



**ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**  
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*June 2015*

# Congratulations Class of 2015!

## June Dates To Remember

6/5-Last Day Of  
 School, Noon  
 Dismissal

6/17-Board Of  
 Education  
 Meeting, 6:30 pm,  
 Almond School  
 Board Room



### Class of 2015 Valedictorian

Hailey Wierzba has earned the spot of Valedictorian for the 2015 graduating class. Hailey has consistently proven herself to be an excellent role model and leader. She is our Student Council President, FFA President, FBLA Officer, and Basketball Team Captain. She also participates in Math League and Academic Decathlon.

Throughout high school Hailey has chosen to take rigorous courses that challenge and motivate her, including an extremely challenging senior course load including Advanced Placement and dual-credit college courses. School and community involvement is very important to Hailey. Hailey is always looking to do more and encourages others to do the same. This involvement is just one more example of Hailey's great attitude, compassion for others, and enthusiasm for both her school and community. Good Luck to Hailey at UW-La Crosse next year as she begins her studies in Occupational Therapy. Congratulations Hailey!



### **Almond-Bancroft School District**

Dan Boxx  
 District Administrator

Jeff Rykal  
 PK-12 Principal

Sandra Ciula  
 PK-12 Dean of Students

#### School Board

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 Debbie Bradley  
 Vice President:  
 Roy Danforth  
 Clerk:  
 Jeanette Wilson  
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 Keith Dernbach  
 Directors:  
 Charles Dernbach  
 Catherine Guth  
 Bonnie Warzynski



### Class of 2015 Salutatorian

Jace Stuebs has earned the position of Salutatorian for the 2015 graduating class. Jace was in the high school plays his sophomore-senior years, including playing the lead role his senior year.

He has also participated in Math League, Quiz Bowl, Solo and Ensemble, and FBLA. He has received the Presidential Academic Excellence award and Outstanding Attendance award every year. He also spends his summers volunteering at Lake Ellen Camp. Jace will be attending UW-Stevens Point in the fall, studying to become a Math Teacher.

Good Luck and Congratulations Jace!

### Almond-Bancroft School District Vision Statement

We are a collaborative community focused on continued growth in opportunities, choices, and expectations for all students. We prepare self-motivated and responsible students to become well-rounded and successful citizens.

### Almond-Bancroft School District Mission Statement

The Almond-Bancroft School District, with support of families and community members, will provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which challenges and prepares each student for success today and tomorrow.

# Counseling Program News

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## 2015 Scholarship Recipients

AAEA	Jace Stuebs	John & Jean Judd	Megan Burns
Almond American Legion	Mckenzie Miner	John Barden Memorial	Mckenzie Miner
Almond Lions Club	Hailey Wierzba	Michael Holden	Natalie Romo
Angie Sheldon	Ashley Takacs	Sandra McKone	Hailey Wierzba
Bancroft Lions	Hailey Wierzba	Sons of the American Legion	Mckenzie Miner
Ben & Theresa Turzinski	Jace Stuebs	Eagle Booster Club	Hailey Wierzba
Callyn Kaehn	Alexandria Spohn	FBLA	Natalie Romo
Copernicus	Hailey Wierzba	Academic Excellence	Meghan Menadue
Ed "Bud" Berry	Ashley Takacs	Technical Excellence	Megan Wiczek
Jacob Memorial	Yanira Carrizosa	UMC: Lydia Yohn Memorial	Hailey Wierzba
Joe Connor	Alexandria Spohn	UW-La Crosse Soaring Eagle	Ashley Takacs
	Jesse Hunkins	Sentry Ins. Academic Leader.	Hailey Wierzba
	Hattie Berry	Waushara Co. 4-H Leaders	Megan Burns
	Mckenzie Miner		Hailey Wierzba
	Hattie Berry		

## Middle School Students Of The Month

One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for his/her overall excellence as a student each month. These students are selected based on their academic achievements and exceptional behavior during the school day. Achieving excellent performance for April, the Students of the Month include the following: Monica Herrera, Elijah Kollock, and Emaleah Matke.



