



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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August/September 2023

Dates To Remember

8/16-Board Of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm, Board Room

8/30-Open House, 4:00-7:30 pm

9/1-First Day of School for Students

9/4-No School, Labor Day

9/20-Board Of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm, Board Room



Back To School

Almond-Bancroft School District

Jodi Becker
District Administrator

Toni Schumacher
PK-12 Principal

Tamara Wheaton
Director of Pupil Services

School Board

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ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE PREK-12 STUDENT REGISTRATION FALL PICTURE DAY

August 30, 2023
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- COMPLETE AND TURN IN STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS
- STUDENTS-GET YOUR FALL PICTURE TAKEN
- GET CLASS SCHEDULES
- TURN IN A FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION
- MAKE A PAYMENT TO YOUR FAMILY FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNT
- RECEIVE BUS ROUTE INFORMATION
- BRING IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- TRY LOCKER COMBINATIONS
- ATTEND 6TH OR 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION
- COME MEET YOUR TEACHERS
- GET INFORMATION FROM: CAP SERVICES, NATIONAL GUARD, A-B PARTNERES IN EDUCATION (PIE), BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
- SEE WHAT THE YEAR HAS TO OFFER

PARENT / STUDENT MEETINGS:

- 4:30 p.m. Elementary Parent Title 1 Meeting -Auditorium
-Review of math and reading achievement goals.
- 5:30 p.m. Mandatory 6th Grade Orientation -Auditorium
- 6:30 p.m. Mandatory 9th Grade Orientation -Auditorium
- 4:00-7:30 p.m. School Pictures -Cafeteria



District Administrator Message



The new school year is upon us...already! It seems every year summer is shorter and shorter. But with a new school year, we have a lot of things to look forward to. We get to see friends and colleagues we may not have seen for months, and we get to meet new people and build new relationships. Students get new classes, new teachers and new challenges. Some students are moving up to a new school and the seniors are embarking on their final year at Almond-Bancroft Schools!

There is excitement in the air, but there can also be a little anxiety or apprehension. This is all a normal part of change. Change is never easy, but it is one of the only things that we can count on for our entire lives. We will always face change of some sort - some are bigger than others, but we need to work to face these changes with a positive attitude. Oprah Winfrey once said, **"The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude."** The attitude that you possess as you face a challenge sometimes makes all the difference.

As seniors begin their last year in Almond-Bancroft schools, there are a lot of emotions they will go through. Sometimes they will feel excitement, joy, happiness, and anticipation. Other times they will feel overwhelmed, anxious, sad, and scared. This is a time where there are so many experiences that are out of their comfort zone. It's a big ask for them to try and figure out what they want to do with the rest of their lives, but we are asking them to take the first step. Our new school counselor, Mrs. Chapa, has been in our district for multiple years and knows the students and is ready to help support the seniors and guiding them to take the step that will lead them to their future success. As Maslow said, **"In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety."** Seniors, take advantage of the resources we have, reach out to Mrs. Chapa and Mrs. Schumacher and me. We want you to succeed and follow whatever dream you have.

As summer does come to a close and we move forward in the new year full of changes and challenges and celebrations, I think back to one of my favorite moments from this summer. My son and I have been Indiana Jones fans since he was little, so we had to go see the new Indiana Jones movie. Amazingly, an 80-year-old Harrison Ford still had Indy inside of him. In his words, **"We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance."** Let's take the opportunity of this new year to make the most of each and every moment to learn and grow.

Dr. Jodi Becker

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 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.

Welcome New Staff



Hello, my name is Tamara Wheaton and I am excited to be joining the Almond-Bancroft school district as the Director of Pupil Services. I spent the past twenty-one years working in Wautoma at the high school. I love summer, gardening and watching my chickens. In the winter I love crocheting, knitting, and other crafts. My husband and I also enjoy spending time with our three grandchildren. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Hello! My name is Reegan Van Camp, and I am extremely excited to be joining the Almond-Bancroft School District as the new band director this year! I am a recent graduate of UW-Oshkosh and am starting my first year of teaching. Outside of teaching, my hobbies include jazz piano, technology, and Disc Golf. With my passion and experience in many areas of music, I hope to be able to share them with my students as we grow in the learning process. I look forward to meeting everyone!



Hi, I'm Jaime Jastrab and I will be one of the new High School English teachers. I spent the last year substitute teaching at the Almond-Bancroft schools, from kindergarten to seniors, music to math. I've recently moved to Almond and enjoy the quiet and the outdoors. I look forward to helping students dot their i's and cross their t's to prepare for their future after high school.

Hello! My name is Maggie Weiland. I am excited to be joining the Almond-Bancroft School District for my first year teaching as a High School English teacher. I'm originally from Wisconsin Rapids, and I recently graduated from UW-Stevens Point. As an English teacher, I love reading, especially fantasy and poetry books! My other hobbies include spending time with friends and family, hiking, kayaking, and playing guitar and tabletop games. I am looking forward to building meaningful relationships with students, staff, and the community in the Almond-Bancroft School District!



Hi, my name is Roland Fuller and I will be the High School Science Teacher. I went to UWSP and got my Bachelors Degree in Biochemistry. I worked in a contract analytical lab for two years then decided to try teaching. I did a long term substitute position in Adams-Friendship for science. I then went on to work four years in the district, the last two as the 8th grade science teacher. I am looking forward to teaching here in Almond-Bancroft. I am married with two kids. I enjoy video games, reading and high school and middle school sports.



Hello! My name is Kelsey Zdziarski and I am thrilled for the opportunity to join the Almond-Bancroft School district as the new Middle School Social Studies teacher! I am a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, where I earned my Bachelor's Degree in History and Social Studies Education. When I am not in the classroom, one can find me antique shopping, exploring museums, watching documentaries, or spending time listening to the numerous Broadway Musical Soundtracks that I love. I cannot wait to connect with the staff, students, and community in the Almond-Bancroft School District, and look forward to sharing my passion for history!



