

MAY 2008

High School News: Students of the Week



Third week in March: Desiree Haviland was selected by Mike Gerlach, History Teacher. Desiree is a very hard-working and conscientious student. She always works hard to complete her work and is not afraid to ask for help or answer questions in class. She has done a great job in Economics this spring understanding some difficult concepts.

The fourth week in March. Adam Bradley was selected by Crystal Frank, Music Teacher. Adam displays an outstanding effort at all times. He comes to class with a positive attitude and even performs when he is sick. Adam also displays a great musicianship along with a superior showmanship. Congratulations!

First week in April: Cameron Olson was selected by Lynne Dernbach, Art Teacher. Cameron always shows enthusiasm for projects. He is very responsible and respectful and will go an extra distance to insure his work is good quality. The type of student one enjoys having in class.

Second week in April: Brandi Romo was selected by Sandy Karpen, Business Education Teacher. Brandi is a hard working young lady who tries her best to succeed. She is very nice to all her classmates and has been a great asset to me as my teacher's aide, and to the student body of Almond-Bancroft. She deserves this award.

*****Dates to Remember*****

- May 7 Athletic Banquet 6pm
- May 8 MS Spring Concert
7:30 pm
Science Fair Before & After
- May 12 Scholarship Awards
6:30 pm
- May 14 HS Spring Concert
7:30 pm
Science Fair Before & After
- May 25 HS Graduation 2pm

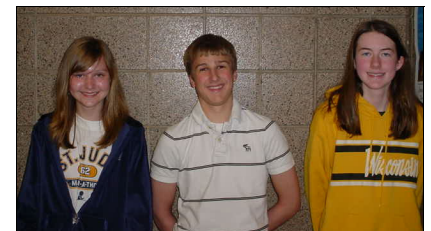
The high school student of the month of March is Desiree Haviland. She was selected by the staff.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS-March Students of the Month

Students were honored last week for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored Anna Perrin. Anna is a delightful girl to have in class. She has a bright smile and a wonderful attitude, and she is a very studious person who takes her learning seriously. She is a avid reader and is also well-traveled. She is well-liked by her peers and has a smile for everyone each day.

From seventh grade, we honored Brett Beigel. Brett has a way of lighting up the room with his contagious smile. He is a hard worker and takes his learning seriously, but knows how to have a good time too. He is a good friend to many students, and is also very polite, respectful, and courteous towards his teachers. He also excels in PE class.

From eighth grade, we honored Jeannette Colombe. Jeanette is an exceptional student. She works very hard and is very polite. These students were selected by their teachers.



**ALMOND-BANCROFT
STUDENT RECEIVES THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIP**



Adam Bradley has been selected to receive the 2008 Academic Excellence Scholarship by earning the spot of valedictorian of the 2007-2008 graduating class.

Academic Excellence Scholarships, established in 1989 by the state Legislature, are awarded to Wisconsin high school seniors who have the highest grade

point average in each public and private high school throughout the State of Wisconsin. The number of scholarships each high school is eligible for is based on total student enrollment. Almond-Bancroft, with a high school enrollment below 500, is able to award one senior this scholarship. In order to receive a scholarship, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis by September 30th of the academic year following the academic year in which he or she was designated as a scholar, at a participating University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College, or independent institution in the state. The value of the scholarship is \$2,250 per year, to be applied towards tuition. Half of the scholarship is funded by the state, while the institution matches the other half.

Adam has been very active in extracurricular activities at Almond High School including participating in the class government, National Honors Society, High Quiz Bowl, prom and homecoming courts, theater, forensics, basketball, baseball, football, band, and choir while maintaining excellent grades. Adam is planning on attending UW-La Crosse this fall and will be majoring in biology with a biomedical science emphasis.

Safety Cadet News By Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

On Friday, April 18th, as an added incentive, those Safety Cadets that were still in good standing were able to enjoy a movie in the auditorium. It was a fun time!

We have two trips to Wisconsin Dells coming up next month that are going to be a lot of fun. The first one is for the top cadets and the second one is for all those that are still in good standing. Permission slips for these events will come home at a later date.

We have two students who have really stepped it up to become April's Safety Cadets of the Month. They are Hattie Berry and Reagan Anderson. Congratulations Reagan and Hattie. Keep up the great job!



Kyle Bembenek has earned the position of salutatorian for the 2007-2008 graduating class. Kyle has been very active in extra-curricular activities at Almond High School including participating in the mentoring program, theater, class government, student council, prom and homecoming courts, National Honors Society, and yearbook staff while maintaining excellent grades. Kyle plans on continuing his education by attending UW-Milwaukee this fall to become an architect.

**BADGER
STATE GIRLS
NEWS**

by Miss Spencer
Junior, Carly Rast has been selected to attend Badger State Girls at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh in June this summer. Approximately 700 young



women from every part of Wisconsin come to Badger State Girls each year. The program is designed to teach young women about American's government and to remind them the importance of the Constitution, which safeguards the principles of American heritage – justice, freedom, and democracy. To accomplish this, the girls will be grouped into cities and counties forming a "51st State." For six days, the citizens of the "new state" will carry out all the main functions of city, county and state government using basic laws and fundamental procedures of the State of Wisconsin as their guide. This year, 2008 will mark the 67th session of Badger State Girls, and we are happy to have Carly representing the Almond-Bancroft School District.

