



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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October 2013

October Dates To Remember

- 10/3-Kindergarten
Open House,
4:00-7:30 pm,
Bancroft School
- 10/14-Budget Hearing
& Annual Meeting,
7:45 pm, Auditorium
- 10/16-Board Of
Education
Meeting, 6:30 pm,
Bancroft School
Board Room



Almond-Bancroft School District

Dan Boxx
District Administrator

Jeff Rykal
PK-12 Principal

Sandra Ciula
PK-12 Dean of Students

School Board

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Gary Smith

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Jeanette Wilson

Notes from the Administrator....

School is in full swing and running very smoothly. As you can see from the August newsletter, we have a number of new staff in our district. Both our new staff and returning staff compliment each other and together we are off to a great start. I would like to not only thank our staff, but also the students and parents for getting us started in such a positive fashion.

Please Note:

The Annual Meeting will be held Monday, October 14, 2013, beginning at 7:45 pm, in the Almond School Auditorium. In this newsletter you will see a condensed version of information pertaining to the meeting. Should you like to see a full copy of the report, please give Trina Warzynski a call at 715.366.2941 extension 422. Copies will also be available at the October 14th meeting.

Referendum Information:

As you know the taxpayers of our district passed the technology referendum to exceed the revenue limit by \$75,000 per year for five years. We want to thank you for supporting the referendum which will bring technological opportunities for our students and district.

I believe it is our responsibility to inform you of how we spend that money each year. For the next 5 years I will provide you an update of the monies and how it is used each year. Should you ever have any questions regarding the referendum dollars, give us a call. Better yet, stop in and we would love to give you a tour!

<u>Items</u>	<u>Year 1</u>
Phone System:	\$ 8,650.62
Switches:	\$ 4,211.94
Computers for labs:	\$ 17,376.43
Memory for Computers:	
Memory for Server:	\$ 1,740.00
Chromebooks:	\$ 34,899.42
Chromebook Stations:	\$ 5,106.36
Install Wireless Centers :	\$ 299.44
APs:	\$ 725.41
Wiring:	\$ 1,658.45
Total	\$ 74,668.07

Should you have any questions or concerns, please free to give me a call at 715.366.2941 ext. 418.

Thank you,

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Secondary Counselor News: *From the Desk of Erika Spear*

Students and Parents of the Class of 2014:

You should have received a postcard in the mail regarding this year's Senior Planning Conferences. Conferences will take place between Sept 23–Oct 31, each lasting about 40 minutes.

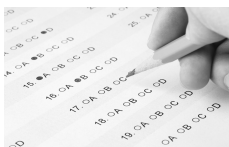
Topics covered will include a transcript and graduation requirements review (including community service hours), career plans, information on post-secondary options, college/job applications, financial aid and scholarship resources, additional resources and websites, guidelines for requesting letters of recommendation, and much more!



As someone new to the district, I hope to also take this opportunity to meet with each senior and their parents individually as a way to learn more about each student, their families, and their future plans. This will also give each of you an opportunity to meet and get to know me so that I can become a resource for you as you complete your high school career.

Please contact Ms. Spear to schedule your conference as soon as possible! I look forward to meeting with you and your Senior!

Students/Parents of Sophomores:



Once again this year, all Almond-Bancroft sophomore students will be taking the PLAN test. This ACT practice test not only helps students prepare for the ACT but it gives a predictor of success on the ACT, shows an early indication of college readiness, and helps students explore careers that match their interests. The testing process went well last year, and the students found their results helpful. All 10th grade students will be taking PLAN on October 11th this year during hours 1-4. If you have any

questions, please contact Erika Spear, 8-12 School Counselor, at 715-366-2941 ext. 414.

University-Bound Juniors & Seniors:

A chance to visit UW-Marathon County is coming up! On Friday, October 4th, interested juniors and seniors will travel to UW-Marathon County (UWMC) in Wausau to learn more about this 2-year UW-College. UWMC is a school of access to the 4-year University system. Students spend two years completing their general program of study (courses in English, history, science, and math) at UWMC before they head off to a 4-year WI University to complete their bachelor degree in the major of their choice. UW-Marathon County offers a guaranteed transfer option to any of the 4-year schools in the UW system.



AND

You have the opportunity on Friday, October 18th 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 4-year UW campus.

A sign-up announcement will be made prior to the both events. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Spear, 8-12 School Counselor, at 715-366-2941 ext. 414.

Almond and Bancroft Community Trick or Treating Events

Almond

Trick or Treating will be held on

Friday, November 1, from 5:00 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,**

November 1, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the **Almond School East Gym.**

Bancroft

Trick or Treating will be held on

**Sunday, October 27, 2013
from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.**





Building Readers by Mary Lou Kaepfel, Title I Coordinator

By the time you read this, we'll have finished our 3rd week of the new school year!! Teachers are getting settled into the daily routines necessary to help your children become successful learners!! As parents, you have an important role to play in helping your child become a better reader. Below are 3 parent-tested ideas you can use to reinforce your child's reading skills at home.

Encourage your child to spend time reading every day. Reading is a skill and it gets better with practice.

Research shows that kids who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading books, magazines and newspapers are more likely to become good readers.

