



The Badger Barker



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Honoring Those Who Serve

Submitted by: Patience Thompson, Student Council Advisor

On Thursday, November 11, Badger School District and community members gathered to honor the men and women who have served or are currently serving this great country. Badger School's Student Council members organized the program. As community members entered the school they were presented with red poppies which pays tribute to the fallen and the future of living veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families from American Legion Auxiliary members Sharon Vacura, Deloris Paulson, and Alleen Glen.

Badger Student Council Vice President Talisha Hamann welcomed those in attendance. The Posting of the Colors was performed by Roseau County Area Veterans Bob Glen, Wayne Praska, Morris Vacura, Curt Hukee, Kreg Hovorka, and David Vacura. Talisha Hamann followed the Posting of the Colors by singing *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Badger High School Concert Band played *Mt. Healthy March* before the introduction of the junior high speeches. Veteran's Day junior high essay winners shared their "How Can I Be a Good American" speeches: Katelyn Gust (3rd), Eli Olafson (2nd), and Emily Burkel (1st). Badger High School Concert Choir performed *In Flanders Field* prior to the senior high speeches. Senior high winners shared their "Where Do We Go From Here": Macy Majer (3rd), Caden Olds (2nd), and Jordan Lee (1st). Superintendent Mr. Kevin Ricke presented the awards to the junior and senior high essay winners.

Keynote speakers for the program were retired Navy/Air Force Veteran Dale Hagen and Minnesota State Representative John Burkel. The two speakers along with veteran Morris Vacura presented Curt Hukee and Wayne Praska with the Dave Frislie Eagle Award. This award honors our local veterans who have given back to their fellow veterans and the Badger community.

Ending the program, Alex Burkel played *Taps*, followed by the Retiring of the Colors. Thank you to everyone in attendance.





Badger School Superintendent's News

Season greetings! 'Tis the season for the December publication of *The Badger Barker*.

"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count blessings."
Eric Hoffer

Thank you for a November to remember!

Congratulations to our Gator volleyball team that 'Soared to State out of Section 8' as the team champion for Section 8A with a season record of 29 victories out of 34 total matches.

Congratulations to our Gator football team that advanced to the Fargo Dome to play in 9-Man Section 8 Championship with a season record of 8 victories out of 11 total games.

Memories of the post-season tournament runs were also awesomely amplified by the Gator Pep Band!

Stay tuned for future announcements

Badger High School Math Team's competitive season is already in-progress within the Northern Lights Math League.

Badger High School Knowledge Bowl team started practicing for their upcoming competitive season – please stay tuned for updates in January.

There will be future events announcements for our Badger FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America) Chapter forthcoming – stay tuned.

Events this Month:

- Dec. 5 Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) will be having their holiday celebration at the Pioneer Farm 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5.
- Dec. 6-10 The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Badger School Library the week of December 6-10. Students, parents, family members can shop before school 8:00-8:20 a.m. and shop after school 3:10-4:00 p.m. Elementary students grades 1-6 may also shop during their regularly scheduled library visit during the week.
- Dec. 9 Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop will be 2:00-3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 9 in the cafeteria lunch room. Parents of Kindergarten students may shop at the Scholastic Book Fair after the Winter Wonderland Workshop.
- Dec. 10 Marks the second quarter midterm grading period. Please have your children show you their grades, and if necessary, contact the Teachers regarding any missing or late assignments.
- Dec. 17 Elementary Winter Music Program will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 17.
- Dec. 21 High School Winter Music Program will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 21.
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2 No School for ten calendar days due to Winter Break
- Jan. 3 School will be back in session when school resumes Monday, January 3, 2022.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful winter break.

Thank you,
Kevin Ricke, Superintendent & Principal K-12

*"Reflect upon your present blessings of which every man has many –
not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."*
Charles Dickens





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Campus Comment

By: Abigail Novacek

What mythical creature do you wish actually existed?

