

The Badger Barker

May 2016

Badger School District #676

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Congratulations!

Badger High School

Class Of 2016



Class Motto:

Strangers we Began,
Family in the End

Flower:

Silver-tipped White Rose

Colors:

Gator Green & Silver



Row 3: Anthony Rinde, Keithan Hoang, Tyler Klegstad, Anthony Lawson, Alexander Truscinski, Benton Kohl, Daniel Obie, Kasey Wojciechowski, Tyler Becker **Row 2:** Alexander Burkel, Katie Coltom, Riley Sovde, Isaak Isane, Cheyenne Restuchi, Nicole Hill, Cody Madoll, Megan Kompelien, Jacob Hoover, Leah Erickson **Row 1:** Nash Sovde, Robert Davy, Sydney Sele, Emily Hamann, Austin Nieman, Isabella Grafstrom, Devin Dostal, Amy Svir, Jacob Berger

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May Gator Sports

By: Dale Grindahl

Spring Sports Reminder: Due to weather, games change quickly. For updates go to www.badger.k.12.mn.us and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."

Boys Baseball

- 3 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 6 Warroad @ BGMR
- 10 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 12 @ Win-E-Mac (Erskine)
- 13 @ Warroad
- 14 @ Warroad Tournament
- 17 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 19 Crookston @ BGMR
- 23 Red Lake County Coop @ BGMR
- 24 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 26 Section Play-In Round @ High Seed Home Site
- 31 Subsection @ Ada

Track

- 3 @ Crookston
- 5 @ Mahnomon
- 6 @ Lake of the Woods
- 13 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 16 @ Roseau
- 19 @ Warroad
- 23 Subsection @ UMC (Crookston)

Girls Softball

- 3 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR
- 5 @ Northern Freeze (Newfolden)
- 10 Warroad @BGMR
- 12 @ Sacred Heart
- 14 Tournament @ BGMR
- 17 @ Roseau
- 20 @ Crookston
- 24 Section Play In Round @ High Seed Home Site
- 26 Subsection @ Lake of the Woods
- 31 Sections Semi @ Sacred Heart

Golf

- 3 Boys @ Greenbush
- 3 Girls @ Karlstad
- 10 Boys @ Lancaster
- 10 Girls @ Hallock
- 12 Boys & Girls @ Warroad
- 13 Boys @ Thief River Falls
- 14 Boys @ Roseau
- 19 Boys and Girls @ Roseau
- 21 Boys @ Roseau
- 24 Subsection @ Roseau
- 31 Section Semi @ Bemidji

May Wacky Celebrations

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/may.htm>

By: Tyrah Green

Star Wars Day ~ May 4

Star Wars Day is May the fourth because of a famous quote from the hugely popular science fiction series blockbuster "May the Force (Fourth) be with you." Some ways to recognize this day or celebrate it could be by watching Star Wars marathons, having a Star Wars themed party, or even by learning some trivia since there's no shortage!

National Tourist Appreciation Day ~ May 6

Vacations are too infrequent and too far between. When you go away on vacation and spend hard-earned money, you expect and deserve to be treated well. You have earned (and are paying for) the right to be coddled, pampered, and attended to. Hopefully you can go vacationing today to take a load off and enjoy yourself. If you aren't able to do so today, there are many days out of the year you can vacation whenever you feel the need to.

Lost Sock Memorial Day ~ May 9

Lost Sock Memorial Day recognizes your drawer full of unmatched socks. Each unmatched sock represents a missing sock. After all, it may show up someday. After a (very) brief search, and in good "memorial" spirit, spend a minute reflecting upon how warm and comforting the missing socks were on your stinky toes. Then, by all means, get on with your life.

Love a Tree Day ~ May 16

Trees are a good thing. They give us shade, comfort, and of course the big thing is oxygen. There are many, many benefits provided by trees. So, you have good reason to love a tree or two. Everyone has a favorite kind of tree. Use today to identify a tree you love and pamper it.

Visit Your Relatives Day ~ May 18

Today encourages us to visit our relatives and loved ones. This day is intended to give the opportunity to get closer to relatives and to build (or re-build) family ties and relationships. It's easy to get out of touch with loved ones because everyone leads busy lives. A visit with a relative is sometimes relegated to Christmas and a few other major holidays. If you can't visit your relatives today, call them and/or send them a card. Both snail mail and online cards will do!

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Badger Teacher of the Year

By: Tessa Sanden

The Badger School and the Badger Education Association are proud to announce their 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year Becky Ylitalo. Becky graduated from Greenbush High School in 1989. She earned her Bachelor of Science in English from Bemidji State University. She has been working at Badger School for the past 13 years. She is being supported by her parents David and Deb Dokken, Les, and her kids Maisy and Alex.

Her previous work experience includes subbing in the Bemidji area for a year. For three years she taught 9th grade English at Warroad. She then came to Badger and started out as a librarian and was responsible for the yearbook, Barker, and 11th grade English. Now she continues to work at Badger as the 7-12th grade English teacher.

When asked her favorite things about teaching, she said, "I love my English students even the ones that keep me up at night. I truly want the best for all of them. I dream about what they will become one day. I also love my coworkers, who are the most dedicated people I have ever met. One of the reasons I stick with this profession is that each day is a new day and even if the previous day was difficult, we all get to start again fresh the next morning."

Other programs and committees that Becky is involved in include Staff Development Committee, the Negotiations Committee, the Accelerated Reader Committee, Badger School Play, and Music Revue.

When asked if there were any challenges that continue to influence her teaching she said, "There are many challenges. One of the biggest challenges is implementing technology in an effective way that still demands rigor in the classroom. I know technology is a big motivator for our students, however, a lot of them don't use it productively. Being responsible and using it as an educational tool instead of entertainment is going to be a huge challenge. Another challenge is helping our youth understand the value of education. We live in an entitled society and because we get a lot of things for free, we often don't understand how lucky we are. Appreciating the opportunities we are given in America will help students understand and value their free education."

When asked about her personal philosophy, she said, "My personal philosophy in life and in teaching is that a sense of humor and a dash of creativity can make the duller days worthwhile. Whether we are discussing novels or brainstorming writing ideas, I like to push students to be creative in their response. In addition, having a sense of humor gets us through the long winter days. In fact, I hope to be forgiven for tricking the 7th grade into implementing a flood drill on April Fools' Day, which was by far the funniest thing I have ever seen."



