



*January 2011*

**FOSTER GRANDPARENTS AT ALMOND-BANCROFT**

January Dates To Remember

1/3-Classes Resume

1/9-Eagle Booster Club Meeting  
7:00 pm

1/17-Board Of Education Meeting 6:30 pm  
Bancroft School

1/21-No School  
End Of 2nd Quarter

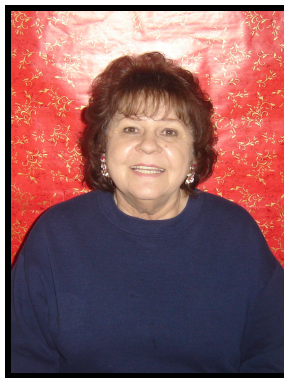
1/24-P.I.E. Meeting  
5:00 pm LMC



Our Foster Grandparents are a wonderful asset to our schools. They bring with them a wealth of experience and often a different outlook on life. They know of a world that our children will never experience except through the oral history that the Grandparents share with them. We truly appreciate the multi-generational perspective they bring to us. We also appreciate the actual daily help with the children...they are an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands that help our days go more smoothly. And what child doesn't benefit from more Grandparents in their life!

Thank you, Grandma Caroline Schmidt & Grandma Sonia Morgan...we love you!!

*-The Bancroft children and staff*



The 4K Foster Grandparent is Char Barber. She helps out with all of the children in the 4K - Early Childhood Special Education classroom. "Grandma," as the children call her, assists with art projects; cutting and writing skills; and basic concept skills (colors, numbers, letter recognition) for those who need just a little extra boost benefit from Grandma Char's one-on-one assistance. During rest time, Char often helps to prep materials for future art projects, stuffs folders, or helps to hang up artwork. During free time, she reads stories and plays with the children. She is a loving presence. She is always genuinely excited to be with the children. They look forward to seeing her every day and miss her when she cannot be at school. They absolutely love her!

As a teacher, I appreciate Grandma Char's participation in the 4K/ECSE program. Her supervision during free time and rest time allows me to be able to work individually with the children, or give attention to those who have higher needs. Her participation in the program enables those children who have no grandparents to have an adopted Grandma. But most importantly, her assistance has helped to academically and socially advance some of the children who struggle. Our program has benefited greatly from her contributions.

*-Mrs. Klinger, 4K/Early Childhood Teacher*



This is Mary Meddaugh's 16<sup>th</sup> year working as a Foster Grandparent in the Almond-Bancroft School District. She spends her mornings with the third and fourth graders. Mary listens to students read, helps them complete their assignments, studies with them, and helps keep them on the right track. She provides that extra one-on-one attention that is so important to students.

Mary said that the best thing about being a Foster Grandparent is, "I just like spending time with the children and the four fantastic teachers I work with." She also stated, "It gives me a reason to get up in the morning, and I really like it."

One of the fourth grade students commented, "Mary always helps me get my work done and she is always very nice."

Mary is a very important part of the third and fourth grade classes and we are all very happy to have her assistance.

*-Mrs. Karch, 4th Grade Teacher*



Grandma Pauletta and Grandpa Bob, Foster Grandparents with the Almond elementary, were featured in the December newsletter.

## High School Student Of The Week

November 15 - 19



My choice for student of the week is Brianna Kawlewski. She is an ambitious and self-motivated student. She has the ability to work independently and is always open to new ideas. I really enjoy having Brianna in class.

~ Mrs. Dernbach

## High School Student Of The Week

November 29 - December 3



My student of the week is Miranda Borchardt. She has done a fantastic job for me in choir! She is a strong singer and leader within her section and works diligently to learn her music. Miranda always shows up to class with a smile and a great attitude. During her time in choir she has become a strong and confident singer and I'm very proud of her!

~ Mrs. Frank

## High School Student Of The Week

December 6 - 10



My student of the week is Colter Stuteman. He has done an excellent job keeping up his grades so far this year. He is completing his work without having to be reminded and is turning it in on time. Colter also continues to participate in class and be respectful to students and teachers alike.

~ Mrs. Gille

## High School Student Of The Week

December 13-17



Ryan Sanders is an enthusiastic and conscientious student. He regularly participates in class by asking questions about the topic we're studying. He works hard to maintain his grades and always asks for help if he needs it. For these reasons, Ryan is my student of the week.

~ Mr. Gerlach

## Middle School Students Of The Month



One student is honored from each grade within the Middle School for their overall excellence as a student. These students are selected based on their overall academic achievements and proper behavior in the classroom. Achieving excellent performance for the month of October, the Students of the Month include the following: Michaela Wallace, Nathaniel Disher, and McKenzie Miner .

From the sixth grade we honored Michaela Wallace. Michaela is a hard worker that is always on task. She tries her best, and takes time with her work. Michaela is a very mature and respectful young lady. She is an ideal student to have in class and makes others around her better. From the seventh grade we honored Nathaniel Disher. Nathaniel participates positively in class on a regular basis. He is a very hard worker, and as a result of his effort he excels with his academics. Nathaniel is a deep thinker and a positive member of any class. He is always respectful and a great student to have in class. From the eighth grade we honored McKenzie Miner. McKenzie has a positive and bubbly personality and her positive attitude rubs off on other students. She is a great leader among her peers and is willing to help her fellow classmates. McKenzie works hard in class and earns exceptional grades. She is respectful and polite. Her positive nature makes her a great part of any class, and she is a joy to have in class.

