



December 2008

Notes from the Administrator.....

I would like to thank the folks who attended the listening session that was held on Thursday, November 13th. We discussed future course offerings, current programs, the possibility of having the *Boys & Girls Club of Portage County* offer a program in our district, and many more topics. If you have questions and/or did not get a chance to attend the meeting, give the administration a call at 366.2941.

It's been over a year since I became your district administrator. In that time I have been impressed with the members of the Board of Education. You may ask, "What are the roles and responsibilities of the members of the Board of Education?" According to the Wisconsin School Board Association, "the first requirement is that [a school board member] must be an advocate for children. A member of the school board is entrusted with one of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to any citizen - that of helping to direct the education of the youth of his or her district. In no other country is there local responsibility for and authority in education comparable to the American school board. This local responsibility and authority - local control - varies in degree from state to state, but it assures that local public schools are flexible and responsive to community needs. In Wisconsin, over 2,800 school board members are making decisions, which affect over 800,000 children enrolled in the public schools of the 426 school districts in the state. These board members, as individuals, generally have no more power or authority than any other citizen in the district. It is when the individuals are meeting as a board that they can make decisions affecting the district. Major responsibilities include: Student achievement, policy-making, evaluation, board-administrator relations, budget responsibility, public relations, and political relations." In my years of education, I have had the unique experience of working with over 30 school board members and thoroughly enjoy working with our board at Almond-Bancroft. The next time you see a board member, thank him or her for doing an outstanding job in a very difficult position.

As we approach the busy holiday season, may we all keep focused on the truly important things in life and be thankful for the many freedoms and blessings that we all enjoy! Please take the opportunity to attend our scheduled Holiday Concerts. The students and staff are working diligently to provide you with entertainment for the season.

Dan Boxx,
District Administrator

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.

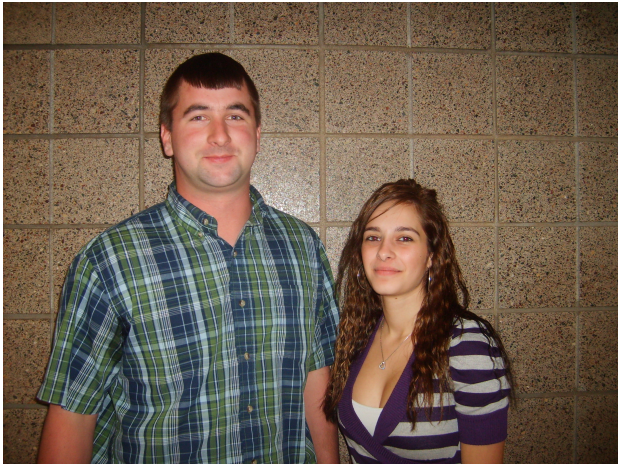
December Dates To Remember

- Dec. 3-
Early Release
- Dec. 4-
High School
Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11-
Elementary
School
Winter Concert
2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18-
Middle School
Winter Concert
7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24- Jan. 4-
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break



High School Student of the Week

November 3 – 7, 2008



“Deanna shows great effort in class and always has a smile on her face. She comes to class with a positive attitude and ready to learn. Her participation in class is outstanding and for this she is very deserving of student of the week.” – Andrew Bradley

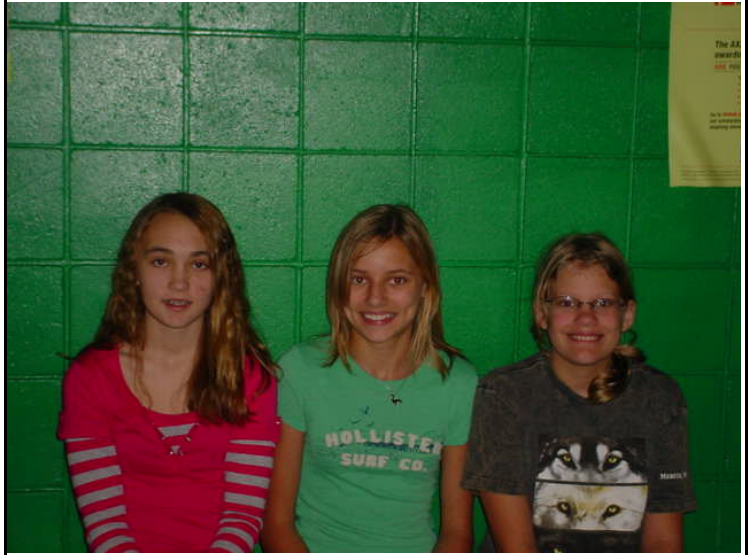
High School Student of the Week

November 10 - 14, 2008



*“I choose Budd Gutke as my Student of the Week. He is an exceptional person who tries his hardest at everything he does. Budd is always willing to help his fellow classmates, whether it be with something academic or just to cheer someone up when they're feeling down. His positive attitude is definitely contagious and very much appreciated!”
- Ms. Brandt*

