

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2007

Homecoming October 8th-13th
See page 6 for more information!



2007-2008 New WI Promise School of Recognition

Congratulations to the Almond-Bancroft Elementary School staff and students for the recent *New Wisconsin Promise School of Recognition* Award. This award is issued to a select number of schools across the state that meet the following criteria: Title I-eligible, be in the top 25% of schools in the state for free/reduced lunch percentages, and have above average student academic performance scores on the 2006-07 Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations (WKCE) in reading and mathematics. As part of this award, Almond-Bancroft Schools will receive a commemorative plaque, an award logo that may be used on school materials, and \$1,500 to be used for school-related purposes.

Almond-Bancroft Schools will be sending two staff members to accept this award at the State Capitol on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. Third grade teacher, Peg Doede, and kindergarten teacher, Chris Thompson, will be traveling to Madison to accept the award from State Superintendent, Elizabeth Burmaster.



Safety Cadet News

By: Mrs. Upton, Safety Coordinator

I'm very pleased to announce that every 5th grader went out for the Safety Cadet Program this year! As many of you know the Safety Cadet Program is open to all fifth graders you are interested in being in the program. These students are responsible for keeping up their grades to a C- or better, being respectful, polite, and many other great attributes that are becoming of a Safety Cadet. We were able to get the program running by the end of the first week of school, so it's been very helpful during the recess times to have these extra students helping to keep the other students safe. So far all of the Safety Cadets have been doing a great job. Keep up the great job Safety Cadets!

Dates to Remember in October

10-8 Action Planning Committee meeting 6 p.m.
10/8-10/12 Homecoming week
10-15 School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
10-26 No School
10-27 No School

Attention Parents If your child is absent from school, please call the Dean of Students at 366-2941 ext. 108 before 9:00AM





SuAnn Pagel-Rast, elementary special education teacher for the Almond-Bancroft School District, was named the Direct Instruction "Teacher of the Year" by the Wisconsin Chapter of the Association for Direct Instruction. This award was conferred during the Chapter's summer conference. Lynn Winn, former Almond-Bancroft elementary principal, attended the conference to present the award to Mrs. Pagel-Rast.

In her remarks, Ms. Winn cited Mrs. Pagel-Rast for her command of the Direct Instruction method and dedication to the mode. She also commended Mrs. Pagel-Rast for competent application of Direct Instruction with her students. "Students predicted to be non-readers would flourish under her instruction and guidance. What's more is that she accomplished much of this success with limited support. Her efforts have benefited not only the students fortunate enough to have worked with her directly, but also all the other teachers with whom she has collaborated over the years. Her skills in implementation and depth of understanding of the DI model have provided a model of quality instruction that is both admired and emulated by her colleagues."

ALMOND LIONS

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 26th in the East Gym At the Almond School

TIME: 7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.



PINWHEELS FOR PEACE

Imagine... "Whirled Peace"

On September 21, 2007, all the elementary students took part in an International art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace by "planting" pinwheels with messages of peace in front of our school. **Pinwheels for Peace** is an art installation project started in 2005 by two Art teachers in Florida as a way for students to express their feelings about what's going on in the world and in their lives. In 2005 there were approximately 500,000 pinwheels spinning throughout the world. Last year, 2006, over 1 million pinwheels were spinning in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, the Middle East, Africa and South America. This project is non-political – peace doesn't necessarily have to be associated with the conflict of war, it can be related to violence/intolerance in our daily lives, to peace of mind. To each of us, peace can take on a different meaning, but, in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: "a state of calm and serenity, with no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people."

On September 21st the pinwheels spinning in the wind spread thoughts and feelings about peace throughout the country and the world!

For more information contact Mrs. Ritter or go to <http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com>



Special thanks to Jerry Dernbach and Dusty Warzynski for helping to spread the new wood chips on both the Almond and Bancroft playgrounds.

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

August 15, 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 Debbie Bradley and Carol Ellie. Administrators present included Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper was present. Members of the audience included Sandy Ciula, Mike Gerlach 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 Jerry Dernbach, second by Cathy Guth to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

There were no public appearances before the board.

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A July 16, 2007, 6:00 pm-Negotiations, Personnel, & Transportation Committee Open and Closed Session

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Gary Smith to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

6B July 18, 2007, 6:30 pm-Regular Meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Gary Smith to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

6C August 2, 2007, 6:00 pm-Special Board Meeting of the Board Open Session

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Gary Smith to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Cathy Guth to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 4-0.

