



ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
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May/June 2026

Dates To Remember

- 5/6-Elementary Spring Concert, 1:30 pm
- 5/12-MS/HS Band Concert, 7:30 pm
- 5/13-Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm, Boardroom
- 5/14-MS/HS Choir Concert, 7:00 pm
- 5/22-HS Graduation, West Gym, 7:00 pm
- 5/25-No School-Memorial Day
- 6/3-MS Awards & 8th Grade Promotion, Auditorium, 1:30 pm
- 6/5-Last Day of School, Early Release, Noon
- 6/10-First Day of Summer School
- 6/17-Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm, Boardroom



District Administrator Message

Congratulations



Class of 2026 Valedictorian: Emalee Petrick



Emalee Petrick has distinguished herself through exceptional involvement in both academics and extracurricular activities. She has participated in Math League for four years and Quiz Bowl for three years, while demonstrating strong leadership in student government as Class President during her freshman year and serving as Class Treasurer and Secretary throughout the remaining three years. Her leadership extends beyond the classroom through her involvement in Teen Leadership and her participation in the SHE

LEADS Leadership Conference. Academically, Emalee has continually challenged herself by enrolling in rigorous coursework offered both at our school and through college-level classes. Athletics have also played a significant role in Emalee's high school experience. She is a four-year varsity athlete in both volleyball and basketball, has competed in travel volleyball for four seasons, and has extensive experience in softball at both the high school and travel levels. In addition, she has served as the baseball team manager for three years. Emalee plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where she will major in Social Work and minor in Psychology.

Class of 2026 Salutatorian: Oakley Omernik

Oakley Omernik has demonstrated exceptional commitment, perseverance, and academic excellence throughout her high school career. She has challenged herself through advanced coursework and multiple college-level classes and was among the first students at our school to participate in the Youth Apprenticeship Program. In addition to these academic pursuits, Oakley has balanced her studies with employment as a nursing assistant, further reflecting her strong work ethic, responsibility, and maturity.

Oakley's involvement extends well beyond the classroom. She has participated in basketball, volleyball, and softball throughout all four years of high school, earning a varsity letter in each sport every year, along with competing in summer club athletics. She has been an active member of the Student Council for four years and the National Honor Society for three years. Oakley also serves as the captain of the Quiz Bowl team, a role she has held with dedication after four years of participation, and she has been a member of Math League for four years.

Oakley plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she intends to major in Nursing with the goal of becoming a Labor and Delivery Nurse.



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District Administrator

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4K-5 Principal /
Special Education
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6-12 Principal

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

-February

Our sixth grade February student of the month is Mahoney Knutson! Mahoney is always friendly and a great helper to other students. She is a lot of fun to have in class. She asks really interesting questions that show she is thinking beyond the basics of the lesson. Mahoney is a great volunteer. She puts great effort into her work and understanding. Congratulations Mahoney!

Our seventh grade February student of the month is Samantha Maganas! Samantha is fun and sassy, but sweet. She is a hard-worker and doesn't give up. Samantha has been working extra hard this year. She has been focused and is not afraid to ask for help. Samantha has a positive attitude and enjoys every chance to laugh and joke. She brings a good-natured spirit to class. Congratulations Samantha!

Our eighth grade February student of the month is Landen Carpenter! Landen is calm and laid-back and a good friend. Landen works hard in class, even when the work is tough. He doesn't give up. Landen has a coolness about him that makes others want to be in his circle. He is quick to smile and has a positive attitude. Congratulations Landen!

-March

Our sixth grade March student of the month is Shelby Wheelock! Shelby is amazing! She is fearless and tries so many different hobbies and activities. She is a hard-worker and not afraid to ask questions. Shelby's attitude toward her day and her learning says lots about her. She takes on challenges and smiles all the way through. Congratulations Shelby!

Our seventh grade March student of the month is Kayden Warzynski! Kayden is a great student and kind towards others. She is always willing to help a teacher or student. Kayden puts just the right amount of focus on academics and friendships. She is deliberate with her time and knowledge. Congratulations Kayden!

Our eighth grade March student of the month is Abby Cisewski! Abby is a joy to have in class. She is unique and fun to be around. She is a loyal and helpful friend. Abby has

such a positive energy and attitude. She takes time to check in with others and is a genuine bright light in the day. Congratulations Abby!



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!



Our Golden Ticket winners were recognized by Mrs. Larkin for going above and beyond—way to set a great example!

As we head into April, our focus is on responsibility. We've been learning what responsibility means and what it looks like in our school each day.



2nd Grade Class Poems 2026

The students wrote poems individually and together during their poetry unit! Enjoy our class poems!

Class

Funny, quiet
Working, learning, reading
Desks, books, slides, kickballs
Playing, running, swinging
Loud, fun
Recess

Our Class

Our class is as loud as a lion roaring when it's angry.
We can also be quiet mice working hard.
Our class is as giggly as a pack of hyenas.
We are a nonstop train on our way to summer.

Haiku

Yay! It's time for lunch!
Loud children eating, drinking
Tummies stuffed, mind calm

Making Music

Bang! Evie T slapped the drums!
Bing! Eislee tickled the chimes!
Ding! Evie W rings the bell!
Tap tap! Jovie plays the rhythm sticks!
Whoosh! Paislee tips the rainstick!
Do re mi fa so la ti do! All of the students sing together!
Clap! The audience's applause sounds like thunder!

