



# The Badger Barker



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## Veterans Honored



**Back Row:** Dale Hagen, David Vacura, Bob Glen, Morris Vacura, Wayne Praska  
**Middle Row:** Marian Dybedahl, Jack Burkel, Alex Ylitalo, Kennedy Truscinski, Sharon Vacura  
**Front Row:** Riley Gust, Jordan Davy, Jordan Lee, Greta Lee, Emma Gust, and Bailey Maurstad

On Monday, November 12, Badger School District and community members gathered to honor the men and women who have served or are currently serving this great country. Guests were greeted by American Legion Auxiliary members Marian Dybedahl and Sharon Vacura, who pinned red poppies on the guests. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Badger School’s Student Council members organized the program with the assistance of Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Dahlgren, Ms. Erickson, Mr. Carpenter, and Badger High School Concert Band and Choir. Badger Student Council President Alex Ylitalo welcomed those in attendance. Proceeding the welcome, the Posting of the Colors was performed by Roseau County Area Veterans David Vacura, Bob Glen, Morris Vacura, and Wayne Praska. Badger junior, Kennedy Truscinski, accompanied the Posting of the Colors by singing *The Star Spangled Banner*. The Badger High School Concert Band then followed with their performance “American Heroes.”

Veteran’s Day essay winners then shared their speeches with the audience. Junior high winners Riley Gust (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jordan Lee (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Jordan Davy (1<sup>st</sup>) read their essays on the topic “Why I Honor the American Flag.” Badger High School Concert Choir performed “*Johnny, I Hardly Knew Ye*,” followed by the Senior High essay winners—Bailey Maurstad (3<sup>rd</sup>), Emma Gust (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Greta Lee (1<sup>st</sup>)—reading their speeches “Why My Vote Matters.” All students in grades 7-12 write essays that are forwarded to the veterans group without student names on the papers. Once the veterans choose the winners, Mrs. Dahlgren helps the winners prepare their essays for reading at the Veterans Day program.

Keynote speaker was Retired Air Force Veteran Dale Hagen. He talked about how the military has evolved throughout the respected branches. He talked extensively about (P38) that any Veteran would recognize. He explained how little things make a big difference in the life of the military. The P38, a universal military tool, was as important as your weapon or your boots... because it was a can opener the size of a quarter and if you didn’t have it with you at all times, you didn’t eat.

Dale Hagen and Mayor Jim Rinde presented the Dave Frislie Eagle Award to Bob Glenn and John Walsh to honor them as veterans who have given back to the Badger School, community, and fellow veterans. Ending the program, Jack Burkel played “Taps,” followed by the Retiring of the Colors. Thank you to everyone in attendance.



## Badger School Superintendent's News



### **Badger Band Selected by Minnesota School Board Association to be Featured at Conference**

The Badger band and Ms. Erickson have been selected by the Minnesota School Board Association to perform during opening ceremonies of the Minnesota School Board Association Annual Leadership conference in Minneapolis on January 17! The Badger band will be the only school performing for the anticipated 2,000 plus people attending the conference during day one of the conference. The students will perform in the Minneapolis Auditorium located within the Minneapolis Convention Center. This is a tremendous honor for our school district, students, Ms. Erickson, and our community. The Badger School band consisting of 49 students from grades 7-12 will play a variety of musical selections for the audience to enjoy for 20-25 minutes including the National Anthem during the opening ceremony. School board representatives as well as administrators from across the state of Minnesota and beyond our borders will be attending this event. Congratulations to Ms. Erickson and the band!

### **Badger School District Awarded \$13,000.00 from JC Penney and NASA for FIRST Robotics Program**

Badger School District is excited to announce the Badger FIRST Robotics team has once again been selected as a recipient of a \$5,000 Medtronic sponsorship. FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The grant dollars will be utilized to cover registration fee for the regional competition as well as the initial *Kit of Parts*. The FIRST Robotics Competition challenges teams of young people and their mentors to solve an engineering challenge in a six-week time frame using a standard kit of parts and a common set of rules. The Badger FIRST Robotics team will build a robot which conforms to a set of rules and specifications. This year the FIRST Robotics theme is *Destination: Deep Space*. The Badger FIRST Robotics advisor is Mrs. Val Truscinski and the team consists of students from grades 9-12. Congratulations to the Badger FIRST Robotics team for being selected by Medtronic to receive this \$5,000 grant! The FIRST Robotics season will officially begin January 5.

### **Badger VEX Robotics Team Wins Tournament Qualifies for State Championship as well as National Competition**

Vex Robotics is a program that explores the concept of STEM education. STEM is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Mr. Mike Coltom is the Badger School District VEX Robotics teacher. Students build robots and compete against other teams in local competitions with the opportunity to advance to state and national championships. Members of the VEX Robotics team are Derrick Corneliusen, Kobe Dostal, Colten Gust, Kaeden Hietala, Tim Kjelland, and Brandon Pries. The VEX Robotics team recently competed at the Pioneer VEX Robotics Competition Tournament in Thief River Falls. The Badger VEX Robotics Team emerged as the Tournament Champion and as a result has qualified for the State Championships and has earned an invitation to the National VEX Robotics Tournament. While competing at the Pioneer VEX Robotics Tournament the team earned the following awards:

- Tournament Champion
- Amaze Award
- Robot Skills Champion

The Badger VEX Robotics team will be competing at the state competition on February 1-2, 2019.

As always, please stop by any time with any questions or concerns you may have regarding our fine school. Thanks for all that you do to support the Badger School, continued cooperative efforts to be the best we can be will help to keep Badger the school "where every student belongs." On behalf of the Badger School District, Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you.

Sincerely,  
Tom Jerome  
Superintendent, Badger School District



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## Gator Sports

By: Talon Hilligas

### December

#### **Wrestling**

- 1 @ Wadena-Deer Creek
- 4 Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, Mahnomen/Waubun @ BGMR
- 7-8 @ Grand Forks Central Tournament
- 14-15 @ Cass Lake-Bena Big Bear Tournament
- 17 @ Crookston
- 20 @ Hillsboro-Central Valley

#### **Girls Basketball**

- 3 @ Kittson County Central (Hallock)
- 6 Warroad @ BGMR
- 11 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 14-15 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 20 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 21 Proctor @ BGMR
- 28-29 @ Pelican Rapids Tournament

#### **Boys Basketball**

- 4 @ Fertile-Beltrami
- 7 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 11 Warroad @ BGMR
- 18 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 20-21 @ NCTC Tournament, Thief River Falls
- 28 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR

### January

#### **Wrestling**

- 8 Bemidji @ BGMR
- 11-12 @ Bemidji Tournament
- 19 @ Thief River Falls Tournament
- 22 Blackduck/Cass Lake-Bena @ BGMR
- 26 @ Larimore
- 29 @ Red Lake County Central, Fosston (Oklee)
- 31 @ Crookston