Help your child get into the library habit. Set aside some time every week for a family trip to the local library. While you're there, check out a book yourself. You'll be setting a powerful example of the importance of reading for your child.

Make reading easy. If your TV is within easy reach, but books are stored on a high shelf, you can probably guess how your child will spend her free time. But if she has her own bookshelf filled with interesting books, she'll probably pick up a book instead!!



LMC News



At the start of the school year the LMC was honored to receive the donation of two Green Bay Packer books. The first book is called "For the Love of the Packers," and the second book is called "101 Reasons to Love the Packers." The donation came from Mary Lou Kaepfel, who is the new Title 1 Coordinator in our district. What's amazing is the fact that both books are signed by a few former Green Bay Packer players. The books will be processed and added to the library shelves by the end of October. So if you are a Packer fan and interested in reading a couple good books, please stop by the LMC.



PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports)

The 2013-14 school year started off on a very positive note. Jr. and Sr. High students played PBIS Jeopardy while the Elementary students had the PBIS kickoff on Monday, September 9th. See photo below:



The first Quarter rewards day for Jr. and Sr. High is set for November 8th and will be an outside game event. Both groups are looking to borrow some equipment.

Jr. High needs some egg and balloon donations for an egg and balloon toss. They also need to borrow the following games:

Bean Bag Toss, Ladder Golf, Croquet & Bocce Ball

Please have games clearly marked so we can return them to the correct families. Any questions, **contact Brad Baumgartner at 366-2941 ext. 206 or through e-mail.**

The high School needs:

Ladder Golf, Hot Shot Shooting, Baggo, Horse Shoes, Frisbee, Croquet, Jarts, Badminton & Bocci Ball Again please label and **contact Kevin VanderLaan at 366-2941 ext. 327 or e-mail.**

The school is not liable for damaged, broken or stolen games.

PBIS Communications Committee
Lynne Dernbach

Graduation Ads-Almond-Bancroft High School Yearbook-2013-2014

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe, but in just a few short months, your student's stay at Almond-Bancroft High School will be nothing more than a memory. Graduation ads are a tradition among graduating students that let them know how much they are cared for. You know your child is amazing – why not show them that in this year's yearbook? You have the opportunity to let them know how proud of them you are. Your recognition ad will be printed and remembered forever! By purchasing a space in the back of the book you can tell them how special they are with your own pictures and in your own words.

Making your ad is simple. Just fill out the attached form, include the pictures you'd like to use, and attach payment. Return this form, with your pictures, to Ms. Stiebs by Friday, November 22nd. If you have any questions, please refer to the FAQ section or contact Ms. Stiebs at 715-366-2941 ext. 314.

Prices:

1/4 page (4 ¼" x 5 ½")	\$25 (1- 3 pictures)
1/8 page (2" x 3")	\$15 (1- 2 pictures)
Yearbook	\$42

FAQ's:

Do my photos have to be the same size as the template?

No. We have the ability to scan and/or resize photos as needed.

Do I have to have the exact number of words specified on a sample template?

No. It is suggested that you stay around that number in order to keep text legible, though.

How do I indicate which photo I want to go where?

Simply write the location lightly on the back of the photo and we'll make sure it goes there.

Do I have to type my text?

No. You may handwrite your text, however, it may be more clear to attach a typed copy of the text you'd like to include your ad. All writing will be recreated AS IT WAS WRITTEN, so legible writing or copies of text are preferred.

Can I submit digital photos?

Yes. You may submit them by emailing Ms. Stiebs at dstiebs@abschools.k12.wi.us. Digital files do need to be at a resolution of at least 300 dpi, though, otherwise they will not be useable for yearbook publishing. When scanning photos, most scanning programs have a "custom" section where you can change your resolution to at least 300.

If the yearbook doesn't come out until the end of the year, why do I need to submit this so early?

The yearbook is created all throughout the year. Many schools need to get pages in as early as October and need your ads to help them reach that goal.

Will I receive my photos back?

Yes. Your photos will be kept in a safe place until your ad is created. Your yearbook advisor will then have them available for pick up or will be returned to you by mail.

Will my ad be the same size as the sample ad?

No. The sample ads created here are for reference only. Your ad will look like it, but will reflect the size of the ad you purchased.

Senior Ad Layout Selection

Picture 1	Your Student's Name
	Your message goes here. Please limit your words to 50 or less. We will adjust text sizes as needed to fit.
Layout A1	

Picture 1	Picture 2	Your Student's Name
		Your message goes here. Please limit your words to 50 or less. We will adjust text sizes as needed to fit.
Layout A2		

1/8th page ads (A selection)
*sample size DOES NOT reflect actual ad size but is a reference

Your Student's Name

Picture 1

Your message goes here. Please limit your words to 100 or less. We will adjust text sizes as needed to fit. Text will continue down to the bottom of the ad.

Picture 2

Layout B1

Your Student's Name

Your message goes here. Please limit your words to 100 or less. We will adjust text sizes as needed to fit. Text will continue down to the bottom of the ad.

Picture 1

Picture 2

Picture 3

Layout B2

1/4 page ads
(B selection)
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Order Form

Parent name: _____ Phone number: _____

Student name (as you'd like it to appear on ad): _____

of pictures included: _____ Ad template you've chosen: _____

Ad text wanted (or attach a typed version to this form): _____

Payment: _____

Bring your payment (cash or check) and this form to Ms. Stiebs in room 314.
Make all checks payable to: **AB Schools.**

Questions?

