

# ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## NOVEMBER 2007



### Dates to Remember in November

11-2 Early Release-End of 1st Qtr  
11-7 Early Release-Staff In-service  
(12:05-3:30 pm)  
11-9&10 "Hello Dolly" 7 pm in Auditorium  
11-13 & 15 PT Conferences (4-7:30 pm)  
11-16 No School  
11-21 Early Release for students & staff  
11-22 & 23 Thanksgiving Break

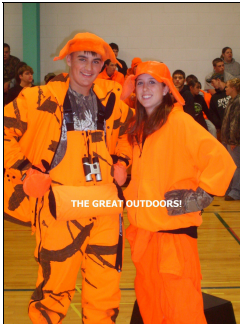
### **Gilbert Brown Comes to Almond-Bancroft Elementary School**

On Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Almond-Bancroft first thru fifth graders were visited by the retired Green Bay Packer, Gilbert Brown. A very excited and enthusiastic student body welcomed Gilbert into the gymnasium with the chant, "GO PACK GO!" Gilbert shared with the students a bit about his childhood growing up in Detroit Michigan. He talked to the students about never taking what you have for granted because though they may not have the same material items or same experiences that other students have, what they do have will shape their lives for the future. Looking back on his own past he discussed the importance his family and the support they gave him in his life. Gilbert's overall message to the students was about living their dreams and never giving up, no matter what life might throw at you.

All the students had prepared questions for Gilbert that ranged from what his favorite food is to his most favorite football game he had ever played in. After an outstanding attempt to answer all the students' questions, Gilbert surprised all the students with T-shirts that he and his younger brother, who currently plays arena league football, had brought with them to the afternoon assembly. A few lucky students, and teachers, were able to get autographs on their T-shirts and Packer jerseys they had worn for the event.

After the elementary assembly, Gilbert met with the middle school and high school football teams. He talked to the athletes about the need for making a total commitment to team and the need to work hard in practice and during the off-season. In order to get to the level that he had reached, it took much time and sweat; there was no such thing as taking the week off.

## HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES



Back Row; Ethan Warzynski, Al Richtmyre, Janessa Warzynski, Kyle Bembenek, Maddy, Gutke, Adam Bradley, Justine Karaba. Front Row; 2006 Queen-Stacey Zelinski, 2007 King & Queen Jason Bickford, Ashley Roeske, 2006 King-Austin Biegel

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### September Students of the Month

Students were honored last week for being selected as Student of the Month. From sixth grade, we honored McKenna Heck. She is an excellent student who always ties her best. From seventh grade, we honored Marissa Warzynski. She is a very diligent worker and has a warm and caring personality. She is very mature and puts extra effort into everything she does. She has a positive attitude and is a pleasure to have in class. From eighth grade, we honored Danielle Dahms. She is an excellent student who always tries her best and excels in classroom participation. These students were selected by their teachers.

## Ms. Davy's Class adopts school tree



Ms. Davy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom adopted a tree in the front of the school a few weeks ago. As a responsible adopting class they have been reading with the tree, learning proper care of a tree, and even writing about their tree. On the morning of October 10, 2007 the students came to school and their tree, affectionately named Max, was covered in toilet paper! The students were very adamant in wanting to clean up poor Max. The class learned more about taking care of our environment, but in the end they realized the toilet papering was all in good fun.





**Translation Services Available from  
the Spanish Aguilas Club**



The name Coca-Cola in China was first rendered as Ke-Kou-Ke-la. Unfortunately the Coke company did not discover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means “bite the wax tadpole” or “female horse stuffed with wax” depending on the dialect. The Coca-Cola corporation then researched 40,000 Chinese characters and found a close phonetic equivalent, “ko-kou-ko-le.”

When General Motors introduced the Chevy Nova in South America it was unaware that “no va” means “It won’t go.” After the company figured out why it wasn’t selling many cars it renamed the car in Spanish markets to the “Caribe.”

In Italy an ad campaign for Schweppes Tonic Water translated into Schweppes Toilet Water. ZESTY!!!!