Conor Rothenberger (7th grade): A genie in a bottle. I wish genies existed because I think we all could use some wishes. If you got three wishes right now, what would you wish for?

Quentin Kukowski (8th grade): A leprechaun because it can go to the end of the rainbow. I would like to be a leprechaun.

Bethany Thompson (9th grade): A werewolf because it'd be cool to see at night and out running around. I also picked a werewolf because it'd be cool to see a man turn into a werewolf. Lastly, they eat people and animals so every living thing would have a curfew so nobody gets eaten.

Ada Lee (10th grade): Unicorns because I have always thought they were cool. They are very pretty and majestic. Also, unicorns can fly.

Talisha Hamann (11th grade): Werewolf because I'm Team Jacob all the way.

Salma Pray (12th grade): I wish mermaids existed because they are very beautiful and known for their beauty. A mermaid signifies life within the ocean. But also, they would lure men to their deaths in the sea.

Mrs. Dahlgren (English Teacher): It's almost easier to think about which mythical creatures I WOULDN'T want to exist. I certainly wouldn't want to be doing the backstroke and have a mermaid swim up alongside me. How creepy! I also have no desire to see a unicorn that could no doubt impale its rider with its horn. Yikes! If I HAD to choose though, I guess I would wish fairies would actually exist. They seem harmless enough... until I accidentally squashed one with my shoe. Then I would just feel bad. I hate to ruin a good pair of shoes!



December Wacky Celebrations

<https://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/december.htm>

By: Hannah Wilt

Bathtub Party Day ~ December 5

Bathtub Party Day is the day to draw yourself a relaxing bath. Let yourself take in the peace and quiet. Add a few bath oils and you're ready to hop in.

National Pastry Day ~ December 9

Celebrate this day by purchasing or making your favorite pastry. From éclairs to cannolis, there are many pastries you could enjoy on this day. Have fun and indulge in one of these sweet treats.

National Maple Syrup Day ~ December 17

It's National Maple Syrup Day! You can thank the indigenous people of North America, who first collected, processed, and used maple syrup. Celebrate this day by pouring real maple syrup over your French toast or waffles.

Crossword Puzzle Day ~ December 21

If you don't normally do crossword puzzles, today is the day to try one. Challenge your brain in completing one of these fun puzzles. Everyone would be very puzzled if you didn't do a crossword on this day.

Make Up Your Mind Day ~ December 31

No more procrastinating! Make Up Your Mind Day is the day to be very decisive and fall back into your routines after the hectic holidays. Today is the perfect day to decide your New Year's resolutions.



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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Aleksei Beckler

If you could take a vacation anywhere, where would it be?

Sawyer Jenson (1st grade): The Cities because it is fun and there are lots of people.

Carter Kjos (2nd grade): I would like to go back to Florida to go to the beach. We rent a house with a pool. I can go see the ocean.

Eli Washington (3rd grade): I would go to Hawaii to see the ocean and the volcano. I would go to the beach and see the stars with my dad and my sisters and me. I would collect seashells.

Nils Christianson (4th grade): I would like to go back to Bangkok, Thailand, because the beach is beautiful. I have family in Bangkok and the weather is always warm!

Maizy Thompson (5th grade): I would take a vacation to Disneyland because it looks fun and it looks cool.

Shaina Gust (6th grade): I would go to Hawaii so I can ride horses by the beach. Also Hawaii has nice weather. I love to ride horses in nice weather.



Chocolate-Marshmallow Bars

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com>

By: Ivan Olafson

Ingredients:

- Cooking spray
- 3 (5.3 ounce) boxes shortbread cookies (such as Walkers)
- 1 stick salted butter, melted
- 1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 375°. Line a 9-inch square baking pan with parchment paper, leaving a 2-inch overhang on all sides. Coat the parchment with cooking spray.
2. Pulse the cookies in a food processor until finely ground. Drizzle in the melted butter and pulse until the crumbs are completely coated. Press the crumb mixture evenly into the bottom of the prepared pan. Pour the sweetened condensed milk over the top and gently spread it to the edges with the back of a spoon.
3. Add the sweetened shredded coconut, semisweet chocolate chips, and mini marshmallows, pressing them down gently with your hands. Bake until the bars are golden brown around the edges and beginning to pull away from the pan 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool in the pan on a rack for at least 3 hours. Use the parchment overhang to lift the bars out of the pan. Slice with a serrated knife.





