



February 2011

## Almond-Bancroft Celebrates Bus Driver Appreciation Week!

### February Dates To Remember

- 2/1-District Spelling Bee 8th Hour  
Almond School Auditorium
- 2/13-Eagle Booster Club Meeting  
7:00 pm
- 2/14-No School
- 2/15-Kindergarten Screening/4-K Registration  
8:00 am-3:00 pm  
Bancroft School  
*\*See last page of newsletter for details.*
- 2/16-Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 pm  
Almond School Board Room



### 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; Pam Dahms, Elaine Thompson, Jacqueline Cayce, Gina Smith, Nicki Hunt, Edward Warzynski, Dean Lamb, Michael Tess, and Kory Stucker. Also those not pictured Steve Stucker, Cindy Brandl, and James Johnson.

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



## Boys & Girls Club



*New memberships are starting to roll in for 2011!*

*Don't miss out on all the fun and sign up today!*

### Almond-Bancroft Club Hours

Monday-Thursday  
After School-6pm

\*The Plover Club is open on no school days and snow days (according to the Stevens Point School District calendar)\*





## Middle School Students Of The Month



One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for their overall excellence as a student. These students are selected based on their overall academic achievements and proper behavior in the classroom. Achieving excellent performance for the month of December are: Catherine Schmidt, Kaitlynn Lehman, and Margaret Scott.

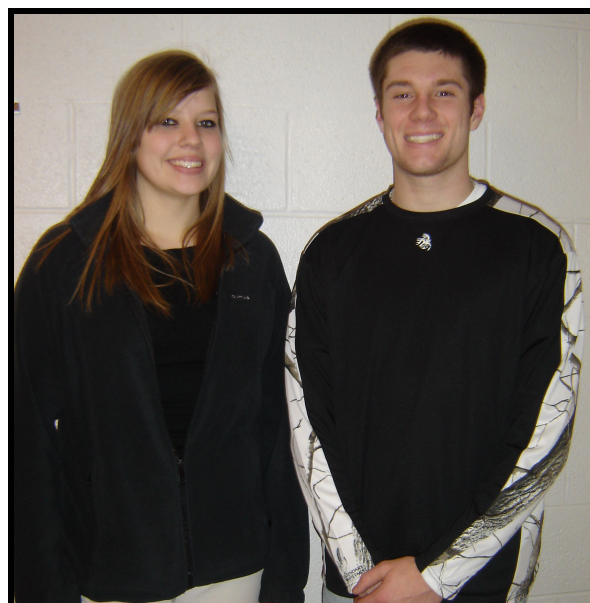
From the sixth grade the winner is Catie Schmidt. Catie is very polite and respectful in the classroom to both the teachers and her peers. She always has a positive attitude and is both cooperative and courteous. Catie works very hard and always does an excellent job on her work in class. She is a sweet young lady and a pleasure to have in class. From the seventh grade the winner is Kaitlynn Lehman. Kaitlynn is a positive and respectful student. She works very hard and excels at her academics. Kaitlynn is a conscientious and respectful student and is always cooperative and courteous. She does a great job listening and participating in class and is a positive addition to any classroom. From the eighth grade the winner is Margaret Scott. Margaret has a great attitude and is always positive with both teachers and classmates. She is a hard worker that is willing to help others in class. Margaret has a permanent smile on her face and is always happy at school. She is a positive ray of sunshine every day in class.

Thank you for your hard work,  
Congratulations!

## A-B Students Art Work Included In The Portage County Fine Art Exhibit



Ethan Heinz holds the certificate he received for best in his age category for his collage inspired by a Van Gogh landscape. More than 150 youth ages 6 to 18 were included in the Portage County Fine Arts Exhibit in Mark Motors Toyota, Plover. The annual event is part of the Boys & Girls Clubs' National Fine Arts Exhibit program. Ethan's artwork will be part of the upcoming regional exhibit giving him the opportunity to be selected for the National Exhibit that will travel later this year. Congratulations and good luck Ethan!



Brianna Kawlewski's and Lucas Meddaugh's art work was chosen to be included in the upcoming Boys & Girls Clubs regional exhibit. Brianna and Lucas are seniors at Almond-Bancroft. Congratulations Brianna and Lucas!

Other high school students entered in the Portage County Fine Arts Exhibit held at Mark Motors Toyota in Plover were Jade Stuebs, Kiara Turzinski, John Waggoner, and Zach Sanders.

## 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.



## **Jump Rope For Heart 2011**

By: Roger Young, Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator

The annual Jump Rope for Heart event will be held the week of February 21<sup>th</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup> at Almond-Bancroft School. Grades first through fifth 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 cause, 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 \$1,714. 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.



## **2010-11 Yearbook Information**

### **Get Your Pictures in the Yearbook!**

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online –

Log on to: [images.jostens.com](http://images.jostens.com)

Enter Login ID: **400110614**

Password: **abyearbook**

Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".

Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.

Click "Save Details".

**It's that easy! Submit your photos today!**

### **Senior Pictures**

Seniors, please turn in your senior picture to the yearbook.

Deadline for senior pictures is **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**.