ACT Workshop a Success! By Miss Spencer

On Monday, March 31st, Almond-Bancroft hosted an ACT workshop. This workshop introduced students to test taking strategies in the four main sections of the test (English, Reading, Math, and Science) and the writing section. They were given a testing experience in each of these areas and then evaluated to show where their strengths and weaknesses were. Students were also taught the importance of pacing yourself throughout the test and what an ACT score actually means. Twenty Almond-Bancroft students participated



in the workshop along with 6 students from Amherst. John Meinke, the Curriculum Consultant from CESA 5 who ran the workshop, stated that the group was very motivated and well behaved and all should do well on the actual test. Below are some comments written by students who attended the workshop:

“I feel like I am a lot more prepared for the ACT and this classes really helped.”

“I’m glad I had the opportunity to take this workshop. I learned a lot. I had no idea about what kinds of questions would be on the ACT until now. Thank you for everything!”

“I learned a lot of new information from this day. I found everything helpful. If I hadn’t taken this course, I don’t think I would do good on my ACT. I learned how to manage my time and that’s what is really going to help me in the end.”

“I thought it was very well coordinated and was very helpful to me. It was a good experience.”

“I liked that we got a chance to see what’s coming. I have a better understanding of what to expect and what to study. I’m not as scared going into this now.”

“Very good experience and makes me more confident for the test.”



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



Almond-Bancroft School District

will be hosting a

SPRING PEP RALLY

at 1:45 pm in the west gym on Monday, May 12th.

Featured guests may include members of the Almond-Bancroft pep band, MS and HS forensics, soft-ball, baseball, track, student council, National Honors Society, Spanish club, adventure club, show choir, 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 Pep Band.

Hope to see you there!!!

PORTAGE COUNTY CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The 16th Annual Portage County Cultural Festival is an exciting educational day dedicated to celebrating the ethnic richness that we enjoy in Portage County. Last year, more than 15,000 festival-goers gathered at SPASH to enjoy the sights, sounds and aromas of the ethnic food, exhibits, entertainment and children's activities.

The planning committee invites your involvement! You, your family or any school/community organization could help for a couple of hours or stay the entire day. You are guaranteed to have a wonderful time being involved in a great Portage County event! Set up is needed on **Friday, May 2nd from 3:00 – 6:00 PM**. Help is also needed on festival day, **Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM** teaching, sharing, loading, unloading and assisting others. There are many ways you can help out!

If you are interested in helping with this community event, please call, mail or e-mail Carol Okray (contact information below). Please include your e-mail address and/or telephone number, when you are available and how many volunteers we can count on.

Carol Okray
2241 OK Bluff Circle
Plover, WI 54467
Tel: 341-2699
email: cropccf@charter.net



The Read In was held at Bancroft on April 17. The featured author was Robert Munsch. The children enjoyed many activities and art projects based around Munsch's many books. Hot dogs, chips, design your own cookies and punch were served, and each child was able to pick out a book to keep!

Science Fair

Yes, it is that time of year again; the Science Fair is here. Parents and community members will be able to view the Science Fair projects on two different dates

The high school Science Fair projects will be on display May 14th before and after the high school choral and band concert in the science rooms.

For Grades 6-8 the projects can be viewed before and after the Middle School choral and band concert on May 8th. The projects will be on display in the high school science rooms. Come see the projects that the students have worked on this year.



A big thank you to the 3rd quarter, sixth grade Family and Consumer students. You were a super group of students to work with. Enjoy the rest of the school year and see you again next year!
Mr. Knepfel



A BIG THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all the parents and students for their cooperation in the change of our daily schedule. Many of you are wondering why the change.

The state of Wisconsin and the Department of Public Instruction have requirements that mandate the number of days and hours of instruction for students in Wisconsin. Our district does have the required days but we fall short in grades 7-12 for hours of instruction. The requirements are as follows; kindergarten instruction must equal at least 437 hours, grades 1-6 instruction must equal at least 1050 hours, and for grades 7-12 instruction must equal at least 1137 hours. In kindergarten through grades 6 we have more than the required number of hours even counting the two snow days and two early dismissal days. In grades 7-12 we fall about 20 hours short in the time of instruction when you take away the time off for inclement weather.

In an effort to make up this time the administration and members of the Almond Area Education Association reviewed options and together presented the concept of adding 33 minutes per day starting April 21st through the end of the school year. **In addition, school will be dismissed at 2:05 on the last day (June 6) instead of the 12:05 time.**

By making these adjustments we will fall within the guidelines of the Department of Public Instruction. Had our district not made up this time, we could have lost state aid.

For the 2008-09 school year, we will be adding 1 minute per class per day in grades 6-12 so that we have 2.66 days built into our calendar.