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Gator Sports

By: Masen Swenson

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

December

Boys Basketball

- 6 @ Sacred Heart
- 10 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 14 Warroad @ BGMR
- 17 @ Grygla-Goodridge (Grygla)
- 28-31 @ Thief River Falls Tournament (Lincoln High School)

Girls Basketball

- 4 @ Warroad
- 6 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 9 Thompson @ BGMR
- 16 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 17 @ Thief River Falls
- 20 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR
- 28-29 @ Pelican Rapids Tournament

Wrestling

- 4 @ Wadena-Deer Creek Tournament
- 7 North Border School & Mahnomen/Waubun @ BGMR
- 10-11 @ Grand Forks Central Tournament
- 18 @ Valley City Tournament
- 23 Detroit Lakes & Grand Rapids @ BGMR

Trivia Answers

1. B 2. C 3. C 4. A

January

Boys Basketball

- 3 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 4 Roseau @ BGMR
- 7-8 @ Barnesville Tournament
- 11 @ Stephen-Argyle Central
- 13 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 17 Crookston @ BGMR
- 21 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 25 @ Clearbrook-Gonvick
- 27 Goodridge-Grygla @ BGMR
- 31 @ Sacred Heart

Girls Basketball

- 10 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 13 @ Goodridge-Grygla (Grygla)
- 18 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 20 Roseau @ BGMR
- 22 @ Crookston
- 27 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 31 @ Fertile-Beltrami

Wrestling

- 4 @ Fertile-Beltrami Triangular
- 8 @ Minnewaska Tournament
- 11 Bemidji & Frazee @ BGMR
- 13 @ Barnesville Triangular
- 22 @ Thief River Falls Tournament
- 25 Fosston @ BGMR (Badger)
- 28-29 @ Larimore Tournament

Dates to Remember

By: Caden Wojciehowski

December

- 5 ECFE "Holiday Celebration at Pioneer Farm" 4:00 pm
- 5 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 6-10 Scholastic Book Fair ~ Library
- 9 Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop
- 10 Second Quarter Midterm
- 12 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 13 Math League Meet
- 13 School Board 7:30 pm
- 17 Elementary Winter Music Program 2:00 pm
- 19 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 21 High School Winter Music Program 7:00 pm
- 24-31 No School ~ Winter Break

January

- 5 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 9 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 10 School Board 7:30 pm
- 12 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 14 4-H Movie Night
- 15 Winter Formal Dance
- 16 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 17 No School ~ Staff Development
- 19 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 21 End of Quarter 2
- 23 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm
- 24 Math League Meet
- 25 ECFE "Welcome Back" 6:00 pm
- 26 Knowledge Bowl @ TRF
- 30 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm



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Senior Spotlight Erin Gonzalez

Parents: Tracy & Aron Gonzalez

Siblings: None

Nickname: Lady Bug

Favorite:

Sport: Swimming

Food: Alfredo Noodles

Color: Purple

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? A unicorn, helping out animals, and finding out what's wrong with animals when they are sick.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? No more sirens, they are too loud.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? My mom and we would go to Disneyland.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? How kind I am and that I love animals.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? I went to prom.

What is your favorite hobby? Swimming.

What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school? I am happy that I can help the preschoolers.



Music Excellence

Solo instrumental and vocal contests were held on November 16 at Lake of the Woods High School in Baudette.

Badger School is proud of the work ethic the music students put into their solos resulting in wonderful ratings.

They represent our Badger School very well.



