



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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November 2008

Notes from the Administrator....

LEVY

Once again, it is the time of year to set the district levy. I would like to explain the process and procedure that is used to determine the levy. Each year the *Department of Revenue* sets the district's property value (in 2007 the property value in the AB School District was set at \$168,780,302). The DOR set this year's value at \$182,034,610 or just over a 7.9% increase. At the October 15, 2008, school board meeting, the board set the school levy for the 2008 school year. The levy is comprised of two funds: Fund 10 (money used for the operation of the school district) and Fund 39 (money used to pay long term building debt). The levy for 2008 is as follows:

Fund 10	\$1,039,091
Fund 39	\$439,260
Total levy	\$1,478,351

For tax purposes, this levy will have a mill rate of \$8.12 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The 2008 mill rate is \$.42 less than last year's. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the budget or the process/procedure used to determine school taxes. If you would like more information, go to our website at www.abschools.k12.wi.us and click on the levy tab on the left side of the page. Thank you for your support of our students and programs.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PORTAGE COUNTY

The Boys and Girls Club of Portage County is coming to AB. I have been talking with Carie Winn, Boys and Girls Club Director, and we are working on bring the organization to our district. We hope to offer a program second semester of the 2008-09 school year at a location in our district. More information will be forthcoming on this very exciting opportunity for our students.

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

A public listening session will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Almond Auditorium. Topics to be discussed include: a program by the Boy's and Girl's Club of Portage County for AB students, the homework hotline for parents/students, adult classes, new course offerings/programs at the high school level, and any other items you would like to discuss. Remember this is your school and we want to hear from you. **Together we can make a difference for our students.**

Sincerely,
Dan Boxx
Almond-Bancroft District Administrator

November
Dates To Remember

- Nov. 2-
Daylight Savings
Time Ends
Set Clocks Back
1 Hour
- Nov. 7 -
Early Release
End Of Quarter
- Nov. 18 & 20 -
Parent Teacher
Conferences
- Nov. 21 -
No School
- Nov. 26 -
Early Release
- Nov. 27-28 -
No School
Thanksgiving Break

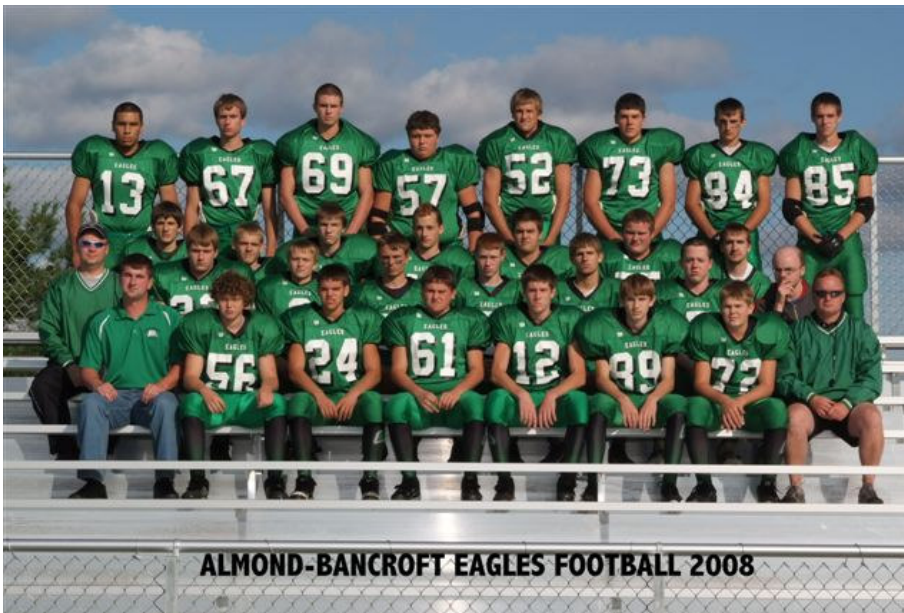




2008 Almond-Bancroft Eagles Volleyball & Football Teams



Back Row: Danielle Folan, Morgan Beigel, Rylee Anderson, Camille Crahan, Jessica Dorgan, Chelsea Gendusa, Daytonn Ammel, Cassie Kollock, Emily Schude, Katie Schude, Amber Hintz, Brooke Yonke, Danielle Dykes, Marissa Meddaugh, Danielle Dahms, Brianna Cummings, Sierra Stucker, Brandi Romo, Kelsey McIntee, Mandi Crahan
Front Row: Deziree Warzynski, Taylor Martines, Rachel Penza, Stephanie Rodriquez, Brittany Degler, Not pictured: Deanna Felella, Coach Danforth, Coach Weis, & Coach Bickford