From the sixth grade we honored Monica Herrera. Monica is a very quiet student who always strives to do her best in class. She is a good listener and is not afraid to ask for help if needed. Monica works hard to achieve her goals and has great classroom participation. She shows promise as a positive leader among our middle school students. Keep up the great work Monica!



From the seventh grade we honored Elijah Kollock. Elijah is a fun-loving student with a contagious smile and a quick witted sense of humor. He is curious and insightful in class. Elijah not only works hard to achieve his goals, he enjoys himself as well. He consistently makes excellent decisions and is responsible and respectful at all times. He is well-rounded and even has a very good knowledge of classic rock, which certain teachers appreciate. Elijah is a great addition to our middle school!



From the eighth grade we honored Emaleah Matke. Though Emaleah is quiet, she is thoughtful, insightful, and asks great questions. Bright and talented, Emaleah always seems to know what to do and seeks clarification if she doesn't. She is diligent in her work and has a very admirable work ethic. She is polite and respectful to others and is always considerate. Emaleah will excel in high school and any post-secondary endeavors!

Thank you for your hard work.  
Congratulations!



## Elementary School News

### Earth Day Fun!

Lori Curtin and Brenda Ramczyk

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, several of the elementary students took part in a "Recycled Game Afternoon," which meant using recycled items in various activities. Some of the activities were as followed: Tic Tac Toe, using recycled cardboard and milk jug tops, Frisbee, using lids from various containers, Ring Catch, using cut out lids on strings and sticks, Milk Jug Catch and Toss, using pre-cut gallon milk jugs and whiffle balls, (A special thank you to Jeff Barden for all his extra work!), and free building with all sorts of recycled containers. A HUGE thank you for all of the volunteers that helped make this experience a success, we wouldn't be able to do these types of events without you! The students enjoyed using the recycled materials and found out how much fun you can have when you reuse some of your "garbage." Take a look through your recyclables and see what you can reuse and play with, you might be surprised.



### Tundra Tales Reading Program

Mary Lou Kaepfel

**Congratulations** to the students who received free tickets to the Green Bay Packer Stadium Tour!!!! To become eligible for these tickets, each student took the Tundra Tales Reading Program challenge which involved reading for 60 minutes a week for a total of 8 weeks which totaled 480 minutes of reading!!! Reading logs were filled out at home with parent support and brought back to school. This was our first year participating in this worthwhile reading program and we had an excellent turnout!! The Almond-Bancroft School District definitely plans on participating in this again next year!!



## **DODGEBALL 2015**

Sara Blokhuis

The Almond Area Education Association would like to thank all of the players and fans from this year's dodgeball tournament. Good times were had by all. We raised \$1419! The money will once again support two \$750 scholarships to Almond-Bancroft graduates. Again, thank you!

## Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

The school year is winding down, which means that the 5th Grade Safety Cadets were able to attend their well deserved "Year-End Trips". On Thursday, May 14, the cadets that were still in good standing hopped on the bus and enjoyed a fun-filled day at Mt. Olympus in Wisconsin Dells. The kids loved the roller-coasters, the wave pool (it was a little chilly), and the indoor water park! It was all great!

On Friday, May 15, the Top 11 Safety Cadets were able to tour Wisconsin Dells. We miniature golfed, went bowling, visited the Wildlife Park (which was totally awesome!), did some shopping, and also went to the Tommy Bartlett Ski and Stage Show! The Top 11 Safety Cadets were: Ben Colombe, Lana Fosmire, Robert Frank, Tyler Huntington, Courtney Lukas, Mason Manske, Meghan Marchel, Mikala Seymour, Claire Turzinski, Paige Turzinski, and Ella Winn. Everyone, including myself, had a great time!

On June 5th, the last day of school, the elementary will be having their awards program. One of the above students will be announced as our Top Cadet and will win a new speed bike! Two other students from the whole group will win a Portage County Gift Certificate.

Both of these trips and all other Safety Cadet events and prizes are sponsored by the Portage County Sheriff's Department. Thank you Deputy Megann for a fun year!

## Almond-Bancroft Middle School Pond Study Day at Bass Lake on May 21, 2015.

Gage Meddaugh examining his net for macroinvertebrates.

