



## ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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April 2015

### Notes from the Administrator....

#### **April Dates To Remember**

4/1-3-No School,  
Spring Break

4/15-Board Of  
Education  
Meeting, 6:30 pm,  
Almond School  
Board Room



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

Dan Boxx  
District Administrator

Jeff Rykal  
PK-12 Principal

Sandra Ciula  
PK-12 Dean of Students

#### School Board

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Debbie Bradley

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Dear Parents and Concerned Citizens for Our Schools,

The state of Wisconsin has a proud history of providing a high-quality educational system recognizing that investing in public education is not only an investment in the future of Wisconsin, but an investment in each student's capacity for success as a productive citizen in society.

I'm certain you have heard information regarding the Governor's biennial budget for the state and more specifically public education. It is important that parents and citizens of the Almond-Bancroft School District have a clear understanding of the state budget and its implications for funding at the district level;

-The proposed budget eliminates \$150 per pupil in per pupil categorical aide, funding that under current law, would be provided in each year of the 2015-2017 biennium, resulting in a \$69,000 revenue deficit for the Almond-Bancroft School District for the 2015-16 budget year. Even though the Governor proposes to add about \$142 million (about \$165 per pupil) to the per pupil categorical aide in the second year of the biennium, the net result is a cut of approximately \$135 per pupil (\$112 million) over the biennium.

-The proposed budget also expands the taxpayer subsidies to private voucher schools and independent charter schools, which will take additional money away from state general aid to school districts (this on top of the cuts) and reduces opportunities for public school children.

-Until recently revenue limits have been increased annually at the rate of inflation to accommodate increases in costs to school districts, this proposed budget provides no increase in revenue limits in either of 2015-16 or 2016-17.

The budget bill will close the Local Government Property Insurance Fund which is operated by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and many school districts use this fund to purchase their property/casualty insurance. This Local Government Property Insurance Fund was created to ensure that local government units, including school districts, have access to affordable property insurance. The result will be that school districts will likely pay higher rates and receive less favorable coverage terms. The biggest impact will be on smaller, rural school districts such as our own.

As a community we value our children, we value student success, and dedicated district staff. We need your voices and we need your support. We need you to help to push back at this potential cut in funding. Please call or write: Senator Julie Lassa, 608-266-3123, Room 126 South, State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707 and Representative Katrina Shankland, 608-267-9649, [rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:rep.Shankland@legis.wisconsin.gov), Room 119 North, State Capitol PO Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708.

Together we will continue to strive for a quality educational program.

Thank You,

Dan Boxx



## Middle School Students Of The Month

One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for his/her overall excellence as a student each month. These students are selected based on their academic achievements and exceptional behavior during the school day. Achieving excellent performance for February, the Students of the Month include the following: Mackenzie Baird, Juel Wherritt-Fletcher, and Osvaldo Banda.



From the sixth grade we honored Mackenzie Baird. Mackenzie is a polite, respectful student who is always kind to the people around her. She has a knack for telling stories and gets a sparkle in her eye when she has something to share. Mackenzie has a friendly personality and is always in a cheerful mood.

She has been working really hard to get all of her work finished on time and has improved a great deal since the beginning of the year! Keep up your hard work, Mackenzie!



From the seventh grade we honored Juel Wherritt-Fletcher. Juel is hilarious and her witty humor is contagious (she has the best one-liners!). She is fun to be around, outgoing, and friendly to others. Juel never hesitates to tell you what's on her mind and is strong-willed. Over the past several

months, Juel has made a huge effort to improve her attendance, attitude, and effort! Every one of her teachers is proud of her accomplishments!



From the eighth grade we honored Osvaldo Banda. Osvaldo is a polite, hard-working student who has shown great improvement over the last month. His dedication to completing his assignments has propelled him to the next level. He is excelling academically and is exhibiting a positive attitude.

Osvaldo is respectable and strives to do the right thing. His teachers are very proud of him and all of his hard work!

Thank you for your hard work!  
Congratulations!

