



*February 2010*

## Bus Driver Recognition February 2010

### February Dates To Remember

- 2/5-District Spelling Bee  
2:30 PM in the  
auditorium
- 2/10-Booster Club  
Meeting 7:00 PM
- 2/15-Board Of  
Education Meeting  
6:30 PM
- 2/19-No School
- 2/22-No School
- 2/23-Kindergarten  
Screening/4-K  
Registration  
8:00 AM-3:00 PM  
*\*See last page of  
newsletter for  
details.*



### ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

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



A special thank you to all of the Almond-Bancroft School District bus drivers;  
Steve Stucker, Elaine Thompson, Edward Warzynski, Dean Lamb, Cindy Brandl, Gina Smith,  
Ann Steberl, James Johnson, Jacqueline Cayce, Kory Stucker, Michael Tess, and Don Pohl.

**Thank you for transporting our students to and from school  
in a safe and caring manner.**

**Students and parents please take the time to say "thank you" to your bus driver.**



## High School Student Of The Week

December 14-18, 2009



I have chosen **Jessica Ramos** as my student-of-the-week. Jessica has been very dedicated to her goal of earning her diploma. She is very pleasant to be with and radiates kindness. She not only is willing to help me, but is often offering to help out a fellow classmate.

~ **Mrs. Huebner**

## High School Student Of The Week

December 21-23, 2009



I selected **Sam Borchardt** for student of the week because Sam is always giving 110% in everything that he does. He has really pushed himself as a musician this first semester and has made amazing progress. Sam is involved in many activities and always finds the time to get things done. ~ **Mr. Gingery**

## High School Student Of The Week

January 4-8, 2010



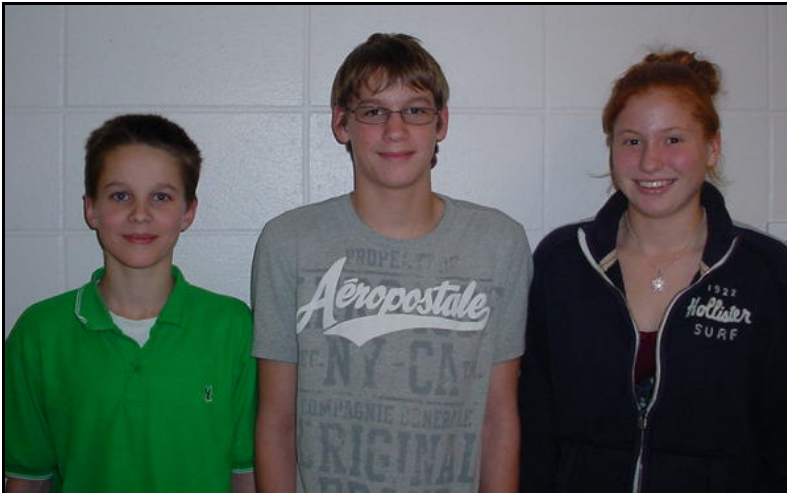
I would like to nominate **Jade Stuebs** for student of the week. I've nominated Jade as student of the week because she is very bright, hard-working, and polite in class. She is in my 6th hour Civics class this semester and always works hard to complete her work. She isn't afraid to ask questions and regularly contributes insightful comments to the class discussion. ~ **Mr. Gerlach**

## Foods I Gingerbread House Design Winners



Congratulations **Mary Zak** and **Jenny Hunkins** as this year's winner of the annual gingerbread house activity. The week before Christmas Foods I students design, construct and decorate a gingerbread house. Elementary school students are then invited to tour the "parade of gingerbread homes" and vote on their favorite one. ~ **Mr. Knepfel**

## Middle School Students Of The Month



On January 8, 2010 the following middle school students were honored for their excellence over the month of December. The Students of the Month include the following: **Austin Bunders, Jarod Cieslewicz, and Payton Hintz.** From the sixth grade we honored Austin Bunders. Austin always has a smile on his face. He is pleasant, respectful, and well behaved throughout the entire school day. He is a shining example of a well rounded and a well-adjusted young man. Austin works very hard, always listens, and does his best work each day. He is also a positive influence on his classmates and a pleasure to have in class! From the seventh grade we honored Jarod Cieslewicz. Jarod works very hard to complete all of his work. He takes great pride in doing well and succeeding. He has a great attitude towards school, and always does what is expected of him. Jarod is always willing to try anything a teacher asks of him in class. He is fun to have in class for both the teacher and his classmates. From the eighth grade we honored Payton Hintz. Payton is very hard working and is always willing to ask for help when it is needed. She is a perfectionist who tries to do things right every time. This school year, she has shown great strides in both maturity and academic effort. Payton is very polite and respectful to both her teachers and her classmates. Always being cheerful, she is a delight to have in class!

**Thank you for your hard work,  
Congratulations!**

## St. Jude's Math-a-thon in the Middle School



Starting in February, students in the Almond-Bancroft Middle School will be participating in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon during their math class. Students will be able to raise money, which will go toward the research at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. If you are interested in pledging for the Math-a-thon, please contact a middle school student or Miss Hinton (middle school math teacher) at 715-366-2941 ext. 202.