Contact: Ms. Stiebs

Phone: 715-366-2941 ext. 314

E-mail: dstiebs@abschools.k12.wi.us



Eagles Athletic Events

EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



- 10/1-MS Football Home vs. Wild Rose, 5:00 pm
- MS Volleyball Home vs. Amherst, 4:30 pm
- HS Volleyball @ Rosholt, 6:00 pm
- 10/3-MS Volleyball @ Iola, 5:00 pm
- 10/4-MS Volleyball Home vs. Westfield, 4:15 pm
- Varsity Football Home vs. Port Edwards, 7:00 pm
- 10/7-MS Volleyball Home @ Port Edwards, 5:00 pm
- JV Football @ Port Edwards, 4:00 pm
- 10/8-MS Football Home vs. St. Pete's, 4:30 pm
- HS Volleyball @ Gresham, 6:00 pm
- 10/10-MS Volleyball Home vs. Tri-County, 5:00 pm
- 10/11-Varsity Football @ Rosholt, 7:00 pm
- 10/12-HS Volleyball Pool Play TBD, 10:00 am
- 10/14-JV Football Home vs. Rosholt, 6:00 pm
- 10/15-MS Football @ Tigerton, 4:30 pm
- HS Volleyball Pool Play TBD, 6:00 pm
- 10/18-Varsity Football Home vs. Tri-County, 7:00 pm
- 10/21-JV Football @ Tri-County, 6:00 pm
- 10/28-MS Boys Basketball @ Port Edwards, 5:30 pm
- 10/31-MS Boys Basketball @ Tri-County, 5:30 pm

*Schedule is subject to change.



Homecoming 2013

-Super Mario Brothers

Week of September 30th - October 5th
Homecoming Events

Thursday, October 3rd:
Pep Rally @ 7 pm with Homecoming Court Announcement
Lighting of Bon Fire by King and Queen to follow

Friday, October 4th:
Parade @ 3 pm; Football Game @ 7 pm

Saturday, October 5th:
Homecoming Dance 8:30-11:30 pm; Grand March @ 10:30 pm.
Ticket Prices: Advance—Single: \$9.00; Couple : \$ 17.00
At the door—Single: \$11.00; Couple \$20.00
Grand March Viewing Only: \$2.00






DON'T COOK DINNER ON OCTOBER 4th !

Come to the
HOMECOMING TAILGATE
Starting at 5:00

Meals
Brat or Burger Meal \$6.00
Hot Dog Meal \$5.00

Meals include
Chips, a side dish, dessert, and a drink



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CLASS OF 2014!

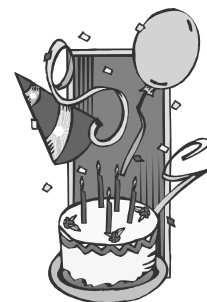
SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

A-B High School will deliver singing Happy Birthday Telegrams to your favorite Student/Staff member on their birthday! **Please allow a 24 hour notice before delivery to guarantee delivery on birthday.**

These are packages you may select from:

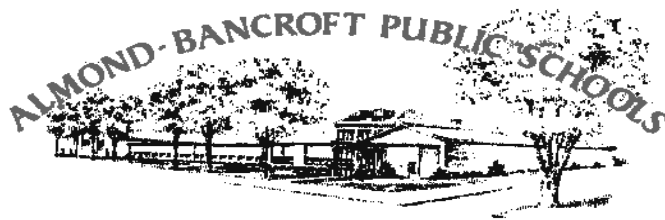
Standard: (\$5.00) Happy Birthday balloon on party stick decorated with ribbon, card, and a round lollipop

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| <p>Extras: _____ Stuffed A-B Eagle (\$5.00)</p> <p>_____ Green & White Pom-Pom (\$2.00 each)</p> <p>_____ Birthday Tiara or Hat (\$1.00)</p> <p>_____ Beads (\$1.00/ 3)</p> | <p>_____ A-B stocking hat (\$5.00)</p> <p>_____ A-B Birthday Pen (\$2.00 each)</p> <p>_____ Extra lollipop (\$1.00 each)</p> <p>_____ Smencil (\$1.00 each)</p> |
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Student Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade: _____

Special Message: _____



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District that the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting will be held in the Almond Auditorium on Monday October 14, 2013. Budget Hearing begins at 7:45 P.M. and the Annual Meeting begins 8:00 P.M. The summary of the proposed budget is printed below. Detailed copies of the budget are available for review in the district office at 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI.

Carol Ellie, Clerk.