Trivia

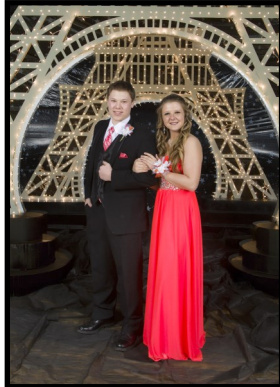
By: Dillon Nieman

- Where was the March 2016 World Drone Racing championship held?
 - Los Angeles
 - New York
 - Dubai
 - Hong Kong
- What is the fastest aircraft in the world?
 - Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird
 - North American X-15
 - Lockheed YF-12
 - Mikoyan MiG-25 Foxbat
- What was the very first video game console to be sold?
 - Atari
 - Magnavox Odyssey
 - Nintendo
 - Sega
- Who is the all time NBA scoring leader?
 - Stephen Curry
 - LeBron James
 - Karl Malone
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

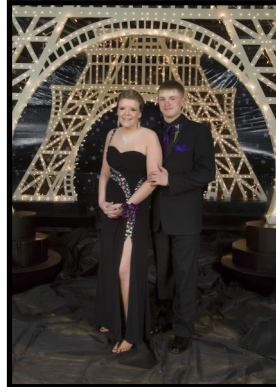
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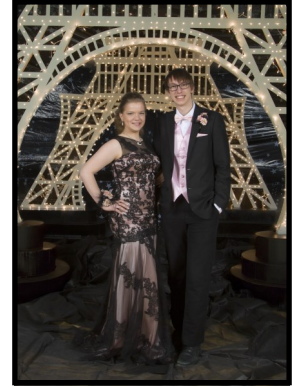
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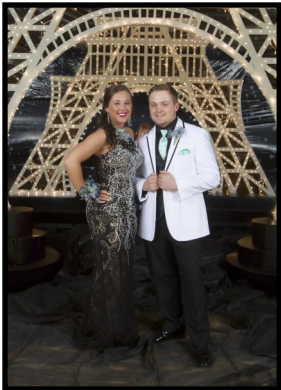
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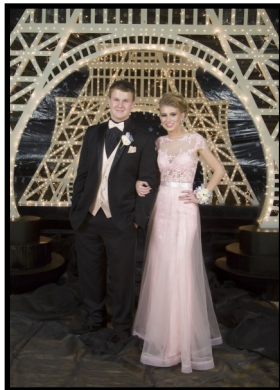
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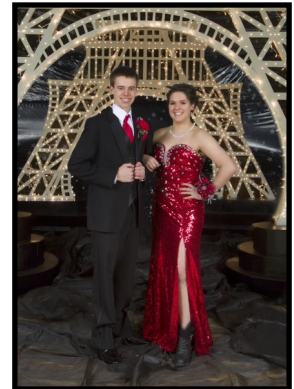
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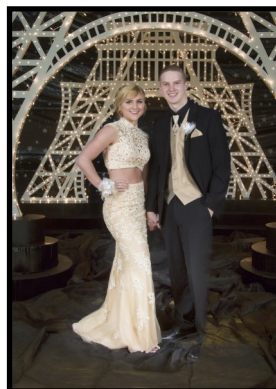
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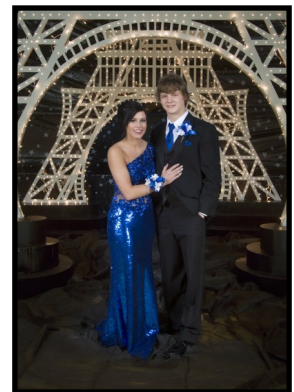
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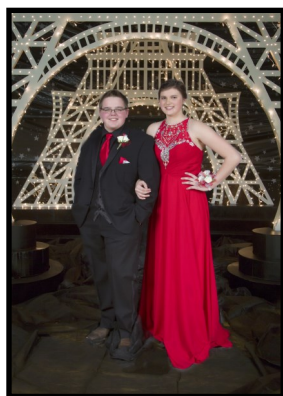
"The Time of My Life"

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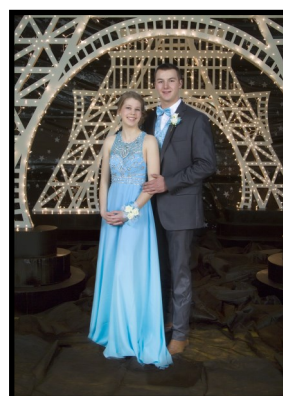
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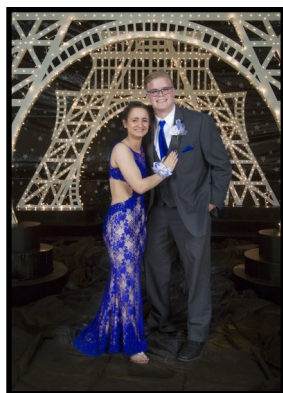
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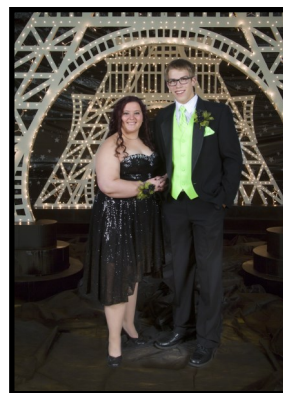
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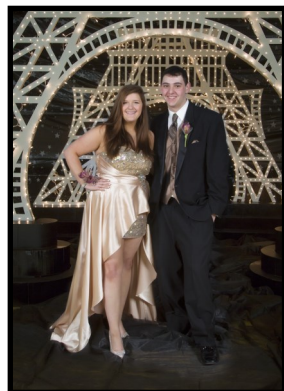
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*Angelina Korb
Keithan Hoang*



*Megan Kompelien
Benton Kohl*

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Thank You Badger

The senior class of 2016 would like to show their appreciation for everything the school and community has done for them.

Anthony Lawson ~ I would like to say thank you to the school for helping us to learn and to get to know one another throughout the years and for helping set up for the future. I would also like to thank the community for donating and helping the school when we need it.

Isaak Isane ~ A big thank you to everyone who has helped me and supported me through the years.

Keithan Hoang ~ Thank you for all you've done.

Tony Rinde ~ I would like to thank the staff members of the school and people in the community who've supported me and also helped me stay on track to graduate.

Isabella Grafstrom ~ My time at Badger School and in the community has been great. I have made a lot of memories and grown close to a lot of people. I would like to say thank you to the staff at the school and to the community for everything you have done for us.

Devin Dostal ~ I would like to thank the teachers and workers at the school for all they do to help us every day. I also would like to thank the people of the community for always supporting this school and all the students who attend it. This is a great school and community to grow up in because of all the great people.

Nicole Hill ~ Thank you to all the teachers for getting me ready for college. Thanks to Ms. Erickson for teaching me so much in band. You have prepared me very well for my future in music. Thank you to Ms. Y for putting on the plays. They were very fun to be a part of.

