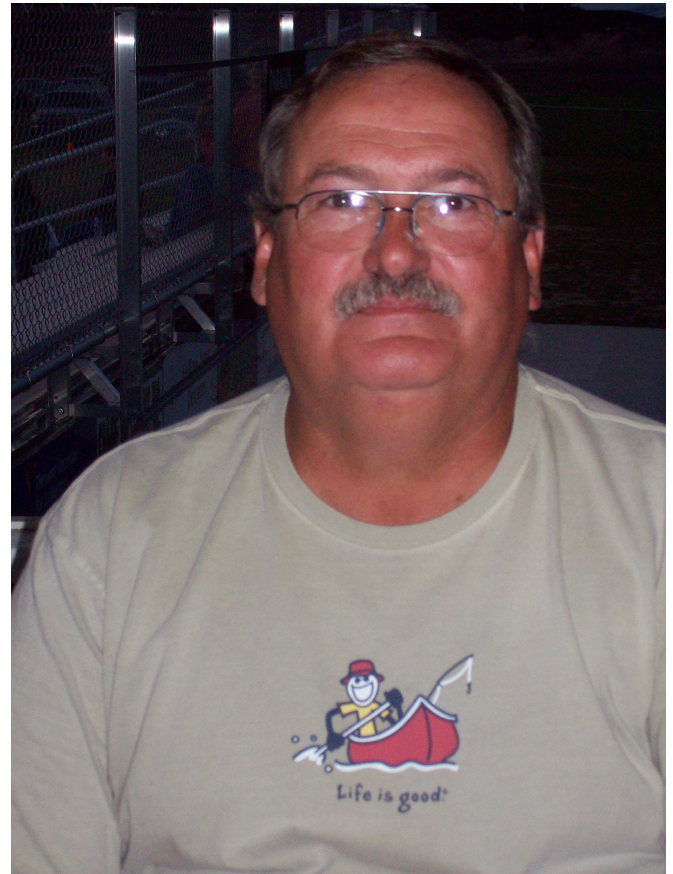


October 2008

Congratulations On Your Retirement Mr. Rohde

After 34 years of service to Almond-Bancroft, Mr. Rohde retires. Bob Rohde started teaching at Almond-Bancroft in August of 1974. He has taught math, coached basketball, organized the middle school magazine sales, and has ran the score clock for a countless number of football games. Bob and his wife Joan reside in the Almond-Bancroft School District. They have two grown sons, Jonathan and Justin, who have graduated from Almond-Bancroft. Mr. Rohde will be greatly missed by both students and staff. We wish you well in your retirement and thank you for your dedication to Almond-Bancroft.

We hope you have plenty of time now to hone your computer skills and land your "Big Muskie".
Life Is Good!



Top Ten Things We'll Always Love About Mr. Rohde (from the Middle School Students)

1. Talking Fish!
2. TABLES!
3. His cool glasses!
4. His good looks! (Still has all his hair!)
5. Game days!
6. Good math teaching skills!
7. Fishing stories!
8. His funny jokes!
9. How he always made math fun and interesting!
10. The Homework!!!!

“We will always remember what a hard-working and dedicated teacher Mr. Rohde was - we hope to see him around school in the years to come, because we miss him a lot already!!!!”





Almond-Bancroft Staff Honored For Years Of Service With The Almond-Bancroft School District



Chris Thompson
35 Years



Pat Krueger, SuAnn Pagel-Rast, Shirley
Meddaugh-**30 Years**
Sandy Barden-**25 Years**



Kim Weiss, Dawn Barber,
Mickey VanErt
15 Years



Lorrie Ammel, Bill Wagner,
Diana Warzynski
10 Years



Brian Barden, Connie Kaehn
7 Years



Melissa Henske, Michele Warzynski
5 Years



**Almond and Bancroft
Community
Trick or Treating Events**

Almond

Trick or Treating will be held on
Friday, October 31st, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
If you want children to stop at your home for
treats, please leave your outside light on.

The **Almond Lions Club** will hold a
Halloween party for pre-school through 6th grade
on **Friday, October 31st, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.**
in the **Almond School East Gym.**

Bancroft

Trick or Treating will be held on
Saturday, November 1st, 2008
From 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION...

The Juniors are collecting aluminum cans
this year. **Please drop off your bagged
aluminum cans behind school.**
The Junior class greatly appreciates your
donations.



ATTENTION VILLAGE OF ALMOND RESIDENTS



The Almond Busy Bees 4-H Club will be trick or treating for canned goods during the Village of Almond's trick or treating hours. If you have any canned goods you would like to donate have them ready. All canned goods collected will be donated to Operation Bootstrap, who serves the needy of Portage County. The Almond Busy Bees appreciate your support.