Front Row: Coach Bradly, Garret Warzynski, Zach Perzinski, Ben Turzinski, Lucas Meddaugh, Jon Pagel, Brady McIntee, Coach Wagner
2nd Row: Coach Menadue, Graham Barden, Brant Bickford, Tony Vauthier, Cameron Olsen, Christopher Roeske, Corey Richtmyre, anager Jacob Penza
3rd Row: AJ Ellie, Brandon Lehman, Tyler Hintz, Jeff Higgins, Jessie Lane, Sam Spohn, Ray Pieters
Back Row: Celso Rodriguez, Brad Manock, Luke Zelinski, Dylan Warzynski, Brian Upton, Brandon Warzynski, Matt Weisner, Daniel Davenport

Eagles Varsity Football had 4 wins and 2 losses in the CWC 10 Conference.
The Eagles Varsity Volleyball had 14 wins and 11 losses overall and 10 wins and 4 losses in the conference.

Congratulations to the Varsity Teams on Their Great Seasons

Thank you to all community and staff for coming out to show your support to Almond-Bancroft Student Athletes and an extra thank you to the Almond-Bancroft Booster Club for all their hard work to improve the sports complex.

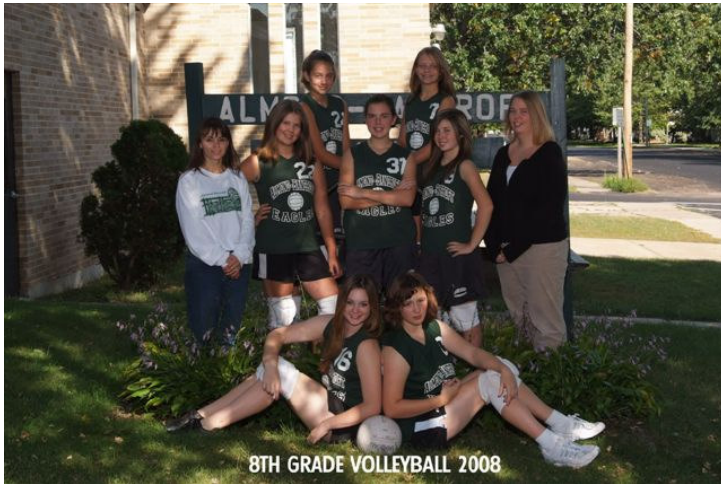
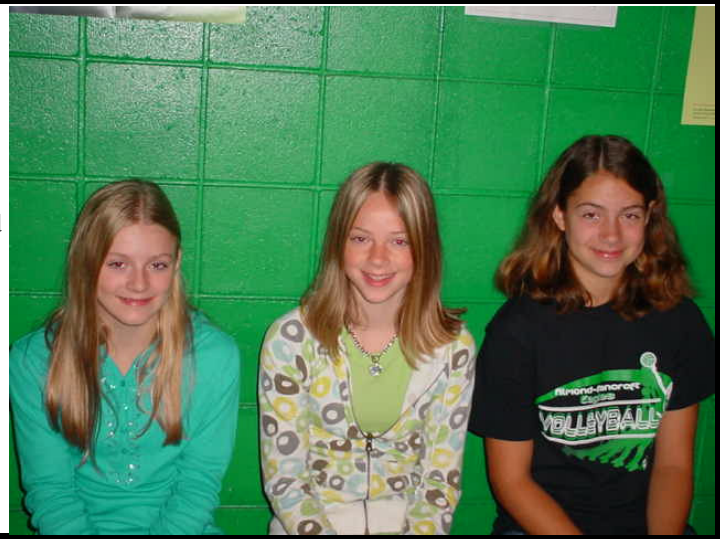
A special thank you going out to Gary & Kenneth Smith and Ed Warzynski for donating their time one Saturday spraying and re-seeding the baseball & softball fields.
Also, thank you to S Treb Farm & Grains for donating the seeder.
Hopefully this will help the weed situation on the sports fields!