Thank you for supporting students at  
Almond-Bancroft School and  
St. Jude's research!

## 4-K News

As tradition has it, the 4 year-old kindergarten class has held an evening Christmas concert and celebration just prior to Christmas. Always present are Santa and his elves. The Christmas program relies on volunteers to help keep costs low. Santa has donated his skills and the elf costumes have been borrowed the past 3 years. This year Jim Tuxhorn has generously donated the costumes to the program. Almond-Bancroft school would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Jim for insuring that we will always have 2 well-dressed elves present during our celebration.



**Almond-Bancroft District Spelling Bee!**  
**Friday, Feb 5, 2010**  
**8th hour in the auditorium.**

CESA 5 Regional Spelling Bee!  
Tuesday, February 16, 2010  
1:00 p.m. At Waupaca Middle School

Schools participating from Region 2:  
Almond-Bancroft, Stevens Point-St. Paul Lutheran,  
Tomorrow River,  
Tri-County, Waupaca, Wild Rose





## Jump Rope for Heart 2010

The annual Jump Rope for Heart Event will be held the week of February 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup> at Almond-Bancroft School. First through fifth grades will participate during their gym classes. Students who choose to can help raise money for the American Heart Association. The American Heart Association uses the money to fight heart disease and stroke through research and education. Jump Rope for Heart is fun, it teaches jump rope skills, the importance of physical activity, the problems that heart disease and stroke causes, and community service. Students who raise money for the American Heart Association receive thank you gifts depending on how much money they raise. Last year we raised \$1,514. Our goal for this year is to raise more than last year. Please help by supporting our student's efforts to raise money for the American Heart Association. You can help by contacting a first through fifth grade student or by contacting Mr. Young at school to make a pledge of money to the American Heart Association.

Thanks,

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator  
 Roger Young  
 366-2941 ext. 402



## HUNTER SAFETY CLASS OFFERED

The Almond Rod and Gun Club will sponsor a hunter safety education class for area youth and adults. Classes will be held in the Almond-Bancroft High School auditorium starting at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The program will run Thursdays (7:00-9:00 p.m.) and Saturdays (8:00-10:00 a.m.) for six weeks, ending on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The time of Saturday classes may change week to week. Registration will begin at 7:00 pm sharp on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Students under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian with them to register. The cost is \$10 per student. After registration that evening, we will begin teaching the course. Students will be dismissed at about 9:00 p.m. Students will be required to have a DNR customer ID number before graduating from the course. Students can obtain a DNR ID# by calling 1-888-936-7463 from 7 am to 10 pm, or they can visit a DNR service center during regular scheduled hours. If you have any questions, please call Dan Folan at 366-8851.



### Safety Cadet News

**By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator**

On Saturday, January 23, the Safety Cadets that were in good standing were invited to attend a Swim Party at the Stevens Point YMCA. This swim party and all of our events are sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department. With the help of a couple fabulous parents to watch over all of the students, the kids had a great time! A huge thank you goes out to our parent chaperones and also to Sergeant Mike Lukas and the Portage County Sheriff's Department for inviting us to attend!

We have two "Safety Cadets of the Month" for January and those two people are **Catie Schmidt** and **Michaela Wallace**. Both girls are so helpful, polite, and friendly. They can always be counted on when needed. Woo hoo, girls!!! Way to go! Congratulations Michaela and Catie.



### ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS

## HOMEWORK HOTLINE

### 366-2941

Follow the Voice Prompts

This 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.



## **Secondary Counselor News: *From the Desk of Ms. Spencer***



**INCREASE YOUR SCORES ON THE ACT and SAT**

**FREE TEST PREP**

FREE ACT and SAT test prep available at [KnowHow2GOWisconsin.org](http://KnowHow2GOWisconsin.org)

**It's free**  
A free test prep alternative that performs as well as expensive, name-brand products.

**Offers easy and confidential sign-up**  
Register on your own and immediately begin using the sample tests without a lengthy sign-up process, or diagnostic testing.

**Is personalized to your ability**  
The site continuously tracks your strengths and weaknesses and selects questions based on your skill level.

**Provides practice sessions and test taking tips**  
Helps reduce test day anxiety, build confidence, and reinforce academic skills with tutorials and insight for each test.

**Includes progress monitoring**  
Highlights areas of improvement and areas that you may still need work on.

**Features a *Vocabulary Builder***  
Provides an effective way for you to learn new words. Over 2,000 words are presented multiple times until each is mastered.

**Lets you work with a coach**  
If you need some extra motivation to help you study, ask a parent, teacher, counselor, or older sibling to serve as your coach. A coach can monitor your progress online and through weekly email updates to help motivate you as you prepare for your test. Ask someone you think will help keep you on track to sign-up online-then add them to your profile as your coach.

## **"Wall Of Honor" News: *From Karin Mather, Mickey Van Ert & Esther Whitman***

While some of our Troops have recently returned home from their tour of duty in Iraq, others remain and still more will be leaving for their tour.

