



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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April 2023

Dates To Remember

- 4/4-Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- 4/4-Spring Election
- 4/5-Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom
- 4/6-Board Election Results Canvassing Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Boardroom
- 4/7-No School, Easter Break
- 4/10-No School, Teacher Inservice
- 4/19-Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom



Almond-Bancroft School District

Jodi Becker
District Administrator

Toni Schumacher
PK-12 Principal

Hallie Ritchay
Director of Pupil Services

School Board

- President: Keith Dernbach
- Vice President: John Ruzicka
- Treasurer: Taylor Dernbach
- Clerk: Debbie Bradley
- Directors: Eugene Fosmire, Brad Garner, Nicole Huntington



Notes from the District Administrator

I love being the District Administrator and leading the Almond-Bancroft School District. Truly, I'm not just saying that because it will be on the cover of the April District Newsletter. Leading a district is challenging work, but it is also very rewarding. I definitely can't do this alone. There are many definitions of leadership, but it is basically the act of leading a group of people or organization towards a common goal or mission. As noted at the bottom of this page, our mission and vision is focused on providing students with the opportunity to learn, be challenged, and be prepared for whatever future and dreams that they have. I am not and cannot be the only person who is leading this organization to reach that goal. I have a lot of help.

In my first year as District Administrator, I realized that I needed a better way to get feedback from staff on different decisions that impact the schools and district. At the end of last year we created a District Staff Leadership Team made up of representatives from each school. We have had several meetings this year and have discussed topics including discipline, communication, different policies and procedures, teacher handbooks, school calendar, etc. These discussions and the communication that happens around these meetings has been invaluable in our decision-making this year. I am so thankful for these staff members that have committed to being on this committee!

Andrew Bradley - High School Math	Carrie Omernik - Middle/High School FACE
Catherine Wood - Middle/High School Spanish	Tom Collins - MS English Language Arts
Carla Klismith - Middle School Special Education	Elizabeth Kemnetz - 4th grade teacher
Brenda Ramczyk - Kindergarten teacher	Marcey Lehman - Elem. Special Education
Kelly Menadue - Elementary Interventionist	Courtney Newby Duchow - Special Ed Aide

I am also blessed to have an administrative team that works really well together and has the same vision for the district. We want to do all we can to support our staff to ensure that all of our students learn at high levels and have a safe and secure learning environment. We are continually collaborating on our work. As a small district, many times our job duties overlap. I trust that my administrators are always making decisions with the success of our students in mind. Our administrative team includes myself, Toni Schumacher (PK-12 Principal), and Hallie Ritchay (Director of Special Education and Pupil Services).

Finally, I could not do my job without the support, guidance and dedication of our school board. These community members take time out of their busy schedules to support the district and help it run smoothly. The school board members at this time include Keith Dernbach, John Ruzicka, Debbie Bradley, Brad Garner, Eugene Fosmire, Taylor Dernbach and Nicole Huntington. On April 4, K. Dernbach, Fosmire and T. Dernbach are up for re-election for the school board. We hope that you come out and vote.

If you happen to see any of these people at a sports event, a concert or just around the area, please take a moment to thank them for their leadership in our school district. It is only through collaboration and communication that we will continue to make Almond-Bancroft School District successful.

Dr. Jodi Becker

Almond-Bancroft Schools 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 Schools 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

It seems as though spring is here. Of course, being Wisconsin, it is likely that at least one more snowfall will attack us, but if that happens, the warm temps will make it disappear quickly. People are planning gardens, the sap is running in the trees, grass is getting ready to turn green, crocuses are trying to break through - everything is renewed! The same thing is happening with our students. They are bursting with energy. They are ready to go. And go they will! This is the time of year when we see the results of the students' efforts. The spring concerts, state testing, and graduation all give the students a chance to showcase all the things they have done and learned. This is the time for them to shine!

All this growth leads us to the next steps in the students' education. The seniors are busily applying for scholarships for college or getting their plans for employment wrapped up. The 8th - 11th graders are preparing their schedules for next year. The elementary and middle school teachers are assigning the students to their classes for next year. Grants are being written, curriculums are being updated, everything is being prepared.

