



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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November 2017

Notes from the Administrator....

Looking to Our Future

Our community held our school district annual meeting recently. At the meeting we shared information about the district, including a review our 2017-18 Operating Budget and an approval of the tax levy. With the approval of our 2017-18 tax levy and budget, we are now able to officially allocate funds to operate our school for the year. This also the start of planning for the 2018-19 school year and beyond.

Many factors go into this planning, and many of them are not financially based. Most importantly, as a district we are working to further nurture within our school district the practice of listening and inviting input from our school community as we build stronger relationships and a higher level of trust by all. Additionally, we are instilling clear expectations for the members of our school and requiring a high level of accountability by all. This in turn strengthens the level of pride and ownership we all have in our district. With strong pride and ownership, we will continue to grow in a positive direction. As our relationships and positive culture continue to grow, we will be able to use this higher level of ownership to create even stronger curriculum and instructional practices, which will lead to greater academic performance.

Unfortunately, we must also address the challenge of declining enrollment. Our enrollment continues to show a steady decrease. Our 2017-18 third Friday count was 395 students. This is a decrease of five students over the past year. This steady decline is not unique to Almond-Bancroft. Small rural districts across the state are dealing with the same issue.

As we all know, student enrollment is the key factor in determining revenue and funding for schools. Through careful planning and oversight we are using our resources in the best possible ways. We have however, over the past years needed to dip into our fund balance to meet the needs of our students. This has led to our fund balance being decreased to just under \$663,000 as of July 1, 2017. In order to be fiscally responsible, a school district our size should have a fund balance goal of approximately \$1,500,000.

We will be diligently working to replenish our fund balance, but that becomes a challenge while still meeting the needs of our students. We are going to need to be creative and be willing to look at different solutions that reduce our expenditures and increase our revenues. We will need to look at ways to restructure how we provide a quality education for our children.

One option to increase funding is an operational referendum. This is similar to the technology referendum that was voted on and passed in 2013. Both this funding and our debt payments for the 1998 building renovations are set to expire at the end of the 2017-18 year. This may provide an opportunity for us to address our needs that have come to light over the past few years with a minimal impact on the tax payers of the district.

Our School Board is currently holding discussions to consider asking our residents for additional funding in the form of an operational referendum. The next time the board will be meeting to discuss this is at a special school board meeting on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:30 PM in the district board room. Community members are welcome to come.

Our goal is to continue to work together to put the pieces in place to serve our students, families, staff and community and continue to grow and nurture a strong and vibrant school district.

Rich Hanson

Dates To Remember

- 11/8-Special Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board Room
- 11/9-Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- 11/14-Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- 11/15-Board Of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board Room
- 11/22-24-No School, Thanksgiving Break



Almond-Bancroft School District

Richard Hanson
District Administrator

Jeff Rykal
PK-12 Principal

Sandra Ciula
PK-12 Dean of Students

Andria Bena
Special Ed Director/
Psychologist

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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.

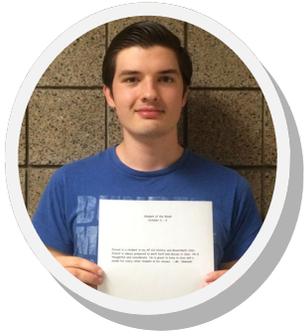
Almond-Bancroft School District Mission Statement

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.

Congratulations!

High School Students Of The Week

Congratulations!



Student of the Week October 2 - 6

Forest is a student in my AP US History and Government class. Forest is always prepared to work hard and discuss in class. He is thoughtful and considerate. He is great to have in class and a model for every other student in his classes.

~ **Mr. Nowinski**

Student of the Week October 9 - 13

I nominate Julie Hansen for my student of the week. Julie has really improved this year with her ability to turn assignments in on time and to do them to the best of her potential. She is also a very respectful student to both staff and students alike. I have enjoyed working with Julie last year and so far this year.