Jacob Berger ~ I would like to thank the school and the community for all the work they have done for getting us where we need to be when going out in the real world.

Riley Sovde ~ Thank you for everything the Badger School and community has done for me from 5th grade to my senior year at Badger.

Alex Burkel ~ I want to thank the school and community for many things. Thank you Badger community for supporting me and my music and allowing me to perform *Taps* at Veterans and Memorial Day services. It was truly my honor to do so. Thanks to the school for providing us not only with in education but a second home.

Cheyenne Restuchi ~ Thank you for everything you've done.

Leah Erickson ~ Being part of the school's music department has been very important to me. I love being a part of such a high quality program. I want to thank Ms. Erickson and Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter for all their support and everything else they taught me. The same goes for everyone else. You all supported me when I would stumble. Thank you for all the laughs and smiles.

Alex Truscinski ~ I'd like to thank the school and community for all of the support they gave to our sports and extra-curricular activities. It helps and means a lot!

Austin Nieman ~ Thank you to the teachers who put in the extra effort in helping us graduate.

Benton Kohl ~ Thank you for all the help to make sure I am going to succeed.

Jacob Hoover ~ I would like to thank the teachers and the staff of Badger High School for helping me to succeed and pursue my goals after high school.

Daniel Obie ~ I would like to thank all of the teachers and paras for helping me during high school and giving me advice for the future.

Kasey Wojciechowski ~ I want to thank everyone for all the help they have provided over the years.

Emily Hamann ~ I would like to thank the staff for making learning fun. I would also like to thank the community and school for remodeling the school to make it a better place to learn.

Tyler Becker ~ I'd like to thank the school for my senior year.

Sydney Sele ~ Thank you for making my senior year so amazing!

Nash Sovde ~ I would like to thank the staff, students, and parents for everything they have done to help this senior class. Whether it is with money, homework, or anything else that was helpful. This has been a great year and I thank everyone for helping me through it.

Cody Madoll ~ Thanks for all the things you have done to help us through our senior year. We really like what you have done for us.

Robby Davy ~ I would like to thank the school and community for all that they have done to help fund all the extra curriculars in this school. Especially FCCLA where I have been able to attend two national conventions and serve as Region 8 treasurer and president. Without the support, none of these things would be possible. Thank you!

Amy Svir ~ I would like to thank the school and community for all of the opportunities and support I have received throughout my life. I have loved participating in sports, music, drama, Student Council, and other activities in the school and community. This all helped me receive the Subsection 32 Triple "A" Award.

Megan Kompelien ~ During my experience here at Badger School, there has been a lot of situations where the community and staff have come through for me. There is so much to be appreciative about I could not even begin to describe it. I am thankful for my community and school.

Tyler Klegstad ~ I would like to thank you all for your help and support of the Robotics Team. We have been getting better and better every year. This year though has been the best we have ever done.

Katie Coltom ~ Thank you to all the teachers at Badger School that helped me in my high school journey. I couldn't have done it without you!

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Jump Rope for Heart

By: Chevy Hamilton

Jump Rope for Heart is a free physical activity fundraising program available to all primary and intermediate schools. The goal this year for the Badger elementary students was to raise \$6,000. The elementary students did even better and raised \$6,969.75. This year 95 students participated in Jump Rope for Heart!

Whoever raised the most money in each class got to throw a pie in the face of a staff member. Following are the top fundraisers from each grade and who got a pie in the face:



- Kindergarten ~ MacKenzie VonEnde ~ 5th grade teacher Jackie Simmons
- 1st Grade ~ Katelyn & Kylee Gust ~ 4th grade teacher Kelly Grahn
- 2nd Grade ~ Emily Burkel ~ Dean of Students Stacy Warne
- 3rd Grade ~ Landon Nelson ~ Social Worker John Lee
- 4th Grade ~ Jordan Davy ~ 1st grade teacher Heidi Warne
- 5th Grade ~ Dylan VonEnde ~ Special Ed teacher Celeste Engen
- 6th Grade ~ Hailey VonEnde ~ Choir teacher Dan Carpenter

Dylan, Hailey, and MacKenzie VonEnde each raised \$330, being the top fundraisers, and threw a pie in the face of Superintendent Jerome. Teacher Brady Johnson also had his head shaved because the students raised over \$6,000. They definitely enjoyed seeing a teacher get his head shaved. Also, 31 students each raised \$75 or more and got to pick a physical education activity for a day. The 5th grade class raised the most money and earned a pizza party. They raised \$1,221.25! Students that participate are always proud of themselves for the money they raised for the American Heart Association.



Random Riddles

www.goodriddlesnow.com

By: Austin Maurstad

1. What is a word made up of 4 letters, yet is also made up of 3. Sometimes is written with 9 letters, and then with 4. Rarely consists of 6, and never is written with 5.
2. It smells like blue paint, pours like green paint, and it looks like a red truck. What is it?
3. Every time you lose something, you always find it in the very last place you would look. Why is this?
4. With pointed fangs I sit and wait, with piercing force I serve out fate. Grabbing bloodless victims, proclaiming my might; physically joining with a single bite. What am I?
5. What has holes on each side, but can still hold water?
6. Drop me and the world will shatter, and you can always find me where you empty your bladder. What am I?
7. An empty bus pulls up to a stop and 10 people get on. At the next stop 5 people get off and twice as many people get on as at the first stop. At the third stop 25 get off. How many people are on the bus at this point?

Trivia Answers 1. C 2. B 3. B 4. D

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Band Musicians of the Month Senior Band Members

Alex Burkel, Amy Svir, Emily Hamann, Isabella Grafstrom, Katie Coltom, Leah Erickson, Megan Kompelien, Nicole Hill, Robby Davy

What is your most memorable moment in band?

Alex ~ My favorite memory happened when I was in 8th grade. We were practicing our contest music and Hayley Hendrickson hit the timpani so hard her mallet and arm went completely through the drum head!

Amy ~ When I hit Olivia on the forehead because Shanyece told me to!

Emily ~ My most memorable moment in band would have to be going to Northland Honor Band and getting to play piccolo and flute.

Isabella ~ When I came back from the dentist. I had Novocain so I couldn't play my flute. I tried but only half my mouth would move, so it didn't work well.

Katie ~ I have so many memorable moments that I can't pick just one.

Leah ~ Sitting next to Amy EVERY year. Sometimes she gives me a hard time, but that made it even more interesting.

Megan ~ In band we had many experiences. We traveled to musical events, competitions, and even sporting events. Picking just one moment to define is impossible.