Again, thank you for your help and understanding. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Dan Boxx

SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

Summer school is back in the Almond-Bancroft School District starting June 9, 2008. As you can see from the class offerings there is a wide range of classes for students to select from. We encourage our students to take part in this fun and educational opportunity. There are two ways to register for classes; 1) by filling out the registration form (one for each student) or 2) by calling Melinda Davies at 715.366.2941 ext. 422. Students may sign up for more than one class if the schedule allows. To be offered, all classes have a minimum class size. Once registration is complete, parents and students will be notified of the classes that have met minimum enrollments and will be offered. Registration deadline is **Friday, May 23, 2008**. All classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions, please call Dan Boxx at 715.366.2941 ext. 418. Thank you. Dan Boxx

Summer School 2008

June 9 through August 7

Please take some time to read through the available offering we have for our program this summer. Check your summer schedules with the information below and select classes that will meet your child's needs. **Registration will be via telephone (366.2941 ext 422) on Monday, May 12, 2008, beginning at 8:30 AM or by returning the enrollment sheet included in this mailings.** Keep in mind that students should be registered in reference to the school grade they will be in for the 2008-09 school year, unless the course description states otherwise. If you have any questions, call Mr. Boxx at 366.2941 ext 418.



CLASS

Strength and Conditioning

INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Vander Laan

DATES/TIMES

June 9-August 7
Monday-Thursday
7:00-9:00 AM

DESCRIPTION

Students will learn how to safely and properly lift weights using the Bigger Faster Stronger (BFS) principles. Students will be tested on their dot drill, 20 yard dash, vertical jump, long jump, and the sit and reach.

For students entering 6-12th grades.



Reading and Math Wizardry

Mrs. Geisendorfer
Ms. Weis

June 9-July 31
Monday-Thursday
8:30 AM-12:00 PM

Encourage and provide enrichment activities in Reading and Math. Students will gather a better understanding and knowledge base for reading and math using board games, computer activities, cooking, and team building activities.

For students entering 6-8th grades.



Computers And A Career

Mrs. Karpen

June 16-July 24
Tuesday-Thursday
9:30 AM-12:30 PM

This course will focus on two software programs: Power Point & Publisher. The students will learn the basics of both programs while adding a career element to each. The Internet and WiscCareers will assist students in discovering different career choices that may interest them.

For students entering 6-8th grades.



Basketball and Football Skills

Mr. Bradley

June 9 - August 8
Monday-Friday
6:00-9:00 PM

Students will incorporate the teachings of Bigger Faster Stronger into improving their basketball and football skills. **For students entering 6-12th grades.**



CLASS

Having Fun with Reading, and Games

INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Kujawa

DATES/TIMES

June 9-July 31
Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM-12:00 9.M.

DESCRIPTION

Students will be doing many different types of arts and art crafts. They will learn many different ways to create art! Not only will they be creating works of art, they will also be focusing their imagination and creativity towards reading and books. At the end of the week students will be participating in a variety of indoor and outdoor games.

For students entering grades 3 - 6.



Exploring the Outdoors

Mrs. Schroeder

June 16-July 17
Monday-Thursday
8:30 AM -12:00 PM.

This class will be a fun, hands- on approach to learning about the outdoors. Class time will be spent both in and outdoors, as we will be learning about the environment, insects, animals, nature, flowers, trees, and outdoor fun. We will also be experiencing with different ways to enjoy spending time outdoors through physical activity.

For students entering grades 1 -4.



Fun and Games In the Sun

Mr. Young

June 9—July 17
Monday-Thursday
8:30-11:30 AM

This class will be filled with fun activities and games that will be physically active. Students will have an opportunity to improve their physical fitness & learn to cooperate with others. Section 1 will be 8:30-10:00am for students entering grades K-2 and section 2 will be 10:00-11:30 AM for students entering grades 3-5.



Are We There Yet?

Nicole Ambrose

June 9-July 31
Mondays—Thursdays

Join us for a summer vacation across America, tour each state as each day will be a new adventure into the location, culture, food, site seeing, and other great elements of each state. The teacher will give clues about the locations that will be “visited” during that day. Students will take the clues and try to determine where they will be traveling. Students will create projects that include landmarks, cultural events, scrap book of their discoveries, and journal entries. **For students entering grades 3-5.**



Tour The World

Mrs. Pagel-Rast
Mrs. Doede

June 9—July 17
Monday-Thursday
Section I 9:00-12:00 PM
Section II 9:00-12:00 PM

Join us for an exciting trip around the world-no passport necessary! Explore the customs, food, art, games, and history of various countries. Section I is designed for students entering grades 2 & 3. Section II is designed for students entering grades 4 & 5.



CLASS

Swimming Lessons

INSTRUCTOR

YMCA-Port Edwards

DATES/TIMES

DESCRIPTION

Lessons will be taught for students entering grades K-6. The bus will leave the Almond school at 1:00 each day and will return at 4:00 pm.

Note: **IF** there is a successful enrollment for summer swim, PIE will **NOT** be offering fall swim.



Band Lessons

Mr. Gingery

To Be Set Individually

Students who are interested in summer lessons should make arrangements with Mr. Gingery.

