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Red Ribbon Week

By: Avearah Hanson



The Badger School Target Team puts on many events for Red Ribbon Week, highlighting the importance of living a drug-free life, which goes on between October 21st and the 25th. Throughout this week, Target Team had dress up days for students to participate in (as shown). Prizes were given out to the students with the best outfit for each dress up day. On Monday, the Target Team wrote positive drug-free messages with chalk on the sidewalks around the school. Target Team also held a coloring contest for Elementary students, the student with the most neat and colorful page received a prize. The Target Team went into elementary classrooms to inform younger students about the dangers and risks of drugs. The team members who volunteered for grades K-3 put on a presentation about staying drug-free and members who volunteered for grades 4-6 created a Kahoot for the kids to participate in. For all grades, members announced the coloring contest winners with a prize.

Spirit Week Dress Up Days

Monday- Pj's-Sleep Easy-Stay Drug Free

Tuesday- Dress in Red- Support Red Ribbon Week

Wednesday- Neon- Keep Your Future Bright

Thursday- Movie Star Day- Life is a Movie, Don't Give Drugs a Starring Role

Friday- Jersey Day- Team Up Against Drugs



High School students dressed in red, supporting Red Ribbon Week!

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-DATES TO REMEMBER-

November

- 1 End of 1st Quarter
- 1 Students dismissed @12:30p.m.
- 4 Math League Meet
- 11 School Board Meeting @7:30p.m.
- 11 GBB Practice Begins
- 11 Veterans Day Program @10a.m.
- 12 ECFE
- 13 Solo contest- Vocal & Instrumental @ Kittson Central (Hallock)
- 15 No School
- 18 WR Practice Begins
- 18 BBB Practice Begins
- 19 ECFE
- 19 Fall Sports Banquet 6:30p.m. in Gym
- 21 NHS Induction Ceremony @7p.m.
- 25 Math League Meet
- 28 No School Thanksgiving
- 29 No School

December

- 3 ECFE
- 5 2nd Quarter Midterm
- 9 School Board Meeting @7:30p.m.
- 13 Elementary Winter Concert @2p.m.
- 16 Math League Meet
- 17 High School Winter Concert @7p.m.
- 20 Students dismissed @12:30p.m.
- 23-31 No School~Winter Break

January

- 1 No School~Winter break
- 13 School Board Meeting @7:30p.m.
- 14 Knowledge Bowl @TRF
- 17 Students Dismissed @12:30p.m.
- 17 End of 2nd Quarter
- 20 No School~Staff Development
- 21 Knowledge Bowl @TRF
- 27 Math League Meet
- 28 Knowledge Bowl @TRF

Senior Night

By: Avearah Hanson

Celebrating our student-athletes, the Gators held our annual Senior Night!



Senior Gator Volleyball players with their parents.



Senior Gator Football players with their parents.

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ECFE Info

By: Avealah Hanson

ECFE is Early Childhood Family Education. It is for families with children from birth to 5 years old (not in Kindergarten). Families with younger children may bring older siblings with them! Families are encouraged to engage in the planned activities together and to network with other families. Parent education topics are provided as well.

October

- 1- Registration
- 8- Fun With Apples
- 15- Fire Safety
- 22- Fall Leaves
- 29- Halloween

November

- 5- No Class
- 12- Musical Fun
- 19- Popcorn and PJ's
- 26- Thanksgiving

December

- 3- Santa and Crafts

January

- 28- Welcome Back!

February

- 4- Groundhog Day!

March

- 4- Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!
- 11- No Class
- 18- Rainbows
- 26- Spring/Baby Animals

April

- 1- April Fools Joke Day
- 8- Graduation

Kindergarten Corner

Zoey King

By: Avealah Hanson

Anthony Longen

What makes you smile or laugh?

When Emerson stares at me.

What's your favorite animal?

A piggy, they are really cute.

Whats your favorite thing to do in school?

Drawing family pictures.



Do you have any pets?

One, he's a cat. Grandpa named him Skittles because I think he likes skittles.

What would your best day be like?

Going to the pool, and getting ice cream.

What's your favorite thing to do when it's raining?

Playing in the rain, and jumping in the puddles.

If you opened a store, what would you sell?

My sister, because she is mean to me and pizza.



What makes you smile or laugh?

A funny noise and spiders.

What's your favorite animal?

