



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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March 2023

Dates To Remember

- 3/7-ACT Test Day for Juniors, Virtual Day for Grades 9, 10, and 12
- 3/15-Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board Room
- 3/17-Half Day of School-Early Release, 12:00 a.m.
- 3/20-3/24-No School, Spring Break
- 3/30-Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.



Notes from the District Administrator

As I'm sitting at home working on this article the snow is coming down, the wind is blowing and the temperature is dropping. However, I am forever an optimist and I know that March is the beginning of spring, warmer air, the awakening of the beauty that is Wisconsin. There are a lot of great things going on in Almond-Bancroft Schools and more great things to come.

- On average, 40% of our students have already reached their annual typical growth goal and 15% have met their annual stretch goal in our iReady reading assessment and it's only the middle of the year. On average, 34% of our students have already reached their annual typical growth goal and 8% have met their annual stretch goal in our iReady math assessment.
- The last week of February we celebrated Read Across America with several activities organized by our Title 1 teacher and interventionist at the elementary school. Activities included a reading challenge for students, guest readers in classes, and a read-in for all schools!
- Our new Science Olympiad team is having amazing success! They recently competed in their regional competition with much larger schools and earned 7 gold, 4 silver and 1 fourth place medal! See their picture later in this newsletter!
- We have brought back our agriculture program to A-B Schools! Our teacher Ms. Mocker and her students had a goal to bring back FFA as well, and they have succeeded. They celebrated National FFA week in February and are finalizing their first fundraiser. We are proud of everyone for making this happen!
- Our band and choir students participated in the District Solo and Ensemble competition.
- Our high school basketball teams are winding down their season. Both teams have been doing very well this year.

In March

- This is the start of our state testing season. The ACT test for juniors is March 7. The Wisconsin Forward and PreACT Secure testing windows also begin in March. We know that students don't always like state testing, but we are excited to see the students' learning and growth in these results. We ask that you join with us in encouraging your students to try their best on these tests.
- March 14 is Pi day, and as our students are learning their math concepts, they will also be participating in challenges to celebrate this day.
- Third quarter ends on March 17. It's hard to believe that the year is getting closer to being done.
- Softball, baseball, and track seasons are beginning.
- Spring break begins March 20th.

As we move into March I am excited to see what the spring will bring. It's hard when the snow is flying to remember that warm weather is coming and the world will be green again. As an eternal optimist, I keep my eyes on the sun and the future of Almond-Bancroft School District. I am proud of what the staff and students are already doing and can't wait to see what we can accomplish together as we move forward.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jodi Becker

Almond-Bancroft School District

Jodi Becker
District Administrator

Toni Schumacher
PK-12 Principal

Hallie Ritchay
Director of Pupil Services

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Almond-Bancroft School District Vision Statement

We are a collaborative community focused on continued growth in opportunities, choices, and expectations for all students. We prepare self-motivated and responsible students to become well-rounded and successful citizens.

Almond-Bancroft School District Mission Statement

The Almond-Bancroft School District, with support of families and community members, will provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which challenges and prepares each student for success today and tomorrow.



PreK-12 Principal Message

February is over, which means we have just over three more months of school. The rest of the school year is going to fly by! ACT, Pre-ACT and Forward testing are just around the corner. The quarter ends on March 17th and then the next week is spring break. Shortly after that is Easter, then the middle school trip, the senior trip, prom, and elementary field trips galore. There are spring band and choir concerts, awards ceremonies, promotion ceremonies, and graduation.

Three months may seem like a long time, but in reality, the school year is $\frac{2}{3}$ through. The staff are working hard to make sure as many learning opportunities as possible are presented to the students. We ask that the parents/guardians give what help they can, too. Please encourage your child to read, study, and complete their homework. Ask them what they are learning. Set aside time for them to do their homework. Read to the young children and ask the older ones what they are reading. In addition to that, make sure they are coming to school every day. Have them eat breakfast, either at home or at school (or both for those really hungry kiddos). Remind them to turn off their cell phones at night so they can get good sleep. Make sure they understand the importance of getting some physical activity each day. The days should be getting warmer, so outside play is definitely possible.

Together we can help our students have a strong last $\frac{1}{3}$ of the school year!