If you don’t want to make similar mistakes have no fear. Spanish Club has decided to offer translations at no cost. (Free will offerings are accepted.) Please leave translation requests in Mrs. Vann’s mailbox or e-mail her the information you wish to have translated with a minimum of three days advance notice if at all possible.

**High School Musical**

The cast and crew for HELLO, DOLLY! have been working for the past few weeks learning lines, designing sets, singing songs, practicing dances, and sewing costumes! The time has come for them to show off all their hard work. There are many experienced actors and actresses taking the stage on Nov. 9th and 10th, and joining them is a whole crew of first-timers! One exciting new development this year will be the addition of personal microphones for the lead characters! This should allow the audience to hear the dialogue much better, and hopefully make the show more enjoyable for everyone. Check out the cast list; you will probably find someone you know. Come on out and give these hard workers your support and have a great time doing so. We look forward to seeing you there!

Curtain 7:00 pm

Tickets on sale now in the high school office

or call 366-2941 ext 329

Adults \$7.00 Students/Seniors \$5.00

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Almond-Bancroft Friends of Music would like to announce that they will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser the night of November 10, 2007 in the school cafeteria. Cost of this all you can eat meal is \$5.00 per person. Come for an amazing meal and stay for the drama department’s exciting production of Hello Dolly!

The music department is planning a trip to see the hit Broadway musical “Wicked” at the Ford Performing Arts Center in Chicago on December 15, 2007. The cost is \$70.00 per person, which includes transportation and tickets for the show. Space is limited and tickets are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum deposit of \$35.00 is due by November 5 (or upon reservation after the 5<sup>th</sup>). For more information contact Mr. Royal Gingery at (715) 366-2941 ext. 326 or by email through the school website.

## Clip Box Tops For Education

Find Box Tops on more than 330 participating General Mills products throughout the grocery store. Send them to your school and the school can redeem them for cash. 10 cents per Box Top, up to 10,000 per school year.



## CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

will be collected by our Kindergarten students at the Bancroft School. Send them with your student and we will get them to the Kindergarten.

## Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

All of the 5th graders have been doing a great job during their duties as Safety Cadets. We have had quite a few students who have volunteered to cover for one of their classmates when they were unable to do their duties. ( It's always great to see that!) Both fifth grade rooms recently voted on who they wanted for their classroom Captain and Lieutenant. From Mrs. Weiss' room it is Captain Hailey Wierzba and Lieutenant Teagan Vezina. From Mrs. Will's room it is Captain Alex Spohn and Lieutenant Hattie Berry. I'm sure that these students will do an excellent job!

I have chosen two students (one from each 5th grade room) as October's Safety Cadets of the Month. They are Brandon Czlapinski and Hailey Wierzba. These students have done a wonderful job so far. They both are always so willing to help while on duty. Congratulations and keep up the great job!

## Attendance And Truancy

By Sandy Ciula-Dean of Students K-12

Studies show that developing good attendance patterns in school generally carries over into adult life. A student who misses 15 days of school a year for twelve years misses an equivalence of one full year of education. Parents are urged to schedule appointments after school whenever possible. Be sure your child gets enough sleep, eats properly, and participates in regular exercise to remain as healthy as possible. Keep in mind, the more day of school your child misses, the more likely he or she will fall behind academically. The State of Wisconsin and Portage County have laws and guidelines for unexcused absences. Every student is allowed to miss 10 school days (five per semester). Additional absences do require a doctor's note excusing the student for the day. The following is the approach we take here at Almond-Bancroft for absences.

**Step 1:** A letter to the parents to inform them of missed days of school.

**Step 2:** A certified letter to the parents notifying them that their student has reached their allowed days of absence. A meeting is set up to discuss further ramifications.

**Step 3:** A warning by the Portage County Sheriff's Dept. will be issued to the student for truancy.

**Step 4:** A citation for truancy will be issued by the Sheriff's Dept. and a mandatory court appearance in some circumstances.