#### **Girls Basketball**

- 3 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 7 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 10 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Grygla)
- 14 @ Crookston
- 17 @ Roseau
- 24 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 28 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 29 @ Lake of the Woods (Baudette)

#### **Boys Basketball**

- 3 Roseau @ BGMR
- 8 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen)
- 11 @ Barnesville (Dilworth)
- 12 @ Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (Dilworth)
- 15 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 18 Clearbrook-Gonvick @ BGMR
- 25 Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke @ BGMR
- 29 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 31 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

## Dates to Remember

By: Talon Hilligas

### December

- 1 VEX Robotics Competition @ NCTC
- 3 University of North Dakota Rep
- 4 Team Up Leadership Conference @ Thief River Falls
- 4 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 4 ECFE "Holiday Crafts" 6:00 pm
- 7 Second Quarter Midterm
- 8 Home for the Holidays Event, Badger School
- 8 Book Fair, Badger School Library
- 10-12 Book Fair, Badger School Library
- 10 Badger Play Auditions 3:00-8:00 pm
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 11 Winter Wonderland Workshop 1:45 pm
- 11 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 13 Preschool Parent Meeting 1:45 pm
- 13 High School Winter Music Program 7:00 pm
- 17 Math League @ Thief River Falls
- 18 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 19 Band & Choir to Greenbush Nursing Home
- 20 Elementary Winter Music Program 2:00 pm
- 24-31 Winter Break ~ No School

### January

- 1 Winter Break ~ No School
- 4 Winter Dance 8:00 pm
- 8 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 9 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 9 FCCLA Star Events @ Kelliher
- 14 School Board 7:30 pm
- 15 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 16 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 18 End of Quarter 2
- 21 No School ~ Staff Development
- 22 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 23 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 28 Math League Meet
- 29 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 5:45 pm
- 29 ECFE "Movement" 6:00 pm
- 30 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls



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## Ramp-Up Topics for December

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

**GRADE 6:** Students will be introduced to the Cornell Note model of note-taking. Advisors will model the process for students and show a brief video on how the model works. Parents can ask their student to demonstrate and explain how the Cornell model works at home as well. Sixth grade students will also be learning about the four different types of colleges that will be available to them in the future.

**GRADE 7:** What does it take to have a high skill career and what are some benefits of having one? Students will learn that all studies show that on average, adults with postsecondary degrees earn substantially more than high school graduates. Students will look at the financial impact a postsecondary degree can have on earning potential. People who have high skill careers are more often happy, self-confident, healthy, and more frequently involved with efforts to better our society. Starting early to think about finding a career that not only pays well but also has personal and social benefits is what our December topics are all about.

**GRADE 8:** Eighth grade students will focus on being prepared for high school and the importance of making proper class selections during their high school careers. Students will review the state and local requirements needed for high school graduation, as well as college entrance requirements.

**GRADE 9:** Ninth graders will identify what they view as their own strengths and how they can use these to overcome obstacles they will surely face now and in their futures. In addition, they will be asked to assess their current study strategies, proven effective study strategies, and how study groups might benefit them.

**GRADE 10:** Is intelligence fixed? Won't a C student always be a C student? Sophomores will look at a theory that shows the difference between having a fixed mindset vs. a growth mindset. People can and do grow their ability to learn and achieve. Smart is not how we are born, smart is what we work to become. Parents can find more information about the growth mindset at: <https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/default>

**GRADE 11:** Juniors will discuss the importance of choosing challenging courses to help them avoid the dreaded "senior slump." Student will view traditional course offerings for seniors to help them start thinking about spring registration. If they qualify, some students will be able to enroll or continue enrollment in college courses.

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will be exploring the concept of "good debt" versus "bad debt" and how it can impact their lives now and after high school. One activity specifically addresses credit card debt with high interest rates that can cause students to have financial difficulty when they graduate. Basic budgeting information will also be addressed.

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## December Wacky Celebrations

[www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/](http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/)

By: Logan Sundahl

### Official Lost and Found Day ~ December 14

If you have lost something, make an effort to find it. There is a chance the person who found it is looking for the owner of it also. Celebrate this day by finding ways to make sure you don't lose items in the future, such as putting name tags on personal belongings with your contact information.

### Underdog Day ~ December 19

It's ok to be an underdog; when they win, it shows that anything is possible. Celebrate this holiday by telling someone you know that underdogs do persevere. If you're an underdog, work hard and break through your limitations.

### Ugly Sweater Day ~ December 21

Find an ugly sweater and head out into the public. If you don't have one, make one! Show your creative side and impress people in the process, with your ugly sweater of course.

### Grav Mass Day ~ December 25

This holiday was the brain child of computer programmer Richard Matthew Stallman. Newtonmas is a similar holiday, also celebrated on this day. Celebrate this day by sharing scientific ideas and discovering others. You can also celebrate by greeting people with "Merry Grav-Mass to you!"

### Make Up Your Mind Day ~ December 31

Have a big decision you need to make? Well, this is the day to do it! If you're hesitating on doing this, don't think about it too hard. Just try to find a way around it and do it in your own way. Celebrate today by making that big decision, you won't regret it in the end.





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## Senior Spotlight Karissa Kaml

**Parents:** Jerry & Kristina Kaml  
**Siblings:** Nicole, Jon, Jessica, Nolan  
**Nicknames:** Kcrease, K<sup>2</sup>, and Klarease  
**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Golf  
**Food:** Shrimp Alfredo  
**Color:** Green

**Quote:** "You are the sum total of all the choices you've made up until now."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** If I had one wish, I would wish that there wasn't any more crime or violence in the world.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** I would take my mom with me to travel to Greece because we have always wanted to go.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Diligent.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** When I was in shop class, I was painting a project I was working on. The bell rang so I was trying to clean up quickly but instead accidentally dropped a bottle of green paint. Kobe was in the line of fire and got paint on his shoes and jeans. Oops...

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** I love to spend time outdoors either golfing, fishing, hunting, swimming, rollerblading, or snowboarding. I love them all.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** I'll always remember Ms. Erickson saying I better leave my house 20 minutes earlier than everybody else because of "Kaml Time."

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I'm proud of how much my class has grown over the years, even though sometimes we still act like kids.



## Senior Spotlight Mazela Rhen



**Parents:** Mitch & Carol Rhen  
**Sibling:** Arianna  
**Nickname:** Stephan  
**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Dance  
**Food:** Chicken and rice  
**Color:** Pink

**Quote:** "Don't be afraid to speak up for yourself. Keep fighting for your dreams." - Gabby Douglas

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To have a good and happy life.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My sister, and we would travel to Florida.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Strong.

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** I don't think I have one.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** I like to do hair, especially braiding.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** My first day at Badger School.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Learning how to read.



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## Dallas Brass Comes to Town

Submitted by: Lisa Erickson, BHS Band Instructor

Wednesday, November 7, was an exciting day for Badger band members and Badger community members. That was the day that the Dallas Brass came to Badger. The group consists of founder Michael Levine, Garrett Klein on trumpet, Buddy Deschler on trumpet, Joel Alexander on percussion, Juan Berrios on assorted horns, Ryan Christianson on trombone, and Paul Carlson on tuba.