Cats, because they are my favorite and they let me pet them.

Whats your favorite thing to do in school?

I like when we do ipads.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, Frank. He's a dog.

What would your best day be like?

For you to play with me and we can play together.

What's your favorite thing to do when it's raining?

Jumping in the muddy puddles.

If you opened a store, what would you sell?

Goldfish and puffs, because it's my favorite snack.

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FCCLA: Home for the Holidays

By: Emmitt Isane



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Happy December

VENDORS, BOOK FAIR, KIDS CARNIVAL,
CONCESSIONS, PICTURES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

9AM - 1PM

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Campus Comment

By: Katelyn Gust

If you could be in any show or movie, what would it be and why?

Delyla Carpenter (7th): I would be in the Lord of the Rings because I like fantasy and think it would be interesting and fun. I'm interested in the Middle Ages and that kind of stuff, so I think it would be cool. I've seen all of the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings movies too.

Aaron Jasiqi (8th): If I could be in any show or movie, it would be Home Alone. I love that movie, it's hilarious. Being home alone is already fun in general, but it would be scary, but funny. It's also during a pretty time of year in a rich house.

Kylee Larson (9th): If I could be in any show it would be Riverdale because I'm good at solving problems and love the drama in the show. I would rather be in the show's first through third season because everybody is younger and the drama is amazing.

Adysen Gregerson (10th): If I could be in any show, it would be Grey's Anatomy. I like the drama and medical aspect of the show. I would also love to be with Derek Shepherd.

Khloe Fletcher (11th): If I had to pick any show to be cast in, I would choose The Bachelorette. I would choose the Bachelorette because I can't seem to get a boyfriend.

Alex Lunde (12th): "This is Spinal Top" because it's a music mockumentary about a fictitious rock band named Spinal Top which became a real rock group. I guess you could say it struck a chord with me.



Pictured from Left to Right: Khloe Fletcher, Adysen Gregerson, Delyla Carpenter, Kylee Larson, and Alex Lunde

Not Pictured: Aaron Jasiqi

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Elementary Viewpoint

By Adysen Gregerson

What are you most thankful for and why?

James Evans (1st)- Meeting Colt in pre-k, getting 100% on the computer, and getting a 9-inch turkey beard.

Emerson King (2nd)- My family is what I'm most thankful for. They're very nice to me. We have fun.

Olivia Crego (3rd)- I am most thankful for getting to go to Badger School. I really love the food here. I also like that the school is warmer.

Kilah Sather (4th)- I'm thankful for having family because they are very kind. I'm thankful for friends because they are supportive. I'm thankful for teachers because they help me learn new things.

Avani Washington (5th)- I'm thankful for school, because we learn things every Monday through Friday from our teachers. I am thankful for Mrs. Hayes because she does her job very well, she is a good teacher. I am thankful for all the teachers for doing their jobs, it can be stressful but also fun.

Hadley Zimney (6th)- I am thankful for my mom. She is always there when I need her. She always knows what I need or what to do.



Kindergarten Firehall

By: Aiyannah Bieber

On October 2nd, the Kindergarten class went to visit the firehall in Badger for a class trip. They learned about the tools that the firefighters use and about the parts on a firetruck. They also learned what they should do if there is ever a fire at home. The firefighters displayed equipment to the students to teach them about the equipment. The firefighters would answer the questions the students had for them.

After the lesson, the kindergartners were able to sit in the firetruck and even sprayed the fire hose, with assistance of course. After the firehall, the students got treat bags and their own firefighter hard hats to take home as souvenirs.



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Spotlight on Sports

Julia Dostal~Volleyball By: Azmera Olson

This month's Senior Volleyball player, Julia Dostal, was interviewed and asked these questions. When asked what her favorite position is, she stated, "Left back, because it was the first position I ever played so it has a special place in my heart." Then we asked her what her favorite game throughout her career was and she replied, "The one in Lancaster where I was put in as middle in the front row (that's normally where the tall kids play) and had to try to be a blocker (my hands don't go over the net!)" Other than the Swamp, her favorite place to play is Sacred Heart, because the gym is huge and the concession stand is phenomenal. We also asked Julia what her and the volleyball team do to get ready for a game and she responded, "Before every game our team blasts music while we get ready, and after that we do a pre-game chant." Finally, we asked if she had any advice for younger volleyball players, and she stated, "Volleyball is a mental game, and it can be difficult to stay positive, but it's so much more fun when you learn to let go of little mistakes."