We encourage parents to come in at any time to discuss attendance concerns. Parents may monitor their children's attendance at anytime using the Parent Access Program.

Parents, please do what you can at home to help your child avoid these consequences. **If your child will be absent, please call me at 366-2941 ext. 108 by 9:00 am.** Thank you for your help!

## FIRST GRADE VISITS THE FIRE STATION

The first graders visited the Almond Fire Station last week to wrap up their Fire Safety Unit in Health. They got to meet Chief Dan Folan and Firefighter Steve Leary. We had a great time and learned a lot about Fire Safety. We talked about things that were safe to play with and not safe to play with. All of our first graders knew it is NOT safe to play with matches, lighters, or anything that can start a fire! Way to go first graders! We also talked about what to do if there is a fire in their home and what their emergency plans were. Last week was Fire Prevention Week and a great time to review with your children your own emergency plans and the fire safety tips listed below. Also, make sure your children know their address and phone number in case of a fire or any emergency! This is very important!

### FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- \*Have an escape plan that includes two ways out of each room and a meeting place outside the home. Practice this with the whole family at least twice a year.
- \*If you encounter smoke on your way out of a fire, use your second way out instead. If you must escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.
- \*If your clothes catch on fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands and roll over to smother the flames.
- \*Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Test them monthly and install new batteries.



## APPLES, APPLES, APPLES

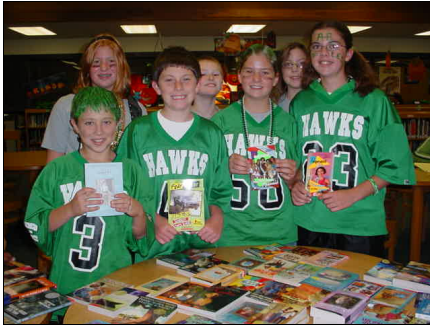


### REMINDER TO SENIORS

Your senior picture is due to Mrs. Karpen (the Yearbook advisor) by Monday, December 3, 2006. It can be electronically sent to Mrs. Karpen's email, a hard copy or on a CD from your photographer.

The second grade class celebrated Johnny Chapman's, better known as Johnny Appleseed's, birthday on September 26<sup>th</sup>. We sampled Cortland, Granny Smith, Red and Yellow Delicious apples. Each student and teacher graphed their favorite apple choice. Most of the students chose the tart Granny Smith as their favorite and Yellow Delicious as their least favorite. Mr. Rykal and Mr. Boxx joined in on our "Apple Celebration" as we sampled delicious apple treats and apple snacks. We also watched a video about Johnny Appleseed (including tall tales), and munched happily on our apple goodies while sharing a special time with our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classmates. Thank you families for your generous donation of apples and goodies!!! We would not be able to offer these special activities without your help.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



### Reading Is Fun!

This month's RIF distribution was a great success. Students in grades 4K through 7th Grade all received a free book of their choice. The students were very excited about the book selections, and the middle schoolers came to the LMC all dressed up in spirited school colors for Homecoming - with faces painted green, white, and black. See the photo of **Jacob Baake**, **Nathan Newby**, **Jacob Vallery**, **Jonathon Cabral**, and **Adam Green** being assisted by high school LMC student **Cheyeanna Schober**. Also, the 6th graders with smiling faces are (Front Row) **Derek Keenlance**, **Cody Meddaugh**, **Lacey Warzynski**, & **Kayla Smith** and (Back Row) **Alex Crull**, **Payton Hintz**, & **Aiden Rock**.

A special thanks go to the community members who volunteered to help with RIF : **Michelle Goman** (mother of **Lee**/2nd grade & **Hannah**/kindergarten), **Betty Dittburner** (who also is a regular volunteer in Mrs. Ramczyk's 1st grade class), and **Melissa Vezina** (mother of **Teagan**/grade 5 and **Hunter**/8th grade). We certainly appreciated having these ladies take time to come help with RIF! Thanks so much. The next RIF distribution will be the week of Dec. 17-21st.