Almond-Bancroft Honor Roll - Quarter 3

"A" HONOR ROLL

Graduation Year: 2026

EVAN B. BARKER
ALYSSA M. BORSKI
LANEY G. CARLTON
RIYA R. CEBALLOS
MYA L. DERNBACH
ROSEMARY GASPAR HERNANDEZ
DESTINY J. KIEFER
AALIYAH R. NEWBY
OAKLEY J. OMERNIK
EMALEE D. PETRICK
RYAN RAMIREZ-GARCIA
EMMITT M. STILES
CAMRYN E. WADE

Graduation Year: 2027

ALEXA AGUILAR-AGUIRRE
LUCILLE J. BEHNKE
LACIE M. BRADLEY
LEXI E. CARLTON
KAYLEE L. DOLL
KARSON GARNER
TUCKER L. STILES
CALLIE B. WARZYNSKI

Graduation Year: 2028

ANAHI AGUIRRE
EDGAR BARAJAS Jr
JACKSON B. BARDEN
SOPHIA M. CHAPA
ODIN S. COUSINEAU
TIA M. DERNBACH

Graduation Year: 2029

LORETTA A. BEHNKE
KAMERON D. FENSKE
GABRIEL L. KETT
ROSALYN I. KNUTSON

SPENCER A. KRAMER

MAKAYLA J. PESKIE
INDIGO R. SHEFFY
AUDRINNA R. SIKORSKI
KASSIDY J. WARZYNSKI
LEVI J. WELLENS

Graduation Year: 2030

DELANEY S. BAUM
MAZIE D. BRADLEY
KATIE A. CALDWELL
BENTLY C. CANTU
LANDEN R. CARPENTER
ABIGAIL L. CISEWSKI
AIYANA C. FELTZ-WALKER
HALAYNA V. GARLOW
ANDREA I. RAMIREZ
TALLIE L. STILES

Graduation Year: 2031

GENEVA J. BEHNKE
CHANCE L. BIRKY
MICHAEL CEBALLOS Jr
ADYAH G. CISEWSKI
SAMANTHA MAGANAS
IRIS A. MARTINEZ ORANTES
ERIC J. TROESTLER
KAYDEN E. WARZYNSKI
BENNETT O. WIZA

Graduation Year: 2032

MYLENE BANDA
ARABELLA S. CHAPA
HADASSAH L. GARLOW
TY M. JACOWSKI
MAHONEY G. KNUTSON
EMMA P. PRATT
SHELBY M. WHEELLOCK

"B" HONOR ROLL

Graduation Year: 2026

DAVIS C. DERNBACH
DEVIN M. GUMNEY
KAYDEN R. HAGENESS
AUBREE A. PHILLIPS
PARKER PHILLIPS
BADEN R. RAMIREZ
Graduation Year: 2027
SHAWN D. CARPENTER
DAVID CASTELLANOS
REINA GALVAN ORANTES
KADEN C. MARTINEZ
DELANEY L. OMERNICK
MILTON E. PEREZ-PACHECO
AUBREE O. WOJCIK

Graduation Year: 2028

MADAI BANDA
KRYSTAL M. GARRISON
MACY L. MCCrackEN
ALLISON N. MILLER
BRYCE E. SOSIN

Graduation Year: 2029

XAVIER G. KETT
NORA F. LEIN
DWIGHT O. NIGH
ALEXAH R. PEREZ
KOLTLYN J. PIESIK
CORBIN G. PRATT
AUDREY M. WIZA

Graduation Year: 2030

RIHANNA A. BARAJAS
CARSON S. BARDEN
GENESIS L. CRUZ-MELGAR
JONATHAN P. EVERTSEN
BRAIDEN J. KREKING

SINTHIA S. NEUMANN

SAVANNAH R. SWINFORD
Graduation Year: 2031
DYLAN J. ANDERSON
JAYLAH S. GARCIA
CLAYTON J. RUZICKA
KAYDAIN D. WEBER-WILMOT
Graduation Year: 2032
CLYDE ABUNDIZ
KYLIE J. BRADLEY
NOAH F. CHAPA
LEILANI ELIZONDO
ARIANNA HELBACH
NOLAN R. JOHNSON
KENDALL C. MYKISEN
LILLY A. PARISH
AUBRIELLA J. SIKORSKI



SENIOR CLASS TRIP, 2026

Day 1: Traveling... first flight for several seniors! We had lunch at a local favorite and checked into their house with an amazing pool, rooftop view, and a walk to the beach in under 2 minutes! Day 2: We spent the day out on the water with a boat tour—caught some dolphin sightings, did a little paddle boarding, and explored Crab Island. Back at the house, we grilled by the pool, biked around, took a few golf cart rides, and ended the night hanging out by the beach. Day 3: Beach day, taking in the sun, sand, and waves! A few hit the greens for a round of golf with Mr. Martin. They also learned that you always stop at Krispy Kreme when the hot sign is on! Then we spent the evening with some shopping and dinner at LuLu's. The last day: Parasailing for those that wanted to brave it! Then we went to Gulfarium before catching our flight back home! Memories to last a lifetime!



Join us to celebrate the Class of 2026

Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 22, 2026

7:00 PM

Almond-Bancroft West Gym

Valedictorian: Emalee Petrick
Salutatorian: Oakley Omernik
Class President: Laney Carlton

Class Song: "Senior Year" by Drew Baldrige

Class Flower: Gerbera Daisy

Class Motto: "Our lives are before us,
our pasts are behind us,
but our memories are forever
with us." ChatGPT



PK-12 Activities

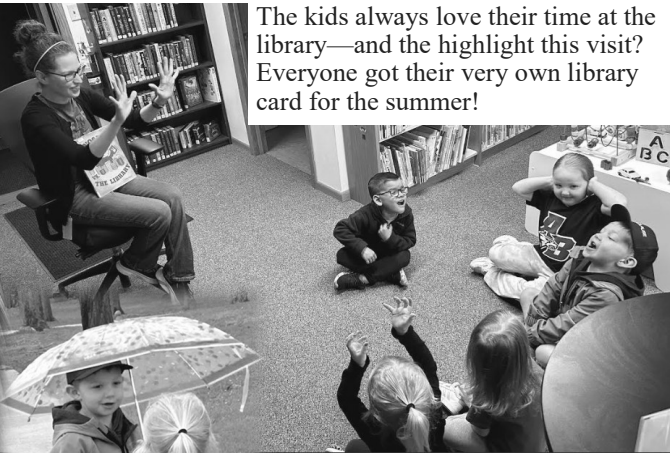
4K met a new friend in April, Ms. Angie! She came in and talked to us about dance as we learned some new moves. She will be back three more times this year. We are so excited!!