Also, if you are between the ages of 5-19 and are interested in joining the Almond Busy Bees 4-H club please contact Trina Warzynski at (715) 366-2773.



PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

Imagine... "Whirled Peace"

On September 22, 2008, elementary students took part in an International art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace, by "planting" pinwheels with messages of peace in front of our school. The pinwheels spinning in the wind spread thoughts and feelings about peace throughout the country and the world!

For more information contact Mrs.
Ritter or go to
<http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com>



Do your children know what to do in case of a fire at home? Do they know what to do if they wake up in the night to find a fire in the house? Does your family have a special location outside to meet in case of a fire? If not, the District encourages you to observe **National Fire Prevention Week, October 5th – 11th**, by having a home fire drill. Having a family plan may save a life. To learn more about how to prevent home fires go to <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>.

School Counseling Program K-5

“By All For All”

By Dawn Barber

Welcome back to the start of another busy school year! I wanted to write a note about our K-5 school counseling program for our new families and those who may not be familiar with it. Our school counseling program is **FOR ALL**, meaning that 100% of our K-5 students participate in the program. There are four program components including:

School Counseling Curriculum- This is the one you are most likely to hear about. Your children may talk about our G.I.F.T.S. program. Part of this program includes classroom time with the counselor. This year when we are together, we will focus on the following concepts: **Honesty, Self-Discipline and Forgiveness**. Our entire staff works together with parents and community members to promote these important concepts. We even send home green postcards that recognize students who have exhibited model behavior so that families can continue to reinforce our concepts at home; **BY ALL!**

Individual Student Planning- This component includes academic support, goal setting and transition services.

Responsive Services- This component includes individual and group counseling, crisis counseling, conflict resolution and parent contacts and referrals. Your child can receive counseling services by self/parent/teacher request. He/she may also be invited to be part of a small group during the school year, which focuses on a specific topic such as peer relationships or family change.

System Support- This is the last component of a comprehensive school counseling program and it includes consultation and collaboration with building staff, professional development, and program management and evaluation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need assistance at 366-2941x121. My days in the Almond-Bancroft School District are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Secondary

Guidance News—Ms. Spencer

Students/Parents of Sophomores:

Last year was the first year I required all the sophomore students to take the PLAN test. This test is an ACT preparation test, which is a predictor of success on the ACT, an early indicator of college readiness, and a tool to help students explore careers that match their interest. The testing process went well last year, and the students found their results helpful. Due to this, all 10th grade students will again be taking PLAN on October 7th this year during hours 1-4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Spencer, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.

University Bound Juniors & Seniors:

You have the opportunity on October 17th to travel to the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point to visit the campus. You will learn about the admissions process, financial aid, student life, and career services. You will also go on a campus tour, which includes a mini-session on housing and an in-depth look at a residence hall. Even if you may not be interested in attending UW-Stevens Point, this would be a great chance for you to visit a Wisconsin 4-year University. A sign-up announcement will be made a week prior to the event. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Spencer, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.

LMC NEWS

Volunteers Needed for RIF

Attention all community members! The school is in need of volunteers to distribute books to elementary and middle school students. We need parents, grandparents, senior citizens, or anyone in the community who would like to see the smiles on the faces of children receiving free books. Your main duty would be to record the title of the book that each student chooses. The students are accompanied by their classroom teachers.

RIF (Reading is Fundamental) is a federally subsidized program which, with the support of the local school district, provides free books to children. There will be many different time slots available. You could come for thirty minutes or an hour or longer; it's up to you. RIF distributions for 2008 will be in October and December. If you'd like to assist with this great program or have any questions, please contact me or Mickey Van Ert, LMC Assistant, at 366-2941, ext. 412, between 8:30-3:00. Thanks!

Karin Mather, LMC Director

A Personal Thank You

My sincere thanks to all who donated to my family after our devastating house fire. We lost everything material, yet we have many blessings. This community has always rallied to help others in times of need, and my family and I are abundantly grateful for your kind assistance.

With sincere appreciation, Karin Mather

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM

The after school tutoring program at the Almond-Bancroft School District is set to begin Monday, September 22nd. Mondays and Wednesdays have been set aside for middle school students designated by their teachers to receive extra help in their studies. Tuesdays and Thursdays are also open for students, middle school or otherwise, seeking academic assistance. Please encourage your child to attend. The tutoring program is designed to help students regardless of any special needs, plus promoting better study habits. The program is in session from 3:30 in the afternoon to 5 p.m. The following is a schedule for busing, snacks, etc:

Mondays/Wednesdays - Middle school students only: 3:30 to 5 p.m. A bus is available to transport the students home. Additionally, around 4 o'clock the students recharge their batteries with a fifteen minute break and snacks served by the school cafeteria.