## High School Students Of The Week



It is with great pride I honor Jarod Cieslewicz as student of the week, February 16-20. He is currently Vice President of the Almond- Bancroft FFA and has stepped up his leadership this year. He has helped with various community service projects with FFA and planned chapter activities. In addition Jarod put in over 90 hours

volunteering at the Portage County Farm Technology Days, helping with field demonstrations and farm equipment displays. I want to also congratulate Jarod for successfully completing the Wisconsin State FFA Agricultural Mechanic Design and Fabrication Proficiency Award Application. His Supervised Agricultural Experience Program revolves around working at Sandy County Equipment LLC, Isherwood Farms and Elaine Game Farms. ~ Mrs. Orr



My choice for student of the week for February 23-27 is Hailey Wierzba. She is one of my top students in Calculus and even though it can be challenging she continues to excel in class. Hailey is one of my hardest working students. She puts forth extra effort, and has great participation in class. Keep up the good work! ~ Mr. Bradley

### ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents who wish to request a specific teacher for their child who will enter grades kindergarten through fifth during the 2015-2016 school year must do so no later than May 1, 2015. 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 2015-2016 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.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS  
ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ON APRIL 7, 2015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, an election is to be held in the School District of Almond-Bancroft on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The following offices are to be elected. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2015.

**Official Ballot for Nonpartisan Office  
April 7, 2015**

**Notice to Voters:** This ballot may be invalid unless initialed by 2 election inspectors. If cast as an absentee ballot, the ballot must bear the initials of the municipal clerk or deputy clerk.

**Instructions to Voters**

If you make a mistake or have a question, see an election inspector. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name.  
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

<b>School Board Member Village of Almond Vote for 1</b>	<b>School Board Member Town of Almond Vote for 1</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Debbie Bradley	<input type="checkbox"/> Roy Danforth
write-in: _____	write-in: _____

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.



## Jump Rope for Heart 2015

Jump Rope for Heart was held during the week of February 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>. 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. 60 students helped raise money for the American Heart Association and raised a total of \$3,353.75! These students will receive thank you gifts from the American Heart Association. The students who raised the most money were Adam Peterson with \$405, Cohen Preissner with \$205, Candace Lein with \$200, Laney Carlton with \$165, and Braden Potts with \$160! Congratulations to all students who took part in Jump Rope for Heart! Thanks to everyone who donated money for a great cause!

Roger Young  
Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator



## Read Across America

Almond-Bancroft elementary students received a special visit from The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2 during the afternoon on Friday, March 6th. The zany Dr. Seuss characters were played by Sarah Beasland, Tom Collins, and Adam Stead.

### Partner In Education (P.I.E.) Is looking for new members!

Thank you to all who have helped to make Partners In Education capable of providing educational and fun experiences for students throughout the years. Currently we are in need of new members and fresh input. P.I.E. only meets 3 to 4 times a year.

Currently P.I.E. is in the process of:

- Planning for Staff Appreciation Day
- Planning for Eighth Grade Graduation

This year we have provided the follow opportunities to students:

- 6th-12th Grade Assembly
- Funded busing for Elementary Trips to
  - Sentry Theater
  - Wautoma Performing Arts Center

Please contact **Trina Warzynski** at **715-366-2941 ext. 422 or 715-366-2773** if you would like to become involved.

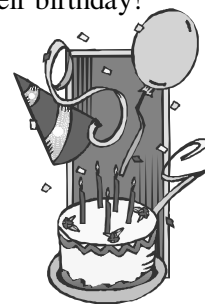
Partners In Education values all input!

## SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

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



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

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





## Middle School News:

### 2015 Conservation Poster Contest Winners Announced

The Conservation Poster Contest Committee selected the following students from Almond-Bancroft as area place winners.

#### Grades 7th-9th:

Alex Burns, 1st place  
Dylan Omernick, 2nd place  
Grace Dachel, 3rd place

#### Grades 4th-6th:

Macy Turzinski, 3rd place

**Congratulations Almond-Bancroft Students!**



### Pi for Jake

On March 14, everyone will be celebrating Pi day, but the Almond-Bancroft Middle School had a special way to celebrate the day. They decided to raise money for Jake Stuebs, an eighth grade student who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. His family has to travel to Marshfield, WI every week for Jake to get his treatment. Along with "Pennies for Jake," the middle schoolers decided to have their favorite middle school math teachers, Mrs. Fletcher, Ms. Borgen, and Mr. Baumgartner pied in addition to the principal, Mr. Rykal. Students raised money and put it into buckets for their math teachers. If a teacher got \$100 they had to get pied (a pie smashed in their face). Students raised a total of \$440.03 in one week. The teachers got pied during eighth hour on March 13, 2015. All the money raised will be given to Jake's family.

Students were happy to raise money for Jake and if you would like to donate money for Jake's treatments please send the money in with your child to put in the buckets or contact Almond-Bancroft Schools. Thank you for donating money for Jake and have a wonderful, fantastic day.