Masen Swenson~Football By: Hallie Glodowski



This month we interviewed Senior Football Player, Masen Swenson. Masen has been playing since the 4th grade. He then started on the Varsity Team in 9th grade, where he played Tight End. His 10th grade year, he switched to Wide Receiver - his favorite, because he "gets to catch the football and make big plays". As a Junior, he transferred to Cornerback. Masen's favorite game throughout his entire career would be the playoff game against Grygla-Goodridge his Freshmen year. Other than the Swamp, his favorite place to play is in Argyle against the Storm because "they have a nice field". Something he and his team do to get ready before games are "get to the Swamp Box at 5 o'clock and get dressed and go out for warm ups at 6 and then game starts at 7". He said his favorite memory would be, "Making it to the FargoDome my freshman year". Advice that he would pass on would be "take it all in, because before you know it, it's gone".

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Random Riddles

By: Emmitt Isane

What has to be broken
before you can use it?

An egg



What is black when it's
clean and white when it's
dirty?

A chalkboard



You see a boat filled
with people, yet there
isn't a single person on
board. How is that
possible?

All the people on board are married

1. What is a baby Kangaroo called?

- A. Calf
- B. Pup
- C. Joey



Trivia

By Breydon Foss

2. Why do flamingos stand on one leg?

- A. To nap
- B. To stay cool
- C. To signal danger

3. What does the slang term "Lit" mean?

- A. On fire
- B. Very bright
- C. Exciting or excellent

Trivia Answers
1.C, 2.B, 3.C

Dear Reader,

The three-question referendum for our school district is nearly here. On behalf of our students and staff, I strongly urge you to take part in these important decisions for our school district.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Badger Community Center for residents of Badger, and at Roseau City Center for residents of Ross Township.

Questions One and Two each request operating levy increases of \$967.93 per pupil to directly address our district's \$500,000 budget deficit and mitigate cuts to personnel and programming at our school. Question Three asks voters to consider a \$15.23 million investment to optimize current learning spaces and build a new addition for shop classes and athletics.

The decision to hold this referendum came after careful consideration of our school's growing challenges. Despite having excellent teachers and careful maintenance of our school building, the reality is that state funding for education has fallen relative to inflation for almost two decades and our school building has less learning space per student than almost any other in Minnesota. The referendum aims to address both of these issues.

These challenges are also not unique to our school. Roseau, Grygla, Kittson Central, Fisher and Lake of the Woods have all proposed their own levy increases in an attempt to stave off the immense challenges caused by lagging school funding from the state. Based on the most recent unaudited funding data, several of these neighboring districts face funding deficits that rival our own. Without certainty that state funding will improve any time soon, local levies are one of the only ways left to provide new support to schools. It is truly a statewide problem.

However, the investments for each question will still increase property taxes within our community if they are approved. We recognize the significance of this ask, and hope that every property owner takes the time to carefully consider the cost of these investments relative to the impacts they will have for our students and school community.

Thankfully, our school qualifies for some financial aid for the investments proposed by Question Three. If approved, state credits and other aid will cover about 66% of Question Three's cost. As a reminder, an easy-to-use tax calculator for the referendum can be found at BetterForBadger.org/tax-impact. This tax calculator already factors in the anticipated aid we would receive.

It is not very often that our community gets the chance to weigh in on an election decision with such direct, local impacts. Please use this chance to make your voice heard. Whether you are a high-school senior, parent, or retiree, your vote counts the same for the future of our school.

Thank you for reading, and for being a valued member of our school community.
Daniel Carpenter, Superintendent

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BGMR Hosts Annual Dig Pink Night