Hello students, faculty, and community members! My name is Amy Behnke and I am excited to be your new General and Choral music teacher. I am an alumni of ABHS that graduated in 2000 and did my undergraduate at UWSP in 2005. For many years I was a homeschool teacher to my own children, but now I get to live my dream teaching music. Another exciting change is that my children will be attending AB schools this coming year!



In my free time I like to work in my garden, read, bowl, and spend time with my family and friends. This summer I get the amazing opportunity to see 4 of my favorite musicians in concert: Lizzo, Taylor Swift, Pink, and Brandi Carlisle. I can't wait!

My husband Ben and I have a small homestead in Almond where we have lived for the past 5 years. We have 6 children and 2 dogs on our little farm. Almond is and has always been my home, so I am invested in the success of our students and school. I have so many wonderful memories of my student years at AB and I am looking forward to experiencing life through the lens of teaching here. Starting my teaching career for the first time so many years later has shown me that it's never too late to try something new and to do what you love! I am overjoyed to be back at Almond Bancroft doing what I love and being a part of the awesome things that are going on here!

Juggler. Writer. Book reader. Those are all ways to describe me. Hopefully, I'm remembered more as someone who did his best to make those around me happy. Eventually the kids will refer to me as Mr. K, my full name is Neil Klosterman, and I'm excited to be joining the AB middle school staff. I've taught all over in Wisconsin and even had a two year stint in Barcelona, Spain. I'm all about getting the kids to step up to the challenges that they'll face as they encounter new tasks. Hopefully juggling, sign language, and a love for reading and writing is the near future for your son or daughter. I can't wait to meet all of you!



Hello! My name is Kelsi Beattie and I am very excited to be joining the Almond-Bancroft School District as the new 9-12 social studies teacher! I graduated from the University of Stevens Point in the spring of 2021, then dedicated a year to substitute teaching. My first teaching job was at Marshall High School, teaching World History & US Government. This will now be my second year teaching, therefore, I am enthused to advance my teaching practices. I also enjoy coffee shops, staying active, and of course my cat, Nilla! Overall, I look forward to getting to know my students and hope to spark their curiosity within my subject areas.



Hello! My name is Dan Michel and I am very pleased to announce that I will be teaching Special Education at the middle school in 2023-24. I grew up in Stevens Point and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1988. I cooked for 5 years in Madison restaurants, then returned to school at UW-SP to earn my teaching certificate. I have taught for 19 years off and on since 1997, mostly in high school. I am not a stats geek, but I really enjoy playing fantasy football (for free and for fun @NFL.com). And I am a huge Packers fan! My wife and I live in the woods with our 5 dogs where I enjoy the challenge of trying to grow a lawn. I also have 2 flower gardens that are new this summer. Like my lawn, I try to stay green and growing!



2023-24 PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT ANNUAL NOTICES

As required by law, Almond-Bancroft Public Schools annually notifies parent, guardians, and community members of the School District Policies and Procedures related to:

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The Almond-Bancroft School District offers a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District. Some of the specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following: Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school-age), Special education programs and services for students with disabilities, English language learner programming, Career and Technical Education (CTE) options, an education for employment program, individualized program and curriculum modifications, alternative education program(s), at-risk education (e.g., for students identified as being at-risk of not graduating from high school), summer school programming.

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the Almond-Bancroft School District that involve part-time attendance to attend courses at an educational institution other than a school of the Almond-Bancroft School District include the following: The Part-time Open Enrollment Program, which provides opportunities for public high school students to apply for approval to take up to 2 courses at a time in nonresident school districts, the Technical College Course Program ("Start College Now" Program), which provides opportunities to apply for approval to take courses at technical colleges; and is available only to students who are enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade. The Early College Credit Program, which provides opportunities to apply for approval to take nonsectarian courses at institutions of higher education; and is available to eligible high school students.

Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the Almond-Bancroft School District include the following: High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma. Full-time Open Enrollment involving physical attendance in a public school of a nonresident school district or attendance through a virtual charter school that is associated with a nonresident school district. A child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes. Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable). Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.

Educational options for children who reside in the Almond-Bancroft School District but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following: Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District. Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.

Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to: Apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53 of the state statutes. Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133 of the state statutes.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District's main administrative office at 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909 by calling 715-366-2941 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The person(s) responsible for coordinating compliance for Title IX, Section 504, and Title II of the ADA is:

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ADMISSIONS

Any student seeking school admission in the District must reside within the established boundaries of the District, except as otherwise provided by law and/or Board policy.

Individuals enrolling a student are expected to follow the District's registration procedures, including providing appropriate documentation of the student's age and in-District residency (or other status that permits admission to a District school). The District's registration procedures shall be sufficiently flexible so as to not unlawfully interfere with the prompt admission, school placement, and attendance of children in a special legal status that provides rights and protection regarding school enrollment (e.g., homeless, foster care, children of military families, Safe at Home program participants, etc.).

The full School Admission Policy 420, Procedures for Placing Transfer Students Rule 420, and Procedures for Enrollment and Placement of Homeless Children and Youth Rule 411.2 is found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

STUDENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS

School boards are required by section 120.12(13) of the state statutes to notify the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the school district of the student academic standards that will be in effect for the school year. Almond-Bancroft Policy 313 Exhibit-Annual Notice of Academic Standards is found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Annually, school boards are required by section 115.385(4) of the state statutes to provide a copy of the school's accountability report that is published by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to the parent/guardian of each student enrolled in the school district. If you have access to a computer, the most recent School Accountability Report is found through a link on the school district website at www.abschools.k12.wi.us. To request a copy of the report, please contact Dr. Jodi Becker, District Administrator, at 715-366-2941, ext. 418 or jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Annually, school boards are required by section 118.57 of the state statutes to publish a description of the educational options available to children residing in the district. The District Notice of Educational Options for Children who Reside in the District, 343.4 Exhibit, is found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Annually, each school board is required by section 115.38 of the state statutes to notify the parent/guardian of each student enrolled in the school district of the right to request a school and school district performance report. The data will be from the previous school year. If you have access to a computer, the data provided in the School District Performance Report is found through a link on the school district website at www.abschools.k12.wi.us. You will not need to request a copy of the report if you choose to view the School Performance Report via the school district website. To request a copy of the report, please contact Dr. Jodi Becker, District Administrator, at 715-366-2941 ext. 418 or jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us.

STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) generates accountability report cards for schools/districts based on state assessments. Assessment schedule and associated information can be located on the DPI website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment>. Parents may request additional information regarding any state or local policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by law and by the district. Please contact Mrs. Toni Schumacher, PreK-12 Principal, at 715-366-2941, ext. 123 or tschumacher@abschools.k12.wi.us.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Almond-Bancroft School District that no person may be denied admission to any public school in the district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curriculum, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the policy in the Almond-Bancroft School District you may contact: Dr. Jodi Becker, District Administrator, Almond-Bancroft Public Schools, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909, 715-366-2941 ext. 418, jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us.

To view Almond-Bancroft Policy 411 Equal Educational Opportunities Student Nondiscrimination and Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures Rule 411 go to Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website, www.abschools.k12.wi.us

TITLE IX

Final regulations from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 with respect to sexual harassment went into effect on August 14, 2020. Almond-Bancroft Title IX coordinators: Andrew Bradley, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909, 715-366-2941 ext. 331, abradley@abschools.k12.wi.us and Tamara Wheaton, Director of Pupil Services, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909, 715-366-2941 ext. 415, twheaton@abschools.k12.wi.us. The full Title IX notice can be found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

School districts are required by section 115.77(1m)(h) of state statutes to publicize information regarding its special education procedures and services. Please review Almond-Bancroft Public Schools Annual FERPA, Child Find (IDEA and 504) Notices, Confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information Obtained Through Child Find Activities, Notice of Child Find Activity, Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report, and Programs for Students with Disabilities Policy 342.1 found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

CHILD FIND OBLIGATION AND STUDENT SERVICES

Under the state and federal laws governing students “at risk” or with disabilities under IDEA and/or Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, districts must undertake activities to “find” children with disabilities eligible for federally funded services, and must advise of the alternative educational programming opportunities.

The Almond-Bancroft School District must locate, identify, and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. The school district has a special education screening program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the Almond-Bancroft District and who have not graduated from high school. Upon request, the Almond-Bancroft District will screen any resident child who has not graduated from high school to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting: Tamara Wheaton, Director of Pupil Services, at 715-366-2941 ext. 415, twheaton@abschools.k12.wi.us, or 1336 Elm Street, Almond WI, 54909.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

School boards are required by section 115.7915(5) of the state statutes to annually notify parents and guardians of each child with a disability enrolled in the school district of the Special Needs Scholarship Program. Please review Almond-Bancroft Public Schools Programs for Students with Disabilities Policy 342.1 Exhibit found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website, www.abschools.k12.wi.us, or visit the following site to review information on eligibility and availability of the Special Needs Scholarship Program provided by Wisconsin Statutes: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>

TITLE I PROGRAM

School districts receiving federal Title I program funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to notify parents of their parent and family engagement policy. Almond-Bancroft Public Schools Board Policy 342.5 Title I Programing and Rule, Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy Guidelines, can be found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

The parents/guardians of limited English (English Learners, EL) students participating in a language instruction program shall be notified, beginning of the school year, of the following: • Placement and reason why their child was identified as EL student • Child’s academic achievement level and level of English proficiency (including method of measurement) • The methods used for language instruction • How the language program will meet the child’s instructional needs • How the program will help the child to learn English and meet the academic standards for promotion or graduation • The exit requirements for the language program • An explanation of parental rights, including the parent’s right to enroll or remove a child from the language instruction program - ESEA, Wis. Stats. § 115.96(2). Please review Almond-Bancroft Public Schools Services for English Learners Policy 342.7 and Rule, Procedures for Testing and Assisting English Learners, found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

ACADEMIC & CAREER PLANNING

Information regarding compliance with PI 26.03(1)(b)1 related to academic and career planning services and Almond-Bancroft Policy 364 Guidance and Counseling Program can be found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us or by contacting Danielle Chapa, K-12 School Counselor, at 715-366-2941 ext. 416, dchapa@abschools.k12.wi.us, or 1336 Elm Street, Almond WI, 54909.

STUDENT BULLYING

School boards are required by section 118.46(2) of state statutes to annually distribute the district’s policy prohibiting bullying. Almond-Bancroft Public Schools Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment Policy 411.1 and the Exhibit 411.1 Reporting or Bullying or Harassment Report Form can be found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website at www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

EARY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

School districts are required by section 118.55(8) of state statutes to annually provide information about the Early College Credit Program to all students enrolled in the school district in 8th through 11th grades. Almond-Bancroft Public Schools Board Policy 343.46 Early College Credit Program can be found under Parent and Student Annual Notices on the school district website: www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act—AHERA), each primary and secondary school, both public and private, in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. Almond-Bancroft Public Schools has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, Almond-Bancroft Public Schools shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community’s youth and employees.

On *April 11, 2023*, a periodic surveillance was conducted in each school building to inspect the condition of asbestos and no changes of condition were noted.

On April 11, 2023, MacNeil Environmental, Inc. conducted a three-year reinspection of all asbestos at each school building. Their accredited inspectors not only checked the condition of asbestos but reassessed operations and maintenance procedures that will keep this asbestos containing material in good conditions.

This past year Almond-Bancroft School District conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials.

Almond-Bancroft Public Schools has not implemented any additional operations and/or maintenance programs to maintain asbestos building materials in good condition.

Short-term workers (outside contractors –i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

Almond-Bancroft Public Schools has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building, and a description and timetable for their proper management. Should you have any further questions, you may contact Mr. Craig Nigh, our district maintenance supervisor, who is the designated person for asbestos. His contact information is as follows, cnigh@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 ext. 344.

PARENT - STUDENT HANDBOOK

Each student (PreK-12) will receive a handbook which is a source of information for students and parents/guardian. Please keep a copy of the handbook where you can refer to it readily. There are state laws pointed out in the handbooks and forms you may need to use during the school year. There is a parent - student handbook for Elementary and one for Middle School/High School. Handbooks have changes from year to year, so please check them out!