### New Library Cards

This year all the staff and students have new library cards for checking out LMC resources. Each person has a library patron number which is the same as their lunch number; this makes it easy for everyone to remember. **Brenda Newby** (mother of **Cami**/2nd grade and **Carter**/3rd grade) designed an attractive green border for the cards. **Cody Degler**, a LMC student, chose the eagle design for the card. The elementary students compare the card to a driver's license - it's their license to check out books. They seem very proud to have their own library cards. It's easy to use the new library system, Destiny, to search for books and to check them out. So far everything is working pretty smoothly thanks to **Michael Seymour**, District Technology Engineer & Coordinator. This should be a wonderful year for reading!

### Books for Christmas Gifts

If anyone is interested in ordering any paperback or hardcover books at a reduced price, please see me during the Parent-Teacher Conferences in November (Nov. 13 & 15). Books will arrive in time for Christmas gift giving. Although there will be no actual books on display, I'm willing to look up the availability and the prices of any books in which you might be interested. If you know the title and/or author, it makes ordering easier. You will save approximately 25% off the retail price, and you'll be encouraging the joy of reading!



### October LMC Donations

The LMC thanks the following groups and individuals for their donations to the Almond-Bancroft School LMC : **The Almond Rod & Gun Club** (a subscription to Wisconsin Outdoor News), **Dan Boxx** (the book titled "Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard" by Mawi Asgedom who overcame 'the challenges of racial prejudice, language barriers, and financial disadvantage to build a fulfilling, successful life for himself"), **Art Pagel** (Outdoor News: The Sportsman's Choice for News and Information), and **Karen Kehring** (a book on cowboys).

### Free Literary & Art Booklets

The LMC has some extra copies of old Literary & Art Booklets from past years. We don't have room to store all these copies, so they are available on a "first-come, first-serve" basis to parents and students. Perhaps someone needs another copy for a grandparent. The booklets are on display in the Elementary LMC. When they are gone, they're gone. If you're looking for a particular year you may call/e-mail me at school to see if any are available.

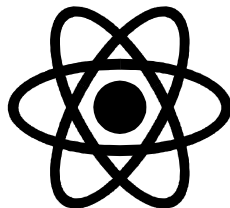
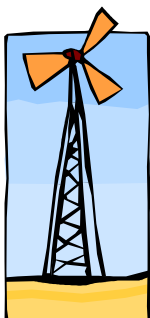
Karin Mather, LMC Director

We are still looking for used games for indoor recess. If anyone has any to donate to the school, contact Mickey VanErt in the HS library.

#### Wisconsin K-12 Energy Program Bookmark Contest Winners!

Sixth grade science students entered a bookmark contest with the theme "Safe Routes to School: Alternative Transportation". Students had to consider transportation options and effects of the transportation choices they make. The contest tied in well with our unit on the Atmosphere. These Almond-Bancroft students created OUTSTANDING entries, which were sent to contest officials in Stevens Point: **McKenna Heck, Ramiro Luna, Angela Iwanski, and Payton Hintz**. If they're selected as state winners, they'll win a trip to Madison and a \$50 gift certificate. All entrants will receive a certificate for entering the contest.

Congratulations once again to these fine artists for their creative ideas and artistic talent!



### RECYCLE YOUR PRINTER CARTIDGES

We are participating in an educational and environmental partnership which will help raise money for our school, while also helping to protect the environment.

We are collecting empty laser and inkjet cartridges from the school, community and business. Just like aluminum cans, empty laser and inkjet cartridges have value. For each cartridge collected, our school will earn money. It's simple cash for trash dollars that's food for the environment too, since most of the cartridges collected can be recycled.

Just send your empty cartridges to school, either in the box they came in or wrapped in newspaper or paper toweling to protect them and prevent leakage. Have your child bring them to school and drop them off in the High School office. We will send them to Recycle Rewards Inc., and they will give us money for each cartridge



**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!!**  
**DO YOU HAVE TIME Or a GREEN THUMB**  
**Or GARDEN MATERIALS**  
or all of the above?