All athletic photos were provided by Lynn Hintz Photography.
Thank You, Lynn!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

September Students of the Month

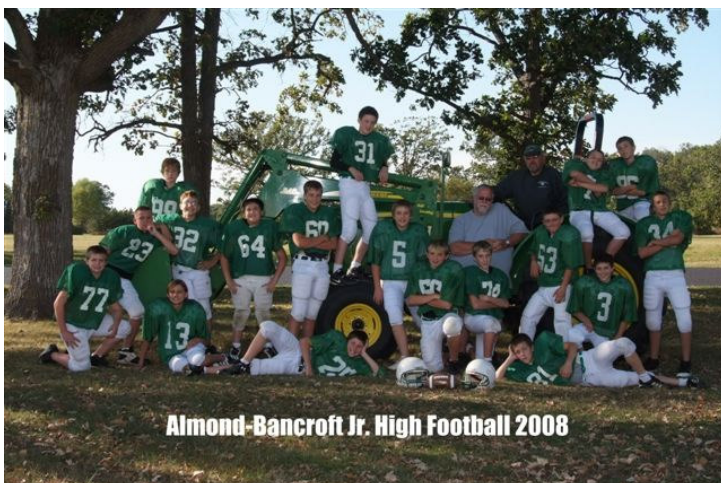
Students were honored the last week for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Hattie Berry. Hattie works really hard to get everything right. She asks really good questions in class. And she sold a lot of magazine subscriptions. From seventh grade, we honored Alexis Seitz. Alexis is a very respectful student. She has her work completed on time and is willing to help others. She is a great student who asks really good questions in class. From eighth grade, we honored Marissa Warzynski. Marissa always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She works very hard and will be very successful in high school and after high school. These students were selected by their teachers.



8th grade Volleyball
Back: Marissa Warzynski, Kiara Turzinski
Middle: Coach Keyser, Destiny Dykes, Kayla Smith, Heather Merila, Coach Hinton
Front: Baylee Voss-Plutschack, Jennifer Hunkins



7th grade Volleyball
Back: Angela Iwanski, Lacey Warzynski
Middle: Coach Keyser, Payton Hintz, Felicia Penza, Carissa Perzinski, Abigail Karpen, Coach Hinton
Front: Anna Perrin, Jewel Matke
Not Pictured: Reba Lytle



7th & 8th grade Football
On Tractor: Jacob Vallery, Avery Faehling, Coach Pagel, Joe Beigel, Evan Pagel
Standing: Dillion Deford, Gunnar Larson, Raden Vann, Shelby Swan, Merrick Meddaugh, Coach Bennett, Jon Turzinski, Brett Beigel
On Ground: Kyle Leonardt, Makenna Heck, Cody Meddaugh, Ethan Yonke, Taylor Cisewski, Adam Green, Derek Keenlance

Middle School Magazine Sale

A big thank you to all the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who sold magazines and to the parents, friends, and extended family members who purchased items from this year's magazine sale! This year's sale ran from September 30 to October 6.

The top sellers are **Aiden Rock, Hannah Lansing, Hailey Wierzba, Ramsey Avery, Christian Bloede, Hattie Berry, McKenzie Minor, Megan Burns, Jace Stuebs, John Waggoner, Jade Stuebs, Hayley Riske, Jordan Bowden, Ethan Yonke, Joe Beigel, Carissa Perzinski, Kayla Smith, Destiny Dykes, Kiara Turzinski, Marissa Warzynski, Jon Turzinski, Avery Faehling, and Brett Beigel**. These students sold 15 or more items in our sale, and will be heading out to Two Lakes in a stretch limousine for a Pizza party on the evening of Tuesday, October 21!

The proceeds from the magazine sale help to fund our class trips throughout the year - with transportation costs rising, we are pleased with the result of this year's sale. Again, many thanks for the hard work these young people put into selling magazines! And, *thanks to the generous community members, family members, and staff members* who helped out with this annual fund raiser!

The Middle School Teachers

Veterans Day Ceremony



Where: Almond School, West Gym

Date: November 11, 2008

Time: 9:05 am – 10:00 am

Presented by: Almond-Bancroft National Honor Society

Please join us in honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans of all wars, past and present, to the cause of freedom and justice around the world.

HONOR AREA VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICEMEMBERS

Almond-Bancroft High School would like to recognize all its alumni and community veterans, and active service members, during the November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony. If know of a veteran or service member who deserves recognition at the ceremony, please contact Allison Huebner at 715-366-2941, ext. 308 – or email at ahuebner@abschools.k12.wi.us

Third Lop Seymour's Locks raised \$104

I would like to say "Thank You Very Much" to all those who participated in the third Lop Seymour's Locks at the annual Homecoming Pep Rally on Wednesday night, September 24. Your generosity raised \$104 for the AAEA Scholarship Fund. Since I have been working at Almond-Bancroft Schools, this is the third time that I have participated in this "event" at a Pep Rally in an attempt to raise money for a scholarship while donating my hair to Locks of Love. Locks of Love is a public, non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. If you are interested in donating your hair or you would simply like to find out more about the organization, please visit their web site at www.locksoflove.org.