Thursday, October 10th

BGMR Gators vs Warroad Warriors

Dig Pink Meal

Hot Ham & Cheese or
Shredded Chicken
Mac Salad
Chips, Bar, & Beverage

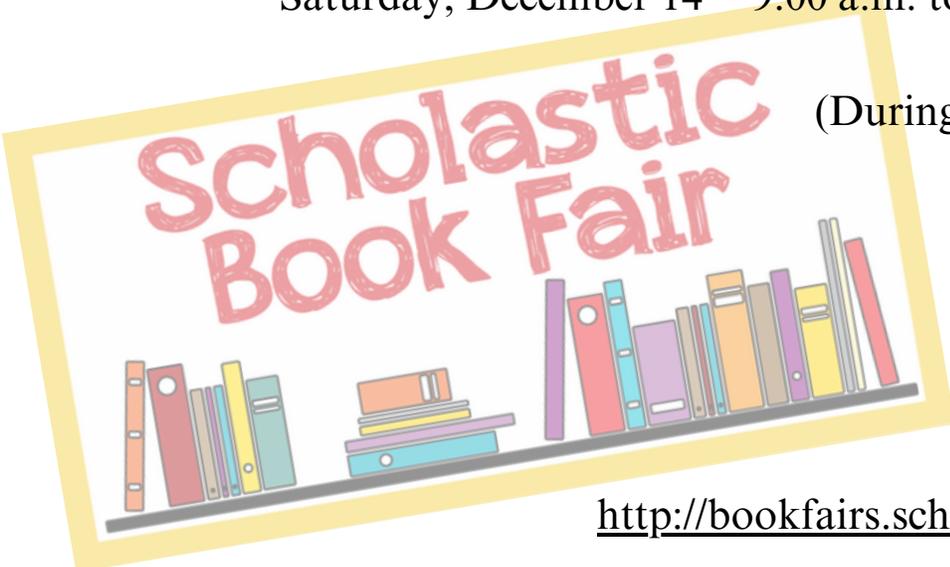
**All Proceeds go to
local Think Pink
Fund!**

Dig Pink wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our local businesses and our many helping hands. Thank you to Gator Volleyball parents for another fantastic meal, LifeCare for always helping raise awareness for an incredibly important cause, Cara Waage for infinity bracelets and donation, Mrs. Lieberg for spearheading the event, and for all those who generously supported by purchasing the meal, raffle tickets, infinity bracelets, and 50/50 tickets. Small towns know how to do it right, and we are so proud to be able to help area survivors--it matters! It's more than just a game!



Holiday Shop at the Scholastic Book Fair!

Saturday, December 14 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ~ Badger School Library



(During Home for the Holidays/Santa Day)

Other Book Fair Dates

December 13, 16-19

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shop the Book Fair Online

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/badgerschool>

All proceeds benefit the Badger School Library and Elementary classrooms.

NOVEMBER 2024 BADGER SCHOOL

 BREAKFAST

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

4
CHEESE OMELET
MUFFINS
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

11
STRAWBERRY
BLUEBERRY PARFAIT
FRUIT JUICE MILK
**VETERAN'S DAY
PROGRAM 10 A.M.**

18
EGG & CHEESE
BISCUIT
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

25
UNCRUSTABLE
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

5
BREAKFAST BITES
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

12
CEREAL
CHEESE STICK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

19
APPLE STRUDEL
CHEESE STICK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE MILK
SPORTS BANQUET 6:30

26
CEREAL
CHEESE STICK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

6
BAGEL
CREAM CHEESE
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

13
FRENCH TOAST
SAUSAGE
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

20
BREAKFAST
ON A STICK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

27
BREAKFAST ROUND
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

7
APPLE TACOS
(APPLES, YOGURT, GRANOLA)
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

14
BANANA BREAD
YOGURT
FRUIT JUICE
FRUIT
MILK

21
SWEET POTATO
PIE PARFAIT
FRUIT JUICE MILK
NHS SUPPER 7 P.M.

28
"THE BEAUTIFUL THING
ABOUT LEARNING IS NOBODY
CAN TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU"
NO SCHOOL
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

1
BREAKFAST BAGELS
DRAGON FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK
END OF 1ST QUARTER

8
BISMARCK
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

15
IT TAKES COURAGE
TO GROW UP AND
BECOME WHO YOU ARE
NO SCHOOL

22
SAUSAGE GRAVY
BISCUIT
FRUIT
FRUIT JUICE
MILK

29
"THE FUTURE
BELONGS TO THOSE
WHO BELIEVE
IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR
DREAMS"
NO SCHOOL

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MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH AVAILABILITY**



LUNCH

NOVEMBER 2024

[Enter School Here]