~ **Mrs. Gille**



Student of the Week October 16 - 20

My student of the week is Hunter Berry. Hunter has a wonderful sense of humor that is charming, witty, with just a pinch of sarcasm. He is also willing to help me out when I ask. Hunter helps students new to my class feel welcome because of his pleasant personality, except when playing UNO; then he is ruthless ;)

~ **Mrs. Huebner**



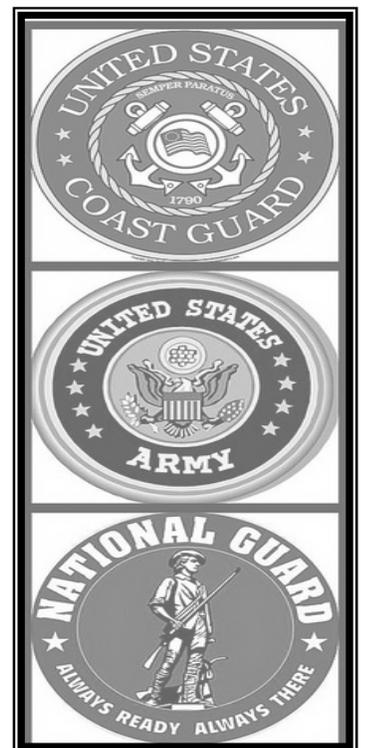
ALMOND-BANCROFT VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

**November 10th - 9:00 AM
West Gymnasium**

Color Guard - American Legion Mead-Rath-Gutke Post
Welcome - Almond-Bancroft NHS
Performances by the Almond-Bancroft Band and Choir
Quilt Presentation to Korean War Veterans - Golden Needle Quilters

Honoring of the branches
Recognition of those who have served
Recognition of military families
Special Guest Speaker
Slideshow of area veterans

Please join us in honoring our veterans!



Reading Nook



Listening to Reading: For All Readers

I just finished a humorous audio book called *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. As an avid reader, I am always searching for new reads to share with my students, family members, and friends. This is a must-share! David Walliams narrates this book brilliantly with voice changes and sound effects to add to the fun. *The BFG* audio book is a perfect match for students who are looking for a humorous read, but can also aid students in their comprehension because of *The Big Friendly Giant's* unique dialect.

Audiobooks can be entertaining for all ages, and is a tool that can be used to engage readers, as well as help with their growth in fluency. They are a way to expose children to complex language, expressive reading, and fantastic stories. Listening to audiobooks also gives kids the valuable and enjoyable experience of using their own imaginations to visualize the characters and places they're hearing about. Audiobooks are easy to find at your local and school library, and can be used in the family vehicle for trips or as a reading time at home. Parents can also listen to the books their kids are interested in, to suggest new reads or have conversations about what their student is reading.

A few favorite series of mine are *Land of Stories*, *Percy Jackson*, *Lunar Chronicles*, *Magic Treehouse*, and *Infinity Ring*.

Scholastic Book Fair - November 9 and 14, 4:00-7:30pm and also before school November 9, 10, 13, 14.



Help engage students and motivate them to read voluntarily, by visiting the Book Fair. Our annual Almond-Bancroft Book Fair is just around the corner. The Book Fair will be held during both Parent-Teacher Conference Nights, and will also be open before school. Looking forward to seeing everyone as they browse the selection of books.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Negro



Almond-Bancroft Wellness Corner

With a focus on wellness throughout the district, we have updated our district wellness plan. As part of this, the wellness committee would like to reach out and provide ideas for wellness to the community, as well as recognize any upcoming events surrounding wellness. We also plan to provide you with one healthy recipe in each news letter.

In order to best serve our community, please send any comments, suggestions, questions, upcoming events, or healthy recipes of your own to the committee by contacting Stephanie Reyes, sreyes@abschools.k12.wi.us or Trina Warzynski, twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us

We hope you can take advantage of fall harvest season and try the following recipe. Enjoy!

PARMESAN BUTTERNUT SQUASH FRIES

YIELD: 6 SERVINGS

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 45 MINUTES

Crisp-tender Parmesan fries, baked to absolute perfection. Except these are actually healthy, and completely addicting!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch thick matchsticks
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Coat a cooling rack with nonstick spray and place on a baking sheet; set aside.
- Place butternut squash in a single layer onto the prepared baking sheet.
- Add olive oil, thyme, oregano and cayenne pepper; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- Gently toss to combine.
- Place into oven and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp.*
- Serve immediately, topped with Parmesan and garnished with chives, if desired.

