

FEBRUARY 2008



High School News-Student of the Week by Mrs. Ciula

First week in January: Cheyeanna Schober was selected by Miss Brandt, English Teacher. Cheyeanna was selected because she is an excellent student and is always a pleasure to be around. Miss Brandt can't wait to see what the future holds for Cheyeanna.



Second week in January: Andrew Parra was selected by Miss Spencer, Secondary Guidance Counselor and Work-Place Readiness instructor. Andrew's motivation and behavior in class is exceptional. He will bring assignments for me to check over before he hands it in to make sure he followed the directions and completed the assignment correctly, and he is willing to redo the work as many times as needed until it is done well. He is well-behaved in class by sitting quietly during lectures and by using in-class work time appropriately. Overall, Andrew is a great student who is well deserving to be student of the week.

Third week in January: Kyle Bembenek was selected by Mrs. Vann, Spanish Teacher. Aside from his success in the academic arena, Kyle demonstrates a strong work ethic, a sense of responsibility to the greater good, and most importantly high moral character. Kyle will continue to succeed in life. His sincere dedication to maximize his full potential and his respect towards others is consistently at the forefront of all of his endeavors. In the classroom environment Kyle contributes to projects and discussions with enthusiasm. Congratulations Kyle! You've earned this award.



Third week in December: Ben Turzinski was selected by Ms. Sutliff, Math Teacher. Ben is a very responsible and hard working individual. He deserves to be recognized for all of his positive effort in and out of school.

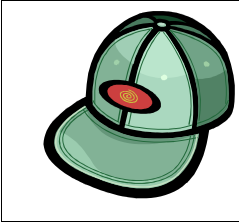
We honor Ben Turzinski as Student of the Month. He was selected by the entire high school staff for his outstanding work ethic.



\*\*\*Important Dates To Remember\*\*\*  
NO SCHOOL February 15th & 18th.



### PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS by Joy Meyers



The friends of music is expanding to include all the Fine Arts in the Almond-Bancroft School, and we need a new name. A contest will be held for the student body and the community. The Grand Prize will be a Portage County gift certificate for \$50.00. If you wish to participate please put your name, address and new name for the Friends of Music clearly on a 3 x 5 card. Students may bring their entry forms to the High School Office. If you wish to mail the entry please mail to: Joy Meyers-Contest  
8295 5th Ave

Almond, WI 54909

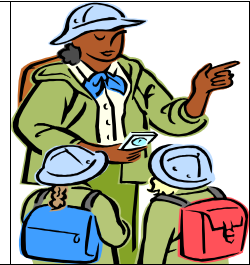
The contest will begin on February 1st and continue through February 29, 2008. All entries will be open and reviewed at the Friends of Music meeting held in March.

I would also like to thank everyone who donates to the bake raffle at the Friday night Basketball games. A special thank you to Mr. Bennett for his expertise on the fine art of bakery presentation.

Our next meeting for the Friends of Music will be held on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:30 in the Band/Choir room. Thank you for your support.

The members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scout Troop #6236 are organizing a clothing collection for the children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. If you have gently used boys or girls clothing (sizes 5 – 10) that your own children have outgrown, please send into school to Sandy Ciula's attention. Collection boxes are available and will be kept at school to be used when needed. If you have any questions, feel free to call 715-630-6590. Thank you for your consideration!

Megan B, Meghan M, McKenzie, Natalie, Ashley, Megan W, Hailey, Sabrina



The kindergarteners at Bancroft school created gingerbread houses as one of the many wonderful holiday activities they enjoyed in December.



The Girl Scout Troop 168, lead by Eddie Anderson host a Girl Scout Cookie booth at the Portage Co. Bank, Almond. Pictured are: Gabby Gendusa, Paige Hintz and Lauren Dykes.

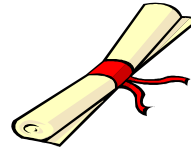
### Sing We Joyous All Together-By Ms. Davy



The 2nd graders took advantage of a beautiful day and headed out to carol on December 17th. Students greeted each house with song and smiles. We were able to visit about 15 homes (thank you for allowing us to stop over).

After the singing was complete the students returned to the school to hot cocoa and candy canes. Thank you to all the parents who joined us in our trek across Almond, and a special thanks to Jan Connor and Trina Warzynski, who helped in the preparation.

USAA Scholarship Foundation  
From Mrs. Vann



The following Almond-Bancroft students are honored for their nomination to *the "Official USAA Scholarship Foundation Who's Who in Foreign Language."*

Steven Ellie, Carly Rast, Joelle Beder, Miranda Borchardt, Brittany Degler, Jessica Dorgan, Deanna Fellella, Gloria Cabral, Luke Zelinske, Jeff Higgins, Benedict Turzinski, Melanie Vallery, Korrine Samson, Rachel Penza, Ethan Wasserburger, Audrey

Sanders, Arthur Medrano, David, C. Fechtner, and Kyle Bembenek. ***Absent from the photo: Steven Ellie, Korrine Samson, and Kyle Bembenek.***

Students are nominated based on: academic potential, personal motivation, cooperative classroom attitude, dependability, enthusiasm for education, leadership qualities, and serious acceptance of responsibility. Only the top of the class is included in the nomination process.

Students receive congratulatory letters, official student biography forms, news releases, scholarship applications, and exclusive USAA (United States Achievement Academy) membership. The academy has granted more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Congratulations students!



## GOT TALENT?

From Mr. Gingery



**WE WANT YOU...**The Almond-Bancroft Music Department will host its eighth annual Community Variety Show at 7:30 PM, April 4, in the ABHS Auditorium. Once again, we are looking for all types of talent: comedians, dancers, singers, instrumentalists, you name it!

Auditions will be held Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3:30 p.m. in the ABHS Auditorium. All auditions must be performance ready, meaning all words, dance steps, etc. are memorized and ready to perform. We ask that acts are kept under five minutes in length. Please contact the High School music office to set up an audition time (366-2941 x326). If you are interested in being a part of the show or have any questions please contact us. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Please help make this another successful year for the show.

**POLISH MAFIA ALUMNI** – Time to dust off those horns and sticks. If you are interested in getting your act together for a reunion performance now is the time. New and old members alike will be getting together to make it happen. Contact Mr. Gingery ASAP to get on board.

## SECOND GRADE PENGUINS by Ms. Davy



On Friday, January 18th the second grade class we Emperor penguins! The second grade has been studying the different types of penguins for the past couple of weeks. They had a Penguin Day, where they had a chance to dress up like penguins and watch “March of the Penguins”, a documentary of a season with penguins of Antarctica. Some other activities they were able to participate in were eating “krill” (goldfish), writing penguin poems, making their own penguins, and there is a tour of a community member’s penguin collection planned.