If so, you could help in our quest to make our **ELEMENTARY COURTYARD** a place for learning, a place to read, a place for plant and wildlife to flourish. This beautiful space needs some serious attention from a few caring individuals who can help us transform what has sometimes become an eyesore to a place to be enjoyed and cherished. If you're interested in this project, please contact Mrs. Ritter (ext. 122) or Mr. Boxx (ext. 418).

### Positive Action & Elementary Counselor News

By Dawn Barber

#### November Fun Night

Positive Action is offering a fun night November 2, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. for all middle and high school students. There will be a new release video shown in the auditorium and an open gym. More information will follow in school regarding which movie will be shown. Students are encouraged to bring their own basketballs if they wish to use the gymnasium. There will be drinks and snacks for a nominal fee. Parental permission will be required to attend this school-sponsored event. Permission slips will be distributed to middle school students. High school students can pick them up at the office. Ask your Student (s) if they would like to have some fun at this year's first Positive Action fun night!

#### Fall Leaf Raking

Mr. Baumgartner and his middle school Positive Action students will be doing fall leaf raking for elderly and disabled residents during the week of October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school office if you know of someone who could benefit from this service. Thank you Mr. B. and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students!

#### Banners

You will notice a sharp new addition in our elementary school. Our three foundation G.I.F.T.S. concepts: Respect, Responsibility and Resolution are prominently displayed on new banners in our hallway. As we explore new concepts in guidance (G.I.F.T.S.) throughout the year, we always want to keep these three R's in mind. Our school community has been enriched by the expression of these concepts on a daily basis.

#### Students Earning G.I.F.T.S. Cards

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for showing gifts of character at school during the month of September:

Chloe Lehman, Gavin Larsen, Natalie Romo, Jarod Cieslewicz, Meghan Menadue, Brandon Czlapinski, Dylan Heck, Jace Stuebs, Ashley Takacs, Garrett Yonke, Carlos Cabral, Jordan Kealiher, Siandra Mata-Rodriguez, Jadon Solis, Aurora Larsen, Kyle Warzynski, Alissa Williams, and Ken Cook.



#### Compassion

One of the concepts we are focusing on in G.I.F.T.S. this year is compassion. Students are learning that compassion is a desire to help with someone's problem or suffering. We see many compassionate acts among students in school but we encourage students to begin expanding their compassionate acts beyond family and friends. It is easy to be compassionate to those we like or love but a bit more challenging to show compassion to someone we may not see in a favorable light. Please encourage your child (ren) to reach out to students who may have trouble making friends with a kind word or act.



"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."  
The Dalai Lama



# November 2007 Breakfast Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 All American Cereal, Toast Juice, Milk	2 Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk
5 All American Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk	6 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Juice	7 All American Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk	8 Oatmeal, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Milk	9 Toasted Bagels, Juice, Milk
12 All American Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk	13 French Toast Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk	14 Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice, Milk	15 All American Cereal, Muffin, Juice, Milk	16 NO SCHOOL 
19 Cereal, Homemade Muffin, Juice, Milk	20 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk	21 Cereal, Homemade Muffin, Juice, Milk	22 NO SCHOOL 	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Cereal, Homemade Muffins, Juice, Milk	27 French Toast Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk	28 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk	29 Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk	30 Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk

# November 2007 Lunch Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cranberries, Bread, Milk	2 Mini Corn Dogs, Ravioli, Baked Beans, Pears, Milk
5 Hot Dogs, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Pineapple, Milk	6 Chop Suey, Rice, Salad Bar, Mixed Fruit, Bread, Milk	7 Taco's, Corn, Applesauce, Milk	8 Mostaccioli, Salad Bar, Peaches, Garlic Bread, Milk	9 Chicken Patty, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Milk
12 Beefy Nachos, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Milk	13 Salisbury Steak, Peas, Noodles, Applesauce Bread, Milk	14 Pizza Dippers, Salad Bar, Peaches, Milk	15 Pork Roast, Potatoes/gravy, carrots, pears, bread, milk	16 NO SCHOOL 
19 Chicken Nuggets, Tater Barrels, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Milk	20 Turkey, Mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, bread, milk	21 BBQ, Potato Wedges, Veggies & Dip, Mixed Fruit, Milk	22 NO SCHOOL 	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Cheese Fries, Salad Bar, Applesauce, Milk	27 Beef/Gravy, Potatoes, Gr. Beans, Peaches, bread, milk	28 Chili, Veggies & Dip, Pears, Bread, Milk	29 Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Salad Bar, Pineapple, Milk	30 Pizza, Salad Bar, Mixed Fruit, Milk