Middle School October Students of the Month



Students were honored for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Ashley Takacs. Ashley is very responsible academically and socially. She is a pleasure to have in class. From seventh grade, we honored McKenna Heck. McKenna works hard and is always ready to contribute. She has excellent logic skills, a good sense of humor, and is very trustworthy. McKenna is bright with tremendous potential. She participates in class and will try new things. From eighth grade, we honored Jade Stuebs. Jade has very good grades, is a hard worker, is polite, up beat, outgoing, and is polite to others. She is always ready to help her peers and she challenges herself. Jade is very trustworthy. These students were selected by their teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS

You make us Proud

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 Students Learn Taxidermy

Two Almond-Bancroft students, Ken Smith and Brandon Warzynski, were recently taught the art of taxidermy through their Wildlife Management course. Auburndale school teaches this semester-long course through our distance-learning lab. Using a basic taxidermy kit and instructional video, Ken and Brandon learned how to skin, stuff, and mount their squirrels. This is the first time our students were taught taxidermy, and everyone was very impressed with their work!!

Almond-Bancroft Middle School Students Study Forestry at the School Forest

On Monday, October 20 and Wednesday, October 22, 7th and 8th grade students from the Almond-Bancroft Middle School life science classes studied forestry skills as part of a unit on Wisconsin Trees and Forests at the Carrie Frost School Forest site with Portage County DNR Foresters Kent Glazer and Matt Schoonover.

The students learned about measuring distances and counting paces with Mr. Schoonover to determine a “chain”, a term foresters use to measure an area within a stand of trees. They also used their pacing and compass-reading skills to execute a challenging compass course through the forest with Mr. Schoonover’s guidance.

Students worked with Mr. Glazer to identify a plot of trees and see how foresters use specialized instruments to take measurements within the plot. They practiced using the instruments to take measurements of tree diameter and height, and did some “timber cruising” with cruising sticks used to measure the number of trees within a plot which have reached harvestable size. They also looked at aerial photos of the site, and compared an area which was recently thinned to an area of an earlier thinning to observe changes that have occurred since the harvest was done.

Students spent some time learning about the history of the property, its multiple uses, and they also gained information about careers in forestry. It was a great day to be in the woods, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the presentations. We appreciate the time that our county foresters took to be with us in the school forest.



1st Grade Pumpkin Carving

On Monday, October 27th, the first graders had the experience of turning pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns thanks to the help of many wonderful adult volunteers! Then during an afternoon walk on the 28th, the students placed the jack-o-lanterns throughout the community.

Elementary Counselor News

By Dawn Barber

So far this year we have been focusing on honesty in our G.I.F.T.S. lessons. We will be moving on to a new concept soon, but you can reinforce honesty at home in many ways:

- Give your children a second chance to tell the truth.
- Praise truthfulness heartily, and treat dishonesty calmly and matter-of factly. Children are more likely to be honest when they know their parent will not fly off the handle.
- Some families find that this policy encourages honesty: break a rule, receive a consequence, lie about it and receive another consequence.
- Help children to understand that lying *may* work in the short-term (avoiding punishment) but it has long-term effects such as unfair blame on someone else, guilt/remorse and damage to friendships and other relationships.
- Family game night is a great time to encourage honesty/playing by the rules. Cheating may help to win the game, but may make a child an undesirable playmate.
- Don't ask children to lie for you ("tell him I'm not home").
- Set a good example and point out when you chose honesty over dishonesty.
- Teach honesty with politeness. It is admirable to tell the truth but not to hurt someone's feelings ("that's an ugly shirt").

