



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Dates To Remember

- 3/10-Juniors ACT Testing, No School for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors
-Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 pm
- 3/17-Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 pm
- 3/18-Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, Boardroom
- 3/23-27-No School, Spring Break
- 4/2-Half Day of School for Students, Noon Release
- 4/3-No School
- 4/13-No School for Students, Teacher Professional Development
- 4/15-Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm, Boardroom



March/April 2026



District Administrator Message

March is a great month! It is a time where we are transitioning from winter to spring and beginning to look forward to spring field trips, graduation, and finding time to grab on to all of the learning opportunities we can. There is Spring Break in March, and this gives us a taste of what summer vacation might be like. This is the end of our winter sports season and the start of baseball, softball, and track - who knows if we will be wearing winter coats or short sleeves for those games! March is also the beginning of state assessments, where our students can show us all that they have learned during the school year. And don't forget that March is Green - A-B Green!!!

The newsletter this month is filled with celebrations, fun activities, and information that will help families and the community as we move forward through the year. We have our Read Across America Week the first week of March. We are hosting Solo and Ensemble on March 7. We have Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 10 and 17th. Spring Break is March 23-27. And before you know it, it will be April and we will be inviting families of our future 4K class into the building to get connected with our school from the start.

Remember, March is the month where there is some uncertainty with Wisconsin weather...so, when you see the sun out - go and enjoy it! The next day may not be so nice! I wish everyone an amazing end of winter and beginning of spring! Let's make the most of the rest of the school year.

Take Care!

Dr. Becker

Almond-Bancroft School District

Jodi Becker
District Administrator

Lyndsey Larkin
4K-5 Principal /
Special Education
Director

James Highfield
6-12 Principal

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Almond-Bancroft will be hosting District Solo and Ensemble on March 7.



Students from Central Wisconsin schools will be coming to Almond to perform solos and small groups in many vocal and instrumental categories. This is an exciting opportunity for music students to showcase their musical skills and hard work for a judge.

The community is invited to come see the performances and check out what our students are working on in the music department.

We are also in need of volunteers to help out for the day and donations of individually wrapped baked goods for our concessions. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Amy Behnke at abehnke@abschools.k12.wi.us

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.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

-January

Kylie Bradley is our sixth grade January student of the month! Kylie is a good friend to her classmates and is happy to help out when she can. She can be relied on to try to work through tough assignments. Kylie is self-aware and takes care to make sure her best foot is always put forth. She has the perfect mix of kindness and sass which creates an absolute ball of energy. Kylie is always the first to ask if you need help with something and has a constant smile on her face. Congratulations Kylie!

Dylan Anderson is our seventh grade January student of the month! Dylan gives an awesome effort in class. Even when things are difficult, he powers through and does his best. He's a good role model of someone who works hard to have success. Although quiet, Dylan says lots with his action. He is very aware of the right thing to do and steps up to do more than his part.

Dylan is always checking to make sure his work is good, even going as far as to help his classmates. Congratulations Dylan!

Bently Cantu is our eighth grade January student of the month! Bently is someone who cares about doing a good job on all of his work. He's very funny and friendly with his classmates and teachers. He has shown more interest in knowing and being able to do things. This spark has made him an asset to the class. Congratulations Bently!



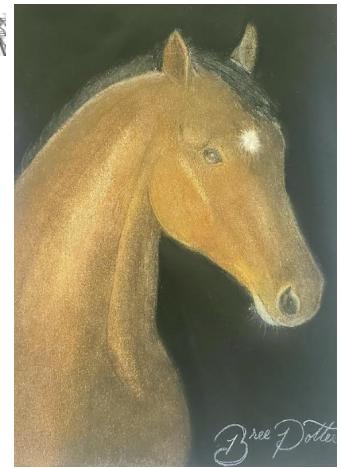
Almond-Bancroft Artists of the Month



Owen Berns
Kindergarten
Brown Bear, Brown Bear



Blaise Sheffy
4th Grade
Tic tac toe



Bree Potter
10th Grade
Horse portrait



Almond-Bancroft Alumni Give Back

On February 26, Almond-Bancroft School District alumni, Johl Turzinski, Dusty Hunt, and Lucas Meddaugh returned to A-B to speak with our high school students about careers in engineering. They shared their journeys from Almond-Bancroft to where they are today in the engineering field.