Nicole ~ Going to see Blue Man Group.

Robby ~ My most memorable moment in band would be at the pep bands in Greenbush and at tournament games.



What advice would you give to younger musicians?

Alex ~ Practice, practice, practice. Call me Ms. Erickson, but practice is key.

Amy ~ Count and listen to Ms. Erickson!

Emily ~ Advice I would give to younger musicians would be to work hard. Practicing and listening are key. Anyone can be amazing if you work for it.

Isabella ~ PRACTICE!!! The only way you will ever improve is if you practice. It will not only make you a better player, but it also improves the band.

Katie ~ Listen to Ms. Erickson; if you don't, you won't know where you are in the piece of music you are looking at.

Leah ~ Listen to Ms. Erickson. She's an amazing band director and she is one of a kind. She makes you look and sound good while keeping it fun.

Megan ~ Learn from those around you, whether it be your section mates or your instructors. Everybody has their own strengths and weaknesses and you can grow by learning from each other if you pay attention. Learn what to do from those with more experience but also learn to look at the music with a new perspective than those who aren't.

Nicole ~ Listen to what Ms. Erickson has to tell you, and when she tells you to be quiet or stop playing, do it!

Robby ~ Advice I would give would be to always listen to Ms. Erickson, play with emotion, and make the most of the opportunities given like solo and ensemble competition, along with honor bands.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?

Alex ~ Of course, Ms. Erickson! But as I've listened to more music, there are many different artists that I aspire to be like. Music by John Mayer and trumpet playing by Chris Botti have both made an impact on how I try to play.

Amy ~ Ms. Erickson and the other seniors in band because they would be mad if I wasn't in it!

Emily ~ My friends and family inspire me to be apart of the band.

Isabella ~ Ms. Erickson. I started in 7th grade in Roseau and when I came here in 8th grade I didn't know a lot about reading music or the flute. We have spent countless hours together. Now I don't know what I'd do if I wasn't in band. Music has become a huge part of my life. Thank you, Ms. Erickson.

Katie ~ Ms. Erickson does every day. She inspires me and a lot of people to not give up. My dad also inspires me to be a part of a band because he was in band when he was in high school playing trumpet.

Leah ~ My family is very musical and they inspired me to be musical. I absolutely love music and everything that goes with it.

Megan ~ Music is derived from inspiration; basically, all of the people connected to it are inspired as well. I feel as if the only person who can truly inspire you to try and stick with anything is yourself.

Nicole ~ Friends.

Robby ~ Ms. Erickson has always inspired me to be in band and to continue to grow throughout my high school career.

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Choir Musicians of the Month Senior Choir Members

Alex Burkel, Amy Svir, Robby Davy, Leah Erickson, Isabella Grafstrom, Nicole Hill, Tyler Klegstad, Megan Kompelien, Katie Coltom, Alex Truscinski

What section are you in and how long have you been in choir?

Alex B ~ Tenor, 6 years.

Amy ~ I am an alto and have been in choir since 7th grade.

Robby ~ I'm a bass and I've been involved in choir for the past 6 years.

Leah ~ I am an alto and this is my 6th year.

Isabella ~ Soprano. 5 years.

Nicole ~ I am in the alto section and I am in my 6th year of choir.

Tyler ~ Bass. 5 years.

Megan ~ I am currently the section leader to the soprano section. I was an alto from 7-9th grade then moved up to soprano from 10-12th grade.

Katie ~ Sopranos. 2 ½ years.

Alex T ~ I am in the bass section. I have been in choir 6 years.



What advice would you give other vocalist to succeed?

Alex B ~ Listen to Mr. Carpenter. He knows what he's doing!

Amy ~ Don't be afraid to sing out! If you are wrong, Mr. Carpenter will fix the problem!

Robby ~ The best advice that I could give to any vocalist is to always pay attention, listen to Mr. Carpenter, and have fun.

Leah ~ Choir is not a place to mess around. It's a place to improve not only your music skills but also your cooperation and worth ethic with the other choir members. Build friendships and respect for each other.

Isabella ~ Always have fun and never give up or stop. Always pay attention to the director.

Nicole ~ Sing LOUD when you're told to. If you make a mistake, make it a big one.

Tyler ~ Listen to the instructor and don't always take it so serious. Loosen up a bit and singing will come easier.

Megan ~ Learn to balance and blend your voice with those around you. No one person makes a section and no section makes a choir. The point of singing in a choir is to make the group shine as a whole not over power the section.

Katie ~ Go to lessons and get your pitches so you know them when you get with the whole choir. Also, listen to your conductor, they are almost always right.

Alex T ~ Pay attention and don't screw around because you won't know what your doing otherwise.

What is your favorite choir memory?

Alex B ~ I enjoyed going to vocal solo and ensembles because it was fun to see my classmates do well!

Amy ~ All the great times standing by Kellie and Kasey!

Robby ~ My favorite choir memory is going to all the honor choirs at Northland and Concordia throughout the years.

Leah ~ When I sang my first solo in seventh grade for the *Famine* song will always be a special memory. Another memory I cherish is singing a duet with my sister Julia for ensemble contest in eighth grade and getting a perfect score.

Isabella ~ When we went to Blue Man Group.

Nicole ~ Going to see Cirque Du Soleil.

Tyler ~ Concordia Men's Honor Choir.

Megan ~ I believe it was in 10th grade at an ensemble contest and somebody had brought a speaker with them. We were at an away school and everybody seemed to keep to their own school groups until we started the flash mob. We went out of our way to get other schools involved and in the end we had a great time bringing people together and dancing.

Katie ~ Practicing in the Music Revue this spring.

Alex T ~ I stood on the top risers in class one day and for some reason I lost my balance and fell straight into the chairs behind me. It wasn't embarrassing just because I knew it was funny as well.

Random Riddles Answers

1. Correct! The word 'what' has 4 letters in it, 'yet' has three, 'sometimes' has 9, 'then' has 4, 'rarely' has 6, and 'never' has 5.
2. Red paint. All paint smells and pours the same.
3. It is the last place you look because once you find it there is no need to keep looking.
4. A stapler.
5. A sponge.
6. A mirror.
7. Just 1, the driver.