Toni Schumacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month middle school staff members choose one student from each grade level that has demonstrated positive behavior throughout the month. Here are the winners and comments from January.



Our sixth grade January student of the month is Gabe Kett! Gabe always works hard and pays attention in class. He has good ideas to add to discussions and is willing to help others. Gabe is a positive role model for others and always gives 110%! Congratulations Gabe!

Our seventh grade January student of the month is Edgar Barajas! Edgar does his best to take part and be a positive influence on the class time. He works well with other students and is willing to take part in activities. Congratulations Edgar!

Our eighth grade January student of the month is Emersyn Budelier! Emersyn is an easy student to have in class. She is attentive and helpful and always gives her best effort. Congratulations Emersyn!

Artist of the Month



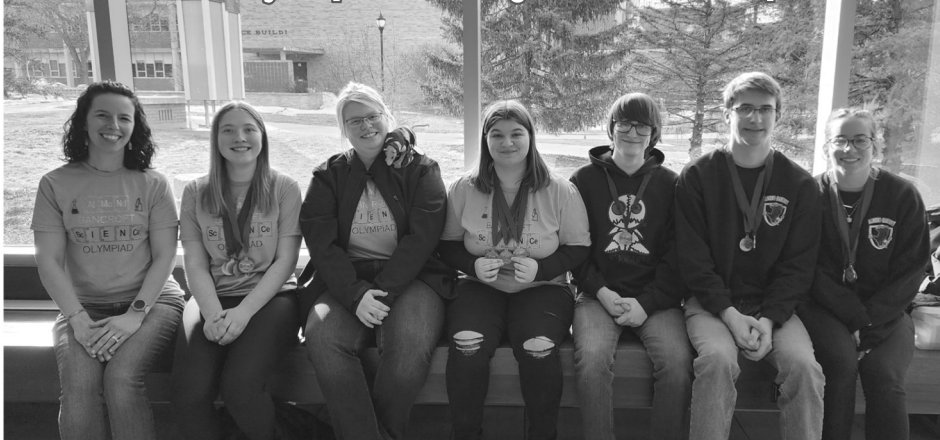
Karl Kiefer
11th Grade
Altered Book Sculpture

The High School Science Olympiad team competed in their Regional meet on Saturday, February 18th at UWSP. They competed in 23 different events covering all areas of science. They were awarded gold medals in 7 events, silver medals in 4 events, and one fourth place medal. We are especially proud since each member earned at least one 1st place medal.

Congratulations to Felicity, Candace, Gracelyn, Logan, Karl, and Adrianna!

Currently, the team has won 40 medals by participating in five competitions. The next meet will be at UW-Milwaukee for the State competition on April 1, 2023.

Science Olympiad Regional Competition



Reopening of the Almond-Bancroft FFA Chapter



We're so happy to announce the reopening of our FFA chapter with Mrs. Mocker as advisor. All eight energetic members will be earning their FFA jackets through the Strawberry Sale fundraiser. If you purchased strawberries from a member, expect them the week before spring break and thank you for supporting our chapter!

The members will be entering regional career development events in March and are planning fun activities for elementary,

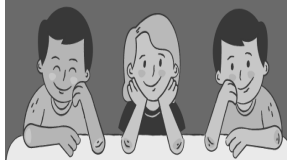
middle, and high school students later in the spring. Look out for more to come from these awesome go-getters.

(From Left to right) Lilly Pratt, Lexie Dernbach, Kylie Garner, Richie Bentley, Clarence Pratt, Anthony Beltran-Sanchez, Brody Dernbach, and Dalton Clark showing off the massive paper chain that decorated the hall for National FFA week.

**ALMOND-BANCROFT
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB RE-OPENING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023!**

Club runs from after school to 6:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

Questions? Call Cassie at
715-366-2941 ext. 242



All About Me

Hello students and families! My name is Angela Rogers. I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. I will be graduating in May with a major in Early Childhood Education and a minor in ECSE. My favorite things to do outside of being a teacher are playing and going on walks with my two puppies Luna and Daisy, volleyball, watching/going to sporting events, and hanging out with friends and family.