Tuesdays/Thursdays - Open: 3:30 to 5 pm. A break and snacks are available, however, on these days parents must make their own arrangements to transport their child.

I trust your child will take advantage of this opportunity. As a new teacher to the Almond-Bancroft School District I look forward to meeting as many students as possible.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,
Mr. Scott

Thank You From Partners In Education

Partners In Education extend a thank you to all individuals who donated bars and contributed their valuable time to Almond-Bancroft's open house meal. All profits made help to fund extra activities during the course of the school year. We really appreciate all you did.

Our next P.I.E. meeting will be held October 14th, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the elementary library. We would love to have you attend. Day care can be provided at no charge. Call Kathy Miner at 366-2854 if you would like day care provided for your children during the meeting.

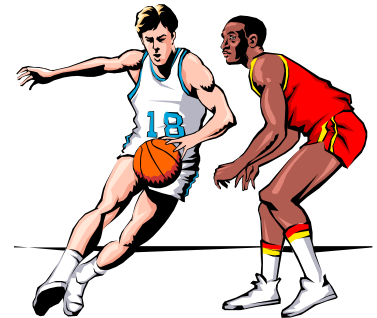
School Improvement Planning Committee
Quarterly Meeting
October 20th
3:30 p.m.
Almond School District Board Room

**Members of the Community and
 Employees of Almond-Bancroft School District
 are encouraged to attend.**

Subject: *Implementation of the School Improvement Plan for Year 2*

2008 Almond-Bancroft Jr. High Boys Basketball Schedule

Date	Who	Where	Time	Bus Time
Oct. 30	Iola	Away	5:30	4:00
Nov. 3	Port Edwards	Home	5:30	
Nov. 4	Amherst	Away	5:30	4:15
Nov. 6	Tri-County	Home	5:30	
Nov. 10	St. Pete's	Away	5:30	4:15
Nov. 13	Rosholt	Home	5:30	
Nov. 17	Wild Rose	Away	5:30	4:30
Nov. 20	Amherst	Home	5:30	
Nov. 24	Iola	Home	5:30	
Dec. 1	Port Edwards	Away	5:30	4:15
Dec. 4	Tri-County	Away	5:30	4:45
Dec. 8	St. Pete's	Home	5:30	
Dec. 11	Rosholt	Away	5:30	4:15



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 FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER

Room S325 Almond High School
(Enter through Almond Elementary)
715.366.2882 or 715.421.4635
September 2008

Happy Early Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas!! What do you say? Well, these holidays will all be gone before you know it, AND the Almond Bancroft Family Resource Center will be celebrating ALL of them. Either at our weekly Play Group, or Family Fun Events held at the Bancroft Cafeteria.

PLAY GROUP, Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M., Almond Elementary (We will be trying one at Bancroft School) Play group has continued to bring in new families. We will be getting to know each other now that school has started. We will try to have a 'special' Play Group once per month (if not more): OCTOBER 3RD (Friday) brings **'SPIDER MADNESS AT BANCROFT SCHOOL'**. We will make a 'hanging spider web for your wall.' This Play Group will replace the usual Play Group held the Wednesday before. That one will be cancelled, in lieu of the one on Friday at Mrs. Klinger's room. 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! Wednesday, October 29th, Play Group will bring the beginning of Thanksgiving crafts. We will be making **'TURKEYS FROM GROVES'**.

FAMILY FUN EVENT:

Join us *for* the 3RD ANNUAL PUMPKIN PARTY. We will be providing the carving tools, some safety LIGHT UP jewelry, and PUMPKINS, to carve! PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST IN ORDER THAT WE PROVIDE ENOUGH PUMPKINS!!!

BANCROFT SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Monday, October 20th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Call 715-366-2882 or after hours (715) 421-4635

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.

ALMOND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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. Stop in and check out our Lending library including adult 'learning' books as well as children's books.

Jan Roth, your Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center Coordinator

Safety Cadet News

By: Denise Upton, Safety Coordinator

It has been a great start to the new school year! We have had many 5th grade students reciting their pledge so that they can become a Safety Cadet and receive their orange safety cadet belts. Those that have done this are already serving duties during recess. From what I see, it looks like they are doing a great job!

To become a Safety Cadet, the student must keep up their grades, show respect to teachers and classmates, and try to be a good role model among other things. To help your child reach this goal, please help him/her to remember to complete and hand in all homework on time each day.