An emergency card will be mailed home for each student. We need an emergency card for each student annually, therefore it should be filled out and sent back to the office right away! Make sure the back is also filled out as that gives us information on who to contact if we can't get a hold of a parent/guardian.

PARKING

There is a two hour parking limit on the south side of Elm Street across from the school. Violators will be ticketed/fined by the Portage County Sheriff's Department.

Students, remember you must park in the student parking lot and your vehicles must be registered in the secondary office. Students may not use automobiles to sit, drive, or ride in during school hours. STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW GUIDELINES OUTLINED IN THE SCHOOL POLICY.

MEDICATION GIVEN AT SCHOOL

Parents, whenever your child has a prescription medication that must be given to him/her at school, you must have a signed form from your physician. These forms can be picked up at the school or from most doctor offices. There is a form in the Elementary and Secondary Form Packets. In addition, please request that the pharmacist prepare two labeled containers for the medication. This allows properly labeled medication to be given at home and at school. Parents should not send their child's medication to school wrapped in baggies, aluminum foil, or whatever else they can find. This increases the risk of medication errors by school personnel. Parents must bring their child's medication to the school office; medication can not be sent in with a student. Your compliance with this policy will help school personnel and other health professionals safely and correctly administer medications in the school setting. At the end of the school year, left over medication MUST be picked up by the parent.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS. If you want the school to give your child non-prescription medication, if needed, you must provide the medicine, a note including your child's name, the dose you want him/her to have and your signature. The Elementary and Secondary School Forms Packet has a non-prescription medication permission form you may use.

WHO TO CALL IF YOU NEED INFORMATION

Something that takes place in your child's classroom, call the TEACHER.

Something that takes place in school that your child attends call our PreK-12 PRINCIPAL, Mrs Toni Schumacher.

School rules, schedules, special events, etc., call the PreK-12 PRINCIPAL, Mrs. Toni Schumacher.

Matters of district wide nature, call the DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, Dr. Jodi Becker.

School board policies, items on the school board agenda, and issues being discussed by the board, etc; call the District Administrator, Dr. Jodi Becker.

If you have talked with a teacher and you wish to go further with a request or complaint, call the PreK-12 PRINCIPAL. If you talked with the PRINCIPAL and you wish to go further with a request or complaint, call and ask to have your call referred to the DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.



Eagles Athletic Events

- 8/18-HS football scrimmage home, 5:00 pm
- 8/19-HS volleyball scrimmage at Wautoma, 9:00 am
- 8/22-HS volleyball triangular at Bowler, 5:00 pm
- 8/24-HS volleyball quad at Iola-Scandinavia, 5:00 pm
- HS football at Florence, 7:00 pm
- 8/28-HS volleyball quadrangular at Port Edwards 5:00 pm
- JV football at Marion, 5:00 pm
- 8/29-HS volleyball triangular at Shiocton, 4:00 pm
- 8/31-HS volleyball quad home, 5:00 pm
- HS football home vs. Wabeno Area/Laona, 7:00 pm
- 9/5-MS volleyball home vs. Wild Rose, 5:00 pm
- HS volleyball home vs. Wild Rose, JV 5:45 pm and varsity 7:00 pm
- 9/7-MS volleyball at Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
- MS football home at Port Edwards, 4:00 pm
- 9/8-HS football home vs. Niagara, 7:00 pm
- 9/11-MS volleyball at Rosholt, 5:00 pm
- 9/12-MS football home vs. Tigerton/Marion, 5:00 pm
- MS volleyball at St. Peter MS, 4:00 pm
- HS volleyball home vs. Port Edwards, JV 5:45 pm and varsity 7:00 pm
- 9/14-MS volleyball at Tri-County, 5:00 pm
- HS volleyball at Princeton, JV 6:00 pm and varsity 7:15 pm
- 9/15-HS football at Tri-County, 7:00 pm
- 9/16-HS volleyball invite at New Lisbon, 8:00 am
- 9/18-MS volleyball home vs. Pittsville, 4:30 pm
- 9/19-MS football home vs. Wild Rose, 5:00 pm
- HS volleyball at Rosholt, JV 5:45 pm and varsity 7:00 pm
- 9/21-MS volleyball at Wautoma, 4:30 pm
- HS volleyball home vs. Tri-County, 5:45 pm and varsity 7:00 pm
- 9/22-HS football home vs. Newman Catholic, 1:00 pm
- 9/23-HS volleyball invite at West De Pere, 8:30 am
- 9/25-MS volleyball at Wild Rose, 5:00 pm
- HS volleyball JV quad home, 5:00 pm
- JV football home vs. Menominee Indian, 4:30 pm
- 9/26-MS volleyball home vs. Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
- MS football at Bowler/Gresham, 5:00 pm
- HS volleyball at Pittsville, JV 5:45 pm and varsity 7:0 pm
- 9/28-MS volleyball home vs. Rosholt, 4:30 pm
- 9/29-HS Football at Wild Rose, 7:00 PM

*Schedule is subject to change.

HOW TO FIND ALMOND-BANCROFT ATHLETIC SCHEDULES ELECTRONICALLY

Here is a quick "How To" as it pertains information on individual sports schedules, game change notifications, and the most up-to-date athletic calendar.

1. Use the link:
<https://www.centralwisconsinconference.org/public/genie/439/school/14/>
2. On the right hand side, under the calendar, you will see a box that says "VIEW SCHEDULES". Click on "VIEW SCHEDULES" and choose the sport and grade level of the team schedule you wish to view. More than one box can be selected if you wish to view multiple schedules.
3. Then hit the "VIEW" button, just under the selection box.
4. A page should now pop up that shows the selected team schedule with the date, time, opponent and location. If you click on the underlined school name (location of the event), you will see the location address and if you click on the view larger map a google map will open with directions to the game site.

AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATIONS

If you have a smart phone or like to receive email updates, try the "NOTIFY ME" feature. Anyone can sign in to this feature. It is a free service. This is a good reminder feature for busy families.