So in this time of the strange combo of wrap-up and preparation, enjoy the chaos. Watch the crocuses, tree buds, and concerts because spring is upon us!

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!

Our sixth grade February student of the month is Cassidy Warzynski! Cassidy always comes into the classroom with a smile on her face and is ready to help others with a positive attitude. She is always prepared for class, and Cassidy's work shows tons of effort. Congratulations Cassidy!

Our seventh grade February student of the month is Tia Dernbach! Tia always gets her work done on time and with great quality. She knows how to deal with difficult tasks, and Tia will help others out if they need it. Congratulations Tia!

Our eighth grade February student of the month is Shawn Carpenter! Shawn almost always has a smile on his face. He is also good at helping to solve problems. Shawn is someone people go to for help and if they need their spirits boosted. Congratulations Shawn!

ELEMENTARY PBIS PEP RALLY



Elementary students can earn gift tickets by displaying good behavior in the classroom, on the playground, and in the hallways throughout the month. The 14 students pictured were the lucky winners drawn from the many gift tickets issued this past month. The winners were able to pick a prize from the prize cart. Congratulations and thank you for displaying your great behavior!

Artist of the Month



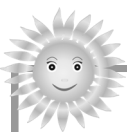
Jillian Newby
12th Grade
India Ink

ALMOND-BANCROFT PAST GRADUATES NAMED TO 2022 FALL SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST OR HONOR ROLL

Briana Borski, UW Eau Claire
Alex Burns, UW-La Crosse
Daniel Burns, UW River Falls
Grant Burns, UW River Falls
Joseph Crahan, UW Madison
Chloee Dernbach, UW-La Crosse
Chloe Lehman, UW Oshkosh
Matt Lukas, UW Oshkosh
Emaleah Matke, UW Eau Claire
Melissa Perzinski, UW-La Crosse
Alyson Plaski, UW Oshkosh
Angela Rogers, UW-Stevens Point
Matthew Selenske, UW-Stevens Point
Paige Turzinski, UW-La Crosse
Miguel Vega, UW-Green Bay
Annie Weiss, UW-La Crosse

If we have missed including a past A-B graduate who has been named to a Dean's List, please reach out to Trina Warzynski, twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us, and we will include their information in the next newsletter.

During Read Across America Week, one of the highlights was an all-school read-in. Students and staff spent time in the hallways reading together. What a great sight!



Summer School Coming in June

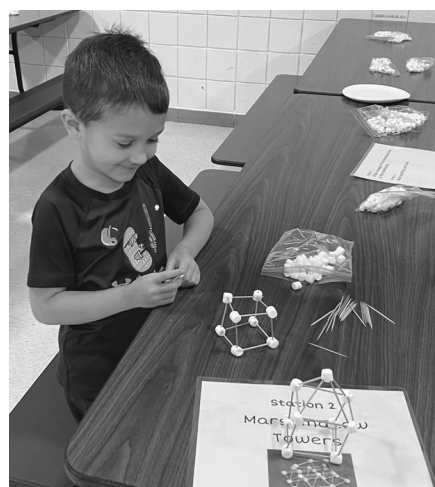
This year summer school will be held June 12-29, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For grades K-5, the program will include morning classes for both reading and math enrichment. In the afternoon K-5 families can sign up for swimming lessons or stay at school for some fun activities-based classes like cooking, physical education and gardening. New this year we are offering an all-day middle school success program from grades 6-8. We will only be holding one session of summer school this year. Watch for more information soon and your chance to register! We will be posting more details on Facebook and our website and will send out information through Skyward.

Kindergarten Activities

The kindergarten students celebrated Dr. Seuss week by making door decorations, reading together with their 2nd or 3rd grade reading buddy, making Cat in the Hat paper crafts, and they enjoyed a read aloud with Dr. Becker!



MS. HOERNKE'S 4K FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT!