I am really looking forward to working with this very energetic group of 5th graders this year. I'm sure that they will do a wonderful job keeping our elementary students safe during our recess times.

THANK YOU,

to the following who have supported the Almond-Bancroft Sports Complex Improvement Project. We couldn't have done this without the generous financial support and/or the willingness to give up time with families to provide manual labor or the use of your equipment. "Our sincerest apologies, if we have missed anyone.

Please let us know and we will do our best to correct it for any future publications.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everybody that helped us make this project a huge success for our school, our community and most importantly, our kids."

Eagle Booster Club

Thank You!

Accounting Workshop	Davenport, Daniel	Kropidowski, Anthony	Sandy's Bar
Allen, Eugene and Shirley	Del Monte Foods	L & L Enterprise	Schmidt, Carolyn
Alliant Energy	Dernbach, Keith and Nicky	Lamb, Curt and Lori	Seaman, Bernie and Nancy
Almond American Legion Post 339	Design Homes	Manock, Mr. & Mrs. Keith	Seneca Foods
Almond-Bancroft 2008 Football Team	Domaszek, Tom and Patricia	Marchall, Gayle	Siem, Dennis and Jean Evilsizor
Almond-Bancroft School District	Dorgan, Joleane, Jessica and Joey	Meddaugh, Alan, Sheila and family	Smalltown Kroozerz
Almond Lions Club	Eagle Booster Club	Meddaugh, Cody	Smith, Arlyn and Carol
Almond Sno-Eagles	Eastman, Frank	Meddaugh, Lucas	Smith, Howard
Almond Youth Football	Fahrner Asphalt	Meddaugh, Harvey and Shirley	Smith, Ron, Kathy and girls
Amble, Kelly	Faivre Implement	Miron Construction	Sopa, Adeline
Ammel, Diane	Farmhouse Restaurant	Mitchell, Chuck and Carrie	St. John's Lutheran Church, Almond
Ardis Haviland Trust	Fletcher, Gerald	Morter, Curt	Stanislowski, Pat
Ayers, Janis	Folan, Danielle	Mykisen, Greg and Donna	Stucker Bus Service
Baker, Bill and Elaine	Fox Oil Co (Ken and Linda Helmrick)	Newby, Collin and Cindy	Sultze, Loren
Bancroft Lions Club	Fuel Stop	Newby, Craig, Brenda and family	Swiontek, Richard and Lois
Bancroft State Bank	Galien, Michael	Newby, Harland and Janice	TH Agri-Chemicals, Inc.
Barber, Tami (Rendall)	Gendusa, Chelsea	Niemuth's Steak Shop	Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Barden, Franklin, Ann and family	Gendusa, Joe and family	Olsen, Terry and Mary Kay	Thyssen-Krupp
Barden, Gary, Sandy and Graham	Gendusa, Ken	Olson, Cameron	TruEssence Photography
Baumgartner, Brad	Gene Timm Lawn Sprinklers	Ostrowski, Bernard and Joan	Turzinski, BJ and Carla
Beigel, Tim and Bev	Glaman, Gordon and Patricia	Ottman, Chris	Turzinski, Dan and Leanne
Berry, Doug, Lorena and family	Glodowski, Frank	Ottman, Richard	Turzinski, Rod
Besaw, Susan (Manock)	Gottschall, Karen	Pagel Construction Co., Inc.	Vista Royale Campground - Scott and Diane Kollock
Beyer, David	Gremmer & Associates	Pagel, Alan and Mickie	Vowels, Betty
Bickford, Marc and Kris	Guth, Richard	Pagel, Art and Carmen	Vroman, Lawrence and Edith
Bickford, Matthew, Wendy and family	Hardell-Holly Funeral Home	Pagel, Jon and Mary	Walcowicz, Paul
Bickford, Jason	Heartland Farms	Pagel, Merle A	Wanserski, Joe and Janice (Haviland)
Bickford, Brant	Heavenly Hair	Paragon Potato Farms	Warner & Warner Inc.
Big Iron Equipment	Helmrick, Dorothy	Paramount Farms	Warner, Reed and Karen
Bowden, Dwight	Helmrick, Kevin	Penza, Jacob	Warzynski, Dylan
Bradley, Andrew and Krista	Helmrick, Kurt and Jodi	Penza, Sue	Warzynski, Jim
Brandl, Bill and Cindy	Hintz, Scott and Lynn	Peskie, Dorothy	Watkins, Janet
Bunders, Allan and Gloria	Holtz, Charles and Diane	Pest Pros	Weisner, Mike and Jane
Bunders, Spence, Genene and family	Hometown Insurance	Phillips, Lucille	Wennesberg, Karen
Bunders, Tyler, Austin, Dylan, Zachary and Seth	Hunkins, Braden	Poock, Ed	Wild Rose Community Health
Centrals Sands Inc NAPA	Hunkins, Jennifer	Portage County Bank	Wilson, Jeanette
Cheese Pleasers	Hunkins, Jessie	Portage Co. Deputy Sheriff's Assoc.	Wohlfeil, Craig
Clarke, Jan	Hunkins, Jim and Monica and family	Premium Plumbing and Heating	Worzalla Publishing
Class of 1973	Hunkins, Scott, Renee and family	Premier Overhead Doors	Wysocki Tax Accounting
Connor, Jan	Hutkowski, Ron and Helen	Prism Real Estate	Yonke, Bernard
County Concrete	Jay-Mar	Rassmusen, Mildred	Yonke, Harland
Crahan, James	Johnson, James	Reader, Marion	Yonke, Ethan
Crahan, Camille	Johnson, Shirley	Rendall, Alan and Jenifer	Yonke, Gareth
Crahan, Mandi	Judd, Jean	Rendall, Phillip and Dalene	Yonke, Jeff, Debbie and family
Crahan, Sam	Kaehn, Connie	Riebe, Julie (Wierzba)	Yonke, Norman, Verna and family
Cummings, Matthew	Kayhart, Nancy	Roberts Irrigation Co., Inc.	Yonke, Randy and Darlene
Cyra, Dana (Bickford)	Kickbush, Joan (Arend)	Roehrborn, Vicar Brian	Zei, Joe and Sherry
D & H Farms	Kleist, Clark and Jane	Rohde, Robert and Joan	Zietlow, Annette
Daberkow, Betty	Knapinski, Chris (Wysocki)	Romo, Brandi	
Danforth, Roy	Kollock, Chris and Jill	Ruder Ware	
	Krause Publications	Russell, M. Joseph	

