



The Badger Barker



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Gator Girls Basketball Team Earns Trip to State Tournament

The Gator basketball team ended a great season taking home the Class A 6th place award at the 2023 Minnesota State Basketball Tournament. Congratulations Gators!

The team also earned a MSHSCA Academic Excellence: Gold Level Award by having a team GPA of 3.75 or higher. The Gator's GPA is 3.855. Smart athletes! Five seniors also earned Academic All-State honors with their individual cumulative GPAs of 3.8 or better: Keyasha Housker, Cassie Dahl, Hannah Bergsnev, Jade Reese, and Tessany Blazek.

Way to go Gators both on and off the court!



Back: Mgr. Meagan Otto, Cassie Dahl, Tessany Blazak, Coach Kilen, Quinn Vacura, Sierra Westberg, Clara Bergsnev, Jaci Hanson, Ada Lee, Raegon Kuznia, Mgr. Elizabeth Gust, Coach Mekash, Coach Dahl

Front: Mgr. Audrey Gust, Jordan Lee, Zairyn Wimpfheimer, Jade Reese, Kinsley Hanson, Keyasha Housker, Hannah Bergsnev, Kenzie Dahl, Tegan Landsrud

Varsity Scoreboard

Warroad
Kittson County Central
Thompson
Northern Freeze
Clearbrook-Gonvick
Red Lake
New York Mills
Underwood
Thief River Falls
Stephen-Argyle
Goodridge/Grygla
Roseau
Fosston

W 76-12
W 81-43
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W 74-42
W 75-21
W 71-27
W 60-51
W 70-68
L 58-52
W 64-47
W 49-39
W 68-43
L 55-41

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Mahnomon/Waubun
Kittson County Central
Fertile-Beltrami
Roseau
Red Lake Falls
Stephen-Argyle
Warroad
Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Goodridge/Grygla
Win-E-Mac
Northern Freeze

W 45-38
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W 60-46
W 69-53
W 77-25
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W 61-33
W 80-33
W 62-37

Class 8A Sections

Northern Freeze W 65-45
Kittson County Central W 56-25
Goodridge/Grygla W 53-30
Fosston W 53-50

Class A State

Hayfield OT L 63-58
United Christian Academy W 75-41
Underwood L 47-32



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Badger School Superintendent's News

I hope this April publication of *The Badger Barker* finds you, and finds you well. Spring has sprung!

- Tues., Apr. 4 Badger Community School recognized Lorraine Kukowski on National School Librarian Day. Lorraine is dedicated to helping our children find the resources they need to keep learning and she keeps our school library in smooth working order.
- April 3-7 During National Assistant Principals Appreciation Week, or here at Badger, we are celebrate National Dean of Students Appreciation Week. We appreciate Mr. Stacey Warne because he is a good listener building connections with students, parents, and staff navigating decisions and dilemmas on various issues. He is a pivotal member of our office team. He is also a pivotal member of our student support services team.
- Fri., Apr. 14 Elementary Kids Heart Challenge winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Some select staff will be treated to pies...pies in the face.
- Sat., Apr. 15 Badger Pre-Prom Meal, Grand March, Prom & Post Prom Party
7:00 p.m. the doors open for Grand March spectators. \$5 admission for Grand March.
- April 17-21 Seventh graders attend the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center Experience
April 17-21 MN Severe Weather Awareness Week. More information at MN Dept. of Public Safety:
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/default.aspx>
- Thurs., Apr. 20 City of Badger and Roseau County will participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 26 Administrative Professionals Day!
Many thanks for everything our office team does for students, families, and staff! A shout to our "pros" at Badger: Leah Hasson, Business Manager; Val Truscinski, Technology Coordinator; Sara Olson, Office Manager/Secretary; and frequent sub in the office, Anne Stenberg.
- Wed., Apr. 26 Northland Career Expo Juniors and Seniors at East Grand Forks campus.
Area high school juniors and seniors take part in hands-on activities of their choice. Northland will showcase 16 different programs the day of the Expo to help students explore potential career pathways.
- Wed., Apr. 26 Envirothon Team at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Middle River, MN.
What is Envirothon? The Envirothon competition is for high school students organized by the National Conservation Foundation (NCF).
Envirothon combines in-class and hands-on environmental education, which involves problem solving and actual field tests. The competition tests students on five core subjects:
1) Aquatic Ecology; 2) Forestry; 3) Soils and Land Use; 4) Wildlife;
5) Plus an annually-changing subtopic, which focuses on a relevant environmental issue
- Wed., Apr. 26 Drivers Education Parent Meeting 5:30 p.m. in the GMR School Library with law enforcement presenters.
Attendance reduces student practice driving log hours by 10 hours (50 hours reduced to 40 hours).
- Thurs., Apr. 27 Midterm of Quarter 4
- April 27-30 Art Club overnight trip to Duluth, MN
- Fri., Apr. 28 Second Grade field trip to Shrine Circus at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, ND
Bus departs at Noon; 3 p.m. show; bus hopefully returns about 8 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 28 Third Grade field trip to Marvin Windows, Warroad, MN

Every student and employee is fortunate to be part of our vibrant school. Thank you to all who help to make our school a gem of excellence in northwest Minnesota.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to visit in person, please stop by anytime.