We are proud of our alumni and thankful they took the time to inspire our students!



ELEMENTARY POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PEP RALLY

Congratulations to our PBIS Pep Rally winners and Gold Ticket recipients! Your positive choices, respect, and responsibility do not go unnoticed. We are so proud of you!

January Golden Ticket Winners!
Let's give a BIG shoutout to our January Gift Ticket winners! These Golden Tickets are awarded to students who go above and beyond and are caught doing good deeds by Mrs. Larkin.

We are so proud of the kindness, leadership, and positive choices these students show every day—keep shining!

February Focus: R.E.S.P.E.C.T
This month, we're turning our attention to RESPECT, and here's what that looks like at school:

- R – Reach out and help others
- E – Eyes and ears on the person who is speaking
- S – Smile, use manners, and always be polite
- P – Play fairly, be honest, and follow the rules
- E – Everyone takes turns when talking
- C – Care for other people's property
- T – Treat others the way you would like to be treated

When students are caught showing R.E.S.P.E.C.T, they get to add a heart to our wall—a visual reminder of all the kindness filling our school!

Let's see that wall fill up, Eagles! Keep up the great work!



It's Read Across America Week and we are READY!

This is our reminder that reading isn't just homework — it's an adventure waiting to happen! From goofy giggles to big imagination moments, every book we open helps build confident, capable readers.

- Let's turn up the excitement by:
- Extra read-aloud time
- Fun themed days
- Celebrating our amazing readers

Whether it's one book or five, reading to a sibling, a parent, or even a stuffed animal — it ALL makes a difference!

Let's show our love for literacy and make this week the BEST one yet! Take a peek at the optional dress up days for Monday, March 2nd-Friday, March 6th.

We hope you celebrate with us!

Read Across America Week



Monday, March 2nd:
Hat Day
Wear a hat to celebrate Dr. Seuss

Tuesday, March 3rd:
Thing 1 & Thing 2 Day
Grab a friend (or friends) and match outfits



Wednesday, March 4th:
Wacky Wednesday
Wear a wacky hat, a wacky hairstyle, and/or wacky clothes (mismatch).



Thursday, March 5th:
Grinchy Green
Wear as much green as you can

Friday, March 6th:
Pajama Day
Wear your comfy PJs



Leer a través de América



Lunes, Marzo 2:
Día del sombrero
Usa un sombrero para celebrar al Dr. Seuss

Martes, Marzo 3:
Día de la Cosa 1 y la Cosa 2
Escoje a un amigo (o amigos) y combina atuendos



Miércoles, Marzo 4:
Miércoles Loco
Use un sombrero extravagante, un peinado extravagante, y/o ropa extravagante (que no combine)



Jueves, Marzo 5:
Grinchy Green
Usa todo el verde que puedas

Viernes, Marzo 6:
Día de pijama
Ponte tu pijama cómoda



PK-12 Activities

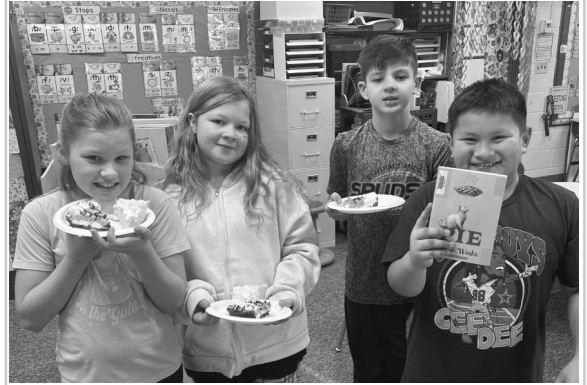
Our 4K students celebrated their win in the Valentine's Dress-Up Challenge with donuts and juice!