However, on Friday, the students had to walk with an egg between their feet and transfer the egg to a partner “penguin” using a yardstick as their beak! They were able to simulate what an Emperor Penguin has to do to keep their egg alive. The past weeks have been a great learning experience for the second grade classes.



## FACTORY FUN by Ms. Davy



Recently Ms. Davy’s second grade class had a chance to learn what it’s like to work in a factory, to wrap up their division of labor unit, in social studies.

They found out some of the products found in a factory, saw what it can look like, tried on some of the safety uniform (hard hats, safety glasses, earplugs/earmuffs, gloves, and steel-toed boots), and listen to Ms. Davy’s stories of when she worked at a foundry during her college summers. The students were full of questions and really enjoyed seeing how well earplugs work! Thank you to the Thyssen-Krupp Waupaca Foundry for donating the safety materials.



## GEOGRAPHY BEE

by Mr. Baumgartner

On Friday, January 18th ten contestants, grades four-eight competed in the Geography Bee.

4th grade

Kyle Warzynski & Joel Turzinski

5th grade

Jace Stuebs & Megan Burns

6th grade

Nathan Newby & Cody Meddaugh

7th grade

Jade Stuebs & Jordan Bowden

8th grade

A.J. Ellie & Nick Burns



The school champion is A.J. Ellie!

# **Child Development Screening Day!**

If you have a child that is 3 or 4, and has not been screened yet, you'll want to call Sandy Barden at 366-2941 x 329 to make your appointment for Almond-Bancroft School 's annual Child Development Day Screening Day. The date is **Wednesday, March 12th, 2008, and it will take place at the Bancroft School.** The time slots (starting times) are available from **8:30 am to 2:30 pm.** Please plan approximately one hour for your visit that day with your child. You do not have to bring anything but your child.

Children will enjoy a number of fun activities designed to compare their play, socialization, motor skills, and overall developmental levels to other children their age. Hearing and Vision screenings will also be conducted by the Portage County Health Department. In addition, representatives of various community services (Birth to Three, etc.) will be on hand to describe services available to families with young children.

**The school district must locate, identify, and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities.** The school district has a special education screening program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the district and who have not graduated high school to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Angie Meilahn, the District Psychologist at 366-2941 x-123 or by writing her at 1336 Elm Street, Almond WI. 54909.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

## **Four-Year Old Kindergarten Registration**

The 4K registration will coincide with the child development screening on Wednesday, March 12th, 2008, at the Bancroft School from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm . Please bring your son or daughter's birth certificate for proof of age. **Students eligible for the program must turn four prior to September 1st, 2008.** There will be no early admittance considered.

You may come any time between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm to pick up the necessary information and fill out the appropriate paperwork. No appointment is needed. Please contact Principal Jeff Rykal at 366-2941 ext. 416, with any questions you may have.

**Kindergarten Registration Night**  
**Thursday, February 28th, 2008**  
**6:30 pm at the Bancroft School**

**Students eligible for the program must turn five prior to September 1st, 2008.** Please bring your son or daughter's birth certificate for proof of age. At this meeting you will be able to meet the kindergarten teachers as well as see the classrooms in which your children will learn. This meeting is intended for you to complete as much of the registration paperwork as possible and gain some valuable information on the kindergarten program. There will be much time for any questions that may arise. Please contact Principal Jeff Rykal, at 366-2941 ext. 416, with any questions you may have.

**Student Drop-Off in the Mornings Before School**

by Principal Jeff Rykal

A number of weeks ago, there was a letter sent home with your child concerning a potential safety issue with the morning drop-off by parents. It had been noticed that many times parents would swoop in between the buses to drop students off, or parents would drop off across the street and would have to run across between busses. On a trial basis, we have changed the drop-off point to the doors by the second grade classrooms, which open out onto the staff parking lot near the new (west) gym. This has been going well, however, we will also be opening the doors going into the west gym lobby for the middle school and high school students to utilize. We apologize for any truck deliveries that may cause congestion. **Thank you** to all the parents that have been attempting this and making the morning drop-off a safer time for the district's children.

**Other ways you can help increase student safety in the mornings:**

- 1) Choose an alternate route to the school that avoid the high student walker traffic areas such as the corner of Elm Street and Church Street. This is the corner near the old (east) gym. Consider taking a route that leads out to County D and bring Elm Street in from the "Helicopter" park. This would keep traffic from having to pass the buses while they are unloading and avoid the busy Elm/Church intersection.
- 2) Also, if you have children that drive to school, please ask them to enter and exit the student parking lot from County D. This could aid in keeping our students that walk to school safe by decreasing traffic in the areas that so many walkers use to access the school building.

**Thank you parents for all you do to help create a safe place for the children of our community to learn and grow!**

**School Bus Driver Recognition Week February 13-26**

A special thank you to all of our bus drivers. We really appreciate the job you do in transporting our children to school in a safe caring manner. Students and parents make sure you say thank you to your bus driver.



## Choir Students participate In All-star festival by Mrs. Frank

The CWC Conference hosted the annual All-Star Honors Festival on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Tomorrow River High School in Amherst. There were six choir students chosen to participate in the festival. The students were Datonn Ammel, Carly Rast, Chelsea Gendusa, Justine Karaba, Raymond Pieters and Adam Bradley. We had two students chosen to represent the ABHS Band but due to extenuating circumstances they were unable to participate.

While at the festival students rehearsed all day starting at 8:30 a.m. with a few breaks during the day and a concert was performed at 4:00 p.m.

The All-Star Choir was led by Dr. Randall Meder, the

Director of Choral activities at UW-Green Bay.

The songs performed by the All-Star Choir were as follows:

*Gloria in Excelsis* by Antonio Vivaldi.

*Sing Me to Heaven* by Daniel Gawthrop

*Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind* by John Rutter

*Choose Something Like a Star* by Randal Thompson

*Last Act Finale from The Gondoliers* by Arthur Sullivan and arranged by Clough-Leigher.



Raymond Pieters, Chelsea Gendusa, Justine Karaba, Adam Bradley, Datonn Ammel, & Carly Rast

Our six students that participated had a lot of fun and worked very hard during the course of the day this past Saturday. They did an excellent job at the concert and represented the Almond-Bancroft School District extremely well. Congratulations and we are proud of our talented students!



The 2008 All-Star honors choir during their final rehearsal before the 4:00 p.m. concert on Saturday January 12, 2008. The All-Star choir was made up of 100 students from through out the conference.