Summer School Registration

Student Name _____
Grade (as of Sept 1, 2008) _____
Parent's Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

Class Offerings

- Strength/Conditioning
- Basketball/Football
- Fun with Reading/Games
- Tour the World
- Are We There Yet?
- Reading/Math Wizardly
- Computers & A Career
- Exploring the Outdoors
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Please return by May 23, 2008

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Almond-Bancroft Sports Complex Improvement Project

We are soaring with Eagle Pride!!

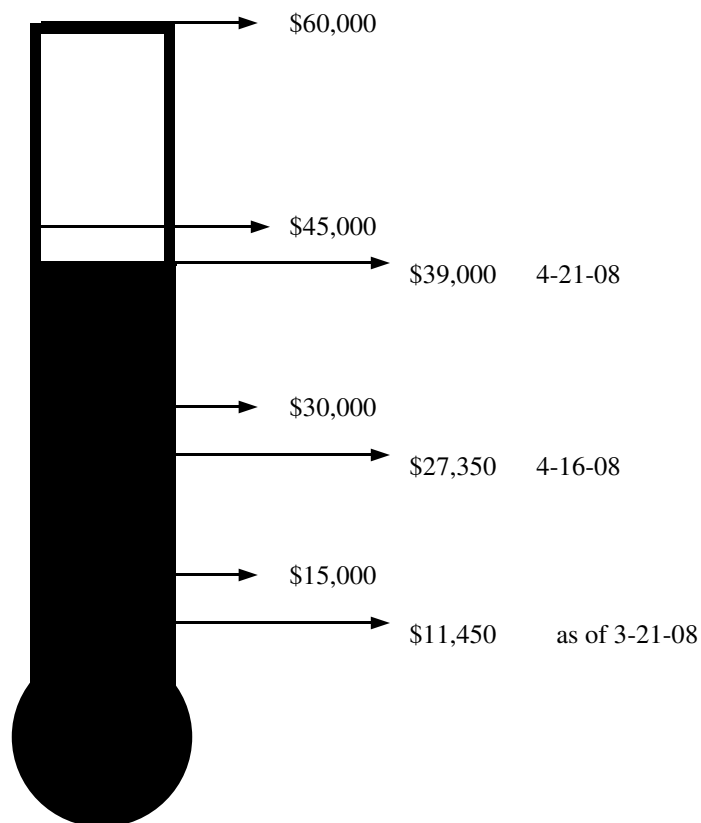
In the past month we have received a number of generous donation from our community members, alumni, and area businesses. On April 20th, we held a chicken dinner and sold 650 meals!

We would like to thank our student athletes who sold a majority of our tickets. We offered a pizza party to the group that sold the most tickets-the 6th grade athletes sold 67 tickets, 7th grade sold 40 tickets, 8th grade sold 36 tickets, high school male athletes sold 179 tickets and the high school female athletes sold 109 tickets. We thought all of your efforts were phenomenal and would like to congratulate the 6th grade athletes and the high school male athletes on winning the pizza party!!

We would also like to thank the following people for all of their help with the chicken dinner: Almond American Legion, Turzinski Poultry, Ken Gendusa, Cindy Brandl, Connie Kaehn, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thrivent Financial, Bancroft Lions, Rod Turzinski, Craig Newby, Genene Bunders, Jeanette Wilson, Farmhouse Restaurant, Carol Smith, Nancy Seaman, Janice Newby, Debbie Yonke, Fuel Stop and to all of the student athletes who came to help!!

What does all of this mean? We are steadily working towards our goal, but we still have some funds to raise. We are hoping to have the bleachers installed in time for the first football game and the sprinkler systems to follow shortly after that. Which means we need to fill our thermometer within the next month to meet the first home game deadline.

We could not have made this progress without the support of each and every one of you.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY by Karin Mather

Celebrate!

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is a celebration of children, families, and reading held annually on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Celebremos!

El 30 de abril es una fecha muy significativa para los niños. Se celebra el día de los niños y de los libros. Esta celebración se conoce como El día de los niños/ El día de los libros, y celebra la alegría y las maravillas de la infancia y la importancia de los libros en nuestra vida.

This American celebration is modeled after the National Children's Day Celebrations held in Mexico since 1925. The National Children's Day/Book Day was started in the U.S. in 1996. According to the founder, poet and children's author, Pat Mora, "There is not only a global society outside of the United States, but also one within the United States."

To help support multicultural literacy, the LMC has a special collection of Spanish books which includes titles from all age levels: early childhood to adult. There are fiction and nonfiction books. There are history books and travel books. There are books in Spanish with companion volumes in English, and there are also many bilingual titles. This month there are two special displays of the Spanish books - in the windows of the Secondary LMC and also in the Elementary LMC.

Some of the titles include: *Senor Felipe's Alphabet Adventure/El Alfabeto Espanol*; *Laughing Out Loud, I Fly - Poems in English and Spanish*; *Spanish Short Stories/Cuentos Hispanicos*; *Las Manchas del Sapo/How the Toad Got His Spots*; *My First Spanish Word Book*; *Family/La Familia*; *Little Red Riding Hood/Caperucita Roja*; *Historias de Mexico/Stories from Mexico*; *Spanish Bilingual Dictionary*; *Los Contrarios/Opposites*; *Spanish Math Terms*; *En Pocas Palabras/In A Few Words - A Compendium of Latino Wit & Wisdom*; *Las Chronicas de Narnia - El Lion, La Bruja y El Ropero*; *Cuando Tropece Contigo*; *Latino visions - Contemporary Chicano, Puerto Rican, and Cuban American Artists*; *Zorro*; plus many more books.

