Guardians,

September 17, 2009

Flu season is here! There have been many reports of children in schools ill with Influenza A or influenza like symptoms. The H1N1 virus commonly referred to as Swine Flu is a new strain of the Influenza A virus.

Portage County Health Department and schools rely on information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Wisconsin Division of Public Health and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. We will keep you informed about changes affecting students and schools as more is learned about the H1N1 virus.

The CDC has updated testing guidelines and is not recommending school closure if the influenza virus continues to cause mild disease and absenteeism rates remain low. In addition, schools are no longer routinely notifying parents of H1N1 influenza cases when they occur in their child's school. However, schools are taking precautions to reduce every student's exposure to influenza (seasonal and/or H1N1).

We know the predominant influenza virus currently in the community is H1N1 and other illnesses also present in the community have similar symptoms to influenza.

By following these recommendations together we can reduce illness and flu in your child's school:

- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms for seasonal flu and H1N1 are similar: fever of 100°F or more, cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people who have been infected with the H1N1 flu virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting.
- **Keep sick children at home.** Children who become sick while at school will be sent home. If your child has flu-like symptoms, keep them home from activities such as school, after school programs, dances, movies, and events where people gather.
- **Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after a fever is gone,** without using fever-reducing drugs. Fever is a symptom of illness for many diseases. Monitor your child's temperature in the evening and in the morning before school. Keeping children with a fever at home is a part of general school recommendations. It can reduce the spread of illness.
- **Teach children to wash their hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Using hand sanitizer gels and rubs with at least 60% alcohol are also effective.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Teach your children to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of their elbow— not their hands! Dispose of used tissues properly, and then wash hands thoroughly.
- **Get a seasonal flu shot.** Seasonal Influenza vaccine is available now through providers and health departments. Although this vaccine will not protect against H1N1 influenza, it will help minimize the chance that your child's classmates, school faculty and staff may take the flu home to their families.
- **Talk with your doctor if you or members of your family have special health conditions** such as diabetes, asthma, pregnancy, immune system, neuromuscular or other chronic diseases.

Preparations for a vaccine that will protect against H1N1 influenza are underway. Portage County Health & Human Services expects to have the H1N1 vaccine available to students through schools, community clinics and healthcare providers. More specific information will be provided at a later date. Seasonal Flu vaccine is available now through many providers and clinics.



EAGLE BOOSTER CLUB RAFFLE



Grand Prize:

4 tickets to the **Packer/Viking** game on November 1, 2009

The grand prize will include a limo ride to/from the game, Packer jerseys, and more

As a bonus: If you have the winning ticket and are present at the drawing you will win spending cash!!!!

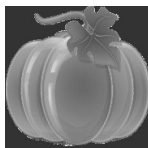
PLEASE SEE A BOOSTER CLUB MEMBER FOR TICKETS

Jeff Yonke, Spence Bunders, Renee Hunkins, Matt & Wendy Bickford, Scott Kollock, All & Sheila Meddaugh, Curt Lamb or Andrew Bradley

Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or 3 for \$10.00

The winning ticket will be drawn at:
The Nekoosa Pumpkin Festival
On Sunday, October 4, 2009

**TICKETS WILL ALSO BE ON SALE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
AT THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**



Mark Your Calendars

You Are Invited To Attend The Next P.I.E. Meeting

Date: October 5th

Time: 5:30

In the Elementary Library

Free daycare can be provided, please call Kathy to schedule 366-2854

Please make time in your busy schedule to become a member of a wonderful group that does so much for the students and staff of the Almond-Bancroft School. We only meet 5-6 times a year and we do so much. We are in serious need for more involvement from the A-B community. There are currently only 2 board members now that the treasure position is open. We need extra hands to help out, as of now there are only 4 members on a regular bases that coordinate the following events:

Senior Tea, Open House, Red Cross Babysitting Training, Staff Appreciation Day, Administrative Professionals Day, Box Tops and Ice-Cream Party, Art 2 Remember, Cultural Events, Class Trips, Educational Assemblies, Donations Towards Activities, 8th Grade Graduation

If you feel that these events are beneficial to the A-B community please join us at our next meeting.

Box Tops For Education News: Popcorn and Movie Day

Keep collecting those Box Tops, ask grandparents, aunts and uncles, family friends and others to help you collect Box Tops. Look for the 10 cent Box Tops coupon on hundreds of products. You can find BoxTops on brands such as Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty and more. To see all participating products containing the Box Tops coupon go to www.boxtops4education.com.

