



January 2010

January Dates
To Remember

1/1-No School
Winter Break

1/12-P.I.E. Meeting
5:30 PM

1/13-Booster Club
Meeting 7:00 PM

1/18-Board Of
Education Meeting
6:30 PM
Bancroft School

1/22-No School
End of 2nd Quarter



**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.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
NOW OPEN TO 1ST AND 2ND GRADERS!**

We are pleased to inform you that the Almond-Bancroft
Boys & Girls Club is now serving first and second graders!

You may sign your child up for a low fee
(\$10/child/year or \$25/families of three or more)
by stopping by the Boys & Girls Club room for a membership
application and information on our current activities.
With your child's membership they have the opportunity to
attend the club Monday-Thursday right
after school until 6 pm.

Everyday they will enjoy a healthy snack, get help on
homework, and have endless amounts of fun
in our weekly programs!

Please feel free to contact your club director (Lauren Chilcott)
at 715-366-2941 ext: 242 during club hours, stop by the room,
or e-mail her at

lauren.chilcott@bgclubpc.org



**BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB**



*The Almond-Bancroft Staff
Would Like To Wish You
Happy Holidays
And A Wonderful New Year!*

High School Student Of The Week

November 16 - 20, 2009



Rachel Penza is my choice for student of the week. She helps me tremendously. She helps set up the concession stand, washes the dishes, enters grades and corrects papers. Without her I would have a hard time getting things done. She is upbeat and never complains about the work. Thanks Rachel!

~ Ms. Krueger

High School Student Of The Week

November 30 – December 4, 2009



I nominate Chris Roeske for Student of the Week. Chris is a fine young gentleman. He is diligent and hard working, always does his best on any given task. Chris is courteous and pleasant to teachers and fellow students alike, and he always displays a positive attitude in and out of the classroom. He is an excellent role model for others in the school. Chris, thank you - it's been a pleasure having you in Advanced Foods this semester. ~ Mr. Knepfel

High School Student Of The Week

December 7 - 11, 2009

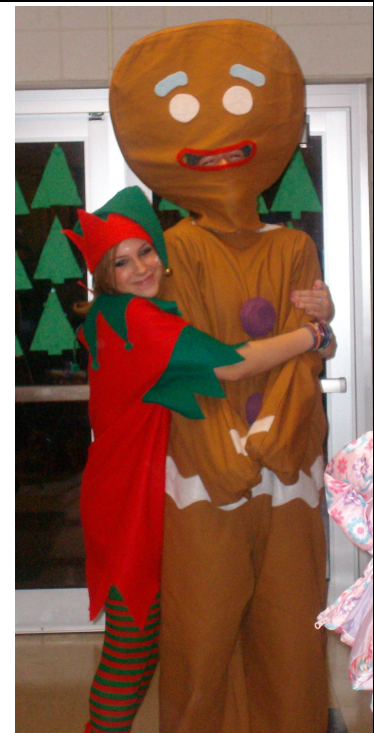


As student of the week, I select Jeff Higgins. Jeff has impressed me this year. He completes his assignments on time, has done very well on tests and is very respectful to me and those around him. He's extremely helpful and helps out with anything that needs to be done. Keep up the good work Jeff!

~ Mrs. Karpen

4K News

Every year the Gingerbread Man makes a surprise appearance during the 4K Christmas program. The children really enjoy interacting with him. In past years the costume for this event has been loaned to the school from Blake Schultz. This year Blake has generously donated the costume to the program. Thank you Blake for guaranteeing that we will be able to carry on the tradition!



Happy Holidays From 4K!

Middle School November Students Of The Month



On December 4, 2009 the following middle school students were honored for their excellence over the previous month. The November Students of the Month include the following: Kaitlynn Lehman, Siandra Mata-Rodriguez, and Evan Pagel. From the sixth grade we honored Kaitlynn Lehman. Kaitlynn is a very conscientious student who cares about how she does in the classroom. She works very hard and always asks great questions. Kaitlynn is always willing to help others, and is a role model for her classmates. She does everything that is expected of an exceptional student, and is a joy to have in class! From the seventh grade we honored Siandra Mata-Rodriguez. Siandra has made great strides in school this year. She has a very positive attitude in class, and works hard to complete her work. She takes great pride in all of her accomplishments. She is very polite and respectful. Siandra always has a big smile on her face and is fun to be around. Often times she lightens the mood of her classes and is a positive influence on her classmates. From the eighth grade we honored Evan Pagel. Evan has a very positive attitude both in and out of the classroom. He can joke around with his peers and still be a positive influence on them. It is very rare that Evan does not have a smile on his face. He has consistently excelled in his academics as well.

Thanks you for your hard work,
Congratulations!

Gavin McIntee Volunteers to Install Legacy Wall

P.I.E. would like to extend a big thank you to Gavin McIntee for graciously donating his time to install the Class of 2016 Legacy Wall. Without Gavin's Generosity the wall would not be possible!