Written by Daren Anderson



## Student Council News:

Pennies for Jake: Student Council would like to express heartfelt appreciation to everyone for their support and generosity during the month of March for the Pennies for Jake campaign. The commitment shown was incredibly helpful and allowed us to reach and surpass our goal. As a community we were able to raise upwards of \$4,200.00 for the Stuebs family. The funds collected were used to help the family with transportation, medicines, and food costs. Thank you again for your generosity and support in making the Pennies for Jake campaign a huge success!

# PENNIES FOR JAKE!



# 2015 Quiz Bowl Team News

The 2015 Almond-Bancroft Quiz Bowl team recently concluded its most successful season in a decade. The B Team came within one win of winning the southern division and going to the championship game, losing a close match to division champion Weyauwega-Fremont in the last game of the season. The B Team finished with a 5-1 record. The A Team played several close matches and finished with a 2-4 record. B Team members were Colton Stanislawski (Captain), Matt Helmrick, Dylan Bunders, Catie Schmidt, Johl Turzinski, Macy Baird, Garrett Stanislawski, and Forrest Laska. A Team members included Blake Voss (Captain), Ariel Plaski, Emily Demchik, Joe Crahan, Megan Burns, and Jace Stuebs. The team would like to extend a special thank you to Harry Porfilio for helping out during practices.

Congratulation Quiz Bowl team on a great season!  
Mr. Nagel

**2015**  
**Junior Prom**

Saturday April 25th  
7:00 pm -11:00 pm  
Grand March 10:30 pm

Tickets Prices At the Door:  
\$20 Couple, \$11 Single,  
\$3 Spectator for Grand March

Ticket Prices In Advance:  
\$17 Couple, \$9 Single

Advance tickets will be sold from April 20-24th during HS lunch hour.

**"Small Town Throwdown"**  
-A nostalgic reminiscence of Almond.

## Almond-Bancroft FFA News

We are pleased to announce that Zachary McCracken and Jaci Brandl were selected to the 2015 State FFA Honors Choir.  
**Congratulations!**

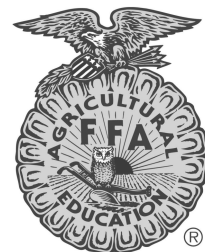
Also.....

**The**  
**Annual Almond-Bancroft**  
**FFA Banquet**  
is scheduled for  
**Sunday, April 12th**  
**at 6:00 pm**  
in the  
**Almond school cafeteria**

FFA members, family, and friends are all invited to attend the pot luck dinner.

A silent auction, slide show, and awards program will also be held following the dinner in the auditorium.

**Don't forget to bring a dish to pass!**



### ATTENTION

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



### AUSENCIAS

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



## Band and Choir News



### 2015 Vocal Solo & Ensemble Results



#### Class A \*1 -

##### Advancing to State Solo & Ensemble on May 2 at UWSP

Blake Voss, classical solo & musical theater solo  
 Jessica Webster, classical solo & musical theater solo  
 Maria Vann, musical theater solo  
 Maria Vann & Blake Voss, vocal duet

#### Class A 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jessica Webster & Zack McCracken, vocal duet  
 Jaci Brandl, musical theater solo  
 Emily Demchick, classical solo & musical theater solo

#### Class A 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jaci Brandl & Colton Stanislawski, vocal duet

#### Class A 4<sup>th</sup>

Yadira Puente, classical vocal solo

#### Class B 1<sup>st</sup>

Chloe Lehman, vocal solo

#### Class B 2<sup>nd</sup>

Emmett Stanislawski & Blake Voss, vocal duet

#### Class B 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lauren Dykes, classical vocal solo

#### Class C 1<sup>st</sup>

Maria Vann, Jessica Webster, Yadira Puente, Daisy Chaidez, Jaci Brandl, Catie Schmidt, Jasmine Luna, Patience Turner, Emmett Stanislawski, Garrett Stanislawski, Colton Stanislawski, Tony Smith, Zack McCracken, Blake Voss



### 2015 Band Solo & Ensemble Results



#### Class A \*1st Advancing to State Solo & Ensemble on May 2 at UWSP

Devon Anderson, Concert Snare Drum Solo  
 Emily Demchik, Electric Bass Solo  
 Polka Band (includes all high school band members):  
 Shayla Newby Daisy Chaidez Emmett Stanislawski  
 Jessica Webster Patience Turner Forest Laska  
 Hunter Laska Velvet Ellis Colton Stanislawski  
 Nathalie Sierra Emily Demchik Devon Anderson

#### Class A 2<sup>nd</sup>

Velvet Ellis, Bb Tenor Saxophone Solo

#### Class B 1st

Nathalie Sierra, Tuba Solo  
 Shayla Newby & Colton Stanislawski, Flute/Baritone Saxophone Duet  
 Hunter Laska & Colton Stanislawski, Alto Saxophone/Baritone Saxophone Duet

#### Class B 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jessica Webster, Bb Clarinet Solo  
 Patience Turner, Bb Bass Clarinet Solo  
 Forest Laska & Colton Stanislawski, Trumpet/Baritone Saxophone Duet

#### Class C 1st

Emmett Stanislawski, Bb Clarinet Solo  
 Patience Turner, Bb Clarinet Solo

***Congratulations Choir and Band members!***



## Forensics News

State bound!