### **2011 Yearbooks are on sale now!**

**Order Online, and avoid having to send cash to school with your child. Go to [www.JostensYearbooks.com](http://www.JostensYearbooks.com), find Almond-Bancroft, and place your order by 3/25/2011.**

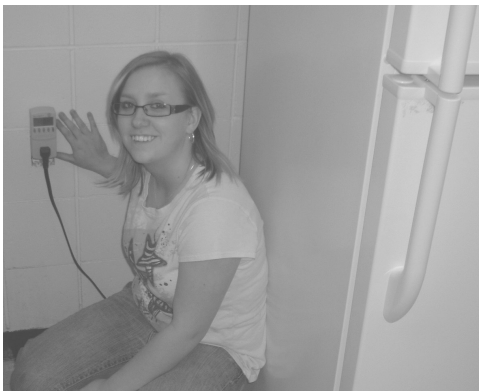
Make sure to check out the fun and interactive accessories that may be added to your yearbook, such as Photo Pockets, Photo Key Chains, Colorful Autograph Pages, and more. **Book Price: \$42**



## **Family And Consumer Science News**

### **Family and Consumer Science Receives \$1,000 Energy Education Grant**

Foods students recently completed a lesson on energy use in the home and at school. For the lesson electric use meters were attached to different small and large home appliances. Next students calculated the annual cost of electricity, comparing an older (1980's version) refrigerator and a new Energy Star refrigerator. Afterward, students explored the Focus on Energy and Energy Star websites to learn more about energy efficiency and then created an informational flyer that could be taken home or displayed in public.



The new Energy Star refrigerator in the classroom and electric use meters were made available through an Energy Education Grant awarded to the Family and Consumer Science department. The grant program is operated by the Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program (KEEP), UW-Stevens Point, which was created in 1995 to promote energy education in Wisconsin. KEEP is a product of a public private partnership between educators and professionals. KEEP receives its primary funding through Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's statewide resource for energy efficiency and renewable energy.

In the photo Taylor Martines, Foods student, is reading the electric use meter attached to the new Energy Star refrigerator.



## Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

By the time that this newsletter article is in your mailbox the Safety Cadets will have already attended the swim party at the Stevens Point YMCA. As in the past, I'm sure all of the kids had a great time! A big "Thank You" goes out to the parents that helped chaperone.

January's Safety Cadets of the Month are **Maizie Berry** and **Yadira Puente**. Both girls are always very friendly and on time for their duties. Keep up the great job, girls. Congratulations!



## News From Lisa Vann, Spanish Teacher & Title III ELL Coordinator

Students in Middle School Spanish enjoyed their very own version of "Cake Boss" and won various prizes. Tony, Klayton, Ramsey, Jace, and Christian won the **Police Academy Award** and **Most Innovative Use of Materials Award** with their "Castle Vista" cake. Teagan, Reagan, Mckenzie, and Ashley won **Extreme Sweet Makeover** and **Pyro Award** with their "Jailbreak Cake." Megan B, Meghan M., Hailey, and Yanira won the **Most Creative Award** and **Best Overall Theme** with their cake "Awesome Island Beach." Sam, Cierra, and Kristal won **Best Use of Color and Form** and **Most Variety of Candy** with their "Bedroom" cake. Students learned teamwork and goal setting and enjoyed the celebration of their diverse team efforts during a fiesta. They were challenged to think "out of the cake box" and create something with the opinions of all members of their team that they could be proud of and celebrate together. Sweet victories are indeed... **SWEET!**



A bright and experienced teacher sends this note to all parents on the first day of school. *"If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I will promise not to believe everything your child says happens at home."*



Why couldn't Cinderella be a good soccer player?

*She lost her shoe, she ran away from the ball, and her coach was a pumpkin.*

Teacher: *Tell me a sentence that starts with an "I".* Student: *I is the...*

Teacher: *Stop! Never put 'is' after an "I". Always put 'am' after an "I".* Student: *OK. I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.*

Q: What starts with E, ends with E and only has one letter?

A: *An envelope.*



Q: Why is the A like a flower?

A: *Because the B is after it.*

Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance?

A: *He didn't have anybody to take.*



Q: What do you get if you cross a pig with a karate fighter?

A: *Pork chops.*

A: What is the word that everybody always says wrong?

B: *"Wrong"*

Never, never, never, say "HI" to your friend "Jack" on a plane.





### New Year Donations

With the beginning of another year, the LMC is pleased to receive the following donations: from **Art Pagel** (children's books for 4K and the elementary LMC), from **Mickey Van Ert** (sparkling icicle lights to decorate the secondary LMC), from **Stacey Hutkowski** (magazines and a safety game for young children), from **Dannielle Manock** (books for the elementary LMC), and from **Jacob Clark**, president of Library Club (a much needed tool set for AV repairs). *See the accompanying photo of Jacob with the sixty-five-piece Stanley Tool Set!* Thank you all for your support of the school LMC!



### Library Club Fund-Raiser

The Almond-Bancroft School Library Club is raising money for an educational field trip at the end of the year. This annual trip is organized for the high school students who work in the LMC - helping elementary students find books, doing computer work, checking out books to students and staff, shelving books, and other jobs that make the LMC run smoothly. The Club will be selling a variety of school spirit, patriotic, and handcrafted items such as custom silicone bracelets (black/green with the slogan "Eagle Pride" and small eagles embossed on the bracelets) and also camouflage silicone bracelets (which state "Support Our Troops"), dog tags in green, pink, or black (with the phrase "Almond-Bancroft Schools Eagle Pride"), dog tags with the U.S. flag (and various sayings such as "Home of the Brave" and "Land of the Free"), and additional jewelry including friendship bracelets and beaded jewelry created by library students and volunteers. Items will be sold during the first two weeks of February and will be available for purchase during lunchtime at school or anytime during the day in the LMC. All items will be priced at \$5.00 or less. Feel free to contact me with any questions or stop by the school to see the items firsthand.