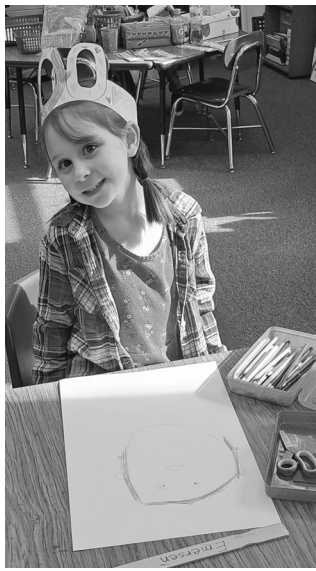
I am so excited to work alongside Mrs. Ramczyk, Mrs. Perzinski and your student!



100 DAY

The Kindergarten students had so much fun getting ready for and celebrating 100 Day, which was February 6th.

The students stamped 100 stamps in a booklet, drew self portraits of what they will look like when they are 100 years old, used fruit loops to count to 100...and then of course ate them!



Kindergarten Valentine celebration....

Students enjoyed trading valentine cards, playing Bingo, and eating treats!



Elementary school PBIS Pep Rally

In the month of January students were given over 300 gift tickets for their positive behavior. Way to go students! These students were the gift ticket winners for the month.



What fun the ELC is having!

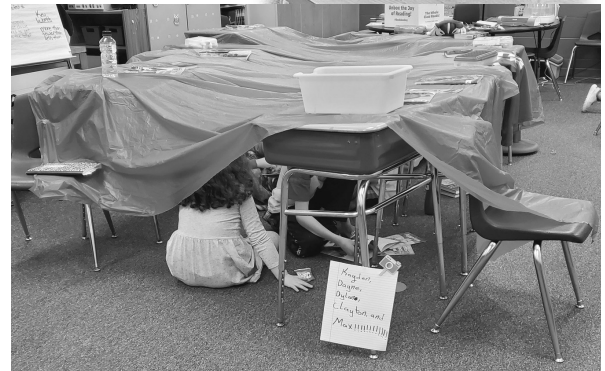
Students are working on their motor skills working with some play-doh and had lots of fun building hula hoop huts and playing during gym time!



1st Grade & 4th Grade Book Buddies



Miss Polum and Ms. Kennetz started Book Buddies with their classes. Before Christmas Break they started with get-to-know-you activities and each Friday since they have been able to enjoy each other's company. The 4th Graders shared their reward forts with their little buddies too!



The 3rd grade Chinese New Year tradition continues!

A-B 3rd graders celebrated the 15th day of the Chinese New Year by wearing the lucky color red and having a parade to bring good luck to our school for the new year!



March Athletic Events

- 3/2-MS Wrestling at Berlin 4:15 p.m.
 - 3/28-HS Softball home vs. Owen-Withee, 4:30 p.m.
 - 3/29-HS Softball home vs. Manawa, 4:30 p.m.
 - 3/31-HS Baseball home vs. White Lake, 4:30 p.m.
 - HS Softball home vs. Adam-Friendship, 4:30 p.m.
 - HS Track at UWSP, 4:00 p.m.
- * Schedule is subject to change.

EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



Middle School Wrestling

Clinton Hutkowski, Jonathan Curtin, Coach Anderson



7th Grade Boys Basketball



Dwight Nigh, Cole Hutkowski, Chandler Budelier, Kameron Fenske, Corbin Pratt, Easton Falk

8th Grade Boys Basketball

Back (L to R):
Malachi Ramirez,
Tucker Stiles,
Karson Garner,
Blake Williams
Front: Charles Hutkowski,
Kaden Martinez



8th Grade Girls Basketball

Back (L to R):
Callie Warzynski,
Lacie Bradley,
Delaney Omernick,
Kaylee Doll
Front:
Emersyn Budelier,
Aubree Wojcik, Lexi Carlton



7th Grade Girls Basketball

Back (L to R):
Sophia Chapa,
Tia Dernbach,
Nora Lein,
Indigo Sheffy
Front: Bristol Christianson,
Audrinna Sikorski,
Kassidy Warzynski,
Diana Garcia



A-B Varsity Girls Conference Champions!