This year's forensics team has had a great season. Out of 24 participants, 15 will be continuing on to the State Forensics Competition, which will be held in Madison on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Oratory**

Emily Demchik  
 Yadira Puente

#### **Prose**

Chloe Lehman  
 Patience Turner

#### **Group Interpretation**

Macy Baird  
 Megan Burns  
 Ariel Plaski  
 Catie Schmidt

#### **Play Acting**

Emma Wallace  
 Jacob Wierzba

#### **Play Acting**

Joe Crahan  
 Colton Stanislawski  
 Emmett Stanislawski  
 Blake Voss

#### **Poetry**

Ava Anderson

# EAGLES SPORTLIGHT

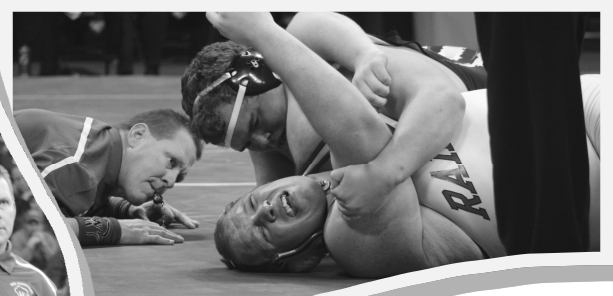
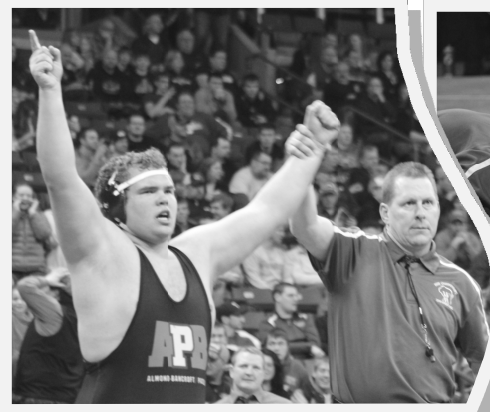
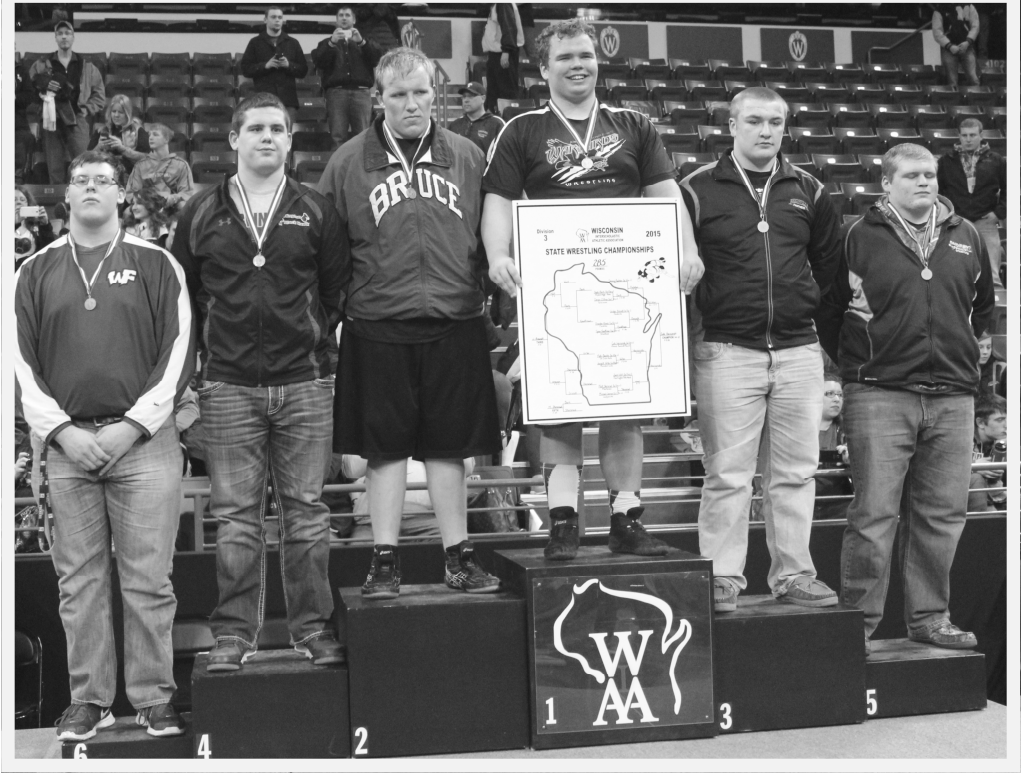