### **SAFETY CADET NEWS** by Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

The Safety Cadets that were in good standing were invited to attend a Winter Party at the Stevens Point YMCA on Saturday, January 19th. Even though many of the kids were also playing in basketball tournaments that same day they still were able to make it to the party. While there, they were able to swim, play basketball, volleyball, or use the game room. It sounds like they all had a great time! I would really like to send out a huge thank you to the parents that helped volunteer to chaperone this event.... thank you Luann Avery, Melissa Vezina, Dave Anderson, and John Vann. Your help was greatly appreciated!

We have two great Safety Cadets of the Month for the month of January and they are Yanira Carrizosa and Ramsey Avery. Both are very polite and helpful. Keep up the great job!

Also, please remember to bring all of your winter outerwear.

*The Almond-Bancroft Music  
Department Visits the  
Portage County Senior Care Center*

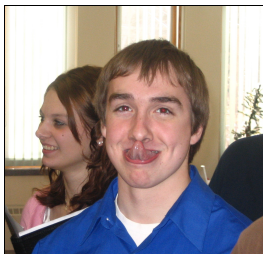
By Mrs. Frank



On Monday, December 17, 2007 the ABHS Band and Choir ventured out to the Portage County Senior Care Center in Stevens Point to give a short holiday performance. The ABHS Concert Choir kicked things off with *Sing We Now of Christmas* arranged by Jay Althouse, *A La Nanita Nana* arrange by Sherri Porterfield and *Festival of Carols* featuring Justine Karaba and Stephanie Rodriguez as soloists and arranged by Douglas Wagner. The



ABHS Wind Ensemble followed with *French Christmas Carol Fantasy* arranged by James Curnow, *Christmas Classics* arranged by John O'Reilly and *Christmas Carol Suite* arranged by Edward McLin.



One of our students shares more than just his musical talent on our visit!

After the performance we stayed to visit with the residents of the Senior Center. We chatted with some former Almond residents, were treated to some festive harmonica music and saw a pretty intense card game taking place. We all had a great time and are looking forward to making a trip to the Portage County Senior Center an annual event.

**COME ONE, COME ALL, COME  
ENJOY THE FUN!!!**

Almond-Bancroft School District  
will be hosting a  
**WINTER PEP RALLY**  
at 1:45 pm in the west gym on  
Friday, February 8th

Featured guests may include members of the Almond-Bancroft band, wrestling, MS and HS girls/boys basketball, quiz bowl, Spanish club, and musical, safety cadet, ES green card recipients, MS students of the month, HS students of the week, the Eagle mascot, and a special performance by the dance team and the Pep Band.

*Hope to see you there!!!*

By Miss Spencer

**Jump Rope For Heart 2008** by Mr. Young

The annual Jump Rope for Heart Event will be held the week of February 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at Almond-Bancroft School. First through fifth grades will participate during their gym classes. Students who choose to can help raise money for the American Heart Association. The American Heart Association uses the money to fight heart disease and stroke through research and education. Jump Rope for Heart is fun, it teaches jump rope skills, the importance of physical activity, the problems that heart disease and stroke causes, and community service. Students who raise money for the American Heart Association receive thank you gifts depending on how much money they raise. Last year we raised \$1,625. Our best year we raise \$3,207. Our goal for this year is to raise more than last year and to try and beat our best year. Please help by supporting our student's efforts to raise money for the American Heart Association.



**From the Library** by Mrs. Mather

### **Professional Books in the LMC**

The LMC has over two hundred "Professional Books" for use by teachers and other staff members. There are books on educational trends, teaching methods, specific activity books for different subjects (such as art, history, science, music, math), learning disabilities, IEPs, discipline, classroom organization and management, teacher portfolios, gifted students, Attention Deficit Disorders, reading, writing, citizenship, and more!

Some of the newly purchased titles are: **Addressing Learning Disabilities & Difficulties - How to Reach and Teach Every Student**, **Bountiful Earth - 25 songs and over 300 Activities for Young Children**, **Developing a Professional Teaching Portfolio - A Guide for Success**, **Great States Quilt Math**, **Make a World of Difference - 50 Asset-Building Activities to Help Teens Explore Diversity**, **Yoga for the Brain**, **Dyslexia**, and **Teaching Art with Books Kids Love - Teaching Art Appreciation**, **Elements of Art & Principles of Design with Award-Winning Children's Books**. The teachers of the Almond-Bancroft School District are continually looking at ways to improve their teaching methods and keep up with current educational trends!

### **Bucks Basketball Reading Challenge**

The 2008 Bucks Reading Challenge is sponsored in part by the Portage County Public Library. Students who fill out the "official" form handed out by the public library and *read at least 500 pages* by **Feb. 22** will receive a voucher good for a free ticket to a Bucks Home Game at the Bradley Center. Some of the classroom teachers are encouraging their students to enter. Parents, feel free to sign up your students at the Almond Branch Library or the Plover Branch or the Charles White Main Library in Stevens Point. Thanks for your help in promoting this Reading Challenge!

### **January LMC Donations**

The LMC wants to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous gifts to the School Library Media Center during this past month: **Ed Poock** (calendar with motivational quotations), **Mickey VanErt** (a conservation calendar), **Danielle Manock** (a set of "I Wonder Why" - a children's encyclopedia), **Julia Swan** (a calendar and magazines), **Missy Henske** (maps of Wisconsin & Portage County, an Urban Area Map, and a Trails & Wellness Guide), **Michael Mather** (calendars with wildlife and nature photos), **Lynn Hintz** (photography magazines), the **Wisconsin Department of Administration** (the newest **Wisconsin Blue Book**), and **Eileen Lucas** (**The Ojibwas: People of the Northern Forests**; she is the author of this informative resource book). Thank you all for your donations!

### **Booster Club News** by Renee Hunkins

Basketball season is well underway for our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. We recently hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls tournament. Despite the below zero temperatures we had a fantastic turnout. Athletes and their families traveled from as far as Rosholt, Waupaca, Pittsville, Winneconne, and Wautoma to name a few.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we have the privilege of hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls tournament. This year we will have 15+ teams participating each day. This means at least 12 hours of basketball. This size tournament requires a great deal of man power and woman power. If you would like to help we would greatly appreciate it.

As you know the Booster Club has made several significant purchases for our athletes in the past few years – our main fundraisers are the basketball tournaments – so if you could help support us by attending the tournaments and visiting our concession stand or donating an hour or two of your time it would be greatly appreciated.