4K learned about the lifecycle of a frog, a butterfly, a ladybug, and just recently we learned about the lifecycle of a bee! A big thank you to our special guest who is an actual Bee Keeper, Miss Moore. The kids got first hand knowledge and hands on learning with all the cool things Missy brought in to share! She even let us try her honey, yum!

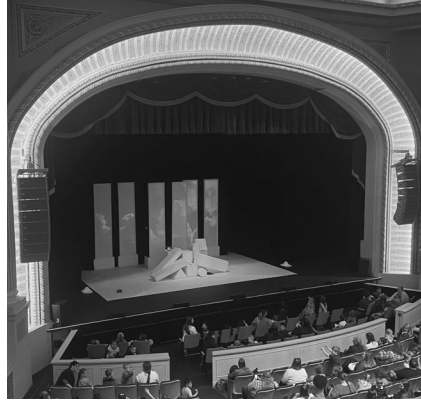


4K students took a trip to the Almond Public Library! A big thank you to Miss Johanna for welcoming us, giving us a tour, and sharing some wonderful stories.



The kids always love their time at the library—and the highlight this visit? Everyone got their very own library card for the summer!

Our third grade students visited The Grand Theater in Wausau!

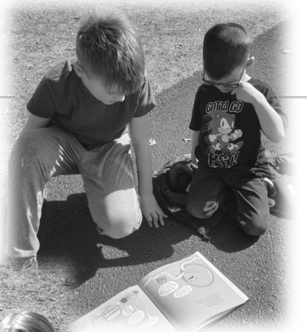


Through the Aspirus Health Arts in Education Series, students get to experience performing arts that are educational and culturally enriching.

Prior to this trip, Mrs. Pagel and Mrs. Szprejda's classes completed a mini unit on fables. Stories like "The Billy Goats Gruff", "The Three Little Pigs" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" were discussed in class and then viewed on stage.



Our students soaked up the sunshine with their Book Buddies, taking their reading outside for a perfect day of



stories, fresh air, and smiles all around. It was the kind of day you just don't want to miss!



A quick lunch and time to run at the 400 Block across the street gave everyone some sun and fun before returning to school!

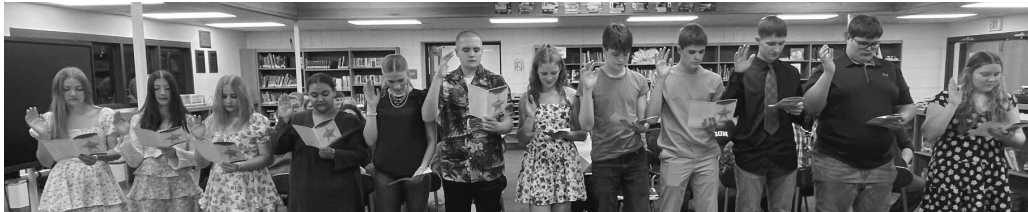




The A-B National Honor Society held their annual Induction Ceremony and inducted 13 new members! Karson Garner, Kameron Fenske, Spencer Kramer, Gabe Kett, Xavier Kett, Macy McCracken, Loretta Behnke, Kassidy Warzynski, Indigo Sheffy, Nora Lein, Rosalyn Knutson, MaKayla Peskie, and Delaney Omernick (not pictured). Riya



Ceballos (President), Laney Carlton (Vice-President), Emalee Petrick (Secretary), Lexi Carlton (Treasurer), and Mya Dernbach (Parliamentarian) conducted the induction ceremony. Advisor Amy Behnke shared all of the many community and school activities that the NHS members are involved in throughout the year and praised their commitment, scholarship and character. Principal James Highfield congratulated the new members and praised the current members on their leadership and on being role models in the school and community. Thank you Mrs. Behnke and NHS members for all of your hard work throughout the year!



ABHS *Junior Prom* 2026



Presenting the Court.....

Elizabeth Wiza & Ryan Dougherty, Delaney Omernick & Blake Willams, Lacie Bradley & Karson Garner, Kaden Martinez & Aubree Wojcik, Kaylee Doll & Tucker Stiles, 2025 Queen Laney Carlton, prom page Kaia Johnson, 2026 Queen Lexi Carlton & 2026 King Milton Perez-Pacheco, prom page Levi Erdmann, 2025 King Emmitt Stiles.

A Night to Remember!



Class of 2027 Prom Attendees



The 3rd grade students dove into learning all about the rich traditions of Chinese New Year—also known as the Lunar New Year. They explored how it's celebrated across many countries, the meaning behind family gatherings, decorations, and traditions like lanterns, dragons, and good luck symbols. To bring their learning to life, students paraded through the halls with colorful creations, big smiles, and tons of school spirit.