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3rd Quarter A Honor Roll

Grades 4-6

Back: Brogan Beito, Kadeyn Keller, Jasmine Christianson, Aulona Jasiqi, Jordan Davy, Dylan VonEnde **Middle:** Carter Hamann, Mason Scharf, Hailey VonEnde, Hannah Rud, Greta Lee, Hannah Wilt
Front: Ada Lee, Bryza Rud, Jordan Lee, Amelia Wilt, Keyasha Housker



7-8 Grade

Back: Avdyl Jasiqi, Maisy Ylitalo, Tanner Davy, Talon Hilligas, Dawson Beito, Bailey Maurstad, Emma VonEnde **Middle:** Kennedy Truscinski, Morgan Praska, Timothy Poppel, Emily Gust, Kia Olafson, Tessa Blumer, Kianna Jacobson **Front:** Alyssa Rinde, Noah Warne, Jack Burkel, Isabella Monsrud, Emma Gust, Erika Howell, Deanna Rybakowski

9-12 Grade

Back: Shayna Kruger, Emily Hamann, Isaak Isane, Alex Ylitalo, Seth Dostal, Amy Svir, Colby Wooten
Middle: Ethan Praska, Robby Davy, Austin Maurstad, Jack Poppel, Jared Davy, Dillon Nieman, Tyler Isane
Front: Nicole Hill, Megan Kompelien, Isabella Grafstrom, Leah Erickson, Alex Burkel, Riley Sovde **Not Pictured:** Devan Olson



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3rd Quarter B Honor Roll

Grades 4-6

Back: Gabe Warne, Brooke VonEnde, Huntar Keeler,
Measha Troxel, Raegen Maahs, Arianna Grugal
Front: Abigail Novacek-Pratt, Tre Alten, Victoria Hickey,
Landon Frislie, Julia Bergeron, Danton Bronson
Not Pictured: Ella Hoosier



7-12 Grade

Back: Sarah Wagner, Isaac Dostal, Gavin Davy,
Austin Nieman, Joanna Erickson, Caity Garten
Middle: Tessa Sanden, Devin Pries, Alex Truscinski,
Daniel Obie, Aaron Davy, Isaac Lorenson,
Jory Bronson **Front:** Esther Nelson, Alexis Rud,
Caitlyn Wooten, Tia McKinnon, Emma Dimich,
Olivia Monsrud, Madison Rybakowski

Sloppy Joes II

Recipe by Tamara
www.allrecipes.com
By: Michal Olson

Ingredients:

1 pound lean ground beef
¼ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped green bell pepper
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard
¾ cup ketchup
3 teaspoons brown sugar
Salt to taste
Ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

1. In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the ground beef, onion, and green pepper; drain off liquids.
2. Stir in the garlic powder, mustard, ketchup, and brown sugar; mix thoroughly. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

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Campus Comment

By: Tessa Sanden

If you could own any zoo animal, what would you pick?

Kasen Swenson (7th grade): If I could own a zoo animal, I would own a monkey because of how cute some of them are and that they are human like and they cuddle you sometimes.

Emma VonEnde (8th grade): A monkey because I love to climb and it can climb trees with me.

Gavin Davy (9th grade): If I could have any zoo animal it would be a penguin. Those birds always look like they're wearing tuxedos. They gotta look fancy!

Emma Dimich (10th grade): If I could pick any zoo animal it would be a monkey because you don't have to worry about it leaving you, and you can do more funny trick with it than any house pet. You can feed them bananas if you don't like them.

Evan Peppel (11th grade): If I was able to own any zoo animal, I would pick an orangutan. My reasoning is they are very smart and have a very good imagination, which would be fun have in my life.

Cheyenne Restuchi (12th grade): Penguin because they're so cute and their waddle is adorable.



Badger Student Opinion

By: Emma Dimich

Should animal testing for research purposes be banned?

Gannon Sudel

Yes, because it could affect the population of that specific animal. I also think it should be banned because those animals don't want to be tested on and didn't do anything to humans.

Esther Nelson

I think animal testing should be allowed. It is better to test on animals than on humans.

Liv Olson

I think it is okay that we do animal testing, but I don't think it should be done all the time. Therefore, I think animal testing should be limited.

Megan Thompson

It should depend on what kind of research it is. If the testing could potentially harm or torture the animal, it should absolutely be against the law.



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Clarinet Ensemble

Our clarinet ensemble participated in instrumental ensemble contest on Tuesday, March 22nd at Indus. The group consisted of Leah Erickson, Amy Svir, Olivia Monsrud, and Morgan Praska. They played "The Music of the Night" from Phantom of the Opera. The clarinets received a superior rating.



Ensemble Vocal Competition

Submitted by: Dan Carpenter, Choir Director

Fifteen students attended the 2016 Subsection 32 Vocal Ensemble contest at Stephen/Argyle Central High School on Monday, April 4. At contest, each group is scored based on eight different elements during their performance. Each element has a maximum of five points for a maximum overall score of 40 points. A minimum score of 35 is required for a Superior Rating; a minimum of 28 points is required for an Excellent Rating. Three different ensembles competed with two receiving superior ratings and one receiving an excellent rating.

Megan Kompelien and Logan Kompelien performed a vocal "Remember Me" and received an Excellent Rating with a score of 33 points. Alex Burkel and Leah Erickson performed a vocal duet "All I Ask of You" and received a Superior Rating with a score of 39 points.

The following students performed in the mixed ensemble event: Megan Kompelien, Joanna Erickson, Deanna Rybakowski, Kennedy Truscinski, Leah Erickson, Tyrah Green, Morgan Praska, Alex Burkel, Gavin Davy, Logan Kompelien, Jack Burkel, Robby Davy, Alex Truscinski, Jared Davy, and Evan Peppel. They performed an arrangement of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the musical *Les Miserables* and received a Superior Rating with a perfect score of 40 points. In addition to the Superior Rating, this ensemble also received a "Best in Site" award. This award recognizes the top performance in each performance site at the contest.

Congratulations to all of the students who competed at the 2016 Vocal Ensemble contest!



Found

Author: Margret Peterson Haddix

Book Review By: Kaitie Hamann

"The letter fluttered slowly down toward the threshold of the door, but Jonah had already read every single word on the page. There were only six; YOU ARE ONE OF THE MISSING."

Jonah was your everyday thirteen-year-old until mystery letters started to show up in the mail. Jonah and his best friend Chip are both adopted and both got the mystery letters. Are the letters just a prank or something else? Jonah and his sister Katherine find out that both Jonah and Chip were in an incident along with 36 other kids when they were babies. Jonah and Chip attend an "adoption camp" but everything goes wrong. The adults Gary and Hodge reveal that all the kids were stolen from different times in history, and they are planning to take the children to the future and sell them to families for money. Chip, Jonah, and Katherine have other ideas. They decide that to save the future they must first save the past then the present. All of time is at jeopardy. Can they fix time? Find out in *Found*.

