



The Badger Barker



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Brooke VonEnde 2023 Minnesota Miss United States Agriculture

Brooke VonEnde, a 2022 Badger School alumni, has always had a passion for agriculture. She lives in rural Badger where her family has raised long-horn cattle since 2013. Agriculture became a passion of hers after farming with her dad. She believes that farming can be a challenge as a woman because of many stereotypes, but she says that this has driven her to work harder to reach her goals.

In July Brooke was crowned the 2023 Roseau County Miss United States Agriculture. Then on December 3, Brooke competed in Faribault, Minnesota, and won the 2023 Minnesota Miss United States Agriculture title and also took home the 2023 Minnesota People's Choice Miss United States Agriculture title. As stated on the Miss Agriculture USA website, "The Miss United States Agriculture Program is to truly advocate for agriculture by using the crown and sash as an avenue to start conversations. The Miss United States Agriculture program was started in 2014 to encourage women in agriculture to teach and enhance the American Agriculture Story. Since the program's launch, agriculture advocacy has spread across the United States, covering all ages!"

As part of the program, Brooke is currently working to attend and create many agriculture-related events. For example, she is currently working on a Discover Dairy program with Badger's second grade class, which will help her get the outreach needed for the national pageant that will take place July 7-8 in Enterprise, Alabama. Brooke is attending Northland Community & Technical College for Farm Operations and Management. The title of *Minnesota Miss United States Agriculture* will give her the opportunity to advocate for women in agriculture, as well as allowing her to advocate for the general benefits of local agriculture.

If you would like to support Brooke on her journey to nationals, she is currently selling "good luck wishes" for \$25. This will get your good luck message posted on her social media pages as well as get your name listed in the national pageant program book as one of Brooke's sponsors. Her address is:

Brooke VonEnde
32271 290th Ave.
Badger, MN 56714

Congratulations Brooke! We are excited to have you as a queen, and we can't wait to see all the ways you utilize your new title to advocate for women in agriculture!





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Badger School Superintendent's News



I hope this March publication of *The Badger Barker* finds you, and finds you well.

- March 1 Badger National Honor Society hosted a Blood Drive at Badger Community Center.

- March 2 Badger School celebrated Read Across America Day as well as the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2. We began the day with green eggs and ham plus cinnamon rolls! To honor Dr. Seuss, National Honor Society (NHS) students read stories throughout the day to all of our elementary students. NHS students delivered birthday cake to the students later in the day in honor of Dr. Seuss. Thank you to NHS for all of their work and to our staff who helped to make the day special for our students. Thank you to Jody Randall and Angela Monsrud for preparing breakfast as well as the birthday cake for Dr. Seuss!

- March 3 Grades 5 & 6 had a field trip to Buena Vista Ski Lodge, Bemidji, MN.

- March 6-10 A shout out to John Lee! Each year the first full week of March is marked to celebrate National School Social Workers across the nation to appreciate their work in helping students striving toward academic and life success.

- March 7 The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Choir Sub-Section 32 Large Group Vocal Contest will be held here at Badger Community School.

- March 8 We are fortunate to have Tim Denney from Level 5 Services to be in Badger on March 8. Tim Denney will meet with grades 7-12 during one of their regularly scheduled class periods to discuss mental health topics and suicide prevention. You can learn more about Level 5 Services and Tim Denney by visiting this website: <https://golevel5services.com/>

- Mar. 20-24 EPIC Team and TARGET Team Week (activities to be announced): Target drug and alcohol prevention challenges people to remain chemically free.
*TARGET stand for? Teens Achieving Recognizable Goals and Education through Teamwork.
 EPIC stand for? Educating and empowering youth by Encouraging Positive Impact for Change.*

- Thur., Mar. 23 Two nights only to see the *Fractured Fairy Tales* spring drama theatre play:
 Fri., March 24 7:00 p.m. each night in the Badger School Gymnasium
 \$10 for adults at the door, \$5 for k-12 students, younger children are free

- March 24, 28 Final day of the third academic quarter is March 24, which means fourth quarter will begin Tuesday, March 28.

