

# ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER 1336 ELM St <br> Almond, WI 54909 <br> Phone $715-366-2941$ FAX 715-366-2940 WWW.ABSCHOOLS.K12.WI.US 



## Almond-Bancroft School District

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## Notes from the Administrator....

I am truly honored to serve you as your superintendent. We, as a staff, hope you feel that this is your school and you will take an active part in maintaining its traditions and high standards. The important work of raising our future citizens and leaders is accomplished through the collective efforts and dedication of educational staff, parents, and the community. Many skilled and dedicated educators collaborate to use best practices and create meaningful learning experiences for all. Of course, our work would not yield such positive outcomes if it were not for the support of parents and the community and your value of education. We encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's education so that together we can promote a love of learning.

It is our goal to create an environment where students can grow and develop academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. All staff members are ready and willing to help you in every possible way. Please feel free to go to any member of the staff for assistance.

Please let us know if you have any questions about our school. We look forward to seeing you and sharing in the successes for both students and staff.

Below is a brief explanation of expenditures for the second year of our technology referendum. Should you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

Thank you, Dan Boxx

2013-2018 Technology Only Referendum
Updated 11-21-2013

| Items Financed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Ifom | Yri | Yr | Yr3 |  | Yra |  | Yr5 |  | Ioralw/ FC |
| Phone System: | \$ 8,650.62 | \$ 8,650.62 | \$ | 8,650.62 | \$ | 8,650.62 | \$ | $8,650.62$ | \$ 43,253.11 |
| S witches: | \$ $4,211.94$ | \$ 4,211.94 | \$ | 4,211.94 | \$ | 4,211.94 | \$ | 4,211.94 | \$ 21,059.70 |
| PCs Round 1 of 3: | \$ 17,376.43 | \$ 17,376.43 | \$ | 17,376.43 |  |  |  |  | \$ 52,129.29 |
| PCs Round 2 of 3: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ - |
| PCs Round 3 of 3: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ - |
| Chromebooks: | \$ 34,899,42 | \$ 34,899.42 | \$ | 34,899.42 |  |  |  |  | \$ 104,698.26 |
| Chromebook Stations: | \$ 5,106.36 | \$ 5,106.36 | \$ | 5,106.36 |  |  |  |  | \$ 15,319.08 |
| Install Wris Cntr UG: | \$ 299.44 | \$ 299.44 | \$ | 299.44 | \$ | 299.44 | \$ | 299.44 | \$ 1,497.20 |
| APs: | \$ 725.41 | $5 \quad 725.41$ | 5 | 725.41 | S | 725.41 | \$ | 725.41 | \$ 3,627.03 |
| Wiring: | \$ 1,658.45 | \$ 1,658.45 | \$ | 1,658.45 | \$ | 1,658.45 | \$ | 1,658.45 | \$ 8,292.26 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 249,875.93 |
| 3/5 year lease FPO: |  |  | \$ | 200.00 |  |  | \$ | 200.00 | \$ 250,275.93 |
| 5 yr One-Time Loan Fees | \$ 110.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 250,385.93 |
| Fed Excise Tax (Phones St.98/pmt) | \$ 71.82 | \$ 95.76 | \$ | 95.76 | \$ | 95.76 | \$ | 119.70 | \$ 250,864.73 |
| 3 yr One-Time Loan Fees | \$ 106.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ 250,970.73 |
| Menard's Cart Supplies: | \$ 210.44 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ $251,181.17$ |
| WalMart Enrollment Supplies: | \$ 41.70 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ $251,222.87$ |
| TigerDirect Surge Protectors: | \$ 440.48 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ $251,663.35$ |
| TigerDirect Audio Cables: | \$ 339.08 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$ $252,002.43$ |


|  | Total $/ \mathrm{Yr}:$ | $\$ 74,247.59$ | $\$ 73,023.83$ | $\$$ | $73,223.83$ | $\$ 15,641.62$ | $\$ 15,865.56$ | $\$ 252,002.43$ |  |
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| $\$$ | $75,000.00$ | $\$$ | 752.41 | $\$ 1,976.17$ | $\$$ | $1,776.17$ | $\$ 59,358.38$ | $\$ 59,134.44$ |  |

## 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 20, 2014. Budget Hearing begins at 6:30 P.M. and the Annual Meeting begins 6:45 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. Jeanette Wilson, Clerk.

| ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GENERAL FUND (FUND 10) | Audited $2012-2013$ | Audited 2013-2014 | Budget <br> 2014-2015 |
| Beginning Fund Balance (Account 930 000) | 1,404,978.00 | 1,408,299.00 | 1,340,515.00 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Reserved (Acct. 931000 ) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Designated (Acct. 932 000) | 1,408,299.00 | 1,340,515.00 | 1,005,196.00 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Unappropriated (Acct. 933 000) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE (ACCT. 930000 ) | 1,408,299.00 | 1,340,515.00 | 1,005,196.00 |
| REVENUES \& OTHER FINANCING SOURCES |  |  |  |
| 100 Transfers-in | 4,502.00 | 2,265.00 | 0.00 |
| Local Sources <br> 211 Taxes | 1,155,116.00 | 1,182,295.00 | 1,132,311.00 |
| 213 Mobile Home Taxes | 2,232.00 | 1,396.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 240 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 260 Non-Capital Sales | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 270 School Activity Income | 10,846.00 | 10,044.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 280 Interest on Investments | 1,520.00 | 1,126.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 290 Other Revenue, Local Sources | 24,015.00 | 9,350.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Subtotal Local Sources | 1,193,729.00 | 1,204,211.00 | 1,151,511.00 |
| Other School Districts Within Wisconsin 310 Transit of Aids | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 340 Payments for Services | 172,312.00 | 212,361.00 | 226,917.00 |
| 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 | 172,312.00 | 212,361.00 | 226,917.00 |
| 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 | 8,771.00 | 7,728.00 | 7,380.00 |
| 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 | 8,771.00 | 7,728.00 | 7,380.00 |
| State Sources <br> 610 State Aid -- Categorical | 73,107.00 | 98,256.00 | 131,281.00 |
| 620 State Aid -- General | 3,145,393.00 | 3,131,883.00 | 3,191,626.00 |
| 630 DPI Special Project Grants | 0.00 | 4,080.00 | 4,240.00 |
| 640 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 650 Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE Grant) | 139,123.00 | 107,445.00 | 135,000.00 |
| 660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units | 28,439.00 | 32,495.00 | 29,000.00 |
| 690 Other Revenue | 122,643.00 | 116,104.00 | 115,274.00 |
| Subtotal State Sources | 3,508,705.00 | 3,490,263.00 | 3,606,421.00 |


|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Audited } \\ \text { 2012-2013 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Audited 2013-2014 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Budget } \\ 2014-2015 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Sourc |  |  |  |
| 710 Transit of Aids | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 720 Impact Aid | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 730 DPI Special Project Grants | 33,901.00 | 36,814.00 | 32,763.00 |
| 750 IASA Grants | 99,327.00 | 93,974.00 | 94,041.00 |
| 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 | 0.00 | 14,174.00 | 15,000.00 |
| 790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct | 15,423.00 | 10,269.00 | 11,468.00 |
| Subtotal Federal Sources | 148,651.00 | 155,231.00 | 153,272.00 |
| Other Financing Sources 850 Reorganization Settlement | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 860 Compensation, Fixed Assets | 58,431.00 | 71,836.00 | 18,311.00 |
| 870 Long-Term Obligations | 32,179.00 | 222,529.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other Financing Sources | 90,610.00 | 294,365.00 | 18,311.00 |
| Other Revenues 960 Adjustments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 970 Refund of Disbursement | 14,735.00 | 53,198.00 | 14,000.00 |
| 980 Medical Service Reimbursement | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 990 Miscellaneous | 3,135.00 | 2,992.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other Revenues | 17,870.00 | 56,190.00 | 14,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES \& OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 5,145,150.00 | 5,422,614.00 | 5,177,812.00 |
| EXPENDITURES \& OTHER FINANCING USES |  |  |  |
| Instruction |  |  |  |
| 110000 Undifferentiated Curriculum | 1,010,178.00 | 918,465.00 | 990,341.00 |
| 120000 Regular Curriculum | 1,152,908.00 | 1,274,630.00 | 1,173,349.00 |
| 130000 Vocational Curriculum | 215,753.00 | 235,603.00 | 242,445.00 |
| 140000 Physical Curriculum | 175,150.00 | 176,872.00 | 189,397.00 |
| 160000 Co-Curricular Activities | 110,868.00 | 120,612.00 | 126,676.00 |
| 170000 Other Special Needs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Instruction | 2,664,857.00 | 2,726,182.00 | 2,722,208.00 |
| Support Sources 210000 Pupil Services | 119,442.00 | 119,133.00 | 123,730.00 |
| 220000 Instructional Staff Services | 119,288.00 | 114,627.00 | 137,939.00 |
| 230000 General Administration | 158,060.00 | 143,623.00 | 149,660.00 |
| 240000 School Building Administration | 233,277.00 | 249,741.00 | 253,540.00 |
| 250000 Business Administration | 900,851.00 | 949,318.00 | 855,743.00 |
| 260000 Central Services | 180,671.00 | 248,526.00 | 187,257.00 |
| 270000 Insurance \& Judgments | 61,120.00 | 62,662.00 | 58,322.00 |
| 280000 Debt Services | 5,613.00 | 81,165.00 | 82,037.00 |
| 290000 Other Support Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Support Sources | 1,778,322.00 | 1,968,795.00 | 1,848,228.00 |
| Non-Program Transactions 410000 Inter-fund Transfers | 362,578.00 | 359,246.00 | 416,601.00 |
| 430000 Instructional Service Payments | 336,072.00 | 436,175.00 | 526,094.00 |
| 490000 Other Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Non-Program Transactions | 698,650.00 | 795,421.00 | 942,695.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES \& OTHER FINANCING USES | 5,141,829.00 | 5,490,398.00 | 5,513,131.00 |
| SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUNDS 21, 23, 27, 29) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Audited } \\ 2012-2013 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Audited 2013-2014 | Budget 2014-2015 |
| 900000 Beginning Fund Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 900000 Ending Fund Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES \& OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 614,369.00 | 613,726.00 | 668,667.00 |
| 100000 Instruction | 361,663.00 | 331,888.00 | 379,878.00 |
| 200000 Support Services | 174,165.00 | 182,620.00 | 196,289.00 |
| 400000 Non-Program Transactions | 78,541.00 | 99,218.00 | 92,500.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES \& OTHER FINANCING USES | 614,369.00 | 613,726.00 | 668,667.00 |


| DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUNDS 38, 39) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Audited } \\ \text { 2012-2013 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Audited } \\ \text { 2013-2014 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Budget } \\ 2014-2015 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 900000 Beginning Fund Balance | 48,584.00 | 41,769.00 | 34,562.00 |
| 900000 ENDING FUND BALANCES | 41,769.00 | 34,562.00 | 26,962.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES \& OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 449,408.00 | 449,616.00 | 449,223.00 |
| 281000 Long-Term Capital Debt | 456,223.00 | 456,823.00 | 456,823.00 |
| 282000 Refinancing | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 283000 Operational Debt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 289000 Other Long-Term General Obligation Debt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES \& OTHER FINANCING USES | 456,223.00 | 456,823.00 | 456,823.00 |
| 842000 INDEBTEDNESS, END OF YEAR | 2,040,000.00 | 1,665,000.00 | 1,275,000.00 |
| FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Audited } \\ \text { 2012-2013 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Audited } \\ \text { 2013-2014 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Budget } \\ 2014-2015 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 900000 Beginning Fund Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 900000 ENDING FUND BALANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES \& OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 242,008.00 | 239,824.00 | 231,816.00 |
| 200000 Support Services | 242,008.00 | 239,824.00 | 231,816.00 |
| 400000 Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES \& OTHER FINANCING USES | 242,008.00 | 239,824.00 | 231,816.00 |
| TRUST FUND (FUND 72,73) | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Audited } \\ \text { 2012-2013 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Audited } \\ 2013-2014 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Budget } \\ 2014-2015 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 900000 Beginning Fund Balance | 249,914.00 | 197,943.00 | 42,825.00 |
| 900000 ENDING FUND BALANCE | 197,943.00 | 42,825.00 | 22,275.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES \& OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 54,859.00 | 16,142.00 | 70,104.00 |
| 200000 Support Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 400000 Non-Program Transactions | 106,830.00 | 171,260.00 | 90,654.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES \& OTHER FINANCING USES | 106,830.00 | 171,260.00 | 90,654.00 |

${ }^{* * *}$ As of September 25th, 2014 Trust Fund 73 had an ending balance of $\$ 25,486.48$, accrued
an investment return of $\$ 146.74$, with the amount of disbursements totaling $\$ 89,404$. The invest-
ment manager utilized for Trust Fund 73 is AUL.

| COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80) | Audited <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 2 - 2 0 1 3}$ | Audited <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 3 - 2 0 1 4}$ | Budget <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 - 2 0 1 5}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 900000 Beginning Fund Balance | $6,481.00$ | $5,948.00$ | $9,450.00$ |
| 900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE | $\mathbf{5 , 9 4 8 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 4 5 0 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 4 5 0 . 0 0}$ |
| TOTAL REVENUES \& OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 0.00 | $5,000.00$ | $5,000.00$ |
| 200000 Support Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 300000 Community Services | 533.00 | $1,498.00$ | $5,000.00$ |
| 400000 Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES \& OTHER FINANCING USES | $\mathbf{5 3 3 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 9 8 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0 . 0 0}$ | PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY


| FUND | Audited <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 2 - 2 0 1 3}$ | Audited <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 3 - 2 0 1 4}$ | Budget <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 - 2 0 1 5}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| General Fund | $1,155,116.00$ | $1,182,295.00$ | $1,132,311.00$ |
| Referendum Debt Service Fund | $449,023.00$ | $449,323.00$ | $449,023.00$ |
| 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 | $5,000.00$ | $5,000.00$ |
| TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY | $\mathbf{1 , 6 0 4 , 1 3 9 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 3 6 , 6 1 8 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 5 8 6 , 3 3 4 . 0 0}$ |
| PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- |  | $\mathbf{2 . 0 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{- 3 . 0 7 \%}$ |

The below listed new or discontinued programs have a financial impact on the proposed 2013-2014 budget:
DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL IMPACT
NEW PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL IMPACT

## From the Desk of the School Nurse: Lynn Frost R.N., BSN

Hello everyone,
As you all have probably heard through the national news, there have been clusters of cases of Enterovirus D68 popping up in several states. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is monitoring the state closely. They have not given us notice of any confirmed cases in Wisconsin at this time.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics most recent news flash, "Children from 6 weeks to 16 years , and with a median age of 5 years, have been most affected by the current outbreak, especially those with a history of asthma or wheezing. Onset of the symptoms can be quick. Within hours, typical cold symptoms have turned into breathing difficulties, sometimes accompanied by wheezing, cough, rash or fever."

EV-D68 causes respiratory illness, and the virus can be found in respiratory secretions such as saliva, nasal mucus, or sputum. The virus likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or touches contaminated surfaces.

## PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MEASURES:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys, furniture surfaces, and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick
- Cover coughs
- If your child is having breathing difficulties associated with cold symptoms, call your doctor for further evaluation.
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Please check with your local health department for further updates in your area.
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) currently has an active website http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/EVD68.html where they are providing relevant information. Also see: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ mm63e0908a1.htm?s_cid=mm63e0908a1_e

## Positive, Behavior, Interventions, \& Supports a.k.a PBIS

## Elementary PBIS

## Behavior Expectations

During the first week of school, our elementary students experienced demonstrations of our school behavior expectations in the following areas: hallways, cafeteria, playground, bathrooms, bus, and lining up for dismissal or attending Boys and Girls Club. Students traveled with their classmates through rotations in which they experienced "wrong way" and "correct way" demonstrations.

## Elementary School Reward (Grades 1-5)

This school year, a PBIS reward activity will be earned when elementary students fill the large GIFT box displayed on the GIFTS wall. A targeted behavior will be displayed on the GIFT and announced during morning announcements. The target will change whenever the staff identifies a need to reinforce a new/different behavior expectation. GIFTS tickets may be given
 by any staff member to students who are going above and beyond their peers in the targeted behavior. So far, our target behavior has been RESPECT.
When the large gift box is complete, students will earn the reward and the names will also be entered into a drawing on the nearest Friday. Ten to twelve names will be drawn, so the more tickets students have on the wall, the better their chance to win a prize.


## Students and Parents of the Class of 2015:

You should have received a postcard in the mail regarding this year's Senior Planning Conferences. Conferences will take place between Sept 22-Oct 24, 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!
I hope to 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 to give each of you an opportunity to learn how 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!


## ACT Writing Study for Juniors and Seniors

This year, Juniors and Seniors will be participating in an ACT Writing Study. This will take place during English class and should only take two class periods per grade. This summer, ACT announced enhancements to the ACT Writing Test. The Writing Study conducted at school will give students a chance to practice responding to the new writing prompts, which will better prepare them for this year's ACT Plus Writing exam. The ACT Plus Writing will be taken by all Juniors this year as part of our state assessment program. This test may be used for college entrance for 4 -year programs, as well as 2 -year programs and technical colleges.
Please contact Ms. Spear if you have any questions.