As an update to what the Booster Club is doing – we are in the planning stages to make improvements at our athletic complex North of the school. Some suggestions have been the addition of permanent bleachers to the football field, new portable bleachers for the baseball and softball fields, new outfields for the baseball and softball fields as well as underground sprinklers to help maintain those fields. If you have any other suggestions, resources that may be available to us, or would like to help with this project – we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact one of the members, send us an email through the link on the school web page or attend our monthly meeting which is held at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Board Room.

Thank you for your continued support: Jeff Yonke and Randy Yonke, Co-Presidents; Karen Warner, Treasurer; and Renee Hunkins, Secretary

**News from the Spanish Department**  
by Mrs. Vann



In an effort to promote global awareness, bilingual literacy and multi-cultural appreciation throughout the Almond-Bancroft School students in High School Spanish classes worked in collaborative groups to share a story and activity with students in the elementary classes. Students read bilingual Spanish/English books and taught elementary students a few Spanish words. Everyone involved made many positive comments. One student said, “It was cool the way the elementary kids looked up to us in the high school. I never knew they thought we were giants until I heard them talking about how big we were in their eyes. It was nice to get down on their level and read with them in Spanish and English.” Students who speak Spanish at home who are learning English in the elementary classes thought it was fun to hear English students speaking Spanish. They realized it’s okay to have fun learning a language whether or not you make a few mistakes along the way.

If you or anyone else you know would like to volunteer reading time in English or Spanish with our students please feel free to contact Lisa Vann, the Spanish Teacher and English Language Learners Coordinator, at 715-366-2941 Ext. 320. A special thank you goes out to teachers in our district who allowed this unique opportunity for our students to flourish.

**SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS**

A-B High School will deliver singing Happy Birthday Telegram to you 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 roll pops.

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

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

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

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

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

OPTION 3 \$15.00  Rose  Pops

Bonus Extra \$1.00

Bonus Extra \$3.00



**Almond-Bancroft School District**  
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**Meeting held in boardroom Almond School**

December 19, 2007 6:30 pm  
OPEN MINUTES

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**1) Call Meeting to Order by President**

Roy Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2) Roll Call-Establishment of Quorum**

\_\_Bradley \_\_Danforth \_\_Dernbach \_\_Ellie \_\_Guth \_\_Wilson \_\_Smith

*All board members were present. Administrators present included Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Members of the audience included Sandy Ciula, Mike Gerlach, Peg Doede, Brenda Ramczyk, Amanda Davy, Jean Evilsizor-Seim, Sandra Evilsizor, Randy Yonke, Jane Buckenberger, Renee Hunkins, Linda McLarran, Brianne Shackelford, Kayla Vauthier, Angela Shackelford, Alison Kim, Rylee Andeson, and Melanie Dahl.*

**3) Proof of Posting of Meeting Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84**

*Dan Boxx reported that the meeting was posted according to statute.*

**4) Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.*

**5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education**

*Sandra Evilsizor and Jean Evilsizor-Siem addressed the board regarding several procedures and practices used at school. The board listened to the concerns and informed those in attendance that a Question/Answer Forum will take place on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Almond Auditorium for any interested parties to attend.*

**6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

6A November 14, 2007, 6:30 p.m.-Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

*Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.*

6B November 14, 2007, Negotiations Committee Closed Session

*Minutes approved in closed session.*

6C November 7, 2007, Co-Curricular Committee Meeting Open and Closed Session Meeting

*Minutes approved in closed session.*

6D November 13, 2007, Food Service Committee Meeting Open session

*Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.*

**7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable**

*Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Gary Smith to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 6-0.*

**8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items**

8A District Administrator Report

*Notices were sent to the townships and newspapers for board elections. Jerry Dernbach is at-large, Gary Smith is at-large, and Carol Ellie is the representative for the towns of Belmont, Oasis, and Rose. Mr. Boxx will be at the WASB meeting the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Dernbach, Cathy Guth, and Carol Ellie are registered and have rooms booked for the Board Convention in January. Discussion took place regarding the revenue limit amount for the 2008-09 school year.*

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

*Bancroft School-luncheon for parents and 4K program. Almond Ele. School- Cindy Wills-Masters Degree, Ele concert, Caroling in the community. Secondary Schools- 9<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Madison, both the MS & HS programs were excellent, Student Council activity and movie, food drive/door decorating..*

Updates on programs

*REACH-collaboration meetings are going well. RTI-A new approach to handling students needs-staff will attend training sessions and in-service will be provided. Booster Club-donated a 50-inch plasma TV with mount for weight room. A.C.E.S.-A new club designed to provide experience in outdoor adventures for grade 9-11, advisors, Mrs. Ramczyk and Ms. Davy.*

**9) Policy Development and Review**

9A Second reading of 600 series Fiscal Management

*Motion by Deb Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve the second reading of the 600 series Fiscal Management policies. Motion carried 6-0.*

**10) Action Items**

10A Recommendation for fall coaching contracts

*Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve contracts as presented. Motion carries 5-1 (Guth voting NO. Guth clarified her vote to state she approved all positions excepting Head Volleyball.).*

10B Adoption of School Forest Plan

*Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Cathy Guth to table plan until the January meeting. Motion passed 6-0.*

10C Approval of Play Accompanist-Crystal Frank

*Motion by Cathy Guth, second Jerry Dernbach to approve contract for Crystal Frank. Motion carried 6-0*

10D Booster Club to solicit donations for football bleachers.

*Motion by Gary Smith, second by Deb Bradley to approve the Booster Club raising money for the purchase of football bleachers to be placed at Connor Field. Motion carried 6-0*

#### 11) Items for Signatures

11A Approval of meeting minutes

#### 12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

12A Food Service/Student Activity Fund meeting Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

12B Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

12C WASB Convention-Milwaukee January 23-25

#### 13) Roll Call-Adjournment to Closed Session

Consideration for movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Possible discussion of coaching staff and professional staff (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. AAEA update and vote to ratify ABESPA contract, non-union support staff (f) Considering financial, medical, social or person histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigations of charges against specific persons except where par. B applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to –in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Family leave request for 08-09.

*Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jeanette Wilson to adjourn to closed session at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.*

#### 14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary.

*Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Debbie Bradley to return to open session at 7:43 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.*

*Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve closed session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.*

#### 15) Adjournment

*Motion by Gary Smith, second by Cathy Guth to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.*

Attention Parents / Grandparents

Your **BOX TOPS** are needed. Please send in all collected Box Tops to your child's teacher by February 14th. The P.I.E. organization will collect them and send them in so we can receive the benefits for this school year.

Please continue to collect and support your school as P.I.E is planning an Elementary Box Top competition between grades starting this fall 2008-2009 school year. Please watch for future information in the newsletter on the Box Tops goals.

