



April 2011

Notes from the Administrator....

April Dates To Remember

- 4/1-Early Release,
End Of 3rd
Quarter, 12:00 pm
-Variety Show,
7:30 pm, ABHS
Auditorium
- 4/4-PIE Meeting,
4:00 pm,
Elementary LMC
- 4/16-Junior Prom,
8:00-11:00 pm,
ABHS Gym
- 4/20-Board Of
Education
Meeting, 6:30 pm,
Almond School
Board Room
- 4/22-No School,
Easter Break



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

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



Needless to say we have a lot of information to digest with the activity in Madison and failure to solidify a state budget. I would like to speak on behalf of our district. The Almond-Bancroft School District will be in existence for 2011-12 and for many years to come. I have heard rumors to the fact that our district will be dissolving or consolidating with other school districts. That is not the case at this time. Regardless of what happens in Madison, our district will continue to provide educational opportunities for the students of this community.

What have we accomplished for 2010-11

- We have added an agriculture program for our HS students.
- We have purchased new lunch tables replacing the tables that are worn out.
- We have updated our technology area, installing wireless throughout our school, updated staff computers, and purchased 50 computers that will be used by our students on a daily basis.
- We have reached contract agreements with both our support staff and teaching staff. We are fortunate to have quality staff who work very hard to educate our students and to provide positive daily experiences for them.
- We will be completing phase two of our roof repairs this summer.
- We will continue with our summer school offerings (look for our summer school sign-up in May).

What are our plans for 2011-12

- Extend the agriculture program to MS students.
- Add course offerings in HS English, Art, and Technology Education (shop).
- Extend our band offerings to fifth grade students.
- Continue to make repairs on our roof.
- Implement a program called Response to Intervention or RTI. What is RTI?

Response To Intervention integrates assessment and intervention within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement and to reduce behavior problems. With RTI, schools identify students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitor student progress, provide evidence-based interventions and adjust the intensity and nature of those interventions depending on a student's responsiveness, and identify students with learning disabilities or other disabilities. There are three commonly described uses of RTI:

- Prediction of at-risk students;
- Intervention for students with academic or behavioral difficulties
- Determination of specific learning disabilities (SLD).

A key element of an RTI approach is the provision of early intervention when students first experience academic difficulties, with the goal of improving the achievement of all students, including those who may have LD.

-In addition to RTI, an academic program, we are also implementing a positive behavior program called PBIS. **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports** (PBIS or PBS) is a collaborative (team-based), educative, proactive, and functional process to develop effective interventions for inappropriate behavior. The program will be in place for all students in PreK-12.

Those are just a few of our plans for 2011-12. If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call at 715-366-2941 extension 418.

It is an honor to serve the Almond-Bancroft community and students.

Thank you,

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District Administrator

High School Student Of The Week

January 31 – Feb 4



Destiny Dykes has shown tremendous growth over the past semester as she has become one of my top Social Studies students. She participates regularly in class and is always willing to ask insightful questions that everyone can benefit from. She works very hard and cares a great deal about her academics. Keep up the great work!!!

~ *Mr. Peterson*

High School Student Of The Week

February 7 – 11



Jeanette Colombe is my pick for Student of the Week. Jeanette is well organized with her priorities. She consistently goes above and beyond to get her schoolwork done, but not just to make deadlines and get a grade - she understands the value of having skills and knowledge, and she can see the big picture of how her hard work now will help her far into her future. Most of all she is a kind, caring person who always has a smile on her face, and is a great friend to those around her.

~ *Ms. Schmidt*

High School Student Of The Week

February 14 - 18



I nominate Amber Koskela for student of the week. Amber joined my class second semester and jumped right in without hesitation. She makes sure her assignments are complete, participates well in class discussions, and has a great attitude all the time. Whatever we are doing, I can count on Amber giving it her all.

~ *Mrs. Schumacher*

High School Student Of The Week

February 21-25



I choose Rachel Penza to be student of the week because she is always willing to help with set up and take down in class. Everyday she comes to PE with a smile on her face and ready to participate and help. She has been a joy to have in class.

~ *Miss Chilcott*

High School Student Of The Week

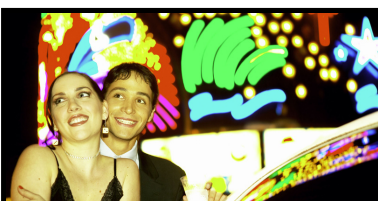
February 28 – March 4



I wish to nominate Marissa Warzynski for student of the week. Marissa is very pleasant and finds ways to help others. She is often found putting the final touches on a multitude of tasks and works hard at using every minute of the day to it's fullest potential. Students and faculty have often praised her for her tenacity and dedication to her studies and warm personality and dedication to activities for the Class of 2013. Congratulations Marissa!
~ Mrs. Lisa Vann

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.