Below the calendar on the main page is a box that says "NOTIFY ME". Click on it. You will be prompted to create an account to set yourself up to receive automatic text and email notifications for schedule changes and reminders for those activities you want to track.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED YOU UTILIZE THIS FEATURE, AS YOU WILL GET THE EVENT CHANGE(S) SENT DIRECTLY TO YOU IN THE FORM YOU CHOOSE.

Let me know if I can help you in any way to navigate this link.

Andrew Bradley
abradley@abschools.k12.wi.us



Attention middle school volleyball players and parents.

Middle school volleyball practice will start on Aug 21 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in east gym with a parent meeting to follow in the east gym. Remember you must have a physical completed prior to practice.



Attention middle school football players and parents.

Middle school football practice will start on Aug 21 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm with a parent meeting to follow. Remember you must have a physical completed prior to practice.



Eagle Booster Club Golf Outing

Saturday, October 14, 2023

(Rain date of October 21, 2023)

9:00am Sign In/Shotgun Start at 10:00am

Four Person Scramble

Waushara Country Club 2410 Hillside Road, Wautoma WI

\$75.00 per golfer includes: golf, meal and hole in one challenge

Raffles and 50/50

Extra: Skins Game-\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per team (longest drive, closet to pin or longest putt)

Entries must be received by September 15, 2023

Entry fees and and/or donations may be mailed, emailed or dropped off by contacting one of the below:

Nicole Dernbach 715-340-3389/nldkd@yahoo.com

April Stiles 715-340-4250/astiles123@gmail.com

Mailing address: Eagle Booster Club PO Box 14, Almond WI 54909

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Team Name: _____

Payment Amount Received: _____

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

I hope everyone has had a great summer! My name is Rita Hart and I am the school nurse for Almond-Bancroft. I am a Public Health Nurse for Portage County Health & Human Services (PCHHS), contracted by Almond-Bancroft School District for 3.5 hours of on-site nursing services a week. My current hours are Monday from 11:30-3:00 but are subject to change.

Please help the nurse and staff provide a safe and healthy school environment by sharing your child's health condition(s) and/or updates with the school nurse (see Page 2). **All annual forms for prescription medication, over the counter medication, and health plans are now online on the school website for parents to download, print, and complete.** Please let the school nurse know if you are not able to print the forms and they can be mailed to you. You can also get a copy of the forms in the school office. For all prescription medication please have your doctor complete the Prescription medication form and sign it. The school cannot give any medication without written permission from you and the doctor. If I, the school nurse, do not get a form back I will be calling to make updates/ get information about medication and sending forms home with your student. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (715.345.5764)

Verify Health Information Online: Please verify we have the correct health information listed for your child by logging into **Skyward Family Access:**

- On left side there is a menu list, click on **Student Information**
- Click on **Critical Alert** to verify what health conditions we have listed for your child
- Print the corresponding **health plans** from the district website (see page 2).

If the reported health condition is no longer a concern for your son/daughter: Please complete page 3 and return to the school nurse.

Please submit all **completed forms to the school nurse**—prior to **August 21, 2023** to help staff safely plan and respond to your child's health care needs while he/she is at school—through one of the following methods:

- Email scanned form(s) to rhart@abschools.k12.wi.us (Health care providers may also email plans/orders)
- Fax form(s) to 715-345-5760 (Attn: Rita Hart)
- Mail form(s) to Rita Hart's office at 817 Whiting Ave, Stevens Point WI 54481

*Forms submitted directly to school rather than to the nurse in advance may not have plans put into place prior to the first day of school due to the school nurse's schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (715) 345-5764 or email rhart@abschool.k12.wi.us I look forward to working with your child(ren)!

Sincerely,

Rita Hart, BSN-RN

Almond-Bancroft School Nurse

How to Access Skyward & Health/ Medication Forms Online:

***Health Plans & Medication Forms are to be Filled out Yearly by Parent/Guardian**

1. Go to Almond-Bancroft Homepage: <http://www.abschools.k12.wi.us> On the top right click on **Family Resources**.
2. Click on **Forms & Handbooks**.
3. On the left side click on **Health/Medication Forms**. Then select which forms you need and print them off.

Please submit all completed forms through one of the following methods:

- Email scanned form(s) to rhart@abschool.k12.wi.us (Health care providers may also email plans/orders)
- Fax form(s) to 715-345-5760 (Attn: Rita Hart)
- Mail form(s) to Rita Hart's office at PCHHS - 817 Whiting Ave, Stevens Point WI 54481.

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The screenshot shows the Almond-Bancroft School District website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, District, Schools, Elementary School, Athletics, Family Resources, and Staff Directory. An arrow labeled '1' points to 'Family Resources'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Family Resources', with an arrow labeled '2' pointing to 'Forms & Handbooks'. Below this, the breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Family Resources > Forms & Handbooks > Welcome'. The main content area is titled 'Forms & Handbooks' and includes a 'Welcome' message. On the left sidebar, there is a 'Handbooks' section with a dropdown arrow and three links: 'Student Forms', 'Co-Curricular Forms', and 'Health / Medication Forms'. An arrow labeled '3' points to 'Health / Medication Forms'.

STUDENT HEALTH CONDITION INFORMATION SHEET

Student Name: _____ Grade : _____

Health Condition(s) on File: _____

Updated or Additional Information to be given to School Nurse:

Please remove the following health condition(s) from my student's school record:

An Emergency/Management Plan is not required for the removed health condition(s) and I understand that my child's teachers will not be notified of the condition(s) or trained in emergency response related to this condition(s).

➔ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dear Almond-Bancroft Public Schools Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year! The Almond-Bancroft Schools Food Service Department is proud to serve healthy and delicious meals to our PK-12 students.

