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A-A students compete in Spelling Bee

The thirteenth annual Alfred-Almond Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, February 18 in the High School Auditorium. Twenty-three spellers in first through sixth grade participated in the event.

Twelve spellers advanced from the preliminary rounds to compete for the title of AACS Spelling Bee Champion. These spellers were Moriah Shutt (grade 1), Raven Clency (grade 2), Allison Kernan (grade 2), Leon Beaudry (grade 2), Aryanna Khordorkovskaya (grade 3), Mich McClain (grade 4), Sam Bensley (grade 4), William Deninger (grade 4), Taylor Flaitz (grade 6), Olivia Flaitz (grade 6), Jennie Bensley (grade 6) and Candy Zhou (grade 6).

Candy Zhou correctly spelled the word “expatiated” in the twelfth round to defend her title as Alfred-Almond Spelling Bee champion, while Jennie Bensley earned runner-up honors with her spelling of “hermetically.”

Candy and Jennie will compete in the Regional Bee at Corning-Painted Post Middle School on March 17, 2018.

*Above right: Finalists
Jennie Bensley and Candy
Zhou, grade 6.*

*Right: Third-grader Josiah
Shutt.*

*Far right: First-grader
Cianna Weller.*



Ski Club offers fun on the slopes

Students in grades 5-12 participated in Ski Club on Saturday afternoons in January and February for six outings. Swain instructors provide lessons each week to those who are interested. This is a great way to get our young people connected with a life-long winter recreation activity!

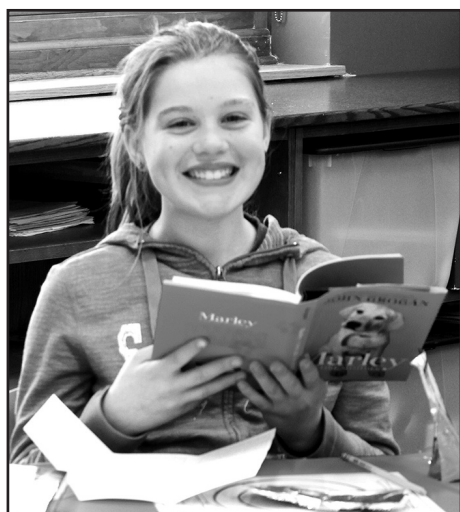


Each season parents also are welcome to take advantage of ticket prices through the club and some even meet us on the slopes and make it a family event.

Café Alfred-Almond opened

On January 31, the Distance Learning Room was transformed into “Café Alfred-Almond” for a book tasting. Andrea Oriend’s class made RSVPs the week before, indicating what genres they were most interested in trying out.

During the event, students sampled five genres of books while listening to music and enjoying snacks. Students tracked books to add to their lists of “Someday Books” as ones they want to be sure and read.



Abby Hurd found a book she liked.

All of the books from the event were added to the classroom library, and the most popular ones were put into a raffle to determine who got to read them first. This was a very engaging activity that showed the power of reading and the excitement of new books in readers’ hands!

100th day of school celebrated

Kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school by making a collection of 100 items. Families helped their children count and organize their items. We displayed the wonderful collections for all to see in the hallway.



Wyatt Stuart, Hannah Clark and Emma Papworth pose with their collections.

Math Team competes at Houghton College

Twenty members of the Alfred-Almond Math Team attended Math and Science Day at Houghton College on February 15. There, students participated in the American Mathematics Competition. They also learned about applications of math and science, including how geometry and origami are used to install airbags and transport satellites. Results from this national math contest will be announced later in March.



Members of the A-A Math Team visited Houghton College.

Universal Pre-K Info.

Administration anticipates that the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program for our preschool children will continue into the 2018-19 school year.

Children born on or before December 1, 2014 are eligible to apply for attendance in the program. Children who are eligible to attend kindergarten are not eligible to apply for attendance in UPK.

The application is included in this newsletter and will be available at the Elementary Office and on the district website at www.aacs.wnyric.org. If you would like to receive an application in the mail, please contact Heidi Putnam at 607-276-6530. Completed applications and a copy of your child's birth certificate, current physical and immunization records are due at the Elementary Office no later than Wednesday, May 2.

Applications received after this date will not be considered if more than 18 applications are received. A random selection process, as required by New York State, will be performed should the district receive more applications than the 18 available openings. Families will be notified whether their child did or did not receive a spot in the UPK program by letters that will be mailed on Monday, May 7.