Thank you Gavin, the students at Almond-Bancroft greatly appreciate all your hard work!

Please stop in and see the students fantastic art work and Gavin's tile work. The wall is located in the main entry above the elementary water fountain.



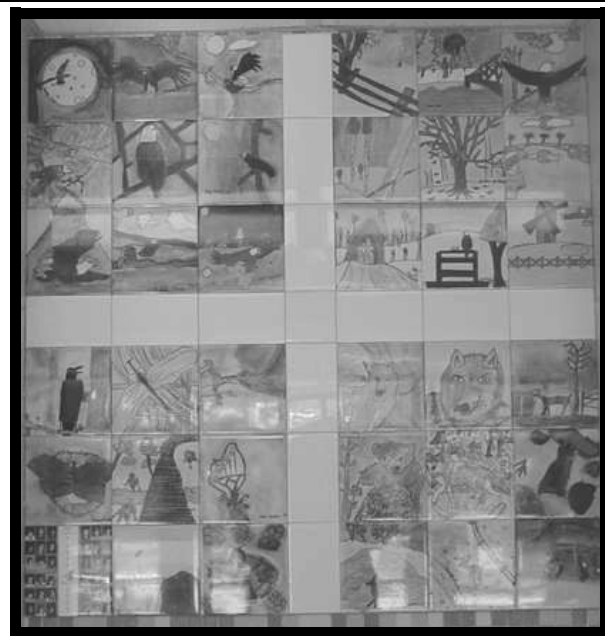
5th GRADE LEGACY TILES

In the spring of 2009 5th grade art students were given a challenge to create a lasting piece of art to enhance the entry of our school. Working together with the support of Parents in Education, the tiles for this mural were created. Families of the students purchased the tiles to be permanently installed as a legacy to the class of 2016. The theme, Nature in Wisconsin was illustrated by each student and fell into one of four categories: The eagles, a special tribute to our school; landscapes; flora and fauna; and mammals.

We hope to make permanent art displays a tradition giving students the opportunity to make our school a beautiful place that they have a part in and will be proud of.

I am proud and grateful for the effort and creativity that these students shared.

Sarah Ritter, Elementary Art Teacher



Almond-Bancroft First Quarter Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

Graduation Year: 2010

BRANT BICKFORD
BRIANNA CUMMINGS
DANIELLE FOLAN
ELIZABETH GALINDO
DESIREE HAVILAND
BRADLEY MANOCK
LEVI MILANOWSKI
RAYMOND PIETERS
JESSICA RAMOS
CHRISTOPHER ROESKE
JESSICA SANCHEZ-CRUZ
TIMOTHY SCHAFER
KENNETH SMITH
STEVEN SWAN
BRANDON WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2011

RABE AVERY
DANIELLE DYKES
JEFFREY FLETCHER
BRIANNA KAWLEWSKI
ZACHARY PERZINSKI
JON PIETERS
EMILY SCHUDE

Graduation Year: 2012

JEANETTE R. COLOMBE
DANIELLE DAHMS
ANTHONY ELLIE
JEFFREY KOLLOCK
BRANDON LEHMAN
BRADY MCINTEE
SAMANTHA MOCADLO
JON PAGEL
SORCIA ROCK
DEZIREE WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2013

BRETT BEIGEL
DESTINY DYKES
KRISTEN HAFERMAN
PATRICIA RAMIREZ
KIARA I. TURZINSKI
BAYLEE VOSS-PLUTSCHACK
JOHN WAGGONER
MARISSA WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2014

TISAN BAIRD
ALEXANDER CRULL
MCKENNA HECK
PAYTON HINTZ
ANGELA IWANSKI
ABBIGAIL KARPEN
DEREK KEENLANCE
HANNAH LANSING
CODY MEDDAUGH
EVAN PAGEL
ANNA PERRIN
CARISSA PERZINSKI
ALEXIS SEITZ
KAYLA SMITH
SHELBY SWAN
LACEY WARZYNSKI
ETHAN YONKE

Graduation Year: 2015

DEVON ANDERSON
RAMSEY AVERY
HATTIE BERRY
MEGAN BURNS
TEAGAN HECK
MCKENZIE MINER
JACE STUEBS
ASHLEY TAKACS
HAILEY WIERZBA

Graduation Year: 2016

DEANA CLARK
NATHANIEL DISHER
DYLAN HECK
JORDAN KEALIHAR
HUNTER LASKA
KAITLYNN LEHMAN
ARIEL PLASKI
JOHL TURZINSKI
BLAKE VOSS-PLUTSCHACK
KYLE WARZYNSKI
ALISSA WILLIAMS
ALLAN ZINDA

"B" Honor Roll

Graduation Year: 2010

BAILEY BEGGS
JEFFREY HIGGINS
KELSEY MCINTEE
AUDREY SANDERS
KATELYN SCHUDE
BENEDICT TURZINSKI
DYLAN WARZYNSKI
BROOKE YONKE
LUKE ZELINSKI