For the 2023-24 school year, Almond-Bancroft student meal prices will be as follows:

Breakfast: PK-12th grade **\$1.70**

Lunch: PK-5th grade **\$2.45** and 6th-12th grade **\$2.70**

Classroom Milk Break: PK-5th grade **\$.40**



All families have the opportunity to complete a Free and Reduced Price Meal Application, the application, instructions, and frequently asked questions are included in this newsletter and was included with the student registration packet mailing sent out in early August. The application is also located on the school district website, abschools.k12.wi.us, under Family Resources tab.

If you have recently received a letter stating your family is automatically eligible to receive free price meals through Direct Certification for the 2023-2024 school year, you have all ready been approved and do not need to complete an application.

Additionally, please read through our School Lunch Policies for more information. School policies are located on the school website, abschools.k12.wi.us. Go to the DISTRICT tab, under DISTRICT POLICIES click on the 700 Series: Support Services bar, then click on the food service management policies and rules.

Contact Trina Warzynski at 715-366-2941 ext. 422 or twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us with any questions.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Almond-Bancroft Public Schools** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.70**; lunch costs **\$2.45 PK-5th grade and \$2.70 6-12th grade**. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is **\$.00** for breakfast and **\$.40** for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. *Who can get free OR REDUCED PRICE meals?*

- All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or W-2 cash benefits are eligible for free meals, when listed on the application.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school’s Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may qualify to receive free or reduced price meals if your household’s income is at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2023-2024

Household size	Yearly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Weekly (\$)
1	26,973	2,248	519
2	36,482	3,041	702
3	45,991	3,833	885
4	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	1,799
Each additional person:	9,509	793	183

2. *HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS homeless, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY?*

Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Toni Schumacher, at 715-366-2941 ext. 123 or ttschumacher@abschools.k12.wi.us**.

3. *Do I need to fill out an application for each child?* No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Trina Warzynski, Almond-Bancroft Public Schools, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909**.

4. *SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?*

Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If your letter

indicated you qualify for free meals, then no application is needed. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Trina Warzynski, Almond-Bancroft Public Schools, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909, 715-366-2941 ext. 422, twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us** immediately. If your household was notified it qualified for reduced price meals, we encourage you to complete an application to potentially qualify for free meals based on household size and income.

5. *DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF MY CHILD ATTENDS A COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) SCHOOL?* If your child attends a school that participates in CEP, receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning this application. However, this information is necessary for other programs and may be used to determine if your household is eligible for additional benefits.
6. *MY CHILD’S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?* Yes. Your child’s application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **October 13, 2023**, or when a new eligibility is determined. You must submit a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not submit a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. *I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?* Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but it is based on income. Please submit an application.
8. *my child(ren) qualifies for BADGERCARE PLUS OR MEDICAID. Can my child get free meals?* Children with BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, or subsidized insurance may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but it is based on household income and household size. Please submit an application to determine if your household qualifies.
9. *Will the information I give be checked?* Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
10. *If I don’t qualify now, may I apply later?* Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or experience a financial hardship may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. *What if I disagree with the school’s decision about my application?* You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Dr. Jodi Becker, Almond-Bancroft Public Schools, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909, 715-366-2941 ext. 418, jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us**.
12. *May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?* Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
13. *What if my income is not always the same?* List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
14. *WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT?* Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
15. *We are in the military. do we REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY?* Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Do not include any combat pay resulting from deployment as income.
16. *WHAT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY?* List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
17. *My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?* To find out how to apply for FoodShare or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-362-3002.

If you have other questions or need help, call **715-366-2941 ext. 422**.

Trina Warzynski, Food Service Director

How To Apply for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free and reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, **even if your children attend more than one school in the Almond-Bancroft School District.**

The application must be filled out completely to determine the eligibility of your child(ren) for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order! Each step of the instructions is the same as the steps on your application. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Trina Warzynski, 715-366-2941 ext. 422, twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us

Please use a pen (not a pencil) when filling out the application and do your best to print clearly.

Step 1: List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12

Tell us how many infants/toddlers, children not in school, and elementary/middle/high school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children age 18 or under AND are supported with the household's income;
- In your care under a formal foster arrangement through a court or state/local agency, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth;
- Students attending (regardless of age) Almond-Bancroft Public Schools.

A) List each child's name. Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children present than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper (or a second application if completing electronically) with all required information for the additional children. This also applies to adults in Step 3. "MI" is short for middle initial. Print the first letter of each child's middle name in the box.

B) Is the child a student? If "Yes," write the grade level of the student in the "Grade" column to the right.

C) Do you have any foster children? If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the child's name. If you are **ONLY** applying for foster children, after finishing **Step 1**, go to **Step 4**.

Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to Step 3. Note: Adopted children are not considered foster children. A foster child is a minor child who has been taken into state custody and placed with a state-licensed adult, who cares for the child in place of their parent or guardian.

D) Are any children homeless, migrant, or runaway? If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway" box next to the child's name and complete all steps of the application. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway status must be confirmed with the appropriate program staff. If the school district cannot confirm your student's homeless, migrant, or runaway status, then the school district will contact you to complete an income-based application. You may choose to provide income information now in order to prevent the school district from potentially needing to contact you later.

Step 2: Do any household members currently participate in SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or FoodShare
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or W-2 Cash Benefits
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

- Check "No" in **Step 2** and go to **Step 3**.

B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above listed programs:

- Write a case number for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm>
- Go to **Step 4**.

Step 3: List ALL household members and income for each member

How do I report my income?

- Use the lists titled "Sources of Income" & "Examples of Income for Children," on the back side of the application form to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents.
 - Gross income is the total income received **before** taxes and deductions.
 - Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.
- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write "0" or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the check boxes to the right of each field.

3.A. Report income earned by adults

Who should I list here?

- When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- **Do NOT include:**
 - People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
 - Infants, children and students already listed in **Step 1**.

Step 3: List ALL household members and income for each member

1) List adult household members' names.

Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Names of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." Include college students, unless they are declared independently on taxes (all college students are considered adults). Do not list any household members you listed in Step 1.

2) List earnings from work.

List all income from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income. Net income is your income after taxes and deductions have been subtracted.