Nevelson-Inspired Artwork Donated to the LMC

Fourth grade students in the art class of **Sarah Ritter** have created fascinating sculptures based on the work of artist Louise Nevelson, a Russian-born American Abstract Expressionist Sculptor (1899-1988). Nevelson was one of the most important American sculptors of the twentieth century. Her art can be found in almost every museum in Europe and America such as the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. and the Guggenheim Museum in New York City. Many of her sculptures included wood assemblages which ranged in size from the small and personal to the large and monumental. The Elementary LMC currently has a display of similarly designed wooden sculptures created by the 4th graders.



One group of fourth grade students who worked cooperatively to make a Nevelson tower of cubicles have donated their inspired artwork. They are (in the accompanying photo from left to right): **Austin Bunders, Jordan Kealiher, Shayla Newby, Carlos Cabral, Johl Turzinski, Kyle Merila, and Cole Warzynski**. Behind them is a photo of one of Nevelson's sculptures as well as their excellent example of her artistic style - an assemblage made out of wood which is painted stark black and consisting of intricate geometric forms grouped within box-like frames. A light shines on their artwork to emphasize the shadows and different shapes. My thanks to these students for donating this intriguing work of art to the Elementary LMC!

Spring Donations

This past month the LMC received many wonderful and useful donations which are greatly appreciated. Thanks go to the following individuals of our community: **Donna McIntee** (women's magazines and wildlife calendars), **Dannielle Manock** ("Your Big Backyard" and "Ranger Rick" magazines and a series of "Stanley" books by Jeff Brown, author of "Flat Stanley"), **Lynn Hintz** (food and photography magazines), and **Mickey Van Ert** ("Irish Legends" and "Celtic Fairy Tales"). All of these women have generously donated items throughout the school year. Thank you!

Colorful Mobiles in Secondary LMC

The Secondary Ceramics Class taught by **Lynne Dernbach** just finished making hand-crafted mobiles from fired clay. The brightly painted mobiles, a type of kinetic sculpture, are hanging in the Secondary LMC. Students could choose any theme for their individualized art projects. Some of the fun cascading mobiles are constructed of hand-painted fish swimming in the air; others have footballs, turtles, automotive themes, A-B eagle sports, and tropical birds hanging from fishing line. In the accompanying photo, **Ethan Warzynski** holds his John Deere Mobile with its green and yellow tractors moving through invisible fields. When you enter the LMC, you can hear the faint clinking of these moving pieces of art as they sway to the air from the ceiling vents. These windchimes are fragile hanging art, but they will delight everyone who sees them!



Middle School Bowling Trip by Mrs. Plaisance

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders earned a trip to Five Star Lanes in Plover for a morning of bowling and fun on Friday, April 18. Everyone had a great time bowling with their friends and playing video games. The teachers also had a great time bowling with the students who earned this trip through positive behavior during 3rd quarter. Hats off to the fine folks at Five Star Lanes – they did a super job of making our bowling party a good time for everyone!

Middle School End of the Year Trips

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will also be taking a trip to the Wisconsin Dells on June 4. They will be visiting Mount Olympus to ride the ancient Greek-themed roller coasters and go karts. Students who have demonstrated positive behavior will be taking the trip – we will leave school at approximately 8:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. that evening. (Parents should arrange for transportation).

The following day, June 5 will be spent at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station on beautiful Sunset Lake near Amherst. We will stay all day and participate in environmental education activities with staff from CWES. We are looking forward to the fine learning environment and recreational activities provided by CWES – it should be a fun day! Students will again be departing from school at 8:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 5:00 p.m., so parents will need to make arrangements to pick up their student that evening as well.

Spring Athletic Banquet by Mr. Gerlach

The spring athletic awards banquet has been scheduled for **Wednesday, May 7th, at the Legion Hall, dinner at 6:00PM**, ceremony to follow. I will be sending the awards/nominations info soon. I am also looking for a guest speaker, so if you have any names, numbers, or ideas let me know! Please RSVP to Sandy Barden at 366-2941 ext. 329.

2008 Youth Football & Cheerleading

Grades 3-6 for the 08-09 School year. Join your friends and be a Hawk. Please attend the second sign up for youth football and cheerleading. You must be 8 years old by September 1, 2008. Sign up is Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 6:00 in the Almond School Cafeteria. Football fees \$65 cheerleading fees \$45. Any questions you can contact Rod Vezina 366-4765 or Brad Baumgartner 366-4900.

Almond-Bancroft School District
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting held at the Almond School
March 19th, 2008 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 were Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper, was present. Members of the audience included Renee Hunkins, Matthew Bickford, Wendy Bickford, Sandy Ciula, Mickie Pagel, Spence Bunders, Sara Blokhuis, Amanda Davy, Brenda Ramczyk, Cindy Wills, Sarah Ritter, Bill Wagner, Jeff Kujawa, Alan Meddaugh, SuAnn Pagel-Rast, Karen Warner, Curt Lamb, and Andrew Bradley.