Box Top funds have been used for the cost of assemblies, event tickets and busing costs for the students in the past. P.I.E. appreciates all your support, so please join us at our next meeting Tuesday March 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the elementary library. Any questions you can call our President, Trina Warzynski 366-2773 or our Secretary, Kathy Miner 366-2854

#### P.I.E. Minutes

On Monday, January 21, 2008 the PIE organization met and the following are the minutes of that meeting:

*Old Business:* Box Tops need to be post marked by February 28<sup>th</sup> to receive money this school year. To help promote this collection for the fall we will develop some goals and compete for an ice cream party. We are currently looking for a cultural event. We will contact Wautoma and other local schools to see if we can piggy-back with them.

*New Business:* Milk box tops will be looked into for another possible fundraiser. The Red Cross will be conducting a babysitting class this spring. More details to follow. The senior Tea was discussed with the date being purposed. The organization will provide aprons again this year to each senior girl.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 4, 2008** at 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary LMC. Please plan to attend.

## Health and Wellness Corner by Renee Hunkins

### Children's snacks: 20 tips for healthier snacking from the Mayo Clinic

Snacking is a major pastime for many kids – and it isn't necessarily bad. Snacking can help your children curb hunger throughout the day, as well as provide energy and nutrients. But the quality of your children's snacks is key. Consider these 20 tips for healthier snacking.

**Give your kids a say.** Offer comparable choices, such as regular or frozen yogurt, celery or carrots, whole-grain toast or whole-grain crackers, apples or oranges. Better yet, recruit your children's help at the grocery store when you're selecting snacks or in the kitchen when you're assembling snacks.

**Designate a snacking zone.** Restrict snacking to the kitchen. You'll save your children countless calories from mindless munching in front of the TV.

**Make it quick.** If your children need to snack on the go, think beyond a bag of potato chips. Offer string cheese, yogurt sticks, cereal bars or other drip-free items.

**Don't be fooled by labeling gimmicks.** Foods marketed as low fat or fat-free can still be high in calories. Likewise, foods touted as cholesterol-free can still be high in fat, saturated fat and sugar. Check nutrition labels to find out the whole story.

**Go for the grain.** Whole-grain snacks – such as whole-grain pretzels or tortillas and low-sugar, whole-grain cereals – can give your children energy with some staying power.

**Out of sight, out of mind.** If the cookie jar is full, your children will probably clamor for cookies. But if there aren't any cookies in the house, fresh fruit or raw veggies may seem more appealing.

**Play with your food.** Ask your children to make towers out of whole-grain crackers, spell words with pretzel sticks, or make funny faces on a plate using different types of fruit. Use a tablespoon of peanut butter as glue.

**Think outside the box.** Offer something new, such as fresh pineapple, cranberries, red or yellow peppers, or roasted soy nuts. Slice a whole-wheat pita and serve with hummus.

**Mix and match.** Serve baby carrots or other raw veggies with fat-free ranch dressing. Dip graham cracker sticks or fresh fruit in a fat-free yogurt. Top celery, apples or bananas with peanut butter.

**Revisit Breakfast.** Many breakfast foods – such as low-sugar, whole-grain cereals and whole-grain toast – make great afternoon snacks.

**Use the freezer.** Mix mashed bananas and peanut butter, spread between graham crackers and freeze. For a new twist on old snack-time favorites, freeze grapes or peeled bananas, or fill an ice cube tray with juice or pudding.

**Have fun.** Use a cookie cutter to make shapes out of low-fat cheese slices, whole-grain bread or whole-grain tortillas. Eat diced fruit with chopsticks. Give snacks funny names. Try the classic "ants on a log" or make up your own.

**Sweeten it up.** Healthy snacks don't need to be bland. To satisfy your child's sweet tooth, offer fat-free pudding, frozen yogurt or frozen fruit bars.

**Pull out the blender.** Use skim milk, fat-free yogurt and fresh fruit to make your own smoothies.

**Promote independence.** Make it easy for older children to help themselves. Keep a selection of ready-to-eat veggies in the refrigerator. Leave fresh fruit in a bowl on the counter. Store low-sugar, whole-grain cereal in an easily accessible cabinet, and stock fruit canned or packaged in its own juice in your pantry.

**Remember your leftovers.** A small serving of last night's casserole might make a great snack.

**Drinks count, too.** Offer your children plenty of water between meals. Liven it up with shaped ice cubes, a crazy straw, or a squirt of lemon, cranberry or other fruit juice.

**Keep it safe.** Make sure your children's snacks are age appropriate. Never give foods that pose a choking hazard – such as nuts, raisins, whole grapes or popcorn – to children younger than age 4.

**Practice what you preach.** Let your children catch you munching raw vegetables or snacking on a bowl of grapes.

**Be patient.** Your children's snacking habits may not change overnight. Look for positive changes over weeks or months.

#### Cranberry-Orange Oat Pancakes

1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats  
1 cup whole wheat flour  
¼ cup all-purpose flour  
3 Tbsp packed brown sugar  
4 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
¼ tsp salt  
2 large eggs  
1 cup orange juice  
¼ cup milk  
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil  
¾ c sweetened dried cranberries

Preheat non-stick griddle. Whisk together oats, flours, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. In medium bowl, whisk together eggs, orange juice, milk and oil. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and stir to combine. Fold in cranberries. Drop ¼ cup batter onto griddle and cook until edges look dry and bubbles come to the surface, about 3 minutes. Flip and cook until bottom browns and pancake is cooked through, 1-2 minutes. Repeat with remaining batter

The Student Council is selling candy grams again!!! We will start selling January 28 and continue through February 14<sup>th</sup>. The candy grams will be delivered throughout these days. The Elementary Students can buy them before school in the library and the Middle and High School Students can buy them during their lunch hour. Suckers are .25 cents each and Chocolate Roses are \$1.00 each.

Not only are we selling chocolate roses we are also selling real roses!!! These roses we be delivered on Valentines Day! They will cost \$2.00 each. They will be a random selection of beautiful colors! Order form below. Order by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Roses \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

### Elementary Counselor & Positive Action News by Dawn Barber



We neglected to thank one of our community businesses that contributed to our coat drive. A big thank you goes out to Portage County Bank and again to all of the businesses and individuals who helped to make the holiday season warmer for many of our students and their families!

#### **WHAT IS COURAGE?**

Students in grades K-5 are exploring our new G.I.F.T.S. concept courage. In addition to identifying important Americans who exemplify courage, we are also learning that courage is not confined to extraordinary acts of bravery but to courage in everyday, ordinary situations that our children encounter. Ask your child how difficult it is to show courage at school when they see unkind acts among students who might even be their friends.

