



Alfred-Almond Central School District Newsletter

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Students read to service dogs

For the past four months, Elementary School students have been able to sign up to visit the library and read to our service dogs Kilroy and Kodiak. This program has been a huge success so far and we plan to continue it for the rest of the school year.



Ryleigh Stuart and Travis Porter shared stories with Kilroy and Kodiak.



Levi Stuart had a captive audience as he read aloud.

Student artwork selected for national art show

Ceramic art pieces created by two Alfred-Almond High School students were selected for display at the annual National Council for Education in Ceramic Arts (NCECA) conference in Richmond, Virginia in March. The competition received almost 1,000 entries and 150 were selected for the annual show. It's an incredible honor to have Alfred-Almond ceramics featured at a national level.

Ben Deutsch, grade 12, had a pair of interlocking handbuilt ceramic mugs (below, left) chosen for the NCECA 2020 show. Jamie Cline, grade 11, had a stacking servingware dish set (right) chosen for the NCECA 2020 show.



Elementary School celebrates success at PBIS assembly

Elementary students recently attended the bi-monthly PBIS Assembly to review S.O.A.R. behavior and celebrate their successes. Students used “smiley/frowny face” plates to answer questions about proper S.O.A.R. behaviors in hypothetical situations. Because the students met the goal of receiving more than 4,000 golden tickets, the entire Elementary School earned a special movie showing in the auditorium. The highlight of the assembly is the raffle drawing, which gives all students a chance to be congratulated on their positive behavior and to choose a prize from many options available.



Ben Eshelman got a high-five from Ms. Roche.



Mr. Dusinger congratulates Nate Baker at the PBIS assembly.

Outdoor Adventure Club learns fly-tying

During the January meeting of the Outdoor Adventure Club, members were treated to an amazing fly-tying demonstration by club president, Scott Mills. His passion was evident from the beginning and was infectious throughout the entire meeting. Members learned three different fly patterns and some insect entomology. Scott also



Club members tried their hand at fly-tying.

had various fly fishing rods available for the members to handle and learn to use properly. The club also is planning a day hike with orienteering at Phillips Creek State Forest.



LAVA

Submit your original creative writing and artwork for selection in our first annual publication of the Literary and Visual Arts Magazine.

LIT FEST

Submit your original writing for selection in our Jr/Sr High Literary Festival, a coffeehouse event on April 28 in the HS cafeteria.

CALL FOR WRITING SUBMISSIONS!

DEADLINE: MARCH 27

ALL GENRES ELIGIBLE
POETRY: MAX 40 LINES
DRAMA: 1 SCENE
PROSE: MAX 2,000 WORDS

email your submission to jsnyder@aacsapps.com

Ski Club hits the slopes at Swain

Several Ski Club students took a break from the slopes in the lodge during a recent trip to Swain (right). The Ski Club takes six outings to Swain on Saturday evenings through the winter season, chaperoned by Mr. Mix, Mr. Rech and other staff members. Students in grades 4-12 are encouraged to come take a lesson and enjoy some outdoor winter recreation.



Class visits Cosmetology program

Mrs. Stuart's special education class visited the GST BOCES Cosmetology clinic at the Wildwood Education Center on February 11. The A-A students learned about what the students learn and practice in the Cosmetology program and had the opportunity to get their hair styled and get manicures.




A-A students (l-r) Alexis Watson and Kelly Galusha enjoyed practicing their skills when Mrs. Stuart's class visited the GST BOCES Cosmetology clinic.

Lang places at sectionals

Congratulations to Alfred-Almond skier Bella Lang (left), who placed third in the Giant Slalom at sectionals on February 11.





SAVE THE DATE

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY FESTIVAL

Poems, stories, and more by student authors

APRIL 28 • TUESDAY • 6:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Come celebrate our students' creative writing
in a coffeehouse style event.
Enjoy a guest reading by a local author.