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Wolf Ridge 2016

Submitted by: Shannon Dostal

On April 18-22, twenty-six 7th graders from Badger School attended classes at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center near Finland, MN. Wolf Ridge is a 2,000 acre campus overlooking Lake Superior. Activities and classes at Wolf Ridge are nearly all outdoors and typically three hours in length.

Students attended science classes including geology, stream study, and small mammals, which involved hiking to various sites and hands-on discovery. Some classes were about our cultural history like Objibwe Heritage, where students could use some of the tools and homes similar to what the Objibwe used, and Voyageur Life where students experienced what it was like to be a fur trader along the great lakes in the early days of Minnesota history. Students enjoyed hiking to various overlooks where they could see and learn about Lake Superior. Evening classes included presentation by staff naturalists, an astronomy lab, and Native American art classes.

Two of the favorites of the week were the rock-climbing wall and the ropes course, both of which challenged students to push their limits and overcome obstacles. The last night at Wolf Ridge the students also enjoyed a bonfire. After, they shared their feelings about their week from the Woodland Art Project they had completed.

This is the 6th year that students from Badger have had the opportunity to travel to Wolf Ridge.



Badger FCCLA Students Compete

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee and Val Truscinski

Badger FCCLA students traveled to Bloomington, MN, on April 13-16 for the State FCCLA Conference. Seven students competed in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events at the state level. Five students took the Everyday Equations Math test with Alex Ylitalo earning gold and Jory Bronson, Gavin Davy, Robby Davy, and Tyler Klegstad earning silver. Emma VonEnde presented in the Financial Fitness category. Emma's project focused on teaching upper elementary students about financial literacy. She hosted an after-school class for 4-6th graders that included learning about goals, saving, and banking. The class concluded with a bank tour and crafting a saving jar. Robby Davy's project, Environmental Ambassador, dealt with increasing recycling in our school. Kennedy Truscinski presented her Recycle and Redesign project from "plarn", plastic yarn-a crocheted beach bag.

Kennedy and Robby will be travelling to the FCCLA National Convention in San Diego, California, after earning advancement with their STAR Event projects. Robby Davy, a senior, received a grant to purchase recycle bins to place on the high school side of our building. He tracked the amount of recyclables going out in order to see if students were using the bins and changing their habits. Kennedy Truscinski, an eighth grade student, chose a project in the Recycle and Redesign category where she collected plastic grocery bags and created plastic yarn ("plarn") and used it to crochet a beach bag.

The FCCLA National Convention will take place July 2-8, 2016. Kennedy also ran for Minnesota Regional Officer at the state convention. She was selected to serve as the Region 8 secretary for the 2016-17 term. Congratulations to both Kennedy and Robby, and good luck at the national level!



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Chatting with Hatter

By: Kaitie Hamann

Whether it's tea time or just chatting with Hatter and Alice ~ The 2016 Badger High School Music Revue *Chatting with Hatter* dished out excellent performances on March 17 and 18.

The band, led by Ms. Erickson, poured their hearts out during many different songs including the theme songs to *The Hunger Games* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The choir, led by Mr. Carpenter, also came to tea singing songs like *Happy*, *Royals*, and *Radioactive*. Individual performances included: *All I Ask of You* sung by Leah Erickson and Alex Burkel, a flute solo *Colors of the Wind* played by Isabella Grafstrom, *Warrior* written and sung by Tyrah Green, and *All Of Me* sung by Jada Watson.

Providing the transition between musical numbers were a host of nursery rhyme characters hosted by the Mad Hatter and Alice. The audience met characters Mary had a Little Lamb, the Little Old Lady who Lived in a Shoe, and even Three Blind Mice. Fairytale

characters also made an appearance: Peter Pan, the Seven Dwarves, Pinocchio, and Hansel and Gretel, just to name a few. But what's their real story? They all had something to say about their story that may have been different than we have learned to love. The Big Bad Wolf is a vegetarian! Hansel and Gretel sign themselves up for the Hunger Games! A big thanks to Mr. Carpenter and the choir, Ms. Erickson and the band, Ms. K for the wonderful set design, and Ms. Y for writing the entertaining script.



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Ten Great Swimmers of All Time

www.waterworksswim.com/top_10_swimmers_of_all_time

By: Ceceilia Yeager

There have been many great swimmers of all time. Many swimmers are just naturals but became the best with practice. Listed below are a few of the greatest along with just some of the many honors they have achieved. Some are recent swimmers and some are a blast from the past. Hopefully you have been fortunate enough to watch some of them compete.

- Michael Phelps ~ American ~ 16 Olympic medals: 14 gold, 2 bronze
- Mark Spitz ~ American ~ 11 Olympic medals: 9 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze
- Ian Thorpe ~ Australian ~ 5 Olympic gold medals
- Aleksandr Propov ~ Russian ~ 9 Olympic medals: 4 gold, 5 silver
- Pieter Van Den Hoogenband ~ Dutch ~ 18 Olympic medals: 3 gold, 10 silver, 5 bronze
- Johnny Weissmuller ~ American ~ 6 Olympic medals: 5 gold, 1 bronze
- Grant Hackett ~ Australian ~ 2 Olympic gold medals
- Krisztina Egerszegi ~ Hungarian ~ 5 Olympic gold medals
- Debbie Meyer ~ American ~ 3 Olympic gold medals
- Kristin Otto ~ German ~ 6 Olympic gold medals

Spotlight on Scholarship Award

Badger High School recently recognized its Spotlight on Scholarship Award winners for the winter sports season. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, the Spotlight on Scholarship Award recognizes student athletes who maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average while participating in League sponsored activities.

Pictured are **Front:** Amy Svir, Megan Kompelien, Leah Erickson, Isabella Grafstrom, Emily Hamann
Middle: Seth Dostal, Tyler Isane, Jack Peppel, Austin Maurstad, Devin Pries
Back: Isaak Isane, Robby Davy, Jared Davy, Dillon Nieman, Colby Wooten
Missing: Joanna Erickson



Shout Out To.....

Everyone at the Badger School! Thanks for 32 years of memories! I will miss you all! Bless each and every one of you!! LaRae Trina Hilligas and Wyatt for sharing their baby bunnies with 2nd Grade.
Linda Johnson and our sub custodians *Nellie Hagen, Alleen Glen, and Bob Glen* (evening custodians) for doing such a great job of keeping a clean school!
Devin Dostal, Isaak Isane, & Robby Davy for being great teacher assistants.
Joni Pelowski for her hard work and dedication. Enjoy your retirement!
LaRae Frislie for taking such good care of us over the years. Enjoy your retirement!
Juli Smedsmo for accompanying our elementary concert.
Jennie Erickson for setting up the third grade students to go to Marvin Windows for the day.
Mike Halvorson, Mary Halvorson, Corrina Christianson, and Roger Davy for chaperoning the third grade Marvin Windows trip.
7th grade students from your chaperones Shannon Dostal, Stacey Warne, Brady Johnson and Janice Mostofi for a wonderful Wolf Ridge trip. You all made the Badger School proud!
All local businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated to the post-prom party.