*Cooking time will vary depending on the size and thickness of the butternut squash.

<http://damndelicious.net/2015/10/17/parmesan-butternut-squash-fries/>

Early Childhood and 4K Pumpkin Carving

Each month, Early Childhood and 4K families are invited to join in a Family Enrichment Activity. These activities are planned by Ms. Miller (teacher) and generally held on a Friday. For the month of October, families were invited to come to school and carve a pumpkin together. We had a great turnout and the families really seemed to enjoy the activity and the time spent together as a family. This activity wouldn't have been a possibility without the generous donation of pumpkins! A big THANK YOU to Lynn Baird (& Family) for the beautiful pumpkins!



FFA and Kindergarten Fall Fun Trip

On Friday, October 13, the Kindergarten and some of the FFA students went on a field trip to Michelle Orr's farm. The FFA students did a wonderful job of planning activities to help the Kindergarten children learn about a farm. They took the Kindergarteners fishing. They helped the Kindergarteners learn about animal tracks and apple picking. The Kindergarteners were able to help groom a donkey. The FFA student shared lots of information about sheep, pigs, chickens, and turkeys. They set up pumpkin bowling and painted the Kindergartener's faces. Students were also able to decorate a cute pumpkin to take with them. The Kindergarteners had a great time! Thank you FFA students! And thank you PIE for helping to fund this field trip!



7th Grade Manufacturing Day

The seventh grade students went to the Waupaca Foundry on Oct. 6, 2017 to attend Manufacturing Day. Students were able to make iron molds. Some students made a horseshoe, key rings, or a flag. Students were also able to watch workers pour iron with the mini cupola. After the experience, students were able to take home a mini frying pan that was made at the factory. The students had a great time!



Middle School Fund Run

On Friday, October 6th the middle school students participated in a highly successful fundraising event. Students were challenged to raise per-lap pledges or one-time donations to go toward the middle school activity account. The activity account funds quarterly reward trips or activities for good student behavior. Participants were given ten minutes to run or twenty minutes to walk as many laps as they could around the playground track. The middle school was successful in raising the support they need for this school year's trips and activities. The students and staff would like to thank the families and friends of our community for their generous support!