A big thank you to Mrs. Larkin for making the win extra special!



Some of the 4th and 5th grade students recently read *PIE* by Sarah Weeks in their reading group.



To celebrate the end of the book and their love for reading and pie, they enjoyed some pies based on some recipes from the book.



Big smiles all around as Deputy Johnson surprised our Safety Cadets with a pizza party from Polito's Pizza! Ms. Courtney and Deputy Johnson would like to give a special shout-out to our cadets for their hard work and commitment to keeping our school safe.

Thank you to Polito's Pizza for the generous donation—we are so grateful!



Teamwork makes the dream work!



Our 7th graders are strengthening their collaboration and communication skills during homeroom with Mr. Klosterman through engaging team-building activities.



Way to go, 7th grade!

The 6th grader students stepped out of their comfort zones and challenging themselves!

In Ms. Zdziarski's 6th Grade Social Studies class, students were learning about Ancient Greece, focusing on how stories and myths can reveal important ideas and beliefs of the time. Students were tasked with reading a traditional Greek Myth and crafting their own rendition as skit. Students created props, dialogue, and practiced their public speaking! Mr. Highfield even took the opportunity to participate and acted alongside students. What a fun time!"

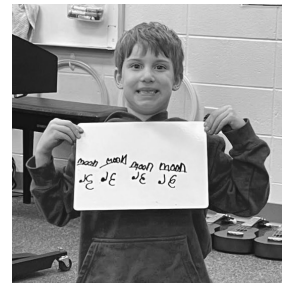
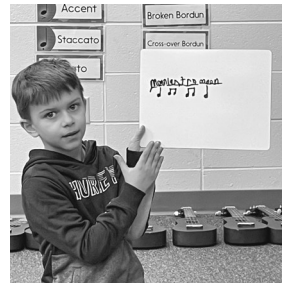




ABHS choir members took a trip to Appleton to see the show Hamilton by Lin Manuel Miranda. The show was a fantastic representation of hip hop, R&B, pop and classic showtunes and tells the story of Alexander Hamilton, one of America's Founding Fathers

Music in our school!

- 1st graders practicing rhythms
- 3rd graders learning recorder
- 4/5 practicing ukulele
- High School students singing the National Anthem



4K is on working on RHYMING skills!



We're bringing the fun with interactive nursery rhyme puzzles that have everyone thinking, matching, and learning through play!

These little learners are building big reading skills — and having a blast while doing it!



The Winter Olympics are officially in the books and WOW... what a day!!! A HUGE shoutout to Mr. Fortun for organizing such an incredible event and making the magic happen and thank you to our amazing high school helpers who kept everything running smoothly from start to finish. We couldn't have done it without you! Our students had an absolute BLAST competing, cheering, and showing off their team spirit. Let's just say... they definitely went home tired (the best kind of tired). So proud of our athletes and our school spirit!



PK-12 Activities

Eagles Athletic Events

- 3/3-HS boys basketball Regional at Pacelli, varsity 7:00 pm
- 3/30-HS softball at Tri-County, 4:30 pm
- 4/2-HS softball and baseball at Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
- 4/6-HS softball and baseball home vs. Pittsville, 4:30 pm
- 4/7-HS track at Wild Rose, 4:00 pm
- 4/9-HS baseball and softball at Wild Rose, 4:30 pm
 - MS baseball and softball home vs. Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
- 4/10-HS baseball at Greenwood, 5:00 pm
- 4/11-HS softball triangular home, 10:00 am
- 4/13-HS track at Tri-County, 3:45 pm
 - MS baseball and softball at Rosholt, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball and baseball home vs. Pacelli, 4:30 pm
- 4/16-MS baseball and softball location TBD vs. Tri-County, 4:30 pm
 - HS baseball home vs. Marion, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball home vs. Marathon, 4:30 pm
- 4/17-HS baseball and softball home vs. Tri-County, 4:30 pm
- 4/20-HS track at Pittsville, 4:00 pm
 - MS baseball and softball location TBD vs. Assumption, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball home vs. Stratford-Marawood, 4:30 pm
- 4/21-HS baseball and softball at Rosholt, 4:30 pm
- 4/24-HS track at Rosholt, 3:45 pm
- 4/27-MS baseball and softball home vs. Pacelli, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball at Medford, 5:00 pm
- 4/28-HS track at Amherst, 4:00 pm
 - HS softball at Wittenberg-Birmamwood, 4:30 pm
 - HS baseball vs Princeton at Green Lake, 4:45 pm
- 4/30-HS track at Tri-County, 3:45 pm
 - MS baseball and softball at Pittsville, 4:30 pm
 - HS baseball and softball home vs. Port Edwards, 4:30 pm