Thank you for your hard work,  
Congratulations!

## 1st Grade Donates To Food Pantry



Starting in the front (L to R): Claire, Paige, Alysha, Gracie, Braden, Brandon, Adolfo, Austin, Andy, Trinity, Orion, Kaylee, Daniel, Olivia, Megan, Abigail, Ben, Ty, Arick, Shayla, Hunter, Gilberto, Alana, David, Robby, Mr. Rykal, Mrs. Ambrose, Dave Dampier & Mrs. Ramczyk

This year some excited First Graders from Almond-Bancroft Schools decided to spread some holiday joy by purchasing food items to donate to the local food pantry in Plainfield. Instead of purchasing gifts for a gift exchange, each child brought along \$3 to spend at Royal Supermarket. Before the First Graders made their trip to the store, they looked through the store's weekly flyer and made shopping lists.

The children were then able to take their bags of grocery items over to the food pantry. This was a great educational and compassionate opportunity for the students to be part of.

Thank you to everyone who made this opportunity possible. We look forward to doing this again next year!



## ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOLS HOMEWORK HOTLINE

### 366-2941

Follow the Voice Prompts

This service is for parents and students. This will provide students and parents the option to call the hotline to listen to a recorded message containing the homework assignments for that school day. They will be separated by MS and HS – listen to the voice prompts. Almond-Bancroft Schools hope that this service will promote better communication between school and community, as well as parent and student.



## ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

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



## Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

Wow! It's hard to believe that the Holiday Season is upon us already! Don't you just love it? I could do without all the snow and cold, but I do love all the good cheer and warm feelings everyone shares at this time of year.

**Chloe Lehman** and **Derek Baumgartner** are December's Safety Cadets of the Month. Both students are a real treat to have in the program and both are doing a wonderful job. Congratulations Chloe and Derek!

Next month the Portage County Sheriff's Department is sponsoring a swim party at the Stevens Point YMCA. All Safety Cadets that are in good standing at that time are invited to attend. More information will be sent home with your student the first week of January after we get back from our holiday break.



## **Foodservice Operations Compete in Healthy Recipe Challenge**



Foodservice Operations students are currently developing and testing recipes to enter the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) **Recipe for Healthy Kids Challenge**. <http://www.recipesforkidschallenge.com/> This contest involves teams of students in grades 4-12 creating healthy recipes in one of three categories (Whole Grains, Dark Green and Orange Vegetables, or Dry Beans and Peas). The effort is part of the USDA's *Let's Move* program, which is challenging school nutrition professionals, chefs, students, parents, and interested community members to create tasty, healthy, exciting new recipes for inclusion on school lunch menus across the country.

Samples of the prepared recipes were served in the school's cafeteria on December 13-15. Fellow A-B students will have an opportunity to rate the recipes. Afterward, recipes will be forwarded to *Kids Challenge* and reviewed by members of the USDA. Eventually, fifteen semi-finalist teams will have their recipes evaluated by a USDA judging panel during events held at participating schools. Recipes will also

be posted for online voting by the public to determine a "Popular Choice Winner". Winning teams will be invited to prepare their nutrition-packed meals alongside White House chefs. Grand prize is a \$3000 donation to the school's non-profit foodservice program. GOOD LUCK TEAMS!!!



## Almond Community Theatre News

ACT would like to thank all those who attended our 1st Annual Christmas Talent and Spirit Show. It was a very wonderful evening. The following are the prize winners from the talent portion of the show:

1st place (\$125.00)-**Daytonn Ammel**, singing "Christmas Shoes."

2nd place (\$100.00)-**Brad Manock**, Stand-Up Comedy.

3rd place (\$75.00)-**Maria Vann**, singing a song from the Grinch, "Where Are You Christmas."

Our next production will be in April. This production will be a comedy, we hope you can attend!

## "Wall Of Honor and Military Support" News: *From Esther Whitman*

### Still Supporting Our Military Personnel

Dannielle Manock and Esther Whitman are still sending boxes to our soldiers in the combat zones. We need names and addresses of military personnel currently serving. Even if you think we already have their address please let me know, I would rather have duplicates than not at all. We try and send boxes once a month. If you would like to make a donation of items to send they can be brought to the LMC for Esther to pick-up. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

If you have a name and address for us or if you would like to make a donation please call, 715-366-2941 ext. 305 or 366-2174. Thank you for help and support.



### ACES Members Volunteer in Menasha!

On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> a small group of ACES members braved the snowy weather and headed to Menasha to help out at the Heckrodt Wetland Reserve. The students worked at their *Christmas Gift Workshop*, where six different craft stations were set up and a gift-wrapping station. Members were responsible for keeping things running smoothly during the morning shift. Avery Faeling and Payton Hintz helped run a reindeer craft, while Hannah Lansing, Angela Iwanski, and Mrs. Negro helped with the gift-wrapping.



The students really enjoyed the experience. Payton even asked if we could stay for the afternoon shift. Students requested a repeat trip next year.

ACES would like to thank the Reserve for giving us this opportunity in such a beautiful facility and working with such wonderful people.