## Eagles Athletic Events

- 4/6-HS Baseball & Softball @ Green Lake, 4:30 pm
- 4/7-HS Track Meet @ Wild Rose, 4:00 pm  
-HS Baseball & Softball Home vs. Tigerton, 4:30 pm
- 4/9-HS Track Relay Invite @ Bowler, 4:00 pm  
-HS Baseball & Softball @ Menominee Indian, 4:30 pm
- 4/13-HS Baseball & Softball Home vs. Wild Rose, 4:30 pm
- 4/14-HS Track Meet @ Wild Rose, 4:00 pm  
-HS Baseball & Softball @ Marion, 4:30 pm
- 4/17-HS Track Invite @ Westfield, 4:15 pm
- 4/18-HS Baseball & Softball Tournament @ Home, 10:00 am
- 4/20-HS Track Meet @ Rosholt, 3:45 pm  
-HS Baseball & Softball @ Tri-County, 4:30 pm
- 4/23-HS Track Invite @ Auburndale, 4:15 pm  
-HS Baseball & Softball @ Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
- 4/24-HS Baseball & Softball Home vs. Rosholt, 4:30 pm
- 4/27-HS Track Invite @ Iola, 3:45 pm  
-HS Baseball & Softball Home vs. Gresham, 4:30 pm
- 4/30-HS Track Invite @ Tri-County, 4:30 pm  
-HS Baseball & Softball @ Bowler, 4:00 pm

\*Schedule is subject to change.

## WIAA D3 285# State Wrestling Champion ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **COLE WARZYNSKI** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Cole Warzynski entered the 2015 State Wrestling Tournament as the 285# D3 Sectional B Champion which granted him a first round bye. In the 2nd round of State wrestling Cole pinned Jarret Hiller of Random Lake in 2:34. This win took Cole into the semi finals where he defeated Zach Wolf of Darlington/Black Hawk 5-4. In the WIAA Division 3 285# finals match Warzynski faced Donny Ralston of Bruce, a record of 50-2. With an exciting 2:58 pin, Cole Warzynski secured a historic state championship win for Almond-Bancroft Pacelli Wrestling surrounded by his coaches, teammates, family, and friends. Warzynski ends his junior wrestling season with a 50-3 record and a 2015 State Wrestling Champion Title.

Cole would like to thank everyone who supported him, his coaches and team for pushing him during practice, the school and student council for the fun pep rally, his family and friends for being there, and the community for tracking his progress along the way.

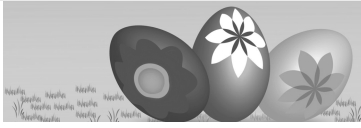
**Congratulations Cole, your school and community are proud of your accomplishment!**

### Save the Date.... A-B High School Athletic Banquet

Sponsored by  
Mead-Rath-Gutke Post 339  
Will be held on  
**May 20, 2015**  
**at 6:00 pm**  
Almond Legion Hall

More details to follow in the  
May Newsletter.





Mark your Calendars & bring your basket or bag with you for the annual Easter Egg Hunt!

**ALMOND'S  
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**10:00 A.M.**

**APRIL 4, 2015**

**(SATURDAY)**

**AT THE ALMOND LION'S  
SHELTER HOUSE**

THE HUNT IS FOR ALL  
CHILDREN THROUGH THE 5<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE!  
(15 MINUTES OF FUN!!!)

**Almond-Bancroft Community News**

**The  
Village of Almond  
is seeking summer help.**  
Job details would include  
mowing the grass in the  
Almond Village  
Cemetery.  
You must be 14 years of  
age or older to apply.  
**Please contact Dan  
Folan at 715-366-7181  
if you would like to be  
considered for the job.**



**Almond Historical Society  
Open House  
June 16, 2015**  
(times will be announced at a later date)

The Open House will focus on  
Almond Area Athletics.  
We are currently looking for input from  
past athletes and family members on  
historic athletic events.  
Contact Art Pagel at 715-366-8571 if you  
have information you would like  
contribute and/or you would like to  
become involved in the Almond  
Historical Society.