## HOT LUNCH PRICES FOR NOVEMBER\*\*\*\* MORNING MILK MONEY IS DUE FOR GRADES: K-5

**MORNING MILK PRICE: \$11.50 FOR: PRE-K THRU GRADE 5**

**Pre-K: Breakfast: 8 days @ \$1.00 = \$8.00**

**K - 5: Breakfast: 19 days @ \$1.00 = \$19.00**

**Pre-K: Lunch: 8 days @ \$1.60 = \$12.80**

**K - 5: Lunch: 19 days @ \$1.60 = \$30.40**

**GRADES 6-12**

**Breakfast: 19 days @\$1.00 = \$19.00**

**Lunch: 19 days @\$1.85 = \$35.15**

**There seems to be some concerns in the amount of credit you may have left in lunch account on a daily basis, this is because the morning milk was computed. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pat Leary at 715-366-2941, Ext. 421.**

*Almond-Bancroft School District*  
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Meeting held in boardroom Almond School  
September 19, 2007 6:30 pm

**OPEN MINUTES**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

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 except Cathy Guth. Administrators present included Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper was present. Members of the audience included Sarah Ritter, Cindy Wills, Peg Doede, Melissa Henske, SuAnn Pagel-Rast, and Linda McLarnan.

**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 Debbie Bradley, second by Carol Ellie to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.**

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

There were no public appearances before the board.

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

6A August 15, 2007, 6:30 pm-Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

**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 5-0.

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

8A District Administrator Report

Cash Borrowing-discussion

The District does not have a large enough deficit to cash borrow.

Third Friday count

The district's pupil count will be closer to 486 versus the earlier projection of 478.

Annual Meeting

In the future Mr. Boxx would like to send out more information to the public.

WASB Fall Meeting

Jerry Dernbach will attend the Region 5 meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Fall State Superintendent Meeting

Dan Boxx will attend the meeting in Madison on Thursday and Friday

District Newsletter

The Board of Education would like the newsletter to continue being sent out on a monthly basis. During the strategic planning process one of the important items was communication with the community. Monthly newsletters help to facilitate that communication.

Legislative Update

Districts may have to use last year's equalization aid if the legislature does not pass a new budget.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on start of school

The start of school went very smooth. In-service was just our district this time. In the past we have had a speaker and we have joined other districts for in-service. The in-service included a large discussion on WKCE. The action planning process for strategic planning is being worked on at meetings held every second Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. Assemblies were held on the first day of school at all grade levels.

Updates on-Building, Grants, 4K program, Shed

There is new playground equipment at the Bancroft School. There is one more piece that needs to be put together but we ran out of wood chips with the first equipment.

More will be delivered soon and the last piece will be built. The 4K program is off