- March 26-28 State FCCLA Conference and STAR and Skills Competition to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis, MN: Best wishes to officers and advancers (listed in alphabetical order):
 Emily Burkel, Adysen Gregerson, Ada Lee, Bethanie VonEnde, Keegan VonEnde, MacKenzie VonEnde, Quynn Washington and Amelia Wilt.
*STAR stand for? Students Taking Action with Recognition events competition.
 FCCLA stand for? Family, Career and Community Leaders of America*

- March 27 No School for students March 27 due to Teacher In-Service Staff Development Day.

- March 29 CLIMB Theatre (Challenge. Learn. Inspire. Master. Believe) presents to students in the Badger Gym:
Keeping Tabs to grades 7-12 @ 9:15 a.m.
Abby's Empathy Project to grades 3-6 @ 10:40 a.m.
Polka Dot Shoes to grades K-2 @ 12:50 p.m.

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

Thank you,

Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12



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Dates to Remember

By: Kaden Halvorson

Gator Sports

By: Taylor Davy

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

March

- 1-3 Read Across America Week
- 2 Dr. Seuss Birthday
- 3 Grades 5/6 Ski Trip (rescheduled)
- 5 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 5-11 National School Social Workers Recognition Week
- 6 Jr. High Knowledge Bowl
- 7 Large Group Vocal Contest @ Badger
- 7 ECFE
- 8 Young Authors Conference
- 8 Tim Denney Mental Health Topics & Suicide Prevention presentations
- 12 Daylight Savings Time ~ turn clocks ahead
- 12 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 13 School Board 7:30 pm
- 14 Pi Day
- 14 No ECFE ~ Township Elections
- 15 Sr. High Knowledge Bowl Sub-Region
- 20 Jr. High Knowledge Bowl Meet
- 21 ECFE
- 22 Sr. High Knowledge Bowl Regions
- 23 Badger School Play
- 24 End of Quarter 3
- 24 Badger School Play
- 25-28 State FCCLA Conference
- 27 No School ~ Staff Development
- 28 Vocal Ensemble Contest @ Lake of the Woods
- 28 ECFE
- 29 Climb Theatre ~ Grades K-12
- 29 Jr. High Knowledge Bowl

April

- 7 No School ~ Spring Break
- 10 No School ~ Spring Break
- 10 School Board Meeting
- 11 ECFE
- 15 Prom
- 17-21 Wolf Ridge ~ grade 7
- 26 Administrative Professionals Day
- 26 Envirothon @ Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge
- 27 Fourth Quarter Midterm



March

Boys Basketball

- 6 Section Pigtail @ High Seed
- 9 Section Pigtail @ TBA
- 11 Section Quarters @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, TRF
- 13 Section Semis @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, TRF
- 17 Section Finals @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, TRF
- 212-25 State Tourney

Girls Basketball

- 2 Section Play-In @ TBA
- 4 Section Quarters @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, TRF
- 7 Section Semis @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, TRF
- 10 Section Finals @ Ralph Engelstad Arena, TRF
- 15-18 State Tourney

Wrestling

- 2-4 State Tourney @ Exel Center
- 4 State Tourney (Girls) @ Exel Center

April

Baseball

- 11 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 13 @ Lake of the Woods
- 17 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR
- 18 @ Red Lake Falls
- 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 High & Fargo Davies
- 18 @ Warroad
- 20 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 22 Tournament @ BGMR
- 25 Red Lake Falls @BGMR
- 27 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

Track

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



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Band Musician of the Month Ada Lee

Grade: 11th

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? Trumpet because they almost always have the melody and you can always hear them.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick? Percussion because every time I look back there they look like they are having a lot of fun.

What is your favorite song to play? *Thriller* because Amelia and I get to scream.

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? Disney Princesses and make a comedy out of it. I think it would be funny and interesting.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Last year's Music Revue when we got to wear capes.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Keep playing, band is so fun to be in and you'll make many friends.

Who inspired you to be part of band? It was the band. One time in preschool, we got to go into the band room and listen to them and I really enjoyed it.