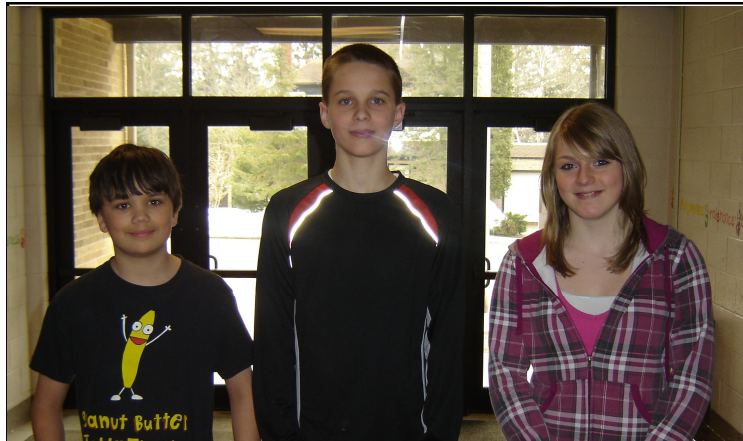
**"LIGHT
UP THE
NIGHT!"**

**Class of 2012
Junior Prom**

**Saturday, April 16, 2011
ABHS Old Gym
8:00-11:00 PM
Grand March 10:30 PM**

**Tickets for sale in advance
or at the door.**

Middle School Students Of The Month



One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for their overall excellence as a student. These students are selected based on their overall academic achievements and proper behavior in the classroom. Achieving excellent performance for the month of January are: Ben Lansing, Austin Bunders, and Hattie Berry.

From the sixth grade the winner is Ben Lansing. Ben is a genuine young man that works very hard at school and always tries his best. He always has a positive attitude. Ben is a smart kid and a positive influence on his peers. He rarely misses school and is a great student to have in any classroom.

From the seventh grade the winner is Austin Bunders. Austin is a positive, conscientious, and helpful student. He is a hard worker both in the classroom and in the extra-curricular activities he excels in. Austin is a polite young man who is always kind to others in his class and is genuinely well liked by his peers. His fun personality makes any class with him enjoyable for all.

From the eighth grade the winner is Hattie Berry. Hattie is a respectful student with a great attitude towards learning. She is a pleasant young lady who is kind to both teachers and classmates. Hattie works hard to do well in school and always does exceptional work. She is an independent thinker that doesn't go along with the crowd. Hattie is truly a pleasure to have in class.

Thank you for your hard work,
Congratulations!

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS HOMework HOTLINE 715-366-2941

Extension 5,
MS HOTLINE PRESS 1, HS HOTLINE PRESS 2

This service is for parents and students. This will provide students and parents the option to call the hotline to listen to a recorded message containing the homework assignments for that school day.

Almond-Bancroft Schools hope that this service will promote better communication between school and community, as well as parent and student.

Almond-Bancroft Schools
"Start with Art, Learn for Life"

March was the time to celebrate



YOUTH ART MONTH



Recognizing the value of art education for all children and encouraging support for quality school art programs.

Students listed have art displayed through April at one of the following locations:

Almond Library, Almond Post Office, Bancroft State Bank, Heavenly Hair, Portage County Bank

Derick Anderson
Gilberto Banda
Luis Banda
Jasmin Banda
Osvaldo Banda
Yulissa Banda
Angelina Diaz-Barraza
Ruth Barraza
Daniel Baumgertner
Hunter Berry
Jeany Bloede
Ryan Blokhuis
Zach Bunders
Alex Burns
Andy Burns
Adolfo Castillo
Ariel Castillo
Blanca Castillo
Jon Castillo
Alana Chilsen
April Chilson
Derek Clark
Josie Colombe

Nathan Coon
Grace Dachel
Chloee Dernbach
Jacob Dobbe
Sophia Dolski
Robby Frank
Devin Fuehrer
Brian Garcia
Katrina Gendusa
Eugene Green
Monica Herrera
Paige Hintz
Thomas Hunt
Cauy Huntington
Ty Huntington
Arick Iwanski
Lilly Jones
Elijah Kollock
Noah Kollock
Cade Lamb
Cassie Lehman
Kaylee Lehman
Courtney Lukas
Mason Manske

Joseph Marchel
Gage Medaugh
Cami Newby
Ellie Noth
Dylan Omernick
Makayla Perzinski
Melissa Perzinski
Yadira Puente
Gracie Rendell
Isaiah Solis
Jadon Solis
Isaiah Spohn
Emmett Stanislawski
Garrett Stanislawski
Halie Stucker
Michaela Stucker
Hailey Studenski
Jake Stuebs
Claire Turzinski
Abby Vasquez
Gerson Vera
Alec Wiczek
Angel Wimmer
Austin Zinda