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 Debbie Bradley to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

Spence Bunders gave a progress report and estimated timeline for the Almond Bancroft Sports Complex Improvement Project. The Booster Club has raised approximately \$11,450. Letters asking for donations have been sent out to alumni and businesses in the area. Also there will be a chicken dinner on April 20. Thrivent Financial has agreed to match the funds raised at the chicken dinner. There will be updates in the newsletter and at board meetings. The Booster Club is hoping to have the money needed to move forward with getting the bleachers installed in August.

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A February 20, 2008, Regular meeting of the Board Open Session

Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Cathy Guth to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 6-0.

8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items

8A District Administrator Report

Mr. Boxx asked the board if they would be interested in having him looked into summer school for the district. The summer school could include gifted and talented classes, remedial classes, and basic skills for volleyball, basketball, etc. Mr. Boxx will look into the possibilities.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

General Building Updates

Updates on programs

Kindergarten registration is finished. We will have an estimate of the number of students by the next board meeting. Child screening and 4k registrations has been completed. Author Jim Pope visited the 4th grade classrooms and read part of his book "Everyday Adventures of a Farm Boy in the 50's". Every student received a copy of the book and a stick like pencil. The human development instruction will be complete soon for the 4th and 5th graders. On April 22nd Fast Horses will give a cultural presentation. There will be a Town Hall meeting April 10th at 6 pm. April 28th will be a strategic planning meeting. The dodge ball tournament last Friday night was a great time. There will be a music and band concert for the elementary students. Drama class will put on a play for the elementary students the 2nd week in April. The senior trip will be for 4 days and 3 nights, a Friday through Monday. Lamers was used for the itinerary. There were Internet Safety Presentations to the MS and HS last Monday informing our students about the dangers of the internet. April 21st to 25th is prom week. On April 22nd the Baxtrum Family will give a presentation on drinking and driving. The ACES group started by Brenda Ramczyk and Amanda Davy has gone on another ski trip. They also sold concessions at the dodge ball tournament. A hayride will be scheduled soon. Thanks to Amanda and Brenda for their hard work. Homecoming will be September 26, 2008 versus Marion. Pep rally will most likely be on Wednesday like it was this past year. We will need volunteers in April to plant the 7,500 trees that will be coming for the school forest. The HS awards ceremony is May 12th. We are in the midst of student schedules for next year and teachers are budgeting for next year.

8C Reports from Band and Art Departments

March is Art Month. Sarah Ritter gave a presentation regarding the importance of art in the lives of our *students*. *Art helps our students with the vital modes of seeing, imagining, inventing, and thinking.*

9) Policy Development and Review

9A Second Reading Early Graduation Policy

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Debbie Bradley to approve the Early Graduation Policy. Motion carried 6-0.

9B Homecoming Court Selection Procedures 373-Rule

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Carol Ellie to approve the Homecoming Court Selection Procedures 373-Rule. Motion carried 6-0.

9C First Reading of Series 700-Support Services

First reading of the Series 700-Support Services

10) Possible Action Items with Respect to:

10A Cesa 5-9 08-09 service contracts

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the Cesa 5-9 08-09 service contracts. Motion carried 6-0.

10B Approve Open Enrollments for 2008-09

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Gary Smith to approve open enrollments for 2008-09. We have 3 coming in and 11 of the ones going elsewhere are students that are in 4K this year. Mr. Boxx will be sending out questionnaires to find out why families are choosing to go elsewhere. Motion carried 6-0.

10C Goals for 08-09 discussion

Strategic planning is for the community and these goals would be the board's goals for the school district. They should coincide with the strategic plans but are different than the strategic goals.

10D 2008-09 Calendar

Defer discussion of the 2008-09 Calendar to closed session.

10E Approve Youth Options

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve two students for Youth Options. Motion carried 6-0.

10F Recommendation for long-term substitute

Jeff Rykal said that after holding interviews the best candidate for the long-term substitute position is Andrew Bradley.

11) Items for Signatures

11A Signatures for meeting minutes

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

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

12B Election Day, Tuesday, April 1, 2008

12C Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, April 10, 2008 Almond School

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. (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 contract update (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Grievance update

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Carol Ellie to adjourn to closed session at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, seconded by Gary Smith to return to open session. Roll call vote 7-0.

14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary

Motion by Debbie Bradley, seconded by Jerry Dernbach to table decision on 2008-09 calendar until the April 16, 2008 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

15) Adjournment

Motion by Debbie Bradley, seconded by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

CONGRATULATIONS

You make us Proud-Third Quarter Honorees

The following students were honored for a "clean" strike card. No strikes all quarter. From sixth grade: Kayla Smith, Anna Perin, Abigail Karpen, Meghan Varga, Tisan Barid, McKenna Heck, Jewel Matke, Hannah Lansing, Aiden Rock, Sarai Barraza, Joe Beigel, Angela Iwanski, Ethan Yonke, Cody Meddaugh, Payton Hintz, Alexander Crull, and Carissa Perzinski. Seventh grade: Destiny Dykes, Heather Merila, Sam Borchardt, Kiara Turzinski, Baylee Voss, Marissa Warzynski, Mary Zak, Jennifer Hunkins, Jon Turzinski, Kristen Hafferman, and Brett Beigel. Eighth grade: Tyler Bunders, Morgan Baar, Brady McIntee, Sorcia Rock, Jeanette Colombe, Brandon Lehman, AJ Ellie, Jon Pagel, Danielle Dahms, Angela Shackelford, Camaro Schneider, Yordecy Lopez, and Nicole Stricker. We are so proud of you for fulfilling our student expectations by being responsible and respect our school and yourself. CONGRATULATIONS!