A special "Thank You" to Judy Turzinski for braiding and trimming my hair, to all those who donated prizes for the raffle, to Ron Scott and my daughter Mikala for selling tickets before the Pep Rally, to Royal Gingery and Toni Rock for helping MC the "event", and to my daughter Mikala for taking pictures during the event.

A special "Thank You" to those donating items to the raffle:

- the Senior Class of 2009 donated two Dinner Tickets for the Senior Class of 2009 Homecoming Tailgate Party valued at \$8;
- the Almond-Bancroft Music & Athletic Departments donated a "priceless" Friday Night Football Package for Four consisting of four AB Seat Cushions, AB Water Bottles, and AB Mini-Footballs;
- the Almond-Bancroft Student Council donated a Fuzzy "Eagle Head" Hat valued at \$15;
- the Almond-Bancroft Athletic Department donated a laser engraved "Almond-Bancroft Homecoming 2008" football which was signed by all the AB football players;
- Judy Turzinski from the Magic Mirror donated a 310 minute Tanning Package valued at \$45; and
- I donated a PC Tune-Up Package.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all those involved in helping make this event successful, and for your continued generosity to the AAEA Scholarship Fund.

Thank You,
Michael Seymour

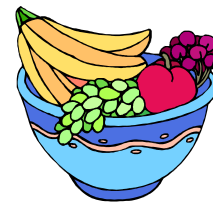


Thanks From the Class of 2009!

To those people who helped make the Senior Tailgate Party a complete success; especially those parents, staff, and community members who put it all together. Your contributions, participation and purchases have made the Seniors very appreciative of your efforts.

JUST A REMINDER

Once again, the Senior Class will have its **Annual Holiday Fruit Sale from November 7th through November 30th**. Order your fruit during that time and thank you for supporting the Class of 2009!
If you would like to place an order and have not been contacted by a Senior class member, please call Mrs. Karpen, Senior Class Advisor, at 366-2941 ext. 314.



A-B SENIORS – Just a reminder that your senior picture is due to Mrs. Karpen for the 2009 Yearbook on or before December 1st. An actual picture or a CD from your photographer will work.



2008 ALMOND-BANCROFT APPAREL ORDER FORM



Charcoal Short Sleeve Tee
4-color printed logo
Youth Med - Adult XXXL
\$10.00



Charcoal Open Bottom Sweatpants
1-color printed left leg logo
Adult Small - Adult XXXL
\$25.00



Vinyl Window Decal
5.5" wide x 4.5" tall
\$5.00



Unisex Kelly Green w/White Track Jacket
70% polyester/30% cotton, embroidered left crest logo
Adult Small - Adult XXXL
\$32.00



Unisex Kelly Green w/White Polo
Dry Excel polyester knit
Adult Small - Adult XXXL
\$34.00



Adult Charcoal Hoodie
4-color printed logo
Adult Small - Adult XXXL
\$30.00



Youth Kelly Green Hoodie
4-color printed logo
Youth Med - Youth Large
\$20.00



Irish Green Long Sleeve Tee
3-color printed logo
Youth Med - Adult XXXL
\$15.00

ALMOND-BANCROFT APPAREL ORDER FORM

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

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____ **AMOUNT YOU OWE: \$** _____

LN.	STYLE DESCRIPTION	COLOR	ADD - \$5.00 NAME	ADD - \$4.00 NUMBER	YOUTH M	YOUTH L	ADULT S	ADULT M	ADULT L	ADULT XL	ADULT XXL ADD \$2.00	ADULT XXXL ADD \$3.00	TOTAL	EACH PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
1	Short Sleeve Tee	Charcoal												\$10.00	
2	Long Sleeve Tee	Irish Green												\$15.00	
3	Adult Hooded Sweatshirt	Charcoal			N/A	N/A								\$30.00	
4	Youth Hooded Sweatshirt	Kelly Green					N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$20.00	
5	Unisex Open Bottom Sweatpant	Charcoal			N/A	N/A								\$25.00	
6	Unisex Track Jacket	Kelly w/White			N/A	N/A								\$32.00	
7	Unisex Polo	Kelly w/White			N/A	N/A								\$34.00	
8	Window Decal	Full Color												\$5.00	

TURN IN ORDER TO MRS. DERNBACH.