Greta Lee, Clarinet Solo, *Aria for Clarinet and piano* by Eugene Bozza, Superior Rating

Hannah Rud, Trombone Solo, *Cantabile* by Pietro Locatelli, Superior Rating

Aidan Carpenter, Trumpet Solo, *Mvt 1 of the English Suite for Trumpet and Piano* by R. Bernard Fitzgerald, Superior Rating



Talisha Hamann, Soprano Solo, *O mio babbino caro* by Giacomo Puccini, Superior Rating and recognized with an "Outstanding Performance of the Day" Award

Raegen Maahs, Mezzo Soprano Solo, *Silent Noon* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Excellent Rating

Aidan Carpenter, Baritone Solo, *Follow the Drinking Gourd* arranged by Jay Althouse, Superior Rating

Alex Lunde, Tenor Solo, *Loch Lomond* arranged by Carl Deis, Superior Rating

Arianna Grugal, Soprano Solo, *Sure On This Shining Night* by Samuel Barber, Superior Rating





Senior Spotlight Aulona Jasiqi

Parents: Besford & Gjevahire Jasiqi

Siblings: Avdyl, Aaron

Nicknames: Loner, AJ

Favorite:

Sport: Volleyball

Food: Cheesecake

Color: Baby blue

Quote: "I have found that if you love life, life will love you back." ~ Arthur Rubinstein

If you found a genie, what would be your three wishes? I'd wish for world peace, to get rid of homelessness, and for more wishes.

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

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? My brother Avdyl, and I'd want to go anywhere with rich history.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Being really funny.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Getting a parking violation.

What is your favorite hobby? Longboarding.

What one thing are you proud of that happened to you in high school? Winning a state title in robotics.



Student Opinion

By: Brandon Secord

Should students only learn subjects they like?

Zaymein Rud: Yes, a student should only learn subjects they like so they pay attention in class more. They will also do better in class. They won't have as much late work. If the student thinks they will use this in real life, they can do that in school.

Julia Dostal: No because while it may make school more fun, it wouldn't be as beneficial. Another thing is that some kids wouldn't take the core classes. For example, a lot of people don't like math but it's important for your future to know how to do it. However, I do think students should be able to choose all other classes besides the core classes.

Tenisha Berger: No because if you only do the things you like, you might not learn anything new. You may learn that you like something else if you do something you haven't done before.

Landon Frislie: No, because you need to learn math proper and English to go on in life. If you only learn what you want, you'll never learn anything new and the many things then can help you in the future.





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Northern Valley Career Expo

Submitted by: Janice Mostofi, Career Advisor

Sophomores from Badger High School were among the 1,800 students attending the 9th annual Northern Valley Career Expo Wednesday, October 27, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. The Expo introduces 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 toured a showcase floor where there will be 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 include 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 were also 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.



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

Danton Bronson ~ I thought it was fun, entertaining, and helpful for future careers. I thought that Caterpillar and John Deere were most interesting to me.

Measha Troxel ~ I liked how they had a lot of different jobs at the Career Expo so you could see the different experiences. I also liked how the speakers gave out a lot of information on their jobs because it helped me decide if I wanted the job or not.

Ada Lee ~ One thing I really enjoyed about the Career Expo was the booths that had activities or hands-on learning which were very fun. Another thing I enjoyed about the Career Expo was that the break-out sessions were very inclusive for everyone and I learned a lot.

Macy Majer ~ The Career Expo was fun. There was so much to do on the expo floor. My favorite session I attended was law enforcement, it taught me a lot. It was fun seeing all the jobs offered around here.

Amelia Wilt ~ I enjoyed being able to go to the sessions that interested me. I also enjoyed being out on the expo floor and getting to see the different types of careers.

Carter Hamann ~ I enjoyed how interactive all the booths were and how helpful the people working were. The workers did a good job to be entertaining and informing.

Arianna Grugal ~ The expo floor was really fun. I got to see tons of construction machines. The people were really nice.

Ashton Pickhartz ~ I enjoyed being able to experience some of the careers I could potentially go into in the future. Some of the hands-on activities were more interesting than I thought they would be.