Thank you,





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Senior Spotlight Cody Olson

Parents: Brad & Marci Olson

Siblings: Merlin, Bill, Luther

Nickname: McDougle

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Burgers

Color: Red

Hobby: Hunting

Quote: "Fear is stupid, so are regrets." ~ Marilyn Monroe

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? If I found a genie, I would wish for an infinite bank account, a new truck, and infinite wishes.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? I would get rid of politics.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would take my brother Luther to Arizona.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? Football/baseball bus shenanigans.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? I broke a hallway clock by touching it.



Student Opinion

By: Ray Rosadino

Would you rather lose the ability to hear or the ability to speak?

Kaden Halvorson ~ The ability to speak. If I lost the ability to speak, I would still be able to write out what I wanted to say. If I lost my hearing, it would be a lot harder to do simple things like having a job. I also wouldn't be able to listen to music.

Measha Troxel ~ I would prefer to lose my ability to speak because then when someone is talking to me, I can still hear what they're saying. I can still write my response down on a piece of paper.

Jazmin Meyer ~ I would rather lose my ability to speak because there are other ways to communicate. I would still be able to hear other people so it seems like it could be easy to communicate.

Andrew Olson ~ I would rather lose the ability to hear than to speak because then I wouldn't be able to hear my siblings yelling at me all the time.





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Band Musician of the Month Aidan Carpenter

Grade: 10th

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? I play trumpet and I chose it because I think it's pretty cool.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick? Probably percussion because I also think that's pretty cool.

What is your favorite song to play? I don't actually have one. Deciding what "favorite song" isn't something I really think about or that comes to mind.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? I can't really pick one for this either since I prefer to just go with what we have. No strong feelings for this one way or another to be completely honest.

What is your most memorable moment in band? This year it would be playing piano instead of trumpet for large group contest, since that's not something that usually happens and it was interesting to do.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Experiment with it a bit, make stuff up, and improvise.

Who inspired you to be part of band? Me.



Choir Musician of the Month Sam Aarhus

Grade: 10th

What section are you in? Bass

How long have you been in choir? Since 7th grade

What kind of music do you like to sing? Latin music, it gives me a challenge while singing.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? The choir contest and being able to get a superior rating.

What are you looking forward to this year? Graduation because it's a good way to send off the seniors and also means the school year is nearly finished.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Pay attention in class and try.

What is your favorite choir memory? Getting superior rating every year I have been in choir.



Trivia Answers

1. A 2. A 3. D 4. B

Random Riddles Answers

1. An egg
2. A sponge
3. The future
4. All of them
5. A towel
6. Your age
7. A promise



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Ramp-Up Topics for April

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Students will be exploring the strong correlation between educational attainment and earning potential. After completing the unit, students will reflect on what they have learned regarding college and career readiness including two things they will continue to do and two things they will stop doing.

GRADE 7: Students will be looking at financial awareness as going to college may require a student going into some debt. "Good debt" and "bad debt" will be discussed as well as credit, interest, and borrowing.

GRADE 8: Students will discover ways to pay for college: savings, work study, scholarships, grants, and loans. There are multiple ways to pay for college without incurring excessive loans, so students should not decide they can't go because of costs. Families interested in learning more about how to pay for college can visit this website: <https://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/how-pay/paying-college-videos>
Students will also complete the PREP Survey as a Ramp-Up post-test.

GRADE 9: During April, students will be introduced to coursework they can complete during high school that will count as college credits. Offerings available at Badger High School will be discussed, including the Online in the College High School program. Ninth graders will also learn about Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, as well as Post-Secondary Education Options.

GRADE 10: Sophomores will be instructed on the relevant sections of a resume and how to begin building one of their own and include employee characteristics that colleges and employers are looking for. In addition, students will be asked to think about what interests them so they can consider what career and postsecondary experience would be best for them.

GRADE 11: Juniors will study the importance of being a lifelong learner and its impact on employability, which is relevant to summer jobs, internships, and their long-term career goals. In addition, juniors will be taking the PREP survey post-test to assess their post-secondary readiness and discuss the idea of "falling forward" into their last year of high school.

GRADE 12: Students will be identifying and celebrating their postsecondary choices by writing them on a piece of paper to display in the school. They will also be writing a letter to someone who has had a positive impact on them getting to this point in their education and getting them ready for their future endeavors.