Orders due by Oct. 30TH - NOVEMBER DELIVERY
Orders due by Jan. 15 - FEBRUARY DELIVERY

Orders due by Nov. 30th - CHRISTMAS DELIVERY

* Sweatpants are available in BLACK not charcoal

Almond-Bancroft Hawks Youth Football & Cheer

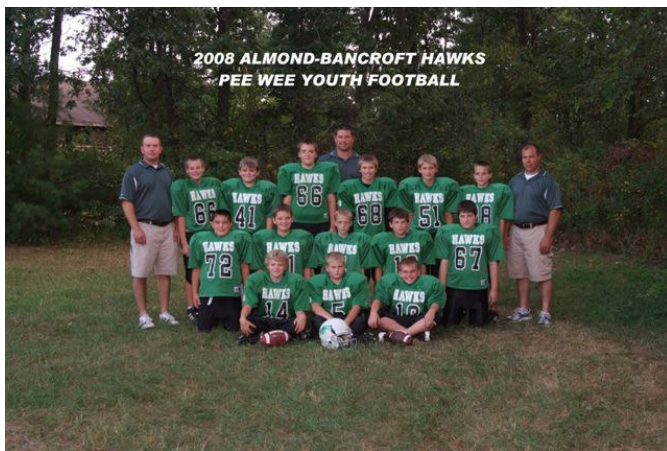
A-B hawks Youth Football and Cheer would like to thank all the football players and cheerleaders for their dedication to an enjoyable season. Both the Junior PeeWee and PeeWee teams recorded 4 wins and 2 losses. We are looking forward to watching you next season! Please recruit a friend to join your youth or middle school team. Have Fun and Good Luck!!

Parents thank you for your time and donations. An extra thank you goes out to A-B Schools, Turzinski Poultry Farms, Cheese Pleasers, Festive Foods, Mark Meddaugh, Scott & Diane Kollock, and Vista Royale Campground.

Your Support Is Appreciated!



Cheerleaders: Catie Schmidt, Cami Newby, Emma Wallace, Bryn Turzinski, Michaela Wallace
Cheer Coaches: Brenda Newby & Shannon McLarnan



Pee Wee Team Back Row: Coach Bunders, Brandon Czlapsinski, Garret Yonke, Colton Hintz, Coach Yonke, Jarod Cieslewicz, Austin Bunders, Coach Vezina Middle: Taylor Kim, Jessie Hunkins, Dylan Bunders, Teagan Vezina, Jordan Kealiher Front: Reagan Anderson, Christian Noth, Clayton Swan
Not pictured: Cole Warzynski



Jr Pee Wee Team, Coach Newby, Coach Kollock, Coach Meddaugh
Back Row: Carter Newby, Dylan Heck, Wyatt Richtmyre, Allan Zinda, Johl Turzinski, Joey Dorgan, Colton Stanislawski Middle: Joshawa Cieslewski, Matt Helmrick, Noah Kollock, Forest Laska Front: Isaiah Spohn, Derek Baumgartner, Jadon Solis, Emmett Stanislawski, Garrett Stanislawski

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special Message: _____

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

Bonus Extra \$1.00 Bonus Extra \$3.00



Almond-Bancroft Music Teacher Receives Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award

On September 26th, Mrs. Crystal Frank was presented the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award by four Wal-Mart Employees during her fifth grade elementary class. She was awarded \$1000 for the school, a \$100 personal gift certificate, as well as a plaque. She was chosen through a ballot process that Wal-Mart had done. In the store, students and parents could vote for their favorite teacher, and Mrs. Frank had the most votes of any teacher in the area.

Congratulations Mrs. Frank!

Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

The Safety Cadet Program has been running along quite smoothly so far. I have been really impressed with the kids this year. We have so many cadets that are so anxious to do their duties and also extra duties that it is never hard to find a replacement when someone is needed. Just by looking at this picture of all the cadets, you can see we have a lot of great Safety Cadets! Every single fifth grader joined the program this year! We have two students this month that have really stood out as extra special cadets. They are Macy Baird and Kyle Merila. Both students are always so pleasant and always willing to help out. Way to go Kyle and Macy! Keep up the great job!



MY COKE REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS

The My Coke Rewards for Schools program refreshes our long-lasting commitment to education by giving today's students what they need. Together we can help students learn and grow by turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for accredited schools grades K-12, providing playground equipment, art supplies, sports gear, educational resources and much more.

You can help Almond-Bancroft earn by collecting points from codes found on participating Coca-Cola products. Go to www.mycokerewards.com/schools to donate points to Almond-Bancroft Schools.

Life Long Learning

Adult education evening classes are being held at Tri-County High School this fall. Hydraulics classes will be held in December. For a listing of classes and a registration form, check on-line at <http://www.tricounty.k12.wi.us/AdultEd.htm>

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Apply for the Tagret RED card or if you already have one go to target.com and designate Almond-Bancroft as your school and Target will donate up to one 1% of your RED card purchases to Almond-Bancroft Schools.