Choir Musician of the Month Adysen Gregerson

Grade: 8th

What section are you in? Alto

How long have you been in choir? 2 years

What kind of music do you like to sing? I like to sing songs that are low because they fit my vocal range the best, like this new song we are learning for the spring concert.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? I love being able to spend time with my friends.

What are you looking forward to this year? Vocal ensemble contest at Lake of the Woods.

What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? Don't be terrified to make mistakes, mistakes happen all the time.

What is your favorite choir memory? Music Revue because I liked spending time with my friends and having a fun time.



Random Riddles

<https://www.womansday.com/life/entertainment/a39225370/riddles-for-adults/>

By: Measha Troxel

1. What can run but not walk?
2. What has a head but no hair?
3. What can speak without a mouth?
4. What building has the most stories?
5. What has three feet but cannot walk?
6. What gets shorter as it grows older?
7. What can fill a room but take up no space?



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Senior Spotlight Landon Frislie

Parents: TJ Frislie & Mandy Marquis

Sibling: Steele

Nickname: Frizzle

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Pancakes

Color: Green

Hobby: Fishing

Quote: "Shake & Bake." ~Talladega Nights

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? Money, dream house, and a really nice snowmobile.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? Make things cheaper.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I'd take my dad deep sea fishing.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? How often I do things without thinking about it.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Stuck a bunch of sticky note darts in the ceiling.



Senior Spotlight Brandon Secord

Parents: Christina Norskog, Jeff Secord

Sibling: Marissa

Nickname: Red Pants

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Tacos

Hobby: Playing games

Color: Green

Quote: "When we talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary." ~ Mr. Rogers

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? No poverty, infinite amount of currency whenever I want, and everyone becomes happy forever.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? The amount of positive one gets when they see themselves.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? If money wasn't an issue, I would take my dad and go all over Europe.

What do you think you'll be remembered by most? By being the funny guy.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? The time I got my shoulder dislocated.





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Honors Breakfast

Grade 7-12 honor roll students enjoyed a cinnamon roll breakfast provided by Badger School kitchen staff. Menu included rolls, fruit and special breakfast drinks. Congrats to honor roll students!!! This event was sponsored by the Badger National Honor Society students. It is fun to promote education excellence.





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KC Free Throwers Advance!

Badger students advancing to the regional free throw competition are Kaden Randall, Tucker Rinde, and Levi Olson. Great shooting boys!!

Knowledge Bowl Earns 6th Place

The Badger Knowledge Bowl team members Taylor Davy, Brandon Secord, Landon Christianson, Ashton Pichhartz, and Aidan Carpenter earned 6th place at the Thief River Falls competition on February 1. Congratulations!!



Grade 8 Science Fun

The Badger 8th grade science class took a trip to the Badger Hill to investigate factors that affect velocity. It was a fun day of learning!





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How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

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Boost school skills while having some reading and writing fun!

There are many entertaining reading and writing activities that help children strengthen valuable skills. Encourage your child to:

- **Look at a globe** or world map and pick a country. Have your child research and share five interesting facts about it.
- **Look up events that happened** on the day your child was born. Your child can write about them in a journal or use the news headlines to make a poster.
- **Invent a new board game.** Have your child design the board and game pieces, and write down the rules.
- **Conduct a nature study.** How many animals, birds and insects can your child find in your backyard or a local park? Encourage your child to take or draw pictures of them and research the critters online.



Ask four questions about online sources

When doing a research project, teach your child how to find reputable and reliable information online. To evaluate internet sources, help your child consider these four questions:

1. **Is this source reputable?** Help your child do some research on the website or social media outlet that has posted the information.
2. **Is this source biased?** Information that comes from a company might be designed to sell their product. Information from an organization might reflect a particular agenda.
3. **Is the information accurate?** Do other reliable sites include the same information?
4. **Is the information up-to-date?** Science studies, for example, may become outdated when newer research is completed.

Use coupons to turn shopping into a reading experience

Do you use coupons while grocery shopping? If so, let your child help you—and build reading skills at the same time.