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



# SKI CLUB

Sponsored by

## Almond-Bancroft A.C.E.S.

(Adventure Club with Environmental Services)



December 2010

Dear Family,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of an activity A.C.E.S. is sponsoring that you and/or your student(s) will have the opportunity to participate in.

A.C.E.S. is organizing a Ski Club for all A-B students to partake in **at Nordic Mountain** in Mt. Morris on the following Mondays:

January 10<sup>th</sup>    January 17<sup>th</sup>    January 24<sup>th</sup>    January 31<sup>st</sup>

You must **provide your own transportation**. If you'd like to follow, we will be departing at 4:00 pm from the front of the school. We will be enjoying skiing and snowboarding for the evening. You may stay the entire time, or leave at your own leisure.

Remember to have all paperwork and money with you on the first night. If you are paying for all four ski nights you may do so on the first night or you can pay each time you come. **The cost is \$60 for skiing, rental and lift tickets for all four nights or \$10 for lift and rental & \$9 per night to ski.**

Thank you,

Mrs. Ramczyk and Mrs. Negro

Please detach and **return by December 23rd** to Mrs. Negro or Mrs. Ramczyk.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will attend the Nordic Mountain Activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of family members participating.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**January  
Eagles Athletic  
Events**



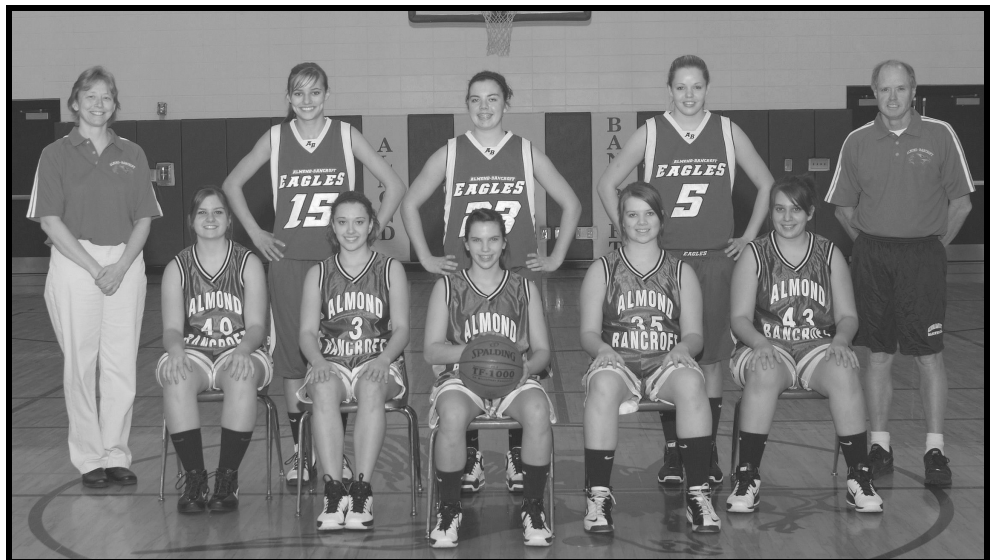
- 1/6-TC-AB Titans Home (Tri-County) vs. Amherst 7:00 pm
- 1/7-HS Boys BB Home vs. Marion 6:00 pm
- HS Girls BB @ Marion 6:00 pm
- 1/8-TC-AB Titans Tournament@ Wittenberg-Birnamwood Start TBA
- 1/11-HS Boys BB Home vs. Bowler 6:00 pm
- HS Girls BB @ Bowler 6:00 pm
- TC-AB Titans Home (Almond-Bancroft) vs. Westfield 7:00 pm
- 1/13-HS Boys BB @ Rosholt 6:00 pm
- MS Girls BB @ Amherst 5:30 pm
- 1/14-HS Girls BB Home vs. Rosholt 6:00 pm
- 1/15-TC-AB Titans Tournament@ Manawa Start TBA
- 1/17-MS Girls BB Home vs. Iola 5:30 pm
- 1/18-HS Boys @ Port Edwards 6:00 pm
- HS Girls BB Home vs. Port Edwards 6:00 pm
- 1/20-MS Girls BB Home vs. Port Edwards 5:30 pm
- 1/21-HS Boys BB @ Gresham 6:00 pm
- HS Girls BB Home vs. Gresham 6:00 pm
- 1/22-TC-AB Titans CWC Multi Meet@ Bonduel Start TBA
- 1/24-MS Girls BB @ Tri-County 5:30 pm
- 1/25-HS Boys BB Home vs. Tigerton 6:00 pm
- HS Girls BB @ Tigerton 6:00 pm
- 1/27-TC-AB Titans @ Wittenberg-Birnamwood 7:00 pm
- 1/28-HS Boys BB @ Menominee Indian 6:00 pm
- HS Girls BB Home vs. Menominee Indian 6:00 pm
- 1/31-HS Girls BB Home vs. Westfield 6:00 pm
- 1/31-MS Girls BB Home vs. Rosholt 5:30 pm

# EAGLES



## JV Boys Basketball

Back Row (L to R): Coach Bunders, Merrick Meddaugh, Ethan Yonke, Cody Meddaugh, Evan Pagel Front Row: Joe Beigel, Jon Turzinski, Derek Keenlance, Alex Crull