Tenisha Berger ~ It was interesting walking around looking at all the job that were there and how fun I thought some of them could be.

Jordan Davy ~ I enjoyed seeing all the different types of jobs there are. Also seeing how many different kinds of jobs make up a company. It was a lot of fun to do some of the hands-on activities some of the companies had there as well.

Jordan Lee ~ I really enjoyed all of the hands-on activities. The Career Expo was able to give us all a very good picture on how some of our future jobs will run. It was an awesome experience to be able to see all of the jobs we can go into after we graduate high school.

Cooper Dahlen ~ I enjoyed learning about certain jobs and what I want to do further in life.

Austin Stainbrook ~ I got to learn a lot about the career fields I'm interested in. They had lots of career choices I have never thought about.

Xander Grugal ~ I enjoyed the drone simulator and the robotics exhibits. I made some new friends there too.

Ray Haugen Rosadino ~ The thing I liked the most about the Career Expo was learning about all the great job opportunities. Another thing I liked were the colleges, those were cool. I played the construction golf game and I got a hole in one, and I loved the friends I made along the way.



Ramp-Up Topics for December

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Students will be introduced to using a planner and ways they can organize their work and stay on top of their assignments. Successful students need to be very well organized and a planner is a great tool to use for that purpose. Parents can ask to see their student's planner at home and ask them to show how they organize their school work and other activities.

GRADE 7: What are some past, present and future careers? Seventh graders will realize they need to have a solid learning base in middle and high school to better prepare them for ever-changing career opportunities. Many careers become obsolete, while others are being created daily. It is very possible a seventh grader today may work in a career that has yet to be established. Students will begin to make the connection of the importance of earning a postsecondary degree to help them prepare for their future careers.

GRADE 8: Eighth grade students will focus on peers, problem solving, and postsecondary. Why are peer relationships so important throughout middle and high school, and what impact could they have on postsecondary education and career choices? What things, like social media, influence our peer choices and decision making process now and in the future? Students will also discuss and identify positive academic behaviors they can establish in high school to help them in their postsecondary experiences.

GRADE 9: Ninth graders will be reviewing an important topic they have previously discussed in Ramp-Up to Readiness – SMART goals. Goals should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely. Students will learn that keeping these goals realistic to their situation will help them meet goals more frequently. Students use SMART the goal method when they complete their Readiness Rubrics throughout the school year.

GRADE 10: What motivates me? Sophomores will be taking an in-depth look at both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and how they can use their understanding of them to get through difficult times now and in college.

GRADE 11: During December, juniors will explore the different types of financial aid and will be introduced to the FAFSA4Caster as a way to help them find out what types of aid may be available. Scholarship money is available to students to attend college, so students will learn where to find information about scholarships and how to apply for them. Juniors will also be looking at ways to avoid the dreaded "senior slump" by reviewing their high school class options for their upcoming senior year.

GRADE 12: Seniors will be spending time learning about their financial aid options, including grants, scholarships, work-study, and student loans. Students will also be looking at strategies to avoid the dreaded "senior slump" when it comes to finishing their high school careers and preparing for postsecondary education or careers.

Shout Out To...

Pep Band – Awesome fall performances

Gator Volleyball Team – Congratulations on a great season and making it to STATE!

Gator Football Team – Congratulations on a great season!

5th and 6th grade students & their families for doing an AWESOME job on their elementary fundraiser!

Juli Smedsmo for accompanying our solo contest kids?

Our cooks, Jody Randall and Angela Monsrud, who provided us with wonderful meals when the Badger pep band was on the road traveling! You ladies rock!!

Eric Dunrud for visiting with the Environmental Sustainability students about Badger's water treatment processes.

National Honor Society November Blood Drive...

All the Donors! Your gift is appreciated.

Badger Community Center for housing the event.

Badger National Honor Society for organizing and working this event.

National Honor Society Induction...

Jody Randall & Angela Monsrud for the delicious meal.