### 2011 Calendars Needed

The LMC and some of the classrooms need 2011 wall calendars. If anyone has "extra" calendars or "free" calendars from businesses, please drop them off in the district office or bring them directly to me or Mickey Van Ert in the Secondary LMC. We used to receive new calendars each year from various sources, but it seems the economy has slowed down these donated gifts and PR items. Thanks, in advance, for any spare 2011 calendars!!!

### Winner of the "Name the Allosaurus Contest"

Congratulations to **Grace Dachel**, grade 3, Mrs. Doede's Room. *(See the accompanying photo.)* Grace is the winner of the



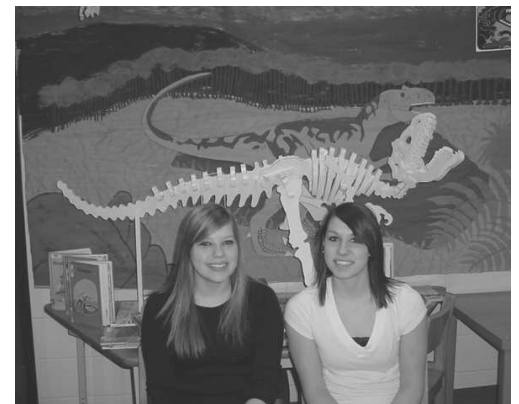
"Name the Allosaurus" Contest. She took home the grand prize - a miniature version of the skeletal fossil made by Jon Pagel. It is an exact replica of the large dinosaur skeleton that is on permanent display in the ELM which was made by **Sam Spohn** and **Jon Pagel**. Each student who entered the contest received a special dinosaur bookmark.

The winning name is: *CranidosVanMathersaur*. Many names for dinosaurs are made of Greek or Latin words. For example, the word "dinosaur" comes from the Greek word "dino" meaning "terrible" and the Greek word "saurus" meaning "lizard." Thus, "dinosaur" means "terrible lizard." Grace imaginatively combined the word "cranidos" (from the gray, spiky, Pokemon dinosaur) with the names of Mrs. Van Ert and Mrs. Mather and the word "saur" (a common word used in the names of extinct reptiles) to create the winning name. Congratulations again to Grace, and thanks to all the students who entered.

### Dinosaur Mural Completed

The Allosaurus Fossil, made by **Sam Spohn** and **Jon Pagel** in their Tech Ed class under the supervision of **Mr. Bennett**, now stands before an ancient landscape showing what the dinosaur may have looked like when it roamed the Earth over 150 million years ago. **Brianna Kawlewski** and **Emily Schude**, two senior students taking an independent art class with **Mrs. Dernbach**, are the artists who painted the lush green mural backdrop. *(See the accompanying photo.)* They did research to discover the type of environment in which the Allosaurus lived. The Allosaurus was the most common carnivorous dinosaur in Jurassic North America. Over 60 skeletons have been found in Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, and New Mexico and also in Australia and Tanzania. This dinosaur also probably lived in Africa and Europe.

Our sincere thanks to Brianna and Emily, as well as to Sam and Jon, for working on this project! The elementary students are very excited about seeing a dinosaur skeleton and then also seeing what it looked like many, many years ago. It's especially great that these high school students cared enough to work together for the educational enrichment of the elementary students!



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

### **ACT Workshop**

On Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Almond-Bancroft will host an ACT workshop. This workshop will introduce students to test taking strategies in the four main sections of the ACT test (English, Reading, Math, and Science) and the writing section. They will be given a testing experience in each of these areas and then evaluated to show where their strengths and weaknesses are. Students will learn the importance of pacing yourself throughout the test, what an ACT score actually means, and what score colleges are looking for. An ACT Student Coordinator from CESA 5 will run the all-day workshop. The workshop is open to any interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors, but juniors are especially encouraged to participate since most University-bound students take the ACT the spring of their junior year. The cost is \$5 and students should sign up for the workshop on the guidance window in the main office. Please direct any questions to Ms. Spencer at 715-366-2941 ext. 414.



### **WISCareers Website Available (<http://wiscareers.wisc.edu>)**

Students and Parents of Almond-Bancroft High Schoolers:

Please remember that Almond-Bancroft School District has a subscription to the WISCareers website for its students. This career development website helps guide students through the process of making career and educational decisions. Students can access their WISCareers personal account from any computer with Internet access.

WISCareers website offers career assessments to encourage self-discovery and awareness, career exploration with over 1,000 occupations and over 3,000 schools with links to school home pages and on-line applications, and career preparation with a database of over 110,000 Wisconsin employers for job exploration and Resume & Cover Letter programs to build job-seeking skills.

We encourage you to look at WISCareers with your student. For more information or for your student's username and password, please contact Ms. Spencer at 715-366-2941 ext. 414.



## **“LOVE THY NEIGHBOR”**

COMEDIC PLAY WRITTEN BY BY GARY RAY STAPP

DIRECTED BY LARRY WHITMAN AND LISA VANN

PLAY TO BE PERFORMED BY ALMOND COMMUNITY THEATRE (ACT)

**CALL TO AUDITION & SAVE THE DATES!!!! APRIL 29-30 & MAY 1, 2011**

Armed with a sharply judgmental attitude and a pair of binoculars, homeowner Leona Crump is consumed with anxiety over her new neighbors. Will they be California beatniks? Or paroled inmates? Or more frightening yet, perhaps they have children?! Her worst fears are realized when an odd-ball "hill-folk" family move in across the street. She quickly realizes that nothing in her life, including her favorite telephone psychic, has prepared her for the series of showdowns set to take place in her living room. Gafina Hambefferschmidt, an obnoxious, gum-chewing woman, together with her "Maw", an old hillbilly crone; Gafina's simple-minded, love-struck boyfriend, Turner and her "flirty" sister Bambi, turn Leona's neighborhood upside down. Threatened by the over-zealous friendliness of the women and "romanced" by the disgusting Turner, Leona vows to purge them from her cul-de-sac. But she has no support from her husband, the epitome of the couch potato, nor her other neighbor Judy, who is as sweet as pie and about as bright. Adding to Leona's exasperation are her daily dealings with her refrigerator-raiding neighbor Paul, the local real estate saleswoman Rose Bush, the mailman, an Avon lady and a police officer, all of whom, she is convinced, were only put on this earth to annoy her. Outnumbered, but refusing to be outmatched, Leona suits up in her husband's military fatigues and resolves to "mop up" the new neighbors all on her own.