#### **GREEN POSTCARD RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for their gifts of character during the month of January; Cain Methfessel, Gabriel Banda, Blake Voss, Christian Noth, Jadon Solis, Macy Baird, Vincent Vasquez, Clayton Swan, Jarod Cieslewicz, Ariel Plaski, Cole Warzynski, Reegan Anderson, Kaitlynn Lehman, Jace Stuebs, Alex Zinda, Molly Turner, Brandon Hartman, Maria Vann, Maryah Cook, Noah Kollock, Alec Wiczek, Alex Spohn, Alan Reyes-Sanchez, Hattie Berry, Storm Schneider, Josh Flores, Ashley Takacs, Jared Sawyer, and Megan Manske. **GOOD JOB!!**



**ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER**

**Centro de Recursos del Familias del condado de Portage**

Almond High School Room (Cuarto) S325

Enter through Almond Elementary (Entre por la Escuela Elementaria

Numero de telefono ) 715-366-2882

February 2008

Hello, Bueno,

Bringing together moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, and anyone else who wants to access “resources to support families” in the area.

**PLAY GROUP**

Play Group provides a wonderful opportunity for your child to socialize with other young children and for you to talk with other parents you can relate to. Come as often as you can and relax and enjoy yourself while your child plays, has a snack, makes a craft and usually enjoys a story time. Wednesday 10:00–11:30 a.m. No registration required.

**JANUARY 23, 2008**, brought Mrs. Henske’s class in for a visit, along with some of our regular Play Group Gang. We had a ‘Great Puppet Show’ that explained “All about going to the dentist”. Everyone received a new tooth brush and a small case for any lost teeth. This will make it easier for the Tooth Fairy to find your special lost teeth. It was great and very funny. I would recommend as many new families as possible, come to these special play groups. They are quite a treat and enjoyed by the children and by the parents.

**Special Play Group** will be on Wednesday, March 5. We will all be meeting at the Central Wisconsin Children’s Museum, located in the Center Point Mall in Stevens Point. Registration would be preferred, but do not hesitate to come. The Family Resource Center will pick up any cost.

**COMING UP: It’s My Potty and I’ll Go When I Want To!**

Single session workshop on Monday February 18, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of ideas for potty training your toddler. This workshop will help you understand when your child is ready for potty training and what you can do to make it easier for you and your toddler. Held at Almond Elementary Certificates available Pre-register by Friday Feb. 15.

**WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT CLASS COMING UP ON MARCH 12, 2008**

**BULLYING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.**

This class will be presented by Laurel Hoeth, a teacher that has developed presentations on sexual discrimination and bullying for the Portage County School District and outlying areas. We will orientate this class for the 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Please come if you have concerns. It is difficult at times to get ‘Experts’ of such caliber, on such an important and relevant subject. Remember the date and look for updates in the next newsletter. We have offered this class in the past with very low turnout if we do not have considerable interest, the class will no longer be offered.

**SPECIAL NOTE FROM JAN**

The Family Resource Centers have had a small decline in workshop and class participation events. Our financial contributors would like to see more of an interest in what the Resource Centers offer for continuing education. Plus, hours are constantly getting cut. We would like to remain open, but we need to know that you are interested and want the information that we offer. The Family Resource Centers have closed in the Marshfield and in the Wisconsin Rapids area. We are fighting to remain open, but we need your help and your participation. So, we hope to see you at the Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center Events.

Also, we are in need of volunteers-students! To help with the children. Remember, your volunteer time can be used as a reference for that important first real job. Remember: The classes can be counted as continued education and Certificates are provided as needed. Here’s looking forward to a New Year at the Almond/Bancroft Family Resource.

Call me at the Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center at (715)366-2882. Please call to pre-register for events, volunteer, donate items, or if you have any questions. You may also call after hours at (715)421-4635.

Jan Roth

Family Resource Center Coordinator

### **What is Public School Open Enrollment?**

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live.

### **Who may participate?**

Students in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Children entering prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education may participate *only if* the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and *only if* the child is eligible for the program in the resident school district. Parents should call their resident school district administrator to find out if their preschool-aged child qualifies.

### **How and when may parents apply?**

Parents must submit application forms to the non-resident district during a three week period in February.

*For the 2008-09 school year, parents must apply no earlier than Feb. 4 and no later than Feb. 22, 2008. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.* A student may apply to no more than three nonresident school districts.

Application forms may be obtained (after December 15, 2007) from the Department of Public Instruction (the address is on the back of this brochure) or from any school district.

**Can an application be rejected?** Under certain circumstances, nonresident school districts may deny an open enrollment application. These are:  
  If space is not available for the student in the nonresident school district.   If the special education program the student needs is not available in the nonresident school district or if space is not available in the special education the student needs.   If the student has been referred for a special education evaluation, but has not yet been evaluated or does not have a current IEP.   If the student has been expelled during the current school year or during the preceding two school years for certain violent conduct. **What if more students apply to attend than there are spaces?** If more students apply to attend the nonresident school district than there are spaces, the nonresident school district must give preference to students who are already attending public school in that district and to siblings of students already attending the district. After granting these preferences, students assigned to any remaining spaces must be selected randomly. **If the student is denied, will the student be placed on a waiting list?** Some school districts have waiting lists, other school districts do not have them. If the nonresident district has a waiting list, the notice of denial will indicate the student's place on the waiting list.

**Can a resident district prevent students from leaving?** A resident district may prevent a student who needs special education from leaving the district if the tuition charge for the student's special education in the nonresident district creates an undue financial burden for the resident district. If you have further questions about open enrollment for students with disabilities, contact the resident or nonresident district or the DPI.

**May parents appeal if their application is denied?** Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days after the denial notice is mailed or delivered to the parent, whichever is sooner. Late appeals cannot be accepted. The statutes require the DPI to uphold a school district's decision unless it was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

**Must students reapply every year?** Once a student is accepted into the nonresident school district, the student may continue to attend without annual reapplication, except:   The nonresident district may require each student to reapply only one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.   Under certain circumstances, a student who needs special education may be required to return to the student's resident school district. A student who is attending a nonresident school district under open enrollment may return to her or his resident school district at any time. However, once the student returns to the resident district, the student may not go back to the nonresident district unless the student reapplies during the February application period. (Students should be aware that returning to the resident school district may affect their eligibility for inter-scholastic athletics.)

### **Is there a cost to parents for participation in open enrollment?**

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open-enrolled students may be charged the same fees as resident students.

### **Who is responsible for transportation?**

*Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.* However, if the individualized education program for a student with a disability requires transportation, it must be provided by the nonresident school district.