The Wisconsin state testing and assessment requirements for College and Career Readiness have changed for this year. Part of this change includes a new ACT test for Freshmen. This ACT Aspire test will be completed in both the fall and the spring of this year. This test assesses student readiness in English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Scores received from this test will help predict future ACT scores for college entrance. A complete test schedule will be mailed to the families of students that will be testing this year.
Please contact Ms. Spear if you have any questions.

A chance to visit UW-Marathon County is coming up! On Friday, October 3rd, interested juniors and seniors will travel to UW-Marathon County (UW-MC) in Wausau to learn more about this 2 -year UW-College.
UW-MC 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 UW-MC 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.
You have the opportunity on Friday, October $19^{\text {th }}$ 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.

## PSAT for Juniors

Juniors had the opportunity to sign up for the PSAT, which will take place on October 15th. The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the ACT/SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions you will see on the ACT/ SAT.
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.


WKCE Testing for Grades 4, 8, and 10

Students in grades 4, 8, and 10 will take the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) again this year. This fall students will be taking the science and social studies sections of the WKCE, which will take place during class time. Grades 4 and 8 will each have one class period of science testing and one class period of social studies testing. A complete schedule will be mailed home to the families of students that will be testing this year.
Please contact Ms. Spear if you have any questions.

## Elementary GIFTS Lessons (Classroom Guidance)

This year in grades K-5, students will be learning about three new GIFTS concepts:
Self-Awareness, Resistance and Tolerance. We will begin the year on Self-Awareness. Within that unit we will learn more about ourselves exploring: thoughts/feelings, strengths/weaknesses, likes/dislikes/, traits/ behaviors, and abilities/goals. Additionally, fifth grade students will be discovering that they each have different learning styles and begin to understand how they can use knowledge about how they learn best to become better students.

## Eagles Athletic Events

10/2-MS Football Home vs. Wild Rose, 5:00 pm
-MS Volleyball @ Iola, 5:00 pm
-HS Volleyball Home vs.
Port Edwards, 6:00 pm
10/3-Varsity Football @ Port
Edwards, 4:00 pm
10/6-MS Volleyball Home vs.
Port Edwards, 5:30 pm
-JV Football Home vs. Port
Edwards, 6:00 pm
10/7-MS Football @ St Pete's,
4:30 pm
-MS Volleyball @ Amherst,
4:30 pm
-HS volleyball @ Gresham,
6:00 pm
10/9-MS Volleyball @ Tri-
County, 5:00 pm
10/10-Varsity Football Home vs.
Rosholt, 7:00 pm
10/11-Varsity Volleyball Pool
Play @ TBD, 10:00 am
10/13-JV Football @ Rosholt,
5:00 pm
10/14-MS Football Home vs.
Marion/Tigerton, 5:00 pm
-Varsity Volleyball Pool Play
@ TBD, 7:30 pm
10/17-Varsity Football @ Tri-
County, 7:00 pm
10/21-Varsity Volleyball
Regional Play, TBD
10/23-MS Boys Basketball @ Amherst, 4:30 pm
10/28-MS Boys Basketball
Home vs. Port Edwards,
5:30 pm
10/30-MS Boys Basketball
Home vs. Tri-County, 5:30
pm
*Schedule is subject to change


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## middle School Volleybell 2014



Eighth grade (L to R): Michaela Stucker, Briana Borski, Emaleah Matke, Blanca Castillo, Sydney Otto, Angela Rogers, Coach Jaimie Winn, manager Ella.


Seventh \& Sixth grade (back row): Shauna Ferris, Melissa Perzinski, Cassie Lehman, Makayla Perzinski, Coach Abby Borgen Front row: Chloee Dernbach, Monica Herrera, Hailey Sawyer, Halie Stucker, Lillian Jones, Jenny Gasper-Diaz, Jeany Bloede, Macy Turzinski

## To: Parents and Members of the Class of 2015

From: Eagle Publications Yearbook
Senior Photo Submission Deadline: Friday, November 14 ${ }^{\text {th }}$
Congratulations on your senior! The following information will help you plan for your senior portraits and ensure that the photo in your child's yearbook will be treasured. You may submit a photo taken by a professional photographer of your choice, as long as your submitted photo meets deadline, aesthetic and technical specifications. If you have not yet scheduled a sitting with a professional photographer, do so as soon as possible.
The purpose of the senior photo policy is to promote clarity and recognition of students and to discourage controversial submissions.