Graduation Year: 2011

DATONN AMMEL
MIRANDA BORCHARDT
NICHOLAS CHAPA
AMANDA CRAHAN
RICHARD DOMENGET
LUCAS MEDDAUGH
NICOLE RINGWIG
STEPHANIE RODRIQUEZ

Graduation Year: 2012

RYLEE ANDERSON
MORGAN BAAR
TYLER BUNDERS
RUSSELL CAREY
AMBER HINTZ
DOMINIQUE MINER
ZACHARY SANDERS
MASON SIGOURNEY
SIERRA STUCKER
GARRET WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2013

SAMUEL BORCHARDT
AVERY FAEHLING
MERRICK MEDDAUGH
HAYLEY RISKE
JADE STUEBS

Graduation Year: 2014

SARAI BARRAZA
JOSEPH BEIGEL
GUNNAR LARSEN
RAMIRO LUNA
JEWEL MATKE
CARLA RAMIREZ
AIDEN ROCK
JACOB VALLERY
RAIDEN VANN
MEGHAN VARGA

Graduation Year: 2015

REEGAN ANDERSON
JAROD CIESLEWICZ
KLAYTON HAVILAND
COLTON HINTZ
JESSE HUNKINS
NATALIE ROMO
ALEXANDRIA SPOHN
TEAGAN VEZINA
MEGAN WICZEK

Graduation Year: 2016

MACY BAIRD
AUSTIN BUNDERS
JOSEPH CRAHAN
TAYLOR EVILSIZOR-SIEM
KYLE MERILA
CHRISTIAN NOTH
GRISCELDA RAMIREZ
GARETT YONKE

**Congratulations &
Hats off to A-B
Honor Roll Students**



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.



FROM THE DESK OF Dawn Barber, Elementary Counselor

Thank You To S.O.S.

On behalf of the entire elementary school staff, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have made gifts to, and those who organize the *Share Our Surplus (S.O.S.)* group in Portage County. This group has generously donated warm winter jackets, boots, gloves, hats and even warm socks for our elementary students who may not have them. These items are so much appreciated and will be put to great use. Our “buckets” overflow with gratitude!

Check Out Our Bucket Filling Classrooms!

The following classrooms have been involved in projects that benefit others during the month of December:

- Mrs. Negro and Mrs. Ramczyk’s classes made holiday cards to send to troops stationed overseas.
- Mrs. Doede and Mrs. Wimme’s third grade classes collected gifts of money to donate to Operation Bootstrap this year rather than having a classroom gift exchange. By pooling the money that would have normally been spent to buy a classmate a small trinket, students saw how they could help those in need and received the special gift of giving!
- Mrs. Blokhuis, Mrs. Henske and Mrs. Negro’s second grade classes collected nickels for the Humane Society’s “Five For Our Furry Friends”.

Thank you to all the staff, students, and parents who support these important Bucket-Filling projects.

Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

Now that the weather has turned colder (and snowy!), it is a **MUST** that all students be wearing hats, gloves, boots, snowpants, and a warm winter coat. If your child comes to school and does not have all of their outerwear, they will need to stand by the wall outside during recess. They will **NOT** be allowed to play in the snow without all of their warm protective clothing. They also will **NOT** be able to stay inside, as there is no supervision at that time. So, please, help to make sure that your child comes to school each day prepared. (It makes recess much more enjoyable for everyone!)

As a member of the Safety Cadet Program, each cadet is required to wear all of the above. If they do not have all of their outerwear while on duty, they will receive a check mark for the day. We want all of the Safety Cadets to set a good example to our younger students.

Emma Wallace and Colton Stanislawski have been chosen as December's Safety Cadets of the Month. Both students are always so cheerful and dependable! Keep up the great work! Congratulations Emma and Colton! With this year coming to an end and a new year just around the corner, I would like to wish all of you a very safe and wonderful holiday! Enjoy your time with your family and friends!



Elementary Art News

By: Mrs. Ritter

The Boys & Girls Club of Portage County will host the “YOUTH OF PORTAGE COUNTY” FINE ARTS EXHIBIT at Mark Motors in Plover throughout the month of January. This is the first year that Almond-Bancroft students will participate. Artwork selected from the local exhibit will go on to a regional exhibit and from there selections will go to the National Exhibit. It is gratifying to see this valuable organization recognize the importance of art in the lives of young people.

One piece was selected from each grade 1 through 5 as elementary schools are limited to 5 entries. **The following artists’ works were chosen for the 2010 exhibit:**

Grade 5 - Matthew Helmrick

Grade 4 - April Chilsen

Grade 3 - Osvaldo Banda

Grade 2 - Hannah Goman

Grade 1 - Angeline Wimme

Their work represents quality in effort, technique and creativity. Congratulations to you all!