5TH GRADE REVOLUTIONARY WAR "MUSEUM"

The fifth-grade students recently presented their Revolutionary War projects to parents, teachers, and students. The students shared what they learned and their creativity in building their visuals.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES PI DAY

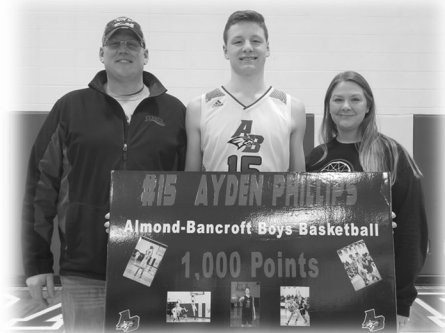
Middle school students had the chance to 'Pi' a teacher of their choice by bringing in money to place in the bucket of a teacher they wished to see Pi'd! Mr. Fortun, physical education teacher, received the most money in his container. Aubree Wojcik was the lucky student chosen to 'Pi' him. All funds collected go into the middle school trips/rewards fund.



April Athletic Events

- 4/3-HS Baseball and Softball at Wild Rose, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/4-HS Track at Wild Rose, 4:00 p.m.
-HS Softball home vs. Manawa, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/6-HS Baseball home vs. Owen-Withee, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/10-HS Track at Tri-County, 3:45 p.m.
-HS Baseball and Softball home vs. Rosholt, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/11-HS Baseball and Softball at Port Edwards, 4:30 p.m.
-MS Baseball and Softball home vs. Tri-County, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/13-HS Softball at Tri-County, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/14-HS Softball home vs. Laona-Wabeno, 4:30 p.m.
-MS Baseball and Softball at Pittsville, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/17-HS Track at Tri-County, 4:00 p.m.
-HS Baseball and Softball home vs. Pittsville, 4:30 p.m.
-MS Baseball and Softball at Assumption, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/20-HS Baseball and Softball at Pacelli, 4:30 p.m.
-MS Baseball and Softball home vs. Port Edwards, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/21-HS Track at Rosholt, 4:00 p.m.
-HS Baseball home vs. Bowler, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/22-HS Softball Triangular home, time TBD
- 4/24-MS Baseball and Softball home vs. Rosholt, 4:30 p.m.
-HS Softball at Green Lake, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/25-HS Baseball home vs. Wild Rose, 4:30 p.m.
-HS Softball at Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:30 p.m.
-MS Baseball and Softball at Amherst, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/27-HS Track at Tri-County, 3:45 p.m.
-MS Softball home vs. Bonduel, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/28-HS Baseball at Green Lake, 4:30 p.m.

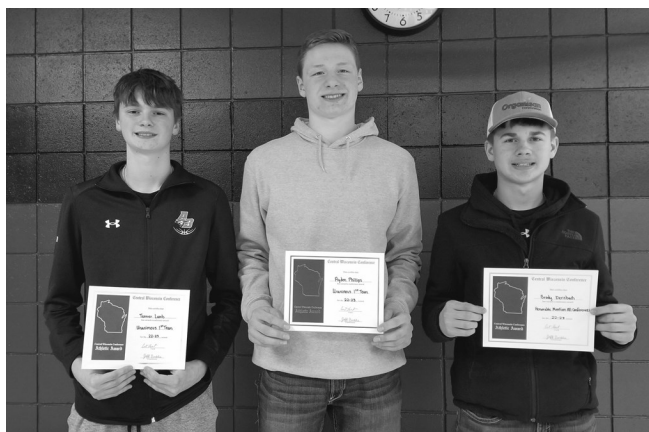
EAGLES SPORTLIGHT



Sophomore Ayden Phillips hit a huge milestone in his basketball career during the boys basketball regional playoff game. During the first half of the game, he scored his 1000th career point! Ayden is pictured with his parents Mike and Sarah Phillips.

Congratulations Ayden on your accomplishment!