Congratulations to Head Coach Keith Dernbach, Assistant Coach Chad Newby, and the Almond-Bancroft girls' basketball team for their come-from-behind victory against Pacelli that earned them a share in the CWC South Conference Championship.



WARM UP THIS SPRING Freshman Class Offers a Coffee Fundraiser

The Almond-Bancroft Freshman Class will be fundraising from March 14th through March 28th to earn money for their senior class trip. They are offering a delightful choice of coffees, teas, and cocoa sold by a company called **Giving Bean**. Students will be collecting orders in person; however, interested parties may also email Mrs. Huebner with an order (see below). A copy of the order form will be uploaded to the Almond-Bancroft Facebook page and is also available by emailing Mrs. Huebner.



To order:

Order directly from a freshman student

Email Mrs. Huebner at ahuebner@abschools.k12.wi.us.

Provide the name of the product and amount to be purchased.

Provide the name of the student whom you would like to receive the credit.

If no student is named, the profit will apply to the class, and those orders must be picked up at school.

Payment for all orders is by cash or check, regardless of the manner of the order. **Those who order through email will need to provide payment when they come in to pick up their order at the school.**

Dates: March 14 – March 28

Class of 2025 AB Schools

Pizzas \$7.00



Return Order Form by:

Monday, March 6th, 2023

Delivery Date will be:

Tuesday, April 5th, 2023

Make Checks Payable to:

Almond Bancroft School

Support the class of 2025 and order your pizzas today! Thin crust sausage, pepperoni, sausage & pepperoni, and cheese Fries! Contact a sophomore or email the class advisor, Mrs. Ziebell, kziebell@abschools.k12.wi.us, and she will connect you with a member of the class of 2025 to place your order.

Class of 2024 Fundraiser



The junior class is selling flowers and vegetable plants for their senior trip fundraiser.

12" Baskets \$40.00, Flower 4-packs \$3.00, 4.5" Flower Pots \$5.00, Vegetable 6-packs \$5.00

All orders are due by March 6th, delivery is the week before Mother's Day.

If interested in buying, contact a junior or email the class advisor, Mrs. Chapa, dchapa@abschools.k12.wi.us, and she will connect you with a member of the class of 2024.

Thank you in advanced!

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Tuesday, March 14 is Pi Day!!! In celebration of Pi Day, we would like to organize a friendly little competition among students. Starting Monday, February 27, each middle school teacher will have their own container to collect donations. Whichever teacher you would like to see "pi'd", drop your donation in their container! The teacher with the most donations will be "pi'd"! If we raise \$200 as a middle school, Mrs. Schumacher will also be "pi'd". If we raise \$250 as a middle school, Dr. Becker will be "pi'd". If we raise \$400 as a middle school, all of your teachers including Mrs. Schumacher and Dr. Becker will be "pi'd"! If you are interested in doing the "pi"ing, put your name on a slip of paper and place it in the container in Mrs. Fletcher's room. On Tuesday, March 14, student(s) will be drawn for who will throw the "pi". The donations will go into our Middle School Fund. Thanks for supporting our middle school!

Thank you for your support,

Middle School Staff

Enroll in Our 4K Program

Almond-Bancroft Public Schools



Children who will be 4 years of age by September 1, 2023, are eligible for full or half day 4K programming for the 2023-2024 school year.

Offering a full day of programming 4 days a week, Monday - Thursday, at no cost to parents.

Attend our half-day 4K program and our optional half-day Early Learning Center (ELC) program.

Our program is designed to give our youngest student a strong foundation for life-long learning skills.



Contact Mya Hoernke
mhoernke@abschools.k12.wi.us
715-366-2941 ext. 112

Developmental Questionnaire

In Lieu of Child Development Days, Almond-Bancroft School District will mail developmental questionnaires to the homes of children ages 3-5

If you do not receive one in the mail, please contact Hallie Ritchay at 715-366-2941 ext. 415



Fundraiser for

Almond Bancroft Scouts

20% of event sales will be donated

Almond Bancroft Scouts is a combination of Cub and Scouts BSA Scouts.



When

Saturday, April 01, 2023
Time: 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:
160 Crossroads Dr Plover WI 54467
(715) 341 - 2325

How to Order



Online

or



In-Person

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 350642 in the fundraiser code box

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Saturday, April 01, 2023



Health and Safety

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express is recognized as **America's safest restaurant brand.**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 20% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location when purchased with your unique code at check-out or when a copy of this flyer is presented. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.