Attention to Community

Almond-Bancroft Student Council will sponsor a food drive starting Monday, October 27th until Friday, November 21st, 2008. Anyone wishing to donate food please see an A-B Student Council member. Collection boxes will be located near the offices at the Almond School.

Thank You, Almond-Bancroft Student Council

ALMOND RESIDENTS

Please remember that you need to pick up after your pet. The elementary children have been having unexpected waste left on their play ground. Thank You!

Aerobics Classes Offered

Low impact aerobics using videos, no cost at this time.

DATE: Every Monday and Wednesday, unless there is no school.

TIME: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Elementary Music Room

Wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. You may also want to bring a water bottle.

If you have any questions call Marcey Lehman at 715-498-9368

News From Sra. Lisa Vann



Students in the Almond High School Spanish classes participated in a contest that celebrates "El Día de Los Muertos" (The Day of the Dead) honoring a traditionally Mexican holiday on November 2nd annually honoring the lives of people we have lost in a time of celebration. The contest involves making the traditional coffin cake filled with sweets and decorated with lively colors to acknowledge the sweet additive to our lives received simply by knowing the person(s) we lost that year. Students baked the cakes and decorated them and the cakes were on display to be voted on the same week so that they could be eaten and enjoyed by all of the students. Señora Vann would like to personally thank all of the faculty and families that support the cultural events students use to study the language and culture of countries around the globe. Mr. Knepfel has allowed us to utilize his kitchen several times in the FACE room. Spanish students have already had the privilege of sampling tamales, salsa, churros con chocolate, máscaras del Día de Los Muertos, piñatas, and castanuelas (castanets). We look forward to even more cultural events throughout the rest of the year. *Gracias!*

Dia de los Muertos History:

Dia De Los Muertos is one of Mexico's traditional holidays reuniting and honoring beloved ancestors, family and friends. It is an ancient and enduring ritual when the living commune with the dead - a mystical night when the veil is lifted between their two realms and they may share a day together. The historical roots of this celebration date back to the pre-Hispanic cultures of Meso-America of the indigenous people, especially the Nahuatl (Aztecs, Mayans, Toltecs, Tlaxcaltec, Chichimec, Tecpanec) and others native to Mexico more than 3,000 years. When the Spaniards conquered the country, this indigenous custom was rooted so deeply that, after five centuries of colonization, it has continued to survive and remain as celebrated as in its first days.

Throughout each period in Mexican culture, death seems to hold no terror. In Mexican art, legends, and religion, death has not been a mysterious and fearful presence but a realistic recognizable character as much a part of life as life itself. Dia De Los Muertos expresses this perspective: it is not a mournful commemoration but a happy and colorful celebration where Death takes a lively, friendly expression and is not frightening or strange. There is no place for sorrow or weeping for this could be interpreted as a discourteous to the dead relatives who are visiting gladly. Indigenous people believed that souls did not die, that they continued living in Mictlán (Place of Death) a special place for them to finally rest. On Dia De Los Muertos, tradition holds that the dead return to earth to visit their living relatives. It is believed that although these relatives can't see them, they can surely feel them. This night is an important feast and evocation. It is a time when family members share memorable stories that evoke the lives of their ancestors. Offerings and altars are created to welcome and commemorate the dead. Marigolds and incense are offered in abundance because it is believed their aromatic scents guide the dead to the place where the feast is being held. A profusion of candles dispels the darkness just as the souls are being illuminated from the shadows of death. Altars are created with photos, mementos, fruit, bread, and other favorite things of the ancestors being welcomed and honored. The artifacts of these altars also provide the opportunity to teach children about those who came before them.

Dia De Los Muertos is a time of celebration on remembrance. It is also a time to come to terms with our mortality and become aware of the cycle of life and death. Rather than deny and fear death this event teaches us to accept and contemplate the meaning of mortality.

Sinceramente~
Sra. Lisa Vann



NEW at ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS!

HOMework HOTLINE

366-2941

(Beginning November 3rd)

Follow the Voice Prompts

This new service is for parents and students. This will provide students and parents the option to call the hotline to listen to a recorded message containing the homework assignments for that school day. They will be separated by MS and HS – listen to the voice prompts. Almond-Bancroft Schools hope that this service will promote better communication between school and community, as well as parent and student.

NEWS FROM THE LMC

Students Vote for the President!

There was a school-wide, presidential election on Wednesday, October 29th. It was held in the Secondary LMC, with the "real-life" voting booths generously loaned to the school by the Village of Almond. All students, from the first graders through the seniors in high school, as well as staff members, had the opportunity to vote if they desired to exercise their civic duty. Freshmen students, who did research about the presidential candidates in their Civics class, staffed the polls and answered questions about the voting process. There were also handouts available in the LMC, prior to the election, about both John McCain and Barack Obama and their respective policies regarding the economy, education, national security, education, and health care.