Early Years

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREAT START

May 2016



Badger School District # 676
Early Childhood Family Education

KID BITS

Teacher appreciation

Encourage your child to make this cute thank-you gift for his teacher. Help him print "Thanks for lessons that will 'stick' with me!" on a card. He can sign it and decorate it however he likes. Then, pair his card with a package of stickers for the teacher to use next year.

A summer "bucket" list

As a family, make a wish list of things to do this summer, like swimming at the lake, playing mini-golf, or going fishing. Write each one on a separate slip of paper, and store them in a toy pail. Each week, let your youngster draw a slip, and make plans to do the activity.

DID YOU KNOW?

Studies show that screen time is habit-forming. Keep your child from becoming "hooked" by limiting the time she spends in front of any kind of screen. Also, create screen-free zones—perhaps her bedroom or the basement—to inspire your youngster to play and be active. *Note:* You'll find more than 100 things to do without a screen at screenfree.org/screen-free-activities.

Worth quoting

"I kept always two books in my pocket, one to read, one to write in."
Robert Louis Stevenson

Just for fun

Q: Why does a flamingo lift up only one leg?

A: Because if it lifted both legs, it would fall over!



Raise kids who love the outdoors

For children, the outdoors is a wide-open playground where imagination, curiosity, and learning can run wild. Cultivate your youngster's love of the outdoors with these ideas.

Turn your routine "inside out"

Add a dash of the outdoors to everyday activities. Trade your normal craft site for a picnic table at the park, and use natural materials to make art. Weave a dandelion crown, or wrap colorful yarn around sticks and twigs. Read bedtime stories by flashlight on a front step, and observe the stars. Move snack time from the kitchen to a blanket under a tree, and look for animals "snacking," too.

Encourage a sense of wonder

The outdoors is the perfect place to ask—and try to answer—all kinds of questions about our world. Why do worms come out after it rains? What kind of tree is that? Give your child a notebook for jotting down questions or



sketching pictures of things she wonders about. Let her give her theories, fill her in on what you know, and look up answers later in books or online.

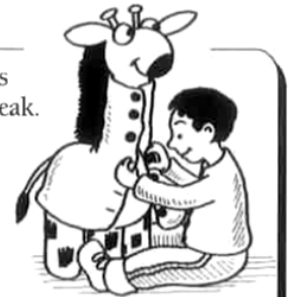
Start a nature club

Team up with families in the neighborhood to explore the outdoors together. You could take turns hosting meetings and suggesting a fun activity. For example, one week members may find and photograph bugs around the yard. Another time, they might make binoculars by taping together two toilet-paper tubes and use them for bird watching. ♥

Countdown to next year

Guess what? You can help set your child up for success next school year with simple activities during summer break. Consider these:

- Practice skills he needs for being independent, such as buttoning, zipping, and snapping his clothes. Be sure to have him work on putting on his own jacket, too.
- Teach your youngster new jobs like making his bed or wiping the kitchen table. Doing small tasks according to your instructions will get him used to following directions in class.
- How many times in a minute can he jump? How many times can he sail a paper airplane? One-minute contests develop your child's sense of time and make it easier for him to be patient. ♥



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Badger School Superintendent's News

Greetings from the Badger School District. The 2015-2016 school year is nearly complete. It has been an amazing year at the Badger School. During the next month, throughout the state and our region, school districts will celebrate many milestones and host key events prior to the end of the school year.

National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1-7 has been proclaimed by the President of the United States as National Teacher Appreciation Week. On behalf of the entire Badger School District, I would like to thank our teachers for all they do for our students, families, community members, and administration. Working many hours every day of the week and 12 months a year our teachers do their best to develop new teaching techniques. In addition, throughout the year staff members plan and prepare curriculum that appropriately challenges and meets ever changing state and federal requirements. Badger teachers continuously work to be the best for our students. Thanks to their efforts, our students continue to not only be prepared for the future academically but also grow and mature as individuals. Educating our students is a tremendous responsibility and a privilege our teachers understand and embrace. Thank you for all that you do for our students and for making Badger "the school where every student belongs."



End of an Era

On May 26, Mrs. LaRae Frislie will serve Badger students breakfast and lunch for the last time as Director of Food Services. After serving the Badger School District for 32 years, Mrs. Frislie will retire at the conclusion of the school year. She has dedicated her career to serving our school district. Every morning and afternoon, Mrs. Frislie can be found in the cafeteria preparing and serving delicious meals. In reality, she has provided much more than great food these past 32 years. Mrs. Frislie on a daily basis has "dished out" smiles, kindness, encouragement, and positive energy that have had a tremendous impact on the lives of Badger students and employees. Thank you Mrs. Frislie for always greeting us with a smile and for all that you have done for our students and our district over the years!

Last Day of Preschool

May 12 will be the final day of preschool in Badger. Thank you to Mrs. Bergland for all of her work, as the preschool teacher, throughout the year preparing students for a successful transition into kindergarten next year. Classroom para professionals, Mrs. Davy and Mrs. Wilson, provided support to the preschool students and Mrs. Bergland throughout the year. Mrs. Bergland, her assistants, and the students have had a wonderful, positive, and productive preschool experience.

Elementary Music Program and High School Music Program

The Badger School District is proud to announce the dates of the spring music programs. Please consider attending and enjoying wonderful musical entertainment provided by our students under the direction of Ms. Erickson and Mr. Carpenter. The high school music program will take place on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. and the elementary music program is scheduled for May 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Graduation

On May 11 at 2:00 p.m. the future Badger graduating class of 2028 will celebrate the conclusion of kindergarten! Mrs. Langaas will direct the graduation ceremony, which will include music, slideshow, and presentation of diplomas as well as treats for the students and their families. Congratulations to the kindergarten students of Badger!

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate will be May 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Badger School gymnasium. All students, staff, family, and community members are invited to attend this ceremony in honor of the Badger graduating class.

High School Graduation

Congratulations to the senior class of the Badger High School! Badger High School seniors will receive diplomas during the graduation commencement ceremony for the class of 2016 on May 22 at 2:00 p.m. Graduation is a momentous occasion for all who attend school. The Badger graduation ceremony is a celebration, which marks the end of one chapter in a student's life and the beginning of another. The entire community of Badger has played a role in the education of our students. Please consider attending the Badger graduation ceremony on May 22.