Before going to the store, ask your child to write a shopping list based on the coupons you plan to use. At the store, have your child read the list to you, find the coupons you need, and match them to the correct products.



Read about spring cleaning

Will your family be doing some household cleaning chores this spring? Ask your child to read the safety labels on cleaning products before beginning and explain the label directions to you.

Reading safety labels is a practical example of how reading is essential in daily life.



Play the license plate letter game!

Use the license plates you see while on the go to inspire a letter-based game. Have your child call out the letters on a license plate. Take turns thinking of silly phrases that use words beginning with those letters.



For example, if the letters on the plate are YPZ, you might say, “young painted zebras” or “yellow potted zinnias.” The person who thinks up the wackiest phrase wins!



Reading aloud offers many benefits

Even though your child is beginning to read independently, it's essential to continue reading aloud together. Reading aloud not only gives you quality time with your child, it also introduces new ideas, concepts and vocabulary.

Each time you read aloud together, you are developing your child's:

- **Reading comprehension skills.** Talk about what you read. What is the main idea? What led up to the story's climax?
- **Vocabulary.** Look up new words together and try to use them in a sentence.
- **Listening and speaking skills.** After reading a passage, ask your child to summarize it.
- **Analytic skills.** Ask questions such as, "Why do you think this happened in the story? Why is this character your favorite? Why do you think the author chose this ending? What would you have done differently if you were the author?"



Exposure to correct grammar improves language skills

Learning grammar rules can be tough—but reading a variety of books makes it easier. When children read well-written text, they see how language should be used—which makes it easier to recognize mistakes in other materials, including their own writing.



Share five steps to writing success

Understanding the writing process not only improves students' writing skills—it strengthens reading skills, too. Encourage your child to:

1. **Prewrite.** Brainstorm and bounce ideas off someone. Then take those ideas and create an outline.
2. **Draft.** Write a first copy—without worrying about mistakes!
3. **Revise.** Read through the paper at least once. Does everything make sense? Are there better ways to say things?
4. **Edit.** Check grammar, punctuation and spelling.
5. **Review.** Read the paper aloud to catch mistakes.



For lower elementary readers:

- **Mine-o-saur** by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen. The Mine-o-saur refuses to share toys and snacks—and soon he realizes he has no friends to play with! How will the Mine-o-saur solve this problem?
- **My Teacher is a Monster** (*No, I Am Not*) by Peter Brown. Bobby thinks that his teacher is a monster. But when he sees her in the park, his views begin to change.



For upper elementary readers:

- **Poem Runs: Baseball Poems and Paintings** by Douglas Florian. Get ready for baseball season with this collection of poems about various positions and pieces of equipment.
- **Yellowstone Moran: Painting the American West** by Lita Judge. Tom Moran was a talented artist who became a great explorer in a land called the Yellowstone.



Q: How can I help my elementary schooler remember the difference between *synonyms* and *antonyms*?

A: Remind your child that *synonyms* have the same, or similar, meanings (such as *happy* and *cheerful*). Point out that the words *synonym*, *same* and *similar* all start with the letter *s*. *Antonyms*, on the other hand, are words with opposite meanings (such as *fast* and *slow*).

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Campus Comment

By: Noah Gust

If you could add any specific class to our school course offerings, what would it be?

Shaina Gust (7th grade): I would add a movie class, because then our brains could just chill and relax instead of working on homework all the time.

Avearah Hanson (8th grade): If I could, I would add an art class because I feel like more people would realize they like art if they had an opportunity to try doing it.

Lucas Filius (9th grade): Study hall for 9th grade and up because students could finish their homework in school. Another good thing is that teachers could help you with the homework you have.

William Peterson (10th grade): I would like a pottery class, because I would like to learn how to make my own vases. Then I can see the vases after making them. That's why I would like a pottery class.

Ashton Pickhartz (11th grade): If I could add any class, it would be an astronomy or engineering class. Astronomy was one of my main interests throughout school when I was younger, and I think it would be cool to have a class for it. An engineering class would also be nice because it would allow people who want to go into that field to learn some of the basics and also the mechanics behind it.