Funky Facts

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/76701/50-random-facts/>

By: Caden Wojciehowski

- ~ Your fingernails grow faster when you are cold.
- ~ Your feet typically produce a pint of sweat every single day.
- ~ 20% of all the oxygen you breath goes to your brain.
- ~ Your small intestine is the longest organ in the body.
- ~ Cats are not able to taste anything sweet.
- ~ Snails can take naps up to three years.
- ~ Kangaroos cannot walk backwards.
- ~ Hippopotamus milk is pink.
- ~ Goats have rectangular pupils in their eyes.
- ~ Cows can walk up stairs but not down them.
- ~ If a donkey and a zebra have a baby then it's called a zonkey.
- ~ The shortest war in history lasted for only 38 minutes.
- ~ Glass balls can bounce higher than rubber ones.
- ~ There are 31,556,926 seconds in a year.
- ~ Some perfumes actually have whale poo in them.
- ~ The snow on Venus is metal.
- ~ You can cut a pie into 8 pieces with only three cuts.
- ~ The surface of Mars is covered in rust, making the planet appear red.
- ~ A tsunami can travel as fast as a jet plane.

Trivia

By: Breydon Foss

1. What is the largest continent in size?
 - A. Asia
 - B. Africa
 - C. Europe
 - D. North America
2. When was the first Harry Potter book published?
 - A. 1997
 - B. 1999
 - C. 2001
 - D. 2003
3. How many elements are there on the periodic table?
 - A. 122
 - B. 120
 - C. 103
 - D. 118
4. How many bones are there in an adult human body?
 - A. 186
 - B. 206
 - C. 286
 - D. 306



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Ada Lee ~ State ExCEL Award Winner



Congratulations to Ada Lee for being a 2023 Minnesota State ExCEL Award recipient. The ExCEL Award – Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership – recognizes Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, leaders in their schools, and who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service. Pictured is Ada (middle student) receiving her award at the State Girls Basketball Tournament in March. Ada is the daughter of John and Gretchen Lee.

Cheese Please

Mrs. Dahlgren's ninth grade class attempted to eat Limburger cheese while reading Mark Twain's short story "The Invalid's Story." After getting a whiff of the cheese's aroma, only eight of them decided to try the delicacy...they earned a refreshing piece of mint gum as their reward.



Young Authors



Aspiring young authors came together at Northland Community & Technical College to explore their creative writing skills in February. Students had the opportunity to get first-hand experience and mini writing lessons from local authors. Some of the sessions offered were Choose Your Own Path, Flash Fiction or the Short, Short Story, Writing a Movie Scene, and Introduction to Comic Art. Attending from Badger were Aiden Thompson, Quynn Washington, Hallie Glodowski, Kiley Streich, Willow Rud, Delyla Carpenter, Ava Warne, and Aiyanah Bieber.

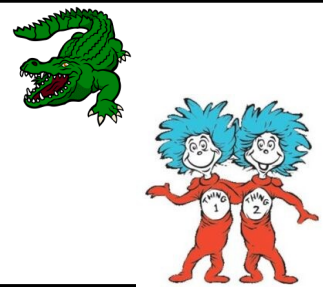
Random Riddles

<https://parade.com/947956/parade/riddles/>
By: Measha Troxel

1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
2. What is full of holes but still holds water?
3. What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
4. What month of the year has 28 days?
5. What gets wet while drying?
6. What goes up but never goes down?
7. What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

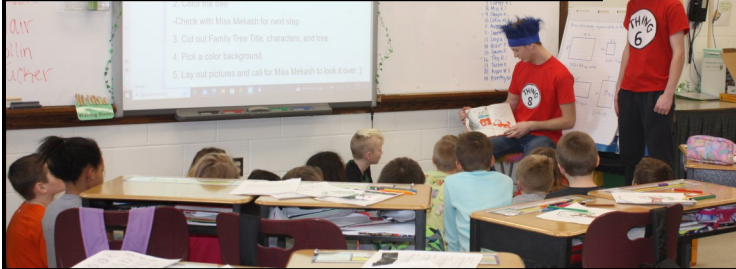


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Read Across America Week

Students celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday





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Large Group Music Contest

Submitted by: Dan Carpenter

The Badger Concert Band, under the direction of Lisa Erickson and Dan Carpenter, competed in the MSHSL Subsection 32 Large Group Instrumental Music Contest on Tuesday, February 28, at Roseau High School. They performed two pieces: "In This Quiet Place" by Robert Sheldon and "Festivo" by Vaclav Nelhybel. The Concert Band received a "Superior" rating from each of the three judges, earning them an overall "Superior" rating for their performance, which is the highest rating a group can earn.