Monday

4
HOT DOG/BUN
SOUR KRAUT
MAC & CHEESE
BROC & CUCS
FRUIT MILK

11
SALISBURY STEAK
MASHED POTATOES
BROWN GRAVY
MIXED VEGGIES
ICE CREAM TREAT
DINNER ROLL MILK

18
PIZZA HOTDISH
ROMAINE SALAD/
CUCUMBERS/PEPPERS
GARLIC BREAD STICK
FRUIT MILK

25
BBQ PULLED PORK
BUN
COLE SLAW
POTATO COINS
FRUIT MILK

Tuesday

5
HAMBURGER GRAVY
BISCUITS
CALIFORNIA BLEND
FRUIT MILK

12
FRENCH BREAD
PIZZA
MIXED GREEN SALAD
PEPPERS
FRUIT BREAD MILK

19
TATOR TOT HOTDISH
MIXED VEGGIES
FRUIT
BREAD/PB
MILK

26
BAKED POTATO
WITH TACO FIXINS
CHERRY TOMATOES
FRUIT BREAD
MILK

Wednesday

6
PIZZA
ROMAINE SALAD
TOMATOES & CUCS
FRUIT MILK

13
CORN DOGS
CHEESE SLICE
GREEN BEANS
COLE SLAW
FRUIT BREAD MILK

20
CHEESE FILLED
BREAD STICK
SPAG. SAUCE
SPINACH/STRAWBERRY
SALAD MILK
FRUIT MILK

27
QUESADILLA PIZZA
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

Thursday

7
HAMBURGER/BUN
LET. TOM.& ONION
SLICE
BAKED BEANS
TATOR TOTS
FRUIT MILK

14
SLOPPY JOE/BUN
BLACK BEAN SALAD
SUN CHIPS
FRUIT MILK

21
CHICKEN PATTY/BUN
LETT. & TOM. SLICES
SW. POT. FRIES
CUCUMBERS
FRUIT MILK

28
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
NO SCHOOL

Friday

1
CHICKEN
RANCH WRAP
LETTUCE CHEESE
CARROTS
FRUIT BREAD MILK

8
ORANGE CHICKEN
BROWN RICE
CARROTS & CELERY
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

15
NO SCHOOL
"LIFE IS A DARING
ADVENTURE"

22
CHILI CHEESE
FRITOS
BROC & CAULIFLOWER
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

29
NO SCHOOL
"WHERE THERE IS
FAMILY THERE IS
LOVE"



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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School
Badger Independent School District #676



November 2024

Easing your child's anxiety about tests can improve performance

Does the prospect of taking a test give your elementary schooler a stomachache? For an estimated 40 percent of students, self-doubt and anxiety about tests can prevent them from doing their best. When students don't think they will do well on a test, they often don't.



To help your child go into tests with confidence:

- **Offer perspective.** Talk about what tests do—and what they don't. Tests show teachers what students have learned so far, and what they need help with. They don't judge your child's value as a student or a person.
- **Help your child make a plan.** Schedule short study sessions for several days before a test. Cramming the night before is less effective. During each session, help keep the focus on studying material your child hasn't yet mastered, rather than repeatedly reviewing familiar material.
- **Encourage your child to connect** new material to previously learned information. This makes it easier to recall.
- **Suggest things your child can say** to ease anxiety during the test. "I am prepared. I know this. I can remember the answer." Your child can also visualize all the questions answered correctly.

Source: A. Warner, "How To Support a Child With Test Anxiety," U.S. News & World Report.



Build thinking skills with questions

Asking certain kinds of questions is an effective way to help your child build thinking skills. Experts often divide these skills into six categories. Ask questions that encourage your child to:

1. **Recall facts.** Question words like *who*, *what*, *where* and *when* help with this.
2. **Reinforce understanding.** Ask your child to explain or describe newly learned concepts.
3. **Apply knowledge.** Ask questions that let your child use information to think about new situations or predict outcomes.
4. **Analyze data.** Ask how several items can be organized into groups, or have your child compare and contrast groups of things.
5. **Draw conclusions.** Ask your child to give reasons for opinions.
6. **Create solutions** to problems.

Source: "Revised Bloom's Taxonomy—Question Starters," College of Education, Illinois State University.

Promote reading progress

Encouraging and supporting reading is one of the best ways to bolster success in school. In addition to having your child read every day, you can also:

1. **Start a family book club.** Choose a book you'll all read and discuss at dinner.
2. **Let your child see** you reading—for fun, for information, to learn a new skill.
3. **Ask the teacher** about strategies to use at home to strengthen reading skills.