- **What if I have multiple jobs?** List each job separately by entering your name and income from each job on a new line. Add an additional sheet of paper if necessary.
- **What if I am self-employed?** List income from your business as a net amount. This net amount is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts (revenue). Gross receipts or revenue are all the income earned from the sale of any products or services offered.

If a child listed in **Step 1** has income, follow the instructions in **Step 3, Part B.**

3) List income from public assistance/child support/alimony.

List all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.

4) List income from pensions/retirement/all other income.

List all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/All Other Income" field on the application.

- **What if I receive income from multiple sources in this category?** List each source separately by entering your name and income from each source on a new line. Add an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

5) List total household size.

Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number **MUST** be equal to the number of household members listed in **Step 1** and **Step 3**. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.

6) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their Social Security Number in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a Social Security Number. If no adult household members have a Social Security Number, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check if no Social Security Number."

3.B List income earned by children

List all income earned or received by children.

List the combined gross income for ALL children listed in **Step 1** in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

- **What is Child Income?** Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid **DIRECTLY** to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

Step 4: Contact information and adult signature

All applications must be signed by an adult member of the household. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the statements on the back of the application.

A) Provide your contact information. Write your current mailing address in the fields provided, if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, that is okay. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

B) Print and sign your name and write today's date. Print the name of the adult signing the application and that person signs in the box "Signature of adult."

C) Mail completed application to:
Almond-Bancroft Public Schools
Food Service Director
1336 Elm Street
Almond, WI 54909

Optional

Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals. This information is requested solely for the purpose of determining the State's compliance with Federal civil rights laws, and your response will not affect consideration of your application, and may be protected by the Privacy Act. By providing this information, you will assist us in assuring that this program is administered in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Please return the application directly to your child's SCHOOL. DO NOT mail, fax, or email completed applications or questions about applications to the USDA Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights or your child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals will be delayed.

2023-24 Household Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

APPLY ONLINE: NA
RETURN TO (School/District Name): Almond-Bancroft Public Schools
ADDRESS: 1336 Elm Street Almond, WI 54909

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil). In Community Eligibility Provision Schools (CEP), receipt of free meals does not depend on returning this application; however, this information is necessary for other programs.

STEP 1 List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names.

List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household.

Child's First Name	MI		Child's Last Name		Grade	Foster/Child	Migrant	Runaway	Homeless
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check all that apply

If you checked any of these boxes, please refer to the Application Instruction's Step 1: Part C & Part D.

STEP 2 Do any household members (including you) participate in: FoodShare (SNAP), W-2 Cash Benefits (TANF), or FDIPIR? Badgercare, Medicaid, Pandemic-EBT are not eligible.

NO → Go to STEP 3. YES → Write case number here and proceed to STEP 4. **PROGRAM NAME:** **CASE NUMBER (NOT EBT NUMBER):**

Badgercare, Medicaid, Pandemic-EBT are not eligible. Write only one case number in this space.

STEP 3 List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions)

A. All Adult Household Members (Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related, including you.)

List all Adult Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they receive income, report total gross income (before taxes and deductions) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult-Household Members (First and Last)	Earnings from Work			Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony			Rents, Retirement, Social Security, VA Benefits, All Other		
	Weekly	2/Week	Monthly	Weekly	2/Week	Monthly	Weekly	2/Week	Monthly
	\$			\$			\$		
	\$			\$			\$		
	\$			\$			\$		
	\$			\$			\$		
	\$			\$			\$		

Required: Last Four Numbers of Social Security Number (SSN) of Primary Wage Earner or Other Adult Household Member or Check Box if No SSN Check Box if No SSN

B. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by ALL children listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income \$

Please see application's back for list of income sources.

STEP 4 Contact information and adult signature. RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: Insert school address here

"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (confirm) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."

Print Name of Adult: Signing the Form Today's Date

Mailing Address (if available) City State Zip Phone (optional) Email (optional)

Required: Signature of Adult

Return completed form to your child's school.

SOURCES AND EXAMPLES OF INCOME

For additional information on income, please refer to the instructions that accompany this application.

Sources of Income		Examples of Income for Children
Earnings from Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses, tips, commissions Net income from self-employment (farm or business) 	Public Assistance/Alimony/Child Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment benefits Workers' compensation Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cash assistance from State or local government Alimony payments Child support payments Veterans benefits Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA, or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off-base housing, food, and clothing 	Pensions/Retirement/All other sources of income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security/Disability (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits) Private Pensions or disability benefits Income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment Income Earned Interest Rental Income Regular cash payments from outside household 	
Examples of Income for Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust 		

OPTIONAL

Children's ethnic and racial identities. This information is kept confidential and may be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974.

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity (check one): Hispanic or Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race) Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

Return this completed form to your child's school. *Do not mail, fax, or email completed applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights.

DO NOT FILL OUT

For school use only. If all students listed on this application attend CEP schools, the processing of this application cannot be paid for by the nonprofit school food service account.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12. Do not annualize income to determine eligibility unless more than one income frequency is listed.

Total Income

Determining Official's Signature Date

How often? Weekly Every 2 Weeks 2 Months Monthly Annual

Household size Categorical Eligibility

Eligibility Free Reduced Denied

Verifying Official's Signature Date

Use of Information Statement

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met. Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, Check if no Social Security Number Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

The contact information below is solely to file a complaint of discrimination

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

*MAIL: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

FAX: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
EMAIL: program.intake@usda.gov

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Portage County Public Library: Almond Survey



The Almond Branch Library is looking for feedback on how we may better serve area residents. Let us know your thoughts by scanning the QR code with your smartphone or filling out this paper survey and returning it to the Library (located downtown next to the village hall). The survey will be available through September 30.

For library events and information, please see our website at www.pocolibrary.org.

PORTAGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are looking for feedback on how we may better serve you.



Currently the Almond branch library hours are:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10 am - 1:30 pm and 2 pm - 6 pm
Wednesday - Friday: 2 pm - 6 pm
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

How would you rate the above open hours in terms of convenience for you?

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor



If you answered Fair or Poor, please provide detailed feedback on what changes we could make to move your rating to Good or Excellent.

Please rate:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

Materials available to checkout at the Almond library.