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET			
GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
Beginning Fund Balance (Account 930 000)	1,418,068.00	1,404,978.00	1,408,299.00
Ending Fund Balance, Reserved (Acct. 931 000)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance, Designated (Acct. 932 000)	1,404,978.00	1,408,299.00	1,231,990.00
Ending Fund Balance, Unappropriated (Acct. 933 000)	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE (ACCT. 930 000)	1,404,978.00	1,408,299.00	1,231,990.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
100 Transfers-in	0.00	4,502.00	4,000.00
Local Sources			
211 Taxes	1,261,672.00	1,155,116.00	1,203,227.00
213 Mobile Home Taxes	1,814.00	2,232.00	2,000.00
240 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
260 Non-Capital Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
270 School Activity Income	11,410.00	10,846.00	11,000.00
280 Interest on Investments	2,008.00	1,520.00	1,650.00
290 Other Revenue, Local Sources	22,558.00	24,015.00	9,890.00
Subtotal Local Sources	1,299,462.00	1,193,729.00	1,227,767.00
Other School Districts Within Wisconsin			
310 Transit of Aids	0.00	0.00	0.00
340 Payments for Services	161,375.00	172,312.00	259,510.00
380 Medical Service Reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00
390 Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other School Districts within Wisconsin	161,375.00	172,312.00	259,510.00
Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin			
440 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
490 Other Inter-district, Outside Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intermediate Sources			
510 Transit of Aids	22,270.00	8,771.00	5,675.00
530 Payments for Services from CCDEB	0.00	0.00	0.00
540 Payments for Services from CESA	0.00	0.00	0.00
580 Medical Services Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
590 Other Intermediate Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Intermediate Sources	22,270.00	8,771.00	5,675.00
State Sources			
610 State Aid -- Categorical	48,465.00	73,107.00	42,393.00
620 State Aid -- General	3,096,053.00	3,145,393.00	3,168,295.00
630 DPI Special Project Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
640 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
650 Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE Grant)	141,425.00	139,123.00	138,000.00
660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units	22,915.00	28,439.00	10,000.00
690 Other Revenue	114,737.00	122,643.00	110,450.00
Subtotal State Sources	3,423,595.00	3,508,705.00	3,469,138.00

	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
Federal Sources			
710 Transit of Aids	0.00	0.00	0.00
720 Impact Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
730 DPI Special Project Grants	33,568.00	33,901.00	32,828.00
750 IASA Grants	79,544.00	99,327.00	93,974.00
760 JTPA	0.00	0.00	0.00
770 Other Federal Revenue Through Local Units	0.00	0.00	0.00
780 Other Federal Revenue Through State	1,461.00	0.00	0.00
790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct	16,251.00	15,423.00	10,269.00
Subtotal Federal Sources	130,824.00	148,651.00	137,071.00
Other Financing Sources			
850 Reorganization Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00
860 Compensation, Fixed Assets	1,000.00	58,431.00	71,836.00
870 Long-Term Obligations	0.00	32,179.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Financing Sources	1,000.00	90,610.00	71,836.00
Other Revenues			
960 Adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
970 Refund of Disbursement	17,187.00	14,735.00	46,399.00
980 Medical Service Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
990 Miscellaneous	3,724.00	3,135.00	3,000.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	20,911.00	17,870.00	49,399.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	5,059,437.00	5,145,150.00	5,224,396.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction			
110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum	1,086,939.00	1,010,178.00	959,009.00
120 000 Regular Curriculum	1,113,763.00	1,152,908.00	1,119,003.00
130 000 Vocational Curriculum	213,037.00	215,753.00	249,627.00
140 000 Physical Curriculum	172,089.00	175,150.00	179,207.00
160 000 Co-Curricular Activities	109,767.00	110,868.00	121,664.00
170 000 Other Special Needs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Instruction	2,695,595.00	2,664,857.00	2,628,510.00
Support Sources			
210 000 Pupil Services	112,854.00	119,442.00	114,881.00
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	147,556.00	119,288.00	112,913.00
230 000 General Administration	167,325.00	158,060.00	150,064.00
240 000 School Building Administration	227,088.00	233,277.00	255,905.00
250 000 Business Administration	851,960.00	900,851.00	948,390.00
260 000 Central Services	144,703.00	180,671.00	183,986.00
270 000 Insurance & Judgments	69,301.00	61,120.00	71,095.00
280 000 Debt Services	0.00	5,613.00	82,485.00
290 000 Other Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Support Sources	1,720,787.00	1,778,322.00	1,919,719.00
Non-Program Transactions			
410 000 Inter-fund Transfers	360,292.00	362,578.00	384,040.00
430 000 Instructional Service Payments	295,853.00	336,072.00	468,436.00
490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Non-Program Transactions	656,145.00	698,650.00	852,476.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	5,072,527.00	5,141,829.00	5,400,705.00
SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUNDS 21, 23, 27, 29)	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	626,370.00	614,369.00	600,424.00
100 000 Instruction	362,063.00	361,663.00	311,168.00
200 000 Support Services	180,483.00	174,165.00	171,087.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	83,824.00	78,541.00	118,169.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	626,370.00	614,369.00	600,424.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUNDS 38, 39)	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	54,999.00	48,584.00	41,769.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCES	48,584.00	41,769.00	34,649.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	443,408.00	449,408.00	449,703.00
281 000 Long-Term Capital Debt	449,823.00	456,223.00	456,823.00
282 000 Refinancing	0.00	0.00	0.00
283 000 Operational Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
289 000 Other Long-Term General Obligation Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	449,823.00	456,223.00	456,823.00
842 000 INDEBTEDNESS, END OF YEAR	2,400,000.00	2,040,000.00	1,665,000.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	253,022.00	242,008.00	238,831.00
200 000 Support Services	253,022.00	242,008.00	238,831.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	253,022.00	242,008.00	238,831.00
TRUST FUND (FUND 72,73)	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	239,233.00	249,914.00	197,943.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	249,914.00	197,943.00	55,647.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	80,744.00	54,859.00	16,896.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	70,063.00	106,830.00	159,192.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	70,063.00	106,830.00	159,192.00