**Hunter Safety Class Offered**

The Almond Rod and Gun Club will sponsor a hunter safety education class for area youth and adults.

Classes will be held in the Almond-Bancroft High School auditorium. The class will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Registration for the class will be on Thursday April 30th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. Students under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present to register for class. The cost of the class is \$10.00 per student. Students are required to have a DNR customer ID number before graduating from the class. It is best if students have their ID number before registration. ID numbers may be obtained by calling 1-888-936-7463 from 7 AM until 10 PM or by visiting a DNR service center during regular scheduled hours.

The class will be nineteen hours long and will end on May 19th. If there is sufficient interest, an optional bowhunter class will be offered.

If you have any questions, please call Gene Reineking at 715-570-1147, or Dan Folan at 715-347-7181.



**2nd Annual  
"All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast  
Presented by the  
Almond-Bancroft Cub & Boy Scouts #248**

**Sunday April 12th  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Almond American Legion Hall**

Serving Turzinski's Famous Potato Pancakes, Traditional Pancakes, Sausage, Chicken Soup, Juice/Coffee, and Desserts

**\$5.00 per person, children 4 and under eat free!**

**Collect These Items  
And Help Support Almond-Bancroft School Programs**

**TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION**

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

**MY COKE REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS**

You can help Almond-Bancroft earn by collecting points from codes found on participating Coca-Cola products. Go to [www.mycokerewards.com/schools](http://www.mycokerewards.com/schools) to donate points 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](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

# Counseling Program News

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*Upcoming  
Events/Important  
Dates!*

<b>NHS School Improvement Project</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>FVTC Spring Extravaganza</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>MSTC Discovery Days Field Trip (MS)</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>Awards Night &amp; NHS Induction</b>	<b>May 12</b>

## National School Counseling Week

We celebrated National School Counseling Week in elementary by having daily questions that students could answer and enter into a prize drawing. Questions were about things that we have been learning in GIFTS (Classroom Guidance) lessons.

Students had an opportunity to win a large teddy bear with a heart proclaiming “love” because *school counselors love their students* or a bucket of candy because *school counselors think their students are sweet!* Winners of the prizes were Roxanna Castellanos and Gracelyn Breitenstein.



Middle school students enjoyed a Power Point presentation entitled “Get to Know Your School Counselors which featured cartoon representations of Ms. Spear and Mrs. McDonald answering various questions about their jobs at A-B.

Students then worked on a word scramble which was based on the presentation for a chance to win a prize.

High school students look for their names on the “Counselors love our students” bulletin board which celebrated National School Counseling Week. The board contained the names of all students in our school district from 4K through 12th grade!

## Discovery Days at Mid-State Technical College



On Friday, April 17, Almond-Bancroft Seventh Graders will have the opportunity to visit the Mid-State Technical College— Wisconsin Rapids campus for Discovery Days. On this day, students will learn about technical education, explore MSTC through a campus tour including program highlights, and participate in a career exploration activity.

## Spring State Test Information

The SmarterBalanced test will be taken by students in grades 3-8 in April. This test will assess student knowledge in English/language arts and math. The focus of this assessment is to measure student progress toward college and career readiness. This system provides information and tools for teachers to improve instruction and help students succeed.

The ACT Aspire test will be taken by 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in April/May. This test assesses student readiness in English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Scores received from this test will help predict future ACT scores for college entrance.

Test Dates (full test information is available on the district website):

**3rd Grade: April 10, 20, 21, 23**  
**4th Grade: April 8, 14, 15, 16**  
**5th Grade: April 7, 15, 16, 17**  
**6th Grade: April 9, 20, 21, 22**

**7th Grade: April 8, 14, 15, 16**  
**8th Grade: April 7, 13, 14, 15**  
**9th Grade: April 27, 28, 29, 30, May 1**  
**10th Grade: May 4, 5, 6, 7, 8**



## Almond-Bancroft High School Awards Ceremony

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Join us May 12, 2015 (Tuesday) at 7:30 pm in the Almond School Auditorium. Students will be acknowledged for their achievements in attendance, student council, and various academic departments at our annual Awards Ceremony. 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

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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 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.



### G.I.F.T.S. (Classroom Guidance): Resistance and Your Child's Safety

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We have spent the last two months learning about resistance or "saying No" to things that are unsafe, dangerous, or hurtful to ourselves or others. The basic rule we have discussed is simple. If something makes you feel unsafe or you get an "uh-oh" feeling: NO—GO—TELL! 1. Say no to the person.