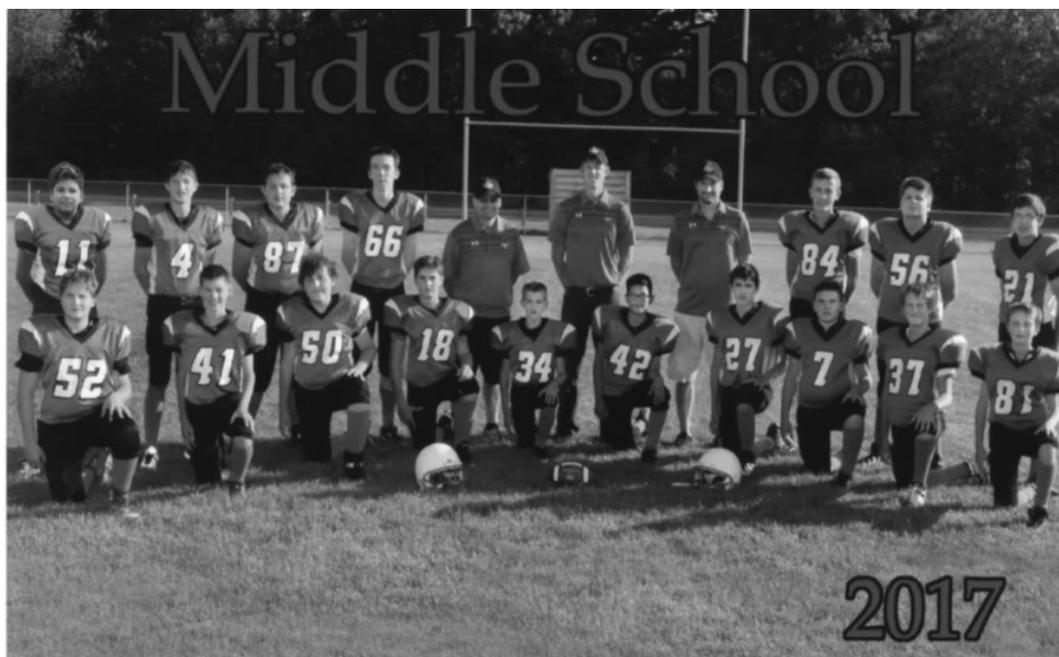




Eagles Athletic Events

- 11/2-MS Boys Basketball @ Pittsville, 5:00 p.m.
 11/7-MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Pacelli, 5:00 p.m.
 11/10-HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage Home vs. Iola-Scandinavia, 5:00 p.m.
 11/13-MS Boys Basketball @ Wild Rose, 5:30 p.m.
 11/16-MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Rosholt, 5:00 p.m.
 -HS Girls Basketball @ Green Lake, 6:00 p.m.-JV, 7:15 p.m.-Varsity
 -HS Boys Basketball Scrimmage @ Waupaca, 5:30 p.m.
 11/20-MS Boys Basketball @ Port Edwards, 5:00 p.m.
 11/21-MS Boys Basketball @ Tri-County, 5:00 p.m.
 -HS Girls Basketball Home vs. Marion, 6:00 p.m.-JV, 7:30 p.m.-Varsity
 -Hockey Co-op @ Marathon Park Ice Arena, 7:00 p.m.
 11/27-MS Boys Basketball Home vs. Pittsville, 5:00 p.m.
 -HS Boys Basketball Home vs. Manawa, 6:00 p.m.-JV, 7:30 p.m.-Varsity
 11/28-HS Girls Basketball Home vs. Manawa, 6:00 p.m.-JV, 7:30 p.m.-Varsity
 -HS Wrestling Scrimmage @ Westfield, 4:30 p.m.
 11/30-MS Boys Basketball @ Pacelli, 5:00 p.m.
 -HS Boys Basketball @ Marion, 6:00 p.m.-JV, 7:30 p.m.-Varsity
 -HS Wrestling Home vs. Rosholt, 7:00 p.m.

EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



Middle School Football -

The middle school football team recently wrapped up another successful season. Not only did the team enjoy a winning record of 5-2 but valuable life lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, and overcoming adversity were gained as well.

Congratulations gentlemen on a high-quality and fun season!

- Coach Steuerwald, Coach Wagner, and Coach Burns

2017-18 YEARBOOK – SENIOR PHOTO LETTER

CLASS OF 2018-Senior Photo Submission Deadline: Friday, December 1, 2017

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 (i.e., the name of the photographer's studio, student's name, Class of 2018, etc.).
- 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, animals, 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 Mrs. Rykal 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.

Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to contact Mrs. Rykal with any questions.

Mrs. JB Rykal
 Yearbook Advisor, jbrskal@abschools.k12.wi.us, 715-366-1941 x314

THE ABHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!!!

Saturday, February 24, 2018 marks a big day in the music schedule of Almond-Bancroft Schools. On that day our school will host the CWC Division 2 District Solo & Ensemble Festival. In order to make this event a successful and memorable experience for our students we will need many volunteers to act as room chairmen, office workers, door monitors, hospitality providers, kitchen help, set up and take down teams. We are looking for people who can help for the full day or half-day, but even those people who can spare a couple of hours will be greatly appreciated!

Please sign the form below and return it to the school by mail, with your child, or you can email Mrs. Frank at cfrank@abschools.k12.wi.us.

Your help and support will make this event most successful!

Thank you,
Crystal Frank
K-12 Vocal Music Director
Festival Manager

I would love to help!