***As of September 16th, 2013 Trust Fund 73 had an ending balance of \$178,329, accrued an investment return of \$1,116, with the amount of disbursements totaling \$157,692. The investment manager utilized for Trust Fund 73 is AUL.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80)	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	7,726.00	6,481.00	5,948.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	6,481.00	5,948.00	10,414.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	350.00	0.00	5,000.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
300 000 Community Services	1,595.00	533.00	534.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,595.00	533.00	534.00

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2011-2012	Audited 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014
General Fund	1,261,672.00	1,155,116.00	1,203,227.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	443,022.00	449,023.00	449,323.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	1,704,694.00	1,604,139.00	1,657,550.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		-5.90%	3.33%

The below listed new or discontinued programs have a financial impact on the proposed 2013-2014 budget:

DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT
Per Pupil Adjustment Aid	(\$23,250.00)
Microsoft Vouchers	(\$36,399.00)
NEW PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT
Technology Referendum	\$75,000.00

Almond-Bancroft School District

BUDGET HEARING/ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 14, 2013

Almond-Bancroft High School Auditorium, Almond, WI

7:45 P.M. BUDGET HEARING/8 P.M. ANNUAL MEETING

I. BUDGET HEARING

- A. Call to order, Mr. Roy Danforth, School Board President.
- B. Presentation of the 2013-14 Proposed Budget, Dan Boxx, District Administrator.
- C. Address Questions Regarding 2013-14 Budget.
- D. Adjourn Budget Hearing, Mr. Roy Danforth.

II. ANNUAL MEETING (to immediately follow the Budget Hearing Meeting)

1. Call to order, Mr. Roy Danforth, School Board President
2. Election of Chairperson
4. Adoption of Meeting September 24, 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes
(Reading of minutes may be waived in a motion to that effect.)
6. Treasurer's Report, Mr. Gary Smith, School Board Treasurer
7. New Business
 1. Resolution A – Authorization for District Audit
 2. Resolution B – Authorization to Sell Surplus School Properties
 3. Resolution C – Authorization to Participate in the Federal Hot Lunch Program
 4. Resolution D – Authorization to Utilize Legal Counsel
 5. Resolution E – Authorization to Furnish Textbooks
 6. Resolution F – Authorization to Contract for Transportation Services
 7. Resolution G – Authorization to Purchase Student Accident Insurance
 8. Resolution H – Authorization of Board Members Salaries and Re-imbusement of Expenses
 9. Resolution I – Authorization to Short Term Borrow
 10. Resolution J – Authorization to Levy a School Tax
 11. Resolution K– Authorization to Set Date for the Next Annual Meeting
8. Other Business
9. Motion to Adjourn

2012-13

Treasurer's Report

In summer 2013, the Accounting Workshop of Stevens Point audited the district's financial activities for 2012-13. The completion of the report is projected toward the end of October at which time the Board will certify the levy. Upon the completion, the 2012-13 audit report will be available in the district office for review.

2012-13 Financial Summary

An examination of Fund 10 indicates approximately 71% of all revenues raised in 2012-2013 for general operating expenses were from state and other governmental sources. The remaining revenues were generated from local sources of income (i.e. property taxes, interest on investments, rent from district rentals, etc.).

As of June 30, 2013:

The Beginning Fund Balance (Acct. 930 000)1,404,978.00

The Ending Fund Balance (Acct. 930 000)1,408,299.00

The 2012-13 ending Fund Balance demonstrates an increase of \$3,321.00 in the District's designated working cash balance. It is important to ensure an adequate reserve of assets, as an adequate fund balance affords the Almond-Bancroft School District an opportunity to demonstrate financial stability.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Gary Smith, Treasurer
Almond-Bancroft School District

Informational: School District Fund Balance

Wisconsin governmental units use a form of accounting known as fund balance accounting. Accounts are summarized on a balance sheet as “Assets”, “Liabilities”, and “Fund Balance”.

The District’s fund balance represents:

$$\text{Total Assets of a Given Fund} - \text{Total Liabilities of a Fund} = \text{“Fund Balance”}$$

An adequate reserve of assets permits our district to:

- Accumulate sufficient assets to make designated purchases (i.e. roof replacement schedules)
- Avoid excessive short term borrowing to meet expenses, which could result in losses from differences in investment and borrowing rates
- Avoid spending operational funds for interest payments
- Preserve a high bond rating