Brandon Secord (12th grade): If I could add any class to our school's offerings, it would have to be a psychology class. I have always had an interest in the human mind. The class would also allow others to see why we think like we do and what physical actions can indicate a person's thought process.

Mrs. Dahlgren (English Teacher): If I could add a specific class to school, I would either add creative writing or drama. Having a creative outlet is so important for mental health, and it's a lot of fun. We could share our work/ performances and bring joy to friends and families. Both creative writing and drama classes would be my dream to teach!



Triple 'A' Banquet

Badger School nominees Raegen Maahs and Gabe Warne attended the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award, commonly known as the Triple 'A' Award's Banquet, held in Mahnomon on February 1. This award acknowledges high school seniors throughout the state who have a 3.0 or higher-grade point average and who participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities. Congratulations on your achievement!



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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Ivan Olafson

If you were going to spend the whole day outside, what actives would you do?

Cora Langaas (1st grade): I would build a snowman. I would grow a garden. I would jump on a trampoline.

Brielle Byre (2nd grade): I like to ride my bike. I would catch frogs. I love to play softball.

Mia Kjos (3rd grade): Play with my friends and play with my cousins. We will build a fort.

Paige Gust (4th grade): If I was outside for a whole day, I would go sledding, play with my dog Buck, and maybe play with my wild calves. That is what I would do if I was outside for the whole day.

Autumn Turpitt (5th grade): If I was going to spend the whole day outside, I would go for bike rides and, play badminton and volleyball with my friends.

Aiden Thompson (6th grade): I would play football and basketball with my little brother. It’s fun to play outside with a friend or cousin. Most of all, you will get fresh air. Also, you could go swimming in your backyard or run through sprinklers with your brother, cousins, or friends. Whatever we like, just have fun and it will make you happy and maybe clear you mind.



Funky Facts

<https://kids.niehs.nih.gov/games/riddles/jokes/fun-facts-and-trivia>

By: Caden Wojciehowski

- ~ It is physically impossible for pigs to look up in the sky.
- ~ If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib.
- ~ Wearing headphones for just an hour can increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- ~ A shrimp’s heart is in its head.
- ~ There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- ~ Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- ~ Some lipsticks contain fish scales.
- ~ “Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters mt.
- ~ Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- ~ Maine is the only state with a one-syllable name.
- ~ A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- ~ Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- ~ A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- ~ A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- ~ The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- ~ Most people fall asleep in seven minutes.
- ~ “Stewardesses” is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- ~ An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain.

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Trivia Answers



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Quarter 2 "A" Honor Roll



Grades 4-6

Hadley Zimney
Aaron Jasiqi
Delyla Carpenter

Grades 7-9

Emily Burkel
Avearah Hanson
Cale Lindland
Abram Wirta
Ava Warne
Hallie Glodowski



Grades 10-12

Back:
Amelia Wilt, Ashton Pickhartz,
Riley Gust, Dylan VonEnde,
Brogan Beito, Raegen Maahs
Front:
Jordan Davy, Jordan Lee
Keyasha Housker,
Ada Lee, Macy Majer



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Quarter 2 "B" Honor Roll

Grades 4-6

Back: Ryder Gust, Ayden Mostad,
Ava Gust, Maizy Thompson,
Kaylie Streich, Kiley Streich,
Marley Haugen-Rosadino,
Elijah Monsrud
Front: Briar Williams, Onah Gregerson,
Nils Christianson, Paige Gust,
Charlotte Lane, Ezra Monsrud,
Grant Olson, Abigal Wojciechowski



Grades 7-9

Back: Jaxon Castle,
Adysen Gregerson, Peyton Lee,
MacKenzie VonEnde, Jordyn Gilbert,
Quynn Washington, Levi Olson,
Eli Olafson
Front: Deegan Hanson,
Azmera Olson, Katelyn Gust,
Hailey Lundgren, Kylee Gust,
Austin Przekwas, Tryg Olson
Not Pictured: Aiyanah Bieber,
Riley Connell