The Badger Concert Choir, under the direction of Dan Carpenter, competed in the MSHSL Subsection 32 - East Large Group Vocal Music Contest on Tuesday, March 7, at Badger School. They performed two songs: "Requiem" by Eliza Gilkyson (arranged by Craig Hella Johnson) and the Scottish folk song "Loch Lomond" arranged by Jonathan Quick, which featured vocal solos by junior soprano Arianna Grugal and sophomore soprano Paige Rybakowski. The Concert Choir received a "Superior" rating from each of the three judges, earning them an overall "Superior" rating for their performance, which is the highest rating a group can earn.





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Gator Sports

By: Taylor Davy

For changes in schedule go to www.badger.k12.mn.us and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."

April

Baseball

- 11 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 13 @ Lake of the Woods
- 17 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR
- 18 @ Red Lake Falls Coop
- 21 Blackduck @ BGMR
- 25 @ Northern Freeze
- 27 @ Warroad
- 28 @ Ada-Borup

Softball

- 3 Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal @ BGMR
- 4 @ Thompson
- 11 @ Red Lake Falls
- 13 @ Roseau
- 14 @ Moorhead vs Moorhead & Fargo Davies
- 18 @ Warroad
- 20 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 22 Tournament @ BGMR
- 25 Red Lake Falls @BGMR
- 27 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

Track & Field

- 4 @ Bemidji
- 25 @ Thief River Falls
- 27 @ Lake of the Woods
- 28 @ Thief River Falls

Golf

- 20 Boys @ Karlstad
- 20 Girls @ Greenbush
- 25 Boys @ Warren
- 25 Girls @ Stephen



May

Baseball

- 1 West Marshall @ BGMR
- 2 @ Thief River Falls
- 4 Warroad @ BGMR
- 9 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 11 @ Crookston
- 15 @ West Marshall
- 16 @ Fosston
- 18 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 22 @ Win-E-Mac
- 23 Roseau @ BGMR
- 25 Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal @ BGMR
- 30 Subsection @ High Seed

Softball

- 5 Warroad @ BGMR
- 11 @ Sacred Heart
- 13 Tournament @ BGMR
- 16 Roseau @ BGMR
- 18 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 23 Section Play-in @ TBA
- 23 Section @ TBA
- 25 Subsection @ High Seed
- 30 Section Semis @ High Seed

Track & Field

- 2 @ East Grand Forks vs Crookston
- 6 @ Thief River Falls
- 12 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 15 @ Roseau
- 19 @ Lake of the Woods
- 25 @ Mahnomen-Waubun

Golf

- 2 Boys @ Greenbush
- 2 Girls @ Karlstad
- 3 Girls Section Preview @ Bemidji
- 4 Boys/Girls @ Lake of the Woods
- 9 Boys/Girls @ Warroad
- 16 Boys @ Lancaster
- 16 Girls @ Hallock
- 17 Boys Section Preview @ Bemidji
- 18 Boys/Girls @ Roseau
- 23 Boys/Girls Sub-Section @ Roseau
- 30-31 Section Tournament @ Bemidji



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Spotlight on Sports

By: Bethanie VonEnde

Treston Nichols ~ Track

What is your favorite snack while at a meet? Pickles, Reese's Fast Breaks, and orange Gatorade.

What events do you compete in and which is your favorite? Shot put and discus. Shot put is my favorite because it is fun and I'm good at it. I get to compete at something that I don't have to run in so it is good.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Myself because I always have to beat myself. If I beat myself it is a good day, even if I don't win.

What is your favorite track memory? State meet and the ride back when we were making dumb faces at people we passed. Then they would give us weird looks.



Jordan Lee ~ Softball

What positions do you play? Anywhere in the outfield (usually left field).

Other than our home field, where do you enjoy playing the most? Down in Mankato at state softball because the environment is crazy.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My dad because he always wants me to do my best and succeed.

What is your favorite softball memory? Having a diving catch last year during the section championship and the crowd going nuts.



Masen Swenson ~ Golf

What is your favorite snack to munch on while on the course? Scooby-snacks, they are my favorite and Coach Val Truscinski knows that.

Which golf course is your favorite? Oakview in Greenbush. It's a fun course and it is my home course so I play it every day during the summer.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? I look up to Tiger Woods. He has been my favorite golfer since I was young and he is fun to watch.

What is your favorite golf memory? Last year when we won subsections as a team.



Riley Gust ~ Trap

What is your favorite station to start on? Station two because I have always started there.

What is your favorite weather to shoot in? I'd say sunny, but I've never been lucky enough to shoot in it.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My family because I like to show them I'm the better shooter of the family.

What is your favorite trap memory? Going to Prior Lake as an alternate and shooting 25 straight. (Prior Lake is the state competition.)



Taylor Davy ~ Baseball

What positions do you play? Third base, shortstop, pitcher, catcher

Other than our home field, where do you enjoy playing the most? Gilbertson Field in Roseau. It's a beautiful field and it's really nice to play on because they take care of it so there isn't that many bad hops on the ball.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Max Clark, he is a young baseball player and he puts time in and is going places. I try to look up to him and be like him one day.