We continue to collect items to send to our brave soldiers who are in combat zones.

Also, we welcome the names of soldiers who have connections to the Almond-Bancroft School District, former students or family members of students and faculty. We need their addresses so we can let them know we appreciate their service.

As names are received, they will be displayed on the "Wall Of Honor" which is located near the cafeteria and LMC. Please stop by and visit the display when you are at school.

Esther Whitman and Danielle Manock will be packing boxes to be sent out by Feb. 5th.

Names and addresses can be e-mailed to Esther Whitman at [largest@uniontel.net](mailto:largest@uniontel.net) or left in the LMC at school.

If you have any questions, please call Esther Whitman at 366-2174.

**February  
Eagles Athletic  
Events**



- 2/1-HS Girls @ Home vs. Assumption  
7:00 PM (No JV game)  
MS Girls BB @ Rosholt 5:30 PM  
MS TCAB Wrestling @ Tri-County  
6:00 PM
- 2/2-HS Girls BB @ Pacelli 7:00 PM  
(No JV game)  
HS TCAB Wrestling @  
Weyauwega- Fremont 7:00 PM
- 2/4-HS Boys BB @ Wild Rose  
6:00 PM  
MS Girls BB @ Home vs. Wild  
Rose 5:30 PM
- 2/5-HS Girls BB @ Home vs. Wild  
Rose 6:00 PM
- 2/6-HS TCAB Wrestling @  
Menominee-CWC Tournament
- 2/8-HS Boys BB @ Tri-County  
6:00 PM  
MS TCAB Wrestling @ Shiocton  
Elementary 6:00 PM
- 2/9-MS Girls BB @ Amherst 5:30 PM  
HS Girls BB @ Home vs.  
Tri-County 6:00 PM
- 2/11-MS Girls BB @ Home vs. Iola  
5:30 PM
- 2/12-HS Boys BB @ Home vs. Marion  
6:00 PM  
HS Girls BB @ Marion 6:00 PM
- 2/13-HS TCAB Wrestling @  
Tomahawk- Regional
- 2/15-MS Girls BB @ Home vs. Port  
Edwards 5:30 PM  
MS TCAB Wrestling @ Manawa  
6:00 PM
- 2/16-HS Boys BB @ Home vs. Bowler  
6:00 PM  
HS Girls BB @ Bowler 6:00 PM
- 2/18-MS Girls BB @ Tri-County  
5:30 PM
- 2/19-HS Boys BB @ Rosholt 6:00 PM  
HS Girls BB @ Home vs. Rosholt  
6:00 PM
- 2/20-HS TCAB Wrestling @ West  
Depere-Sectionals
- 2/22-MS TCAB Wrestling @ Pacelli
- 2/23-HS Boys BB @ Gresham  
6:00 PM  
MS TCAB Wrestling @  
Weyauwega-Fremont 4:00 PM
- 2/25-MS Girls BB @ Home vs. Rosholt  
5:30 PM  
HS Boys BB @ Port Edwards  
6:00 PM
- 2/26-HS Girls BB @ Home vs. Port  
Edwards 6:00 PM
- 2/25-2/27-State Wrestling-Madison

# EAGLES

## VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



Back Row (L to R): Coach Vander Laan, Brooke Yonke, Katie Schude, Jessica Dorgan, Emily Schude, Coach Young Front Row: Coach Milanowski, Danielle Dahms, Mandi Crahan, Stephanie Rodriguez, Rylee Anderson, Coach Berry

## JV GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



Back Row (L to R): Coach Berry, Danielle Dahms, Jessica Dorgan, Destiny Dykes, Coach Young Front Row: Jordan Disher, Alison Evilsizor-Siem, Kiara Turzinski, Marissa Warzynski, Kristie Felella

### Attend Adult Open Gym!

Held every Sunday night  
at 6:30 PM  
Contact John Rendall  
with any questions.



If enough adults attend  
volleyball will be played.

### 2009-10

### Open Gym Hours

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

If you have questions contact  
Scott Kollock, 335-6631.





# Sport Light

## VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



Back Row (L to R): Tyler Bunders, Jeff Kollock, Steven Swan, Kenneth Smith, Braden Hunkins, Luke Zelinski, Coach Bunders, Coach Lamb, Levi Milanowski, Jon Pagel, Lucas Meddaugh, Brant Bickford, Zachary Perzinski, Ben Turzinski Front Row: Mangers, C. Lamb, D. Bunders, A. Bunders, Z. Bunders

## JV BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



Back Row (L to R): Manager A. Bunders, Merrick Meddaugh, Mason Sigourney, Jon Pagel, Jeff Kollock, Brady McIntee, Garret Warzynski, Coach Bunders Front Row: Manger C. Lamb, Tyler Bunders, Brett Beigel, Jon Turzinski, Avery Faehling, Manager Z. Bunders

Team Photos  
Taken and Submitted  
By  
Lynn Hintz  
Photography



### Almond-Bancroft- Coaches Needed

Middle School Football – Fall 2010

Middle School Volleyball – Fall 2010

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



### Winter Book Displays

There are some important holidays and celebrations in January and February, and both the Elementary LMC and the Secondary LMC have special displays of books and corresponding student handouts with word searches, fun facts, crossword puzzles, and pages to color. After all, according to Simon Jones, a Library is "a boundless buffet waiting to feed your hungry mind." There are so many fascinating topics upon which you can feast.