Starting in September of 2009, Pre K-5th grade students will get to participate in an **elementary popcorn and movie event**. It will be held in the auditorium when the PreK-5th grade students reach a goal of 8,000 or more Box Tops collected during the 2009-10 school year. **There will be a collection container for clipped Box Tops to be placed in, the container is located in Ms. Ciula's office.**

THANK YOU FOR COLLECTING BOX TOPS!





Almond and Bancroft Community Trick or Treating Events

Almond

Trick or Treating will be held on
Saturday, October 31st, from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.
If you want children to stop at your home for
treats, please leave your outside light on.

The **Almond Lions Club** will hold a
Halloween party for pre-school through 5th grade
on **Friday, October 30th, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.**
in the **Almond School East Gym.**

Bancroft

Trick or Treating will be held on
Saturday, October 31, 2009
From 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Almond Library Fun!

Story & Craft Program
For Children Of All Ages
Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm

October 13th
November 10th
December 8th

Register at the Almond Library
During their regular hours of
Tues. & Thurs 1-5 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm
& Sat. 9:00 am-noon.
366-2151

Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent.
Program ends at 4:30 pm

Snack & Drink Provided



Almond-Bancroft Music Department Thanks You For Your Support



A huge Thank You to the members of our community that have purchased a piano key to support the Almond-Bancroft Music Department in our efforts to buy a new piano! In just 4 short months we have reached our goal and our new piano will be here before school starts! Your support of this endeavor supports all of the Almond-Bancroft students and is greatly appreciated!

*Jackie Lemke
Paige Lemke
Gabrielle Gendusa
Katrina Gendusa
Braden Potts
Madalyn Potts
Dorothy Helmrick in memory of daughter
Karen Lee Helmrick
Kalata/Spohn/Burling
George Waggoner
Ken, Beth, Kenny & Maryah Cook
Gary Rast
SuAnn Pagel-Rast
Carly Rast
Lorraine Pagel
Jeff & Dawn Lytle
Reba Lytle
Ron & Bernita Schmidt
Mary Renfrew
Evonne Pagel
Patricia Krueger
Colton, Emmett & Garrett Stanislawski
Hunter & Forest Laska
Jane Thomas*

*John & Darlene Laska
Catie Schmidt
Russ Frank
Crystal Frank
Robby Frank
Landon Manock
Carter Manock
Harland & Janice Newby
Nancy Bozek
Mickie Van Ert in memory of parents
George & Lila Maddalena
Luke Manock
Bradley Manock
Montana Thompson
Dusty & Nicole Huntington
Arleigh Schroeder
Donna Schroeder
Carol A. Seelman
Marjory Bowden
Royal Gingery
Judith & James Kollock
Heavenly Hair
Hunter & Teagan Vezina
Betty Burns
James Burns Jr.*

*Carrie Duffield
Chuck Mitchell
Cathy Guth
Eagle Booster Club
Karoline Whitman
The Daryl Woods Family
Patricia Holland
May Dernbach
Davis Dernbach
Sandy Barden
Richard and Heather Burns
Andy Burns
Lyndred Newby
Howard Newby
Sarah S. Pohl
Phillip & Darlene Rendall
Ronald Karpen Family
Jerry & Ruth May
Mildred Rasmussen
Sorcia & Aiden Rock
Noah & Elijah Kollock
Lauren, Danielle & Destiny Dykes
Ed & Leslie Burns
Grant & Daniel Burns
Alyse & Lori Milanowski*



From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

The 2009-2010 school year is here. We so enjoy seeing the students during the breakfast and lunch program. If you have had a job loss or a reduction in pay by \$50.00 or more, please take time to give me a call.

Please remember to keep your students lunch account paid up.

Sincerely Yours,

Pat Leary

Food Service Director



2009 Homecoming Activities "Down On The Farm"



Mr. VanderLaan, Senior Class advisor, takes a pie in the face and Sophomore AJ Ellie milks a "cow" during Homecoming activities on Monday, September 21st .

MY COKE REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

The My Coke Rewards for Schools program refreshes our long-lasting commitment to education by giving today's students what they need. Together we can help students learn and grow by turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for accredited schools grades K-12, providing playground equipment, art supplies, sports gear, educational resources and much more.