News From the Music Department

March was Music in Our Schools Month and that is a time when we find different ways to celebrate music throughout our school. One way we celebrate music was by having a coloring contest for grades 1-3. The first place winner received a “Got Music?” pencil set, second place received a maraca pen and third place received a recorder necklace. We had many wonderful pictures entered into our contest with the most entries coming from the first grade! There were three winners chosen from each grade and they are pictured below!

Along with the coloring contest there was a poster contest for fourth and fifth grade. The poster had “I like music because...” and the students had to design the rest. We had many wonderful entries from the two grades and 3 winners were chosen in all. The first place winner received a Bobby McFerrin cd, second place received a “Got Music?” pencil set and third place received a maraca pen. Please see the winners picture below.

The winners were announced at a March 27 concert performed for the elementary students. At this concert the students heard a wide variety of music performed by secondary students in the ABHS Show Choir, ABHS Concert Choir, ABMS Symphonic Band (6th Grade), ABMS Concert Band and the ABHS Wind Ensemble.

We all had a great time, what a way to celebrate music!



3-1st Grade Winners
1st Place: Yulissa Banda **2nd Place:** Emily Takacs
3rd Place: Mitch Trzebiatowski



2nd Grade Winners
1st Place: Austine Avery **2nd Place:** Kara Cisiewski **3rd Place:** Isaiah Spohn



3rd Grade Winners
1st Place: Josh Schude **2nd Place:** Gavin Heinz
3rd Place: Carter Newby



4th/5th Grade Winners
1st Place: Deana Clark **2nd Place:** Brianna Shackelford **3rd Place:** Natalie Romo

SINGING BIRTHDAY GRAMS

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

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

Option 3: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noise maker, 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, Green, White, & Black.

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**

Elementary Counseling & Positive Action by Dawn Barber

Check Out Our Walls!

Thanks to our art teacher Sarah Ritter and to some talented parents, our GIFTS concepts are being painted on the walls in all of the elementary hallways. Not only does it look wonderful, but also it is a terrific reminder of the lessons we are learning in how to treat others. We appreciate all of the time that Lynn Hintz and Jeni Heck are putting into this project along with their children as helpers. We have great families at Almond-Bancroft! **Thank You!**



Peacefulness

Speaking of our GIFTS concepts, students are now exploring "Peacefulness". All of us need strategies to work out problems in a peaceful manner as well as how to get back to feeling peaceful when we are angry or worried.

Town Hall Meeting I want to thank all of the school board members, staff members and families, especially middle and high school students who attended our school district's first Town Hall Meeting on Teen Alcohol Use on April 10. Those who attended heard an informative presentation regarding what our 7th-12th grade students are thinking and doing related to drug and alcohol use.



One of the topics discussed at the meeting was how to provide more activities or a place for students to gather when they are not in school. If you have some interest in sitting down with others to discuss this topic further or if you would like a copy of the 2007 CHOICES Survey information presented at the meeting, please contact me at 366-2941 ext. 121.

On March 29th the 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop #236 organized the annual Almond Community Easter Egg Hunt held this year on the Almond Bancroft school grounds. Thanks to the wonderful community sponsors for their donations - and the spring like weather - the children had a great time!



Girl Scout troop 168 at the Portage Co. Humane Society. The troop, lead by Edie Anderson, visited the Humane Society on April 12. The girls got to see all the cats, dogs and bunnies at the Humane Society, and learned how the Humane Society helps the animals, and how much they depend on the community to help with donations of food and other supplies. The Girl Scout brought many welcome donations to the Humane Society.

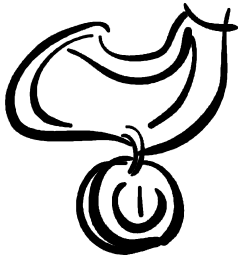
School Forest Update by Mrs. Plaisance

On April 16, the Almond-Bancroft Board of Education reviewed and voted to approve the Carrie Frost School Forest Education Plan. The Education Plan was developed by the School Forest Committee of staff members with a grant from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board, who also approved the plan in March. With the Education Plan in place, the district is eligible to apply for future grant monies from WEEB. We also now have both educational and management goals with which to increase utilization of the school forest as an environmental education facility. Several trips are currently being planned for the month of May, and students from several grade levels will be participating in environmental education and forestry lessons at the forest. The Wisconsin School Forest Specialist, Jeremy Solin, recommended that an education plan be developed for the Carrie Frost school forest property, as it is the most accessible of the school forest properties owned by the district. It also has a larger degree of diversity and the trees are of a maturity that allows for study of a more developed and varied commercial forest ecosystem. The regenerative growth from previous harvests and storm damage also offers opportunities for students to examine how forest communities carry on over time. Environmental education topics can be explored in any curricular area at the school forest, and it is our hope that teachers utilize this resource in future years to enhance the quality of the education of students here at Almond-Bancroft.