**Martin Luther King Day** was January 18, and the whole month of February is designated Black History Month. It's important for our small rural community to explore historical issues and race relations in America. As Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" Some of the books on display are: *Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King*; *The Civil Rights Movement in America*; *King Remembered*; *Extraordinary Black Americans*; *Black Women Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement*; *From Slavery to Freedom*; *My Brother Martin - A Sister Remembers Growing up With the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* and *African Americans - A Portrait with a foreword by Maya Angelou*.

This year the **Chinese New Year** falls on February 14, 2010. It will be the start of The Year of the Tiger. Although everyone always thinks of lion dances and firecrackers, there is so much more to this special holiday: spending time with family, historical traditions, gift giving, and, of course, the festival of wonderful food. Some of the books on display are: *The People of China and Their Food*; *Count Your Way Through China*; *Happy New Year! Kung-Hsi Fa-ts' Ai!*; *The Ancient Chinese*, and *Shen of the Sea - Chinese Stories for Children*.

Of course **Valentine's Day** also falls on February 14. There are books on friendship, love, romance, cooperation, and families including such titles as *Valentine Treats - Recipes and Crafts for the Whole Family*, *The Valentine's Day Grump*, *Bus 9 to Paradise - a Loving Voyage* by Leo Buscaglia, the classic story of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, *Guess How Much I love You*, *Jane Eyre*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Mama, Do You Love Me?*

And Feb. 15 is **Presidents' Day**. The LMC has books on all the presidents from Washington to Obama. The newest title is *An American Journey of Barack Obama*, which is published by Time-Life and is a collection of photographs and essays that chronicle the life of President Barack Obama, discussing his childhood in Hawaii and Kenya, his years at Harvard, his years as an Illinois Senator, the presidential campaign, and other related topics.

There are many, many great books to read in the LMC. There are also displays of many NEW books - great reading for a New Year!

### Spotlight on LMC Science Students

**Brandon Lehman** (a sophomore) is a huge help in the LMC. He is a very responsible student who works well independently. Brandon has used the online library system Destiny to revise cataloging for books, add call numbers, and input data for AR (Accelerated Reader) books. As shown in the accompanying photo, Brandon has also used the computer to type hundreds of labels for new LMC books.

**Brianna Cummings** (a senior) and **Dylan Schafer** (a junior) are very conscientious LMC Science students with very positive attitudes. Every week they help the third graders find books and then check out the books for the two third grade classes. They also arrange books on the shelves, find books for the different monthly holidays, and laminate bookmarks (as shown in the accompanying photo).

**Joelle Beder** (a senior) is shown creating bookmarks in the accompanying photo. Giving the students bookmarks really does prevent damage to books - such as bent pages and broken spines. Joelle also checks out books to first and fifth grade classes each week and locates needed resources for teachers. Joelle takes her work seriously and can be trusted to do a good job.

In their spare time, Brianna and Joelle both enjoy hanging out with friends and family. Dylan spends a lot of time drumming, and he likes working with computers. During his free time, Brandon enjoys hunting with his father, country music, and sports. All four of these students are an asset to the LMC.







**Research in the LMC**

Students, from elementary through high school, have been busy working on projects, speeches, typing essays, looking up college information, using the Internet for research, making Power Point presentations, and using the LMC resources for a wide variety of classroom assignments. The Foods students (taught by **Mr. Knepfel**) have been reading and doing Internet research on the "Food Pyramid." The second graders (in the classes of **Mrs. Blokhuis**, **Mrs. Henske**, and **Mrs. Negro**) have been learning about friendship and also about the differences and similarities of the human family. **Mr. Gerlach's** history students have been studying local Wisconsin history and working on assignments for Civics. Elementary art students have been looking at pictures of homes and different styles of architecture with **Mrs. Ritter**. **Mrs. McLarnan** has been teaching students about forest animals. The students in **Mrs. Vann's** Spanish classes have been busy creating special presentations. The art students of **Mrs. Dernbach** have been getting ideas for their creations by looking up cartooning and famous works of art. It's wonderful to have the LMC used by students of all ages and also the A-B Staff to enrich their classroom learning experiences.

**New Year Donations**

With the beginning of another year, the LMC is pleased to receive the following donations: from **Ed Poock** (large hardcover books on baseball, the United States, sports, history, and the Olympics), from **Mickey Van Ert** (atlases for the Elementary LMC and dictionaries for the Secondary LMC), and from **Crystal Frank** (a wonderful assortment of videos for children including such classics as *Cinderella*, *The Princess Bride*, *The Three Musketeers*, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*). Thank you all for your support of the school LMC!