You can help Almond-Bancroft earn by collecting points from codes found on participating Coca-Cola products.

Go to www.mycokerewards.com to donate points to Almond-Bancroft Schools

or

bring in you codes from Coke bottle tops and leave them in the collection box located in the Dean of Students office and a volunteer from the community will enter your codes online.

Thank you for supporting Almond-Bancroft Schools

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 bobble head Eagle or new Eagle hat.

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

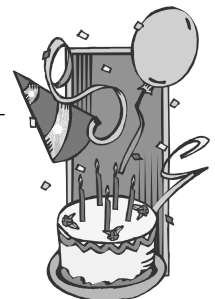
Bonus Extra \$3.00—4x6 Photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

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



ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. OCT. 09

Room S325, Almond High School or Mrs. Klinger's Room
almondbancroftfrc@gmail.com. 366-2882 or 421-4635

Hello everybody, and what beautiful weather to celebrate the new school year.

The "new" Stay n Play has been going fine....with our new Wednesday and Friday Dates.

Two new families joined us for the first Bancroft Stay n Play in Mrs. Klinger's room. We made Hoooot owls and enjoyed smores, while listening to a story.

For those of you that missed the last month's newsletter, remember to save your Stay n Play calendar of events, because we will be sharing Mrs. Klinger's room this fall. *Wednesday Stay n Play's will be held in Almond and Friday Stay n Play's will be held in Bancroft. There will only be one Stay n Play a week. If you have any questions, call Almond Family Resource Center at 366-2882, or call my personal phone at 421-4635.* Parents, grandparents, dads, and even Day Cares are welcome. We are free of charge and it is a great place to visit with our neighbors, especially as the weather gets colder. Young moms and dads out there...do not be afraid to visit Stay n Play. You can join us any time after 10:00 a.m. and we usually end around 11:30 a.m. Hope to see many of you soon.

STAY n PLAY, WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 25th.....Scavenger Hunt..... Bancroft, Mrs. Klinger's room.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th.....Making Bird Feeders.....Almond Elementary.
Please bring a 2-liter bottle.

Friday, Oct. 9th.....Healthy Kids Day.....Bancroft, Mrs. Klinger's room.
Plan on Movin', Pick up your Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids Book.

Wednesday, Oct. 14th.....Creepy Crawly Day.....Almond Elementary. Maybe we will will do some crawling around!

Friday, Oct. 23rd.....Another Teddy Bear Picnic...Bancroft, Mrs. Klinger's room.
Remember to bring your favorite Teddy Bear.

Stay n Plays will be held outside when possible and weather permitting.

The Stay n Play on Sept 16th was a great success. Over 30 people attended. Thank you Lori, for your help.

Future events: 5th Annual Pumpkin Carving Evening...Monday Oct. 19. This year it will be held at the Almond School. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

YOU MUST CALL FOR REGISTRATION TO INSURE THAT WE HAVE A PUMPKIN FOR YOU! Call 366-2882 OR 421-4635 BEFORE MONDAY OCT. 12th.

WORKSHOP: Dollars and \$ents. Held on Monday Oct. 26, 6-7:30 p.m. At the Bancroft School. This interactive workshop will provide you with common sense ideas on how to save money during a changing economy. Presented by Terri Hoerter. YOU must pre-register: 366-2882 or 421-4635 before Friday Oct. 23.

Special note: Your coordinator has had a personal injury. Coordinators from the Stevens Point area may host some events. It is PARAMONT that you pre-register for events.

Thank you

Jan Roth



Avast Ye!

On Friday, September 18th the second graders participated "Talk Like a Pirate Day", which is celebrated annually on September 19th. The second graders have been reading about pirates. The second graders had a chance to make hooks and pirate hats and played *Pin the Patch on the Pirate* and *Musical Islands*. The students really enjoyed dressing the part and getting their pirate names. Thank you to the parents who helped the students with their great costumes!

Almond Immunization Clinic

Hosted by Portage County Public Health

Almond Elementary School – October 19, 3:00 – 5:30 pm

NO appointments are needed during this clinic time.

Immunizations available for children include those recommended for infants, and children through 18 years, school required immunizations and seasonal flu vaccine.

Parent/guardian must accompany child less than 18 years old.