Both resident and nonresident districts *may* provide some transportation, however, *nonresident districts are prohibited from picking up or dropping off students within the boundaries of the student's resident district unless the resident district agrees.*

Low-income parents (eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the federal school lunch program) may apply to the DPI for reimbursement of a portion of their transportation costs. There is a space on the application form to do this.

### **Can a parent select a specific school in the student's resident district?**

It is up to each school board to assign students to schools within the district, and to decide whether or not to allow intra-district transfers.

Open enrolled students have the same rights and responsibilities as resident students.

*The Wisconsin Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) has recently adopted new rules concerning open enrollment transfers. Students who wish to participate in athletics should contact the district's athletic director*



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

**February 4-22, 2008** – Parents must apply to the nonresident district. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

**April 11, 2008** – School district notices of approval or denial must be postmarked by this date. Parents may appeal the denial within 30 days of the day the notice of denial is postmarked or delivered to the parent, whichever occurs first.

**May 16, 2008** – By this date, school districts must notify parents of accepted applicants of the school to which the student is assigned.

**June 6, 2008** – Parents of accepted applicants must notify nonresident districts whether the student will open enroll in the 2008-09 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the student may not participate in open enrollment.

#### For more information, contact:

Mary Jo Cleaver, Open Enrollment Program  
Wis. Department of Public Instruction  
P.O. Box 7841  
Madison, WI 53707-7841  
1-608-267-9101 toll-free 1-888-245-2732  
[maryjo.cleaver@dpi.state.wi.us](mailto:maryjo.cleaver@dpi.state.wi.us)  
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>

Open enrolled students have the same rights and responsibilities as resident students. *The Wisconsin Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) has recently adopted new rules concerning open enrollment transfers. Students who wish to participate in athletics should contact the district's athletic director or the WIAA about eligibility.*



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 starting at 8:00 am Saturday March 1st. The program will run Thursdays and Saturdays for six weeks, ending on Saturday, April 5th.

Registration will begin at 8:00 am **sharp** on March 1st. Students under 18 years of age **must have** a parent or legal guardian with them to register. The cost is \$10.00 per student. After registration that morning, we will begin teaching the course. Students will be dismissed about 11:00 am. If you have any questions, please call Dan Folan at 366-8851 or Gene Reineking at 366-7863.



Thanks to all students, Mr. Young, Girl Scouts and Mr. Rykal for donating games to the cafeteria for indoor recess. We have utilized them quite a bit during the cold weather. We will still welcome more items, used or otherwise, as we have quite a large group.

Mickey Van Ert-HS/MS Aide



### Breakfast and Lunch Program Information by Pat Leary

Have you been laid-off, or had a cut in hours? Please read the enclosed application for **FREE** and **REDUCED** Benefits. You may be entitled to reduced lunches, which benefits breakfasts and **FREE** morning milk. If you are categorized as **FREE**, you will also receive **FREE** lunches, breakfast and morning milk for the remainder of the school year. Please send the enclosed form at your earliest convenience to Pat Leary. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pat Leary at 715-366-2941 ext 421.

If your household gets FOODSHARE OR W-2 CASH BENEFITS, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List child(ren)'s name, school, grade, and a FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number.
- Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

#### For Public Schools Only

If you are applying for a child that is HOMELESS, MIGRANT or a RUNAWAY, follow these instructions:

Check the appropriate box in Part 2 and contact [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator].  
Fill out application by following instructions for ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: Use a separate application for each foster child. List the child's name, school, and grade.
- Part 2: Skip this part.
- Part 3: Check the box and list the child's personal use monthly income, if any.
- Part 4: Skip this part.
- Part 5: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, including WIC households, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school, and grade.
- Part 2: Check the appropriate box, if any.
- Part 3: Skip this part.
- Part 4: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.

Column 1–Name: List the first and last name of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children living with you. Attach another sheet of paper if you need to.

Column 2 –Gross income last month and how often it was received. Next to each person's name list each type of income received last month, and how often it was received. For example, *Earnings from work*: List the gross income each person earned from work. This is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and other deductions. The amount should be listed on your pay stub, or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it (weekly, every other week, twice a month, or monthly). *All other income*: List the amount each person got last month from welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, (second column) pensions, retirement Social Security (third column), and ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES (fourth column). In the All Other column, include Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household, and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm, or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person got it. If you are in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative do not include this housing allowance.

Column 3–Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

- Part 5: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number, or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.
- Part 6: Answer this question if you choose to.

## FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FAMILY APPLICATION

### Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child)

Names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last)	School Name	Grade	FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) <b>case #</b> (if any). <b>Skip to Part 5 if you list one of the above.</b>
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**DO NOT LIST: Forward or Quest Card numbers; or Medicaid, SSI, W-2 Childcare case numbers. Please fill in Part 4 if you are not receiving FoodShare, W-2 cash benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits at this time.**

### Part 2. Homeless/Migrant/Runaway (For Public Schools Only)

If the child you are applying for is homeless, migrant, or a runaway check the appropriate box and call [your school, homeless liaison, migrant coordinator at phone #] Homeless  Migrant  Runaway

### Part 3. Foster Child

If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check this box  and then list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Skip to Part 5.

### Part 4. Total Household Gross Income—You must tell us how much and how often

1. Name (List everyone in household) <i>(Example)</i> Jane Smith	2. Gross income and how often it was received <i>Example: \$100/monthly \$100/twice a month \$100/every other week \$100/weekly</i>				3. Check if NO income
	Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	All Other Income	
	\$200/weekly	\$150/weekly	\$100/monthly	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	\$ ____ / ____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Part 5. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 4 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the back of this page.)

*I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get Federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.*

Sign here: X \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  I do not have a Social Security Number

### Part 6. Children's racial and ethnic identities (optional)

Mark one or more racial identities:  Asian  American Indian or Alaska Native  White  Black or African American  Other  American Indian or Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Mark one ethnic identity:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

### Don't fill out this part. This is for school use only.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24 Monthly x 12  
 Total Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Per:  Week,  Every 2 Weeks,  Twice A Month,  Month,  Year Household size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Categorical Eligibility: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility: Free Reduced Denied Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Temporary: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_ (expires after \_\_\_\_\_ days)  
 Determining Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Confirming Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Follow-up Official's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2007-2008						
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	
1	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$756	\$698	\$349	
2	24,420	2,035	1,018	940	470	
3	30,710	2,560	1,280	1,182	591	
4	37,000	3,084	1,542	1,424	712	
5	43,290	3,608	1,804	1,665	833	
6	49,580	4,132	2,066	1,907	954	
7	55,870	4,656	2,328	2,149	1,075	
8	62,160	5,180	2,590	2,391	1,196	
Each Additional person:	6,290	525	263	242	121	

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Food Share Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (W-2 cash benefits) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations on of program rules.