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES

Parents who wish to request a specific teacher for their child who will enter grades kindergarten through fifth during the 2011-2012 school year must do so no later than May 1, 2011. This deadline was developed to give the teachers and principal sufficient time to assign students to classes prior to the end of the school year. At the completion of this process, your child's teacher for the 2011-2012 school year will be indicated on your child's fourth quarter report card. The Board policy regarding the assignment of students to classes includes the following: "Students may be assigned to other classrooms upon parent written request provided that: a) Space permits, b). reasons are appropriate, c). the request is received on or before May 1st of the previous school year." Requests must include an appropriate reason for desiring a particular class or teacher. Reasons for request that are vague may be returned for further clarification. Request forms are available in the office. Just because a request is submitted does not mean that the student will automatically be placed in the requested classroom.



Jump Rope For Heart 2011

By: Roger Young, Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator

Jump Rope for Heart was held during the week of February 22nd thru the 28th. The event was held during the student's normal physical education class times. Students first thru fifth grade jumped rope to bring awareness to the importance of taking care of their heart and to raise money for the American Heart Association. The American Heart Association uses the money for research and for education to help cure and prevent heart disease. Forty one students helped raise money for the American Heart Association and raised a total of \$2,213! These students will receive thank you gifts from the American Heart Association. The top money raiser was Jeany Bloede with \$213 followed by Chloe Dernbach with \$200, Luke Manock with \$180, and Mickie Wiza with \$131! Congratulations to all students who took part in Jump Rope for Heart! Thanks to everyone who donated money for a great cause!



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

On Friday, March 11th, as a special treat for the Safety Cadets, those that were in good standing were able to go the auditorium and watch the movie "Cheaper by the Dozen 2". I am very happy to say that all of the 5th graders were able to attend! The movie was great and the kids enjoyed being able to watch it on the "Big Screen"!

Parents: Please keep sending in all of your child's winter wear with them to school each day. Even as the snow melts, it will be wet and messy and these items will be needed. As long as snow is on the ground the students need to have all of their winter outerwear. Thank you and THINK SPRING!

BLUEBIRD TRAIL BEING CONSTRUCTED THIS SPRING IN ALMOND!

Stay tuned for news on the new Bluebird Trail that is being set up on behalf of the Almond Rod & Gun Club, Almond Technical Education Department, and AB Middle School students. The students have built the houses under the direction of Mr. Joel Bennett and the Rod and Gun club has kindly donated materials for them; students will be learning about the Bluebird Recovery Plan in Wisconsin as they set up and monitor the bluebird trail this spring! If there are interested individuals who would like to become volunteer monitors for the bluebird houses, please call Kathie Plaisance at 715-366-2941 x 200



Middle School "Penny War" For Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Fund



The Middle School home base students are participating in a "Penny War for Japan" for assisting the disaster relief efforts after the 9.0 earthquake and tsunami of March 11. Students should bring their pennies or other change to school to help their team with the contest! Students may also add silver change or paper money to "sabotage" the other teams, as silver money and paper money is deducted from their final total. So, clean out from under the car seats and check those piggy banks to help Japan! All proceeds will be donated to Red Cross Disaster Services - Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Fund.

Save the dates.....Almond-Bancroft Summer School 2011

June 13th -30th and July 11th-28th
Monday-Thursday



The May newsletter will include more information, course offerings, and registration forms.



Science Fair News *By: Ms. Krueger*

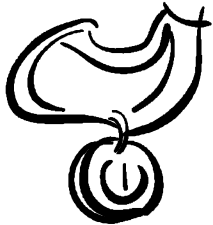
By this time your children in grades 7-9 should have their Science Fair packets. It is a required project in grades 7-9. The students should be in the process of preparing their experiment or invention for the fair. Reminder: while the experiment does take time to perform, it does not have as high of a point value as the write-up of the experiment and the interpretation of the results. Also, the background information is research that your child will do to find information related to his/her experiment. If you have any questions related to the writing of the paper or the points awarded each section, please feel free to call your child's science teacher.

The dates of the fair are May 12th for grades 7-8, which is also the date of the Band concert. May 19th is the date for 9th graders, which is also the date of the Choral concert.

Good luck with your projects and see you on the 12th or the 19th of May.



Secondary Counselor News: *From the Desk of Ms. Spencer*



Almond-Bancroft High School Awards Ceremony

Please join the Almond-Bancroft School District in honoring our students and their achievements!

When: May 17 at 7:30

Where: Almond-Bancroft Auditorium



Students will be acknowledged for their achievements in attendance, student council, and various academic departments. Senior scholarship recipients will also be recognized. The evening will conclude with the annual induction ceremony for the Almond-Bancroft Chapter of the National Honor Society.