2. Go or get away from the person as soon as possible. 3. Tell a trusted adult what happened.

This rule covers: peer pressure, bad touch, bad secrets, interactions with strangers, drugs or alcohol and the cyber world (images, content and interactions). It has been a lot to learn and it is so very important to stress repeatedly to young children what they need to do to stay safe.

Here are some things I have learned from our students during this unit on resistance that you as parents may want to discuss with your children.

1. Many of our children, particularly boys, indicate that they would punch a stranger who approached them to ask for help. While it is appropriate to teach kids to fight if they need to get away, the main thing to stress is to just keep a safe distance from a stranger.
2. If asked for their name, address or other personal information, many students indicated that they would give false information. Again, the idea is to limit conversations and interactions with people we don't know very well. Giving false information is spending too much time engaging with a stranger.
3. When asked if they would help a grown up who has said they have lost their dog, many students indicated they would help because it is a nice thing to do. Unless they are with their parent, they should not help an adult stranger to do anything. Most grown-ups do not elicit help from children who are alone.
4. Many students believe that they can tell if a stranger is dangerous by the way he/she looks or acts. We learned that strangers are like apples. You cannot tell if it is bad by looking at the outside.
5. When asked if it is safe to talk to someone on the computer or gaming device as long as it is a kid, a large number of students thought it was. Young children have a hard time understanding the concept that the person on the other end of that game or computer could possibly be a grown-up and not another child. Please monitor your child's technology use including text messages, Facebook accounts, Snap Chat and Instagram. This is important not only regarding interactions with strangers, but also with friends. Cyber-bullying and sexting is an issue that unfortunately is not just limited to teenagers. More and more elementary students have access to technology and are becoming involved in these activities.

My hope is that the things we have been discussing in G.I.F.T.S. are brought up by your child for further discussion at home. If not, please ask your child what they are learning in G.I.F.T.S. lessons.

### Middle School Small Groups

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All of the middle school girls been invited to participate in a "Girl Talk" Group! Girl Talk Groups allow students to work on social skills in a small and safe setting where they can be supported and reinforced. These skills will include helping yourself, making friends, relationship issues (friendships and dating), bullying, depression/feeling sad, and stress. These are topics and skills that our middle school girls have identified as areas where they could use extra support. Girl Talk Groups meet once per week for about 30 minutes during ELT.

# Counseling Program News Continued



## Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) Spring Extravaganza

FVTC—Waupaca Regional Center will be holding it's 5th Annual Spring Extravaganza. This is a family friendly event where participants can take up to 4 classes for less than \$25!

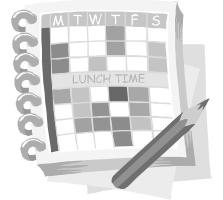
Course topics include:

wiring, bicycle repair, gardening, art, grilling, computers, and fitness.

Additional material fees apply and vary by class. This event will take place from 8am-5pm on April 11, 2015 at the FVTC-Waupaca Regional Center.

More information is available online at: [www.fvtc.edu/springex](http://www.fvtc.edu/springex)

### 2015-2016 HS Scheduling



High school students will begin scheduling in April. We have a number of new courses available, so be sure to review the 2015-2016 Curriculum Handbook! Be sure to keep your future goals in mind as you start thinking about courses for next year!

### AB Counselor is now on Remind.com!

High School Students and Parents: if you would like reminders from the Counselor for deadlines, events, opportunities, etc. specific to your grade, please sign up for text or email reminders from AB Counselor! Codes are below, and additional instructions are available through the 8-12 Counselor website and your student's Gaggle email.

Please feel free to call Ms. Spear at 715-366-2941 x414 if you need any assistance signing up!

\*If you have trouble texting to the number "81010", please try texting your code to 715-502-2936.

Class of 2015: text @absd2015 to 81010  
Class of 2016: text @absd2016 to 81010  
Class of 2017: text @absd2017 to 81010  
Class of 2018: text @absd2018 to 81010



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF PORTAGE COUNTY, INC.

Monday - Thursday Open After School Until 7:00 pm

Friday Open After School Until 6:00 pm

Membership only \$10 per year per child; \$25 for three children

1335 Elm Street, Almond, WI 715-366-2941 ext. 242

More information at [www.bgclubpc.org](http://www.bgclubpc.org)

### BGC Film Festival

-Wednesday April 29 at 5:00 PM

-Popcorn & candy!