"Honesty means that everything you say must be true, not that everything that is true must be said." Unknown

Safety Cadet News

By Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

Now that the weather is turning colder, please make sure that your child has the proper outerwear for when they are outside at recess. All students through the 5th grade **MUST** have a winter coat, snow pants, winter snow boots, gloves, and a hat. All elementary students go out for recess twice a day and they need these items on a daily basis. If your child does not have all of the required outerwear they will still be made to go outside. I'm sure that you would want your child warm and dry just as much as we do. Thank you, parents, for making sure that your youngster is properly dressed each and every day!

For the month of November, two safety cadets have noticeably been doing a great job while on duty. These two students are Christian Noth and Edgar Ramirez-Ruiz. These two students make sure to ask questions if they are unsure of any duties and are very helpful all of the time!

These two students will receive a Safety Cadet Certificate and an Achievement Certificate that was donated from the Golden Corral Restaurant for "one free kid's buffet"!

Congratulations, Edgar and Christian, on receiving November's Safety Cadet of the Month awards!

Autism Support Group

As a teacher of children with special needs, I see the impact on families who face the challenges of raising a special needs child. Did you know that 1 in 150 children are diagnosed with autism? For this reason, the families that I am working with have requested that we start a local autism support group that will meet in the Almond-Bancroft area. If you are interested in joining our group to share the joys and frustrations of raising a child with autism, please contact me at (715) 335-4411 or via e-mail at dklinger@abschools.k12.wi.us I look forward facilitating the development of this group.

Debbie Klinger
Early Childhood Special Education
Teacher



Partners In Education Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the October 14th and October 21st Partners In Education (P.I.E) meetings.

The 2008 Open House meal made a profit of \$522.41. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen and donated items! Art To Remember made a profit of \$461.07. P.I.E will hold an amount to be determined in the P.I.E. checking for Mrs. Ritter to use for the elementary art program. Box Tops for Education promotion is going well, two classes are close to reaching their goal of an ice cream party. **Keep sending in those Box Tops!** P.I.E. moved to donate \$500.00 to help cover the cost of purchasing roller blades for use in the elementary gym program. P.I.E. also moved to give \$100.00 to help to cover the cost of transportation to the play Charlotte's Web which will be attended by the 2nd grade students.

The next **P.I.E meeting** will be held on **Monday, January 19th, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Elementary Library.**

P.I.E would love to have you attend.

4th Grade News

The 4th graders started off the year studying about the solar system. At the conclusion of this unit, they made and launched rockets. Here is a picture of all of the students holding their rockets right before launching.

On November 6th, the fourth graders went to Madison. They visited the Capitol, the Veterans Museum, and the State Historical Museum. This picture shows some students standing in a large fireplace (now used as an air conditioner) in the Governor's Conference Room. Thanks to all of the chaperones: Mrs. Green, Mrs. Coon, Mrs. Dorgan, Mrs. McLarnon, Mr. Cieslewicz, Mrs. Newby, Mrs. Bunders, and Mrs. Schude.

The 4th graders also did a "Captain Egg" project in science. Groups worked together to make space shuttles that they thought would keep an egg safe during a flight and a landing. There were quite a variety of ideas: even a shoe shuttle and a stuffed dog shuttle! Out of eight groups, six eggs made it through safe and sound!



Fifth-Grade Students Get Involved in the Presidential Election

Recently, fifth-grade students studied the presidential candidates and informed fellow elementary students about the candidates with classroom presentations. Students read about the candidates and where they stood on issues such as the economy, education, Iraq, the environment, and health care in a recent issue of their classroom magazine, Scholastic News. Students used the information to help them decide which candidate to support and worked in groups to prepare posters and PowerPoint presentations for classroom presentations. Elementary students then participated in a school-wide mock presidential election on Wednesday, October 29. In addition to learning about the presidential candidates, students learned about voting and the Electoral College.

Fifth-Graders Graduate from CounterACT

On Friday, November 7, fifth-graders graduated from CounterACT, a program sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department that teaches students the language skills necessary to avoid trouble involving drugs, alcohol, and violence. Officer Annette Pulchinski worked with the fifth-graders for five class periods, teaching them about influences, consequences, positive activities, and the CounterACT skills of checking-out the situation, offering consequences for illegal and unsafe behaviors, suggesting positive alternative activities, and leaving the scene. Students completed activities with their parents to encourage the discussion of drugs, alcohol, and violence at home. Elementary students, teachers, parents, and administrators attended the graduation.