*The athletic schedule is subject to change.
For up-to-date information go to the Almond-Bancroft School web-site.*



Congratulations Emmitt Stiles!

Emmitt recently signed to attend Buena Vista University to continue his football career!

Surrounded by family, friends, coaches and teammates, he celebrated a moment that reflects years of hard work and dedication on and off the field! We are so proud of you, Emmitt, and know you will do great things!



Back (L-R): Coach Zdziarski, Abigail Cisewski, Jaylah Garcia, Coach Jastrab
Front (L-R): Tallie Stiles, Andrea Ramirez, Delaney Baum, Samantha Maganas, Mazie Bradley



Back (L-R): Coach Jastrab, Lilly Parish, Lexanni Painter, Kylie Bradley, Coach Zdziarski
Front (L-R): Kendall Mykisen, Emma Pratt, Aubriella Sikorski, Arabella Chapa, Samantha Maganas, Jaylah Garcia, Hadassah Garlow
Not pictured: Shelby Wheelock



Team Photos Provided By:

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Almond-Bancroft Senior, Ashton Czapinski, advances to State Individual Bowling Championships!

The top boys' and girls' coed teams and the top boys' and girls' individual bowlers from season-long district competition across Wisconsin advance to the 2026 BCAW High School Bowling Club Championships. Dale's Weston Lanes in Weston will host singles and team qualifying, semifinals and finals from March 6-8.

Good luck Ashton, Almond-Bancroft will be cheering for you!



On Sunday, February 1, Emmitt Stiles had the incredible honor of attending the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-State Banquet at the legendary

Lambeau Field —and he didn't leave empty-handed!

Emmitt was officially recognized and presented with his 1st Team All-State Defensive Line plaque, an outstanding achievement that reflects his hard work, dedication, and dominance on the field.

Congratulations on this well-deserved honor—keep making history!

NFL-Sponsored 5-on-5 Flag Football League

Registration is now open for an NFL-sponsored 5-on-5 flag football league for boys and girls ages 6U and up in the Central Wisconsin area. Early bird registration is available through March 2. Registration fees will increase after this date.

This league offers a convenient and engaging opportunity for young athletes and their families:

- Games are approximately 40 minutes in length
- All games are played on Sundays
- Hosted at Amherst Schools
- Season Dates: April 12 – May 17

To register, please visit:

<https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/metrobostonnflflag>

For additional information or specific questions about the league, please contact:

Doug Spadoni
dspadoni@amherst.k12.wi.us
715-281-8166

School Counselors Amplify Student Success



A-B celebrated Mrs. Danielle Chapa, during National School Counseling week, February 2-6.

We are so thankful for our incredible student counselor, Mrs. Chapa,

who supports, encourages, and advocates for our students every single day. Her compassion, dedication, and heart make a difference far beyond the classroom. Thank you, Mrs. Chapa, for all you do to help our students grow, succeed, and feel supported!

REGIONAL CHAMPIONS!



Our A-B Eagles defeated Assumption 48-43 in the Division 5 Regional final! The Eagles will play Pacelli on Thursday, March 5th.

Thank You BUS DRIVERS!