## JV Girls Basketball

Back Row (L to R): Coach Berry, McKenna Heck, Kayla Smith, Isabell Wuesten, Coach Young Front Row: Lacey Warzynski, Deziree Warzynski, Carissa Perzinski, Destiny Dykes, Abby Karpen

Team Photos  
Taken and Submitted  
By  
Lynn Hintz  
Photography

## A-B Sports Zone

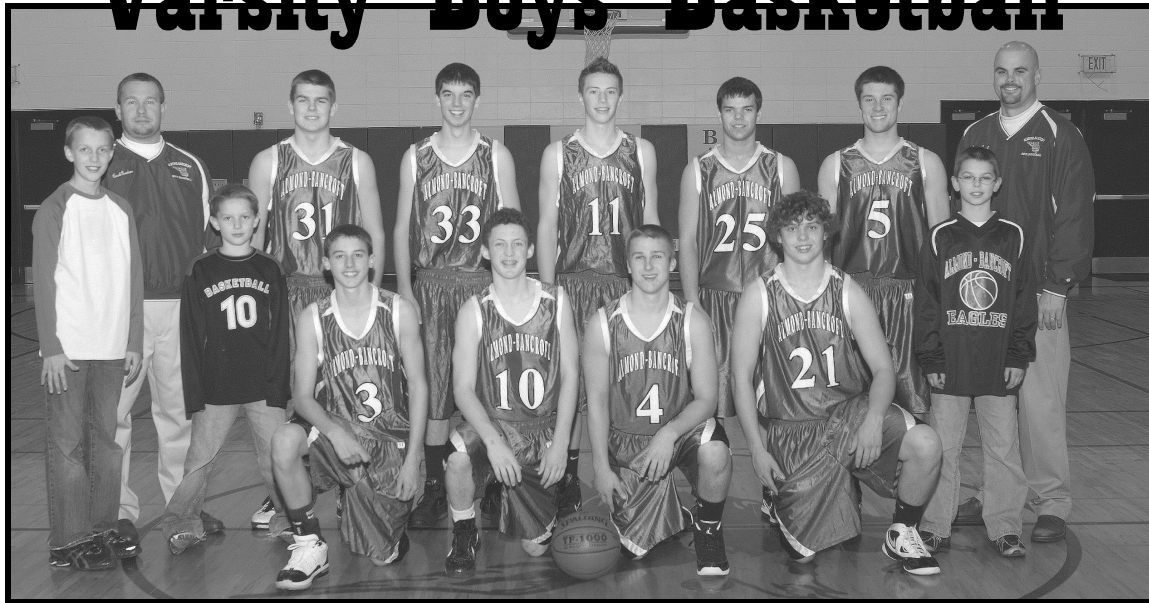


Check out the NEW A-B Sports Zone on the Almond-Bancroft web page  
[www.abschools.k12.wi.us](http://www.abschools.k12.wi.us)

On the homepage click on A-B Sports Zone in the menu bar on left . Select the boys or girls sport desired from the drop down list for schedules, stats, and other sport related information.