Secondary Counselor News From the Desk of Ms. Spencer

To Parents of College-Bound Students:

College is right around the corner for our seniors and so are the college bills. **Almond-Bancroft students have been invited to attend Tri-County High School's Financial Aid Night to help parents and students navigate the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.** This application needs to be submitted for consideration for federal student grants, work-study, and loans.

Tri-County High School is holding their Financial Aid Night on Thursday, January 8, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m. Financial Aid Supervisor Mary Jo Green from Mid-State Technical College will be presenting information on the FAFSA and answering questions afterwards. Please come to this presentation to learn more about the financial aid process.

What **You** Need to Know **About** Registering with **Selective** **Service**

Q: What is Selective Service?

A: The Selective Service is a government agency whose job is to provide untrained manpower for the Armed Forces if there's a national emergency.

Q: What is Selective Service Registration?

A: By registering, you add your name to a list of all the men in the nation, ages 18 through 25. The list would be used to identify men for possible military service in case of a national emergency.

Q: What happens if there's a draft?

A: There hasn't been a draft since 1973. If there were an emergency sufficient for Congress to order another draft, Selective Service would conduct a birthdate lottery to decide the order in which to call men. Those who turn 20 during that calendar year would be called first in a sequence determined by the lottery. If more men were needed, those 21 to 25 would be called, youngest first.

Q: Who is required to register?

A: The law says that all 18-year-old men (including U.S. citizens living abroad and non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register. The only young men exempt from registration are non-citizen males who are in the U.S. temporarily as tourists, diplomats and their family members or foreign exchange students; incarcerated or institutionalized men; men on active duty in the Armed Forces; and students at U.S. military academies.

Q: Why don't women have to register?

A: Our nation only registers men. This has always been the case. Selective Service law as it is presently written refers specifically to "male persons" in stating who must register and who could be subject to a draft. Therefore, Selective Service procedures do not apply to women. In order for women to be required to register with Selective Service, Congress would have to change the wording of the law.

Q: What if I don't register?

A: You are breaking the law. If prosecuted, you could be sent to prison for up to 5 years and may be fined up to \$250,000. In addition, if you fail to register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits and many state and federal jobs.

Q: Is registration hard?

A: No. In fact it's never been easier. A young man can register with Selective Service in less than 2 minutes via the Internet at: **www.sss.gov**. You can also register by going to your local post office and completing a registration form. It's as simple as filling in your name, address, telephone number, date of birth and Social Security number. Registration forms should be available in your local recreation or social service center, school's guidance or registrar office, or you may receive a form in the mail. Simply complete it and mail the form to Selective Service.

Q: When should I register?

A: Within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you cannot register on time because you are hospitalized or in prison, you have 30 days in which to register after you are released. If 30 days have already passed since your 18th birthday, **register** immediately, either **online** or at your post office. Although Selective Service will accept a late registration, the longer you wait, the longer you are breaking the law and jeopardizing your future benefits.

Q: How do I prove I registered?

A: When registering via the Internet, you will receive your Selective Service number immediately. That number is your proof of registration - for safe keeping, jot it down. You will receive a Selective Service card by mail within 2 weeks confirming that number. (Note: If you registered by mail, you will receive a card confirming your registration with 60-90 days.) **If you don't get your card within 90 days, write to:**

**Selective Service System
Registration Information Office
P.O. Box 94638
Palatine, IL 60094-4638**

Or call 1-847-688-6888



Register with Selective Service.

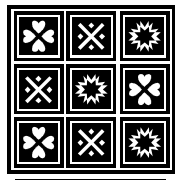
Use the Internet:
www.sss.gov



Special November Donations

As Thanksgiving approaches, our thanks go to the many warm-hearted and generous citizens of the Almond-Bancroft School District. The LMC has received many great donations this past month including gifts from the following groups and individuals:

The Golden Needle Quilters ~ the enjoyable children's story *The Quiltmaker's Gift* about a king who learns the joy of giving and the accompanying quilt design book *Quilts From the Quiltmaker's Gift: 20 Traditional Patterns for a New Generation of Generous Quiltmakers*. Also, *The Quilt Block History of Pioneer Days With Projects Kids Can Make* and *Quilts, Quilts, Quilts!!! The Complete Guide to Quiltmaking*. Other donations include these two beautifully illustrated books: *The Log Cabin Quilt* and *The Quiltmaker's Journey* and this anthology of heartwarming tales: *Quilts Are Forever: A Patchwork Collection of Inspirational Stories*.