8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items

8A District Administrator Report

07-08 budget

The Governor's proposal and current law are being discussed in the legislator.

The largest difference between the two proposals is how declining enrollment is addressed.

School owned vehicle savings

Spreadsheet detailing savings was included in the board packet

Cash Borrowing-explanation and discussion

State allows schools to long term borrow and reinvest monies at no risk in the

Local Government Investment Pool. Consent was given for Dan Boxx to pursue.

WASB convention

Jerry Dernbach, Cathy Guth, and possibly Carol Ellie are interested in attending the convention in January.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

General building updates

New employee orientation was held today. On Monday the new swing set will be put up at Bancroft. Middle school area still needs some work by the janitors.

The balls fields are looking good.

Grant update

We are waiting for the funding letter for Positive Action.

4K program

4K tables and chairs are suppose to come next week

9) Policy Development and Review

9A Second reading of the 300 series (instruction) board policies.

It was suggested that we have a video camera policy now that we have the cameras. Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve the 300 series (instruction) board policies. Motion carried 4-0.

10) Action Items

10A Strategic Planning Action Committee

Update-Mr. Gerlach and Ms. Ciula

Mike Gerlach reviewed Strategies 1 and 2 for Year 1. Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve Strategies 1 and 2 for Year 1. Motion carried 4-0. Thank you to Sandy Ciula, Mike Gerlach, and the committee for their efforts over the summer.

10B Approve Extra-Curricular Contracts

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Gary Smith to approve contracts for: Solo Ensemble-Choir- Crystal Frank, Musical Director-Toni Rock, Swing Choir-Crystal Frank, High School Forensics-Toni Rock, National Honor Society-Allison Huebner, Student Council-Lynne Dernbach, Yearbook-Sandy Karpen, and Hi Quiz Bowl-Sarah Spencer. Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Gary Smith to approve an agreement for Set Design-Joel Bennett. Motions carried 4-0. Assistant Musical Director, Mock Trial and Middle School Forensics will be posted. Mr. Rykal has received two applicants for the Middle School Volleyball position.

10C Shed placement

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jeanette Wilson to place the shed with the concession stand facing the West and the back gables towards the football field and set back so the building can be added on to if desired in the future. Motion carried 4-0.

11) Items for Signatures

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

September 19th, 2007, 6:30 pm-Regular Board Meeting

September 24th, 2007, Annual Meeting

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. Stipend request for school personnel, recommendation and review of new employees (HS English, 4K Aide and Elementary Aide), (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 negotiations update, review legal firms, (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice. Grievances

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn to closed session at 7:15 pm. Roll call vote 5-0.

14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

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

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Cathy Guth to return to open session at 8:00pm. Roll call vote 5-0.

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve stipends for Michele Warzynski and Jeff Rykal. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve Nicole Brandt as the High School English Teacher. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Jeanette Wilson, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve Gina Smith as the PreK Aide. Motion carried 3-0, with Gary Smith abstaining from voting.

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Cathy Guth to approve Marcy Lehman as Elementary Aide. Motion carried 4-0.

15) Adjournment

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Cathy Guth to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Motion carried.

Community Members!

The middle School rainy day recess will be held in the cafeteria this year because the two gyms are being used at this time. We are looking for used board games to help our students use their time constructively. If any of you would like to donate to our school for this purpose, you may give them to Maria Chapa or Royal Gingery.

Thank you!

**Honor Our
Veterans**



**Support Our
Troops**

The Veterans Day Ceremony, held at Almond High School last year, was quite a success. We hope to make this year even better - and you can help! We would like to recognize all area veterans, alumni veterans, and active service members during the **November 9th Veterans Day Ceremony**. We are looking for photos, memorabilia, and stories to display at our Ceremony. If you are a veteran, or if you know of a veteran or service member who deserves recognition at the ceremony, please contact Allison Huebner at 715-366-2941, ext. 310. Look for the November newsletter for more information!

Singing Birthday Telegrams

A-B High School will deliver a singing "Happy Birthday" telegram to your favorite student/staff member on their birthday! There are packages you may chose 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 LIBERTY EAGLE.

DELUXE PACKAGE: (\$15.00) Decorated balloon, hat, noise maker, card, rose or pops, beads and or new bobble head eagle or new eagle hat.

Bonus extra \$1.00, we will include 3 strands of Mardi Gras beads in school colors.