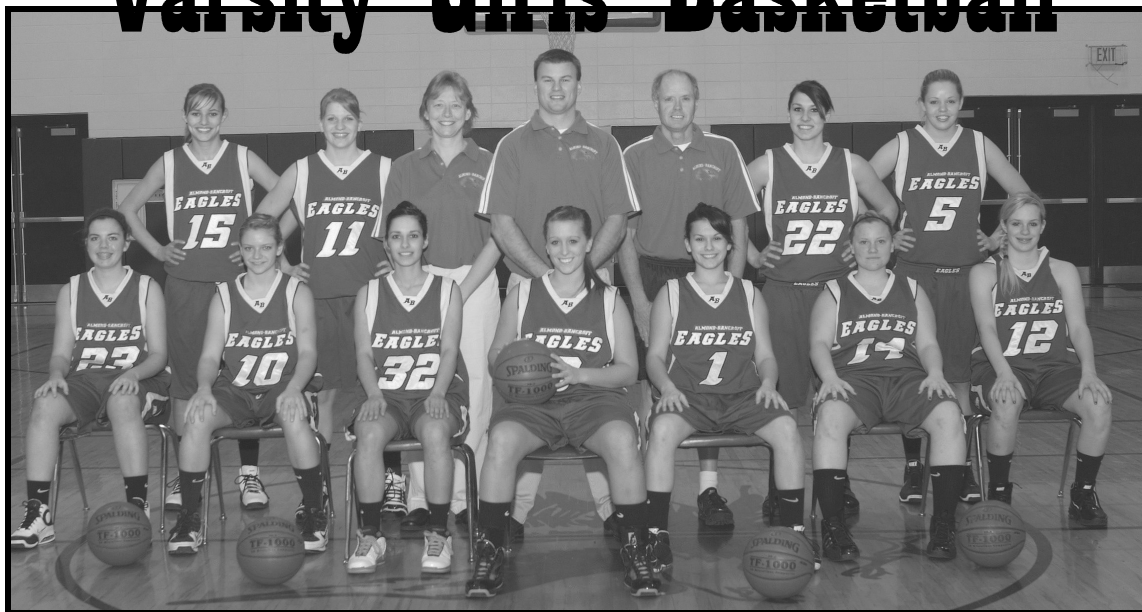
# Sport Light

## Varsity Boys Basketball

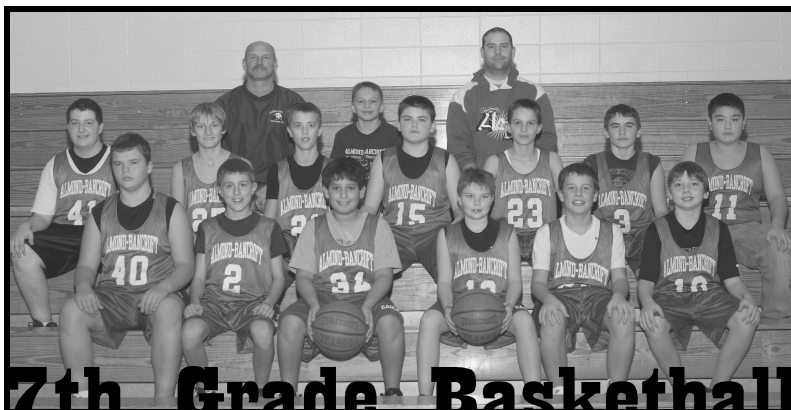


Back Row (L to R):  
 Coach Bunders, Brady  
 McIntee, Mason  
 Sigourney, Jeff Kollock,  
 Zachary Perzinski, Lucas  
 Meddaugh, Coach Lamb  
 Front Row: Manger  
 D. Bunders, Manager  
 Z. Bunders, Tyler  
 Bunders, Avery Faehling,  
 Brett Beigel, Garret  
 Warzynski, Manager  
 Lamb. Not pictured Jon  
 Pagel.

## Varsity Girls Basketball

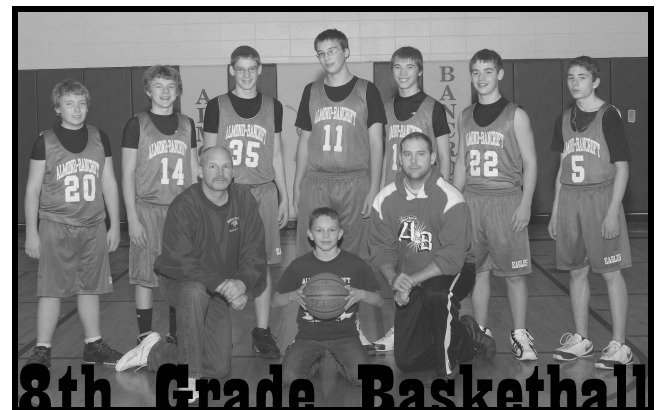


Back Row (L to R):  
 McKenna Heck, Danielle  
 Dahms, Coach Berry,  
 Coach Vander Laan,  
 Coach Young, Emily  
 Schude, Isabell Wuesten  
 Front Row: Kayla  
 Smith, Kiara Turzinski,  
 Deanna Felella, Mandi  
 Crahan, Stephanie  
 Rodriguez, Rachel  
 Penza, Rylee Anderson



## 7th Grade Basketball

Back Row (L to R): Coach Baumgartner, Manager Baumgartner, Coach  
 Dernbach Middle: Jordan Kealiher, Dylan Heck, Allan Zinda, Garret  
 Yonke, Austin Bunders, Clayton Swan, Taylor Kim Front: Cole  
 Warzynski, Johl Turzinski, Alex Karpen, Kyle Warzynski, Joey Crahan,  
 Nathaniel Disher



## 8th Grade Basketball

Back Row (L to R): Ken Cook, Reagan Anderson, Jarod  
 Cieslewcz, Colton Hintz, Anthony Hintz, Jesse Hunkins,  
 Nicholas Figueroa Front: Coach Baumgartner, Manager  
 Baumgartner, Coach Dernbach



### The Spirit of Christmas

During this holiday season we would once again like to thank the generous people and organizations who continue to donate books and other resources to the school LMC. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated!

This past month the LMC received a variety of items. We thank the following people for their donations: **Delores & Ed Kawlewski** (encyclopedias for classroom use), **Rochelle Schultz** (an assortment of magazines), **Marilyn Dethlefsen** (a donation of items for Library Club), **Ed Poock** ("Pakistan & Afghanistan - Journey of Hope"), **Don & Kathleen Lamb** (*Farm & Country* magazines), and **Pat Leary** (women's magazines).

As a small school LMC, we are particularly grateful to add these books and educational resources to our collection. The LMC staff, Mickey Van Ert and I, wish everyone a most **Joyful Holiday Season and a Happy & Healthy New Year!**

### Name the Allosaurus Contest

The winner of the dinosaur contest will be announced in next month's newsletter. Students in grades 1-5 submitted lots of interesting names for the fossil replica made by **Sam Spohn** and **Jon Ross Pagel**. The lucky winner will receive a miniature version of the Allosaurus, also made by Sam and Jon. **Brianna Kawlewski** and **Emily Schude** are working on the background mural for the Elementary LMC. The LMC wishes everyone a Dino-mite Christmas!

### The Top Titles at A-B School LMC

Here are some fun statistics collected by DESTINY, the LMC online circulation system.

In December the top fiction titles, those checked out the most frequently by students in the Secondary LMC were: **The Lightning Thief** and **Red Pyramid** by Rick Riordan, **Small Steps** by Louis Sachar, **Cracker: the Best Dog in Vietnam** by Cynthia Kadohata, and **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules** by Jeff Kinney.