-Be the first to view member-made videos

-Take part in movie trivia



### Teen Center & Plover Site Visits

Plover Site Visit for members 1st thru 5th grade

\*Friday April 17 till 6:00 PM

-Teen Center Visit for members 6th thru 12th grade

\*Friday April 24 till 7:00 PM

\**Permission slips available at BGC Desk*



### Bancroft Bus

-School bus is available to transport members from BGC to Bancroft.

-Leaves the school at 6:30 PM Mon.-Thurs. and 5:30 PM Friday.

-Drop off is at Pine Grove Villa and Bancroft Elementary.

**BECOME A MEMBER!**

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



# Almond-Bancroft Menus, April 2015

## Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 6 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	7 French Toast Sticks	1 No School	2 No School	3 No School
13 Breakfast Pizza	14 Box Breakfast	8 Scrambled Eggs, Whole Grain Toast	9 Box Breakfast	10 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
20 Pancake Wrapped Sausage	21 Oatmeal, Whole Grain Toast	15 Egg Omelet, Whole Grain Toast	16 Cereal, Muffin	17 Bagel, Yogurt
27 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	28 Cereal, Muffin	22 Box Breakfast	23 Breakfast Sandwich	24 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
	29 Frudel, Yogurt	29 Frudel, Yogurt	30 Box Breakfast	

**Morning Milk**  
 \$3.30-M-W 4K  
 \$3.30-T-Th 4K  
 \$6.00-K-5<sup>th</sup>  
 (\$.30 a day)

Choice of 1% white or skim milk served with every breakfast  
 Choice of 1% white, skim, or fat free chocolate milk served with every lunch.

**Breakfast Prices:**  
 Reduced – No Charge  
 4K (M-W-F) – 11 days @ 1.10 = \$12.10  
 4K (T-Th-F) – 11 days @ 1.10 = \$12.10  
 K-12<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 1.10 = \$20.90

## Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 No School	2 No School	3 No School
6 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Applesauce	7 Chicken Pattie on Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pears	8 Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Blueberries	9 Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles, Carrots, Apple Slices	10 Corn Dog, Ravioli, Green Beans, Peaches
13 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Pineapple	14 Cheeseburger Mac Hot Dish, Peas, Pears	15 Chicken Fajita, Broccoli & Cheese, Fruit Cocktail	16 B.B.Q., Wedges, Baked Beans, Strawberries	17 Pizza, Salad Bar, Mandarin Oranges
20 Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Applesauce	21 Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peaches	22 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Pineapple	23 Popcorn Chicken, French Fries, Corn, Pears	24 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Cinnamon Apples
27 Taco, Corn, Fruit Cocktail	28 B.B.Q. Pork, Wedges, Baked Beans, Strawberries	29 Cheese Ravioli, Salad Bar, Peaches	30 Chicken Quesadilla, Peas, Pineapple	

Fresh fruit and/or fresh vegetables served as an option with every lunch.

**Lunch Prices:**  
 Reduced 4K (M-W-F) – 11 days @ .40 = \$4.40  
 Reduced 4K (T-Th-F) – 11 days @ .40 = \$4.40  
 Reduced K-12 – 19 days @ .40 = \$7.60  
 4K (M-W-F) – 11 days @ 1.85 = \$20.35  
 4K (T-Th-F) – 11 days @ 1.85 = \$20.35  
 K-5<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 1.85 = \$35.15  
 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 19 days @ 2.10 = \$39.90

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Sophomore Plant Sale

When: Saturday, May 9th

Where: Pre-Order Pick-up

West Parking Lot

(Pre-Order only)

9am to 10 am

(Same day sales)

11am - 2pm

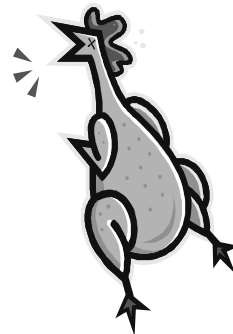
Legion Hall

A wide variety of plants and flowers  
are available for purchase!

Please see a Sophomore to pre-  
order your plants/flowers or come  
by the day of!



## Class of 2016 Charcoal Chicken Dinner!



Your pre-purchased dinner ticket  
must be presented  
at the time of dine-in or pick up!

**Saturday May, 9th**  
Dine-in or Pick-up Dinners  
between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm  
**Almond Legion Hall**

*Dinner includes:  
charcoal chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, baked potato, dinner roll, and dessert.*

**You can purchase chicken dinner tickets  
until May 1st by contacting a junior or by calling  
715-366-2941 ext. 330.**

***Thank you for supporting the Class of 2016!***

Save the dates...

Almond-Bancroft Summer School

June 8th-25th

and

July 6th-23rd

Monday-Thursday

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



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