Almond-Bancroft School District Historical Data Relating to School Budget

Year	Equalized Valuation	% Incre.	Tax Levy	Levy Rate	Projected State Aid	Actual State Aid	3rd Fri. Sept.
94-95	\$83,455,174	11.68%	\$1,334,323	0.015988	\$1,402,850	\$1,395,935	519
95-96	\$88,591,338	6.15%	\$1,330,180	0.015015	\$1,451,046	\$1,495,165	542
96-97	\$100,379,767	13.31%	\$1,335,103	0.013301	\$1,644,875	\$1,630,002	543
97-98	\$106,044,778	5.64%	\$1,136,896	0.010721	\$2,077,736	\$2,068,717	543
98-99	\$112,758,789	6.33%	\$1,067,858	0.009473	\$2,270,881	\$2,220,014	520
99-00	\$118,238,566	4.86%	\$1,314,121	0.011114	\$2,498,112	\$2,487,119	545
00-01	\$104,355,807	-11.74%	\$1,307,858	0.012533	\$2,719,571	\$2,733,368	529
01-02	\$114,323,489	9.55%	\$1,133,898	0.00991	\$3,054,064	\$3,060,832	537
02-03	\$118,451,479	3.61%	\$1,191,634	0.010319	\$3,110,540	\$3,047,718	527
03-04	\$129,789,385	9.57%	\$1,197,452	0.009226	\$3,048,177	\$3,230,657	515
04-05	\$137,754,677	6.14%	\$1,391,205	0.010099	\$3,183,416	\$3,149,486	502
05-06	\$148,111,132	7.52%	\$1,349,771	0.009113	\$3,253,483	\$3,261,232	492
06-07	\$153,160,651	3.41%	\$1,427,967	0.009323	\$3,246,359	\$3,266,323	483
07-08	\$168,780,302	10.20%	\$1,442,223	0.008544	\$3,410,000	\$3,339,184	491
08-09	\$182,034,610	7.30%	\$1,478,351	0.008121	\$3,394,807	\$3,384,005	492
09-10	\$180,179,706	-1.03%	\$1,549,026	0.008597	\$3,374,996	\$3,324,322	482
10-11	\$171,994,512	-4.54%	\$1,609,470	0.009357	\$3,378,521	\$3,357,049	464
11-12	\$168,788,406	-1.95%	\$1,704,694	0.010099	\$3,307,527	\$3,085,574	459
12-13	\$159,264,588	-5.97%	\$1,604,139	0.0100722	\$3,140,376	\$3,112,775	451
13-14	\$158,958,518	-0.19%	\$1,657,550	0.0104294	\$3,145,625		445

Taxation District	Certified Full Value 2012	Percentage of Equalized Value
Village of Almond	\$16,610,500	10.4295%
Town of Almond	\$34,380,917	21.5873%
Town of Belmont	\$35,995,216	22.6001%
Town of Buena Vista	\$39,170,497	24.5946%
Town of Lanark	\$4,694,644	2.9477%
Town of Pine Grove	\$24,574,798	15.4302%
Town of Oasis	\$180,785	0.1135%
Town of Rose	\$3,657,231	2.2963%
	\$159,264,588	100%

**ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS
OCTOBER 14, 2013 8:00 P.M.
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

1. Call to order – Mr. Roy Danforth, President Board of Education

- A. Section 120.10 of the Wisconsin State Statutes requires that every elector of a common or union high school district is eligible to vote at an annual meeting of the school board.
- B. Section 120.10 of the Wisconsin State Statutes describes the powers of an annual meeting and designates that the following may take place.
- Set annual salaries or a payment based on each meeting attended for board members.
Authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses for board members who travel in the performance of their duties.
Designate sites for school buildings.
Authorize the board to acquire real estate by purchase or condemnation.
Vote a tax for the operation of the school, create a capital expansion fund, and for other purposes, enumerated in s.120.10.
Authorize the Board to purchase, sell and/or dispose of school property.
Direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of any legal action or proceedings in which the School District is interested.
Direct the Board to furnish school lunches to district students and appropriate fund for that purpose.
Authorize the Board to furnish textbooks to students under conditions prescribed by the annual meeting or School Board.
Authorize the purchase of vehicles or finance contracts for the use and services of transportation vehicles.
Adjourn the annual meeting from time to time to establish a different date or time for a subsequent annual meeting.
- C. The agenda for the annual meeting is established by the School Board.
- D. Those eligible to vote at the annual meeting must meet the following eligibility criteria:
U.S. Citizen
Age 18 as of October 14, 2013
Resident of the Almond-Bancroft School District for ten days prior to October 14, 2013.

2. Elect Chairperson of the Annual Meeting.

- A. A motion from the floor must be made to nominate and elect a chairperson for the annual meeting.

3. Appointment of Clerk

4. Adoption of Meeting Procedures

1. Procedure for addressing the chair: District Residents who wish to be recognized by the chair shall first raise their hand to be recognized. Speaker must state their name and address and then address the chair.
2. Procedure for all motions not related to agenda business items: These motions shall be made under “other business” if they don’t appropriately fall under the agenda item being considered.
3. Procedure for discussion: All persons are encouraged to participate in discussion. Equal time will be provided to hear both pro and con on any issue. The chair may impose time limits on speaking, if necessary.
4. Procedure for voting: All votes will be by voice unless a paper ballot is specifically requested.
5. Discretion of the chair: The above procedures may be modified by the chair where clarification of issue and position is necessary.

5. Present the Minutes of the September 24, 2012 Annual Meeting (Appendix A)

School Board Clerk, Ms. Carol Ellie

6. Treasurer's Report, Mr. Gary Smith – Treasurer (Appendix B)

7. New Business

Resolution A - Authorization to Audit Books and Related Financial Affairs of the District.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize and direct the Board of Education to have an annual audit of the books and affairs of the District.