Eagles Athletic Events

- 5/1-HS baseball at Tigerton, 4:30 pm
- 5/4-HS track at Tri-County, 3:45 pm
 - HS softball and baseball at Pittsville, 4:30 pm
- 5/5-MS softball and baseball at Port Edwards, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball at Oakfield Village Park, 5:00 pm
- 5/7-HS track at Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:00 pm
 - HS baseball and softball home vs. Wild Rose, 4:30 pm
- 5/8-HS baseball at Gresham, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball home vs. Adams-Friendship, 4:30 pm
 - MS softball and baseball at Rosholt, 4:30 pm
- 5/11-HS track at Weyauwega-Fremont, 4:00 pm
 - HS baseball and softball at Pacelli, 4:30 pm
 - MS softball home vs. Tri-County, 4:30 pm
- 5/12-HS Baseball at Rosholt, 4:30 pm
- 5/14-HS Baseball at New Lisbon, 4:30 pm
 - MS baseball and softball home vs. Assumption, 4:30 pm
- 5/15-HS track at Tri-County, 3:45 pm
 - HS softball home vs. Bonduel, 4:30 pm
- 5/16-HS softball triangular home, 10:00 am
- 5/18-HS softball and baseball home vs. Rosholt, 4:30 pm
- 5/19-HS Track at Wild Rose, 4:00 pm
 - MS softball and baseball home vs. Pittsville, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball at Tri-County, 4:30 pm
- 5/21-HS baseball at Tri-County, 4:30 pm
 - HS softball at Marshall, 5:00 pm
 - MS softball at Pacelli, 4:30 pm

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MYA DERNBACH ON BEING SELECTED AS 1 OF 32 WIAA 2026 SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD RECIPIENTS

This award recognizes not only student athletic talent but also their commitment to academic excellence and leadership.

Mya Dernbach, Almond-Bancroft High School—3.97 GPA

Dernbach is a 10-time letterwinner, including four in volleyball and three in both basketball and softball heading into this spring. She was a two-time team MVP in all three sports. A three-time regional champ in softball, Dernbach was named to the Central Wisconsin-South all-conference first team three times in softball, twice in volleyball and twice in basketball. She was voted conference MVP in both volleyball and basketball her senior year. Dernbach helped the Eagles earn a softball sectional championship her junior season. She writes, *"Nothing is handed to you, if you want something you have to work for it. This lesson was mainly taught to me through sports. I worked harder to become the best version of myself and I saw the results."* Dernbach plans to study kinesiology at UW-Madison this fall.



STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association has selected the 32 student-athletes to receive the prestigious, statewide 2026 Scholar-Athlete Award, presented by the We Energies Foundation and the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation.

Sixteen boys and 16 girls were selected as top award recipients based on athletic and academic achievement, with four honorees representing each of the four WIAA divisions. This year, 742 seniors were nominated by 379 high schools statewide. Since the program began in 1984, more than 1,344 scholar-athletes have been recognized.

Huge shoutout to Len Dudas Motors and Chevy Youth Baseball for once again supporting our middle school baseball team!



A special thank you to Ryan Johnson and Len Dudas Motors for their generous \$1,000 donation to the program. Your continued support means so much to our athletes and helps make the season possible!

A-B BASKETBALL ATHLETES EARNED WBCA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE!



Congratulations, Karson Garner, Aaliyah Newby, Mya Dernbach, Oakley Omernik, Lacie Bradley, Riya Ceballos, Sophia Chapa, Emalee Petrick, Tia Dernbach, Laney Carlton, Lexi Carlton, and (not pictured) Emmitt Stiles, Tucker Stiles, and Gabe Kett.

In order to earn the WBCA Academic All-State award, varsity athletes have to have at least a 3.5 GPA.

ALMOND-BANCROFT SPRING SPORTS 2026

TRACK & FIELD: Coach Stead, Spencer Kramer, Kaylee Doll, Anahi Aguirre, Coach Fortun, Indigo Sheffy, Macy McCracken, David Castellanos, Alyssa Borski, Ryan Dougherty, Xavier Kett, Devin Gumney, Audrinna Sikorski, Gabriel Kett, Audrey Wiza, Jared Pena, Baden Ramirez, Jackson Barden, Aubree Phillips, Camryn Wade, Dorisel Banda. Not pictured: Brooklyn Shultis, Karson Garner

HS SOFTBALL: AD Bradley, Coach Yonke, Coach Omernik, Tia Dernbach, Sophia Chapa, Lacie Bradley, Oakley Omernik, Rosalyn Knutson, Aaliyah Newby, Riya Ceballos, MaKayla Peskie, Lexi Carlton, Laney Carlton, Kassidy Warzynski, Emalee Petrick, Mya Dernbach

HS BASEBALL: Coach Martin, Kayden Hageness, Tucker Stiles, Easton Falk, Blake Williams, Davis Dernbach, Coach Turzinski, Dwight Nigh, Charles Hutkowski, Jonathan Curtin, Ashton Czlapinski, Cole Hutkowski, Emmitt Stiles

MS SOFTBALL: Coach Rennhack, Coach Newby Duchow, Manager Behnke, Abigail Pratt, Shelby Wheelock, Geneva Behnke, Aubriella Sikorski, Arabella Chapa, Delaney Baum, Mazie Bradley, Kendall Mykisen, Lexanni Painter, Tallie Stiles, Arianna Helbach, Emma Pratt, Samantha Maganas, Kylie Bradley, Andrea Ramirez

MS BASEBALL: Bennett Wiza, Clinton Hutkowski, Brody Warzynski, Sheon Koby Revilla, Coach Ruzicka, Finnley Phillips, Eric Troestler, Michael Ceballos, Ty Jackowski, Clayton Ruzicka



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Almond-Bancroft Summer School

Registration must be completed on or before Friday, May 15th

To register electronically use the link on the school's homepage. If you do not have internet, request a paper copy by calling Trina Warzynski at 715-366- 2941 ext. 422.