Materials available from other libraries by placing a hold.



Programs such as Storytime, Brick Builders, Watercolor, and Book Club.



Space for browsing, meeting and working with others, programs, etc.



If you answered Fair or Poor, please provide detailed feedback on what changes we could make to move your rating to Good or Excellent.

If you prefer to use a library in addition to or instead of your home library, what is your main reason?

Hours



Location



Materials



Programs



I only use my home library



Do you have any other comments or concerns?

Thank you!

Almond-Bancroft Menus: September 2023

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Cereal Breakfast Kit
4 No School	5 Egg Omelet Toast	6 Cereal Muffin	7 Cereal Breakfast Kit	8 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt
11 Frudel Yogurt	12 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	13 Cereal Breakfast Kit	14 Breakfast Sandwich	15 Bagel and Cream Cheese Yogurt
18 Breakfast Pizza	19 Cereal Breakfast Kit	20 Oatmeal Toast	21 French Toast Sticks	22 Donut Yogurt
25 Cereal Muffin	26 Scrambled Eggs Toast	27 Cereal Breakfast Kit	28 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	29 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced: No Charge

4K (M-Th): 15 days @ \$1.70=\$25.50

K-12th Grade: 20 days @ \$1.70 = \$34.00

Juice Included with Breakfast

Choices:

- Apple Cherry
- Apple
- Grape
- Orange

Single item price \$0.50

Milk Included with Every Meal

Choices:

- Skim
- 1% White
- F/F Chocolate

Single item price \$0.40

4K-5th Grade Classroom Milk Break:

\$0.40 a day or free with an approved free/reduced application

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fresh fruit may be served as an additional option with breakfast and lunch.				1 Beefy Nachos Corn Fruit of the Day
4 No School	5 Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich Oven Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Fruit of the Day	6 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Peas Fruit of the Day	7 Pancakes Sausage Hash Brown Fruit of the Day	8 Mini Corn Dogs Ravioli Carrots Fruit of the Day
11 Chicken Fajita Green Beans Fruit of the Day	12 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	13 Chef Salad with Ham or Chicken Crackers Fruit of the Day	14 Beef Tips Noodles Carrots Fruit of the Day	15 Pizza Salad Bar Fruit of the Day
18 Hot Dog on Bun Tater Barrels Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	19 Cheeseburger Hot Dish Peas Fruit of the Day	20 Chicken Nuggets Wedges Cauliflower Fruit of the Day	21 Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Corn Fruit of the Day	22 Cheese Fries Salad Fruit of the Day
25 Taco Hard or Soft Shell Corn Fruit of the Day	26 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Fruit of the Day	27 Mostaccioli Salad Fruit of the Day	28 Chicken Enchilada Spanish Rice Green Beans Fruit of the Day	29 Garlic Cheese Bread Salad Bar Fruit of the Day

Lunch Prices:

Reduced 4K (M-Th): 15 days @ \$0.40= \$6.00

Reduced K-12: 20 days @ \$0.40 = \$8.00

4K (M-Th): 15 days @ \$2.45= \$36.75

K-5th Grade: 20 days @ \$2.45 = \$49.00

6th - 12th Grade: 20 days @ \$2.70 = \$54.00

Menu is subject to change.

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How can you help your student improve their school performance? Have them start their day with BREAKFAST!

It is a proven fact that:

- Eating breakfast can help improve math, reading, and standardized test scores.
- Children who eat breakfast are more likely to behave better in school and get along with their peers than those who do not.
- Breakfast helps children pay attention, perform problem-solving tasks, and improves memory.
- Children who eat school breakfast are likely to have fewer absences and incidents of tardiness than those who do not.
- Behavioral and emotional problems are less prevalent among children who consistently have access to regular meals.
- Consumption of breakfast improves children's performance on demanding mental tasks and reaction to frustration.

Almond-Bancroft School serves breakfast from 7:45 am to 8:10 am every school day.

ALMOND-BANCROFT
PAST GRADUATES
NAMED TO 2023 SPRING
SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST OR
HONOR ROLL

Daniel Burns, UW River Falls
Cade Lamb, UW-Stevens Point
Matthew Selenske, UW-Stevens Point
Aurelia Vega, UW-Stevens Point
Joseph Crahan, UW Madison
Carlee Lamb, UW Madison
Elijah Kollock, UW Oshkosh
Megen Manske, UW Oshkosh
Jackson Beggs, Mid-State Technical College
Robert Frank, Mid-State Technical College
Orion Kunst, Mid-State Technical College
Brianna Rennie, Mid-State Technical College
Ella Winn, Mid-State Technical College
Rayelynn Wojcik, Mid-State Technical College
Noah Kollock, UW La Crosse
Melissa Perzinski, UW La Crosse
Paige Turzinski, UW La Crosse
Annie Weiss, UW La Crosse
Derek Baumgartner, Winona State University

If we have missed including a past A-B graduate who has been named to a Dean's List, please reach out to Trina Warzynski, warzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us, and we will include their information in the next newsletter.

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BOXHOLDER



Join the Almond-Bancroft Eagle
Booster Club for a fun-filled night!

Bowling Outing

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH 6:00-8:00 P.M.

5 STAR LANES - OPI'S 1960 POST ROAD, PLOVER



Pre-Registration is Required: Single or Teams (up to 6 ppl)

\$10 per person: Includes 2 games of bowling & shoes

Register by **August 18th** - Contact

Nicole Dernbach @ nldkjd@yahoo.com or April Stiles @ astiles123@gmail.com

Basket Raffles, Paddle Raffles, 50/50 Raffles!!!!



- **Substitute Teachers**
- **Substitute Classroom Aides**
- **Substitute Kitchen Assistants**
- **Substitute Custodians**

The Almond-Bancroft application can be found on the District website, hover over the District tab and click on Employment Opportunities.

Return application to: Almond-Bancroft Schools
Dr. Jodi Becker
1336 Elm Street
Almond, WI 54909
jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us

If you would like additional information contact: Trina Warzynski, 715-366-2941 ext. 422 or warzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us