The group arrived at the school and had a rehearsal with the Badger band. Following rehearsal, they conducted a clinic for the high school band members. The Dallas Brass played a few tunes, talked about their musical inspirations and various playing tips, and then helped some small group high school band members with prepared music. Students were impressed with the quality of the group and how personable they were. Juan kept many of the students entertained with his great sense of humor.

"I was in awe by not only the music but how they performed it. The way they play and the quality of their music is so inspiring," said junior Emma VonEnde.

"I personally learned that music can be an adventure. It can mean something inside and that's what makes you understand music more," said sophomore Maisy Ylitalo.

Community members also enjoyed the evening performance. Many commented on how lucky we were to have the Dallas Brass in our small town. It was a night to be remembered.







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## Math Students Compete

The 9-12 grade Badger math students escorted by Ms. Sherri Kukowski traveled to Bemidji State University for the Annual BSU Math Contest on October 23. Students spent an hour completing the competitive math test covering material from 9<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra to Calculus. Following the competition, students toured the Bemidji State University campus followed by a lunch at the mall. Pictured are the top three placers from Badger in the senior division: Colton Gust, Gavin Davy, and Alex Ylitalo, along with the top three students in the junior division: Jack Burkel, Hannah Wilt, and Talon Hilligas.

## National Honor Society

Submitted by: Shannon Dostal, NHS Advisor

National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes high school students in grades 11 and 12 that go above and beyond academics. NHS helps and continues to help their communities by upholding the four pillars that National Honor Society was founded upon: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

To be eligible to apply, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.22, as well as two letters of recommendation: one by a Badger faculty member, school administrator, or board members; and one from a community representative attesting to the student's character, leadership, and service to their school and community. Students also must agree to be present at the induction ceremony. Once students have been inducted and are officially a member, they must have ten volunteer hours of community service per year and maintain a 3.22 GPA. Seniors Alex Ylitalo and Gavin Davy welcomed juniors Isaac Lorenson, Deanna Rybakowski, Morgan Praska, Emma Gust, and Tessa Blumer at the traditional candle lighting National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on November 15. Alexis Rud was the musical guest with a piano solo. Dessert was served by sophomore honor students.

Badger National Honor Society sponsors three major events each year: two blood drives and the school's Read Across America events. During these three events, each NHS member works hard to ensure a successful event. Thank you National Honor Society for helping out our community.



Back: Alex Ylitalo, Gavin Davy, Isaac Lorenson  
Front: Deanna Rybakowski, Morgan Praska, Emma Gust, Tessa Blumer

## Trivia

By: Logan Sundahl

- The dingo is a type of feral dog native to which country?
  - United States
  - China
  - Australia
  - Europe
- Cynophobia is the fear of what kind of animal?
  - Dogs
  - Cats
  - Snakes
  - Bats
- What French sculptor designed the Statue of Liberty?
  - Yves Klein
  - Jean-Léon Gérôme
  - César
  - Frédéric-Auguste Bartholdi
- In what city would you find the Wizard of Oz?
  - Emerald City
  - Jewel City
  - Kansas City
  - Shining City

Trivia Answers

1. C 2. A 3. D 4. A



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## FCCLA Leaders of America Summit

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee, FCCLA Advisor

Students from Badger FCCLA chapter attended the Minnesota Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) November Summit in Saint Cloud on November 4-5. Members attended workshops on FACTS (Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety), Financial Fitness, and Community Service. They also had the chance to attend STAR Event workshops to work on and begin their STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events. The state officers, including Badger student Kennedy Truscinski, presented information with fun and engaging skits throughout the conference on the State Theme "Land of 10,000 Dreams" and upcoming opportunities. On Sunday night, members participated in an Etiquette Dinner where they learned proper etiquette for enhancing their employability skills. Former National FCCLA Leadership trainer Morgan Croft Schornak worked with members on peer to peer education through engaging activities. One highlight of the Summit was when members got the chance to work together to create short commercials about the state theme for this year. Former Texas FCCLA State Advisor Sharon Pierce presented on the FCCLA National Program STOP the violence. Sharon Pierce educated members about preventing bullying, recognizing warning signs and reducing school violence, and what they can do to help.

MN FCCLA November Summit was a great opportunity for all members who attended. Members were able to learn about the opportunities for them this year and the steps they can take to make sure their chapter has a successful year. FCCLA is the ultimate leadership experience and this event was the perfect opportunity for members to gain the skills necessary to become a leader of the future. Minnesota FCCLA is a dynamic and effective student organization that helps young men and women to become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.







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## Christmas Brownie Trees

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/>  
By: Abby Pratt

### Ingredients

#### **Brownies:**

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted and cooled, plus more for greasing the pans
- 1½ cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¾ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- Sixteen 1½-inch pieces candy cane
- White and gold sanding sugar and small non-peril candy-covered chocolates, such as Sno-Caps, for decorating

#### **American Buttercream Frosting:**

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- ½ stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- Pinch of fine salt
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ to ½ tablespoon whole milk
- 24 drops green food coloring
- 1 drop red food coloring



### Directions

Special equipment: A piping bag or resealable plastic bag

1. For the brownies: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Butter the bottom and sides of two 8-inch round cake pans. Cut two 8-inch circles out of parchment and line the bottoms of the cake pans with the parchment.
2. Stir together the butter, granulated sugar, vanilla, and eggs in a medium bowl. In another bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, salt, and baking powder. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and stir until just combined. Stir in the chocolate chips and divide the batter between the prepared pans, smoothing the tops. Bake until the brownies begin to gain a crust around the edges, pull away from the edge, and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes.
3. Let the brownies cool fully in the pans on cooling racks, about 1 hour. Cut each circle into 8 equal triangles with a knife. Use a small offset spatula or pie server to lift each triangle out of the pan.
4. For the American buttercream frosting: Combine the confectioners' sugar, butter, and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment (or in a large bowl if using a handheld electric mixer). Mix on low speed until mostly incorporated. Add the vanilla, increase the speed to medium-high and mix until smooth. Loosen the consistency with milk as desired. Add 24 drops green food coloring and 1 drop red food coloring and mix on medium speed for 1 minute. Set aside.
5. To assemble: Using the tip of a paring knife or a skewer, poke a small hole along the bottom edge of each brownie. Insert a candy cane "trunk" into each hole.
6. Fill the piping bag with the frosting and cut 1/4 inch off the tip. Using a zig-zag motion, pipe the frosting from the base to the tip of each tree. Decorate the trees with the sanding sugars and candy-covered chocolate, as desired.