What is your favorite baseball memory? So far, when we won in Blackduck and the bus ride home. It was pretty fun.





FCCLA Successful State Conference

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee, FCCLA Advisor

Badger FCCLA members (pictured) Ada Lee, Quynn Washington, Emily Burkel, Bethanie VonEnde, Adysen Gregerson, MacKenzie VonEnde, and Keegan VonEnde traveled to the Minnesota State FCCLA Conference held at the Hyatt Regency, downtown Minneapolis, March 27-29. These members prepared for Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events competitions throughout the school year to present to a panel of judges in hopes of advancing to the National Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado, July 2-6, 2023.

Ada and Amelia Wilt created a Badger FCCLA website in an online event. Bethanie's event was Promote and Publicize FCCLA for which she was named a National Advancer. Emily, Adysen, and MacKenzie focused their presentation on FCCLA's National Program Families First featuring our Daddy Daughter Dance, which also earned National Advancer status. Keegan and Quynn each participated in the state level category of Everyday Equations where Keegan earned Gold and Quynn earned Bronze.

Bethanie and Emily also ran for Area Officer positions for a second year. They each had to take an FCCLA knowledge test, prepare a 1-3 minute speech, and respond to interview questions. They were voted to serve as Area Officers for the Northern Chapters again next year. As a result, Bethanie and Emily will be attending Leadership Camp in June along with the National Conference in July.

Badger FCCLA has 18 active members and focuses on community service, families, and leadership opportunities. We truly appreciate all of the support we receive from our school and community.



Healthy No-Bake Chocolate Cookies

<https://www.beautybites.org/healthy-no-bake-chocolate-cookies/>

By: Carter Hamann

Ingredients:

- ½ cup peanut butter
- 2/3 cups oats
- ½ cup dark chocolate, chopped
- 3 Tbsp chopped nuts
- 1 Tbsp coconut oil

Directions

1. In a bowl mix the peanut butter, oats, and chopped nuts.
2. Melt the dark chocolate and the coconut oil. Using the microwave, heat in 30 second intervals, mixing in between.
3. Add the dark chocolate mixture to the peanut butter mixture and mix them until combined.
4. Take a Tbsp of the chocolate mixture and place on a baking sheet or a large plate that's been lined up with parchment paper. 1 Tbsp is for 1 cookie.
5. Leave in the fridge for around an hour and serve. Store in the fridge in an airtight container (these melt at room temperature).





Lights, Camera, Action

Drama students performed this year's school play titled "Fractured Fairy Tales for Friends and Family" on March 23-24. The play highlighted eight scenes from a book by Jan Peterson Ewen.

Mother Goose (Julia Dostal) hosted the show and introduced the crowd to two very inventive Nursery Rhyme Rhymers (Tali Hamann and Arianna Grugal) who sang various songs from multiple genres throughout the show.

The first scene featured Little Miss Muffet (Azmera Olson) and The Spider (Ava Warne). Despite all attempts, The Spider failed at scaring Miss Muffet resulting in The Spider's damaged self-esteem. In the end though, The Spider discovered she had other talents she could rely on.

The second scene involved Mary and her Little Lamb (Keyasha Housker) and Bo Peep (Emily Burkel). Both lost their sheep and helped one another realize how important their pets were.

The third scene featured The Three Pigs (Landon Christianson, Alex Lunde, and Charles Peterson). As the trio tried to find a solution to their stalker, the big bad wolf, they realized how important it is to rely on brothers.

The fourth scene involved a severely wounded Jack (Marissa Secord) and Jill (Paige Rybakowski) who both fell down a treacherous hill. Luckily, the Nurse (Greta Wojciechowski) was there to help the duo get back to health.

The fifth scene featured Reporter Sporty Morty (Landon Christianson) and Jack be Nimble (Alex Lunde). Jack shared his biggest desire to make candlestick jumping an Olympic sport. He also shared his strict practice regime.

The sixth scene involved a tongue twisting duo called Terry Tooter (Bethanie VonEnde) and Penny Piper (MacKenzie VonEnde). This duo amazed the crowd with a complicated narration of words that few would be able to perform.

The seventh scene featured The Cow Who Jumped Over the Moon (Adysen Gregerson), Little Dog (Kylee Gust), and The Cat (Keyasha Housker). Poor Cat lamented the loss of her friend Dish, who ran away with Spoon without telling her. Luckily, she had Cow and Dog to raise her spirits.

The final scene involved Mary-Mary Quite Contrary (Aiyanah Bieber) and Peter-Peter Pumpkin Eater (Hallie Glodowski). In the skit, Mary-Mary demanded that Peter-Peter sell her some beloved pumpkins. Unfortunately, Peter-Peter was more than reluctant to part with any of his pumpkins.