The photo must be a head and shoulders shot of the student - Full face shot. No profiles; both eyes of the senior must be visible.
The photo cannot have the name of the artist's studio printed on the picture
The picture must be portrait size, not landscape size
The photo must not contain props, pets, or persons other than the senior (props include vehicles, sports equipment, instruments, etc.)
The photo must not have an all white or all black background as these photos often look like "cut-outs"
Hands are not allowed in the picture
Students in the photo must follow the school dress code. Although it is usually summer when photos are taken, students must have their shoulders and bodies adequately covered. No
 cleavage. No hats. No inappropriate logos on t-shirts.
Due to copyright laws, your photographer must submit a senior portrait to the yearbook staff and grant his/her permission for the yearbook staff to publish the photograph. The best way to do this is to have the photographer write an e-mail which releases the photograph for publication in the Almond-Bancroft Yearbook, attach a .jpeg file of the senior photo to the e-mail, and send both to Ms. Stiebs via e-mail (dstiebs@abschools.k12.wi.us).
If you will not have a professional photographer take your senior's photo, the student may ask a yearbook staff member to take a quality photograph of him/her in a local outdoor setting. You may also submit an unprofessional photo as long as the picture is well focused and has a high resolution.
Enjoy this fast-paced year with your senior! Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to contact Ms. Stiebs if you have any questions.

Danielle Stiebs<br>Yearbook Advisor<br>dstiebs@abschools.k12.wi.us<br>715-366-1941 x314





## 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. These are packages you may select from: Standard: (\$5.00) Happy Birthday balloon on party stick decorated with ribbon, card, and a round lollipop Extras $\qquad$ Stuffed A-B Eagle (\$5.00) Green \& White Pom-Pom (\$2.00 each) Birthday Tiara or Hat (\$1.00)
Beads (\$1.00/3)
$\qquad$ A-B stocking hat (\$10.00) A-B Birthday Pen ( $\$ 2.00$ each) Extra lollipop (\$1.00 each)
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Ornery, Scrooge-like Oscar DeWilder has forbidden his niece to marry the actor she loves. Can the Piccadilly Players (with the help of some potent pain medication) trick him into believing he is being visited by spirits of the past, present, and future? Will Claire ever be happy? Will the girls ever get to put on a musical? Who is

Rosebud? All these questions and more will be answered as Almond-Bancroft High School presents

## Showtime for Oscar

By Ray Sheers
Saturday, November 15 ${ }^{\text {th }} 7: 00$ PM Sunday, November 16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 2:00 PM

## Almond and Bancroft Community Trick or Treating Events

## Almond

Trick or Treating will be held Friday, October 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$, from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.
If you want children to stop at your home for treats, please leave your
 Bancroft
Trick or Treating will be held o Saturday, November ${ }^{\text {st }}$ from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. outside light on.

The Almond Lions Club will hold a
Halloween party for pre-school through $5^{\text {th }}$ grade on Friday, October 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Almond School East Gym.


## The Almond-Bancroft Cub Scouts

are starting off another school year and invite you to join us at our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

Saturday October 25, 2014
3:00 to 7:00 PM
American Legion Hall, Almond


Pack 248 will be serving all you can eat spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, vegetable, beverages and dessert.
Eat in or Carry out Ages 4-11 \$3

Ages 3 and under Free
The A-B Cub Scouts would like to thank the members of the community for their support!

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## Food Service News

Dear Families,
We are very excited to announce Almond-Bancroft's participation in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Your children may have all ready told you about the fruit and vegetable cart that is supplying them with a healthy snack during their school day outside of breakfast and lunch.
We would like to supply you with more information about the program. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is a federally assisted program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students in participating elementary schools during the school day.

The goal of the FFVP is to improve children's overall diet and create healthier eating habits to impact their present and future health. The FFVP will help schools create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices; expanding the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience; and increasing children's fruit and vegetable consumption.
FFVP can be an important tool in our efforts to combat childhood obesity. The Program has been successful in introducing school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to sample.

Attached is a photo of the selection of fresh fruit your children had a choice of in the past few weeks, we hope they are enjoying the tasty selections!

Connie Kaehn, Teresa Gutke, Lynn Baird \& Trina Warzynski
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## 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

## Almond-Bancroft School District Vision Statement

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

## Almond-Bancroft School District Mission Statement

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

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