Almond-Bancroft Menus: March 2023

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Frudel Yogurt	2 Cereal Muffin	3 Bagel Yogurt
6 Breakfast Pizza	7 French Toast Sticks	8 Breakfast Kit	9 Cereal Muffin	10 Donut Yogurt
13 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	14 Egg Taco	15 Breakfast Kit	16 Oatmeal Whole Grain Toast	17 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt
20 No School Spring Break	21 No School Spring Break	22 No School Spring Break	23 No School Spring Break	24 No School Spring Break
27 Breakfast Pizza	28 French Toast Sticks	29 Breakfast Kit	30 Breakfast Kit	31 Donut Yogurt

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced: No Charge

4K (M-Th): 14 days @ \$1.70=\$23.80

K-12th Grade: 18 days @ \$1.70 = \$30.60

Juice Included with Breakfast

Choices:

- Apple Cherry
- Apple
- Grape
- Orange

Single item price \$0.50

Milk Included with Every Meal

Choices:

- Skim
- 1% White
- F/F Chocolate

Single item price \$0.35

4K-5th Grade Classroom Milk Break:

\$0.35 a day or free with an approved free/reduced application

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	2 Corn Dogs Ravioli Carrots Fruit of the Day	3 Garlic Cheese Bread Salad Fruit of the Day
6 Tacos Hard or Soft Shell Corn Fruit of the Day	7 Chicken Patty on Bun Wedges Peas Fruit of the Day	8 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Fruit of the Day	9 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Carrots Fruit of the Day	10 Pizza Salad Bar Fruit of the Day
13 Chicken Fajita Green Beans Fruit of the Day	14 Chicken Nuggets Tater Barrels Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	15 Salisbury Steak Buttered Noodles Cauliflower Fruit of the Day	16 Cheeseburger Hot Dish Peas Fruit of the Day	17 Pizza Dippers Salad Fruit of the Day
20 No School Spring Break	21 No School Spring Break	22 No School Spring Break	23 No School Spring Break	24 No School Spring Break
27 Beefy Nachos Corn Fruit of the Day	28 Hot Dog on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	29 Mostaccioli Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	30 Pancakes Sausage Hash Brown Fruit of the day	31 Cheese Fries Salad Bar Fruit of the Day

Lunch Prices:

Reduced 4K (M-Th): 14 days @ \$0.40= \$5.60

Reduced K-12: 18 days @ \$0.40 = \$7.20

4K (M-Th): 14 days @ \$2.45= \$34.30

K-5th Grade: 18 days @ \$2.45 = \$44.10

6th – 12th Grade: 18 days @ \$2.70 = \$48.60

Fresh fruit may be served as an additional option with breakfast and lunch.

Menu is subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Almond-Bancroft School District April 4, 2023

Election Details

An election is to be held in the School District of Almond-Bancroft, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The following offices are to be elected.

Office

School Board Member At Large
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School Board Member Town of Belmont, Rose, and Oasis

Candidate

Keith J. Dernbach
Taylor Dernbach
Eugene Fosmire

Office Terms

The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 24, 2023. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Almond-Bancroft School District 2023-2024 Open Enrollment

February 6 - April 28, 2023



Join our **FAMILY** of learners!

Your wings already exist...
Let us teach you to fly!

- Small class sizes
- All schools meet or exceed expectations
- Academic and extra-curricular activities
- AP and dual credit courses
- Music, band and art programs
- Dedicated staff

*For more information about Open Enrollment, contact
Jodi Becker, District Administrator.
jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us; 715-366-2941*

Substitute Teachers, Substitute Classroom Aides, Substitute Kitchen Assistants, and Substitute Custodians

The Almond-Bancroft application can be found on the district website, hover over the District tab and click on Employment Opportunities.

Return application to:

Almond-Bancroft Schools, Mrs. Jodi Becker
1336 Elm Street
Almond, WI 54909

jbecker@abschools.k12.wi.us

If you would like additional information contact:

Trina Warzynski, 715-366-2941 ext. 422 or
twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us



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