Results of this important election will be printed in next month's newsletter. It will be interesting to see how our school election compares to the national election. This "mock" election was organized by Mike Gerlach, high school history teacher, and myself. We feel it was a worthwhile experience for the students to participate in democracy first-hand.

September/October LMC Donations

The LMC thanks the following groups and individuals for their donations to the Almond-Bancroft School LMC : **Mickey Van Ert** (assorted magazines and the historical biography *Mary, Queen of Scots*), **Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative** (three copies of *Power in Many Hands*), **Melissa Vezina** and **Donna McIntee** (a variety of magazines), **Danielle Manock** (two books from the popular Pokemon series- *Race to Danger* and *Raichu Shows Off*), **Lisa Wimpe** (four classic videos including *Call of the Wild* and *White Fang 2*), **Leslie Burns** (*Wonder Time* and *Real Simple* magazines), and **Julia Swan** (*Cooking Light* magazines). Thank you all for your generosity!

Books for Christmas Gifts

If anyone is interested in ordering any paperback or hardcover books at a reduced price, please see me during the Parent-Teacher Conferences in November (the 18th or the 20th). Books will arrive in time for Christmas gift giving. Although there will be no actual books on display, I'm willing to look up the availability and the prices of any books in which you might be interested. If you know the title and/or author, it makes ordering easier. You will save approximately 25% off the retail price, and you'll be spreading good cheer and the joy of reading!

Reading IS Fun!

This year's first RIF (Reading is Fundamental) distribution was a great success. Four year old kindergarten students and the rest of the kindergarten students at Bancroft, plus all the Almond elementary students up through the 7th grade middle schoolers, received a free book of their choice. This event is sponsored by the federal government and our local school district. The students were very excited about the book selections.

A special thanks go to the community members who volunteered to help with RIF :

Pam Berry (a 1985 graduate of A-B School), **Dorothy Helmrick** (retired A-B School District Reading Specialist and Elementary Principal), **Michelle Cisewski** (mother of Abigail and Kara - 3rd grade, Janessa - 5th grade, and Taylor - 7th grade), **Brenda Newby** (mother of Cami - 3rd grade and Carter - 4th grade), and **Nancy Schulze** (mother of three A-B graduates). We certainly appreciated having these kind women take the time to come help with RIF! Thanks so much!

Karin Mather, LMC Director



Pam Berry, Community RIF volunteer, assisting Devon Fuehrner, Mrs. Blockhuis 2nd grade student.



ALMOND-BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER

Room S325 Almond High School (enter Almond Elementary)

(715) 366-2882 or (715) 421-4635 (for Pre-Registering)

Hello everybody, and welcome to fall. The Holidays are upon us and we already have begun with a wonderful turnout for a *Special Play Group*, “**SPIDER MADNESS**” in Mrs. Klinger’s Room at Bancroft, this past October 3rd. **A Big Thank You to Mrs. Debbie Klinger.**

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

PLAY GROUP has continued to bring in new families. We will be getting to know each other now that school has started. Wednesday, October 29th brings a **special Play Group with ‘Creating a Turkey Center Piece** from a plastic glove. Come and feel it out. We will continue with **Turkey Day Repeat** on Wednesday, November 19th. This turkey will have feathers on it. A *very special* Play Group will be welcoming **Pam Corcoran and her puppets August and June**, and tell us about **Hand Washing** on Nov. 12th. We always serve snacks, and events are free of charge. Feel free to bring older siblings. Babies, toddlers, even school age children are welcome. Grandmothers and Grandfathers, don’t forget to bring those grandchildren. Oh, we accept any donations of any kind, remember, we are United Way Sponsored.

AND...we will be having a **Play Group at the Central WI Children’s Museum** in Stevens Point. We will cover the cost. Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.

MULTI-SESSION WORKSHOP: 1-2-3 MAGIC

This 2 session video workshop addresses the difficult task of child discipline with humor, keen insight, & proven experience. This time tested method provides easy-to-follow steps for disciplining children ages 2-12 with out yelling, arguing, or spanking.

Special Note: Families are already signing up.

WHERE: ALMOND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

November 3rd & November 10th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

UPCOMING CLASSES: *The Vitamin D Dilemma, Fluoride Frenzy and Water, Dec. 8th.*

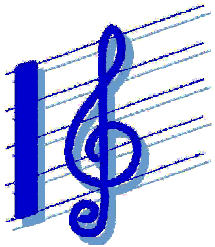
FAMILY FUN EVENT: *Merry Masterpieces, Mon. Dec. 22nd, (possibly at Almond)*

PLEASE COME TO THESE IMPORTANT WORKSHOPS, SO THAT PORTAGE COUNTY CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER THESE FREE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS!