## Random Riddles

[www.goodriddlesnow.com](http://www.goodriddlesnow.com)  
By: Talon Hilligas

1. What is something that is yours, but everyone you know uses it more than you?
2. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?
3. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
4. I can only live where there is light, but I die if the light shines on me. What am I?
5. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, what place would you be in now?
6. If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?
7. What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?

**Answers**

**Random Riddles**

1. Your name	4. A shadow
2. Footsteps	3. Short
3. A secret	7. Playing cards
4. 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	



## Northern Valley Career Expo

Submitted by: Janice Mostofi, Career Advisor

The Bader High School sophomores were among 1,600 students who attended the 7th annual Northern Valley Career Expo Wednesday, October 31, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. The Expo introduced students to career opportunities available with Northern Red River Valley employers as they are beginning to plan for their future. In addition to attending two career seminars they selected from among 22 choices, students participated in the showcase floor where there were more than 150 hands-on exhibit booths designed to engage students and pique their interest about career opportunities in Northwest Minnesota and Northeast North Dakota. Sectors represented through business and industry exhibits included human services, communications, business, health sciences, manufacturing, engineering, agriculture, and technology. A construction zone and drone zone featured opportunities in those industries. Post-secondary schools with related programs also were in attendance, linking education to careers. The annual event is organized by a regional committee representing education, economic development, and workforce organizations in northwest Minnesota and northeast North Dakota. More information is available at [www.northernvalleycareers.com](http://www.northernvalleycareers.com).

Here is what the students had to say about the Expo:

- ~ It was very fun to see and use some of the equipment the people in their career use.
- ~ The Career Expo was an amazing experience. If you don't know what you're going to do in college, it'll help you out by giving you more to think about.
- ~ I recommend flying the drones because it's a lot of fun.
- ~ The event was a really good experience and I feel like I really learned more about myself and what I want to do in the future.
- ~ It was fun and I think I found where I will work after I'm done with school.
- ~ I strongly recommend going to this event and exploring. Don't waste your time being shy or embarrassed because one of these careers could help you decide the rest of your life.
- ~ I really enjoyed all of the different careers that there were to learn about and how there were hands-on activities.
- ~ It was fun to go and learn about our career choices.
- ~ I really appreciated getting to talk to people about the job I would like in the future.
- ~ I really enjoyed attending this event. I would recommend going to as many different career booths as possible to learn about them—even if you don't think you are interested in them.
- ~ Don't be set on one career, explore other jobs and learn about them. Most college students change their studies 2-5 time before graduating.
- ~ It was a fun learning experience for everyone.
- ~ I really enjoyed the hands-on activities. It was super fun.
- ~ I would definitely recommend going to this. You will learn a lot about careers you probably haven't considered and have fun doing it!
- ~ I loved going and talking to possibly my future boss and/or co-workers.
- ~ When you go, go to as many sites as you can. Ask questions. Don't follow friends otherwise you may not find out what truly interests you.
- ~ It was fun experience to be part of and glad we got to go.
- ~ A fun experience. I would gladly go again!
- ~ It was a privilege to go there, even if you already know what you are going to be in the future.
- ~ Fun experience and would go again if I had the chance.
- ~ It was fun and you could find your profession.



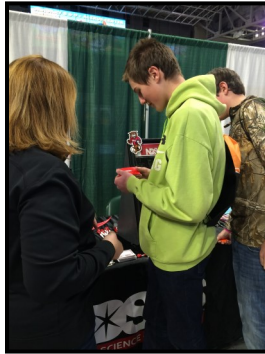
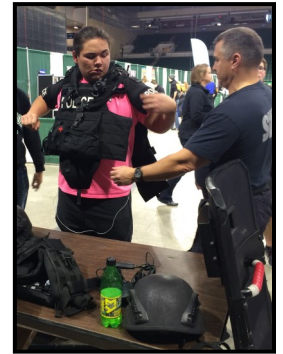
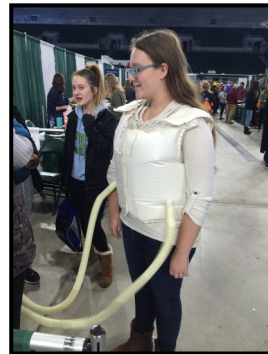
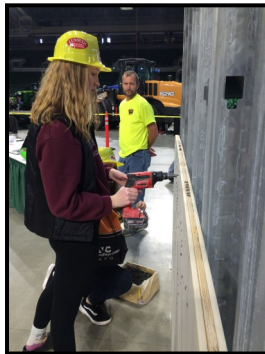
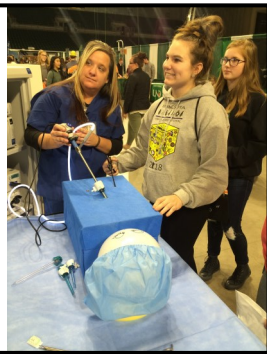
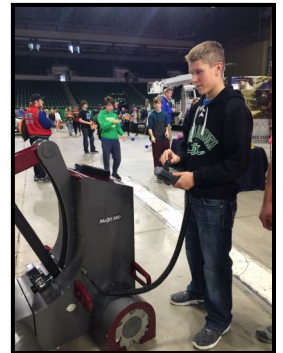
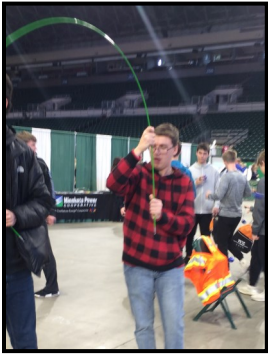




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## American Education Week Celebrated

Badger School celebrated American Education Week November 12-16, 2018. American Education Week celebrates educators and encourages school communities to show their public school pride. Badger School had a full week of activities for staff, students, and community members to take part in. On Monday, the Badger School hosted another memorable Veteran's Day program for our community. Badger area veterans were invited to hear essays written by students for the Patriots Pen & Voice of Democracy contests, music from both band and choir, and a great speaker, Dale Hagen. Tuesday the Thankful Tree was filled with leaves from our students. The leaves were filled with the many things students are thankful for and was featured at the front entry of our school. Breakfast on Wednesday was for special guests invited by students and consisted of egg and cheese biscuits, fruit, and milk. Toaster treats were available in the staff workroom on Thursday to 'toast' everyone who works in our district for our students. The American Education Week finale was the Badger School staff versus the 2019 Senior class annual volleyball game. The whole school attended and cheered on their favorite team. The energy was palpable, the noise was deafening, and the victory for the staff was sweet. Badger School has many success stories and we are proud of our students, staff, and community every day; American Education Week just gives us a great opportunity to celebrate!



## Band Musician of the Month Emma Gust

**Grade:** 11

**What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?** I play flute and piccolo.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick and why?** Probably trumpet because trumpets are usually my favorite instrument to listen to in jazz pieces, and it would be cool to be able to play the fun parts in the jazz songs I like.