Bonus extra \$3.00, 4x6 photograph of birthday student on professional photo paper.

Student Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

Special Message: _____



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 (\$5.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2 (\$10.00) | <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonus Beads | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonus Photo |
| ___Rose | ___Rose | ___Rose | \$1.00 | \$3.00 |
| ___Pops | ___Pops | ___Pops | | |

FROM THE LIBRARY

World Book Encyclopedia Web-Site

All students, parents, and community members can use **The World Book Encyclopedia Web-Site** for free. This is the same web-site that students use at school. To gain access from your home computer, go to <http://www.worldbookonline.com> and then enter this ID: abschools and this Password: 54909.

You will find some great resources such as:

- * Accurate, authoritative, easy to read articles from the book version of the encyclopedia in English and also in Spanish
 - * Related articles from major newspapers and magazines including a special section "Behind the Headlines" which focuses on current events
 - * Extensive graphic and multimedia enhancements including photographs, maps, illustrations, tables, animations, and audio/video clips
 - * Special reports that broaden and deepen coverage for selected topics
 - * A section called "Today in History" which explores important historical and scientific events for each day of the year
 - * Links to other web-sites specially selected by World Book editors such as NASA
 - * A "Back in Time" section which chronicles events beginning in 1922 and gives a distinctive perspective for each year
 - * A resource guide to the state of Wisconsin including biographies, history, land & climate, plants & animals, and much more!
- This web-site is a fantastic source of information. Try exploring it at home!

Music Department Will Produce DVDs

This year the Music Department, headed by Royal Gingery and Crystal Frank, plan to make DVD copies of the elementary and secondary concerts. They will put the winter and spring concerts together on a DVD (one for the elementary and one for the middle school and high school concerts) and then sell them at the end of the school year. This will be a great fund-raiser for the Music Department and a wonderful way for students and parents to preserve school memories. More information will be forthcoming from Royal Gingery.

Note: The LMC no longer makes video copies of school events.

LMC Donations

The LMC has already received some wonderful donations this school year. The following people and organizations (along with a few *anonymous friends* of the LMC) have given items to the Almond-Bancroft School LMC :

Worzalla Publishing ("The Little Critter Storybook Collection" for elementary students), **Mickey Van Ert** (magazines, glue sticks, and window decorations), **The Izaak Walton League - Stevens Point Chapter** (conservation books), **The Samson family/Korrine Samson** (a variety of magazines), **Jenni Heck & family** (books for the elementary LMC and secondary LMC), **Missy Henske** (Accelerated Reader books for upper elementary students), **Paul Bonsack** (antique magazines - Popular Mechanics), **Sandy Karpen & the Yearbook Staff** (the 2007 Almond-Bancroft School Yearbook), **Carrie Karch** (library supplies), **Lowella Stucker** (magazines), and the LMC also received a generous monetary gift from **Girl Scout Troop #290, Woodland Council** for the purchase of books for the library.

Volunteers Needed for RIF

Attention all community members! The school is in need of helpers to distribute books to elementary and middle school students. We need parents, grandparents, senior citizens, or anyone in the community who would like to see the smiles on the faces of kids receiving free books. Your main duty would be recording the title of the book that each student chooses. The students are accompanied by their classroom teachers.

RIF (Reading is Fundamental) is a federally subsidized program, which with the support of the local school district, provides free books to children. There are many different time slots available during the week of October 15 through Oct. 19 and again from December 17 through December 21. If you'd like to assist with this great program or have any questions, please contact me at 366-2941, ext. 412, between 8:30 - 3:00. Thanks!

DESTINY

This year the LMC will have a new computerized circulation and cataloguing system called DESTINY. Mike Seymour, the District Technology Engineer & Coordinator, is busy adding information to the database and installing some additional components. When this is done, our school library system will have moved from the 20th century to the 21st century! We are going from an old outdated DOS-based system, MOLLI, to a web-based system which is very exciting. Destiny can be linked to Skyward, the district's main software program. The patron barcode numbers for checking out books will be the same numbers as the ones students and staff use for lunch. This should make it easier for everyone to remember their LMC number, and these numbers will stay with the students from year to year. Another nice feature of Destiny is that users can search in English or in Spanish if they want; this is great for our ELL students and also for students taking Spanish courses. Until this new system is fully installed, we are using a temporary check-out process. The elementary students are using the excellent classroom libraries provided by their teachers, and students involved in the Accelerated Reader Program have already begun reading AR books from the LMC collection. Secondary students have been checking out books as needed. During this transition process, everyone has been very patient and cooperative. When the installation of Destiny is completed, I think everyone, staff and students, will find DESTINY to be an extremely user-friendly search system.