School Bus Driver Appreciation Week was celebrated February 9–13, 2026 and the national day school bus driver day is April 28, 2026. While these days honor the safety and commitment of professional school bus drivers, Almond-Bancroft is thankful for Northern Express and their drivers each and every day. Thank you for safely transporting our students and for being the first and last school-related smile of the school day for our students!



WE'RE HIRING!

We offer very flexible hours, paid training, excellent wages, and a fun working environment. Please call Northern Express at (715)366-2737 for more information.

Almond-Bancroft Menus: March 2026

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pancake Wrapped Sausage Juice Milk	3 Waffles Juice Milk	4 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	5 Breakfast Sandwich Juice Milk	6 Bagel, Cream Cheese Yogurt Juice Milk
9 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	10 Breakfast Pizza Juice Milk	11 Frudel Yogurt Juice Milk	12 Oatmeal Whole Grain Toast Juice Milk	13 Donut Yogurt Juice Milk
16 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	17 French Toast Sticks Juice Milk	18 Egg Omelet Juice Milk	19 Pancake Wrapped Sausage Juice Milk	20 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Juice Milk
23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School
30 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	31 Oatmeal Whole Grain Toast Juice Milk	4K-5th Grade Classroom Milk Break: \$0.50 a day or no charge with an approved free/reduced application		

Breakfast Prices:

Reduced: No Charge
 4K (M-Th): 14 days @ \$1.85 = \$25.90
 K-12th Grade: 17 days @ \$1.85 = \$31.45

Milk Included with Breakfast and Lunch

Choices: Skim, 1% White, or 1% Chocolate

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cheese Fries Salad Bar Fruit Milk	3 Hamburger Gravy Whole Grain Bread Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Milk	4 Mostaccioli Salad Bar Fruit Milk	5 Corn Dog French Fries Vegetable Fruit Milk	6 Chicken Fajita Vegetable Fruit Milk
9 Taco Hard or Soft Shell Vegetable Fruit Milk	10 Cheeseburger Hot Dish Vegetable Fruit Milk	11 Chicken Nuggets Mac & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Milk	12 Chicken Patty on Bun Hashbrown Fruit Milk	13 Pizza Dippers Salad Bar Fruit Milk
16 Pizza Salad Bar Fruit Milk	17 Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit Milk	18 Hot Dog on Bun Tater Barrels Fruit Milk	19 Pancakes Sausage Hashbrown Fruit Milk	20 Beefy Nachos Vegetable Fruit Milk
23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School
30 Cheese Garlic Bread Salad Bar Fruit Milk	31 Hamburger on Bun Potato Wedges Fruit Milk	Alternate Lunch Meal Options Elementary: Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Middle School and High School: Chef Salad, Ham and Cheese Sandwich, or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich Alternate meal includes the daily vegetable, fruit, and milk.		

Lunch Prices:

Reduced 4K (M-Th): 14 days @ \$0.40 = \$5.60
 Reduced K-12: 17 days @ \$0.40 = \$6.80
 4K (M-Th): 14 days @ \$2.60 = \$36.40
 K-5th Grade: 17 days @ \$2.60 = \$44.20
 6th - 12th Grade: 17 days @ \$2.85 = \$48.45

Menu is subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Almond-Bancroft Menus: April 2026

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Prices: Reduced: No Charge 4K (M-Th): 17 days @ \$1.85=\$31.45 K-12 th Grade: 20 days @ \$1.85 = \$37.00		1 Frudel Yogurt Juice Milk	2 1/2 Day Bagel, Cream Cheese Yogurt Juice Milk	3 No School
6 Cereal Muffin Juice Milk	7 Breakfast Pizza Juice Milk	8 Bacon & Egg Taco Juice Milk	9 Waffles Juice Milk	10 Donut Yogurt Juice Milk
13 No School	14 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	15 French Toast Sticks Juice Milk	16 Oatmeal Whole Grain Toast Juice Milk	17 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Juice Milk
20 Breakfast Pizza Juice Milk	21 Pancake Wrapped Sausage Juice Milk	22 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	23 Breakfast Sandwich Juice Milk	24 Bagel w/Cream Cheese Yogurt Juice Milk
27 Frudel Yogurt Juice Milk	28 Scrambled Eggs Whole Grain Toast Juice Milk	29 Cereal Muffin Juice Milk	30 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	