National Honor Society Membership Candidacy



To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of a 3.2 and meet high standards of leadership, service, and character. Members of the sophomore class will be evaluated by a Faculty Council consisting of five members.

Leadership is based on a student's role as a participant in school and community activities, and election to offices. The service requirement is met by those actions taken by the student on the behalf of others, without personal compensation. Also reviewed is the student's attitude toward any service project. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

Option 2: (\$10.00) Same as #1, but with addition of A-B stuffed eagle.

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noisemaker, card, rose or pops, beads and A-B stocking hat.

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

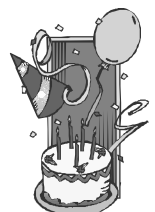
Bonus Extra \$3.00—4x6 Photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

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

Special Message: _____

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

Bonus Extra \$1.00 Bonus Extra \$3.00





Foodservice Operations Compete in Healthy Recipe Challenge

View Recipes Prepared by Student Teams that Competed in the Healthy Recipe Challenge

Last semester Foodservice Operations students created, tested, and submitted recipes in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) *Recipe for Healthy Kids Challenge* <http://www.recipesforkidschallenge.com/>. The contest included teams of students in grades 4-12 that created healthy recipes in one of three categories (Whole Grains, Dark Green and Orange Vegetables, or Dry Beans and Peas). The competition is part of the USDA's *Let's Move* program, which is challenging school nutrition professionals, chefs, students, parents and interested community members to create tasty, healthy, exciting new recipes for inclusion on school lunch menus across the country. Recipe samples were served in our school's cafeteria in December. Classmates then had an opportunity to rate the recipes. Afterward, recipes were sent to *Kids Challenge* and were reviewed by members of the USDA. Recipes prepared by Almond-Bancroft Schools teams are now available for viewing on the *Recipe Challenge* website under the Vegetable category at:

<http://recipesforhealthykids.s3.amazonaws.com/all-submissions.html#vegetable>

Look for the following recipes:

Spicy Broccoli and Friends

Tasty Taco Dip with Tortilla Chips

Vegetarian Cheesy Parmesan Alfredo

Please congratulate student groups for their effort!



A.C.E.S. CLUB News: From Mrs. Ramczyk & Mrs. Negro

On Tuesday, March 1st, nine club members traveled to Mosquito Hill in New London. The students participated in a fun filled day! The students were busy from the moment they arrived at the center to the moment they stepped out the door.

They started out the day with a morning eco-challenge session. The members had the opportunity to use team skills to complete the tasks their leader provided. One of the activities was a simulation of Monarchs butterflies traveling to Mexico. They had to swing on a rope to get everyone on a stand. Another was simulating the balance of nature and the group had to balance on a large platform. The students learned little bits of information about their environment and actively acted out the scenarios given.

After a lunch break, the students headed out on snowshoes. They had a chance to pass by the Wolf River and saw an eagle fly over. The students stopped to learn how to build a fire with only two matches. This was a big challenge. They learned what good kindle was, how to build the most efficient fire, and with what they could carry start a fire quickly, if needed. The students roasted marshmallows with the small fire they did build. The day ended by a short snowshoe hike back to the center.

If you are interested in helping with donations or providing future activities for the club, please contact advisors Mrs. Brenda Ramczyk or Mrs. Amanda Negro.





Middle School Art Display in the LMC

This past month the Secondary LMC had a colorful display of paper mache cartoon characters made by the 7th Grade students in the art class taught by **Lynne Dernbach**. The creatures came in all sorts of shapes and sizes (some almost 2 feet tall!) and were painted in bright and bold primary colors. See the accompanying photo of **Catie Methfessel** with her delightful *Kermit the Frog* from *Sesame Street*, **Johl Turzinski** with his *Yellow M & M Character*, and **Alex Karpen** holding his *Brown Bear*. All library visitors really had fun seeing these television and book characters come to life in the LMC.



March Donations

The LMC would like to thank the following people and organizations for their generous gifts to the Elementary LMC and the Secondary LMC: **Wanda Yonke** (magazines and calendars), the **RIF Foundation** (*House Mouse Senate Mouse: How Our Laws are Made*), the **Jane Omernick** family (magazines), the **Crystal Frank** family (*The Jungle Book*), **Mickey Van Ert** (three architecture books), and other donors who wish to remain anonymous. Thank you all!