The three most popular non-fiction books in the Secondary LMC were: **The DK Ultimate Sports Lists**, **The Guinness World Records: 2011**, and **The Brett Favre Fans Love to Love and the Brett Favre the Fans Love to Hate**.

The top Accelerated Readers checked out in the Elementary LMC were: **Arthur's Tree House** by Marc Tolan Brown, **Beach Day** by Mercer Mayer, and **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** by J.K. Rowling.

The three most popular books in the Elementary LMC were: **Where's Waldo** by Martin Handford, **Gingerbread Baby** by Jan Brett, and **Babyhouse: The Musical** by Jennifer L. Holm.

It's worth noting that over four thousand books have been checked out so far this school year! After a lull in reading several years ago, reading has really picked up - thanks in part to some fascinating new books, but also to the wonderful and inspiring motivation by great teachers and caring parents. Thanks!

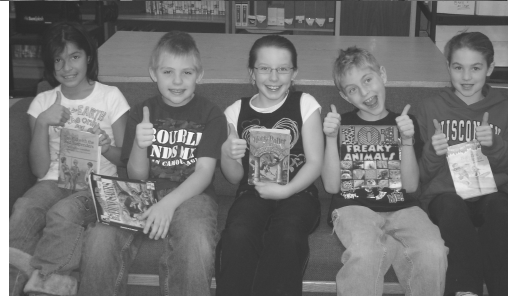
### Winter RIF Distribution



In December the last RIF distribution for the year 2010 took place. Students from 4K through 7th Grade, at Bancroft and Almond, were able to choose a book to keep as their very own - compliments of the federal government and the Almond-Bancroft School District. Four community members graciously volunteered to help with RIF. Our thanks go to **Bev Dachel**, **Leslie Burns**, **Doreen Zielinski**, and **Nancy Schulze** for coming in to help during the busy holiday season! In 2011 we hope to continue this great program. In January, **Jeff Rykal** will be working on the necessary paperwork to renew our funding for another year. *If approved, next year's RIF distribution will take place this coming spring.* It's a wonderful program that brings book ownership to many students and lots of smiles on children's faces.

However, RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) is encountering a huge funding hurdle with Congress, as the House of Representatives looks to vote on the 2011 budget. How can you help? According to RIF, "Your elected representative will listen to you because the voice of a constituent is a powerful tool." To voice your support for RIF, go to the RIF site and check out the "Advocate Section" of the Reading Is Fundamental Web site. RIF is the largest children's and family nonprofit literacy organization in the United States. At present, 80% of RIF's budget comes from the government through the U.S. Department of Education. Without the federal funding, there will no longer be free books for our children. RIF has been around for 44 years and its program of distributing books to children and other literacy encouragement reach over four million kids every year. How sad it will be if RIF ends!

Note: See the above accompanying photo of RIF Volunteer, **Nancy Schulze**, who is the mother of four A-B Graduates, not three as stated in a previous newsletter. Sorry for the error Nancy, and many thanks for your help over the years!







# Volunteer Spotlight



Volunteer Spotlight is a section of the newsletter to thank those volunteers who have given a little extra to the school district and our community. If you would like to nominate someone for this section, please contact Jen Schomer; 715-366-2941 Ext. 101 or [jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us](mailto:jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us).

## 1st Grade Parents – Volunteers of the Month!



### Thanksgiving—Banana Bread

The first graders made banana bread, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, to share with staff and friends around the school. The students were very fortunate to have many adult volunteers to help us with this project. The following adults were the leaders of the ten baking groups we had: Leslie Burns, Heather Burns, Heidi Iwanski, Jean Colombe, Lori Curtin, Kristin Deaton, Pam Zinda, Jamie Winn, Nicki Lukas, and Cathy Kunst. A HUGE thank you to everyone who sent in all of the ingredients too, without the assistance of all, these type projects wouldn't be possible.

### Piñatas!

A very patient group of 1st grade parents came into the Art classes on Monday, November 22nd and/or Monday, November 29th, to help each of the students make their very own piñata. All of the adults assisted one or two students in putting on their paper-mache covered pieces of newspaper strips to cover their balloon. This was a fun and messy experience, made possible with the help from our wonderful Volunteers, Leslie Burns, Cathy Kunst, Tim Lischka, Heather Burns, Andra Firkus, Heidi Iwanski, Pam Zinda, Kristi Hintz, Nicky Lucus, Jamie Winn, Lori Curtin, Jenifer Rendall and Robyn Potts. Thank you to all of you!!



### Eagle Booster Club News

The Eagle Booster Club would like to invite everyone to our **2nd Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament**. It will take place on **December 28th and 29th**. All Almond-Bancroft students will get in free of charge.

Happy Holidays!!

Eagle Booster Club

#### Tuesday, December 28 - West Gym

2:45 p.m. - Varsity Girls: Manawa vs. Stratford

4:30 p.m. - Varsity Boys: Manawa vs. Princeton

6:15 p.m. - Varsity Girls: Almond-Bancroft vs. Princeton

8:00 p.m. - Varsity Boys: Almond-Bancroft vs. WI Valley Lutheran

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# Community News

## Fit Kids Challenge Kick-off Event



All Almond-Bancroft students, grade K-5, will be a part of Fit Kids Challenge 2011 sponsored by Portage County CAN starting in January. Students will be receiving their membership forms and more information about the program early January. Fit Kids encourages students to be physically active each day. **Come celebrate the start of the Fit Kids Challenge on Thursday, January 13th, 6:15-9 pm at Iverson Park!** Get active in the snow with the two toboggan slides, four sled and saucer hills, and an outdoor ice skating rink. Bring your own skates and sleds; toboggans will be ready and waiting for all Fit Kids and their parents! The warming lodge will also be open for anyone who needs a place to warm up while you're playing in the snow! Portage County CAN will have healthy snacks, hot chocolate, and apple cider as well as door prizes!