Dear Families,

We are pleased to be offering our 2026 summer school program. This year we are opening up summer school to students going **into** Kindergarten through 5th grade. Summer school will run from 8:00 - 3:30 and will include breakfast from 8:00 - 8:30, lunch from 11:30 - 12:00, and recess from 12:00 - 12:30. We will be offering one 3-week session, which will run from Wednesday, June 10th through Tuesday, June 30th. There is no school on FRIDAYS.

Each teacher for K-5th grade participants will have a different activity to engage the students. These activities will be fun, hands on, and educational to create great experiences and positive memories for each child. There will be both morning and afternoon sessions. The morning sessions will focus on school success skills. Each day students will participate in reading and math activities, but they will also participate in activities that focus on teamwork, creativity, and problem solving. During the afternoon sessions, students will have the choice between swimming lessons and life-skills based classes such as cooking, gardening, and non-traditional sports and games.

If your elementary child is enrolled in swimming, they will be leaving for the South Wood County YMCA each day around 12:30 and will return in time for dismissal at 3:30. They will need a swimming suit and towel to participate. Please send those with the child so they have their dry clothes that they wore to summer school that day to change into. Students must be at least **6 years of age and going into first grade** in order to participate in swimming lessons. Remember, students may be dropped from the program if they miss more than 2 lessons since there are limited slots for the swim program.

We will be offering a breakfast and lunch program for **all students** in the Almond-Bancroft School District. Breakfast will be served Monday-Thursday 8:00-8:30 AM and lunch will be served 11:30 AM-12:00 PM. This program is **free** to **any** student in our district, even those not attending summer school.

We will also be offering transportation from Bancroft to Almond. The students will be picked up Monday-Thursday at 7:45 AM on the south side of the Bancroft Lions Park and will return at approximately 3:45 PM.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

1. Go to the Almond-Bancroft School District website: <https://www.abschools.k12.wi.us/> and click on the elementary school page. Under 'Find it Fast!' you will see a place for Summer school, click there and you will find the form to register.
2. Complete the online registration form **on or before Friday, May 15, 2026**

If you do not have access to the internet to complete the registration, you are welcome to come to school and we will assist you in registering your children. You may also request a paper copy by calling **Trina Warzynski at 715-366- 2941 ext. 422.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call **Lyndsey Larkin at 715.366.2941 ext. 123**

Thank you!

SUMMER SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Learning doesn't stop when the temperature rises! Join us for a summer full of fun, friends, and learning!

WHO CAN JOIN?
Open to students entering **KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE!**

SCHEDULE
HOURS: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
ONE 3-WEEK SESSION: Wednesday, June 10th - Tuesday, June 30th
NO CLASSES ON FRIDAYS

REGISTRATION INFO
ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 15TH
TO REGISTER OVER THE PHONE, CALL THE SCHOOL AND PRESS EXT. 422 FOR TRINA WARZYNSKI

FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS!
Available to all Almond-Bancroft School District students while summer school is in session.
BREAKFAST: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
LUNCH: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
This is a free program offered to all Almond-Bancroft School District students.

FUN. FRIENDS. SUCCESS!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, CREATIVE PROJECTS & PLENTY OF SMILES!

★ WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE! ★

2026-2027 Almond-Bancroft Elementary School Supply List

4K

- 2 2-pocket folders (Please write child's name on the top)
- 2 "My first wooden pencils" (for pre-K they are a bit bigger than regular pencils)
- 6-8 glue sticks
- 1 liquid glue
- 1 color box (Please write child's name on the top)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (traditional colors)
- 1 box water based thick markers (traditional colors)
- 1 water colors paint set
- 1 family picture
- 2 box tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towel
- 2 canister disinfectant wipes
- 1 regular-size backpack (small backpacks are too small)
- 1 full change of clothes to be kept at school in a Ziploc bag (label bag with name)
- 1 small blanket for rest time (storage space is limited)
- 1 small travel-sized pillow for rest time - this is OPTIONAL (keep in mind, it must fit in a small cubby with the blanket)

Snack Time

If you happen to see snacks on sale this summer feel free to bring them in at the start of the year. I will work out a snack calendar after the year has begun. It is always ok to have extras in the cupboard so thank you in advance. Snack Ideas can include but are not limited to: Crackers: Ritz, Saltines, Graham, Goldfish, Cheez-its, veggie straws, bugles etc. Pudding, applesauce, Cheese slices, string cheese, fresh or dried fruit, raisins, granola bars, cookies etc.

Kindergarten

- 1 box of #2 pencils
- 2 boxes of 24 crayons
- 2 boxes of fat washable markers
- 1 pack of Expo dry-erase markers (black only)
- 1 good pair of children's scissors
- 2 wide-lined spiral notebooks
- 1 small school supply box (labeled)
- 1 school bag or backpack (no wheels and labeled)
- 1 heavy-duty plastic two-pocket folder (bottom pockets)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 tub of antibacterial wipes
- USB-C headphones for iPad (labeled)
- A bag of extra clothes
- Choose one of the following items to send in: Box Zip-Loc bags (sandwich, snack or gallon size) or Play-Doh

First Grade

- 1 backpack
- 1 art box
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 pair of headphones (labeled)
- 2 boxes of #2 pencils
- 1 box of crayons (24 colors)
- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 composition notebook
- 18 small glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- Please choose two or more of the following items to send in (unlabeled): large paper plates, paper bowls, Play-Doh, sandwich/gallon/quart size Ziploc bags, Clorox wipes, large pink erasers, plastic spoons