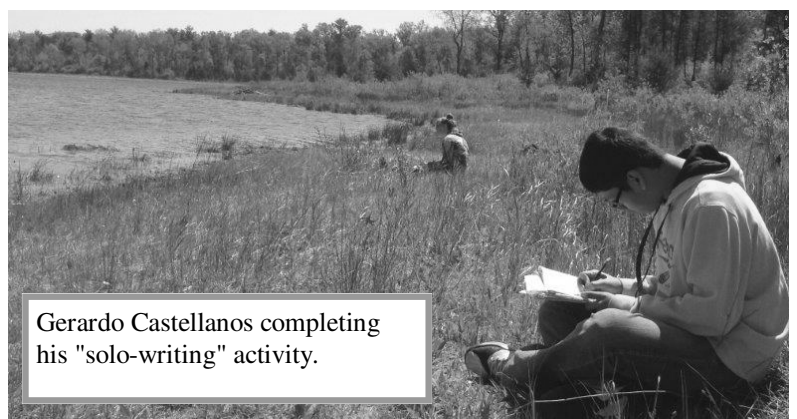


Linda Banda-Alvarez, Makayla Perzinski, Grace Dachel, Abigail Fosmire along with group leader Mr. Steuerwald and Miss Plaisance examining their pond creature sample.



Juel W., Ruth B., Alex B., Shauna F., Vanessa M., and Sheldon W. making observations of the macroinvertebrates they collected.

Cassie Lehman with her new friend, the Dragonfly Nymph.



Gerardo Castellanos completing his "solo-writing" activity.

# 2015-2016 YEARBOOK – SENIOR PHOTO LETTER

**To: Parents and Members of the Class of 2016**

**From:** Eagle Publications Yearbook

**Senior Photo Submission Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2015**

Congratulations on your successes! The following information will help you plan for your senior portraits and ensure that the photo in your child's yearbook will be treasured. You may submit a photo taken by a professional photographer of your choice, as long as your submitted photo meets deadline, aesthetic and technical specifications. If you have not yet scheduled a sitting with a professional photographer, do so as soon as possible. The purpose of the senior photo policy is to promote clarity and recognition of students and to discourage controversial submissions.

The photo must be a head and shoulders shot of the student (from the waist up is acceptable). No profiles please (both eyes of the senior should be visible).

The photo should be submitted without any writing on it (the name of the photographer's studio).

The staff designs the book for portrait pictures only (landscape photos will be cropped).

The photo must not have an all white or all black background as these photos often look like "cut-outs"

The photo must not contain props, pets, or persons other than the senior (props include vehicles, sports equipment, instruments, etc.)

Students in the photo must follow the school dress code. Although it is usually summer when photos are taken, students must have their bodies adequately covered. No cleavage. No hats. No inappropriate logos on t-shirts.

**Due to copyright laws, your photographer must submit a senior portrait to the yearbook staff and grant his/her permission for the yearbook staff to publish the photograph. The best way to do this is to have the photographer send an e-mail to Ms. Stiebs which releases the photograph for publication in the Almond-Bancroft Yearbook with the photo attached. Photographers should note that these photos are also used for the senior video at the graduation ceremony and submitted to the Waushara Argus Paper and the Stevens Point Journal.**

If you will not be using a professional photographer to take your senior's photo(s), the student may ask a yearbook staff member to take a quality photograph of him/her in a local indoor or outdoor setting. You may also submit an unprofessional photo as long as the picture is well focused and has a high resolution.

Enjoy the upcoming, fast-paced year with your senior! Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to contact Ms. Stiebs if you have any questions.

Danielle Stiebs

Yearbook Advisor

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## Band and Choir News



The Almond-Bancroft High School Choir is very excited about our new choir robes! We would like to say "Thank you!" to *Almond-Bancroft School District, Almond-Bancroft Friends of Music, Paramount Farms, Guth Farms, Bancroft Lions Club and Cheese Pleasers.*

For their generous donations and support of the choir's endeavor to purchase these wonderful robes!