New AR (Accelerated Reader) Books

The Elementary LMC now has almost 450 NEW AR books & quizzes!!!! The books are catalogued, labeled, and on the shelves - a joint effort of the high school Library Science students, Mrs. Van Ert, and myself. The corresponding quizzes are loaded on the computers - thanks to Mr. Seymour! There are some wonderful titles for the elementary students to enjoy including: *At Home on the Farm, Barbie Thumbelina, Cougars, Dim Sum for Everyone, Earthmovers on the Move, Fancy Nancy-Spectacular Spectacles, Fun with Dick and Jane, Groundhog Day, Hip Hop Dancing, It's a Tornado, Johnny Appleseed, Katie Saves Thanksgiving, Learning about Snow, Meet Marley, No More Teasing, Olivia Takes a Trip, Penguins, Run-Run-Koala, Sheep in a Jeep, Turtles, Using Math Outdoors, Veterinarians, Walkingsticks, Yellowstone Park, and The 100th Day*. These new AR books represent a wide variety of fiction (from easy stories to rhyming songs to chapter books), and there are also many non-fiction titles (on many different subjects from art to social studies to science and more). There are literally hundreds of new books for the students to read and enjoy!

2011 YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Ordering Options:

Option 1: Fill out the form below. Detach the envelope and return it, with your payment enclosed.

Option 2: **Order Online**, and avoid having to send cash to school with your child. Go to **www.JostensYearbooks.com**, find Almond Bancroft, and place your order by 3/25/2011.

**Make sure to check out the fun and interactive accessories that may be added to your yearbook, such as Photo Pockets, Photo Key Chains, Colorful Autograph Pages, and more.

Book Price: \$42

****Note: If you are ordering any of the accessories and/ or a line of personalization, the order must be turned in no later than April 26.**

Fill out this form and return in an envelope, with your payment enclosed

(Make check payable to Almond-Bancroft Schools; please seal the envelope)

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

- Yearbook _____ \$42.00
- Hear the Year _____ \$12.99
- 1 Line of Personalization _____ \$5.00 Personalization Info: _____
- 2 Lines of Personalization _____ \$8.00 Personalization Info: _____
- Icons (0-4) _____ \$3.00 Icon(s): _____
- Clear Protective Cover _____ \$2.00
- Autograph Section _____ \$2.00
- Photo Pockets _____ \$2.00

Total \$ _____

Community News

April Fit Kids Challenge News

Portage County Can is presenting two Challenge Events in April!

Challenge Event 1

Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00 am-Noon

Where: UWSP Health Enhancement Center, MAC, indoor track right next to the pool, 2050 4th Ave, Stevens Point.

What: Climbing wall, swimming pool games, and super fun and silly games that keep you moving. Bring a swim suit! Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. Parking is FREE along Reserve Street and in Lot T off of Illinois Ave.

Challenge Event 2

Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 am—1 pm

Where: Adventure 212, 3217 John Joanis Drive, Stevens Point.

What: Use interactive, cardiovascular games in the Adventure Zone (never ending climbing wall, DDR, game bikes) and group games in the open gym, like kickball, trench ball, and more!

Don't forget! You'll receive your prize ticket when you arrive and you can enter your name for a chance to win exciting prizes like a Wii game station, Wii Fit, bike, and other fun door prizes!

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Schomer (715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us)



Continuing Education

April Classes

Picture Perfect: Learn all new techniques to make your home pictures look professional. This class will explore the Shutterfly website to create scrapbooks, calendars, and much more with home pictures. Please bring personal pictures on a flash drive or CD in order to start a new project. **Picture Perfect will be held on Saturday, April 9th @ 10 am in room 103 for FREE!** Please RSVP to Jen Schomer to reserve your seat.

Chinese Cooking: Work with a chef from Tokyo Steak House to create and eat a delicious Chinese meal. The class will be held at the end of April, contact Jen Schomer for the exact date! The cost of the class will be \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP to Jen Schomer to reserve your seat, space is limited to 15 people!

Free Adult Fitness Class: Come bust a move every Monday and Thursday evenings starting @ 5:30 pm in room 124 (Choir room) at the Almond High School.

Walking Club!: Walking those pounds off! Walking can start any time before 6:30 pm, Monday-Thursday in the Almond School. Please sign-in by room 101. There will be prizes each month for those who walk the most hours! Congratulations to our first winner in February—Cat Kunst! Keep up the good work everyone!

AB Book Club: Check out our book club. The only cost is the purchase of each book. Meetings are held every other Thursday @ 7 pm in the library. Contact Jen Schomer to find out what book they will be reading next!

Contact Jen Schomer to register for a class; jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 Ext. 101

Mark Your Calendars!

Almond-Bancroft Community
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 23rd, 2011 at
2:00 pm

Location A-B Athletic Park
All Children Ages 0-12
Are Welcome!
Over 1,500 eggs and
prizes!