Grades 10-12

Back: Xander Grugal,
Arianna Grugal,
Bailey Wojciechowski,
Julia Dostal, Talisha Hamann,
Jaden Kukowski, Marissa Secord,
Bethanie VonEnde
Front: Landon Christianson,
Brandon Secord, Taylor Davy,
Mason Scharf, Gabe Warne,
Ivan Olafson, Aidan Carpenter
Not Pictured: Elliott Isane





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Senior Spotlight on Sports

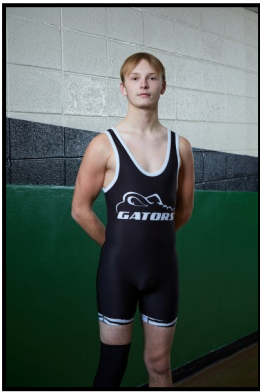
Keyasha Housker ~ Basketball

What position do you play? Guard

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? I would have to say The Ralph in Thief River Falls. It's a crazy atmosphere and big area, which makes it all the more fun.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Personally, I look up to my dad because he always inspires me to work towards my goals.

What is your favorite memory while being on the basketball team? Dance parties during warm ups are my all-time favorite.



Brogan Beito ~ Wrestling

What weight do you wrestle at? 145 pounds

What is your favorite wrestling move? A front head lock because I am good at it.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My coaches and other alumni. They always push me to be better.

What is your favorite memory while being on the wrestling team? When I won my match in the team section finals in 9th grade to help the team get to state.

Elliott Isane ~ Wrestling

What weight do you wrestle at? 126 pounds

What is your favorite wrestling move? Single leg because I've always done it.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My coach because he was successful in the sport.

What is your favorite memory while being on the wrestling team? When we went to state twice in a row.



Gabe Warne ~ Basketball

What position do you play? Shooting guard

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? I enjoy playing in Grygla because it is really loud.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? I motivate myself.

What is your favorite memory while being on the basketball team? Going to the state tournament and playing at the Target Center.



Mason Scharf ~ Basketball

What position do you play? Center

Other than the Swamp, where do you enjoy playing the most? I enjoyed playing in the Target Center because the Timberwolves play there and it was really cool.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Kobe Bryant because he had a great mentality and since it's my first year I need to stay motivated because I'm not as good as all the other guys.

What is your favorite memory while being on the basketball team? Playing at the Target Center and then watching the Timberwolves game after.





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Ramp-Up Topics for March 2023

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Why is it important for students to aspire to go to college and how can they pay for it? These two big questions will drive the learning for Ramp-Up topics this month. This unit provides a way for students to begin to understand the average salaries adults earn based on their level of education, how much colleges cost, and how attaining a postsecondary credential or degree will be beneficial to them in the long run. Parents might want to check out the following websites to learn more: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges> and www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying.

GRADE 7: Students will be focusing on the knowledge and skills that build a belief that they really can attend college. Each student needs to develop a belief in his or her own abilities and how those abilities will positively impact their future. This unit encourages students to identify their individual strengths in terms of knowledge and skills needed for college so they can further create an understanding and belief in themselves as college-going students. Students will also get the chance to find out what college is really like by asking current college students.

Workshop: College Panel

GRADE 8: Students will gain a better understanding of the costs of two-year and four-year colleges, and what the differences are between public and private colleges. Parents may be interested in visiting this link to learn more about comparing the costs of colleges: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges>. The sticker price of college is not necessarily the price you will have to pay. Eighth graders will also be learning the ways they can pay for college including grants, scholarships, loans, savings, and work study.

GRADE 9: During March, students will be introduced to 21st Century skills. They will explore the area of career and technical education (CTE) programs and classes that are offered at Badger High School to help introduce them to a wider range of options for future employment that includes the trades, FACS, and business. Ninth graders will also be using a free online tool called Quizizz to help them review key concepts, terms, and ideas related to 21st Century skills. Students will also look at what options for earning college credit are available to them while they are still attending high school.