Jean Evilsizor-Siem ~ Two large boxes of hardcover books including military history and helicopter books, romance novels, mysteries, magazines, and children's books.

Missy Henske ~ *Sports Illustrated* magazines.

Mickey Van Ert ~ assorted magazines for research and projects.

The Bill Cook Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (This group donates conservation and environmental books every year!) ~ The books donated this year are: *A Baby Panda is Born*, *All About Deer* by Jim Arnosky, *Wildlife Monographs: Wolves*, *Wildlife Monographs: Meerkat Manor: Flower of the Kalahari*, and *Snake: The Essential Visual Guide to the World of Snakes* published by Dorling Kindersley.

Thank you all very much, and best wishes to everyone for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Honoring Native Americans

In honor of National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month, both the Elementary LMC and the Secondary LMC had window displays of Native American posters and books.

The Elementary LMC also had a fantastic display of three-dimensional models of Native American homes. **Mrs. Weiss'** fifth grade social studies students worked very hard this year to make realistic recreations of many different types of Native American houses - everything from Earth Lodges to Hogans to Plank Houses. They used a variety of materials including twigs, pretzels, sand, play dough, cardboard, pine branches, birch bark, and stones. These homes show the diversity of Native peoples all across the United States.

(See the Photos: Wigwam by **Dylan Heck**, Longhouse by **Garrett Yonke & Austin Bunders**, and Chickee by **Alissa Williams**)

Also, hanging from the ceiling of the Elementary LMC are carrying pouches (parfleche) inspired by the Plains Indians and made by the **fifth graders** in the art classes taught by **Mrs. Ritter**. The students used raffia, colored beads, and brown paper bags decorated by crayons and markers in symmetrical and geometrical designs. They rubbed the waxy crayon marks with paper towels to make them shiny, and the brown bags are wrinkled just enough to simulate the textured leather of bison. The students did an incredible job capturing the beauty of this traditional Native American craft!

NEA President Dennis Van Roekel issued the following statement to urge adults and students to commemorate November as a month to learn more about the rich history and heritage of American Indians and Alaska Natives:

"Education can open minds, create appreciation and dissolve stereotypes. We should all take time to remember the contributions of the first people who called America home. Native Americans helped shape this land. We must make a commitment to honor, respect and preserve their rich history, languages and customs."



Karin Mather, LMC Director



Voting Results from the Mock Election

The United States presidential election of 2008 was historic in many ways. With no incumbent President or Vice President, both parties ran extensive primaries. The Democrats nominated Senator Barack Obama and the Republicans Senator John McCain. Senator Obama won the presidential election thereby becoming the first African American president of the United States. He is now the president-elect and will be inaugurated on January 20, 2009.

The Almond-Bancroft Mock Election yielded results similar to the Wisconsin state vote and the national statistics. In Wisconsin Obama received approximately 1,670,474 votes, McCain received approximately 1,258,181 votes, and other candidates received 35,453 votes.

In Almond-Bancroft School Election held on Oct. 29th, Barack Obama was the winner with 276 votes. John McCain received 115 votes, and other candidates received 28 votes.

Mike Gerlach and I want to thank all the students and staff for participating in this ground-breaking election, **Ed Warzynski** for delivering the polling booths, the **freshman Civics students** for working at the LMC Polling Station, the **LMC Science students** and **Mrs. Van Ert** for putting up bulletin boards and information about the candidates, and the **Village of Almond** for loaning the booths to the schools.

The election was a great success - no long lines at the polls, no hanging chads, no registration disputes. All students, from the first graders through the seniors in high school, as well as staff members, had the opportunity to vote - if they desired to exercise their civic duty. Many children and adults were dressed in patriotic red, white, and blue for Election Day. Since it was also Red Ribbon Week organized by **Dawn Barber** (Elementary Guidance Counselor), elementary students also wore ribbons stating, "I elect to be drug free." This event tied in perfectly with the student mock election which proved to be a very worthwhile experience for the students and a lesson in democracy first-hand.