Almond-Bancroft Students Participate in Central Wisconsin Festival Honor Bands

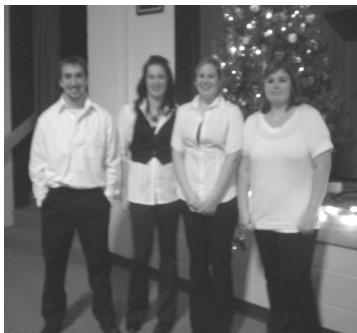
On Saturday, February 6, 2010, four band students from Almond-Bancroft High School will perform in the 3rd annual Central Wisconsin Festival Honors Band at Wausau West High School in Wausau, WI. The students selected are: Raymond Pieters (baritone), Audrey Sanders (alto saxophone), Dominique Miner (flute), and Baylee Voss-Plutschak (bass clarinet).



The band is comprised of approximately 80 musicians from 13 schools around the state. The students will receive their music in late December and will have approximately two months to perfect it before their performances in February. Students in the honor band will spend a full day in school on Friday, Feb. 5 and then rehearse as a group that evening in Wausau. They will return bright and early the next morning to work again and prepare for their concert that evening.

We are honored to have as our featured guest conductor Dr. John Climer, Director of Bands at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Climer maintains an active schedule as a guest conductor and clinician throughout the U.S. and Canada. He has served as a guest artist at numerous festivals, universities, and concert venues; and has been involved in numerous commissioning projects. Dr. Climer earned degrees from the University of Akron, Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music where he was a student of Gary W. Hill.

Dr. John Climer The Central Wisconsin Festival Honors Band will perform their concert for the public on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Wausau West High School in Wausau, WI. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens. Children under 8 are free. We hope to see you all there.



Ray Pieters, Baylee Voss-Plutschak, Audrey Sanders, and Dominique Miner

Congratulations are also in order for Miranda Borchardt, Amy Stricker, Audrey Sanders, John Waggoner, and Ray Pieters. These band students were selected for the CWC Conference All-Star Band this year. Ray Pieters was also chosen as the principal baritone and section leader for the All-Star band. This year's band clinician is Dr. Fred Schmidt, Professor of Music at St. Norbert College. He has extensive experience conducting clinic groups, honors bands, and the annual Winter BandFest at SNC. The band will perform a concert at Gresham High School on Saturday, January 9 at 4:00 PM. If you need directions please contact Mr. Gingery.



CWC Conference Honors Band 2010

On The Road...

Our bands are very busy this time of year with concerts and everything happening here at the school. This doesn't diminish the amount of time that they are spending on the road performing throughout the area.

On Wednesday, November 11, the Middle and High School bands performed a concert for the residents of the King Veteran's Home in King, WI. The students and residents both enjoyed the visit. One resident told me that he was touched that the students cared enough to share their time and talent with the residents.

On Wednesday, December 16, the High School band helped to ring in the holidays for the residents of the River Pines Center in Stevens Point, WI. It was a great opportunity for us to share the joys of the season with the residents of the center.

On a final note, the Tri-County and Almond-Bancroft Pep Bands will be performing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Bucks – Memphis game on Sunday, March 28. The bands will perform a pre-game show and then enjoy the game.

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



Students and Parents of Almond-Bancroft:

Please remember that Almond-Bancroft School District has subscribed 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, and for the pass code to log onto the site, please contact Ms. Spencer, Secondary School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.

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: _____
Special Date: _____

Total Amount Enclosed:

Name: _____
Special Date: _____

Name: _____
Special Date: _____

Name: _____
Special Date: _____

Name: _____
Special Date: _____

Name: _____
Special Date: _____

Number of additional calendars _____

January Adult Education Classes

Adult Strength Training

There's no better way to begin the new year than by working on a healthy you. Join other community members in the Adult Strength Training classes beginning January 5th.

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 January 4** to guarantee your spot. Call Heather Burns at 715-366-7777 for more details and information regarding course fees.



Scrapbook Basics

Scrapbooking memorable moments is beginning on January 18th at 6:30 P.M. If you're interested in learning how to tear and place paper, complete meaningful picture layouts, and understanding how to use the basic tools of the trade, this class will be an eye opener for those who enjoy creativity.

To ensure your spot, please contact Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310 by **January 13th**. Or email Tom at ...

tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us

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 will be held on Mondays from 3:30—4:30P.M.

Call 715-366-2941 Ext# 310 to sign up today or for more details. Or reach Tom via email at ...tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us

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



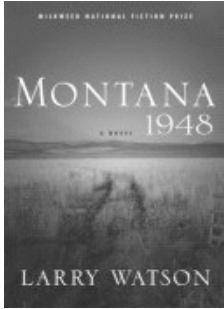
Do you have a talent or ability that you want to put to good use? The Almond-Bancroft School District is now a major player in the volunteer world and calling people to action through the United Way's

Volunteers Rock web site.



**Volunteers
Rock!**
www.volunteersrock.org

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, sign up quickly because space is limited.

Literature 101 will take place from 6:00—7:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning on February 16th. The class is free, but there will be a cost of \$10 for those who need to purchase the book.