**What is your favorite song to play?** *Pretty Fly*.

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** I think a fun theme to do for Music Revue would be Disney.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Probably high note contests with Morgan.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** My advice to younger musicians is to take advantage of challenges you come across in music. Every time you practice the things that challenge you, you're taking the steps necessary to become a better musician.

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** Ms. Erickson.







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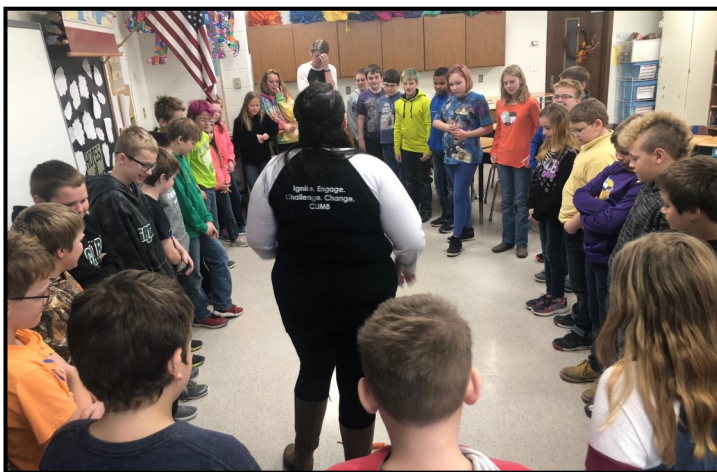
## CLIMB Theatre Engages Badger School Students

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

On Tuesday, November 6, two actor-educators from CLIMB Theatre met with Badger School K-12 students about topics that impact their lives. Through group discussion, games, and interactive role playing, students and the CLIMB team members learned different ways to problem solve and deal with situations that can often be difficult.

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade focused on the issue of respect, how to show it, and the importance of it in their lives. Fifth through eighth grade students learned about appropriate social media behavior and the dangers and consequences of cyberbullying. Freshmen and sophomores concentrated on the importance of academics and how doing your best now will also set you up for future success. Finally, junior and senior students discussed the importance of fostering healthy relationships with the people they encounter including peers and significant others.

Even though CLIMB Theatre’s interactions with students focused on the specific topics mentioned above, they always approach each topic by teaching the core values of accountability, advocacy, empathy, resiliency, and self-control. To learn more about CLIMB Theater and their work in schools, you can visit their website <https://climb.org/>



## Shout Out To.....

- Dr. Michelle Zanol*, a veterinarian from Elm Creek Animal Hospital. Dr. Zanol spoke to kindergarten – grade 3 classrooms about her job as a veterinarian.
- Mrs. Karen Granitz* for coming to the 5th grade classroom and doing hand drawn “pilgrims” with us.
- Juli Smedsmo* for helping to accompany band and choir soloists at contest.
- Sophomores Tanner Davy, Noah Warne, Jasmyn Rud, Lexi Rud, Kiah Olafson, Bella Monsrud, Alyssa Rinde, Maisy Ylitalo, & Erika Howell* for all your help with the set-up, serving and clean-up of the National Honor Society (NHS) induction.
- Jody Randall* for preparing the dessert for NHS inductions.
- Jarod Magnusson* for setting up tables and chairs for NHS inductions.
- Lexi Rud* for performing at the NHS Induction. A special thank you!
- Mrs. Dahlgren* for her inspirational e-mails leading up to the big staff vs seniors volleyball game and always believing in her team.
- Staff and students* who helped get the gym back into shape after the Dallas Brass concert.
- NHS students* for putting on a successful blood drive November 21.
- Fall sports Spotlight on Scholarship award winners.*
- New Badger NHS inductees:* Morgan Praska, Emma Gust, Tessa Blumer, Isaac Lorensen, Deanna Rybakowski.
- Maurstad family* for the wonderful donation of books to the Badger School library!
- Veterans Day Program* – It was wonderful!
- Tessa Blumer* for helping in the kindergarten classroom. We appreciate all you do!
- Greta Lee and Jordan Davy* for attending the Veterans program and meal at the Roseau Legion, they read their essays to a crowd of over 40 Veterans.
- Alex Ylitalo* for doing a fabulous job running the Veterans Day Program.
- Emma VonEnde*, 5th grade student aide. We appreciate her willingness to help with whatever needs to be done. Emma has awesome rapport with the students and is a great role model!!!
- Mrs. Shannon Dostal* and her physics students for inviting the 5th and 6th grade students on Halloween to her classroom to experience some “spooky” lab experiments and concepts. The students loved it!



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## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Lucca Tonetto

### What are your favorite winter activities?

**Rogan Hanson (1<sup>st</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activity is making snowmen. I use carrots for the nose and coal for the eyes and mouth. I really like playing outside in the snow.

**Marley Haugen (2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activity is sledding. We go to my cousin's place and they have a very giant hill! After we go inside to the basement and have fun!

**Sophia Edwards (3<sup>rd</sup> grade):** My favorite thing to do in the winter is build a snowman with my dad and brother. My dad brings out our old scarves to wrap around it. We use playdough for the eyes and mouth.

**Kylee Gust (4<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like building snow forts because you can build them with friends or by yourself. It's just really fun building snow forts. It's like being a construction worker.

**Lucas Filus (5<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activity is making a snow fort in a snow hill. The first reason that I like making snow forts is that it blocks snow from coming in. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reason I like snow forts is for snowball fights. Do you like snow forts?

**Alex Lunde (6<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite winter activity is staying inside and making my very own comics, *Fez*. I like it because it fuels my imagination. The comics consists of "Normal" Norman Armstrong, "Pencil Girl" Rebeca Jones and her dog Pug Pug, Pencil Neck, Captain Obvious, and my newest one Lil Kid. I hope to get into the Badger Barker for my comics.



## Choir Musician of the Month Morgan Praska



**Grade:** 11<sup>th</sup>  
**What section are you in?** Alto  
**How long have you been in choir?** This is my fifth year.  
**What kind of music do you like to sing and why?** I like to sing all types of music except opera.  
**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** My favorite part about choir would be how supportive everyone is of each other.  
**What are you looking forward to this year?** I'm looking forward to contest.  
**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** I would tell them to have confidence in themselves and to sing out.  
**What is your favorite choir memory?** My favorite choir memory would be when Leah Erickson was in choir and she motivated me to try out for solos. I have tried out for solos ever since.





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## Campus Comment

By: Abby Pratt

### What country would you like to visit?

**Amelia Wilt (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** I think Brazil would be a fun place to visit because it is warmer there. There are a lot of interesting things to do there. Also, it is a beautiful country.

**Mason Scharf (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** I want to go to Norway because that is where my family came from. I want to go because it is really cool there. My family still has a house there and people still live there.

**Salma Pray (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would want to go to France and go to its capital, Paris, because it has always been my dream to go there to see the Eiffel Tower and to walk all the way to the top of the tower to look over Paris.

**Alyssa Rinde (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would like to visit New Zealand and go surfing in the ocean. I would enjoy going hiking up the mountains to see the amazing views. Also, I would want to go kayaking in between the mountains.