Eleventh Annual Community Variety Show

The Almond-Bancroft Music Department will host its eleventh annual
Community Variety Show
on **April 1st at 7:30 pm,**
in the **ABHS Auditorium.**

Tickets will be on sale at the door,

\$5 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

*Come join the fun as we showcase the talents of students, staff,
and the community.*

April
Eagles Athletic
Events



EAGLES

Sport Light

- 4/4-HS Baseball & Softball HOME vs. Gresham 4:30 pm
- 4/5-HS Track @ Wild Rose 4:00 pm
- 4/7-HS Baseball & Softball @ Tigerton 4:30 pm
-HS Track @ Tri-County 3:45 pm
- 4/8-HS Baseball & Softball HOME vs. Menominee Indian 4:30 pm
- 4/11-HS Baseball & Softball @ Wild Rose 4:30 pm
- 4/12-HS Track @ Wild Rose 4:00 pm
- 4/14-HS Baseball & Softball @ Tri-County 4:30 pm
-HS Track @ Shiocton 4:00 pm
- 4/15-HS Baseball & Softball HOME vs. Marion 4:30 pm
- 4/18-HS Baseball & Softball HOME vs. Bowler 4:30 pm
-HS Track @ Tri-County 3:45 pm
- 4/21-HS Baseball & Softball @ Rosholt 4:30 pm
- 4/25-HS Baseball & Softball (NC) HOME vs. Amherst 4:30 pm
- 4/26-HS Baseball & Softball @ Port Edwards 4:30 pm
-HS Track @ Iola 3:45 pm
- 4/28-HS Baseball & Softball @ Gresham 4:30 pm
-HS Track @ Tri-County 3:45 pm
- 4/29-HS Baseball & Softball HOME vs. Tigerton 4:30 pm

**Dates and times are subject to change due to spring weather.*



The ABHS Poms Squad would like to thank all the wonderful girls who participated in the Youth Poms Clinic in March.

We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Sports Physicals 2011-12

Ministry Point Sports Medicine Center will be providing pre-participation physical screenings for area athletes, as a convenience and cost savings for families. This screening will meet all WIAA requirements.

The cost of the exam \$25-due at the time of the exam. \$20 of this fee will be donated to the A-B athletic department.

- Wednesday, May 18--Ministry Medical Group Stevens Point-Orthopedics department, 5:30pm-8pm**
- Tuesday, July 12—Ministry Medical Group Stevens Point-Orthopedics department, 5:30pm-8pm**
- Wednesday, July 20—Ministry Medical Group Plover, 5:30pm-8pm**

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Ministry Point Sports Medicine Center at 715-342-7800.

Save the Date....
A-B High School Athletic Banquet
Sponsored by Mead-Rath-Gutke Post 339
Will be held on **May 20, 2011**
More information will be included in the May newsletter.



Attention

Now is the time to sign up for the A-B Youth Football and Cheer Program! Please call Spence Bunders at 715-366-4028 if you wish to participate in the program this fall. Open to most youth in grades 3rd-6th.



Sharpen your volleyball skills!

OPEN GYMS

Every Sunday through April 17th from 2-4 pm. Students going into 7th grade and above are welcome to join us. See you there!



A-B Sports Zone



Check out the **NEW A-B Sports Zone** on the Almond-Bancroft web page www.abschools.k12.wi.us



Introducing new additions to the A-B spring sports coaching staff... ..



Eric Gendusa, Head Baseball

Eric is a 2006 graduate of Almond-Bancroft High School where he played basketball and baseball. Eric has been playing competitive baseball since he was 9 years old. He has played on the Plover Legion baseball team and is currently in the B.A.B.A. League during the summer. Eric has greatly enjoyed assisting with the girls varsity basketball team this winter and looks forward to this opportunity to be the baseball coach for Almond-Bancroft this spring.



Nick Vitello, Assistant Baseball

Nick is currently employed by PerMar Security at the NewPage mill in Wisconsin Rapids. He started playing baseball at the age of six and continued through high school where his primary position was center field. Nick currently enjoys playing men's softball. Nick has had the opportunity to help coach his daughter's t-ball team. Coaching five year olds has taught him to be patient and how important fundamentals really are in athletics. He has also helped his wife, Mrs. Sheena Vitello, coach softball at Almond-Bancroft. His roles included coaching first base, working with the outfielders, and helping to improve base running skills.



Mike Schoenfeld, Assistant Track

Mike has been a substitute teacher in the Almond-Bancroft district for the past year. He has his teaching license in science and is aspiring to become a full-time teacher. He coached track at Waupaca High School last year and was a track athlete in high school. Mike is looking forward to a great season as the new Assistant Track Coach at ABHS!



WBCA 2011 Girls All-Star Game & MACC Fund

Dear Community,

I have been selected to represent northern Wisconsin and Almond-Bancroft High School in the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) 2011 Girls All-Star Game. The game is held on Friday, June 17 at 4 PM in the UW-Fieldhouse in Madison, WI. The proceeds from fundraising, concessions, and admissions will go to the MACC (Midwest Athletes against Childhood Cancer) Fund, a non-profit organization whose mission is to fund research to find a cure for childhood cancers.