**Almond-Bancroft Student Council Valentine Candy Grams For Sale!**

The ABHS Student Council will be selling and delivering candy grams again! **Starting Monday, January 25th and continuing through Friday, February 12th.** The Elementary Students can buy them before school in the library and the Middle and High School Students can buy them during their lunch hour. Chocolate roses, white chocolate roses, and red & pink roses are \$1.00 and suckers are \$.25.

Student items delivered to: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Special Message \_\_\_\_\_

Number of:

- Chocolate Roses \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00
- White Chocolate Roses \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00
- Pink Roses \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00
- Red Roses \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00
- Suckers \_\_\_\_\_ @ .25

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**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 A-B stocking hat.

**Option 3:** (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noisemaker, card, rose or pops, beads and A-B stocking hat.

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

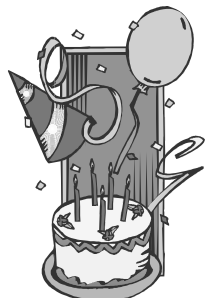
**Bonus Extra \$3.00**—4x6 Photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

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





# FIT KIDS CHALLENGE

The Fit Kids Challenge is an activity based program that will motivate children to be physically active for the remaining part of the school year. This program was designed to get children moving and to raise awareness about the importance of physical activity. Physical inactivity is a growing concern nationwide and is known to increase the risk of obesity in adults and children.



## How Does My Child Participate?

The program is simple: (1) register, (2) log physical activity, (3) attend Fit Kids Challenge events, and (4) Celebrate 100 hours of physical activity at your school's End of Challenge Celebration.

**(1) Register:** Complete the Fit Kids Challenge Official Entry Form in the corner of the brochure and return it to your child's school office or gym/PE teacher by February 12, 2010. You may pick up a brochure in Almond School at 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909.

## (2) Log Physical Activity:

Your child logs his/her physical activity on the Activity Log located in the brochure. The challenge is to engage in 100 hours of physical activity from now until May 1, 2010. Each square on the map equals **one** hour of activity. Whenever your child engages in 1 hour of physical activity, he/she fills in 1 square on the map. An easy way to meet the 100 hour Challenge goal is to complete 1 hour of physical activity each day.

All physical activity outside of school counts toward earning that hour of daily activity. Sledding, building snow forts, skiing, skating, after school sports, hiking, riding bikes, playing tag, skipping rope, anything that gets your child's body moving counts.



## (3) Attend Fit Kids Challenge Events:

Your child also has the opportunity to participate in fun, physically active community sponsored events. At each event, your child enters into a drawing for exciting prizes such as a **Wii game station, Wii Fit, custom-fit bike, and door prizes like memberships, activity gear, and other stuff.** For your child to be entered into the drawings, be sure they bring a ticket (located under the Activity Log) to each Fit Kids Challenge event. Your child must be present to win.

## (4) Earn Admission into the End of Challenge Celebration:

By completing the 100 hours required in the Fit Kids Challenge, each child will be eligible to attend their school district's End of Challenge Celebration. To register your child: (1) complete the *Admission Card*, (2) attach the *Admission Card* to your child's completed Activity Log, and (3) turn these into your school office or gym teacher by May 1, 2010. Only elementary students can earn free admission to the End of Challenge Celebration. The date, time, and location of your school district's End of Challenge Celebration will be announced closer to the completion of the Fit Kids Challenge.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF PORTAGE COUNTY, INC.

## Who Can Participate?

The Fit Kids Challenge is designed to promote physical activity in elementary age children throughout Portage County. Although only elementary students are eligible to win the prizes, all family members are **strongly** encouraged to support their child's activity in any way they can and participate in the community events.

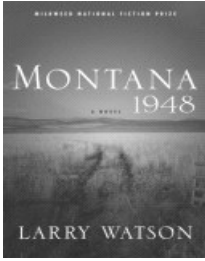
This program is an exciting opportunity for your family to have fun this winter and spring and be active. As parents, please do all you can to encourage your children to be part of this Fit Kids Challenge!





# February Adult Education Classes

## Literature 101—"Montana 1948"



In this course we will read "Montana 1948" and discuss areas of plot, characters, setting, themes, and issues of morality. If you would like to brush up on your literature skills and maybe learn a few new terms in the process this will be the perfect opportunity.

Literature 101 will take place from **6:15—7:45P.M.** on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** beginning on **February 15th**. The class is free, but there will be a cost of \$10 for those who need to purchase the book.

There is a **limit of 15 people** for this class. **Register for this course by February 12th**. To do so, Fill out the course registration slip or call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. You may also email Tom at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us)



## Computers 202

The information superhighway has changed drastically over the past five years. If you want to be kept in the loop, this course will bring you up to speed with the newest inventions of technological communications.

facebook



twitter

Classes will run **every Tuesday, beginning on February 16th, from 5:30—6:30P.M.** We will create our own Facebook pages, understand how to "tweet," organize a blog page and know how to use social network sites fluently. **Space is limited to 15 people.**

**Register for this course by February 12th.** To do so, fill out the course registration slip or call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. You may also email Tom at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us)

The cost for **Computers 202** is \$2 per class (this comes to a total of \$16). If you are not able to pay for the classes you can request a class fee waiver form. Fees are due on the first day of class.