Karin Mather, LMC Director



December Winter Athletic Events

- Dec. 1- Jr. High Boys Basketball @ Port Edwards 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2- H.S. Girls Basketball @ **Home** VS Tigerton 6:00 p.m.
H.S. Boys Basketball @ Tigerton 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 4- TC/AB Wrestling @ **Home** (Tri County) 7:00 p.m.
Jr. High Boys Basketball @ Tri-County 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5- H.S. Girls Basketball @ Menominee 5:30 p.m.
H.S. Boys Basketball @ **Home** VS Menominee 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6- TC/AB Wrestling @ Necedah 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 8- Jr. High Boys Basketball @ **Home** VS St. Pete's 5:30 p.m.
H.S. Boys Basketball @ Wild Rose 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 9- H.S. Girls Basketball @ **Home** VS Wild Rose 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11- TC/AB Wrestling @ Rosholt 7:00 p.m.
Jr. High Boys Basketball @ Rosholt 5:30
- Dec. 12- H.S. Girls Basketball @ **Home** VS Tri-County 6:00 p.m.
H.S. Boys Basketball @ Tri-County 6:00 p.m.
TC/AB Wrestling @ Pittsville Time TBD
- Dec. 15- Jr. High Boys Basketball @ **Home** VS Wild Rose 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16- H.S. Girls Basketball @ Marion 6:00 p.m.
H.S. Boys Basketball @ **Home** VS Marion 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18- TC/AB Wrestling @ **Home** (TC) VS Bonduel 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19- H.S. Girls Basketball @ Bowler 6:00 p.m.
H.S. Boys Basketball @ **Home** VS Bowler 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20- TC/AB Wrestling @ Kimberly 9:00 a.m.

Support Your Almond-Bancroft Eagles
Come To An Athletic Event!

2008 Almond-Bancroft Eagles Fall Sports Award Winners

Volleyball

Captain's Award- Camille Crahan & Chelsea Gendusa
Eagle Award- Katie Schude

Football

MVP & Captain Award- Graham Barden
Most Improved- Matt Wiesner
Eagle Award- Cameron Olson
All District Defensive Line- Graham Barden



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INTERNET PREDATORS IN WISCONSIN 22,304 Unique IP Addresses Identified In Wisconsin As Downloading Child Pornography

MADISON – This year marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Wisconsin Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. “While great success has been achieved in this area of law enforcement, there is much work that still needs to be done,” said Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.

The following map represents all IP addresses seen in Wisconsin from January 1, 2008 to October 19, 2008 that were identified as download candidates for images known, or suspected to be, that of child pornography. Each red square on the map represents at least one IP address seen at least one time. A single dot, however, can represent multiple IP addresses due to overlap.

http://www.doj.state.wi.us/news/files/102108_map.jpg

During this time frame there were 22,304 unique IP addresses that were identified as attempting to download child pornography. This is believed to be a conservative estimate that only shows the minimum size of the problem. For example, the map does not include IP addresses that were identified but could not be mapped. It is possible that some IP addresses may come back to the same offender.

“In the past decade, Wisconsin’s ICAC Task Force and Affiliate Agencies have arrested 540 suspects, executed 647 search warrants, and rescued countless numbers of children throughout the state,” said Van Hollen.

Van Hollen has placed a priority on law enforcement’s proactive response to the growing problem of internet crimes against children. To that end, Van Hollen has directed a 67% increase in the number of special agents assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force within the Division of Criminal Investigation. Van Hollen’s 2009-11 budget request for the Department of Justice includes a request for additional special agents and criminal analysts to protect our children from sex predators who utilize the Internet to prey on children.

In addition to expanding investigative capacity internally, Van Hollen and the Department of Justice have continued to add additional local affiliates to the Wisconsin ICAC Task Force. The number of local law enforcement partners to the Department of Justice’s ICAC Task Force has more than doubled to 62 in the past year. You can access a list of affiliates at <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dci/icac/afflist.asp>.

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ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER

Room S325 Almond High School (enter Almond Elementary)

715.366.2882 or 715.421.4635 (for Pre-Registering)

November 2008

Hello everybody, and welcome to winter. The Holidays are upon us and we already have behind us **The 3rd Annual Pumpkin Carving Event**. What a great turnout. A big Thank You to Bancroft school and Frank the Custodian. On Wednesday Nov. 19th, we made a **'Fine Feathered Friend'**. The next special Play Group will be held at **THE CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** on December 3rd. Again from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The Family Resource Center will be picking up the tab. Hope to see many of you there, remember new faces are welcome. You can look forward to December when we will be having a **'Day at the Beach'**.

PLAY GROUP Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. Almond Elementary

PLAY GROUP has continued to bring in new families. We are getting to know each other now that school has started. We always serve snacks, and events are free of charge. Feel free to bring older siblings. Babies, toddlers, even school age children are welcome. Grandmothers and Grandfathers, don't forget to bring those grandchildren.