Second Grade

- Scissors
- Art box
- Crayons
- 4-6 large glue sticks
- 1 bottle liquid glue
- Large eraser

- 1 notebook (wide lines)
- 1 white 1/2 inch binder with outside pockets
- Colored pencils
- 2 folders
- 2 packs pencils
- 1 pack dry erase markers
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- Headphones
- Please choose one from the following: Playdoh, paper plates (large or small), disinfecting wipes, dixie cups, plastic spoons/forks

Third Grade

- 1 book bag or backpack (please no trapper keepers)
- 6 pocket folders (1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 orange, 1 choice)
- 5 wide-lined notebooks (1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green, 1 blue, 1 choice)
- 1 Composition Notebooks
- 1 set of markers
- 2 sets of colored pencils
- 1 set of crayons
- 2 packs of pencils
- 2 large erasers or pencil top erasers
- 4 dry-erase markers and 1 dry-erase eraser
- 1 pair of scissors
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 art box (5 inch by 8 inch or smaller works best)
- 1 pair of earbuds or headphones (No Bluetooth)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 package of Paper Plates (if your last name starts with an A-C)
- 1 package of Plastic Cups (if your last name starts with a D -J)
- 1 Box of Plastic Forks (if your last name starts with K)
- 1 box of Plastic Spoons (if your last name starts with an L-O)
- 1 box of smallest snack size bags (if your last name starts with S)
- 1 box of gallon bags (if your last name starts with T-Z)

Fourth and Fifth Grade

- 1-2 boxes of wooden #2 pencils (unlabeled)
- 3-4 glue sticks (not scented)
- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of crayons (optional)
- 1 set of multiplication flashcards (optional for 4th grade, 5th graders don't need)
- 1 pair of headphones or earbuds (labeled)
- 3 wide lined spiral notebooks (1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow)
- 4 folders (1 green, 1 blue, 1 yellow, and 1 choice)
- 1 backpack (no trapper keepers please)
- 1-2 pencil pouch/art box
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 ruler (optional-wooden or thicker plastic please)
- 2 large erasers
- 2 dry-erase markers AND a dry-erase eraser
- 2-3 boxes of tissues
- 1 handheld sharpener with cover
- You may also choose one of the following: antibacterial wipes, extra tissues, paper napkins, plastic cups, paper bowls, any sized Ziplock bags

2026-2027 Almond-Bancroft High School Supply List

Middle School

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade General Supplies

Backpack (no wheels) or book bag
Pencils and Pens (12 each) and should have a restock set for 2nd semester.

Multi-colored pens (not black)

Pencil top erasers

1 pack of sticky notes

4 notebooks (1 per class):

Green (Science), red (Math), blue (Social Studies), yellow (Lang.)

4 pocket folders (1 per class):

Green (Science), red (Math), blue (Social Studies), yellow (Lang.)

Notebook and folder colors should match for each class.

Highlighters (yellow, green, blue, pink)

Colored pencils

2 large boxes of Kleenex (turned into homeroom teacher)

Earbuds (for classroom use but will be kept in locker)

Roll of tape

6th, 7th, and 8th Eagle / Enrichment / SDI Time

1 notebook

1 folder

Pencils

Science

1 multi pack (8-10 colors) washable markers with broad tips

1 fine tip sharpie (black)

1 medium tip sharpie (black)

Social Studies

1 2-inch binder and loose-leaf binder paper

1 notebook and 1 folder (Music Through History class only)

Math

1 red notebook

1 red folder

Scientific calculator (Scientific T1-30Xa) (**8TH grade only**)

Physical Education

Shorts, T-Shirt, and athletic shoes

Art

Sketchbook (optional)

Family and Consumer Science

1 Notebook and folder

Tech. Ed.

Safety glasses

Tape measure

Pint size Mason type jar with lid

Can of spray paint (any color)

7th Grade Spanish

1 pocket folder

2 black dry erase markers

8th Grade Spanish

1 composition notebook

1 pocket folder

2 black dry erase markers

High School

All 9-12 Math

1 Scientific Calculator

1 notebook

1 folder

Pencils

All 9-12 Social Studies

Spiral notebook

Folder

Earbuds/headphones

All 9-12 Science

Folder

Spiral notebook or loose-leaf paper

Scientific calculator

Colored Pencils (Anatomy)

Composition notebook (Chemistry)

English 9

1 notebook

1 folder specifically for English

1 highlighter

1 pack of sticky notes

Pencils and pens

English 10

2 notebooks and 1 folder

OR 1 binder and 1 notebook

Oral Communications

1 notebook

1 folder

1 package 4x6 Notecards

Pencils and pens

AP Literature

2 notebooks and 1 folder

OR 1 binder and 1 notebook

1 pack of sticky notes for annotating

Mystery & Crime Literature and Contemporary Literature

1 notebook and 1 folder

OR 1 binder with loose-leaf paper

Intro to Theater

1 binder with loose-leaf paper

1 Highlighter

Creative Writing

1 notebook and 1 folder

OR 1 binder with loose-leaf paper

Spanish 1,2,3, and 4

1 composition notebook

1 pocket folder

2 black dry erase markers

Agriculture

1 Notebook

1 Folder

Pencils

All 9-12 Art

Sketchbook (optional)

All Tech. Ed. Classes

Safety glasses

Tape measure

Welding I or II

Welding Helmet

Welding Gloves

Leather Shoes/Boots

Fire resistant long sleeve welding jacket

Intro. To Tech. Ed.