## Sign Language For All Ages

On Wednesday, **February 17th** from **5:00—6:00P.M.** the UWSP Sign Language Club is completing a course for all ages. You will learn how to sign the alphabet, numbers, and we will then take part in a food-making activity where learning sign language in the kitchen will be the main focus.



This class is open to all ages and adults are encouraged to participate. A **limit of 15 students** is placed on attendance of this class. **Register for this course by February 12th.** To do so, fill out the course registration slip or call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. You may also email Tom at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us)

# February Adult Education Classes Cont.



## Adult Strength Training

Are you ready to become fit? Sign up today and boost your strength, increase your endurance, and enjoy the feeling that fitness brings to a healthy and balanced life.



Classes will run from 9:00—10:00A.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This eight-week course requires you to bring your own free weights. **Register by February 12th** to guarantee your spot, as space is limited. Call Heather Burns at 715-366-7777 for more details and information.

## Bollywood Dance/Fitness



Dance the night away with the Bollywood Dance and Fitness classes held in Almond School. Edie Anderson will be there to show you how to move to the music and put you on the road to a healthier future. Classes are being held on Mondays from 4:00—5:00P.M.

Space is **limited to a total of 10 students** per class. **Register for this course by February 8th.** To do so, fill out the course registration slip or call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310 to sign up. You may also email Tom at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us)

# COURSE REGISTRATION SLIP

Course registration options:

- 1) Mail a completed COURSE REGISTRATION SLIP to Almond School at 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909 (Attention Tom Collins)
- 2) Email Tom Collins at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us) to request an electronic copy of the COURSE REGISTRATION SLIP, complete the information about the course(s) you would like to take, and then either email it back to Tom or snail mail it to the address above
- 3) Fax the completed COURSE REGISTRATION slip (Attention Tom Collins) at **715-366-2940**

Please fill out the information below and use one of the three options above to be considered a registered student with the Almond-Bancroft Adult Education Program:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE TITLE #1: \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE TITLE #2: \_\_\_\_\_



# March Adult Education Classes



## Habitat for Humanity—One Day Course

Habitat for Humanity will be in Almond March 3rd from 6:00—7:00 P.M.

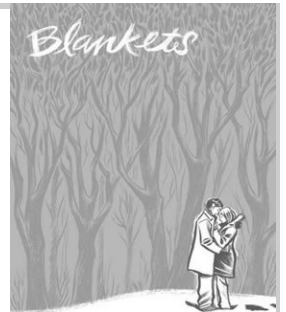
If you are looking for home repair tips, would like to know how to be involved with the Habitat organization, or just to learn something new...please email Tom Collins for any suggestions that you would like to see Habitat complete with you and for you.



## Literature 201—Graphic Reading

Graphic literature is a narrative work where art meets written dialogue. The objective of this course is for you to experience a new literary genre that is becoming an essential component to library shelves.

We will study the graphic novel, *Blankets*, which is a coming-of-age autobiography written by Craig Thompson. With roots in central Wisconsin, Thompson takes readers through his childhood, teenage first love, sibling relationships, and the struggles young people may experience as they careen to their adult years.



an illustrated novel by  
CRAIG THOMPSON

**Literature 201 begins on March 17th** at 6:00P.M. From there, classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday for any person who is age seventeen or older (unless parent attends with their son/daughter). Space is **limited to 15 students** per course.

Register for this course by **March 10th** to ensure your enrollment. The cost to take this course is \$18. If you bring your own *Blankets* book, the cost will be reduced to a total of \$6. **Register for this course by March 12th.** To do so, fill out course registration slip or call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310 to sign up. You may also email Tom at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us)

## Organization 101



Do you find it difficult to fight procrastination and complete the duties that pile up each day? This one-day class will guide you through the process of organizing your days through time management and weekly planners.

This class will take place from 5:30—6:30P.M. on Tuesday, March 16th. Please **register by March 9th** to ensure your spot. **Space is limited to 10 students.**

*Tuition for this course is \$5. If you bring your own 2010 planner, the tuition cost will be waived.*

**Register for this course by March 9th.** To do so, fill out the course registration slip or call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310 to sign up.

You may also email Tom at [tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us)

# —Coming Soon in April—

## The Parent Project

The tougher it is to be a kid; the tougher it is to be a parent. Are you equipped for this job?  
28 hours will make all the difference.



### Empowering Parents. Transforming Teens.

- Identify warning signs of destructive behavior
- Prevent or intervene in alcohol or drug use
- Learn how to never argue with your child again
- Improve school attendance and performance
- Find resources to help your family



This 11-week session will begin in April. The exact date and time are still to be determined. For more information about the program, please visit [www.parentproject.com](http://www.parentproject.com).

If you are in need of classes immediately, there are courses currently in session at 801 W. Hwy HH at Good News Fellowship in Stevens Point. You may also call (920) 372-3300.