Register for this course by January 22nd by calling Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. Or email Tom at ...tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us

facebook

Computers 202

twitter



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.

Every Tuesday, from 5:30—6:30P.M. we will create our own Facebook pages, understand how to "tweet," organize a blog page and understand how to use social network sites fluently.

Register for this course by January 22nd by calling Tom Collins at 715-366-2941 Ext# 310. Or email Tom at ...tcollins@abschools.k12.wi.us

The cost for Computers 212 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 1st day of class.



After Hours Center —Wish List

The After Hours Center is a time where middle school students can finish their homework, get some tutoring help on a specific subject, and make meaningful friendships along the way. To make this program a success, we would like to request the following items:

- White printing paper** (for students who need to print out their homework during and after school hours)
- Headphones/ear buds** (for students who listen to audio books while they read along with the story)
- Books / audio-books** (to give students a wide variety of reading choices)
- Hobby kits** (to inspire creativity)
- Art supplies** (to begin an art program after school)



EAGLES Sport Light

January Eagles Athletic Events



- 1/5-HS Boys BB @ Montello 6:00 PM
- 1/7-HS Girls BB @ Home vs. Marion
6:00 PM
- 1/8-HS Boys BB @ Marion 6:00 PM
- 1/11--HS Girls BB @ Home vs. Bowler
6:00 PM
- 1/12-HS Boys BB @ Bowler 6:00 PM
- 1/14--HS Girls BB @ Rosholt 6:00 PM
- MS Girls BB @ Home vs.
Amherst 5:30 PM
- 1/15-HS Boys BB @ Home vs. Rosholt
6:00 PM
- 1/18-MS Girls BB @ Iola 5:30 PM
- 1/19-HS Girls BB @ Port Edwards
6:00 PM
- HS Boys BB @ Home vs. Port
Edwards 6:00 PM
- 1/21-MS Girls BB @ Port Edwards
5:30 PM
- 1/22-HS Girls BB @ Gresham
6:00 PM
- HS Boys BB @ Home vs.
Gresham 6:00 PM
- 1/25-MS Girls BB @ Home vs.
Tri-County 5:30 PM
- 1/26-HS Girls BB @ Home vs.
Tigerton 6:00 PM
- HS Boys BB @ Tigerton 6:00 PM
- 1/28-MS Girls BB @ St. Pete's
5:30 PM
- 1/29-HS Girls BB @ Menominee
6:00 PM
- HS Boys BB @ Home vs.
Menominee 6:00 PM

*JV Girls games will now be held.

ALMOND-BANCROFT EAGLES 7TH-8TH GRADE BASKETBALL 2009



2009 Middle School Basketball Team

Back Row: Cody Meddaugh, Ethan Yonke, Kyle Leonardt, Reegan Anderson,
Jacob Vallery, Jessie Hunkins, Nicholas Figueroa, Taylor Cisewski,
Gunnar Larson

Front Row: Coach Dernbach, Alex Crull, Derek Keenlance, Evan Pagel,
Joe Beigel, Manager Yonke, Coach Dernbach

A-B Youth Wrestling For Grades 1st-5th

If you plan on going out for youth wrestling, the first practice will be on Monday, January 11th 2010 at 3:30 in the Cafeteria. You can come to practice dressed in shorts, a t-shirt and tennis shoes. All students must make sure they have notes from parents to give to their teachers about staying after school. A practice schedule and more info will be available after Christmas break. If you have any questions you can call Mr. Corcoran at Bancroft School (335-4411) or call Mr. Wagner at 366-2941 Ext. 333.

New Year's Resolution... Get Exercise? 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 any questions contact
Scott Kollock at 335-6631.



ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. Nov./Dec.

Room S325, Almond High School or Mrs. Klinger's Room
almondbancroftfrc@gmail.com. 366-2882 or 421-4635

Hello everybody and Happy Holidays and a SOON welcome to Valentines Day.

This will be a short newsletter thanking all of you for putting up with a "Mixed Up Semester" to say the least. Next year we will return to Stay n Plays on FRIDAYS ONLY. We will continue to utilize Mrs. Klinger's room one time a month. Hopefully Bancroft residents will take advantage of getting together with your friends and neighbors.

Remember that parents, grandparents, dads, even Day Cares are welcome to Stay n Play. We are free of charge and it is a great place to visit with our neighbors, especially as the weather gets colder. New moms and dads out there...do not be afraid to visit Stay n Play. You can join us any time after 10:00 a.m. We usually end around 11:30 a.m. Hope to see many of you soon.

I have a request for Almond/Bancroft residents...what do you want offered in the spring of 2010? Please let me know by calling the above phone numbers.

Stay n Play will be held at the Portage County Animal shelter on January 22, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. We will have a snack. We will meet in the parking lot. Let's take advantage of this wonderful tour.

Special note: It is PARAMONT that you pre-register for events. This becomes important when we are providing the supplies for the special crafts that are often made at the events.