Almond Community Theatre (ACT)

P.O. Box 23 Almond, WI 54909

Larry Whitman, Cell Phone; 920-740-5204  
and Lisa Vann, Cell Phone: 715-630-5834

**Contact us for AUDITION INFORMATION**

**or to help with the show!!!**

E-mail: [lvann@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:lvann@abschools.k12.wi.us)



# Volunteer Spotlight



Volunteer Spotlight is a section of the newsletter to thank those volunteers who have given a little extra to the school district and our community. If you would like to nominate someone for this section, please contact Jen Schomer; 715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us.

## Mr. Knepfel's Senior Strategies Class – Volunteers of the Month!

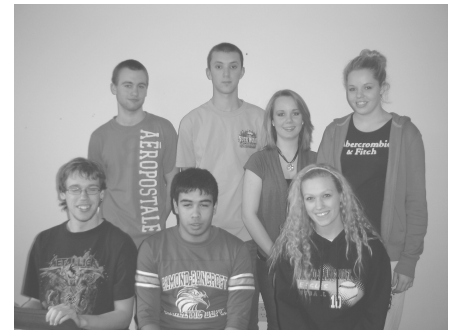


### Almond-Bancroft's Charity Closet

The students in Mr. Knepfel's Senior Strategies class worked hard to organize the Almond-Bancroft Charity Closet shortly after break. This closet is designed to organize and display all donated apparel items by size and gender. The clothes are available to any student who may need the assistance. Thank you to these hard working students for organizing all of the donated apparel—Tyler Meddaugh, Jeff Fletcher, Brittany Degler, Datonn Ammel, Nick Chapa, Isabell Wueston, Mandi Crahan, and Robert Fay.

#### We still need donations!

Almond-Bancroft's Charity Closet still needs donations! The closet currently has plenty of outdoor winter apparel and some summer clothes, however, the charity closet is lacking winter clothing. We are looking for jeans, long-sleeve shirts, sweaters, and sweatshirts in all sizes and for both genders. Also to help display these items, the closet is in need of hangers and bins to place small items. Please drop off items in the main office. Thank you for your donation!



### "Wall Of Honor and Military Support" News: *From Esther Whitman & Dannielle Manock*

We are still sending "Care Boxes" to soldiers who are a part of the A-B School District family and are currently serving in combat zones. Please let us know of any soldiers who qualify and supply us with their address or contact information. Also, please inform us if you know of anyone who has had a change of address. We thank you for your help and we are looking forward to sending out new care boxes!



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

The ABHS Student Council will be selling and delivering candy grams again! **Starting Monday, January 31st and continuing through Friday, February 11th.** 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.

\*New heart beads are \$.75, chocolate roses are \$1.00 and suckers are \$.25.

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

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

Number of:

NEW Heart Bead Necklaces \_\_\_\_\_ @ .75

Chocolate Roses \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00

Suckers \_\_\_\_\_ @ .25

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





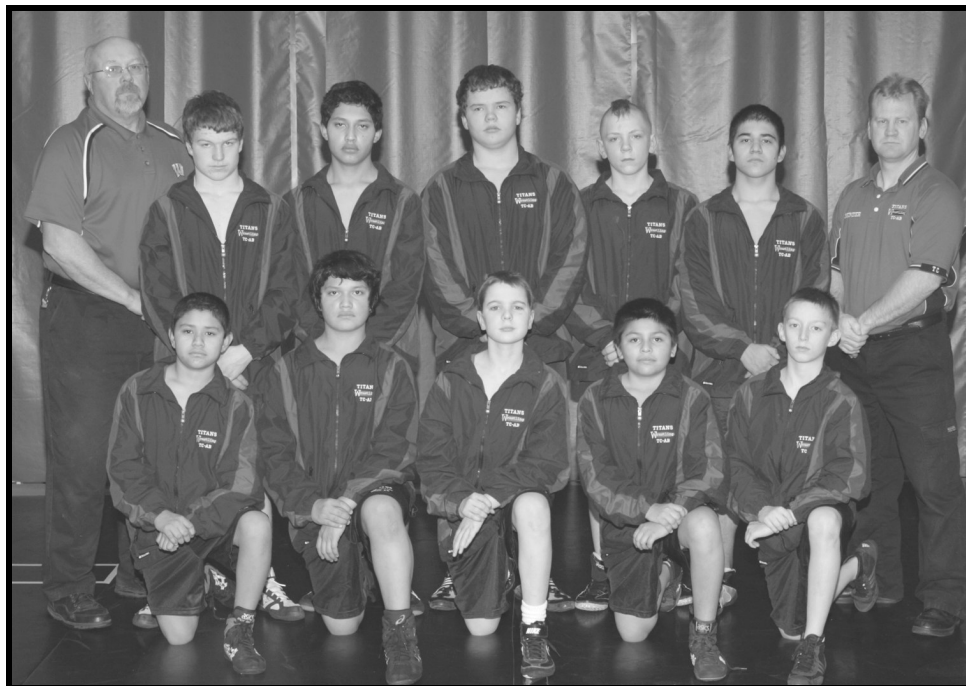
**February**  
**Eagles Athletic**  
**Events**