Resolution B - Authorization to Sell Surplus Property No Longer Needed.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the sale and disposal of school property (excluding real-estate) belonging to and not needed that ceases to be of any further use by the district. (lockers, lights, books, etc.)

Resolution C - Authorization to Participate in the Federal Lunch Program.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the district to furnish hot lunches to any and all students of the district at such places and times, and at such cost, as shall be set by the School Board.

That said School Board is also authorized to pay any deficiency, which may result from said lunch program, from the general fund.

Resolution D - Authorization to Utilize Legal Counsel.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the Board of Education to use legal counsel on all legal matters associated with and involving the School District.

Resolution E - Authorization to Furnish Textbooks.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the Board of Education to furnish textbooks under the conditions prescribed by the annual meeting or by the Board of Education.

Resolution F - Authorization to Contract for Transportation Services.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the Board of Education to furnish transportation under the conditions prescribed by the annual meeting or by the Board of Education.

Resolution G - Authorization to Purchase Student Accident Insurance.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the Board of Education to purchase student accident insurance with school funds for students/athletes.

Resolution H – Authorization of Board Salaries and Expense Reimbursement.

1. The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize School Board members be:
Paid \$60 per local meeting, \$150 per day for days spent at all-day conferences, \$60 per day for all other meetings outside the district, and compensate the Board President \$400 annually for being president.
2. Reimburse for necessary expenses in performance of their duties as Board Members, same as pertains to other district personnel (i.e. registration, mileage, meals, and lodging.)

Resolution I – Authorization to Short-Term Borrow.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the Board of Education to borrow money for immediate expenses of operating the schools of the District under Section 67.12(8) and (8a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Resolution J- Authorization to Levy a School Tax.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the Board of Education to levy a tax on the Almond-Bancroft School District in the amount of \$1,657,550.00 to fund the 2013-14 budget.

Resolution K – Authorization to Set the Date for the Next Annual Meeting.

The electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District authorize the Board of Education to hold the 2014 Annual Meeting on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

8. Conduct any other business properly coming before the annual meeting.

9. Motion to Adjourn - A motion from the floor for adjournment of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Almond-Bancroft School District is needed.

The Americorner



Americorps news with Joseph Nowinski

Good day parents and students! I am excited to announce the opening of our After Hours Center here at Almond Bancroft schools! The AHC is a tutoring center open to students from 3:30 pm until 5:15 pm from Monday-Thursday. We hold our tutoring center in the Secondary Library while providing our tutees with a nutritious snack to fuel their brains! I am also looking to get some students in to help with tutoring through our peer-tutoring program! Remember, NO transportation is provided after the center's hours, so please arrange a ride.

Americorps is looking for adult and student volunteers the week of October 21st-25th to participate in the United Way's Rake-a-Thon here in Portage County! The event itself is on the 26th, but our school will be visiting Portage county residents and doing our part to clean up yard waste! If you are interested in participating, please contact Joe Nowinski for more details. If you want to have your yard as part of the Rake-A-Thon, contact the Portage County United Way and check out their website <http://www.unitedwaypoco.org/> today!

Our Continuing Education program is starting up this year with a few different options already! Our local fitness expert Jaimie Winn will be working out to Zumba starting the week of October 14th right after school! Contact Joseph Nowinski or Jaimie Winn for more details!

Starting October 15th at 6:00 pm and every 3rd Tuesday of the month, the Fermentation Station will be meeting in the FACS room to create some wonderful concoctions making a host of fun food and drink! The first week, we will be focusing on everyone's favorite Asian addition, Soy Sauce! The class will be free of charge, but participants are encouraged to bring their own utensils and required to bring their own containers! You will be taking home your very own soy mash! Contact Joseph Nowinski for a full list of classes! There is no charge for this class

Starting October 22nd from 5:30 pm -7:30 pm and every 4th Tuesday of the month, the Nowinski family will be hosting Family Musicians in the Almond-Bancroft band room. Are you interested in learning the same instrument your son/daughter plays so you can help guide them at home? Do you have a different instrument you want to play with them? Do you just like playing music and want a push in the right direction? Or would you like to try something new? Community members are encouraged to come in with or without their children and enjoy playing music no matter what their experience level! These classes will be free of charge. Bring your own instrument if possible. If you are unable to make it on that date or unsure of what instrument you would play, please contact Mrs. Nowinski at 715-366-2941 x326.

Americorps in Almond will be offering more classes soon! If you have any ideas for community events, please contact Joe Nowinski! Also, if you want to volunteer in the Almond-Bancroft School District or wish to teach a continuing education class, contact Joe Nowinski at 715-366-2941 (ex 325) or email me at jnowinski@abschool.k12.wi.us.

Attention Agriculture Enthusiasts!

Are you interested in...

Advancing your agricultural skills and knowledge?

Meeting with experienced and qualified instructors of agriculture practices and management?

Personalized instruction to make your farm the best it can be?

Earning College Credit through an accredited, localized program?



Then come to the FARM BUSINESS AND PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT class hosted by Midstate Technical College! Instructor Michael Sabel will host class every two weeks starting October 9th at Almond Bancroft School in the Family and Consumer Science Room! Classes are also offered at Amherst High School starting on October 3rd! This year's focus is going to be on the financial aspects of farmers and agribusiness as well as highlights on public policy concerns and current issues in the world of agriculture. Though there is a cost for the class, financial assistance is available for qualifying students. The first class does not require any tuition payments, and all are welcome to attend. Contact Michael Sabel at 715-389-7051 or Mid State Technical College at (715) 387-2538 for more information!