Stay n Play will resume on Friday January 8th in ALMOND SCHOOL, ROOM S 325.

Watch for Stay n Play to be held at the Humane Society, Children's Museum and the Bancroft Lions Park.

Thank you to all the teachers at Bancroft School, especially Mrs. Klinger. Thank you to Mrs. S. Barden, Mrs. T. Warzynski, Mrs. M. Chapa, Mrs. S. Ciula and Mr. J. Rykal. Also a BIG thank you to the custodians that cleaned my Resource Center Room.

2009-2010 ALMOND-BANCROFT APPAREL ORDER FORM

 Black Short Sleeve Tee 3-color printed logo Youth Med - Adult XXXL \$10.00	 Adult Kelly Green w/White Contrast Hoodie 3-color printed logo Adult Small - Adult XXXL \$30.00	 Youth White Dri-Fit Short Sleeve Tee 2-color printed logo Youth Medium & Youth Large \$20.00	 Youth Solid Kelly Green Hoodie 3-color printed logo Youth Med - Youth Large \$30.00	 Black Drawstring Bag w/Zipper pocket 1-color print \$10.00	 Unisex Black Full-Zip Fleece left crest embroidery Youth Med - Adult XXXL \$30.00	 Men's Kelly Green Dri-Fit Polo Moisture Wicking, left crest embroidery Adult Extra Small - Adult XXXL \$30.00
 Adult White Dri-Fit Long Sleeve Tee 2-color printed logo Adult Small - Adult XXXL \$20.00	 Adult Sport Grey Full Zip Hoodie includes left crest embroidery Adult Extra Small - Adult XXXL \$35.00	 Vinyl Window Decal 5.5" wide x 4.5" tall \$5.00				

ALMOND-BANCROFT APPAREL ORDER FORM

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER FORM - CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALMOND HIGH SCHOOL

NAME _____	PHONE _____	AMOUNT YOU OWE: \$ _____
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1	Short Sleeve Tee	Black					N/A							\$10.00	
2	Youth Dri-Fit Short Sleeve Tee	White					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$20.00	
3	Adult Dri-Fit Long Sleeve Tee	White			N/A	N/A	N/A							\$20.00	
4	Youth Hooded Sweatshirt	Kelly Green					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$30.00	
5	Adult Hooded Sweatshirt	Kelly Green w/White			N/A	N/A								\$30.00	
6	Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt	Sport Grey			N/A	N/A								\$35.00	
7	Full Zip Fleece	Black												\$30.00	
8	Men's Polo	Kelly Green			N/A	N/A	N/A							\$30.00	
9	Drawstring Bag	Black												\$10.00	
10	Window Decal	Full Color												\$5.00	

TURN IN ORDER TO MRS. DERNBACH.

Orders due by Nov. 24th - CHRISTMAS DELIVERY
Orders due by Jan. 15 - FEBRUARY DELIVERY



The Spirit of Christmas

During this holiday season we would once again like to thank the generous people and organizations who continue to donate books and other resources to the school LMC. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!

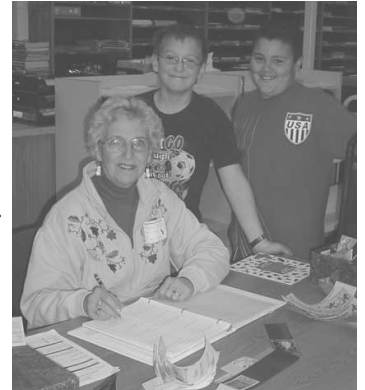
This past month the LMC received a variety of items such as calendars, a Civics DVD, college resources, books, and magazines. These were gifts from **Donna McIntee, Leslie Burns, the Committee for Citizen Awareness & the University of WI - Stevens Point, Trina Warzynski, Mickey Van Ert, Sarah Spencer, the Mather family, Leslie Burns, Melissa Vezina, and Art Pagel.**

As a small school LMC, we are particularly grateful to add these books and educational resources to our collection. The LMC staff, Mickey Van Ert and I, wish everyone a most Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Winter RIF Distribution

In December the last RIF distribution for the year 2009 took place. Students from 4K through 7th Grade, at Bancroft and Almond, were able to choose a book to keep as their very own - compliments of the federal government and the Almond-Bancroft School District. Six community members graciously volunteered to help with RIF. Our thanks go to **Bev Dachel, Leslie Burns, Galynne Riggerbach, Michelle Lansing, Nancy Schulze, and Dorothy Helmrick** for giving of their time during the busy holiday season! In 2010 we hope to continue this great program. In January **Jeff Rykal** will be working on the necessary paperwork to renew our funding for another year. If approved, next year's RIF distribution will take place this coming spring. It's a wonderful program that brings book ownership to many students and lots of smiles on children's faces.

See the two accompanying photos of RIF: **Nancy Schulze** with **Joshawa Cieslewicz** (Grade 5) and **Joey Dorgan** (Grade 5) and a group of 3rd Graders reading their new books.