# EAGLES

- 2/1-TC-AB Titans Home (Almond)  
vs. Weyauwega-Fremont 7:00 pm
- 2/3-HS Boys BB Home vs. Wild Rose  
6:00 pm  
-MS Girls BB @ Wild Rose 5:30 pm
- 2/4-HS Girls BB @ Wild Rose 6:00 pm
- 2/5-TC-AB Titans CWC Meet @  
Stevens Point Pacelli Start TBA
- 2/7-MS Girls BB Home vs. Amherst  
5:30 pm
- 2/8-HS Boys BB Home vs. Tri-County  
6:00 pm  
-HS Girls BB @ Tri-County  
6:00 pm
- 2/10-MS Girls BB @ Iola 5:30 pm
- 2/11-HS Girls BB Home vs. Marion  
6:00 pm  
-HS Boys BB @ Marion 6:00 pm
- 2/12-TC-AB Titans Regional @  
Wild Rose/Wautoma Start TBA
- 2/14-MS Girls @ Port Edwards 5:30 pm
- 2/17-MS Girls BB Home vs. Tri-County  
5:30 pm
- 2/15-HS Girls BB Home vs. Bowler  
6:00 pm  
-HS Boys @ Bowler 6:00 pm
- 2/17-HS Girls BB @ Rosholt 6:00 pm
- 2/18-HS Boys BB Home vs. Rosholt  
6:00 pm
- 2/19-TC-AB Titans Sectional  
Tournament @ Waupaca Start TBA
- 2/24-MS Girls BB @ Rosholt 5:30 pm
- 2/25-HS Boys BB Home vs. Port  
Edwards 6:00 pm  
-HS Girls BB @ Port Edwards  
6:00 pm
- 2/28-MS Girls BB Home vs. Wild Rose  
5:30 pm

## TC-AB MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING



Back Row (L to R): Coach Pagel, Dylan Nigh(TC), Tomas Samaniego(TC), Cole Warzynski(AB), James Johnston(AB), Justin Ceballos(TC), Coach Bender Front Row: Carlos Cabral(TC), Nick Samaniego(TC), Eric Beuchner (TC), Julio Rayes-Sanchez(TC), Stone Stommel(TC)  
 Not Pictured: Brock Akkerman(TC)

## A-B Sports Zone



Check out the NEW A-B Sports Zone on the Almond-Bancroft web page  
[www.abschools.k12.wi.us](http://www.abschools.k12.wi.us)

## A-B HS POMMS TEAM

*Back Row (L to R):  
 Cynthia Nigh,  
 Alexis Seitz,  
 Jewel Matke  
 Front Row:  
 Anna Perrin,  
 Angela Swanski,  
 Sierra Stucker*



Poms Photo  
 Taken and Submitted  
 By  
 Lynn Hintz  
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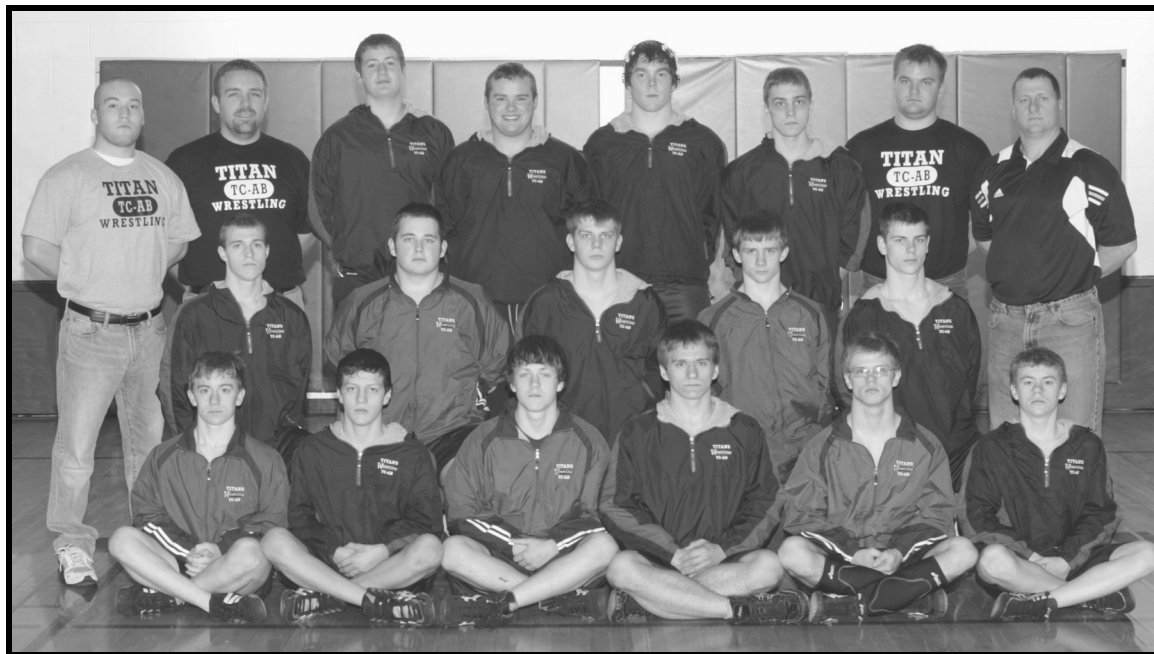
# Sport Light