Learn together this month

November is full of opportunities to dive into learning with your child:

- **Nov. 1. Author's Day.** Help your child learn about the author of a favorite book. What else did he or she write?
- **Nov. 5. Election Day (U.S.).** Discuss rights, responsibilities and the importance of voting.
- **Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Day (U.S.).** As a family, list the things you are thankful for.



Help your child be a leader

Whether they are naturally outgoing or shy, all students can develop and benefit from leadership skills. To help:



- **Talk with your child** about the qualities of effective leaders (they can listen, communicate and problem-solve, etc.).
- **Help your child consider** other people's points of view. Leaders make people *want* to work together.
- **Let your child lead** a family meeting.
- **Point to leaders** in the news. Also tell your child what you are doing and why when you act as a leader.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2024



My child is saying "I can't learn math." What can I do?

Q: Math is an ongoing challenge for my child, who claims to hate it. I'm sympathetic because I'm not good at math myself. How can I help improve my child's attitude?

A: Attitude counts in math, and your attitude matters as much as your child's. Research shows when parents say they didn't like or do well in math, their kids often have trouble with it as well. But children whose families instill a sense of enjoyment of math tend to perform better.



To encourage an attitude reset:

- **Be positive.** Tell your child that math is important and everyone can learn it. Ask your child to teach new concepts to you.
- **Bust stereotypes.** There is no one type of person who can or can't do math. In fact, students who are successful with math can go a long way toward breaking stereotypes that others may hold.
- **Point out real-world math.** Talk about ways people use math everywhere you go: making bank deposits, tracking inventory, etc. Discuss exciting careers that use it—like pilot, designer, even social media influencer.
- **"Gamify" math practice.** Games make math fun. Try this card game: Each of you turn over a card then take turns adding, subtracting or multiplying the numbers together.



Are you making the most of resources?

Raising and educating children can be a tough job. But there are some helpful resources available in almost every community. Are you building a support network for yourself? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

- ___ **1. Do you have** friends you can ask questions about raising an elementary schooler? School events are great places to meet families who may have already found answers.
- ___ **2. Do you ask** at school for materials that can help you help your child?
- ___ **3. Do you attend** at least one program for families about supporting students each year?
- ___ **4. Do you meet** with teachers to ask questions and discuss your child's learning?

- ___ **5. Have you met** the school counselor?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are reaching out for support to help your student thrive. For each no, try that idea.

"We are strong, each in our purpose, and we are all more strong together."
—Bram Stoker

Healthy food fuels learning

Children don't learn well when they are hungry. Food provides the power that keeps your child's brain alert and on task. To fuel your student for a day of learning:

- **Start with breakfast.** Schedule time for your child to eat without rushing. If your child gets breakfast at school, discuss the importance of eating it.
- **Encourage wise lunch choices.** Explain that sugary and high-fat foods make bodies tired—which makes it harder to concentrate.
- **Keep after-school snacks healthy.** Offer items such as cut up veggies, fruit, cheese and whole grain crackers.

Source: "Breakfast for Learning: Why the Morning Meal Matters," HealthyChildren.Org, American Academy of Pediatrics.

There's no need to cheat

Some students cheat in school because they worry about what their families will do if they bring home a bad grade. Make it clear that what matters to you is that your child is trying hard and learning. Say that you would be more concerned about a bad grade than angry, and would want to find solutions.

Practice boosts persistence

Perseverance helps students keep going when learning isn't easy. Research shows that practice helps children learn it. In one study, kids were given a puzzle to solve. Some were allowed to keep trying, while others got help right away. When given a second puzzle, the kids who were allowed to keep trying the first time persisted much longer than those who had been helped. In the face of a challenge, give your child a chance to practice trying before you jump in.



Source: M.W. Berger, "Children persist less when parents take over," *Penn Today*, University of Pennsylvania.

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Senior Spotlight

Name: Bethanie VonEnde

Parents: Jedd and Jandi VonEnde

Siblings: Emma, Brooke, Keegan

Nickname: Bett'nie, Beth, BV

Favorite(s):

Sport(s): Golf

Movie/Series/Show: Grey's Anatomy, The Notebook

Food: Chicken Enchiladas

Color: Pink

Quote: "Live life to the fullest, and focus on the positive" - Matt Cameron

If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why? I would go around the world, because I enjoy seeing new places and meeting new people.