LMC Statistics from December

Destiny, the LMC online circulation and cataloguing system, collects interesting data about library usage. In December, the **three teachers checking out the most books** were **Missy Henske** (2nd Grade), **Sheena Weis** (MS), and **Brenda Ramczyk** (1st Grade). Missy Henske checked out Accelerated Reader books for classroom use and supplemental reading material for her students. Sheena Weis had a Holiday Trivia Challenge for her middle school students. Students had to try to find answers by using books on a wide variety of subjects: sports, poetry, music, history, biographies, and geography. Brenda Ramczyk checked out resource materials about the winter celebrations: Christmas around the world, Hanukkah, and Kwanza. In total these three teachers checked out over 200 books!

The **top three student patrons** for December were **Cassie Lehman, Elijah Kollock, and Breana Schafer**. All of these students are from the 2nd Grade classroom of **Sara Blokhuis**. This is the first time this year that the top student LMC patrons were *all in the elementary and all in the same class*. Way to go, 2nd Graders! The **top classroom** for total circulations was the 3rd Grade classroom of **Lisa Wimme**. Those students each read an average of 10 books! Fantastic!

The **top patrons for middle school** were: **Alexander Karpen** and **Jessica Webster** (tied -both in 6th Grade), **Christian Bloede** (7th Grade), and **Tisan Baird** and **Hannah Lansing** (tied - both in 8th Grade). All of these students checked out 5 or 6 books each. The **top patrons for the high school** were: **Patricia Ramirez** (Grade 9), **Jerek Dake** (Grade 10), **Jordan Disher** (Grade 11), and **Kaela Anderson** and **Audrey Sanders** (tied - both in Grade 12). These students checked out an average of 3 to 4 books each. It must be remembered that as students get older the books they read are longer. Consequently, reading more than one book a month is very commendable for the middle school and high school students.

And, **the overall top book selections for December** were: 1st Place - *Star Wars: Champions of the Force* by Kevin J. Anderson, 2nd Place -*The Berenstain Bears and the Blame Game*, and tied for 3rd Place were (no surprise here!) *The Guinness Book of World Records* and *Where's Waldo?*

Here is another great statistic: the Elementary students had no overdue books in December. What a super job! A big "thank- you" to all the parents who are helping their children to be so responsible about returning books. And thanks also to the classroom teachers for encouraging reading! As you can see, the LMC is used a lot by readers of all ages here at the Almond-Bancroft School District.

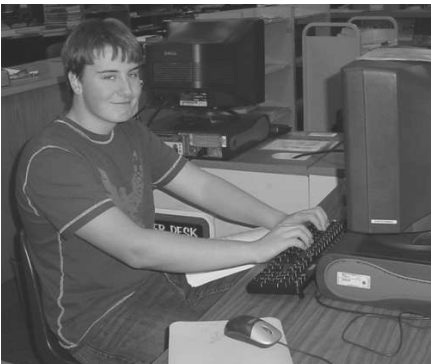
LMC Students Keep Busy

John Waggoner, a freshman LMC student, is a huge help in the LMC. He has used the library online system Destiny to revise cataloging for books, add call numbers, input data for AR (Accelerated Reader) books, and update periodical information. John also picks up the elementary books each day and scans them back into the collection so other students can check them out. In his free time he enjoys music (guitar, French horn, and piano) and video gaming.

Kristie Felella (a senior) and **Marissa Warzynski** (a freshman) have both been working hard on the School Scrapbooks. They gather articles and photos and creatively put them in the scrapbooks in chronological order. They also check out books to 5th Graders and 1st Graders. Kristie and Marissa are always extremely polite and responsible. They both are in basketball and enjoy hanging out with friends. Marissa loves to read, play piano, and help out on her family farm. Kristie likes shopping and listening to rap and hip-hop.

Jacob Clark (a junior) takes pride in being a serious trouble-shooter for AV equipment. If there is a problem with a DVD, cassette player, or VCR, Jacob will try to figure it out. He's a self-starter and can often be found putting books back on the shelves in both the Elementary LMC and Secondary LMC. Almost all of his free time is spent working on a dairy farm, but Jacob also enjoys snowmobiling in the winter months.

These are just four, out of fourteen students, who are taking LMC Science this semester, but they all are a tremendous help to the students and staff as well as the operational aspects of the LMC. Thanks!



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.

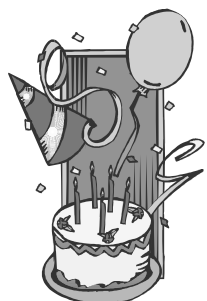
Bonus Extra \$3.00—4x6 Photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

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



INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

If your household gets FOODSHARE, FDPIR, OR W-2 CASH BENEFITS, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List child(ren)'s name, school, grade, and a FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number.

Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

For Public Schools Only

If you are applying for a child that is HOMELESS, MIGRANT or a RUNAWAY, follow these instructions:

Check the appropriate box in **Part 2** and contact [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator].