Small mechanics tool kit (small engine portion of the class)

Spray paint of your color choice (toolbox project)

Physical Education

T-shirt & athletic shorts

Athletic shoes (non-marking soles)

Cold weather clothes (sweatshirt & sweatpants)

Health

Notebook and folder

Family and Consumer Science

Notebook and folder

Personal Finance

Notebook

Folder

Calculator



Bickford Scholarship Letter 2026

Almond/Bancroft Scholarship Initiative

I am a 1976 graduate of Almond/Bancroft High School and for the past forty plus years I have returned to the Almond area to practice law. During my years there several clients have asked me about the possibility of leaving some money to Almond/Bancroft to be used as scholarships for our local students. When I looked into the procedure involved, it was possible to spend \$1,500.00 to set up the account for a scholarship OR money could be given directly to the school to be invested in Certificates of Deposit (CDs). At that time they were earning a good rate of interest and this was a great way to help out our students. However, as time went on, interest rates fell to nearly zero percent and those scholarships we set up are now destined to run out of money!

Around 2017 I learned of another alternative. The Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin had become active! I found that they have been able to help with several wonderful projects in the Portage and Waushara Counties that they serve. Through pooling donated community assets, they were able to hire money managers to invest conservatively in the stock market.

At this point in time, the Foundation estimates that a sum of \$28,000 will be able to support offering a scholarship of \$1000 annually for as far as we can see into the future! In financial circles the correct term is "fully endowed." Since I have become aware of this, I have been encouraging and assisting folks to take advantage of this. At this time Almond/Bancroft has an estimated \$250,000 enabling them to offer five endowed scholarships:

1. Angie Sheldon Scholarship
2. Russell Phillips Scholarship
3. Charles (Jerry) and Lynne Dernbach Family Scholarship
4. The Al Meddaugh Family Scholarship
5. The James and Lynne Johnson Family Scholarship

We would love to be able to offer many more. Ever since I was the speaker at the Almond/Bancroft Awards event several years ago, I have been aware that the number of scholarships available for our students was quite low, and I promised myself that if I ever had the opportunity to remedy the situation, I would jump on the bandwagon. That time has come!

My fellow '76 classmate Pierce Dopp has been working with me, and we have come up with an idea. We are starting a campaign to create a new scholarship fund for Almond-Bancroft students through the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin. We are well aware that \$28,000 is a hefty sum for any of us, but if we all go together we can create Eagles Scholarship number 1 to support Almond-Bancroft students. If our campaign is successful and we surpass the initial \$28,000 we will create Eagles Scholarship number 2 and so on. We could accept money for memorials, celebrations of special events, or just because you want to be a part of this project. Our long-term goal is to continue this effort until eventually we're able to offer good scholarships to many of our graduating students. Checks may be sent to

Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin, Inc.

2801 Hoover Road Unit 18

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Please note on your check that the money is for the **Almond/Bancroft Scholarship Initiative**. All of the money donated will go to Almond-Bancroft students.

Some of you may be interested in establishing your own family scholarship, as some of our friends have done. Or you may be interested in donating from your Required Minimum Distribution, your income tax refund, or your lottery winnings! That would be great too! For information on any of these, call Marlee Samuel or our own Almond Eagle, Jenny Rigenbach, at 715 342 4454.

Please pass the word! Let's work together to give our kids a helping hand as they start their life's journey!

Many thanks,

Attorney Marc Bickford

A/B Class of 1976

Current President of the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin

Summer EBT Benefits

The Summer Electronic Benefit (EBT) program helps families buy food while school is out during the summer and nutritious school meals may not be available. Through Summer EBT, families can get one payment per summer for each eligible child in their household. For the 2025-26 school year, Summer EBT benefits will be sent to families with eligible children starting May 2026.

If your child gets free or reduced price meals at our school, they automatically qualify for Summer EBT for Summer 2026. If you move or need to change your contact information before benefits start to be issued in May 2026, you should use the Department of Health Services' Benefit Management Tool at summerebt.wi.gov/s/SummerBenefitInfo to let the state know.

If your child does not get free or reduced price meals, there are actions you can take to see if they can qualify before Summer EBT benefits are sent out for Summer 2026.

- **You can apply for free or reduced price meals at Almond-Bancroft Public Schools for your child.** If they are approved anytime during the 2024-25 school year, they will automatically qualify for Summer EBT.
- **You can apply to participate in another qualifying state benefit program.** Your child will automatically qualify for Summer EBT if your household gets FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits, or participates in certain income-based Medicaid programs. If you apply and are approved for one of these programs before the end of Summer 2026, then your child who attends Almond-Bancroft Public Schools will be eligible for Summer EBT for 2026. To learn more about applying for any of these state benefits you can call 211, [visit access.wi.gov](https://www.wisconsin.gov), or contact your local or tribal agency. Visit dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth/imagency/index.htm to find the agency based on where you live who will help you apply or enroll for programs.
- **You can apply directly for Summer EBT.** You can apply on <https://wisconsin.summerebtapp.com> for Summer EBT. When applying for Summer EBT for your child(ren) who attend Almond-Bancroft Public Schools, you will need to show that your household meets the income requirements for the program. The Summer EBT webpage at dhs.wi.gov/sebt has more information on what these income requirements are.

Note: This information is for children that attend Almond-Bancroft Public Schools. If you have another child that goes to a different school, the steps here might not be the right ones for them to qualify for Summer EBT and they may get a different letter explaining how they would qualify. You can visit dhs.wi.gov/sebt to learn more.

Getting Summer EBT does not affect whether your child can get other benefits, such as meals offered through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO). To learn more about SFSP or SSO meal sites near you, visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/sfsp/find-summer-meals-site> or call 211. You can also text 'food' to 304-304.