Questions should be directed to Robert Woughter, Elementary Principal at 276-6525.

Kindergarten visitation and registration scheduled

Children born on or before December 1, 2013 are eligible to enter school in September 2018.

Parents and their children are invited to attend kindergarten visitation on May 9 at 2:30 p.m. This visitation is open to all children who will be eligible to enter school in September 2018.

Kindergarten registration will be held by appointment only on May 15-18 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. When registering your child, you will need to bring:

1. Child's birth certificate or other legal record of child's birth date. Children must be five years of age on or before December 1, 2018.
2. Your child's immunization record (see list below). According to law, your child may NOT enter school without proof of these immunizations.
3. Current physical.
4. An end-of-the-year checklist from any nursery school your child may have attended.

If your child is eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2018, please call the Elementary Office at 276-6525 to confirm mailing information to register your child.

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance		
Vaccine	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTap, DTP)	4 doses	5 doses OR 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years of age or older
Polio (IPV, OPV)	3 doses	4 doses OR 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1 dose	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose	2 doses
Haemophilus Influenzae Type B Conjugate (Hib)	1-4 doses	N/A
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV)	1-4 doses	N/A

Spaghetti dinner/talent show raises funds and showcases talent

The Class of 2023 hosted a talent show/spaghetti dinner in February. Students sold more than 200 spaghetti dinners for their fundraiser.

The talent show consisted of 16 different talents from both the High School and Elementary School. High school winners were: 1st place-Faith Agnello, 2nd place- Alexis Watson and 3rd place-Maria Graziano. Elementary winners were: 1st place-Candy Zhou, 2nd place-Dena Clark and 3rd place-Gabriel Fioretto.



Above: John Scheesley, Aidyn Empson and Blake Ledbetter serve spaghetti.

Far left: Violinist Candy Zhou was the Elementary first place finisher.

Left: Faith Agnello's piano/vocal performance earned first place for the High School.

Fun Night a success

More than 100 Alfred-Almond PreK-sixth graders attended Fun Night on Friday, February 2. They were met by their hosts, enthusiastic helpers from the Class of 2020, who were eager to provide them with a fun-filled experience! The event featured swim time, an open gym with basketballs, hippity-hops, parachute games and a bake sale with a treats for every sweet tooth. The hosts appeared to have as much fun as their guests; it was enjoyable for everyone. This proved to be a very successful event. The Class of 2020 would like to send a very special thank you to all the chaperones who dedicated their time and energy to make this possible.



(Front, L-R) Logan Brown, Annabelle Hildreth, Casey Racho, Mrs. Lehman. (Back, L-R) Alexis Watson, Annie Lloyd, Luci Lee, Isaac Little, Will Tormey, Bella Powell, Emily Campbell, Jordan Ormsby. Missing: Paul Drake, Logan Whittall

Semi-Formal Dance held

The annual Alfred-Almond Semi-Formal Dance was held in January. The "Snow Ball" themed

dance was a great success thanks to the members of the National Honor Society and the Class of 2018 helping sell tickets, decorating and cleaning up. Thanks to the A-A cafeteria staff for the great cookies and punch, DJ David Ells for providing the music and to chaperones Mrs. Decker, Ms. Carretto, Ms. Sick, Ms. Mormino, Ms. Hatch and Mr. McAneney.



Elizabeth Yonda, Ms. Hatch, Grace Yarnal, Sage Empson and Lauren Kelly enjoy the festivities.



The set up crew.

PreKindergarten Program Application

2018-19 School Year

Alfred-Almond School District

Today's Date_____

Student's Legal Name:_____

Last Name

First Name

Name Called:_____

Male ☐ **Female** ☐ **Date of Birth** _____ **Social Security #** _____

Is Student Hispanic, Latino or of Spanish origin? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Ethnic Group/Race: American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐

White ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐

Birth Place:_____

City

State

Country

What was the first language your child learned? _____ Language spoken most often: _____

Did your child attend preschool as a 3 year old? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ If yes, where? _____

Does your child need to take medication at school? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ If yes, what? _____

Does your child have special medical problems/allergies/drug allergies? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ If yes, please explain: _____

Please indicate the following in case of an emergency.