Karin Mather, LMC Director

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the music department. We are gearing up for an exciting year of music here in the Almond-Bancroft Schools. We are working hard, as always, to expand the performance opportunities for our students and our community. Rumor has it that the Polish Mafia might be making an appearance this year, as well as, a pep band showing for the basketball season...we will keep you posted as the rumors continue to filter in.

As we look ahead, we are in need of your old trashcans (large and small; metal and plastic). If you are planning on replacing any this year please let one of the directors know so we can arrange to take your old containers off your hands.

Calling All Band alumni and community musicians. The Almond-Bancroft band would love to have you come and join us for pep band this year. Your talent and expertise would be greatly appreciated for fall homecoming and for basketball games throughout the year. Musicians of all levels should feel free to join us. If you are interested, contact Mr. Gingery at the school (715) 366-2941 ext. 326 to get on the list and to get music. Also any Polish Mafia alumni that are out there, Mr. Gingery needs your help and input as we get ready to launch our program this year. Please get in touch with him at school.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC NEEDS YOU

The Almond-Bancroft Friends is our parent/community booster organization here in Almond. Membership is open to anyone that is interested in supporting the music programs in our schools. Parents, grandparents, alumni, and other community members are invited to come out and be a part of this great organization.

Many hands make light work and there is plenty to do throughout the year. While we sincerely appreciate you donations of money, we really need warm bodies that are able to donate time to a variety of roles. Some of the activities that the group takes care of include the fall spaghetti dinner, refreshments at our band and choir concerts, assisting with solo & ensemble and All Star band festivals when we host, and various fundraising activities throughout the year.

The first meeting for the 2007-2008 year will take place on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the high school music room. If you have questions or would be interested in assisting with planning or leadership this year, please contact one of the music teachers at (715) 366-2941, Mrs. Frank (ext. 124) or Mr. Gingery (ext. 326) look forward to hearing from you and working with you this year.

Scheduled Activities for Homecoming the Week of October 8-13th

Monday—Pajama Day, Relay Race

Tuesday—Wood Sports, Exploring in the woods. Volleyball game @ Marion 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday—Water Sports, Water Relay, Dirt Cake. Pep Rally 8:30 P.M.

Thursday—Winter Sports, Skiing, Snowball fight. Volleyball game @ Bowler 6:00 P.M.

Friday—Spirit Day 3:00 P.M. Parade, 5:00 P.M. Senior Tailgate, 7:00 P.M. Football game against Iola.

Saturday— Homecoming Dance 8:00-11:30 P.M. Grand March 10:30 P.M.



ALMOND/BANCROFT FAMILY RESOURCE CTR. NEWSLETTER
Centro de Recursos del Familias del condado de Portage

Almond High School
Room (Cuarto) S325
Enter through Almond Elementary (Entre por la Escuela Elementaria
Numero de telefono) 715-366-2882
October

Hello, Bueno, from your Almond/Bancroft Family Resource Center!
Bringing together moms, dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, and anyone else who wants to access
“resources to support families” in the area. Reuniendo madres, padres, abuelas, abuelos y
cualquiera que desee obtener acceso sobre recursos para ayudar ha familias enel area.
ONCE AGAIN...WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER? QUE TENEMOS PARA OFRECER?

Upcoming Events and classes

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

MULTI-SESSION WORKSHOP: Five Love Languages of Children

Based on the book by Gary D. Chapman and Ross Campbell. Children, like adults, express and
receive love best through one of five different communication styles. Discover how to meet you
child’s emotional needs and see how discipline becomes easier when using the communication
style that fits your child. This is a two-session class with a one-week break in-between.

Almond Elementary

Monday, Oct. 29 and Monday, November 12, from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Please Pre-register by Friday, Oct. 26th

Call (715) 366-2882 or after hours (715) 421-4635

FAMILY FUN EVENTS: 2nd Annul Pumpkin Carving Night (Pumpkins provided)

If you have joined us before, we welcome you back. If this is your first year, you are not going to
want to miss this spooktacular night. We will provide the carving tools and the pumpkins. A
scary snack will also be served.

Bancroft School

Monday, Oct. 15th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

YOU MUST pre-register by Friday Oct. 12th.