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

# TC-AB



# TITANS



Back Row (L to R): Assistant Schultz, Coach Peterson, Kevin Buckenberger(AB), Sam Spohn(AB), Brandon Clapper(TC), Russell Carey(AB), Assistant Bates, Coach Woyak Middle: Joe Woyak(TC), Luke Mullins(TC), Keegan Crawford(TC), Kyle Leonardt(AB), Zach Nigh(TC) Front: Jacob Vallery(AB), Colyn Lauer(TC), Adam Serianni-Green(AB), Nic Woyak(TC), Cody Leonardt(AB), Caleb Alexander(TC)



### Almond-Bancroft Poms Youth Clinic

The A-B HS Poms Team will be holding a Poms Clinic for KNG-6th grade students.

**Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Almond School in the East Gym.**

**Registration required by February 18.**

Cost is \$20.00 and each participant will receive set of poms and a T-shirt (Youth sizes S, M, L, XL , Adult S, M, L).

**Participants will need to bring a snack and a water bottle.**

A dance performance will take place at the end of the clinic at 4:15 pm.

Parents are invited to attend the performance and don't forget your video cameras!

Contact Liz Stucker, 715-366-2667, with any questions.

#### A-B HS Poms Youth Clinic

Make check payable to: A-B HS Poms, Return this form and check in an envelope to: A-B High School Office attn: A-B HS Poms

PARTICIPANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for my child to attend the A-B HS Poms Clinic. I understand that once registered, no refunds will be given but they will still receive the t-shirt.

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

# Support A-B Student Council 2010-11 Almond-Bancroft Apparel

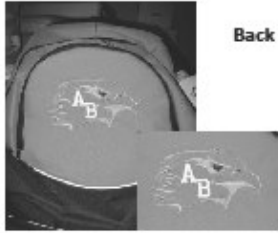
## Last Opportunity To Place A Order, February 15, 2011

Order form at right, return with payment to: Almond-Bancroft Schools Attn: Lynne Dernbach, Student Council  
1336 Elm St. Almond, WI 54909

Stone Eagle Hat



Back Pack



Ladies & Girls Tricot Jacket C



Adult & Youth Tricot Jacket D



E Old School Jersey



F JR Fit Replica Mesh Football Tee



G Adult Stadium Mesh Replica Football Jersey



H Moisture Wicking Long Sleeve T's



I Moisture Wicking Short Sleeve T's



J Adult Hockey Hoody with Eagles Embroidery



K Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt with Eagles embroidery



L Youth Hooded Sweatshirt



Sport Tek Ladies Moisture Wicking 1/4 Zip Pullover



M Sport Tek Adult Moisture Wicking 1/4 Zip Pullover



Pocket embroidered

### 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 stuffed eagle.

**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.

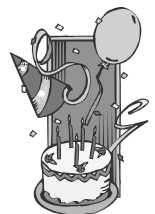
**Bonus Extra \$3.00**—4x6 Photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

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





# 2010-2011 Almond-Bancroft Apparel Order Form

Orders due by: February 15 for Last Delivery

Attn: Mrs. Dernbach

NAME			PHONE					AMOUNT YOU OWE \$					
Style#	STYLE DESCRIPTION	COLOR	Small	Medium	Large	XL	ADULT 2XL ADD \$3.00	ADULT 3XL ADD \$4.00	ADULT 4XL ADD \$4.00	TOTAL	EACH PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	
A	Augusta Large Back Pack	Kelly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		\$25.00		
	Add on back pack	NAME:									\$5.00		
B	Dri-Duck Wildlife Series Structure Cap with side Eagle embroidery - top quality!	Stone - One size adjustable hat	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		\$20.00		
C	Ladies Brushed Tricot Jacket	Kelly/White						n/a	n/a		\$30.00		
	Girls Brushed Tricot Jacket	Kelly/White					n/a	n/a	n/a		\$30.00		
D	Adult Brushed Tricot Jacket	Kelly/White							n/a		\$30.00		
	Youth Brush Tricot Jacket	Kelly/White					n/a	n/a	n/a		\$30.00		
E	Adult Old School 50/50 Cotton Football Jersey	Kelly/White							n/a		\$20.00		
	Add Name &/or Number to back of Jersey	NAME:				Number:						\$5.00 each	
	Youth Old School 50/50 Cotton Football Jersey	Kelly/White							n/a		\$20.00		
	Add Name &/or Number to back of Jersey	NAME:				Number:						\$5.00 each	
F	JR FIT Replica Football Tee Tricot Mesh	Black/White						n/a	n/a		\$20.00		
	Add Name &/or Number to back of Jersey	NAME:				Number:						\$5.00 each	
F	JR FIT Replica Football TEE Tricot Mesh	Pink/Charcoal						n/a	n/a		\$20.00		
	Add Name &/or Number to back of Jersey	NAME:				Number:						\$5.00 each	
G	Adult Stadium Replica Mesh Jersey	Black/White							n/a		\$20.00		
	Add Name &/or Number to back of Jersey	NAME:				Number:						\$5.00 each	
G	Adult Stadium Replica Mesh Jersey	Pink/Charcoal							n/a		\$20.00		
	Add Name &/or Number to back of Jersey	NAME:				Number:						\$5.00 each	
H	Adult Moisture Wicking Long Sleeve T-Shirt	Silver							n/a		\$20.00		
	Youth Moisture Wicking Long Sleeve T-Shirt	Silver					n/a	n/a	n/a		\$20.00		
I	Adult Moisture Wicking Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Kelly							n/a		\$15.00		
	Youth Moisture Wicking Short Sleeve T-Shirt	Kelly					n/a	n/a	n/a		\$15.00		
J	Adult Hockey Style Hoody with Eagles Embroidery	Black							n/a	n/a	\$35.00		
	Adult Hockey Style Hoody with Eagles Embroidery	Graphite							n/a	n/a	\$35.00		
K	Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt with Eagles Embroidery	Black									\$25.00		
	Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt with Eagles Embroidery	Sport Grey									\$25.00		
L	Youth Hoody with screen printed Eagles	Sport Grey					n/a	n/a	n/a		\$20.00		
M	Sport Teck Ladies Moisture Wicking 1/4 Zip Pullover with pocket embroidery	Dusty Rose									\$30.00		
N	Sport Teck Adult Moisture Wicking 1/4 Zip Pullover with pocket embroidery	Charcoal Grey									\$30.00		