L **4K-5th Grade Classroom Milk Break:**
 \$0.50 a day or no charge with an approved free/reduced application

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Prices: Reduced 4K (M-Th): 17 days @ \$0.40= \$6.80 Reduced K-12: 20 days @ \$0.40 = \$8.00 4K (M-Th): 17 days @ \$2.60= \$44.20 K-5 th Grade: 20 days @ \$2.60 = \$52.00 6 th - 12 th Grade: 20 days @ \$2.85 = \$57.00		1 Chicken Quesadilla Vegetable Fruit Milk	2 1/2 Day Cheese Fries Salad Bar Fruit Milk	3 No School
6 Chicken Fajita Vegetable Fruit Milk	7 BBQ on Bun SunChips Vegetable Fruit Milk	8 Chef Salad Ham or Chicken Crackers Fruit Milk	9 Meatballs & Gravy Noodles Vegetable Fruit Milk	10 Pizza Salad Bar Fruit Milk
13 No School	14 Beefy Nachos Vegetable Fruit Milk	15 Sub Sandwich Chips Vegetable Fruit Milk	16 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Whole Grain Bread Vegetable Fruit Milk	17 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Fruit Milk
20 Hot Dog on Bun Potato Wedges Fruit Milk	21 Hamburger Gravy Whole Grain Bread Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Milk	22 Pancakes Sausage Hashbrown Fruit Milk	23 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit Milk	24 Taco Hard or Soft Shell Vegetable Fruit Milk
27 Mini Corn Dogs Ravioli Vegetable Fruit Milk	28 Chicken Patty on Bun Tater Barrels Fruit Milk	29 Garlic Cheese Bread Salad Fruit Milk	30 Orange Chicken Lo Mein Vegetable Fruit Milk	

Alternate Lunch Meal Options

Elementary: Ham and Cheese Sandwich or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich
Middle School and High School: Chef Salad, Ham and Cheese Sandwich, or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich
 Alternate meal includes the daily vegetable, fruit, and milk.

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Almond-Bancroft 4K Roundup

Child Find Event for children ages 3 and 4

Children turning 3 or 4 before Sept. 1, 2026 who live in the Almond-Bancroft School District are eligible to attend.

The purpose of this event is to provide a positive first experience for the community's youngest learners and provide the opportunity for the school district to identify children that may need extra help as they prepare to enter their school years. This event also serves as a great source of information and support to ease families into the first year of schooling.

What is a Child Find Event?

The event gives us a snapshot of your child's overall development. It is designed to inform families about typical child growth and development and expand awareness of available community resources. This will also help us identify children in need of further assessment.

What You Can Expect

- Contact with the 4K teacher and staff
- Vision and hearing screening
- Information about community resources and literacy activities
- Staff modeling what reading with your child can look like
- Individual and group time with your child by staff members
- A bag of goodies including books, informative flyers, and activities

4K Roundup Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

At Almond-Bancroft Elementary School: 1336 Elm Street, Almond
Call Mrs. Barden to set up an appointment at 715-366-2941



NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Almond-Bancroft Public Schools
April 7, 2026

Election Details

An election is to be held in the School District of Almond-Bancroft, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. The following offices are to be elected.

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.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office April 7, 2026

School District
Almond-Bancroft School District Towns of Belmont, Rose, and Oasis School Board Member Vote for 1
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<input type="radio"/> write-in:
Almond-Bancroft School District At Large School Board Member Vote for not more than 2
<input type="radio"/> Keith J. Dernbach
<input type="radio"/> Taylor Dernbach
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COMMUNITY Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026
10:00 AM
BANCROFT LION'S PARK

For the children of the Almond/Bancroft area,
ages 0 to 6th grade

Contact Corrinne Pratt with questions, 715-498-1524

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