**Presented by** Portage County CAN. **Main Sponsorship** by Ministry Health Care, **Supporting Sponsorships** by Delta Dental, Hostel Shoppe, Klasinski Clinic, Spectra Print, Team Schierl Companies, and Wendy's. **Participating Schools:** Almond-Bancroft, Rosholt, and Stevens Point Area Catholic and Public Schools.



## Continue Education Survey

I am looking for your thoughts and options on continuing education. Please take a few minutes to complete an online survey about the continuing education program. If you have any further comments, please contact Jen Schomer (jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us or 715-366-2941 Ext. 101) Online Survey web address: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BLL27WHFM/>

## Almond-Bancroft Community Members!



Middle School Student Senate is asking all community members to send in their favorite recipes. These recipes will be used to create the first annual Almond-Bancroft Student Senate Cookbook. These cookbooks will be sold as a fundraiser throughout the school year. Please send your recipes to Jen Schomer with your full name and complete, legible recipe. Recipes can be submitted through email (jschomer@abschools.k12.wi.us), dropped off at the main office or at home basketball games, or mailed to Almond-Bancroft School District, Attn: Jen Schomer, 1336 Elm St., Almond WI 54909.

**Thank you for your support!**

## Continuing Education January Classes

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

**Shopping on Craigslist:** Would you like to learn more information about shopping online, especially Craigslist and eBay? Come to the Almond High School on Thursday, January 13 at 6:30-7:30 pm in room 314 for only \$3.00 to learn everything you will need to know. Space is limited!

**Spanish Cooking:** Come and sample five different Mexican dishes on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00 pm in room 319 at Almond High School. Learn how to create authentic Mexican dishes for only \$10.00 per person. There are only 15 seats available, so reserve your spot quickly!

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

## SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

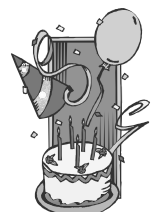
**Bonus Extra \$3.00**—4x6 Photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

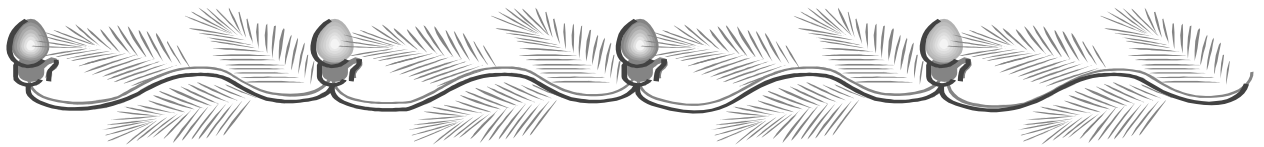
Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Bonus Extra \$1.00  Bonus Extra \$3.00





# Warm Up This Winter at the Boys & Girls Club



Almond-Bancroft Club Hours  
Monday-Thursday  
After School-6 PM

Don't forget the club  
is closed on no school  
days and half days.

Grades 1st-8th  
Welcome!

## Programs Available.

**LEAP.** Expand your love for reading in our literacy program!

**SMART Girls.** This girls only club teaches about being a positive and educated female.

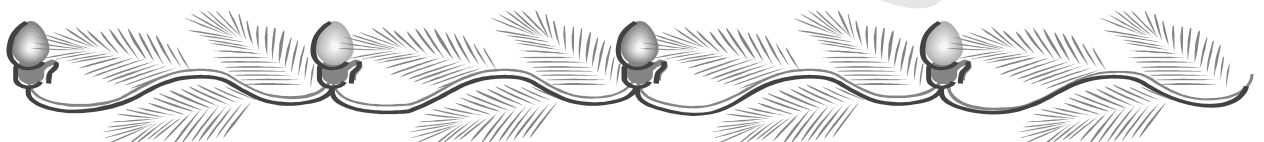
**Cheftacular.** Come and see what food we will be learning to cook every week!

**Jr. Staff.** Show off your leadership skills and lend a hand at the club.

**Art Club.** Are you creative? Express yourself through many kinds of art projects!

**Ultimate Journey.** Explore the outdoors and learn how to make our world a better place.

**Music Club.** Learn about different types of music and instruments with friends!





## From the desk of Pat Leary

Dear Parent (s),

The Holidays are upon us and I want you to know how much I appreciate you keeping your lunch bills paid up this time of year!

The Foods class has been preparing new healthy foods for the students to test if they wish. The taste testing included vegetables, pasta, and entrees prepared with different spices and flavorings. Be sure to ask your child what they thought of the new healthy foods.

Connie has also been trying to introduce new foods that are going to be within the new Federal guidelines.

Remember to send your child(s) lunch money to school in an envelope labeled with your child's name on the outside.