If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? The bullying and negativity.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would go to Florida with Khloe and visit all of the Beaches and Golf the Coast.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? I think I will be remembered for being positive and having high energy.

What's the craziest thing you've done in High School? Messed up the Pledge of Allegiance over the loud speaker.

What is your dream job, and why? My dream job is to be a pediatric nurse because I always wanted to work with children, and there will be something new everyday.



Name: Bethany Thompson

Parents: Amber Myer, Marcus Thompson

Siblings: Roger, Bryce, Tobias, Maizy, Oakleigh

Nickname: Beth, Betney

Favorite(s):

Movie/Series/Show: Killing documentaries

Food: Tacos

Color: Green

Quote: "You only live once but if you do it right, once is enough" - Mae West

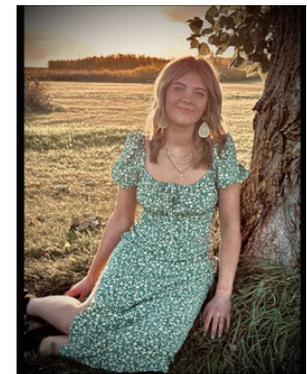
If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why? I would go to Greece to explore because it seems pretty everywhere there.

If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? If I could change anything in the world it would be to keep animals alive forever.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would choose Makayla, because she's my partner in crime, and we would go to the Bahamas and swim with the pigs.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Taking my sweet time to make things look nice.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? I'd say the craziest thing I've done in high school was getting hit in the face with a pickle-ball racket by the other Bethanie in gym.



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Senior Spotlight

Name: Masen Swenson

Parents: Jeremy and Angie Swenson

Siblings: Kasen

Nicknames: Marv, Marvin, Timmy, Melvin

Favorite(s)

Sport(s): Football

Movie/ Series/ Show: Suits

Food: Lasagna

Color: Blue

Quote: "Champions aren't made in the gym, champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision!"- Mahummad Ali

If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go and why? I would go to all of the college football games around the U.S.

If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? Gas prices, they are too high. I'm losing money by the second.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would take my mom to Florida and we'd enjoy the sun and activities.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Being in sports and Homecoming King.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? When Braxton and I drove Mr. Coltom's tractor around.

What is your dream job, and why? My dream job is to be a farmer somewhere around the Badger-Greenbush area.



Thank you from the Second Grade Class



Thank you to all the generous people who donated to the 2nd Grade Scholastic Book Fund. Numerous donations were made, giving them enough that each student is able to pick a book to take home every month this school year.

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Superintendent News

Happy November!

We are almost at the end of Quarter 1 at Badger School. As we approach the end of the quarter, it's a good time to check in on your student's progress. Parents can go to <https://badger.onlinejmc.com/Parent> to check their students' grades on the online JMC Gradebook. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to teachers if there are any questions about their students' progress.

As the weather changes from fall to winter, it's a good time to remind students to bring warm jackets, boots, hats, and gloves to school for recess. Students should also have jackets when they ride the bus to keep warm. Families in need of assistance finding warm winter gear can contact the school office to find assistance in locating these essential items.

The Badger Target Team sponsored activities during Red Ribbon Week (October 21-25). This year's theme is "Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free." The origin of the Red Ribbon Campaign traces back to 1985, following the tragic murder of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. This initiative, initiated by the National Family Partnership, symbolizes a commitment to raising awareness about the devastating impact of drugs in America.

Badger School will hold a Veteran's Day Program on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in the Badger School Gymnasium. The program will feature performances from the Badger Concert Band and Concert Choir, student speakers, and presentation honoring our Veterans. The program is open to the community and all are welcome to attend.

This year, American Education Week will be observed November 18-22. Badger School will recognize the teachers, paraprofessionals, office staff, food service personnel, maintenance staff, bus drivers, students, and community members who work together to make our school the place "where every student belongs." The Badger Education Association will organize activities throughout the week to celebrate our school.

I would like to wish the Gator Football and Volleyball teams the best of luck as they wrap up the regular season and move into the Section Playoff Tournaments. We are all proud of the effort and determination you have shown throughout the season! Keep an eye of the Badger School Bulletin for information about game times and locations. Go Gators!