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28	Monday	29	Tuesday	30	Wednesday	31	Thursday	1	Friday
									Cinnamon Roll, Juice, Milk

4	Monday	5	Tuesday	6	Wednesday	7	Thursday	8	Friday
Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk		Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk		Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk		Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Milk		Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice, Milk	

11	Monday	12	Tuesday	13	Wednesday	14	Thursday	15	Friday
Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk		French Toast, Juice, Milk		Egg Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Milk		Cinnamon Roll, Juice, Milk		NO SCHOOL	

18	Monday	19	Tuesday	20	Wednesday	21	Thursday	22	Friday
NO SCHOOL		Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk		Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk		Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk		Bagel, Cream Cheese, Juice, Milk	

25	Monday	26	Tuesday	27	Wednesday	28	Thursday	29	Friday
Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk		French Toast, Juice, Milk		Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Milk		Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk		Cinnamon Roll, Juice, Milk	

★ ★ **Notes and Announcements** ★ ★

February Breakfast: K-12 = 19 days x \$1.00=\$19.00  
Reduced or FREE = FREE Breakfasts

★ ★ February 2008  
★ ★ Lunch Menu ★ ★

**AlmondBancroft**



28 <b>Monday</b>	29 <b>Tuesday</b>	30 <b>Wednesday</b>	31 <b>Thursday</b>	1 <b>Friday</b>
				Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Pears, Milk

4 <b>Monday</b>	5 <b>Tuesday</b>	6 <b>Wednesday</b>	7 <b>Thursday</b>	8 <b>Friday</b>
Tacos, Corn, Peaches, Milk	Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Bread, Milk	Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese, Veggies & Dip, Applesauce, Milk	Chop Suey, Rice, Salad Bar, Pineapple, Bread, Milk	Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Milk

11 <b>Monday</b>	12 <b>Tuesday</b>	13 <b>Wednesday</b>	14 <b>Thursday</b>	15 <b>Friday</b>
Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Mixed Fruit, Milk	Salisbury Steak, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread, Milk	Chicken Stir-Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Pineapple, Bread, Milk	Submarine Sandwiches, Cream of Broccoli Soup, Pears, Milk	NO SCHOOL

18 <b>Monday</b>	19 <b>Tuesday</b>	20 <b>Wednesday</b>	21 <b>Thursday</b>	22 <b>Friday</b>
NO SCHOOL	Hamburgers, Potato wedges, Baked Beans, Peaches, Milk	Chicken Fajita, Veggies & Dip, Mixed Fruit, Milk	Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Cranberries, Bread, Milk	Pizza, Salad Bar, Applesauce, Milk

25 <b>Monday</b>	26 <b>Tuesday</b>	27 <b>Wednesday</b>	28 <b>Thursday</b>	29 <b>Friday</b>
Hot Dogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Milk	Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Apple Slices, Garlic Bread, Milk	Beefy Nachos, Corn, Pears, Milk	Chicken Patty, Tater-Barels, Peas, Peaches, Milk	Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk

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February Lunches: K-5=19 days x \$1.60=\$30.40    6-12=19 days x \$1.85=\$35.15  
Reduced K-12=19 days x \$.40 = \$7.60

## Alumni Corner

Recently, one of our parents suggested that we have a space in our newsletter to recognize our alumni and their success stories. Too often we forget about those students who have graduated from our school and went on to be very successful in their endeavors. If you know of a person who graduated from the Almond-Bancroft School District and would like to share their story, please feel free to drop us a line (pictures are welcome). We would be happy to include it in one of our newsletters. Please send the article to Melinda Davies, 1336 Elm Street, Almond, WI 54909 or email her at [mdavies@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:mdavies@abschools.k12.wi.us). If you have questions, give her a call at 715.366.2941, extension 422. Thank you. Dan Boxx

### What is an education worth?

Last week I had an opportunity to attend the Wisconsin Association of School Boards yearly conference in Milwaukee. One of the sessions dealt with how to keep students in school and what the benefits are. Recent data shows the following financial statistics:

Classification	Median Earnings	Difference over 30 years using classification of "Not a HS Graduate" as the baseline
Not a high school graduate	\$21,332	
High school graduate	\$27,351	\$180,570
Some college	\$31,988	\$319,680
Bachelor Degree	\$42,877	\$646,350
Advanced Degree	\$55,242	\$1,017,300

U.S Census

Currently government statistics show that almost 9 out of 10 young adults graduate from high school and 6 out of 10 high school seniors go on to college the year following graduation. How does that compare to our graduates? Almond-Bancroft's numbers for 2007 graduates show that 37% enrolled in a 4 year college program, 20% into a technical (2 year) program, 2% into the military and 43% into the work/other category. Looking at our 2008 graduating class shows that 46% are planning on attending a 4 or 2-year college program.


We know that college is not for everyone, but we also know that for some families it is very difficult to afford the cost of a college program. Part of Governor Doyle's budget included the Wisconsin Covenant. Governor Doyle states, "The Wisconsin Covenant will make college more affordable for hard-working students and their families, but it is about much more than that. It's about raising standards, rewarding hard work, and motivating students. Too many kids today think that college is just some distant abstraction, or something that only rich people do. Doyle continues, "Our goal is to make sure every young person knows that if he or she works hard, college will be an option for them. If they do their part, we'll do ours". The Wisconsin Covenant is for students who:

- Are currently in the 8th grade?
- Is a Wisconsin resident and who attends school in Wisconsin?
- Plans to graduate from a Wisconsin high school?
- Is thinking about going to school after high school?
- Is willing to work hard and do their best while you're in high school?

You can request a copy of the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge by calling 608-267-9389 or e-mailing [wisconsin covenant@wi.gov](mailto:wisconsin covenant@wi.gov).

If you are interested in other opportunities for post secondary educational programs. I would suggest you call our counselor, Ms. Sarah Spencer for more information.

## February 2008 Eagle Activity Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 GBB vs Bowler BBB @ Bowler	2 Wrestling @ Bonduel 9 am
3	4	5 BBB vs Tiger- ton GBB @ Tigerton	6	7	8 BBB @ Iola GBB vs Iola	9
10	11	12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15 BBB@ Rosholt GBB vs Rosholt <b>No School</b>	16
17 Bus Driver Appreciation Week	18 No School	19	20	21	22 GBB @ Marion	23
24	25	26	27	28 Kindergarten Registration 6:30 pm	29	

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