If you have other questions about the Summer EBT program, please visit the Summer EBT webpage at dhs.wi.gov/sebt. You can also email your questions to dhssebtssupport@wi.gov.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Almond-Bancroft Schools offers free, nutritious summer meals to children 18 years old and under.

Join us for in-person meals, Monday-Thursday, June 10 to June 30. Breakfast is served from 8:00 to 8:30 am and lunch is served from 11:30 am to noon.

Pick-up Meals-to-Go. Parents/guardians can sign up for Summer Meals-to-Go for children to take home to eat when summer school is not in session.

Meals-to-Go distribution will occur once a week, on June 11, 18, 25, and June 30, in the school cafeteria or main office from 3:00-3:30 pm. Three breakfast meals and three lunch meals will be provided per child.

As part of the Program, we must confirm the names of the parent/guardians that will be picking up the meals, a phone number and email address, and the names and ages of the children living in your household for whom you are requesting meals for.

- Children **DO NOT** need to be enrolled in the Almond-Bancroft School District or attend summer school to participate.
- No proof of income is required.
- Meals will be provided to all children without discrimination.

For additional information or to sign up for Summer Meals-to-Go, contact Trina Warzynski, 715-366-2941 ext. 422, twarzynski@abschools.k12.wi.us

To find other free summer meal opportunities:

Call 211 - Text 'SFSP' to 914-342-7744 - Check the Summer Meals Site Finder.

Visit the Summer Food Service Program webpage for a complete list of all Wisconsin agencies that participate in the SFSP.

Almond-Bancroft Menus: May/June 2026

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Prices: Reduced- No Charge 4K (M-Th): 19 days @ \$1.85=\$35.15, K-12 th Grade: 25 days @ \$1.85 = \$46.25				1 Donut Yogurt Juice Milk
4 Pancake Wrapped Sausage Juice Milk	5 Oatmeal Whole Grain Toast Juice Milk	6 Frudel Yogurt Juice Milk	7 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	8 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Juice Milk
11 Breakfast Pizza Juice Milk	12 French Toast Sticks Juice Milk	13 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	14 Breakfast Sandwich Juice Milk	15 Bagel w/Creem Cheese Yogurt Juice Milk
18 Cereal Breakfast Kit Juice Milk	19 Waffles Juice Milk	20 Frudel Yogurt Juice Milk	21 Cereal Muffin Juice Milk	22 Donut Yogurt Juice Milk
25 No School	26 Cooks Choice	27 Cooks Choice	28 Cooks Choice	29 Cooks Choice
June 1 Cooks Choice	2 Cooks Choice	3 Cooks Choice	4 Cooks Choice	5 Cooks Choice

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)- 19 days @ \$0.40= \$7.60 and Reduced K-12- 25 days @ \$0.40 = \$10.00 4K (M-Th)- 19 days @ \$2.60= \$49.40, K-5 th Grade- 25 days @ \$2.60 = \$65.00, 6 th - 12 th Grade- 25 days @ \$2.85 = \$71.25				1 Pizza Salad Bar Fruit Milk
4 Popcorn Chicken French Fries Fruit Milk	5 Chicken Gravy Whole Grain Bread Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Milk	6 Hamburger Potato Wedges Mashed Beans Fruit Milk	7 Meatballs Noodles Peas Fruit Milk	8 Beefy Nachos Corn Fruit Milk
11 Chicken Fajita Carrots Fruit Milk	12 Hamburger Gravy Whole Grain Bread Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Milk	13 Chef Salad Crackers Fruit Milk	14 Orange Chicken Lo Mein Broccoli Fruit Milk	15 Corn Dog Tator Tots Fruit Milk
18 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	19 Hot Dog on Bun Potato Wedges Fruit Milk	20 Pancakes Sausage Hashbrown Fruit Milk	21 Cheeseburger Hot Dish Peas Fruit Milk	22 Taco Hard or Soft Shell Corn Fruit Milk
25 No School	26 Cooks Choice	27 Cooks Choice	28 Cooks Choice	29 Cooks Choice
June 1 Cooks Choice	2 Cooks Choice	3 Cooks Choice	4 Cooks Choice	5 Cooks Choice

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.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Menu is subject to change.



MEMORIAL DAY 2026

The day to remember with gratitude and pride all those who served and died for our Country and our Freedom.

Mead-Rath-Gutke, Almond Post 339 will hold their Memorial Day Program on **May 25, 2026, in the A-B School Auditorium starting at 10:00 am.**

To conclude the program in the auditorium, we will go to the Village Cemetery and decorate the Grave of the Unknown Soldier.



ALMOND-BANCROFT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET

Join us for an evening of celebration as we recognize the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of our student-athletes this season!

**MAY 18TH
6:30 PM
TWO LAKES SUPPER CLUB**

\$20 a person
All 9-12th grade athletes are free.

All attendees must RSVP and submit payment to Sandy Barden, in the middle/high school office, **by May 7th.**



Free meals for all children 18 years of age and under!
Join us for in-person meals!

June 10 – June 30, 2026
Monday –Thursday

Breakfast 8:00-8:30 AM
Lunch 11:30 AM -12:00 PM
Almond-Bancroft School Cafeteria

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Provide the names of the parent/guardians that will be picking up the meals, a phone number and email address, and the names and ages of the children living in your household for whom you are requesting meals for.

Mark Your Calendars – Spring Concert Season is Here!

We've got a lineup of amazing performances coming your way— be sure to save the dates and come support our talented students!

Elementary Concert 4K-5th Grade
Wednesday, May 6th at 1:30 PM

Middle School & High School Band Concert
Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30 PM

Middle School & High School Choir Concert
Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM

We hope to see you there as our students take the stage and share their hard work and talent. Let's pack the house and show our support!

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