Call (715) 366-2882 or after hours (715) 421-4635

Remember: The classes can be counted as continued education and Certificates are provided as
needed.

I am looking forward to a great Fall Semester. I plan on seeing many new faces. Thanks for help-
ing the Family Resource Center to flourish and grow in the Almond/Bancroft Area. AND...all
events are FREE of charge.

Jan Roth
Family Resource Center Coordinator


MS/HS GUIDANCE NEWS - Ms. Spencer

Students/Parents of Sophomores:

This past school year, Almond-Bancroft Schools hosted four strategic planning meetings where students, parents, staff, and community members were able to voice their opinions about the direction they would like our school district to go in. During these meetings, post-secondary planning was a big topic of discussion and, specifically, our students' performance on the ACT. Due to this, I have enrolled the 10th grade class to participate in an ACT preparation test titled PLAN. This test is a predictor of success on the ACT, an early indicator of college readiness, and a tool to help students explore careers that match their interest. All 10th grade students will be taking PLAN on October 2nd during hours 1-4. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Spencer, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.

Juniors & Seniors:

You have the opportunity on October 19th to travel to the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point to visit the campus. You will have the opportunity to learn about the admissions process, financial aid, student life, and career services. You will also go on a campus tour, which includes a mini-session on housing and an in-depth look at a residence hall. Even if you may not be interested in attending UW-Stevens Point, this would be a great chance for you to visit a Wisconsin 4-year University. A sign-up announcement will be made a week prior to the event. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Spencer, 6-12 School Counselor, at 366-2941 ext. 414.

UNIVERSITY  WISCONSIN
MARSHFIELD/WOOD COUNTY
A Campus of the University of Wisconsin Colleges

Saturday, October 6, 2007
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Room 131 Fee: \$49

**Fills Quickly!!!
Register Early**

Students will learn:

- ♦ Strategies in **test-taking**
- ♦ Strategies in solving math problems — **algebra, geometry, and trigonometry**
- ♦ Proper usage of **English**— rhetorical skills and mechanics
- ♦ Analysis and interpretation of **scientific research** summaries and conflicting hypotheses

**UW-Marshfield/Wood County
Office of Continuing Education**
2000 West 5th Street
Marshfield, WI 54449
To Register: Call 715-389-6520,
or
Email: msfce@uwc.edu
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Hammer home the facts and skills necessary to do well on your ACT exam with top notch university professors and instructors!

High School Juniors & Seniors!!

NAIL THE ACT!

Take this 2007 PREP COURSE!

Trick or Treating

The Village of Almond will have Trick or Treating on Sunday, October 28, 2007
From 4:00 P.M. To 7:00 P.M. If you would like children to stop at your home for treats,
please leave your outside light on.

Attention Village of Almond Residents

The Almond Busy Bees 4-H Club will be Trick or Treating for canned goods during the Village of Almonds trick or treating hours. All can goods will be donated to Operation Bootstrap. Have your canned goods ready. We appreciate your support.

Special Thank You's from Partners In Education

Partners in Education would like to thank all those businesses and individuals who donated food, donated raffle prizes, and contributed their valuable time to support Almond-Bancroft School District's open house. All profits made help fund extra activities during the course of the school year. We really appreciate all you did.

If you would like to attend our next PIE meeting it will be held October 16th at 5:30 pm.

PIE

HELLO DOLLY! NOVEMBER 9th and 10th - 7:00 pm

School has barely started and we are already well underway in our preparations for the musical. Try-outs were held the 2nd week of school, and we have a great cast!

Seniors Adam Bradley and Justine Karaba return for the fifth year in a row to lead this fun production. Adam will take on the lead male role of Cornelius Hackl, a young man in his 20's who is longing for a little adventure. He heads to New York, taking along the young apprentice Barnaby (played by Brant Bickford). While there, the two gents encounter the two lovely milleneresses (hat makers) Irene Molloy (played by Cassy Kollock) and Minnie Fay (Dayton Ammel). Unfortunately, Irene Molloy is being courted by Cornelius' boss, Horace VanderGelder (Ray Pieters). The cast is rounded out by Chelsea Gendusa, Cameron Olson, Carly Rast, and Braden Hunkins as well as a large chorus. The capstone of the production is Justine Karaba in the title role of Dolly Levi, a matchmaker with a secret plan to marry Horace VanderGelder. With the combination of strong voices, talented actors, and a good-old-fashioned, catchy score, this production should be a hit!