What: Farm Business and Production Class

Where: Almond Bancroft High-FACS room or Amherst High School

When: Biweekly meetings at Almond- October 9th at 8:15p/ Amherst- October 3rd at 8:00 pm

Cost: \$388.93 for 3 credit hours, financial assistance available. \$186.81 for grad credit

Instructor: Michael Sabel from MSTC

Phone: 715-389-7051 Email: Mike.Sabel@mstc.edu

Website: <http://www.mstc.edu/>



Almond-Bancroft Menus, October 2013

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Box Breakfast	2 French Toast Sticks	3 Breakfast Sandwich	4 Bagel, Yogurt
7 Pancake Wrapped Sausage	8 Oatmeal, Whole Grain Toast	9 Box Breakfast	10 Egg Omelet, Whole Grain Toast	11 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
14 Cereal, Muffin	15 Breakfast Pizza	16 French Toast Sticks	17 Box Breakfast	18 Bagel, Yogurt
21 Pancake Wrapped Sausage	22 Oatmeal, Whole Grain Toast	23 Box Breakfast	24 Scrambled Eggs, Whole Grain Toast	25 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
28 Cereal, Muffin	29 Breakfast Pizza	30 Box Breakfast	31 French Toast Sticks	

October Morning Milk
 \$2.70-M-W PK
 \$3.00-T-Th PK
 \$6.90-K-5th
 (\$.30 a day)

Choice of juice and/or fresh fruit served daily with breakfast.

Choice of 1% white or skim milk served with every breakfast
 Choice of 1% white, skim, or fat free chocolate milk served with every lunch.

Breakfast Prices:
 Reduced – No Charge
 4K (M-W) – 9 days @ 1.00 = \$9.00
 4K (T-Th) – 10 days @ 1.00 = \$10.00
 K-12th grade – 23 days @ 1.00 = \$23.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Tacos, Vegetable, Fruit	2 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	3 Pop Corn Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit	4 Cheese Fries, Garden Bar, Fruit
7 Corn Dog, Ravioli, Vegetable, Fruit	8 Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	9 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	10 Beefy Nachos, Vegetable, Fruit	11 Pizza Dippers, Garden Bar, Fruit
14 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	15 Hamburger, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	16 Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles, Vegetable, Fruit	17 Turkey Wrap, Vegetable, Fruit	18 Hot Dog, Tater Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit
21 Chicken Nuggets, Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	22 Chicken Fajita, Vegetable, Fruit	23 Sub Sandwich, Vegetable Beef Soup, Fruit	24 Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	25 Taco Salad, Vegetable, Fruit
28 Whole Grain Pizza, Garden Bar, Fruit	29 Chicken Pattie on WG Bun, Tater Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	30 Mostaccioli, Garden Bar, Fruit	31 Chicken Quesadilla, Vegetable, Fruit	

Fresh fruit and vegetables served as an option with every lunch.

Lunch Prices:
 Reduced 4K (M-W) – 9 days @ .40 = \$3.60
 Reduced 4K (T-Th) – 10 days @ .40 = \$4.00
 Reduced K-12 – 23 days @ .40 = \$9.20
 4K (M-W) – 9 days @ 1.75 = \$15.75
 4K (T-Th) – 10 days @ 1.75 = \$17.50
 K-5th grade – 23 days @ 1.75 = \$40.25
 6th – 12th grade – 23 days @ 2.00 = \$46.00

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Almond-Bancroft School District that the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting will be held in the Almond Auditorium on the second Monday of October, being October 14, 2013. Budget Hearing begins at 7:45 P.M. and the Annual Meeting begins at 8:00 P.M.

Carol Ellie, Clerk



Food Service News

We want to remind you that if your family qualified for free or reduced meals last year and have not filled out a new Free and Reduced School Meals Application for this year you **MUST** to do so by October 1st otherwise you will be charged for full price meals. If you have any questions regarding this contact Trina, twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 x422., please leave a message, I will return your call as soon as possible.

A few other reminders, when sending in food service payments please put them in an envelope labeled lunch money (or something similar) and include your child's name. Also, if you do not want your child charging ala carte items (whole grain snacks, beef jerky, muffins, fruit snacks, etc.) to your family account you need to notify Trina Warzynski in writing, otherwise they will be allowed to charge these items if your family account has a positive balance. They also have the option to pay cash for them in the lunch line.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Connie Kaehn, Teresa Gutke, & Trina Warzynski

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Almond-Bancroft High School Yearbook
2013-2014

Senior Pictures
Baby Pictures & Graduation Ads

are all due to Ms. Stiebs by
Friday, November 22nd

Please notify your photographer.
Digital copy preferred.
dstiebs@abschools.k12.wi.us



ATTENTION

If your child is absent from school, please call the Attendance Office at 715-366-2941 extension 108 **before 9:00 a.m.**



AUSENCIAS

Si su hijo(a) esta ausente usted es responsable de llamar la Escuela de Almond-Bancroft antes de las **9:00 a.m.** al 715-366-2941 Ext. 101

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