**Esther Nelson (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would like to visit North Korea because it would be interesting. It's very difficult to get in and even more difficult to get out. It would be a challenge. Kim Jong Un would interesting to meet but this is most likely impossible.

**CeCeilia Yaeger (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** Jamaica, because it's tropical and sunny. It has always been a place I've wanted to go to since I was little.

**Mrs. Lee (FACS Teacher):** A country I would like to visit is New Zealand because it has both mountains and beaches with breathtaking views. New Zealand is located in the Southern Hemisphere, which would be interesting. They also speak English so communicating should be easy. Plus they have Hokey Pokey biscuits that sound delicious.



### Veterans Day Banquet

Badger Veterans Day essay winners Jordan Davy and Greta Lee, along with Badger Social Studies teacher Brady Johnson attended the Veterans Day program held on November 12 at Roseau American Legion. The students were invited by Veterans Morris Vacura, Bob Glenn, and Program Coordinator Val Bernat to read their Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pens essays. Greta and Jordan did a fabulous job delivering their speeches for more than 40 veterans and their spouses. It was an honor for our students to be a part of this memorable event.



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## Quarter 1 Honor Roll



**4-6 "A" Honor Roll**  
**Back:** Tryg Olson, Wyatt Hilligas, Zaymein Rud,  
 Morgan Hickey, Maxton Haugen  
**Middle:** Addison Pulczynski, Maggie Lorenson,  
 Josie Penas, Aiden Carpenter  
**Front:** Julia Dostal, Keegan VonEnde,  
 Bethanie VonEnde  
**Not Pictured:** Emily Burkel

**7-9 "A" Honor Roll**  
**Back:** Hannah Wilt,  
 Jasmine Christianson,  
 Hailey VonEnde, Jordan Lee,  
 Jordan Davy, Bryza Rud,  
 Dylan VonEnde  
**Middle:** Hannah Rud, Greta Lee,  
 Victoria Hickey, Carter Hamann,  
 Kadeyn Keller, Riley Gust,  
 Brogan Beito  
**Front:** Amelia Wilt, Ada Lee,  
 Raegen Maahs, Keyasha Housker,  
 Brooke VonEnde, Ashton  
 Pichartz



**10-12 "A" Honor Roll**  
**Back:** Deanna Rybakowski,  
 Morgan Praska, Jasmyn Rud,  
 Tessa Blumer,  
 Kennedy Truscinski,  
 Alyssa Rinde, Erika Howell  
**Middle:** Lucca Tonetto,  
 Tanner Davy, Talon Hilligas,  
 Alex Ylitalo, Gavin Davy,  
 Kiah Olafson, Avdyl Jasiqi  
**Front:** Bailey Maurstad,  
 Emma Gust, Emma VonEnde,  
 Maisy Ylitalo, Isabella Monsrud,  
 Jack Burkel





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## Quarter 1 Honor Roll



**4-6 "B"**  
**Honor Roll**  
**Back:** Paige Rybakowski,  
 Samuel Aarhus, Jaden Kukowski,  
 Kaden Halvorson  
**Front:** Ivan Olafson, Taylor Davy,  
 Emmitt Isane  
**Not Pictured:** Emery Christensen,  
 Cale Lindland

**7-9 "B"**  
**Honor Roll**  
**Back:** Abby Pratt,  
 Elliott Isane, Talisha Hamann,  
 Macy Majer, Salma Pray,  
 Aleksei Beckler  
**Front:** Gabe Warne,  
 Jenessa Isane, Mason Scharf,  
 Aulona Jasiqi, Arika Pickhartz  
**Not Pictured:** Hallie Hietala



**10-12 "B"**  
**Honor Roll**  
**Back:** Karissa Kaml,  
 Sarah Wagner, Kobe Dostal,  
 Logan Sundahl, Noah Warne  
**Middle:** Jory Bronson,  
 Kaeden Hietala, Brandon Pries,  
 Dawson Bieto, Isaac Lorenson  
**Front:** Amelia Stainbrook,  
 Alexis Rud, Esther Nelson  
**Not Pictured:** Kiana Jacobson



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## Welcoming New Staff



### **Jessica Voll** **Elementary Special Education**

**What made you decide to work at the Badger School?** Closer to home and still being able to work in a small school environment.

**What made you decide to work in this profession?** I've always had a passion for helping people, especially kids. My profession allows me to make a difference in the lives of students & help them get the best education possible.

**What do like about the Badger School?** The small school feel, which makes it feel like a family and being able to know everyone that I work with...and the monthly potlucks ☺

**Where did you go to college?** University of North Dakota

**What is your degree?** Bachelor of Arts in Communication and a Master of Science in Special Education

**What is your favorite part of your job?** My students and their families, my paraprofessionals, and the staff that I work with.

**What else would you like the Badger community to know?** Nathan Voll (BGMR Head Baseball Coach) is my brother.



### **Ashley Quaife** **Elementary Paraprofessional**

**What made you decide to work at the Badger School?** My plan for the year was to sub in Roseau, however, my cousin called about an opening in Badger and I'm glad I made the change.

**What made you decide to work in this profession?** I love the school setting. Being able to be there for my own kids is a bonus!

**What do like about the Badger School?** I love the small school atmosphere. Everyone has been very welcoming.

**What is your favorite part of your job?** Spending my days helping kids learn and succeed.

**What else would you like the Badger community to know?** My husband Jay and I have been married for 11 years. We have 3 children ages 14, 10, and 9.



### **Tawni Wensloff** **High School Paraprofessional**

**What made you decide to work at the Badger School?** My good friends, Sara and Dan Carpenter convinced me to apply.

**What made you decide to work in this profession?** I love the school setting. I love parenting and I enjoy helping children. This job is a little of both. ☺

**What do like about the Badger School?** There is a lot of familiarity here for me. The closeness of the faculty and the students – has a “big” family feeling.

**Where did you go to college?** Bemidji

**What is your degree?** Dental Assisting and Cosmetology

**What is your favorite part of your job?** Everyone seems to have a positive attitude and is very supportive. I love to see the light go on in a student's eyes when something clicks and their satisfaction with a good grade they worked hard for.

**What else would you like the Badger community to know?** I graduated from Badger High School in 1995. The day before I did that, I married my best friend, Kevin Wensloff. We have three children. Haley is 23 and she gave us our first grandchild this November. Gina is 18 and was involved in everything in school, three sports all the way up, and is now attending college at Minnesota State University Mankato. Ryan is 8 years old and involved in hockey, archery, Taekwondo, 4-H, baseball, and golf. My kids are all busy kids and I really like that. It's rewarding for them and for myself to listen, support, encourage, teach, help, hug, and push them to do their best and be their best. The best part is when they accomplish what they set out to do and they are proud of themselves. That shows and I'm proud of that. I hope to incorporate a few of these things here at Badger School and I'm proud to be here too!