Fill out application by following instructions for **ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS**.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

Part 1: Use a separate application for each foster child. List the child's name, school, and grade.

Part 2: Skip this part.

Part 3: Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income, if any.

Part 4: Skip this part.

Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

Part 1: List each child's name, school, and grade.

Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.

Part 3: Skip this part.

Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1–Name: List the first and last name of **each** person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Column 2 –Gross income last month and how often it was received. Next to each person's name list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received. For example, *Earnings from work:* List the **gross income** each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay.

Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). *All other income:* List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, (second column) pensions, retirement Social Security (third column), and ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES (fourth column). In the All Other column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.

Column 3–Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child)					
Names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last)	School Name	Grade	FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case # (if any). Skip to Part 5 if you list one of the above.		
			Case #		
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			Case #		
DO NOT LIST: Forward or Quest Card numbers; or Medicaid, SSI, W-2 Childcare case numbers. Please fill in Part 4 if you are not receiving FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits at this time.					
Part 2. Homeless/Migrant/Runaway (For Public Schools Only)					
If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator at phone #] Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway <input type="checkbox"/>					
Part 3. Foster Child					
If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check this box <input type="checkbox"/> and then list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____. Skip to Part 5.					
Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often					
1. Name (List everyone in household) <i>(Example)</i> Jane Smith	2. Gross income and how often it was received <i>Example: \$100/monthly \$100/twice a month \$100/every other week \$100/weekly</i>				3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	All Other Income	
	\$200/weekly	\$150/weekly	\$100/monthly	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Part 5. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)					
An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.) <i>I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.</i>					
Sign here: X _____ Print name: _____ Date: _____					
Address: _____ Phone Number: _____					
Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____ <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a Social Security Number					
Part 6. Children's racial and ethnic identities (optional)					
Mark one or more racial identities:			Mark one ethnic identity:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native		<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino		
<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other				
Don't fill out this part. This is for school use only.					
Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12					
Total Income: _____ Per: <input type="checkbox"/> Week, <input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Weeks, <input type="checkbox"/> Twice A Month, <input type="checkbox"/> Month, <input type="checkbox"/> Year Household size: _____					
Categorical Eligibility: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____ Eligibility: Free _____ Reduced _____ Denied _____ Reason: _____					
Temporary: Free _____ Reduced _____ Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)					
Determining Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____					
Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____					

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2009-2010					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$835	\$771	\$386
2	26,955	2,247	1,124	1,037	519
3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	2,853	2,634	1,317
Each Additional person:	6,919	577	289	267	134

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a FoodShare Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (W-2 cash benefits) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Almond-Bancroft Menus, January

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	5 Yogurt, Toast, Juice	6 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	7 Cereal, Toast, Juice	8 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
11 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	12 French Toast Sticks, Juice	13 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice	14 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	15 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
18 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	19 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Juice	20 Breakfast Bar, Juice	21 Cereal, Toast, Juice	22 NO SCHOOL
25 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	26 Yogurt, Toast, Juice	27 French Toast Sticks, Juice	28 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	29 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice

Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per
Quarter

Milk Served
With Every
Meal

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge

4K (M-W) - 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00

4K (T-TH) – 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00

K-12th grade – 19 days @ 1.00 = \$19.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Hot Dog, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	5 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit	6 Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	7 Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Vegetable, Fruit	8 Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit
11 Chicken Pattie, Tator Barrels, Fruit	12 Tacos, Corn, Fruit	13 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	14 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar	15 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Fruit
18 Chicken Fajita, Vegetable, Fruit	19 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	20 Cheeseburger Mac Hot Dish, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	21 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit	22 No School
25 Hamburger, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	26 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Fruit, Bread	27 Beef Tips & Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Vegetables, Fruit, Bread	28 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables, Fruit, Bread	29 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit

Lunch Prices:

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

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

4K (M-W) – 8 days @ 1.60 = \$12.80

4K (T-TH) 8 days @ 1.60 = \$12.80

K-12th grade Reduced – 19 days @ .40 = \$7.60

K-5th grade – 19 days @ 1.60 = \$30.40

6th – 12th grade – 19 days @ 1.85 = \$35.15



Almond-Bancroft– Coaches Needed

Be a part of Eagle Athletics

HS Girls Softball Assistant Coach – Spring 2010

Randy Yonke –Head

HS Head Baseball Coach –Spring 2010

Taylor Dernbach - Assistant

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON APRIL 6, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held
in the School District of Almond-Bancroft on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.
The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.
The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on
Monday, April 26, 2010.

OFFICE

Town of Pine Grove

Town of Buena Vista
Lanark

INCUMBENT

Jeanette Wilson

Catherine A. Guth

Carol Ellie, Clerk

Declaration of
Candidacy and
Nomination Papers
for the
Almond-Bancroft School
Board term
are to be filed no later than
5:00 P.M.
on January 5, 2010

Papers can be filed in the
district office or
with the school district clerk.

Candidacy and Nomination
Papers are located outside
of the district office.

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