As a member of the Almond-Bancroft community, it is an honor to represent our school and community. Parents, friends, and families in Almond-Bancroft have made my athletic career memorable. As a three-sport athlete—volleyball, basketball, and softball—I have learned that through strong commitment and a team effort great things can be accomplished. My goal with this game is to offer our community's support in the fight against cancers.

I would like to invite you and your family to join my family for the game. Tickets will be available in the main office if you would like to attend. That day, Wisconsin's best senior basketball players will represent their communities and state before they move on to the collegiate level. For me, the game will be a dream-come-true moment!

Finally, as part of my experience with the All-Star game, I've been asked to encourage all of you to contribute to the MACC Fund, if you are interested. In order to raise money I will be selling paper jerseys to the elementary and middle school classes to put on their door. They will be on sale for \$1 starting April 4th to April 22nd. The elementary and middle school class that purchase the most jerseys will receive an ice cream party and an activity of their choice against the girls basketball team. Please support me by giving your son or daughter money for this great cause.

Sincerely,

Amanda Crahan

Amanda Crahan



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“Love Thy Neighbor”

A Comedic Mystery Play Written by Gary Ray Stapp

Co-Directed by Larry Whitman and Lisa Vann

\$7.00 per ticket.

Tickets available 45 minutes before the show!

Questions? Call 715-630-5834

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1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909

April 29th, 2011 at 7:30 pm

April 30th, 2011 at 7:30 pm

May 1st, 2011 at 2:30 pm

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The My Coke Rewards for Schools program 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.

HELP US EARN PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE BANCROFT SCHOOL

The Bancroft School is collecting Campbell soup labels to be redeemed for equipment for the school: computer games, play ground toys and/or manipulatives.

However, the rules for turning them in have changed. They no longer want the whole front of the label. They only want to UPC symbol. In fact, we will only be able to submit the UPC symbols from now on.

Thank you,
The Bancroft Staff



TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Apply for the Target 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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Start collecting Box Tops! Look for the 10 cent Box Tops coupon on hundreds of products. You can find Box Tops on brands such as Cheerios, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty and more.

To see all participating products containing the Box Tops coupon go to www.boxtops4education.com.



JUNIOR CLASS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION & DROP OFF POINTS

Drop-off points for donated aluminum cans are in Bancroft at Schmidt Metals and in Almond behind the school. The Junior class greatly appreciates your aluminum can donations!





ATTENTION PARENTS
Immunization Requirements 2011- 2012

Tdap and Varicella Immunization Requirements for Students have changed. Students who have been current with vaccines may now need additional vaccines. Two vaccines have been added to improve protection against varicella (chicken pox) and pertussis (whooping cough). The required student immunization schedule may affect your student next fall, 2011.

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law for the 2011-12 school year requires students to have completed the following vaccinations:

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students entering grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 in the fall of 2011.

1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap) for students entering grades 6, through 12 in the fall of 2011.

*Pertussis vaccine is only available in a combined vaccine with tetanus (Tdap). Tetanus is a vaccine normally administered every 10 years. In order to boost the protection for pertussis Tdap will be required if it has been more than 5 years since your student has received a tetanus containing vaccine.

*Children who have had pertussis still receive the Tdap because the length of natural immunity from the disease is unknown and the diagnosis can be difficult to confirm.

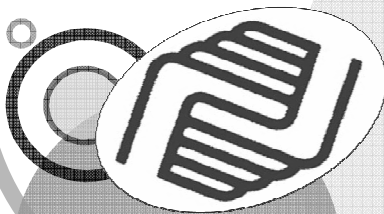
There is no reason to wait. Avoid the late summer "back to school" rush. You can avoid lines and delay by having your child immunized well in advance of next fall's school opening. These vaccines are also available from your child's doctor.

The Varicella and Tdap vaccines (with other childhood vaccines) are available at immunization clinics sponsored by Portage County Health Department. Ruth Gilfry Building
817 Whiting Ave. Stevens Point
Tuesdays 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm Fridays 9:00 am-11:00 am

Each vaccine is \$5.00. Fees may be waived due to inability to pay.

If you need assistance verifying your child's immunization status contact your child's physician or Portage County Health Department at 715-345-5350. Ask for a public health intake nurse. Have your child immunized well in advance of next fall's school opening.

Get Involved At The Almond-Bancroft Boys & Girls Club



Club Hours:

**Monday – Thursday
After School – 6 PM**

The Plover Club is Open if the Stevens Point School District Cancels School Due to Snow and on no School Days

We are looking for donations of clean gallon milk jugs for a project!
Please drop them off at the club.