This show, directed by Becky Dahlgren, proved to be entertaining and was quite a challenge for students. Drama students hadn't performed a play since 2019, so they were excited to get back to the stage. The cast included twenty students in grades 7-12 and all students began working on their parts in January.

Thanks goes to the following behind-the-scenes helpers: Aidan Carpenter, Emily Burkel, and Dan Carpenter (sound); Deegan Hanson and Delyla Carpenter (lights); Striker Hasson, Stacey Warne, Kevin Ricke (set up and clean up); Gretchen Lee, David and Deb Dokken (costumes and props); Sherri Kukowski (set design); and Heidi Hamann and Joni Burkel (parent helpers).





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Kindergarten Korner

Emery Walsh

What is your favorite season? Spring because you get to play in the mud.

What is your favorite thing to do outside? Playing with toys and playing tag with my little brother.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, we get to play with toys and sleep.

What is the best present you have ever gotten? My toy Batman and monster trucks. I like Batman and Robin because they're superheroes. I like superheroes.

If you opened a store, what would you sell? Toys like monster trucks and food like veggies and candy.

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas because I like Santa.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A carpenter like my dad.



Paxton Anderson

What is your favorite season? Summer and winter because they're funner to play in when they are here.

What is your favorite thing to do outside? Go fishing and hunting because they're fun to do.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes because it's fun. We play outside.

What is the best present you have ever gotten? The best present I got was my game Minecraft from my auntie.

If you opened a store, what would you sell? I would sell food, like doughnuts, waffles, and drinks like juice, pop, milk, and water.

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas because you get a lot of presents from Santa.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Fisherman and be in the army. When I'm done with my fishing job I'll go to my job in the army.



Zara Schmidt

What is your favorite season? Winter because I love it when there's a lot of snow.

What is your favorite thing to do outside? Play with my games with my friends and pets, and playing with my toys.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes because I keep learning stuff.

What is the best present you have ever gotten? My Tinkerbell, unicorns, and princesses.

If you opened a store, what would you sell? I would be a chef and sell spaghetti.

What is your favorite holiday? Halloween because it's my favorite part of fall.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A chef because I like cooking. I cooked spaghetti with my mom, but I burnt my hand.



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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Ivan Olafson

What is your favorite thing to put ketchup on?

Isabel Mather (1st grade): I like it on chicken nuggets. It makes them taste good. I also like it on hot dogs.

Giuliana Sovde (2nd grade): I like to put ketchup on hot dogs and macaroni. Spaghetti with ketchup is good too.

Owen Olson (3rd grade): My favorite thing to put ketchup on is hot dogs. My second favorite thing to put ketchup on is burgers. My third favorite thing to put ketchup on is fries.

Chance Wojciehowski (4th grade): My favorite thing to put ketchup on is French fries. French fries taste good. When you add ketchup, it adds more flavor.

Briar Williams (5th grade): It would probably be steak. The reason why is because steak is my favorite food. Ketchup just makes steak ten times better.

Gage Otto (6th grade): I like to put it on French fries and chicken strips. I like to dip it instead of a drizzle over the top.



Shout Out To...

Mrs. Kukowski, our amazing librarian! She is so knowledgeable about the books in the library and such an encourager to students of all ages. Her communication skills are excellent and she has such a good rapport with the student body and staff alike. There is so much she does to make the library an inviting place.

National Honor Society members and all those who participated in Read Across America activities.

Jody Randall & Angela Monsrud for preparing green eggs and ham and birthday cake for Dr. Seuss.

Blood Drive ~ Thanks to all those who donated blood and helped out behind the scenes at the March blood drive.

Kindergarten students' family & friends who were "Mystery Readers" in the kindergarten classroom this month. The boys and girls loved hearing clues about you and guessing who the guest reader would be. The storybooks you shared were wonderful!

Xander Grugal & Alex Lunde for bringing their guitars into 6th grade music class! We really enjoyed your music!

Landon Christenson, Nellie Hagen, Lorraine Kukowski for popping popcorn for the students to enjoy while watching the girls state basketball game.

Stephanie Baumgartner, Occupational Therapist, for working with the 2nd grade class as they learn cursive handwriting.

Alyssa Aune, artist in residence, for teaching art to elementary classrooms for the past 12 weeks. The classes have enjoyed creating art projects and learning new art techniques with you!

The amazing subs that come in and try and make a normal day for the students, you guys really are amazing.

The students that want to get their schoolwork done and want to behave for the subs that do come in. It's really an amazing thing.

Jody Randall who does the extra in getting lunches ordered and made up for the extra trips that happen in a school year. She does amazing work and so grateful for our amazing head cook.



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Campus Comment

By: Noah Gust

If you could learn any skill, what would it be?

Quynn Washington (7th grade): If I could learn any skill, I would learn how to speak Spanish. I think it would be cool to know how to speak another language. Also, you could be able to help another person that speaks Spanish who could be struggling with something.