Look for the flyers in your children’s school bags about upcoming events that will be offered by the Family Resource Center in the future.

Office hours: Before Play Group on Wednesdays. IF you cannot find me I might be running around the school. **Check Out** our Lending library including adult ‘learning’ books as well as children’s books.

Jan Roth, your Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center Coordinator



ALMOND-BANCROFT FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The Friends of Music is a group of alumni, parents/grandparents, and community members that have an interest in ensuring that music education and performance opportunities are available in our community by actively supporting the music programs of the Almond-Bancroft Schools. There are many ways that you can be involved with the Friends of Music.

Donations of money to assist with scholarships and other activities are always sincerely appreciated, as are donations of time. Warm bodies to help with baking treats for a concert, handing out programs, planning/organizing fundraisers, being a music advocate with the community/school board, or assisting with large ensemble festival. No matter what your talents are, there is a definite place for you in our family.

The next meeting of our group will be on **Monday, November 17 at 6:30 PM in the band room.**

For more information, feel free to contact one of the music teachers at 366-2941. Mrs. Frank (choir) can be reached at extension 124 and Mr. Gingery (instrumental) can be reached at extension 326.

We hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Almond-Bancroft November Menus

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	4 Pancakes, Juice	5 Cereal, Toast, Juice	6 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	7 Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice
10 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	11 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice	12 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar, Juice	13 Cereal, Toast, Juice	14 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
17 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	18 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	19 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice	20 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	21 NO SCHOOL
24 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	25 French Toast Sticks, Juice	26 Cereal, Toast, Juice	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL

Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per
Quarter

Milk Served
With Every
Meal

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge

4K – 7 days @ 1.00 = \$7.00

K-12th grade – 17 days @ 1.00 = \$17.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Pineapple	4 Salisbury Steak, Noodles, Glazed Carrots, Pears, Bread	5 Chicken Fajita, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	6 Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Cranberries, Bread	7 Corn Dog, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Peaches
10 Tacos, Corn, Applesauce	11 BBQ Pork, French Fries, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit	12 Chicken Stir Fry, Salad Bar, Peaches	13 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Pineapple	14 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar, Pears
17 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Mixed Fruit	18 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Peaches, Bread	19 Chicken Pattie, Wedges, Green Beans, Pineapple	20 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Pears	21 NO SCHOOL
24 Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Carrots, Peaches	25 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple, Bread	26 Hamburger On Bun, Tator Barrels, Baked Beans, Pears	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL

Dessert
Served Once
Weekly

Lunch Prices:

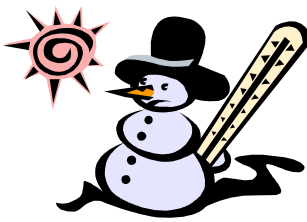
4K Reduced – 7 days @ .40 = \$2.80

4K – 7 days @ 1.60 = \$11.20

K-12th grade Reduced – 17 days @ .40 = \$6.80

K-5th grade – 17 days @ 1.60 = \$27.20

6th – 12th grade – 17 days @ 1.85 = \$31.45



THE COLD HAS ARRIVED!

Please make sure your child/children are dressed for the cold, as they have recess outside regardless of what they are wearing! Coat, hat, gloves, Snow-pants and boots for when the snow begins to fly!

BAD WEATHER...IS THERE SCHOOL? This is a question that can be answered by turning on your TV's to channel 9 (WAOW) or channel 7 (WSAW). If you prefer to listen to the radio, it will be broadcast on WYTE -106.5, WLJY -96.7, WGLX -103.3, FM 109.7, WDUX -800 AM / 92.7 FM, and **parents you can register for an email notice about school closings at wsau.com for radio stations, WSAU-AM 550, WIZD-99.9 FM, WIFC-95.5FM, WOFM-94.7, WRIG-AM 1390, and WDEZ 101.9FM**

**Ministry Health Care
Flu Vaccination Clinic**

November 3—November 15

Monday—Friday

7:30 a.m.—6 p.m.

Saturday

8 a.m.—12 p.m.

No Sundays

CenterPoint MarketPlace
1201 Third Court Stevens Point, WI
Information Line
(715) 342- 7544

No Appointment Needed
Walk-Ins Welcome

School Improvement Planning Meeting

Just a reminder to that the next planning meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the boardroom. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

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