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# Junior Prom Court



Queen-  
Patience Turner  
King-  
Cole Warzynski



Ariel Plaski  
Clayton Swan



Deana Clark  
Christian Noth



Maria Beltran-Sanchez  
Austin Bunders



Jessica Webster  
Johl Turzinski



Samantha Bowden  
Taylor Kim



# 2015 MS Volleyball

Practice starts Monday, August 17th from 9:00-11:00

## You need to bring the following in order for you to practice:

- ~WIAA physical packet (needs to be filled out by a physician) or alternate year card
- ~ Emergency medical form

Hope to see you there!

## School Nurse Reminders: End of the Year

If your child has medication at school, please be sure to pick up their medication on or before the last day of school (June 5<sup>th</sup>). All medication not picked up by then will be disposed of.

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students: If your child has not gotten their Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis booster) they will need to do so for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade immunization requirement. Tdap currently can be gotten through the health department for \$5 regardless of insurance status. Please do not delay as doctor's offices are very busy in fall. Compliance deadline to have had the vaccine or waiver on file with the school is the 30<sup>th</sup> day of school. Students not meeting the requirement may be excluded until compliant.

Summer Health Mailings: There will be a change in how health information is mailed home to students with identified health conditions. Previously the nurse would mail health plans and medication forms during the summer for parents to return to school prior to the first day. All the forms are now available online. Parents can view health condition information in Skyward "Family Access" and then find the corresponding health plans on the district website, print, complete and return to school nurse via mail. Medication forms for prescription and non-prescription medications are also available online to be printed and completed. If you do not have internet or do not have printing abilities, hard copies of the forms are available in the office. If you prefer that I send you a hard copy to complete, please contact me directly.

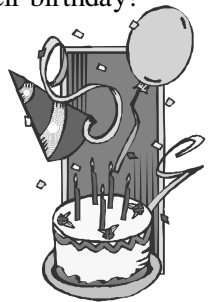
If at any time you have questions or updates over the summer, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone 715-345-5946 or by email [lfrost@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:lfrost@abschools.k12.wi.us) and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

## SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

A-B High School will deliver singing Happy Birthday Telegrams to your favorite Student/Staff member on their birthday! Please allow a 24 hour notice before delivery. These are packages you may select from:

**Standard:** (\$5.00) Happy Birthday balloon on party stick decorated with ribbon, card, and a round lollipop

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|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Extras</b> | _____ Stuffed A-B Eagle (\$5.00)          | _____ A-B stocking hat (\$10.00)     |
|               | _____ Green & White Pom-Pom (\$2.00 each) | _____ A-B Birthday Pen (\$2.00 each) |
|               | _____ Birthday Tiara or Hat (\$1.00)      | _____ Extra lollipop (\$1.00 each)   |
|               | _____ Beads (\$1.00/ 3)                   | _____ Stencil (\$1.00 each)          |



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



## Lady Eagles Softball Conference Champions

Congratulations!



Back Row:  
Coach Yonke,  
Bryn Turzinski,  
Chloe Lehman,  
April Chilsen,  
Catie Schmidt,  
Cami Newby,  
Breeley  
Warzynski,  
Molly Turner,  
Coach Berry.  
Front Row:  
Tayler Schafer,  
Hattie Berry,  
Ashley Takacs,  
Hailey Wierzba,  
Megan Wiczek,  
Natalie Romo,  
Not pictured  
Gabrielle  
Gendusa

Track Team  
Photo Not  
Available At  
Time Of  
Printing

## Eagles Baseball



Back Row:  
Coach  
Turzinski,  
Nathaniel  
Disher, Garrett  
Yonke, Dylan  
Bunders, Wyatt  
Richtmyre,  
Jaime Banda,  
Chase Furman,  
Coach Hunkins  
Front Row:  
Alex Wiczek,  
Johl Turzinski,  
Jesse Hunkins,  
Carter Newby,  
Derek  
Baumgartner,  
Isaiah Spohn





## Food Service News

Dear Families,

I can not believe the end of the school year is here! If your family has a negative lunch bill please try to get your payment in, if you have not done so already. **Your student will not receive end of year clearance until their breakfast, lunch, and morning milk bill is paid in full.** If you have any questions about your lunch bill please give me a call, 715.366.2941 x 422.