ALMOND-BANCROFT CWC SOUTH ALL CONFERENCE SELECTIONS



BOYS BAKSETBALL

TJ Lamb
First Team

Ayden Phillips
First Team

Brody Dernbach
Honorable Mention

GIRLS BAKSETBALL

Raegen Omernik
Second Team

Jillian Newby
Honorable Mention

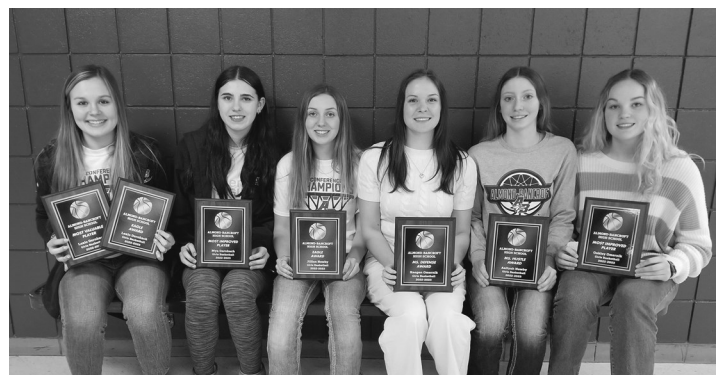
Chloee Dernbach
First Team

Aaliyah Newby
Honorable Mention



ALMOND-BANCROFT TEAM AWARDS

Boys basketball: Dalton Omernick, Xander Miner, Ayden Phillips, TJ Lamb, Brody Dernbach
Girls basketball: Chloee Dernbach, Mya Dernbach, Jillian Newby, Raegen Omernik, Aaliyah Newby, Oakley Omernik

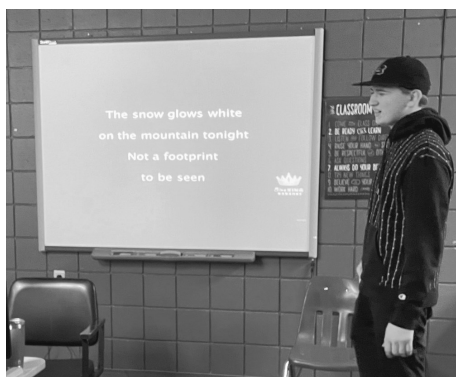


Almond-Bancroft Music Department

This February, several band and choir members had the opportunity to participate in the Solo & Ensemble competition held at Port Edwards. These students included Adrianna Conley, Gracelyn Breitenstein, John Luna, Logan Fuehrer, Max Lorenz, and Jesus Perez-Pacheco. Before the competition, the students put in a tremendous amount of work to prepare their music and each student put on an excellent performance at the competition. We are pleased to announce that all of our students scored within the top two categories and sophomore, Jesus Perez-Pacheco, scored high enough to qualify for the state level competition this May! We wish him luck at this upcoming competition. Thank you to all of these students for their hard work and for representing Almond-Bancroft so well.



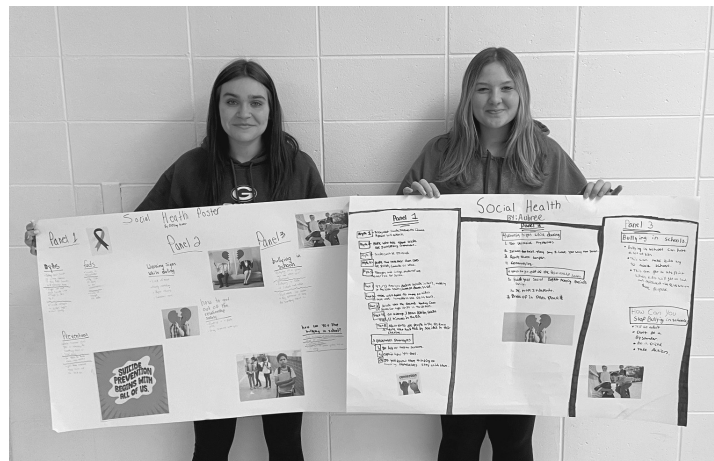
In other news, several of our middle school band students were nominated to audition for the middle level Honors Performance Series in New York City. If selected, students are granted the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall with other young instrumentalists from all around the country. We are pleased to announce that Sophia Chapa in 7th grade has been selected for this prestigious group and will be representing Almond-Bancroft this summer! Congratulations, Sophia!