# Community News

## Fit Kids Challenge



All Almond-Bancroft students, grade K-5, will be apart of Fit Kids Challenge 2011 sponsored by Portage County CAN starting in January. Fit Kids encourages students to be physically active each day. Student will track their physical activity between January through May to earn an end-of-the-year extravaganza. Remember anything counts, even cleaning the house! Almond-Bancroft elementary students received their membership forms and parent information in January. **Please return the registration forms to school or complete the registration online before February 11th.** Bring the feedback form back to receive a prize!

Throughout the spring, Portage County Can along with other sponsors will be hosting events to give an opportunity for the students to win prizes. There will also be two events in Almond to have family fun! If you have any questions, please contact Jen Schomer (715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or [jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us))



**Participating Schools:** Almond-Bancroft, Rosholt, and Stevens Point Area Catholic and Public Schools.

## Continuing Education Survey

I am looking for your thoughts and options and continuing education. Please take a few minutes to complete an online survey or the paper copy sent home about the continuing education program. Please drop off paper copies at the main office. If you have any further comments, please contact Jen Schomer, [jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us) or 715-366-2941 Ext. 101.

**Online Survey web address:**

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BLL27WHFM/>

## Almond-Bancroft Community Members!

Middle School Student Senate is asking **all** community members to send in their favorite recipes. These recipes will be used to create the first annual Almond-Bancroft Student Senate Cookbook. Please send your recipes to Jen Schomer with your full name and complete, legible recipe. Recipes can be submitted through email ([jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us)), dropped off at the main office or at home basketball games, and mailed to Almond-Bancroft School District, Attn: Jen Schomer, 1336 Elm St., Almond WI 54909.

**Thank you for your support!**



## Continuing Education February Classes

**Free Adult Fitness Class:** Come bust a move every Monday and Thursday evenings starting at 5:30 pm in room 124 (Choir room) at Almond High School.

**Walking Club!:** Walk those pounds off! Walking can start any time before 6:30 Monday-Thursday in Almond School. Please sign-in outside of room 101. There will be prizes each month for those who walk the most hours!

**Cooking Class with Rockman's Catering:** Enjoy a night of cooking with Taste of Tuscany taught by Rockman's Catering on Thursday, Feb. 24 @ 6pm. Learn how to make and eat a sample of Italian foods for \$10.00/person. Space is limited to 15 people; call Jen Schomer ASAP to reserve your spot!

**AB Book Club:** Check out our book club. The only cost is the purchase of the book. Meetings are held every other Thursday @ 7 pm in the library. Contact Jen Schomer to find out what book we are reading next.

**Stress Management:** Learn tips on how to reduce and handle the amount of stress in your life. The class will be held on Wed. February 23 @ 6 pm in the High School Library.

**Contact Jen Schomer to register for a class;  
[jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us) or  
715-366-2941 Ext. 101**



## 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 3rd. The program will run Thursdays and Saturdays for six weeks, ending on Saturday, April 9th.

Registration will begin at 7:00 pm sharp on March 3rd. 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 pm.

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 regularly scheduled hours.

If you have any questions, please call Gene Reineking at 715-366-7863.



## Portage County Farm To School Program

Harvest of the Month  
February: Cranberries

During lunch on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, all students will have the opportunity to try locally grown cranberries as a part of the monthly Farm to School Harvest of the Month tasting. The goal of Harvest of the Month is to excite students about eating fresh fruits and vegetables and to inspire them to try new foods. It also encourages the school food service to purchase foods from local farmers and producers. We will be having a meeting regarding Farm to School Initiatives in the cafeteria on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm. If you are interested in what we are doing or would like to be involved, please join us.

Be sure to ask your students and children how they enjoyed trying the fresh cranberry salsa made from cranberries from Wisconsin Cranberry Cooperative in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. This versatile little fruit is more than just an addition to the Thanksgiving meal. Cranberries are considered super-fruits nutritionally and are also a major crop for Wisconsin. Cranberries can be used fresh, frozen or dried in breads, cookies, yogurt, salsa, salads, or smoothies. Dried cranberries can also be used as sweet and tart snack on their own that kids love!

Please feel free to contact your Portage County Farm to School Representatives with any comments, questions, or if you would like to lend a hand. Maggie Stremkowski: [stremkowskim@co.portage.wi.us](mailto:stremkowskim@co.portage.wi.us) and Kelly Smith: [smithke@co.portage.wi.us](mailto:smithke@co.portage.wi.us).