Please take note for the 2015-16 school year breakfast and lunch prices will be increased by \$ .10 to meet mandatory state requirements. Adult lunch will increase to \$3.10, middle and high school lunch \$ 2.20, and elementary lunch \$ 1.95. Adult breakfast will increase to \$1.95, and all student breakfasts will increase to \$1.20.

Mark this on your calendar, students in the District can receive free breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, June 8th – 25th and July 6th-23rd, at the Almond School. Breakfast is served from 8:00 am to 8:30 am and lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. We hope you can come take part!

Connie Kaehn, Teresa Gutke, Lynn Baird & Trina Warzynski  
*"This institution is an equal opportunity provider"*

## Almond-Bancroft Cub and Boy Scouts News

The Almond-Bancroft Cub and Boy Scouts visited Sea Life Minnesota at the Mall of America on April 17th and participated in their overnight program, "Sleeping Under The Sea." The boys worked toward a goal and were rewarded with their first ever super trip!

Our boys and family members enjoyed tours of the jellyfish and seahorse galleries, experienced the touch pools, had behind-the-scenes tours of the aquarium, saw a feeding demonstration, enjoyed animal visits, were provided with a pizza party, and enjoyed a night hike through the aquarium. Then we went to sleep in the tunnels!

It was exciting to look up and see sting rays, sharks, turtles, and other sea life swimming all around and above us throughout the night! It truly was an incredible experience for all of us!

The next morning some of us went on to visit Nickelodeon Universe, did some zip lining, visited the Lego Store, played mini golf, walked through the mirror maze, took on their huge ropes course, and much more.

Where will we go on next year's super trip? What activities will we do over summer and during the next school year?

If you are interested in joining our group or have ANY questions, please feel free to contact Karrie or Matt Sterling via email or call [715-213-6835](tel:715-213-6835). You may also contact Mr. Rykal. We would love to welcome you!

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Leaders of Troop 248 (Boy Scouts)  
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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF PORTAGE COUNTY, INC.

**Monday - Thursday Open 12:30—5:30 PM**  
**Friday CLOSED**

Membership only \$10 per year per child; \$25 for three children  
1335 Elm Street, Almond, WI 715-366-2941 ext. 242  
More information at [www.bgclubpc.org](http://www.bgclubpc.org)



### Summer Field Trips

- Mt. Olympus
- Henry Vilas Zoo and Madison Children's Museum
- Club Wide Picnic
- **Bike-A-Thon: Saturday August 8th, 2015**

### Summer Hours June 8-August 6th

**June 8th-July 23rd**  
Monday through Thursday  
**12:30 - 5:30 PM**  
Closed Fridays

**July 27th-August 6th**  
Monday through Thursday  
**8:30 am - 5:30 pm**

**\*\*Accepting members entering  
1st through 12 grades**



**Bussing available to the Bancroft  
Fire Station .  
Drop-Off will be at 4:00 pm.**



**Stop by the BGC Room or visit us at  
[bgclubpc.org](http://bgclubpc.org) for more info.**

**BECOME A MEMBER!**



**PARENTS.....**

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS  
MEDICINE AT THE  
SCHOOL, PLEASE PICK IT  
UP BEFORE THE LAST DAY  
OF SCHOOL.**

**IT WILL NOT BE SENT HOME  
WITH YOUR CHILD!  
MEDICINE WILL BE  
DISPOSED OF IF NOT PICKED  
UP BY THE END OF JUNE!**

### Thank you.....

Partners In Education would like to express their appreciation to the families that generously donated baked goods and salad fixings for the A-B Staff Appreciation Day. They were delicious! We truly appreciate your generosity.

#### ATTENTION

If your child is absent from school, please call the Attendance Office at 715-366-2941 extension 108 **before 9:00 a.m.**



#### AUSENCIAS

Si su hijo(a) esta ausente usted es responsable de llamar la Escuela de Almond-Bancroft antes de las **9:00 a.m.** al 715-366-2941 Ext. 101

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