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**Sara Olson**  
**Office Manager**

**What made you decide to work at the Badger School?** This was a very easy decision for me, I have worked at the school before and knew exactly what a great place it is to work! The staff and students are amazing!

**What made you decide to work in this profession?** I enjoy the office position because of all the different tasks I get to do on a daily basis. My days are always different!

**What do like about the Badger School?** There are many things I like about the Badger School! Badger School is a great place to work and a great place for our children, being a small school our kids have endless opportunities which is great to see!!

**Where did you go to college?** Northland Community Technical College- EGF

**What is your degree?** Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)

**What is your favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of this job is helping the kids! (even better I get to see my kids every day.)

**What else would you like the Badger community to know?** I am married to Brent and have 5 boys: Tryg (10), Levi (9), Grant (7), Owen (5), Capp (3months).



**Tia Curfman**  
**Custodian**

**What made you decide to work at the Badger School** The school is close to home.

**What made you decide to work in this profession?** My stepdad Detroit who works at the school suggested it.

**What do like about the Badger School?** Everyone is friendly.

**Where did you go to college?** Currently attending Northland Community & Technical College online.

**What is your degree?** Majoring in Medical Coding.

**What is your favorite part of your job?** Listening to my podcasts as I work.

**What else would you like the Badger community to know?** That I am thankful for the opportunity to contribute to the community by keeping the school clean for the kids.



## Student Opinion

### Is Online Learning as Good as Face-to-Face Learning?

By: Lucca Tonetto

**Jordan Scharf:** I don't think online learning is a good as face-to-face learning. I have asked older students about college classes and they have said it's harder trying to learn online because there aren't a lot of people around them to ask for help. I would think it's harder because it's hard for me to not get distracted and when I'm face-to-face I don't get distracted as easily.

**Jasmyn Rud:** There are benefits for both, but I personally think face-to-face learning is better than online learning. Online learning doesn't have hands-on like face-to-face. Having a book in your hands for learning and reading is better than having a book on the computer or your phone.

**Kennedy Truscinski:** I would not be able to tell you which one is better, but I can tell you which is easier. I take online college classes and communicating to teachers and other students online is very difficult. With face-to-face learning, you can communicate very easily. With this, face-to-face learning is much easier because you can ask questions and get a better understanding of the material you are learning.

**Brandon Pries:** Yes and no. Some people learn better face-to-face but others like online better because it's on their own time and they don't have a set schedule.





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## Dear Santa

*Dear Santa*, Please bring me a scooter I saw on TV. It has a black seat. I'd also like a dirt bike, a little one I can fit on. I help my grandpa do dishes. *Easton Buley* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, Please bring me an American doll with a pink bag. I did something nice. I did dishes. *Josie Curry-Schram* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I would like a singing and dancing lion. I have been a good girl sharing my toys with my sister and I haven't brought anymore cats to school. I will leave you frosting, cookies and cupcakes! *Raeleena Friesner* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I would like an Elsa doll for Christmas. I have been a good girl. *Paige Gust* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I would like some Legos please for Christmas. I have been listening to my mom. Thank you for the TV last year! *Emerson Jenson* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I would like a Chase toy from Paw Patrol and Rubble. I helped my brother and sister with dishes. I will leave you milk and cookies! *Jaryn Kukowski* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I have been helping my mom by watching my little sister. For Christmas I would like a baby doll with a bottle, food and diapers. I will leave you with cookies, milk and carrots for the reindeer! *Charlotte Lane* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, For Christmas I would like a Power Wheels pickup. I hope the reindeer are ready for Christmas! I have been a good boy helping my mom and dad clean toilets. I will leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. *Steele Marquis* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I would like a green camo Power Wheels four-wheeler. Also I would like some camo slippers. I will leave you cookies and milk and oatmeal for the reindeer! *Ezra Monsrud* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I would like a real grey and black bunny. I helped my mom with the laundry. Do you play baseball with the reindeer? I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. *Kaden Randall* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, For Christmas I would like #41 Kurt Busch, #4 Kevin Harvick, and #12 Ryan Blaney NASCAR cars. I helped clean my room and living room. I will have milk and cookies for you and apples for the reindeer! *Tatum Rinde* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I would like a new toy cat, and a Barbie house. I have been playing in my room. Is it cold where you live? I will leave you cookies with chocolate milk! *Tayleigh Stoppelman* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, I want Legos for Christmas. I have been good helping my mom clean the living room and feeding the kitties. I will leave you cookies and milk and fruit for the reindeer. *Eli Washington* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, Please bring me a Bendy Box with a lot of Bendy toys in it! I've been good. I put my boots away. I helped my mom put clothes in the washer. *Chance Wojciehowski* (Kindergarten)

*Dear Santa*, How are you? I wud lick A drum, Airplane Asopibd, clos. I uilou be chd. *Clayton Kruger* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, Thank you for the Hachamals and the wonderful gifts. I really like the bone you got for Lucky. He really likes it. Lily really like hers too. Well I am good. But Aiden gets in to trobel. But I sometimes get into trobel to. But sometimes I get The blues. Oh! I almost forgot! I Love you! Love, *Delyla Carpenter* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, Thank you for the presents last year! I want a super Mario odesy, iPad, snowcat, school, 100\$, a car, dirt bike, The Antlers are for my dad. I have been good. Love, *Ryder Gust* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, Thank you for the gifts. I'm good. I would like Nintendo Switch and red and dlue controlr. Love *Jacob Foss* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*. Thank you for the gradr and front loader and the blocks. I wuld like a truck, a trulr, a skidstir, and a Nintendo switch. I hop my mom brings carrots or I will. Luvu *Nils Christianson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, I was good. I would like a toy school, ipad, Kindle iphone x, ps4, hachamls back pack, and xbox Love, *Onah Gregerson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, Thank you for they toys last year. I bean good. Ples give me a dirt bike, toy Jeep, toy gun, toy beat, toy car, toy pig, toy cow, 600000000000000000 bil. ples give me a nintendo switch. Love *Rogan Hanson* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, I Like you a lrt bicus you are awesome please breg me a stuf cat and dog. when I groow I want to be a teethr. I been good. Love *Willow Rud* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, I like a Rc car, I like a phn, I lika Nirf GuN, I lik Ipad, I like a Ds, playstathn, I like a Hetackrd, I like a xbox I like a cpcedr. *Cameron Moore* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, I like a gift cuord. I like a coloR crayolnas. I like No David books. 6000000 for Kindle. I been good. I like a hachls. Nintendo switch. Love *Autumn Turpitt* (Grade 1)

*Dear Santa*, Thank you for the prasitsu year. I wud a liku i phone x max Kamlfloj, kidu sis drt biku, i pad, choclet bor, RC Monsr truck, hatchamils, and Nintendo switch. I placktis for wresulling. *Alex Gust* (Grade 1)