# —Coming Soon in May—

## Christian's Bistro Cooking Class

From the kitchen of Christian's Bistro, to the classrooms of Almond School, comes an exciting opportunity for people ages 16 and up. Chef will take you through the steps and teach you how to use the right ingredients to make a delectable dish your family and friends will rave about.

If you're interested in learning how to cook, this will be your chance. Only ten people may sign up for this class because space is limited. The exact date in May is still to be determined, but keep reading through the newsletter over the next few months to stay up to date.



[WWW.VOLUNTEERSROCK.ORG](http://WWW.VOLUNTEERSROCK.ORG) [www.volunteersrock.org](http://www.volunteersrock.org) [WWW.VOLUNTEERSROCK.ORG](http://WWW.VOLUNTEERSROCK.ORG) [www.volunteersrock.org](http://www.volunteersrock.org)

## Volunteering...it's as simple as a click of the mouse

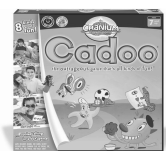
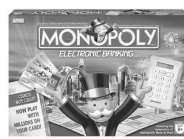
Do you have a talent or ability that you want to put to good use? The Almond-Bancroft School District is now a major player in the volunteer world and calling people to action through the United Way's Volunteers Rock web site. We are currently looking for people who are talented in the following areas:

1. Sewing, knitting, crocheting, or quilting
2. Cooking
3. Automotives
4. Carpentry
5. Education, tutoring, and/or mentoring



To become involved, please check out [www.volunteersrock.org](http://www.volunteersrock.org) or simply call Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. Things don't get done unless you volunteer...and volunteers ROCK!

## ~After Hours Center—Board Game Wish List~





FOR THE FIRST TIME

AT ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS

**ALL COLOR YEARBOOKS!**

**Every page in color!**

THE 2010 YEARBOOK WILL BE ALL IN COLOR THIS YEAR WITH  
LAST YEAR'S PRICES.

**ORDER YOURS TODAY**

**\$42 without name**

**\$47 with name**

**Send your payment to: Yearbook Club, Almond-Bancroft Schools  
1336 Elm Street  
Almond, WI 54909**

**ALMOND-BANCROFT  
PERSONALIZED CALENDAR!**

The Yearbook Club is creating a personalized calendar for August 2010 through July 2011. Place a name on our personal calendar and receive a free calendar! (One free calendar, per family – thank you.) If you want additional calendars, pay just \$5.00.

Fill in the order form below, send it or drop it off at Almond-Bancroft Schools

Attention: Yearbook Club, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909.

See a sample calendar at our selling table during various high school basketball games and place your order there!

\$5.00 for each special date (indicate what the special date is, i.e., birthday, anniversary, etc.) to be published on the personal calendar.

**Additional calendars - \$5.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed:

Special Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of additional calendars \_\_\_\_\_



## A Christmas Past

As 2010 starts, many of us are anticipating the New Year ahead, looking forward to what the future holds. But, in this article, I wish to revisit our "Christmas Past." Our school and community experienced three delightful holiday concerts by our elementary, middle, and high school students. Our high school band and choir performed holiday concerts for the Stevens Point Care Center (formerly River Pines Nursing Home) and the Portage County Home. My mother, who lives in Bancroft, was delighted with the young student carolers who came to her home to sing for her just before Christmas. These activities and events remind me of how important music is to the celebration of one of our most important and loved holidays. What would Christmas be without music?



*The Almond-Bancroft High School Band performs a holiday concert for the residents at Stevens Point Care Center on December 16, 2009*

My sister also recently reminded me that traditional Christmas carols and religious hymns are one type of music that is, for the most part, loved by all ages of people. Christmas music brings the generations together in a fondness for the classics and warm memories of holiday traditions. Holiday music also unites people from across different musical genres. No matter if you are a Celine Dion fan or a Taylor Swift fan, renditions of traditional holiday classics by famous artists appeal to fans from across many diverse musical preferences.

Thank you to our music students and to their teachers for bringing all of us together this past holiday season with wonderful, meaningful music.

scholarships; subsidize our students' participation in musical all-star and honor events; to financially assist with fun, exciting trips; and to help pay for the necessary purchase and maintenance of instruments and equipment. Thank you to the parents and students who have assisted with our Cake Walks and raffle events at the basketball games. Thank you, especially to our basketball fans and parents for your support of our student athletes and musicians.

To support and encourage our music students, the Friends of Music, with the assistance of our school, parents, and community, hopes to carry on our fundraising efforts this year to continue to provide

If you would like to assist with baking for our Cake Walks or if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets for our music quilt themed, "There is Always Time for Music," or our wooden eagle, a beautiful symbol of our school pride, please contact Mr. Gingery, Mrs. Frank, Jean Swan, or myself. Please also let us know if you would like further information or have any questions about the Friends of Music.