Vaccines for children are \$5.00 each. MA/ BadgerCare accepted
Fees can be waived if unable to pay except for the adult Hepatitis B.

Immunizations for adults include Tetanus (\$5.00),
Pneumonia (\$30.00), Hepatitis B (\$61.00).

Attention Parents of school age children:

For the 2009-2010 school year the Wisconsin Student Immunization law now requires two varicella (chicken pox) vaccines and one dose of the Tdap vaccine for pertussis (Whooping Cough). The Tdap vaccine includes both tetanus and pertussis protection. It is required at this time in order to boost the pertussis protection. Students who have been current with vaccines may now need additional doses of vaccine.

These requirements are being phased in by school grades. For the 2009-10 school year the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law requires students to have completed:

1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) vaccine for students entering grades **6, 7, 9, 10 and 12**. Please note that if it has been more than 5 years since receiving a Td (tetanus/diphtheria) containing vaccine then Tdap (with pertussis protection) is required.

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students entering **Kindergarten, and grades 1, 6, 7 and 12**.

Please note

There will be **NO immunizations** available at the October 7 WIC clinic located at the Almond Methodist Church,

Immunizations are available through regular clinics scheduled at
Portage County Health Department, 817 Whiting Ave. Stevens Point
Tuesdays 3:00 PM -6:00 PM and Fridays 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Questions about immunizations?

Call Portage County Health Department at 715-345-5350, or your medical provider.



2009-10 Open Gym Hours

Sunday evenings starting at 7 p.m.
in the west gym.
All ages are welcome!

If you have any questions contact
Scott Kollock at 335-6631.

Adult Open Gym Nights

Held every Sunday night starting
November 8th, 2009 at 6:30 PM
Contact John Rendall
if you have any questions.

If enough adults attend volleyball
will be played.



Almond-Bancroft Menus, October

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Yogurt, Toast, Juice	2 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
5 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	6 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	7 Cereal, Toast, Juice	8 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	9 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
12 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	13 Pancakes, Sausage, Juice	14 Egg Tacos, Juice	15 Cereal, Toast, Juice	16 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
19 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	20 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice	21 French Toast Sticks, Juice	22 Yogurt, Muffin, Juice	23 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
26 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	27 Breakfast Bar, Juice	28 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	29 No School	30 No School

Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per
Quarter



Breakfast Prices:
Reduced - No Charge
4K (M-W) - 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00
4K (T-TH) - 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00
K-12th grade - 20 days @ 1.00 = \$20.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	2 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Dessert
5 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit, Dessert	6 Chicken Nuggets, Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	7 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Fruit, Bread	8 Cheeseburger Mac Hot Dish, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread, Dessert	9 Tacos, Corn, Fruit
12 Hot Dogs, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	13 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread, Dessert	14 Sub Sandwich, Beef Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Fruit	15 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Fruit, Dessert	16 Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Vegetable, Fruit
19 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit, Dessert	20 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	21 Baked Potato, Ham, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	22 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Fruit, Garlic Bread	23 Chicken Pattie, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert
26 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit, Dessert	27 Hamburger, Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	28 Chicken Fajita, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert	29 No School	30 No School

Lunch Prices:
4K Reduced (M-W) - 8 days @ .40 = \$3.20
4K Reduced (T-TH) 8 days @ .40 = \$3.20
4K (M-W) - 8 days @ 1.60 = \$12.80
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



Almond-Bancroft– Coaches Needed

Be a part of Eagle Athletics

HS Girls Softball Assistant Coach – Spring 2010

Randy Yonke –Head

HS Head Baseball Coaches –Spring 2010

Taylor Dernbach - Assistant

Middle School Football – Fall 2010

Middle School Volleyball – Fall 2010

Youth Wrestling Club - Tri-County & Almond-Bancroft

Bill Wagner – Head Coach TCAB - 2009-2010

If you have any interest or know someone who is interested please contact the coaches,
Jeff Rykal – Principal, or Art Pagel -Athletic Director



Safe Disposal Of Unused Medications

The Portage County Coalition for Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and the Portage County Sheriff's Department is holding a **prescription drop off** program at the

Almond Municipal Center, 122 Main St.,

on October 22nd, 2009

from 3 - 6 P.M.

This is a chance to dispose of any unused medications a person may have.

There is also a 24 hour/7 day a week drop off site at both the Stevens Point Police Department and the Plover Police Department.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

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



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