- _____ I will be available to help set-up on Feb. 23, 2018
- _____ I will be available all day Feb. 24, 2018
- _____ I will be available on in the morning Feb. 24, 2018
- _____ I will be available only in the afternoon Feb. 24, 2018
- _____ I will be available for the hours: _____ to _____
- _____ I will be available for tear down on Feb. 2, 2018

Volunteer's Name

Address & Phone Number

Please use the following space to give any information needed such as preferred job, lifting restrictions, students you would like to watch perform or any other information that we may need to know!

Almond Area Arts Alliance

Wanted:

Those old instruments you have tucked away in closets and attics, taking up space and collecting dust. Please contact Mary Nowinski at [715-366-2941](tel:715-366-2941), Heidi Iwanski at hi-d@mail.com, or Sara Williams at sdrmolka@gmail.com if you are interested in donating or have questions.





S.O.S. Christmas Box Application**
For families living in Almond, Bancroft, Hancock and Plainfield
Aplicación para Caja de la Navidad**
Para las familias que viven Almond, Bancroft, Hancock y Plainfield

Names of Head of Family
Nombres de Jefes de la Familia _____

Mailing Address
de correo _____

Phone Number
Numero de Teléfono _____

Number of children (ages 0-14) _____ Number of adults (ages 15 and up) _____ living in your house.
Numero de niños (edad 0-14) _____ Numero de adultos (edad 15 y mas) _____ viviendo en su casa.

Names, Ages, Sex and Clothing Sizes of Children 0 through 14 years old
Nombres, Edades, Sexo y Tallas de Ropa de Sus Niños de 0-14 anos

<u>Children's Names</u> Nombres del niño	<u>Age</u> Edad	<u>Sex</u> Sexo	<u>Size</u> Talla	<u>Gift Ideas (please be specific)</u> Ideas para regalo (favor de ser especifico) (Children 0-14 years only! Niños 0-14 anos!)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

****Please fill out only *one* application per family! This application *must be completed and returned as soon as possible, but no later than November 13, 2017.* If you will not be living in this area on December 6, 2017, the distribution day, please *do not* fill out an application!! **Return to S.O.S. PO Box 161, Plainfield, WI 54966****

****Favor de llenar solamente *una* aplicación para cada familia! Esta aplicación *se tiene que llenar y devolver lo mas pronto posible o no mas tardar del 13 de noviembre de 2017.* Si Ustedes no van a estar viviendo aquí para la fecha del 6 de diciembre de 2017 cuando reparten las cajas, favor de no llenar una aplicación. **Volver al S.O.S. PO Box 161 Plainfield, WI 54966****

Almond-Bancroft Menus, November 2017

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Oatmeal-32 g Whole Grain Toast-32 g	2 Cereal-25 g Muffin-22 g	3 Cinnamon Roll-36 g Yogurt-20 g
6 Breakfast Pizza-24 g	7 Cereal-25 g Muffin-22 g	8 Pancake Sausage on a Stick-17 g	9 Frudel-37 g Yogurt-20 g	10 Bagel-29 g Yogurt-20 g
13 Cereal-25 g Muffin-22 g	14 Egg Omlet-32 g Whole Grain Toast-32 g	15 French Toast Sticks-22 g	16 Cereal-25 g Whole Grain Toast-32 g	17 Cinnamon Roll-36 g Yogurt-20 g
20 Breakfast Pizza-24 g	21 Cereal-25 g Muffin-22 g	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School
27 Breakfast Bar-37 g	28 Cereal-25 g Muffin-22 g	29 Frudel-37 g Yogurt-20 g	30 Breakfast Burrito-40 g	

Juice served daily with breakfast.