TICKETS FOR HELLO DOLLY! ON SALE OCTOBER 8TH.

Adults - \$7.00 Students and Seniors - \$5.00

Call 715-366-2941 X 329 to purchase advance tickets.

HELLO DOLLY! NEEDS SOME HELP!

We are in need of Victorian shirts and skirts, large ladies hats, parasols, men's vests and men's suits. We can make some of the costumes we need from old formal gowns - the more ruffles the better! If you are handy with a needle, perhaps you would help us sew some collars or a simple skirt. If you are willing to help or have a donation, please contact Toni Rock at 715-366-2941 ext 302. Thank you!

Skyward Family Access Update:

Almond-Bancroft's implementation of Skyward's Family Access is still accessible by clicking the "Family/Student Access" link near the upper left corner of the school's web page at www.abschools.k12.wi.us.

Those of you with a Family Access Login ID and Password from last school year are still able to use that same Login ID and Password for your access (I have not implemented a mandatory yearly change of either of these items).

If you have a working Family Access Login ID and Password, and/or completed a Family Access form for each of your students again this year, I apologize for the miscommunication. You did not need to complete the Family Access form if you have a working Login ID and Password. Only one initial form is needed per family for gaining access to all of the family's students.

Just as it did last school year, your Family Access Login ID and Password will allow you access to information regarding each student you have enrolled in the District by using the drop menu near the top center of the screen to select your respective student(s), whether or not they were enrolled in the District last year.

If your family is new to the District and you completed the Family Access form, please bear with me as I sort through the hundreds of forms I have received and deal with each one accordingly. You will receive your Family Access Login ID and Password in the near future.

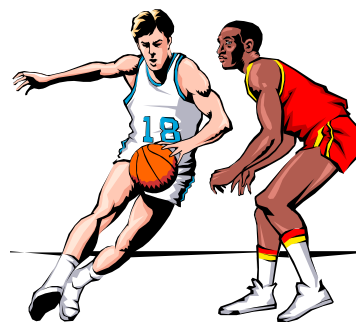
If you have any questions regarding Family Access, please contact Mr. Seymour at (715) 366-2941 x328, or click the "Almond-Bancroft School District" link on the Family Access web page to send me an email.

News From Mr. Gerlach - The Athletic Director

The Junior high boys basketball will have their first practice on Monday Oct. 15th 3:30-5:30 P.M. All students will need to have an updated physical card on file prior to practice. Please see Mr. Gerlach if you have questions. Coaches: Taylor Dernbach and Trevor Dernbach

2007 Junior High Boys Basketball Schedule

DATE	WHO	WHERE	TIME/BUS TIME
Oct. 22	Amherst	Home	5:30
Oct 25	Iola	Home	5:30
Oct 29	Port Ed	Away	5:30/4:15
Nov. 1	Tri-County	Away	5:30/4:45
Nov. 5	St. Pete's	Home	5:30/
Nov. 8	Rosholt	Away	5:30/4:15
Nov. 12	Wild Rose	Home	5:30
Nov. 15	Amherst	Away	5:30/4:30
Nov. 19	Iola	Away	5:30/4:15
Nov. 26	Port Ed	Home	5:30
Nov. 29	Tri-County	Home	5:30
Dec. 3	St. Pete's	Away	5:30/4:20
Dec. 6	Rosholt	Home	5:30
Dec. 10	Wild Rose	Away	5:30/4:30



OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 PIZZA DIPPERS, SALAD BAR, PEACHES, MILK	2 TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES W/GRAVY, PEAS, PEARS, BREAD, MILK	3 MINICORN DOGS, RAVIOLI, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE, MILK	4 MOSTACIOLI, SALAD BAR, PINEAPPLE, GAR- LIC BREAD, MILK	5 HOT DOGS, FRENCH FIRES, GREEN BEANS, MIXED FRUIT, MILK
8 CHEESE FRIES, SALAD BAR, PEARS, MILK	9 CHICKEN STIR FRY, RICE, SALAD BAR, APPLESAUCE, MILK	10 TACOS, CORN, PINE- APPLE, MILK	11 BEEF VEGETABLE- SOUP, SUB'S MIXED FRUIT, MILK	12 CHICKEN PATTY- TATER BARRELS, BAKED BEANS, PEACHES, MILK
15 PIZZA, SALAD BAR, APPLESAUCE, MILK	16 CHICKEN & GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, GLAZED CARROTS, PINEAPPLE, BREAD, MILK	17 HAMBURGERS, POTATO WEDGES, BAKED BEANS, MIXED FRUIT, MILK	18 CHILI, VEGGIE'S & DIP, PEACHED, BREAD, MILK	19 CHICKEN FAJITA, PEARS, VEGGIES & DIP, MILK
22 BEEFY NACHOS, CORN, PINEAPPLE, MILK	23 BBQ, TATER BAR- RELS, GREEN BEANS, MIXED FRUIT, MILK	24 CHICKEN NUGGETS, FRENCH FRIES, PEAS, PEACHES, MILK	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL
29 PIZZA DIPPERS, SALAD BAR, MIXED FRUIT, MILK	30 BEEF & GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, PEAS, APPLESAUCE, BREAD, MILK	31 GRILLED CHEESE TOMATO SOUP, CRACKERS, VEG. & DIP, PEACHES, MILK		

BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 CEREAL MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	2 FRENCH TOAST STICKS, FRUIT, MILK	3 OATMEAL, TOAST, JUICE, MILK	4 CEREAL, MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	5 BAGEL, JUICE, MILK
8 CEREAL MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	9 CEREAL, TOAST, JUICE, MILK	10 SCRAMBLED EGGS, TOAST, FRUIT, MILK	11 CEREAL, MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	12 CINNAMON ROLL, JUICE, MILK
15 CEREAL, MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	16 FRENCH TOAST STICKS, FRUIT, MILK	17 CEREAL, TOAST, JUICE, MILK	18 OATMEAL, FRUIT, MILK	19 BAGEL, JUICE, MILK
22 CEREAL MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	23 EGG OMELET, TOAST FRUIT, MILK	24 CEREAL, MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL
29 CEREAL, MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK	30 FRENCH TOAST STICKS, FRUIT, MILK	31 CEREAL, MUFFIN, JUICE, MILK		

Helping Your Teen With Homework

Homework in higher grades

In general, just when grades are becoming more important, school and homework may not be your teen's top priority. Teens spend more and more time with friends and may become involved in extracurricular activities. Try to find a balance between respecting their desire to establish their independence and continuing to show an interest in and support their education, even though they may not always want or need it.

Ways to work with your teen

- **Prioritize and make a schedule.** Teens have a lot of things going on in their lives and often a lot of stress, so sit down with your teen and talk about scheduling social events, after school activities, free time and homework. Though teens are capable of choosing when to do their homework, you can ensure they have enough time in their busy schedules to get it done!. This will help your teen learn how to manage his time, show him that homework and school need to be a priority, and keep you involved in your teen's life.
- **Find a good place to set up shop.** Unlike your elementary school child who liked to do her homework at the kitchen table so you were nearby, your teen may rather retreat to their privacy of her own room. Wherever your teen ends up, make sure it is comfortable for her, well lit and free of distractions such as television and the telephone. Be sure to check in with your teen so you know she is staying on task.
- **Provide support and encouragement.** You may not need to be as involved in your teen's homework as you were when he was in elementary school; however, you should be there to support your teen in the process. Make yourself available for questions and help by going over the instructions with your teen before he begins, let him share his ideas with you and offer feedback, or offer to review his work when she is finished.
- **Homework and the Internet.** Your teen will most likely have homework assignments that require research of some kind on the Internet, or she may be able to use a website for homework help if she is struggling with something. The Internet can be a wonderful resource; however, there is plenty of inappropriate material on the Internet as well so please see our information on this website regarding Internet Safety.
- **Study groups.** Study groups are often a good strategy for middle or high school students. Your teen may benefit from studying with one or two classmates; however, make sure the group is using the time to study. If you have questions about study groups or how to help your teen form a study group, speak with the school and they may have some recommendations.
- **Talk to the teacher.** If your teen seems to be having trouble with a particular subject or type of assignment, make an appointment to speak with his teacher about it. If your teen is struggling with a particular subject, it may indicate a learning difference. His teacher and the school may be able to make arrangements for extra help in the form of a tutor—the earlier your child gets the help he needs, the better.
- **Keep the lines of communication open.** You should be regularly talking with your teen about her homework and school. Anytime you have questions or concerns you should speak with your teen's teachers and other school staff if necessary, such as guidance counselors, principals, etc. By doing this you will stay involved in your teen's life and her education, model good communication, and continue to make a connection between home and school.



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