In closing, the Badger School District would like to thank you for all that you do for our school. Without your support, our school would not be what it is today. If you have any questions or would like to visit, please feel free to stop by any time. Your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

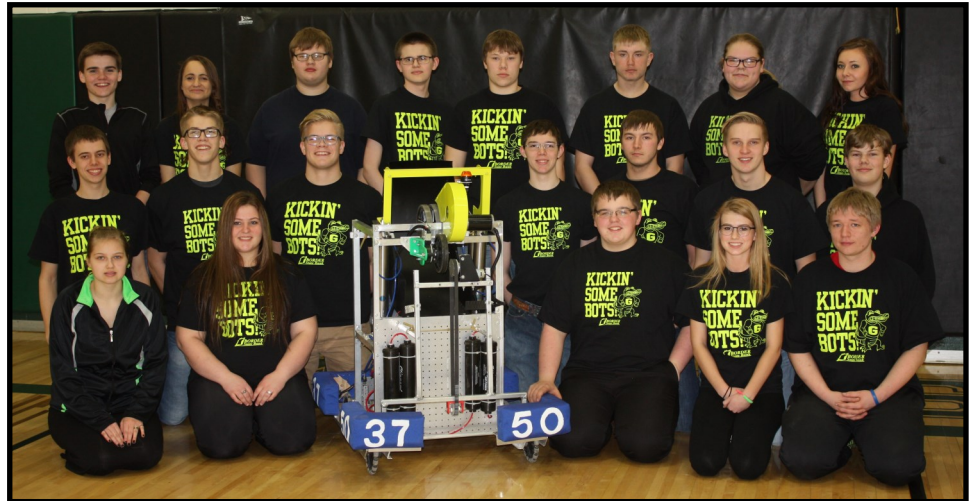
Respectfully,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent
Badger School District

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Badger Robotics

Submitted by: Val Truscinski

After a superb showing at the Duluth Lake Superior Regional in March, finishing sixth out of 63 teams, Badger Robotics Team 3750 felt that their season ended prematurely. Hungry for a spot in the FIRST Robotics World Championship, and knowing that all of the budgeted funds for the robotics season had been depleted, the team came together to ask permission from Badger School's Superintendent, Mr. Jerome, to fundraise to enter a second regional competition. With permission granted for the fundraising efforts, team mentor, Valerie Truscinski, contacted the headquarters for FIRST Robotics to see if it were possible for Team 3750 to enter another regional since registration for all regional events had closed in November of 2015. With authorization to enter the Iowa Regional in Cedar Falls, Iowa, fundraising efforts began. With just over a week to fundraise to try to earn enough money for entry fee, travel costs, and room expenses, team members found sponsorship from many businesses and organizations throughout Badger and the surrounding communities.



On Wednesday, March 23, eight team members, the head coach, and two mentors headed to Iowa to attempt to fulfill the second chance that they had been granted to try and earn entry into the World Competition. Thursday was a practice day for the 53 teams entered in this regional event. The robot looked good and hopes were high for the next two days of competition. Alliances that consist of three randomly drawn teams compete against each other throughout the day and a half of qualification rounds, with the top eight teams forming chosen alliances to enter the elimination rounds. Team 3750 just could not seem to catch a break as the first three rounds of competition were against teams that had previously earned entry to Worlds this year. Losing their first round 70-86, their second round 109-115, and their third round 87-111, they knew they would have to dig themselves out of a hole in the remaining rounds. Being paired with several rookie teams throughout the competition, the Gators ended the qualification round 3-7-0 placing them 44th after all of the qualification rounds had been completed. Knowing that their robot was excellent at shooting and scaling the castle tower during the competition, the Gators were hopeful that they would still be chosen by one of the eight teams forming alliances for the elimination rounds. Sure enough, in the first round of picks, Team 3750 was called upon by the number eight alliance, Team 2705, WE Robot, out of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, to join their alliance. In the second round of picks Team 3184, Blaze Robotics, out of Bloomington, Minnesota, would be called upon to complete the alliance.

Knowing that the number eight alliance would take on the number one alliance, who happened to be led by the undefeated team of Greenbush/Middle River, their work would be cut out for them. To be eliminated, a team must lose twice to their opponent. In the first match of the elimination round the captain robot from the number eight alliance would lose power shortly after the match started, and they would lose that round 75-155. Knowing that they either had to win the next match or their competition would come to an end, the number eight alliance came up with a strategy. After a hard fought battle, the alliance that contained Team 3750 would lose 130-180, one of the highest scoring matches of the entire weekend, and be eliminated.

Badger Robotics Team 3750 would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all of the businesses and organizations that believed in them enough to help fund their way to Iowa. Without you, this second chance would have never been possible! We know we represented Northern Minnesota well, and we are proud of our accomplishments this year!

May Dates to Remember

By: Chevy Hamilton

4	Comm Ed ~ Continuing Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm	17	Comm Ed ~ Continuing Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
4	High School Music Program 7:00 pm	18	Baccalaureate 7:00 pm
8	Mother' Day	19	Preschool ~ Last Day
9	School Board 7:30 pm	20	Kindergarten Field Trip to Roseau
10	Comm Ed ~ Continuing Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm	22	Graduation 2:00 pm
11	Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 pm	25	Elementary Track & Field Day
13	Elementary Spring Program 2:00 pm	26	End of 4 th Quarter
16	3 rd Grade Pioneer Farm	27	Staff Workshop
17	5 th Grade D.A.R.E Graduation	30	Memorial Day

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Kindergarten Korner

By Amelia Stainbrook

The end of the year has come, and it's time to find out what the kindergarten class has enjoyed most this year.

Naomi Turpitt ~ I liked making a new friend at her house.

Ava Warne ~ I liked making new friends in the loft.

Elizabeth Brereton ~ I liked when we made the math problems.

Azmera Olson ~ I liked to play on the slides at recess.

Olivia Herrold ~ I liked making art.

Tyjmen Rud ~ I liked playing with the Legos.

MacKenzie VonEnde ~ I liked rest time and playing with my friends.

Quynn Washington ~ I liked making flowers in art.

Maycee Olson ~ I like playing with the Legos.

Charles Peterson ~ I liked playing with Legos.

Sophia Edwards ~ I liked doing art.

Aurora Hamann ~ I liked making flowers in art.

Deegan Hanson ~ I liked playing with the Lego table.

Eli Hoosier ~ I liked learning in math.

MargrettAnn Henke-Rannaw ~ I liked learning about art.

Jaxon Castle ~ I liked playing with the Lego table.

Ava Gust ~ I liked playing with the Legos.