In addition, at the March 31 meeting of the Almond Rod and Gun Club, ideas for projects at the school forest were discussed. Members of the club would like to be involved in improving the Carrie Frost School Forest site by having a workday to remove invasive locust and box-elder saplings, which was a management plan goal for the school forest. They also proposed to assist in the installation of trail markers for a self-guided interpretive nature trail at the school forest, and they are looking into the possibility of providing a portable lavatory to meet the needs of students while they are participating in activities at the school forest during the month of May. We are thankful for their consideration in suggesting and volunteering to do these projects at the school forest!

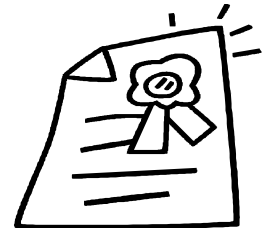
Thanks to Mr. Dan Folan, Mr. Gene Reineking, Mr. Matt Jakowski, and Mr. Art Pagel for encouraging discussion and participation in environmental volunteerism on behalf of the Almond Rod and Gun Club.

Almond-Bancroft High School Awards Ceremony



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

When: May 12 at 6:30
Where: Almond-Bancroft Auditorium



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

National Honor Society Membership Candidacy



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

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

Students will be screened by a Faculty Council consisting of five members of the faculty. This year, eight students are being considered for membership.

Student Council 2nd Annual

Spring Fling

The Almond-Bancroft Student Council Spring Fling is filled with fun and games for the whole family!

- Kids Games with Prizes
- Basketball tournaments
 - Elementary and middle school 3-on-3
 - Parents v. kids (high school only)
- Food and Drink



Date: May 3, 2008

Time: Please watch for further announcements that will be sent home with students.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PEOPLE DROPPING STUDENTS OFF IN THE MORNINGS NEED TO **OBEY THE 15MPH SPEED LIMIT** FOR SCHOOL ZONES.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE TO BE LET OFF BY THE EAST GYM DOORS AND THE ELEMENTARY AT THE WEST PARKING LOT DOORS.

THANK YOU!



May 2008
Lunch Menu



AlmondBancroft



28	Monday	29	Tuesday	30	Wednesday	1	Thursday	2	Friday
<p>May is the "Cook's Choice" Month. A menu for breakfast and lunch will be posted in the Cafeteria on Friday for the following week.</p>									

5	Monday	6	Tuesday	7	Wednesday	8	Thursday	9	Friday

12	Monday	13	Tuesday	14	Wednesday	15	Thursday	16	Friday

19	Monday	20	Tuesday	21	Wednesday	22	Thursday	23	Friday

26	Monday	27	Tuesday	28	Wednesday	29	Thursday	30	Friday
<p>NO SCHOOL Memorial Day</p>									

<p>★ ★ Notes and Announcements ★ ★</p>									

BREAKFAST: REDUCED = = = FREE

NORMAL = 21 DAYS @ \$1.00 = \$21.00
4K - MON - WED. @ \$1.00 = \$ 7.00
4K - TUES - THURS @ \$1.00 = \$ 9.00

LUNCHES: REDUCED = 21 DAYS @.40 = \$ 8.40 ALL GRADES

K - GR. 5 = 21 DAYS @ \$1.60 = \$33.60
GR. 6 - 12 = 21 DAYS @ \$1.85 = \$38.85
4 K - MON - WED. 7 DAYS @ \$1.60 = \$11.20
4 K - TUES - THURS. 9 DAYS @ \$1.60 = \$14.40

We sure appreciate your paying in advance as this is the end of the school year. Please try and keep ahead, remember paying for your morning milk, which is 25 cents a day, the month will be \$5.25. If you have had a \$50.00 increase in wages and are laid off, please remember you may qualify for FREE or REDUCED MEALS, you may call 366-2941, extension 421 and I would be glad to send you a form.

Thank you,
Pat Leary

May 2008 Eagle Activity Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
B=Baseball S=Softball T=Track				1 B/S Bowler	2	3 State Solo Ensemble @ UWSP
4	5 B/S @ Tigerton	6 T @ Wild Rose B/S Iola	7 Spring Athletic Awards @ Legion Bldg. Dinner 6 p.m.	8 T @ Marion MS Spring Awards Concert 7:30 pm	9 B/S @ Port Edwards	10 T @ Rosholt
11	12	13 T @ Bowler B/S @ Rosholt	14 HS Spring Awards Concert 7:30 pm	15 T @ Weyauwega B @ Wild Rose	16	17
18	19 T-Regional	20 S-Regional	21	22 T-Sectionals Elementary Spring Concert 2:00 pm	23 B/S Regional	24
25 Graduation 2pm	26 Memorial Day (No School)	27 B-Regional	28 B-Regional	29	30	31

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