From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

Just wanted you all to know that our head cook, Connie Kaehn, has been introducing some great new foods such as Chinese cultural meals consisting of egg rolls and fried rice. The students all seem to be enjoying this meal. Smoothies also remain to be a favorite grab and go breakfast option among the students. Connie and Teresa will also be serving all meatless meals on Fridays until Easter.

Parents, please remember to keep your students breakfast and lunch bills paid up. Believe it or not school is coming to an end in 2 1/2 months.

We hope you all enjoyed the spring break and we want to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Sincerely Yours,

Pat Leary, Food Service Director

Connie Kaehn, Head Cook

Teresa Gutke, Assistant Cook

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Portage County Farm To School Program

Portage County Farm to School is featuring eggs for April's Harvest of the Month. During lunch on Tuesday, April 19th, all students will have the opportunity to try local eggs and potatoes served in a potato salad. We encourage you to discuss with your students or children how they enjoyed trying the potato salad.

Eggs are all-natural, and one egg has lots of vitamins and minerals all for 70 calories. The nutrients in eggs can play a role in weight management, muscle strength, brain function, eye health and more. The protein in eggs is the highest-quality protein found in any food. The high-quality protein in eggs provides the energy families need to perform their best on important days. At less than 15 cents apiece, eggs are an affordable and delicious option.

Please consider buying your eggs from a local, humane source, such as:

Raikowski Farms, Junction City

Sunday Produce, Amherst Junction

Ten Pines Family Farm, Junction City

Please feel free to contact your Portage County Farm to School Representatives with any comments, questions, or if you would like to lend a hand. Maggie Stremkowski: stremkowskim@co.portage.wi.us and Kelly Smith: smithke@co.portage.wi.us

Potato Salad

Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds baking potatoes, halved
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
1/4 cup pickle relish
2 hard-cooked large eggs, coarsely chopped
1/3 cup light mayonnaise
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Preparation

Cook potatoes in boiling water 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender; drain and cool completely.
Cut potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Combine potatoes, celery, relish, and eggs in a large bowl. Combine mayonnaise and remaining ingredients in a small bowl; stir with a whisk. Pour over the potato mixture, tossing gently to coat.
Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours.

Almond-Bancroft Menus, April 2011

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice Of Fruit Or Juice Served Daily		Cereal Is Offered As An Alternate Choice Daily		1 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
4 Cereal, Muffin	5 Oatmeal, Toast	6 Egg Omelet, Toast	7 Pancake Sausage Wrap	8 Bagel, Yogurt
11 Cereal, Muffin	12 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	13 Blue Box Breakfast	14 French Toast Sticks	15 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
18 Oatmeal, Toast	19 Blue Box Breakfast	20 Breakfast Sandwich	21 Cereal, Muffin	22 No School
25 Cereal, Muffin	26 French Toast Sticks	27 Scrambled Eggs	28 Blue Box Breakfast	29 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt

Breakfast Prices:
 Reduced – No Charge
 4K(M-W) – 8 days @ 1.00=\$8.00
 4K (T-Th) – 8 days @ 1.00=\$8.00
 K-12th grade – 20 days @ 1.00 = \$20.00

Milk Served With Every Meal

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Veggies & Dip
4 Beefy Nacho's, Corn	5 Beef Tips, Noodles, Vegetable, Fruit	6 Chicken Fajita, Vegetable, Fruit	7 Cheesy Hamburger Hot Dish, Vegetable, Fruit, Bread	8 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Fruit, Dessert
11 Hamburger, Oven Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	12 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	13 Sub-Sandwich, Chicken Dumpling Soup, Fruit	14 Pizza Burger, French Fries, Vegetable, Fruit	15 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Fruit, Dessert
18 Taco, Corn, Fruit, Dessert	19 Chicken Pattie, Tater Barrels, Vegetable, Fruit	20 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar, Fruit	21 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Fruit	22 No School
25 Hot Dog, Oven Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	26 Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit	27 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Fruit	28 Salisbury Steak, Noodles, Vegetable, Fruit	29 Corn Dog, Ravioli, Vegetable, Fruit

Lunch Prices:
 Reduced 4K(M-W) – 8 days @ .40= \$3.20
 Reduced 4K(T-Th) – 8 days @ .40= \$3.20
 Reduced K-12 – 20 days @ .40 = \$8.00
 4K(M-W) – 8 days @ 1.60= \$12.80
 4K(T-Th) – 8 days @ 1.60= \$12.80
 K-5th grade – 20 days @ 1.60 = \$32.00
 6th – 12th grade – 20 days @ 1.85 = \$37.00

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School Board Member At Large **Vote for One**

Gary Smith.....

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School Board Member At Large **Vote for One**

Charles Jerry Dernbach.....

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School Board Member for the Towns of Belmont, Rose, and Oasis **Vote for One**

Carol Ellie.....

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