GRADE 10: What are some options for after high school? In March, sophomores will investigate the college admission process, assess themselves on where they stand with regard to the process at this point, and learn about the purpose of admission exams like the ACT and SAT. Options in the military will also be discussed. Students will learn about the differences between military officers and enlistees, and why credentials are an option for the latter.

GRADE 11: During March, juniors will be shown tools to help them begin to narrow their postsecondary options based on specific criteria like majors offered, type of degree program, school demographics, and more. Vocational, 2-year, and 4-year colleges are explored, as well as apprenticeships. One of the goals for this month is to make sure students are aware of the range of options available and even if they may not be interested in a particular option, learning about it can help them respect their classmates' choices. Juniors will also understand the influencing factors when choosing a school, the importance of campus visits, and the ideas of "safe," "match," and "stretch" colleges.

GRADE 12: Seniors will be reviewing the importance of setting and working hard to achieve their goals. Students will learn about the goal setting process, formulating their own goals, and of importance perseverance as it pertains to meeting long-term goals like earning a college degree and finding a rewarding career. Seniors will learn more about the college experience by talking to experts – current college students.

Workshop: College Panel

1. A River 2. A Pin 3. An echo 4. A library 5. A yardstick 6. A candle 7. Light

Random Riddles Answers

Trivia

By: Breydon Foss

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| <p>1. Which of the following food cannot go bad?</p> <p>A. Apples
B. Peanut butter
C. Canned tuna
D. Honey</p> | <p>2. How many major islands are in Hawaii?</p> <p>A. 4
B. 8
C. 48
D. 137</p> | <p>3. On average, how many seeds are located on the outside of a strawberry?</p> <p>A. 100
B. 200
C. 400
D. 500</p> | <p>4. What is the oldest soft drink invented in the United States?</p> <p>A. Coca Cola
B. Pepsi
C. Dr. Pepper
D. Canada Dry Ginger Ale</p> |
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Thank You Badger School Board

In the February *Badger Barker*, Superintendent Kevin Ricke announced that February was Minnesota School Board Recognition Month. At the February School Board meeting, the Board was treated to ice cream sundaes. The Badger Education Association also sent the School Board members a card with the following: "In honor of MN School Board Recognition Month, we would like to say thank you for the countless hours spent providing support and caring to our students, staff and administration. We applaud your efforts to ensure that Badger School provides a high quality of education and extracurricular activities for our students. We also appreciate your commitment to serve our school family and community." Pictured are back row Brent Olson, Jeramy Swenson, Jared VonEnde and front row Jodie Davy, Cari Dostal, Jamie Isane.



Congratulations Riley Gust!

Congratulations to Badger senior Riley Gust who signed her National Letter of Intent to play volleyball for the Pioneers at Northland Community & Technical College next fall! Pictured are Honi, Ryder, Jeremy, & Riley Gust; Christian, Alexis, & Carter Kilbride.

Shout Out To...

Monica Byre for teaching dental health to the kindergarten class.
Katie Rhen for stepping in to help out the music department when Ms. Erickson was out. You did a fantastic job!!
Badger elementary parents for letting their children participate in the Kids Heart Challenge and raising over \$7800 for the American Heart Association.

Elementary Basketball Tournament Shout Outs

Elementary students for putting on a fantastic performance.
High school boys & girls basketball players who coached.
FCCLA for providing concessions!
National Honor Society for helping with various tasks for the event.
Ivan Olafson & Gabe Warne for reffing.
Sara Olson for making the programs and taking team pictures.
High school teachers for your flexibility with coaches.
Elementary teachers for the awesome posters.
Administration and custodial staff for all their help.