We wish you a happy, healthy 2010, filled with music!  
Renie Milanowski, Co-Chair, Almond-Bancroft Friends of Music



## Partners In Education News

THANK YOU to all who have responded to our previous request for volunteers!! Your willingness to lend a hand is very much appreciated. Our last meeting was held on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, with a slightly larger attendance but we need to elect officers and we would like to have even more people in attendance. We are urging you to attend the next meeting where we will be electing officers. In an effort to accommodate busy schedules, future meeting times have been moved to 7:00 p.m. Listed below you will find the meeting dates for the rest of the school year, as well as a general list of topics that will be addressed.

### **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Board member elections  
Discussing ideas and planning for Student Assembly  
Planning for Senior Tea  
Planning for Staff Appreciation Day  
Planning for Eighth Grade Graduation

### **Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Finalizing plans for Senior Tea  
Finalizing plans for Staff Appreciation Day  
Finalizing plans for Eighth Grade Graduation  
Planning for Art to Remember fundraiser

### **Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Re-cap of previous PIE events  
Scheduling all future PIE meetings for the 2011-2012 school year  
Input for improvements or additions

For those who have already volunteered for any of these above listed events, please mark your calendars and plan ahead to attend that meeting. For those who have not responded previously, but are interested in volunteering, please consider attending a meeting. Any and all support is not only greatly appreciated, but fundamental for program improvements. Without more involvement, some of the events may no longer be possible to maintain. Please contact **Trina Warzyinski at 366-2941 ext 422 or 366-2773 or Kathy Miner at 366-2854** if attending a meeting is not possible, but you would still like to become involved. Partners In Education values all input!

Thank you to all who have helped to make Partners In Education capable of providing educational and fun experiences for students throughout the years!

# Almond-Bancroft Menus, February 2010

## Breakfast Menu

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

### Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per  
Quarter

Milk Served  
With Every  
Meal

### Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge

4K(M-W) – 7 days @ 1.00=\$7.00

4K (T-Th) – 8 days @ 1.00=\$8.00

K-12<sup>th</sup> grade – 18 days @ 1.00 = \$18.00

## Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	2 Beef Sandwich, Seasoned Rice, Vegetable, Fruit	3 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	4 Salisbury Steak, Noodles, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	5 Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Vegetable, Fruit
8 Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit	9 Hamburger, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	10 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Fruit	11 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	12 Taco's, Corn, Fruit
15 Chicken Pattie, Tator Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	16 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	17 Cheese Burger Mac Hot Dish, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	18 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit	19 NO SCHOOL
22 NO SCHOOL	23 Hot Dog, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	24 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	25 BBQ Pork, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	26 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit

### Lunch Prices:

Reduced – 18 days @ .40 = \$7.20

Reduced 4K(M-W) – 7 days @ .40= \$2.80

Reduced 4K(T-Th) – 8 days @ .40= \$ 3.20

4K(M-W) – 7 days @ 1.60= \$11.20

4K(T-Th) – 8 days @ 1.60= \$ 12.80

K-5<sup>th</sup> grade – 18 days @ 1.60 = \$28.80

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 18 days @ 1.85 = \$33.30

# Preschool Screening – Child Development Day

The Almond-Bancroft School District will be holding preschool screening (Child Development Day) on Tuesday, February 23 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Bancroft school. Children who plan to attend 4 yr. old Kindergarten in the fall are requested to attend. Children between the ages of 2 ½ and 4 that are currently not enrolled in a school provided program are also urged to attend. If you're worried about the way your baby or toddler is developing, the "Birth to Three" program will be screening children from 3 months of age through 2 ½ years. **Appointments are needed for all screenings** and should be scheduled prior to Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Children will enjoy a number of fun activities designed to compare their play, socialization, motor skills, and overall developmental levels with other same-age children. Hearing and Vision screenings conducted by Portage County Health Dept. are included as part of the preschool screening. In addition, representatives and/or literature from various community services (Birth to Three, Family Resource Center, Head Start, etc.) will be available to provide information regarding services offered to families with young children.

**Children born prior to June 1, 2007** should contact Sandy Barden at Almond-Bancroft Schools to schedule an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (366-2947 ext. 329). The screening will take approximately 1½ hours. Children born *after* June 1, 2007 should contact Sue Chapman at Birth to Three Services to schedule an appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (342-0393). Children under the age of 2 ½ can be screened in approximately 45 minutes.

**Note: The school district must locate, identify and evaluate ALL resident children with disabilities (including children with disabilities who attend private schools, regardless of the severity of the disability).** The school district uses a special education screening program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are resident of the district and who have not graduated high school, to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Tracey Kelz at 366-2941 ext. 123 or by writing her at 1336 Elm Street, Almond WI, 54909.



## Four-Year Old Kindergarten Registration

Four-year old kindergarten (4K) registration will coincide with the Preschool Screening on Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bancroft school from 8:45 until 3:00. To register for 4K, children must be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2010. Please bring your child's birth certificate to verify his/her age. You will also need emergency contact information, immunization records and your family doctor and dentist's phone numbers. Registration must be completed on-site and will take about 20 minutes. No appointment is necessary. Children who plan to attend 4K in the fall should schedule an appointment to be screened on this day. Please contact Sandy Barden at 366-2941 ext. 329 with any questions you may have.

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