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Dear Santa, I want a gopro and a flote and a little Pupe and a hihel and a tete bear and a play hat and a prit dress. Thank you Santa you are The best at play outside. *Ava Gust* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a mcnchol dinsor and a toy slay with you and the render. How are you doing with the eves and miss. class and the rendr. *Grant Olson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want agtar, a pirateship Bed. Santa I hope yeor doing gud. *Elijah Monsrud* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want some Frozen toys. How are The elves and are u doing? *Kaylie Streich* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie. I wont a Babedol. I wont to met you. *Maizy Thompson.* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a Nerf rival gun and stuf animals. Thank you for good gifts and how are you doing? *Gage Otto* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a skatbord and a pant set. Santa I will give you sum coockes on Christmas night. Or the elfs doing good? *Kiley Streich* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a new fast computer. I already have one but I want an upgrade and to replace it. Thank you for other stuff you got me. 😊 How are the Elfs doing and how is Ms. Claus doing? hope you make it Santa. Merry Christmas! *Aaron Jasiqi* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a Remote control plowtruck and a Remote control bowl dozer. Thank you for the Raptor. How are the elfs. *Wyatt Jenson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a My Live doll with some clos and a rilly puppy. Hi santa I rilly liked our raind Deer but now I Like our presints they are the best. What do the raiddeer like to eat mrshmels. I love you Santa, you are the best and you are best in my family. *Naomi Turpitt* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a new dady Doll and a new Doll house. Thank you for what you got me last time. *Autumn Kruger* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want an American girl doll route mitchrel car. and American girl doll xbox and the chair. Thank you for the Gator Sweatshirt, boots and Kit. How are the elfs doing Simon is doing fine if you where wondering. *Knox Nelson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want another ipad and a black cozm. Thank you for reading this. I hope you have a jolly year. *Esten Howell* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I most want a horsetak. I am thankful for you bring prizing. Your Elf is always gets in chubul and it to you and mis. Clos and the Elfes. I Lov seeing my Elf Elf Elfie. He is the best wo and I cant bleve that he is so cute. wood you be there for me? *Brenna Pearson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a dron and a ntendo swich. Santa how are your Elfs doing. Are they doing grat. *Marley Haugen* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I wont a real bo and aro plees. With real boa too. I wont a real lisrd pleas. haw are you Santa. *Aiden Thompson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How many reindeer do you have? And what is your favrite reindeer? How old are you? My favrite reindeer is Rudolph and how many pople are on yor naughty list? Thank you for all of the presents you gave me, for Christmas I want a Hoverboard and I want a baby husky and more fidget spinners. Love, *Jaxon Castle* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, What did you do this year? How old are you? I am 9 years old. What is your favorite cookie and the rendeers favorite food. Especially Rudolph favorite food? Thank you for everything you got me those years. This cristmas can I please have a hover board, high top adidas, roller blades, Nintendo switch d's, Shimies, Vikings jersey, and headphones. Love, *Quynn Washington* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I have 30 cats but most are boys, my favorite is a black cat, do you like cats? For Christmas I want a dirt bike, and a suit just like yours. Do you have a dirt bike? Fly saff. Love, *Ty Rud* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How old are you I am 8? What is the reindeers favorite food? Which reindeer is your favorite Cupid or Rudolph ? Thank you for giving Hailey, Dylan, and I a trampoline 2 or 1 year ago. If you can please talk my dad into getting a huskie. One more question how is Mrs. Claus? Ps. I had a lot more I wanted to write. Love, *MacKenzie VonEnde* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I like cookies. How about you? I thank you for Christmas. I would like Pokemon toys and cards for Christmas. Also, untame baby dinosaurs fingerling and Roma motorcycle and Beyblade arena and Beyblade toys, Nintendo Switch, Minecraft, and hover board. Love, *Tristan Werre-Lenz* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are your reinder? Do you like eggnog or milk better? Thank you for bringing presents and especially for bringing holiday cheer. I am doing two Chistmas plays one in school and in Church. (I am the angel Gaberel in Church.) For Christmas I would like for all of my Lego sets to be rebuilt. Love, *Ava Warne* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I would like Lego train sets and lots and lots of tracks. Love, *Abram Wirta* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, What do you do when it's not Christmas time? What dose it look like in Paris? Thank you for giving presants to people around the world. May I please have a iphone, and a box of cookies, and a ipad, and a blue laptop like my sister has. Can I have a Cupid? Love, *Azmera Olson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? Thank you for the presents from last year. I would like a scooter that transformers into a miny bike and phone and dirt bike and a real dog and a ps4 and ipad and computer and a real kitten and a monster truck Lego play set. Love, *Landin Buley* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? What is your favorite cookie? Thank you for the Legos. May I please have Sonic toys, a phone, some donuts, reindeer, bananas, snow, books, Action figures and a train. Love, *Charles Peterson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How old are you? I am almost 9 and, what is the reindeers favorite food? Thank you for everything you gave me last year. What I will want A ELF ON THE SHELF and a big Lego Set like Chaya and big doll like at the nursing home and reindeer pictures and more Love, *Shaina Gust* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? How is Mrs.Claus? Thank you for presents. for Christmas I would like a hover board. A LoL surprise Doll underwrap. A phone with a pink case. A big pool. A water marbling set. Make me see granny in real life after school in her house. Make me see Slendrina in real life at her house. can I have powers to make me spond at granny house and slendrina house. Love, *Sophia Edwards* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I have a question for you... How many years have you been going to house to house? Guess what!?! My dad said to write Dear Santa, I have been really nauty and I do not deserve any presents. Also, what are your Reindeer's favorite food? Now heres my Christmas list ummmmmmmmm...maybe a ultamate Batmobile and a vek scooter thingy and a football helmet and jersey. Also with those black stuff you put under your eyes. Love, *Deegan Hanson* (Grade 3)

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### Kindergarten Korner

By: Abby Novacek-Pratt



**Ezra  
Monsrud**

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?**

Yes, because I like to play and I like resting.

**What is your favorite color?**

Blue, because it's bright and it's in the sky.

**What is your favorite song?**

*Gonna be a Rockstar* by Horrid Henry because I like the instruments and it gets wild.

**What is your**

**favorite thing about December?** I like to play in the snow. I also like when it's Christmas and my birthday is after Christmas.

**What are your plans for the December break?** I would like to go to Dairy Queen on my birthday. I also hope to get new toys too.

**If you made a snowman, what would you name it?** Frosty the Snowman. He would be special because he's alive and can move around.



**Kaden  
Randall**

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, because I like the Legos and the treehouse.

**What is your favorite color?** Blue and orange because I like how they look.

**What is your favorite song?** The *Hello* song we sing in music because I like the lyrics.

**What is your favorite thing about December?** I like

playing with my mom and dad. I also like getting presents during Christmas.

**What are your plans for the December break?** I like going to sleep the night Santa delivers presents. That's my favorite part about December.

**If you made a snowman, what would you name it?** I would name it Kaden like me. It would be special because my mom would help me build the snowman.