Kylee Gust (8th grade): If I could learn any skill, I'd like to learn to master signatures perfectly. I could probably sell celebrity "signatures" on eBay or something and get a lot of money from it. I could forge checks but it'd probably be illegal if they found out I forged them.

Max Haugen Rosadino (9th grade): I would probably want to learn to be bilingual. I would want to learn another language because it would be really useful if you wanted to visit another country or understand someone. I think overall it would be a great skill to have

Bethany Thompson (10th grade): If I could learn any skill, I would want to learn how to ski better. I want to get better at downhill skiing. I enjoy skiing but I'm not good at it

Damien Tuura (11th grade): I want to learn how to build a house so I would have a good home. I could build it the way I want it.

Landon Frislie (12th grade): I would like to learn more hands-on skills. I'm a track vehicle mechanic in the military so I would like to learn as much as I can.

Mrs. Lee (FCS Teacher): What a great question! There are so many skills I still want to learn: 1) Cake decorating because everyone loves cake & we eat it with our eyes first, so it's always good! 2) Spanish because learning a foreign language is so beneficial. You can communicate more globally and you learn more about English. 3) Golf because I would love to be able to hit long drives more accurately. 4) Last but not least, better time management so I can learn all of these skills!



Dates to Remember

By: Kaden Halvorson

April

- 4 ACT Test, Grade 11
- 7 No School ~ Spring Break
- 10 No School ~ Spring Break
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 11 ECFE
- 15 Badger Grand March/Prom, doors open at 7:00 pm
- 17-21 Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center ~ grade 7
- 26 Administrative Professionals Day
- 26 NCTC Career Expo, East Grand Forks, grades 11-12
- 26 Envirothon @ Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge
- 26 Parent Drivers Education Meeting 5:30 pm
- 27 Fourth Quarter Midterm
- 27-30 Art Club Trip, Duluth
- 28 Shrine Circus, grade 2
- 28 Marvin Windows, grade 3

May

- 3 High School Spring Concert 7:00 pm
- 8 School Board 7:30 pm
- 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 12 Elementary Spring Concert 1:45 pm
- 12 Kindergarten Graduation 1:45 pm
- 14 Mother's Day
- 17 Baccalaureate
- 21 Graduation Commencement Ceremony 2:00 pm
- 26 End of Quarter 4, dismiss at 12:30 pm
- 29 Memorial Day



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6th Graders Enjoyed Local Student's Talents



Badger junior Xander Grugal visited 6th grade music to play his guitar. He talked about different ways to play guitar and the importance of playing every day.

Alex Lunde also visited the 6th grade music class to demonstrate and talk about bass guitar.



Quote of the Month

By: Hailey Lundgren

"We cannot solve problems with the kind of thinking we employed when we created them."
~ Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein was born in 1879, yet is still claimed to be a genius by today's standards. He made many ground-breaking discoveries in physics, and by association, mathematics. Einstein achieved seven different awards and many honors. If a man has the intellect to discover all he discovered and teach all he taught, his ideals must have some merit as well. He may not have been a philosopher, but he believed in a better world for everyone.



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Badger Town and Country

What is our mission?

The Badger Town and Country, providing community togetherness, engagement and growth for over 80 years.

Who are we?

The Badger Town and Country is a nonprofit organization that is comprised of residents of Badger from the city and the surrounding community. This organization is for all citizens of the Badger community and encourages membership from throughout the entire community. The Town and Country has been a vital part of providing strength, support and togetherness of the community growth for over 80 years. It has had different names such as civic and commerce and is now known as the Badger T&C.

What is membership?

Membership is an annual \$10 donation per person or \$20 for a church or business. Paid members receive voting rights, and the opportunity to run for office. T&C holds monthly meetings on the first Monday of each Month. Members are encouraged to take an active role in round robin conversations for planning community activities and events, however, this is a voluntary basis.

What does the T&C provide to the community?

Scholarships		
School activity/extra-curricular funding		
Community Activities		
Past Activities from 80+ years of meeting minutes:		
Fall Festival & Bush Car Races	Community Rummage Sale	Bingo
Badger Beautification Award	Steak Supper & Fun Night	Family Movie Night
Badger Area Holiday Lights Contest	Sledding	and many more...
	Dances	

We plan to continue providing community wide events.

T&C Membership Form

Type of Membership: Personal _____ Business or Church _____

Name: _____ Membership Paid _____

If Business or Church, Name of Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers – (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email: _____

Do you use Facebook? Yes _____ No _____ Best way to contact you: _____



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Talk about the different types of nouns

In school, your child will learn that a *noun* is a person, place, thing or idea. There are two types of nouns:

1. **Common.** These nouns name general items (*brother, kitchen*).
2. **Proper.** These nouns name specific items and are capitalized (*Patrick, Idaho*).