PLAY GROUP MAY BE CHANGING TO FRIDAY'S IN 2009

SINGLE SESSION WORKSHOP: The Vitamin D Dilemma, Fluoride, and Water

Do we get enough sun in the winter months to keep our children from being the next generation to have Osteoporosis by the time they are in their 20's? Is there enough Fluoride in our toothpaste, and how much is too much? Get answers to these questions at this workshop held at the Almond Elementary School. In the ALMOND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER; Monday, December 8th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Call 715-366-2882 or after hours (715) 421-4635 Education Certificates will be available.

LOOK FORWARD TO A FAMILY EVENT IN DECEMBER *'MERRY MASTERPIECES'*

Office hours: Before Play Group on Wednesdays.

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

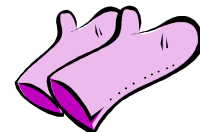
Jan Roth, your Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center Coordinator

An extra special, unbelievably huge, "Thank You" goes out to Carol Kurkowski!

Carol knitted and donated 35 pairs of mittens for the elementary students here at our school! I can't tell you how many students will benefit from her generosity! Some students may only use them once because they forgot their own that day and then put them back in the box for the next student to use them. Some students use them all winter long because they don't have any! These mittens showed up at the perfect time! Every child deserves to have warm hands when it's cold. You know what they say....

Warm hands, Warm heart!

Thank You so very much Carol, they are beautiful!



SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

A-B High School will deliver singing Happy Birthday Telegrams to your favorite Student/Staff member on their birthday! There are packages you may select from:

Option 1: (\$5.00) Happy Birthday balloon on party stick decorated with ribbons, birthday hat/noisemaker, card, and your choice of a chocolate rose or 4 tootsie pops.

Option 2: (\$10.00) Same as #1, but with addition of New Stuffed Eagle.

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noisemaker, card, rose or pops, beads and our new bobblehead Eagle or new Eagle hat.

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

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

Student Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Special Message: _____

OPTION 1 \$5.00 Rose Pops OPTION 2 \$10.00 Rose Pops OPTION 3 \$15.00 Rose Pops

Bonus Extra \$1.00 Bonus Extra \$3.00



Almond-Bancroft Menus, December 2008

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	2 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar, Juice	3 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	4 Cereal, Toast, Juice	5 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
8 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	9 French Toast Sticks, Juice	10 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice	11 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	12 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
15 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	16 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice	17 Cereal, Toast, Juice	18 Cereal, Toast, Juice	19 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
22 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	23 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL

Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per
Quarter

Milk Served
With Every
Meal

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge
4K – 7 days @ 1.00 = \$7.00
K-12th grade – 17 days @ 1.00 = \$17.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Hot Dog, Tator Barrels, Baked Beans, Applesauce	2 Salisbury Steak, Noodles, Glazed Carrots, Pears, Bread	3 Pizza Burger, French Fries, Mixed Fruit, Baked Beans	4 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peas, Peaches, Bread	5 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Pineapple
8 Tacos, Corn, Pears	9 Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	10 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Peaches	11 Meat Loaf, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Carrots, Pineapple, Bread	12 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Applesauce
15 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Mixed Fruit	16 Pork & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Peaches, Bread	17 Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Pineapple	18 Hamburger, French Fries, Green Beans, Apple Slices	19 Pizza, Salad Bar, Pears
22 Chicken Fajita, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	23 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Bread	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL

Dessert
Served Once
Weekly

Lunch Prices:

4K Reduced – 7 days @ .40 = \$2.80
4K – 7 days @ 1.60 = \$11.20
K-12th grade Reduced – 17 days @ .40 = \$6.80
K-5th grade – 17 days @ 1.60 = \$27.20
6th – 12th grade – 17 days @ 1.85 = \$31.45

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ON APRIL 7, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the School District of Almond-Bancroft on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2009.

OFFICE

INCUMBENT

Town of Almond

Roy Danforth

Village of Almond

Debbie Bradley

Carol Ellie, Clerk



NEW at ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS!

HOMWORK HOTLINE

366-2941

Follow the Voice Prompts

This new service is for parents and students. This will provide students and parents the option to call the hotline to listen to a recorded message containing the homework assignments for that school day. They will be separated by MS and HS – listen to the voice prompts.

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

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