MS. HOUDEK'S HEALTH EDUCATION CLASS NEWS

After all end of quarter projects and class work completed. The students were rewarded with a karaoke day as a send off to Spring Break! John, Kaleb, and Via-Jay, sure enjoyed the karaoke challenge!

Destiny Kiefer and Aubree Phillips did awesome on their summative social health posters for their class project. Great job!



Notice of Spring Election and

Sample Ballots

April 4, 2023

Office of the Almond-Bancroft School Board Clerk

To the voters of Almond-Bancroft School District:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Portage/Waushara Counties on April 4, 2023, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, the voter may insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If a voter spoils a **paper or optical scan ballot**, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 4, 2023

School District	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Almond-Bancroft School District School Board Member At Large Vote for 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Taylor Dernbach
	Write-in:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Almond-Bancroft School District School Board Member At Large Vote for 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keith J. Dernbach
	Write-in:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Almond-Bancroft School District School Board Member Towns of Belmont, Rose, and Oasis Vote for 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eugene Fosmire
	Write-in:

Almond-Bancroft Menus: April 2023

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	4 Hashbrown, Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Breakfast Bar	5 Breakfast Pizza	6 Breakfast Kit	7 No School
10 No School	11 Cinnamon Toast Sticks	12 Frudel Yogurt	13 Oatmeal Toast	14 Bagel Yogurt
17 Breakfast Pizza	18 Waffles	19 Pop Tart Yogurt	20 Cereal Muffin	21 Donut Yogurt
24 Pancake Wrapped Sausage on Stick	25 Hashbrown, Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Breakfast Bar	26 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Toast	27 Breakfast Kit	28 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced: No Charge

4K (M-Th): 15 days @ \$1.70=\$25.50

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
3 Beef Fajita Corn Fruit of the Day	4 Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Peas Fruit of the Day	5 Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich Baked Chips Fresh Veggies Fruit of the Day	6 Chicken Quesadilla Green Beans Fruit of the Day	7 No School
10 No School	11 Beefy Nachos Corn Fruit of the Day	12 Chef Salad Ham or Chicken Chopped Egg, Tomato, Cucumbers, Onions, Bacon Bits, Croutons, Dressing Fruit of the Day	13 Hamburger on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Fruit of the Day	14 Pizza Salad Fruit of the Day
17 Popcorn Chicken Wedges Peas Fruit of the Day	18 Beef Tips Buttered Noodles Carrots Fruit of the Day	19 Garlic Cheese Bread Salad Fruit of the Day	20 Orange Chicken Rice Green Beans Fruit of the Day	21 Corn Dogs Ravioli Cauliflower Fruit of the Day
24 Cheese Fries Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	25 Salisbury Steak Buttered Noodles Green Beans Fruit of the Day	26 Baked Potato Bar with Meat Choice Broccoli Fruit of the Day	27 Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Carrots Fruit of the day	28 Fish Fry French Fries Cole Slaw Fruit of the Day

Lunch Prices:

Reduced 4K (M-Th): 15 days @ \$0.40= \$6.00

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

4K (M-Th): 15 days @ \$2.45= \$36.75

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.

Contact Corrinne Pratt with questions
715-498-1524

Easter
EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 8th

* for children of the Almond/Bancroft area - ages 0 to 6th grade*

Almond Lion's Shelter House

Start Eggs

10:00 AM

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

Come in We're HIRING

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, Dr. 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

EXPLORE YOUR SENSE OF WONDER

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER!

Camp runs June 7 - September 1, 2023.
Choose dates to attend.

- Day Camp** (Ages 7-12)
- Overnight Camp** (Ages 7-14)
- Adventure Trips** (Ages 12-17)
- Leaders and Counselors In Training** (LIT Ages 12-14, CIT Ages 15-17)



*Summer licensed child care for children ages 5-7 is available through **Summer Vacation at the Y** at the Stevens Point Area YMCA. For more information, visit www.spyymca.org/school-age-care



To register, go to:
www.glacierhollow.com
For more information, call:
715-342-2999

Camp Location:
9289 Pavelski Road
Amherst Junction, WI 54407



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