Almond-Bancroft Menus, October

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice	2 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	3 Bagel, Juice
6 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	7 French Toast Sticks, Applesauce	8 Ham & Cheese Breakfast, ½ Orange	9 Cereal, Toast, Juice	10 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
13 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	14 Pancake Sausage Wrap, Juice	15 Oatmeal, Toast, ½ Orange	16 Cereal, Toast, Juice	17 Bagel, Juice
20 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	21 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice	22 Cereal, Toast, Juice	23 French Toast Sticks, Juice	24 Cinnamon Roll, Juice
27 Cereal, Muffin, Juice	28 Egg Omelet, Toast, ½ Orange	29 Cereal, Toast, Juice	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL

Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per

Quarter

Milk Served With
Every Meal

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge

Normal – 21 days @ 1.00 = \$21.00

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Chicken Fajita, Green Beans, Applesauce	2 Mostaccoli, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, Pears	3 Tacos, Corn, Pineapple
6 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Mixed Fruit	7 Salisbury Steak, Noodles, Glazed Carrots, Peaches	8 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Pears	9 Chicken Stir Fry, Salad Bar, Pineapple, Bread	10 Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Peas, Applesauce
13 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Pineapple	14 Hamburger On Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pears	15 Pizza, Salad Bar, Peaches	16 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberries	17 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Veggies & Dip, Mixed Fruit,
20 Hot Dog, Tator Barrels, Baked Beans, Pears	21 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Bread	22 Pizza Burger, Wedges, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	23 Sub Sandwich, Chicken Dumpling Soup, Applesauce	24 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Pineapple
27 Chicken Pattie, Tator Barrels, Baked Beans, Peaches	28 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Bread	29 Cheeseburger Macaroni, Corn, Applesauce, Bread	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL

Lunch Prices:

Reduced – 21 days @ .40 = \$8.40

K-5th grade – 21 days @ 1.60 = \$33.60

6th – 12th grade – 21 days @ 1.85 = \$38.85

From The Desk of Pat Leary

The Almond-Bancroft Public Schools conducts a yearly census of children ranging from newborn thru 20 years of age who reside in the Almond-Bancroft District, regardless of whether they attend Almond-Bancroft Public Schools or not. This information is then submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. A portion of our state aid is based on how many possible students reside in our district.

Have you just moved into the area or had a baby since May of 2008?

If you have, please call Pat Leary, A-B Census Contact, at 715-366-2941 ext. 421.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

If your child is absent from school,
please call the Attendance Office at 366-2941
extension 108 or use the #1 phone prompt,
before 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to view the Almond-Bancroft School
Board Of Education meeting minutes
they will now be posted on the Almond-Bancroft school web site
www.abschools.k12.wi.us

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