To practice these concepts at home:

- **List various nouns** and have your child say whether they're common or proper nouns. For example, you might say *dog* (common), *hat* (common), *Mississippi* (proper), *plant* (common) and *Dr. Jones* (proper).
- **Look at a book** or news article together. Challenge your child to find several examples of common nouns and proper nouns.
- **Make it a game.** Read a story aloud and have your child listen for nouns. Your child can raise a hand for every common noun and stand up for every proper noun.



Ignite your child's desire to read

When children *like* to read, they do it more often—which boosts reading skills and overall school success. To ignite your child's love of reading:

- **Explore.** Help your child discover an appealing book series. Kids often can't resist picking up the next book in a series.
- **Investigate.** Ask questions and encourage your child to find the answers by doing some research online or at the library.
- **Experiment.** Read a variety of books together. If your child is used to reading fiction, try reading a biography or how-to book instead.



Q: I want my child to do well in reading. How can I set high expectations without nagging?

A: It's important to keep a positive attitude about reading—and to encourage reading without making it seem like a chore. Say something like, "Reading can help us learn about almost anything! Let's think of something really cool to read about this week." The worst thing you can do is pressure your child by saying things like, "You *have* to read well or you'll *fail*."

Break down compound words

Examining parts of words helps your child develop a knowledge of language. Make a list of *compound words* (words that are made by combining other words) like *sunshine*, *moonbeam* and *baseball*. Pick one of the words and then say, "The big word is *baseball*. If I say *base*, what is missing?"



For lower elementary readers:

- *I (Don't) Like Snakes* by Nicola Davies. A little girl hates her family's pet snakes. That is, until she learns some cool facts about the slithery creatures.
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. When Duncan opens his crayon box, he finds a note from his crayons. Each crayon is upset about something, and they've all gone on strike!



For upper elementary readers:

- *Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day* by Robin Pulver. It's Field Day in Mr. Wright's class—and the nouns and verbs that the students have been studying join in!
- *Other Goose: Re-Nurseried!! and Re-Rhymed!! Children's Classics* by J. Otto Seibold. This fun book remakes classic nursery rhymes into new ones like "Mary Had a Little Band."

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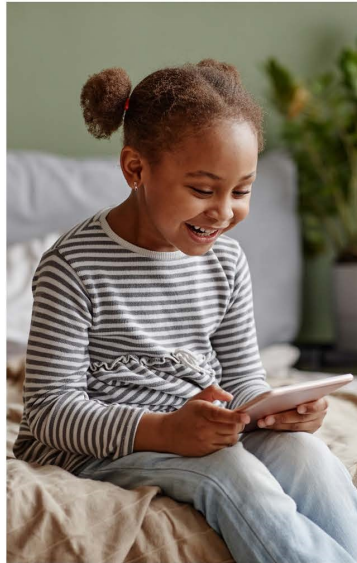
Badger Independent School District #676

Independent reading has a positive effect on your child's academic success

When children choose to read material that is not part of a school assignment, they are engaging in *independent reading*. Research shows that there is a strong connection between independent reading and academic success.

To encourage this type of reading at home:

- **Stock your home** with reading materials your child will find interesting. Make sure books aren't too difficult for your child to read independently.
- **Establish a family reading time.** Carve out some time each week when family members gather together to read books of their choosing.
- **Show an interest** in what your child is reading. Ask questions such as, "What do you like about this book?" "What was your favorite part of the story?"



New experiences motivate children to read and learn

When children are exposed to a range of new experiences and ideas, they build their vocabulary and develop new interests. These new interests can inspire your child to read to learn even more.

To spark your child's curiosity:

- **Visit intriguing places together**, such as museums or parks. Have thought-provoking discussions with your child about the things that you see.
- **Read books and articles** together on topics you encounter during your experiences. Try to include both fiction and nonfiction texts.
- **Encourage your child to go online** to research topics and places of interest.

Build your child's vocabulary with crossword puzzles

Children with large vocabularies have an easier time reading.

To boost word smarts, introduce your child to crossword puzzles. You can:

1. **Look online** to find age-appropriate puzzles.
2. **Solve the first few** together until your child gets the hang of it.
3. **Suggest taking a break** if your child becomes frustrated. Word games should be fun, not work.



Reading is for the birds!

Looking for a fun spring activity? Set up a simple bird feeder with your child. As you observe the birds that visit the feeder, read about them in a guidebook or online. Help your child learn to identify the different birds and where they come from. Then, together, keep track of which birds visit most often.



Have fun with poetry this month

April is National Poetry Month, so look for collections of funny poetry to read with your child. Try Shel Silverstein's *Where the Sidewalk Ends* or Bruce Lansky's *A Bad Case of the Giggles*.

Don't just read the poems—act them out! Use a booming voice, a whisper or a squeaky voice. Or change the words to make an even sillier poem.



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