Morning Milk

\$2.40-M-W PK
\$2.40-T-Th PK
\$5.70-K-5th
(\$.30 a day)

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced – No Charge
4K (M-W) – 8 days @ 1.40=\$11.20
4K (T-Th) – 8 days @ 1.40=\$11.20
K-12th grade – 19 days @ 1.40 = \$26.60

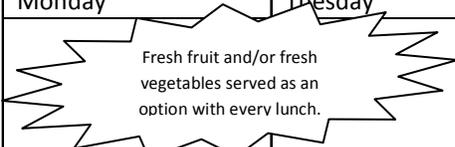
Juice Carbs

Apple Cherry-14 g
Apple-14 g
Grape-18 g
Orange-13 g

Milk Carbs

Skim-13 g
1% White-13 g
F/F Chocolate-20 g

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Fresh fruit and/or fresh vegetables served as an option with every lunch.</p>		1 Chicken Fajita-14 g Corn-17 g Blueberries-17 g	2 Riblet on Bun-30 g Tater Barrels-16 g Baked Beans-29 g Pineapple-18 g	3 Hamburger Hot Dish-32g Veggies & Dip-4 g Sliced Apples-4 g
6 Chicken Nuggets-12 g French Fries-17 g Baked Beans-29 g Applesauce-22 g	7 Country Pork Chop-15 g Mashed Potatoes-15 g Gravy-22 g Peas-11 g Peaches-17 g	8 Corn Dogs-20 g Ravioli-30 g Carrots-6 g Pears-17-g	9 BBQ Pork on Bun-18 g Wedges-15 g Corn-17 g Strawberries-22 g	10 Pizza-37 g Salad Bar-2 g Fruit Cocktail-15 g
13 Taco Salad-6 g Mandarin Oranges-20 g	14 Beef Gravy-5 g Mashed Potatoes-15 g Carrots-6 g Pineapple-18 g	15 Chicken Pattie on Bun-48 g Tater Barrels-16 g Baked Beans-29 g Applesauce-22 g	16 Cheese Ravioli-36 g Salad Bar-2 g Peaches-17 g	17 Cheese Fries-35 g Salad Bar-2 g Pears-17-g
20 Beefy Nachos-16 g Corn-17 g Applesauce-22 g	21 Chicken & Gravy-24 g Mashed Potatoes-15 g Peas-11 g Peaches-17 g	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School
27 Hot Dog on Bun-35 g French Fries-17 g Baked Beans-29 g Pears-17-g	28 Salisbury Steak-12 g Buttered Noodles-30 g Green Beans-4 g Pineapple-18 g	29 Mostaccioli-46 g Salad Bar-2 g Sliced Apples-4 g	30 Grilled Cheese-31 g Tomato Soup-20 g Veggies & Dip-16 g Peaches-17 g	

Disclaimer: Nutrient values have been determined utilizing approved software comprised of common foods found in the USDA database and standardized recipes. These results should be viewed and used only as a general nutrition guide– and not for medical nutrition therapy. This is a close approximation of the true nutrient content since various factors influence the amounts of nutrients in foods.

Lunch Prices:

Reduced 4K (M-W) –8 days @ .40= \$3.20
Reduced 4K (T-Th) – 8 days @ .40= \$3.20
Reduced K-12 – 19 days @ .40 = \$7.60
4K (M-W) –8 days @ 2.15= \$17.20
4K (T-Th) – 8 days @ 2.15= \$17.20
K-5th grade – 19 days @ 2.15 = \$40.85
6th – 12th grade – 19 days @ 2.40 = \$45.60

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Almond-Bancroft FFA Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

*Handcrafted Fresh Pine Bough Wreaths
made by FFA & FFA Alumni Members*

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!

SUPPLIES WILL BE ORDERED TO MAKE ONLY 100 WREATHS-GET YOUR ORDER IN EARLY!

_____ Small Wreath 24" **\$18.00**

Choice of: _____ Red Velvet Bow _____ Gold Bow _____ Shiny Red Bow

Check if you want to include: _____ Pine Cones _____ Berries

_____ Medium Wreath 36" **\$28.00**

Choice of: _____ Red Velvet Bow _____ Gold Bow _____ Shiny Red Bow

Check if you want to include: _____ Pine Cones _____ Berries

_____ ***Total \$ Enclosed***

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

REQUESTED DATE FOR PICK UP OF YOUR ORDER (after Nov.17th): _____

All orders due to school by Nov. 27th!

Make Checks payable to A-B Schools

**Return order form to school. Call Michelle Orr, FFA Advisor with any questions, 715-366-2941 ext. 100.
*Thank you for your support!***

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