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to inform the reader about the upcoming operating levy and building bond referendum questions that will be on the November election ballot. Badger School is asking voters to consider two questions seeking an operating levy and one question seeking authority to pursue bonds for building renovations and new construction at Badger School. Readers can visit www.BetterForBadger.org to explore these topics and more resources related to the three ballot questions. Readers can also contact me at dcarpenter@badger.k12.mn.us for more information.

As always, your ideas, suggestions, and feedback are welcome! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Daniel Carpenter, Superintendent & K-12 Principal



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Band Musician of the Month: Noah Gust

By Maxston Haugen

The Band musician of the month is Noah Gust, a Junior band member. Noah is a trumpet player, and he chose the trumpet because it has melody in most songs and is easy to pick up. His sister was his inspiration for joining band. She used to be a band member, too, and would practice at their house. It made him want to join. He has been a part of the band for 5 years. His favorite song to play is “Low Rider” because it’s an easy song with good tempo. Noah’s favorite part about being a band member is the fun memories he’s made over the years, and playing music. Noah’s most memorable moment in band is going to state for volleyball. His advice for younger musicians is to “keep doing what you want to do and do it well”.



Choir Musician of the Month: Ava Warne

By: Liam Winrow

This month we interviewed Ava Warne, an Alto in 9th grade. This is her third year (2 years of Soprano, 1 year as an Alto) of being part of the Badger High School Choir. Her favorite thing to sing is “slow, haunting, melodic pieces, especially when all of the harmonies come together”. We then asked her what her favorite part of choir was, in which she replied by saying “being able to learn how to use my voice properly”. The advice she would give to underclassmen is “sing out and open your mouth”. Ava is looking forward to competing in the solo and ensemble contests. Her favorite choir memory was being able to turn back to Gabe and say something absolutely random.



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Manufacturing Essay Contest Winner

By: Breydon Foss

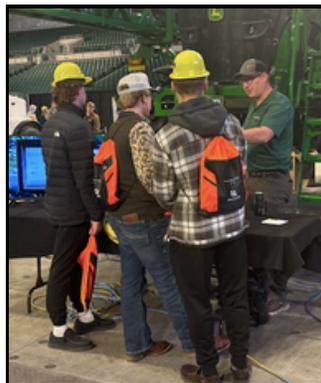
Owen Lund is a junior at Badger School and he is the son of Neil and Rachel Lund. He is the winner of the Manufacturing Essay. The requirements for the essay were to describe how local schools and manufacturers can help students better understand the types of work and career opportunities available in manufacturing in Northwest MN, define what attributes they like about NW MN, and describe what changes it would take to excite young people to stay and work in Northwest MN. When asked “Is manufacturing something you would consider doing in the future,” he responded with, “Yes, because we have so many different options to choose from in Northwestern Minnesota.” The manufacturing essay prize was \$500, so we asked Owen what will he spend the \$500 on and he told us, “A new Bush car.” We asked him to provide two highlights from his essay and he said, “There are many different manufacturing job opportunities in northwest Minnesota and manufacturers are doing a great job on informing kids about what they do.” Thank you to Christine Modahl and the Northwestern Minnesota Manufacturers Association (NMMA) for giving local students this essay opportunity.



Northern Valley Career Expo

The Sophomores attended the Northern Valley Career Expo in Grand Forks, North Dakota. More than 1,800 students from 50+ school districts in 11 counties around Northwest Minnesota and Northeast North Dakota gathered to attend this one day event. They explored high-wage or high-demand careers from over 60 area employers. They attended two presentations for areas they chose, then there were many floor exhibits, where they were able to interact with potential career investors firsthand (example middle picture). The Alerus Center was filled with many many potential careers and offered many hands-on experiences.

After the career fair (bottom right) the students went out to eat, the class bought nerf guns from Target (bottom left), and enjoyed the day as a whole.



By Caine Larson

By: Henry Osborne

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2024-2025 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Orders must be paid for at time of ordering

The Badger Yearbook includes Preschool through 12th Grade.

The costs are:

By January 1:

\$35 for the yearbook

\$5 extra for personalization (student name)

After January 1:

\$40 for the yearbook

Personalization not available

Name _____

Grade _____

Date _____ Phone _____

Email _____

	Per Item	Total
Number of Yearbooks	35.00	

Personalization per person (list how you want name printed):

Name	5.00	
TOTAL COST		

Payment method (to be filled out by the school):

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