L.A.V.A.

the AACs Literary and Visual Arts Magazine

WANTS YOU

TO SUBMIT YOUR ORIGINAL ARTWORK & CREATIVE WRITING

DEADLINE MARCH 27

WRITING GUIDELINES

- POETRY: MAX 40 LINES
- DRAMA: 1 SCENE
- PROSE: MAX 2,000 WORDS

ALL GENRES ARE ELIGIBLE!

- PERSONAL NARRATIVE
- PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT
- CREATIVE NONFICTION
- SHORT STORY
- POETRY & LYRICS
- DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH
- DRAMA
- AND MANY MORE!

send entries to
jsnyder@aacapps.com

ARTWORK GUIDELINES

ALL MEDIA ARE ELIGIBLE!

- DRAWING
- PAINTING
- PRINTMAKING
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- DIGITAL ART
- COLLAGE
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- 3D ART

send entries to
apowers@aacapps.com



Universal Pre-K Info.

Administration anticipates that the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program for our preschool children will continue into the 2020-21 school year. Children born on or before December 1, 2016 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, April 29.

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 with letters that will be mailed on Monday, May 4.

Questions should be directed to Brett Dusinberre, Elementary Principal at 276-6525.



Kindergarten visitation and registration scheduled

Children born on or before December 1, 2015 are eligible to enter school in September 2020.

Parents and their children are invited to attend kindergarten visitation on May 6 at 2:30 p.m. This visitation is open to all children who will be eligible to enter school in September 2020.

Kindergarten registration will be held by appointment only on May 12-15 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, 2020.
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 2020, please call the Elementary Office at 276-6525 to confirm mailing information to register your child.

Students chat with authors

On February 5, sixth-grade students celebrated World Read Aloud Day by connecting with authors Jenn Bishop, Brooks Benjamin, and Jen Petro-Roy via Skype. Each author read aloud from one of his or her books and answered students' questions about reading and writing. This was a very fun day for everyone involved.



Author Jenn Bishop discusses her work with A-A students via Skype.

PreKindergarten Program Application

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 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:

Elementary Principal, 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 _____

POSTAL PATRON

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

U.S. Postage Paid
Alfred, New York 14802
Permit No. 20
Non-Profit Organization

Important Dates

Spring Musical	March 19, 21 and 22
HS/Elementary Food Drive.....	March 23-27
Spring Recess – No School.....	April 6-10
HS Literary Festival	April 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Prom	May 2, 6:00-11:00 p.m., Lake Lodge
Voter Registration	May 5, 2:00-8:00 p.m.
Budget Presentation	May 5, 7:00 p.m.
Strawberry Lawn Concert, Elem. Band and Chorus	May 18, 7:00 p.m.
Annual Vote/Election	May 19, 2:00-8:00 p.m.
Art Show and Ice Cream Social.....	May 19
Elementary Literary Festival.....	May 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day, No School	May 22 and 25
Strawberry Lawn Concert, HS Band and Chorus.....	May 27, 7:00 p.m.
Spring Sports Awards	June 4, 7:00 p.m.
Sixth Grade Dinner	June 17, 6:00 p.m.
Graduation.....	June 27, 2:00 p.m.

School closing information

As a reminder to parents, it is sometimes necessary to close school because winter weather conditions make it unsafe for 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:

WGRZ-Channel 2 WIVB-TV Channel 4
WKBW-Channel 7 Spectrum News
WHDL (PIG 95.7)

Useful apps and SAT prep sites

Easel SAT
SAT Study Guide by EduCare Education (app)
Princeton Review iPad App-ScoreQuest (paid app)
Tutor.com To Go (free app)
Kaplan SAT Flashcubes (free)
collegeboard.org-Kaplan review
Khan Academy (App)
Mugoosh ACT Flashcards (app)
SAT Exam Prep & Practice (app)
ACT Practice Flashcards (app)
4 SAT (app)
SAT: Practice, Prep, Flashcards (app)
Math Brain Booster (app)