Physician: _____ Phone # _____

Dentist: _____ Phone # _____

Does your child receive any of the following services? Special Education/IEP ☐ 504 Plan ☐

ESL ☐ PT ☐ OT ☐ Speech ☐ Accelerated Learning ☐ Other ☐ Please Explain: _____

House Address:

City:_____ **State:**_____ **Zip:**_____ **County:**_____

Mailing Address if different:

Do you: own () rent () or share residence with another family ()

If you share this residence with another family, list family/owner's name: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Is this a cell phone? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Parent/Guardian Status: Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Single ☐

Student resides with: **Both natural parents** ☐ **One natural parent** ☐ **Natural parent/Step parent** ☐
Guardian ☐ **Foster** ☐

Parent/Guardian 1: Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 2: Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional parent/guardian that should receive correspondence but student does not live with:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is either parent/guardian a civilian employee on federal property or on active duty in the uniformed services? _____

Please list the names and ages of siblings under 18:

I understand that my child is not guaranteed a spot in the UPK program by my submittal of this application and that the number of children the District can serve will be determined by UPK funds identified in the annual State budget. Additionally, I understand that if the District receives more applications than the available number of slots a random selection process will be applied as required by New York State.

Parent/Guardian(s) Signature:

-----**Office Use Only**-----

Application Received: _____

Birth Certificate ()

Immunization Record ()

Proof of Residency: _____

Enrolled () By: _____

Homeroom: _____

Bus #: _____

District is seeking census data from all ~~Alfred-Almond~~ residents

Each year, district residents receive a census data card in the mail requesting important information concerning all children living in the household from birth through age 21. The information collected is vital for the district in planning staffing structures and attaining precise information of district preschool students. If you have not returned your census card this year, I urge you to do so as soon as possible. Your help in compiling this information is greatly appreciated and critical for planning purposes. If you did not receive a census card, or need an additional copy, please contact Bryan Burdick at 607-276-6565 or at bburdick@aacapps.com. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation and helping us best plan for the educational needs of children.

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Dean of Students, Alfred-Almond Central School, 6795 State Route 21, Almond, NY 14804

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S):

Mother: _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

Father: _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

ADDRESS: _____
Number and Name of Street

Post Office Zip

Home Phone Emergency Phone Number

Children live with: Mother _____ Father _____ Both _____

CHILD(REN)

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Date of Birth	Grade

Do you suspect any handicapping conditions in any of your children? Yes _____ No _____

Alfred-Almond Central School
6795 Rte. 21
Almond, New York 14804

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Alfred, New York 14802
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Non-Profit Organization

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SAT preparation tools

Useful apps and sites for SAT Preparation:

- SAT Connect by Watermelon Express (free app)
- Easel SAT (free app)
- SAT Study Guide by EduCare Education (app)
- Princeton Review iPad App-ScoreQuest (paid app)
- Tutor.com To Go (free app)
- Prepmunch.com
- Kaplan SAT Flashcubes (free)
- CK12.org-SAT-free mini-book
- INeedAPencil.com
- collegeboard.org-Kaplan review
- SATFlash (app)
- Khan Academy (app)
- Daily Practice SAT (app)
- SAT Up (app)

In appreciation

A big thank you to John and Chelly Ninos for their support of the accomplishments of Alfred-Almond's Junior High Science Students! Strong communities are built on strong schools and strong hometown businesses, such as the Terra Cotta Coffee House and The Collegiate Restaurant. It takes a community to raise great young people.

Important dates

April 4 _____ Literary Festival
April 23-April 27 _____ Spring Recess, No School
May 1 _____ Voter Registration, 2:00-8:00 p.m.
May 1 _____ Budget Presentation, 7:00 p.m.
May 5 _____ Jr./Sr. Prom, Lake Lodge, 6:00-11:00 p.m.
May 15 _____ Annual Vote/Election, 2:00-8:00 p.m.
May 15 _____ AACS Art Show & Ice Cream Social
May 22 _____ Strawberry Lawn Concert
HS Band/Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
May 23 _____ Strawberry Lawn Concert
Elem. Band/Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
May 28 _____ Memorial Day, No School

Emergency school closing info.

As a reminder to parents, with the winter weather, it is sometimes necessary to close school because it is not safe for the students to walk or ride to school. Should it be necessary to close school, you will receive an automated message notifying you of this occurrence. For additional information on school closings, please listen to one of the following radio or TV stations:

WLEA 1480 AM
WKPQ 105.3 FM
WJQZ 103.5 FM
WZKZ 101.1 FM

WLSV 790 AM
WCKR 92.1 FM
WETM-TV (Elmira)
WKBW-TV (Buffalo)