On behalf of Connie, Teresa, Amanda and myself, we wish you a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely Yours,

Pat Leary, Food Service Director

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## **Portage County Farm To School Program**

Portage County Farm to School program is starting the Harvest of the Month program in January. The program includes lessons in the classrooms, a tasting in the lunchroom, and implementation into the lunch menu of a featured Wisconsin product. The goal of Harvest of the Month is to excite students about eating fresh fruits and vegetables and to inspire them to try new foods. Students will have the opportunity to try a new local and seasonal item each month.

January's featured item will be sweet potatoes. Be sure to ask your students and children how they enjoyed trying the sweet potatoes. It is important to eat orange colored foods like sweet potatoes because they help maintain good heart and eye health, as well as promote a healthy immune system.

We encourage parent volunteers to help with serving the tastings, so please contact one of us if you're interested in assisting with future activities. Also, if you know any growers that would be interested in working with our program, let us know. Our contact information: Maggie Stremkowski [stremkowskim@co.portage.wi.us](mailto:stremkowskim@co.portage.wi.us) and Kelly Smith [smithke@co.portage.wi.us](mailto:smithke@co.portage.wi.us).

### **Collect These Items**

### **And Help Support Almond-Bancroft School Programs**

#### **MY COKE REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS**

The My Coke Rewards for Schools program can help students learn and grow by turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for accredited schools grades K-12, providing playground equipment, art supplies, sports gear, educational resources and much more.

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

#### **HELP US EARN PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE BANCROFT SCHOOL**

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

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

Thank you,  
The Bancroft Staff



#### **TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION**

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

#### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

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

To see all participating products containing the Box Tops coupon go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).



#### **JUNIOR CLASS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION & DROP OFF POINTS**

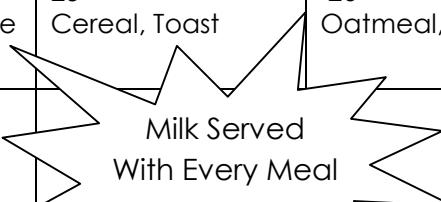
Drop-off points for donated aluminum cans are in Bancroft at Schmidt Metals and in Almond behind the school.

The Junior class greatly appreciates your aluminum can donations!



# Almond-Bancroft Menus, January 2011

## Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Cereal, Muffin	4 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Bar	5 Blue Box Breakfast	6 Oatmeal, Toast	7 Bagel, Yogurt
10 Cereal, Muffin	11 French Toast Sticks	12 Pancake Sausage Wrap	13 Blue Box Breakfast	14 Egg Omelet, Toast
17 Breakfast Bagel	18 Egg Taco	19 Blue Box Breakfast	20 Breakfast Sandwich	21 No School
24 Pancake Sausage Wrap	25 Cereal, Toast	26 Oatmeal, Toast	27 Blue Box Breakfast	28 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt
31 Cereal, Muffin			<b>Breakfast Prices:</b> Reduced – No Charge 4K (M-W) - 9 days @ 1.00 = \$9.00 4K (T-TH) – 8 days @ 1.00 = \$8.00 K-12 <sup>th</sup> grade – 20 days @ 1.00 = \$20.00	

### Morning Milk

\$11.25 Per  
Quarter

This month's featured vegetable from the Farm To School Program is SWEET POTATOES. Try them on January 19<sup>th</sup>!

## Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar	4 Chicken Quesadilla	5 Baked Potato Bar	6 Pizza Burger, French Fries	7 Chicken & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Bread
10 Beefy Nachos	11 Egg Rolls, Fried Rice, Fortune Cookie	12 Hamburger, Oven Potatoes	13 Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bread	14 Chicken Nuggets, Tater Barrels
17 Hot Dog, French Fries, Dessert	18 Chop Suey, Rice	19 Meat Loaf, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes	20 Chicken Fajitas	21 No School
24 Pizza, Salad Bar	25 Chicken Stir Fry, Salad Bar	26 Beef & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Bread	27 Frito Chili, Veggies & Dip, Dessert	28 Tacos, Corn
31 Chicken Pattie, Oven Potatoes	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     Vegetable &amp; Fruit Served Daily                 </div>		<b>Lunch Prices:</b> 4K Reduced (M-W) – 9 days @ .40 = \$3.60 4K Reduced (T-TH) 8 days @ .40 = \$3.20 4K (M-W) – 9 days @ 1.60 = \$14.40 4K (T-TH) 8 days @ 1.60 = \$12.80 K-12 <sup>th</sup> grade Reduced – 20 days @ .40 = \$8.00 K-5 <sup>th</sup> grade – 20 days @ 1.60 = \$32.00 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade – 20 days @ 1.85 = \$37.00	

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS  
ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ON APRIL 5, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the School District of Almond-Bancroft on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 25, 2011.

OFFICE

INCUMBENT

At Large

Charles "Jerry" Dernbach

At Large

Gary Smith

Town of Belmont, Rose, & Oasis

Carol Ellie

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Ellie, Clerk

Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers for the Almond-Bancroft School Board term are to be filed no later than  
**5:00 P.M. on January 4, 2011.**

Papers can be filed in the district office or with the school district clerk.  
Candidacy and Nomination Papers are located outside of the district office.



*The Almond-Bancroft Staff Would Like To Wish You A  
Happy Holiday And A Wonderful New Year!*

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