### Fresh Cranberry Salsa

#### Ingredients

- 1 (12 ounce) bag cranberries, fresh
- ¼ bunch cilantro, chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, cut into 3 inch lengths
- ½ jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 limes, juiced or lime juice
- 1/4 cup white sugar

#### Directions

Combine cranberries, cilantro, green onions, jalapeno pepper, lime juice, sugar, and salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a medium blade. Chop to medium consistency. Refrigerate if not using immediately. Serve at room temperature.



## Please join us for the 4th Annual Strike Against Autism

*Gary "Bubba" has made extreme progress but can not meet his sensory needs in his home. We are raising money to add a sensory room and equipment for him.*

**March 5th, 2011**

**11 AM — 4 PM**

**Plainfield Bowl 715-335-6500**

*Free bowling, basket raffles, big item raffles, and a great time to be had by all!*





## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE: Lynn Bergman RN, BSN

Marilyn Dethlefsen, the previous school nurse has retired as of January 17th, 2011. I am pleased to be your school nurse for the remainder of this school year (2010-11) and look forward to working with you. My schedule for Almond-Bancroft will be:

Tuesdays: Almond: 8:30-11:30

Bancroft: 11:45-12:45

At times I will need to flex my schedule to accommodate meetings and trainings. Please feel free to contact me in the health office or at Portage County Health and Human Services Department at 715-345-5646. Should you need to find me, a copy of my weekly school schedule is with the office staff.



### From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

The New Year is well under way and Connie has been introducing some new foods and whole grains into the food service program, along with new smoothie flavors. The Farm to School program has also introduced the students to sweet potatoes and we are looking forward to tasting the cranberries. Everyone seems to be enjoying the new items.

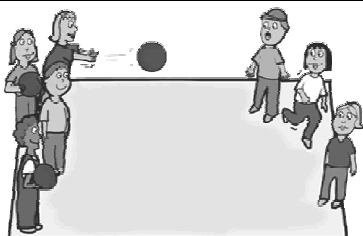
Now we are working on implementing the Fuel-Up to Play 60 program. We hope we can get it up and running soon. The program promotes students becoming more active and eating healthier food choices.

I have enjoyed seeing all the students in the lunch line after the holiday break, everyone seems to be getting taller!

Sincerely Yours,

Pat Leary, Food Service Director

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## DODGEBALL

Sponsored by A.A.E.A.  
Almond Area Education Association

The annual dodge ball tournament is looking for parents to organize elementary student teams to participate in the tournament to be held in March.

Please contact Sara Blokhuis at school if you are interested in organizing a grade level team.

Sara Blokhuis  
715-366-2941 x114  
sblokhuis@abschools.k12.wi.us


## ENDING CHILDHOOD OBESITY WITHIN A GENERATION

We support school-based nutrition and physical fitness initiatives, such as Fuel Up to Play 60, that help achieve these guiding principles:

1. Increase access to and consumption of affordable and appealing fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean meats in and out of school.
2. Stimulate children and youth to be more physically active for 60 minutes every day in and out of school.
3. Boost resources (financial/rewards/incentives/training/technical assistance) to schools in order to improve physical fitness and nutrition programs.
4. Educate and motivate children and youth to eat the recommended daily servings of nutrient-rich foods and beverages.
5. Empower children and youth to take action at their school and at home to develop their own pathways to better fitness and nutrition for life.

# Almond-Bancroft Menus, February 2011

## Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>*Juice Served With Every Breakfast</b>	1 Cereal, Muffin	2 Box Breakfast	3 Oatmeal, Toast	4 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
7 Pancake Sausage Wrap	8 Box Breakfast	9 Scrambled Eggs, Toast	10 Cereal, Muffin	11 Bagel, Yogurt
14 No School	15 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	16 French Toast Sticks	17 Breakfast Bagel	18 Cereal, Muffin
21 Cereal, Muffin	22 Egg Omelet, Toast	23 Box Breakfast	24 Oatmeal, Toast	25 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
28 Cereal, Muffin				

**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 – 19 days @ 1.00 = \$19.00

### Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per  
Quarter

Harvest of the Month from the Farm To School Program is  
**CRANBERRIES**. Try them on February 15<sup>th</sup>!

## Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Dessert	2 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread	3 Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	4 Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Dessert
7 Beefy Nachos	8 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies & Dip	9 Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Bread	10 Hamburger, French Fries	11 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar
14 No School	15 Tacos, Corn	16 Chicken Stir Fry, Salad Bar	17 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Dessert	18 Chicken Nuggets, Oven Potatoes
21 Pizza, Salad Bar	22 Chicken Fajitas	23 Sub, Beef Veggie Soup	24 Chicken Pot Pie	25 Corn Dogs, Ravioli
28 Chicken Pattie, Tater Barrels				

**Lunch Prices:**  
 4K Reduced (M-W) – 7 days @ .40 = \$2.80  
 4K Reduced (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-12<sup>th</sup> grade Reduced – 19 days @ .40 = \$7.60  
 K-5<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 1.60 = \$30.40  
 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 1.85 = \$35.15

## Four-Year Old Kindergarten Registration

Four-year old kindergarten (4K) registration will coincide with the Preschool Screening on **Tuesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</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, 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 if they have not been screened in the past. **Please contact Sandy Barden at 366-2941 ext. 329 with any questions you may have.**

## Preschool Screening – Child Development Day

The Almond-Bancroft School District will be holding preschool screening (Child Development Day) on **Tuesday, February 15 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.**

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, 2008** should contact Sandy Barden at Almond-Bancroft Schools to schedule an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (366-2941 ext. 329). The screening will take approximately 1½ hours. Children born *after* June 1, 2008 should contact Sue Chapman at Birth to Three Services to schedule an appointment (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.

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