and running. Mrs. Klinger is doing a good job at pulling things together. There is a long-term substitute in the third Kindergarten position. Interviews for the position will be conducted soon. The New Wisconsin Promise Award for this year will be accepted by Peg Doede and Chris Thompson in Madison on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a Reggie Dabbs assembly yesterday. It was an outstanding presentation. Gilbert Brown will be visiting the school on the afternoon of Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Forty students are participating in the swim program sponsored by PIE. In a letter the Department of Public Instruction recognized the efforts of our guidance counselors toward our school counseling program. Practices for Hello Dolly, our school musical, have started. There are 10 girls interested in Poms this year. The Positive Action grant is funded for the 2007-2008 year. Dawn Barber is the coordinator. There will be a large report due this year as it is the final year. There will be an evaluator that will be a part of the reporting process. We are part of the REACH Grant Consortium thru Cesa 5. There are conferences teachers can attend for additional training for student reading. Shane Dornfeld started the tutoring project up with six students currently taking part. The concrete for the shed will be poured soon. The Almond Lions Club donated \$1,000, TW Masters has donated a roll up door, Premier Door donated a garage door, Paragon Farm donated \$500, Bancroft State Bank donated \$500, Paramount Farms donated \$100, Guth Farms donated \$250 and Bancroft Lions will donate between \$300 and \$400 towards the shed. The Homecoming theme this year is Great Outdoors. The dance is October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm. Grand march is at 10:30 pm. The parade is at 3:00 pm on Friday. The pep rally is Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm.

#### **9) Policy Development and Review**

- 9A First reading of Electronic Surveillance System  
There will be laminated signs for the surveillance system.

#### **10) Action Items**

- 10A Recommendation for VB coaches  
Missy Schude and Rorie Keyser are the recommended Middle School Girls Volleyball coaches. Motion by Gary Smith, second by Carol Ellie to hire Missy Schude as 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball coach and Rorie Keyser an 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball coach. Motion carried 5-0.  
10B Boy's 7 & 8 Grade Basketball (coaches position)  
Mike Gerlach has the numbers for the sport.

#### **11) Items for Signatures**

- 11A Census report  
11B SAGE Financial Report  
11C Teacher Contract

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

- 12A Annual Meeting Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:45 p.m.  
12B Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **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 and ABESPA, grievances/concerns/negotiations update, review legal firms.

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Jeanette Wilson to adjourn to closed session at 7:00 pm. Roll call vote 6-0.

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

- 14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary.  
Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to return to open session. Roll call vote 6-0.  
Motion by Gary Smith, second by Debbie Bradley to approve agreement as presented by Attorney Jeff Jones. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **15) Adjournment**

- Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Carol Ellie to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Motion carried 5-0.



## WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE 2007-2008

### Boys Basketball

11-20 @ Tri-County  
 11-27 Marion  
 11-30 @ Port Edwards  
 12-4 Wild Rose  
 12-7 @ Gresham  
 12-14 Bowler  
 12-18 @ Tigerton  
 12-21 Iola  
 12-28 Princeton  
 1-4 Rosholt  
 1-8 Green Lake  
 1-11 @ Marion  
 1-18 Port Edwards  
 1-22 @ Wild Rose  
 1-25 Gresham  
 1-29 @ Necedah  
 2-1 @ Bowler  
 2-5 Tigerton  
 2-8 @ Iola  
 2-15 @ Rosholt  
 2-19, 21, 23 WIAA REGIONAL

### Girls Basketball

11-20 @ WI Valley Luth 7pm\*\*  
 11-27 @ Tri-County  
 11-30 Port Edwards  
 12-4 @ Wild Rose  
 12-7 Gresham  
 12-11 Pacelli  
 12-14 @ Bowler  
 12-18 Tigerton  
 12-21 @ Iola  
 1-4 @ Rosholt  
 1-11 Marion  
 1-15 @ Northern Lutheran  
 1-18 @ Port Edwards  
 1-22 Wild Rose  
 1-25 @ Gresham  
 2-1 Bowler  
 2-5 @ Tigerton  
 2-8 Iola  
 2-15 Rosholt  
 2-22 @ Marion  
 2-26, 28, 1. WIAA REGIONAL

\*\*All game times are 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted

Head Boys Coach: Curt Lamb  
 JV Coach: Spence Bunders  
 Assistant Coach: Andrew Bradley

Head Girls Coach: Kevin Vanderlann  
 JV Coach: Roger Young

All players must have proper physical cards on file prior to practice. Check with Mr. Gerlach if you are unsure.  
 First day of practice is November 12.



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Sincerely,  
Michael Seymour, Almond-Bancroft District Technology Coordinator

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