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Elementary in House Basketball Tournament

Kindergarten



Grade 1: Little Wolves



Grade 2: Jaguars



Grade 3: Wolves



Grade 4: The Flame



Grade 5: Minions

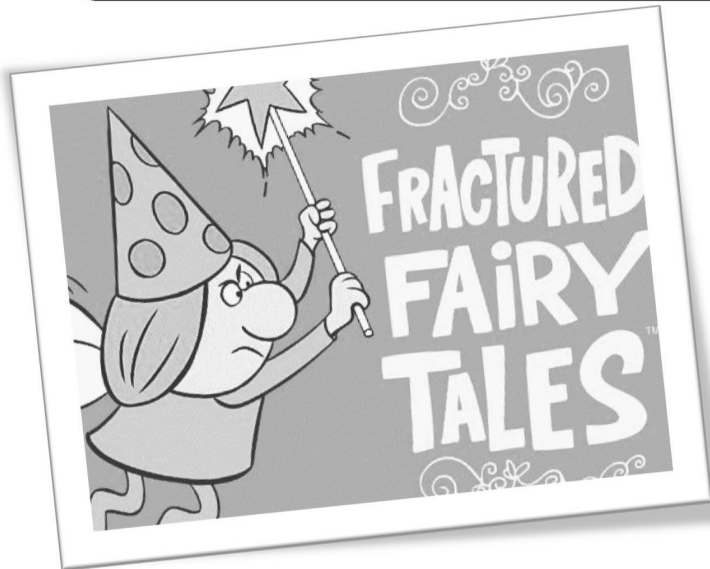


Grade 6: Raiders





Coming Soon...



Brace yourself for some humorous stories based on familiar nursery rhymes and fairy tales.

Thursday, March 23

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Friday, March 24

7:00 p.m. at the Badger School

Tickets \$10 at the door \$5 for K-12 (younger free)

Starring your all-time favorite Badger School students!





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Student Opinion

By: Ray Rosadino

Do you prefer Pepsi or Coke products?

Max Haugen ~ I prefer Coke products. I don't really like Coke that much. My favorite soda is Sprite, which is a Coke product. Another Coke product I like is Mello Yello.

Kylee Gust ~ Personally I'd choose Pepsi products. My reason is extremely simple: Mountain Dew. To be fair, they are both good products. It's just that Mountain Dew is a Pepsi product.

Hailey Lundgren ~ I prefer Coke products. I think they taste better. They're less sweet than Pepsi, plus more places have Coke products.

Danton Bronson ~ Coke is more enjoyable. It has more products to choose from. It normally gives me more energy.



Quote of the Month

By: Hailey Lundgren

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.” – Dolly Parton

Dolly was the fourth of twelve children. Her family was poor all throughout her childhood and she was bullied in school for it. After she graduated high school, she moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and went on to break records in the music industry. She also founded the Dollywood Foundation whose goal is to get educational resources and poverty relief to eastern Tennessee, where she was raised.



2 Ingredient Fudge

<https://thebigmansworld.com/2-ingredient-fudge/#recipe>

By: Carter Hamann

Ingredients

- 14 oz can coconut condensed milk
- 2 cups + 2 tbsp chocolate of choice, chopped

Instructions

1. Line an 8-inch square pan with parchment paper and set aside.
2. In a microwave safe bowl, add your coconut condensed milk and chopped chocolate. Microwave it in 20-second spurts until the chocolate has just melted. Remove the bowl from the microwave and whisk the two ingredients together until smooth.
3. Transfer the mixture into the lined pan and refrigerate for at least an hour or until it has firmed up. Slice into pieces.



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Kindergarten Korner

By: Julia Dostal

Everlee Sletten

What is your favorite season? Summer because I get to play on the slide and go swimming.

What is your favorite sport? Basketball because I'm in basketball and I get to dribble

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes because I get to play in the treehouse.

What is your favorite toy? Dolls because I get to dress them up. I like to play with blocks because I can build anything I want.

Who is one famous person you want to meet? Micky Mouse because I've never met him before.

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas because I get presents and I play with my big brother.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A doctor because I get to help people and check them out.



Weston Sovde

What is your favorite season? Summer because I can ride my bike outside. I like going outside and playing without warm clothes.

What is your favorite sport? Football because me and my friend Bentley play football at my brother's daycare.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes because we get to learn and get new books from the library.

What is your favorite toy? My Power Rangers because I get to play with them with my brother.

Who is one famous person you want to meet? Adley and Niko because they make kid videos.

What is your favorite holiday? Valentine's Day because you give other people treats and Valentine's Day cards.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A builder because they build and fix stuff.