Brooke, Bethanie, & Keegen VonEnde & Julia Dostal & Striker Hasson for help setting up. You make all the hard work feel easy.

Jordan Davy, Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Macy Majer, & Amelia Wilt for all the help with the National Honor Society Banquet. You gals went above and beyond and it was very much appreciated!!

Mr. Lee for helping with dishes.

Huge thanks to all who helped clean up and take down - your help is greatly appreciated!

Random Riddles

www.riddles.com

By: Bethany Thompson

1. I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I?
2. When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?
3. What has many keys but can't even open a single door?
4. I make two people out of one. What am I?
5. Why is Europe like a frying pan?
6. Re-arrange the letters, O O U S W T D N E J R, to spell just one word. What is it?
7. How do you spell COW in thirteen letters?



National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) is a nationwide organization that recognizes high school students in grades 11 and 12 that go above and beyond academics. The purpose of the National Honor Society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to enter service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in secondary high school students.

To be eligible to become a member, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.22, as well as two letters of recommendation attesting to the student's character, leadership, and service to their school and community. Students also must be present at the induction ceremony. Once students have been inducted and are officially members, they must have ten volunteer hours of community service per year and maintain a 3.22 GPA.

This year, returning members Hailey VonEnde, Hannah Rud, Kayden Keller, Jasmine Christianson, Hannah Wilt, Brooke VonEnde, Jenessa Isane, Aulona Jasiqi, & Greta Lee welcomed new members Riley Gust, Brogan Beito, Raegen Maahs, & Keyasha Housker with a traditional candle lighting ceremony on November 18. Talisha Hamann entertained the audience performing a vocal solo. Dinner was prepared by Jodi Randall and Angela Monsrud and was served by sophomore honor students.

Badger National Honor Society sponsors events each year including community blood drives and the school's Read Across America week. For these events, NHS members work to plan, prepare, and provide a positive experience to all those who attend under the guidance of Advisor Shannon Dostal.



Trivia

By: Taylor Davy

1. What animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
 - A. Bull
 - B. Horse
 - C. Lamb
 - D. Mountain lion
2. What's the country of origin of French fries?
 - A. Iceland
 - B. Italy
 - C. Belgium
 - D. Sweden
3. What is the fastest fish?
 - A. Herring
 - B. Cod
 - C. Sailfish
 - D. Clownfish
4. The beaver is the national emblem of which country?
 - A. Canada
 - B. Germany
 - C. Greenland
 - D. Norway

Random Riddles Answers

1. A fire.
2. In the dictionary.
3. A piano
4. A mirror.
5. Because it has Greece at the bottom.
6. Just one word..
7. SEE O DOUBLE YOU.



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Band Musician of the Month Eli Olafson

Grade: 7th

What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument? Percussion because I get to make the beat.

If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick? The trombone because it's in the bass section so I could play low.

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

If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick? 80s rock because that's some of my favorite music.

What is your most memorable moment in band? When we played at the Xcel Center.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? To stick with it.

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



Choir Musician of the Month Alex Lunde



Grade: 9th

What section are you in? Tenor

How long have you been in choir? About three and a half years.

What kind of music do you like to sing? I like the old/foreign songs.

What is your favorite part about being in choir? Being able to set my voice free at the end of the day.

What are you looking forward to this year? I am looking forward to programs that involve choir.

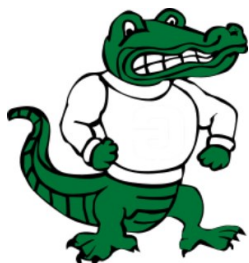
What advice would you give other vocalists in choir? When you're in a time where you feel doubtful, don't get discouraged. Keep trying until you get it.

What is your favorite choir memory? Being able to joke around a little bit with the now graduated 12th graders from last year (Class of 2021).

John Lee Section 8 Coach of the Year

Gator football had a fantastic season. They won the Top of the State Football Conference and are currently in procession of the Top of the State Conference Traveling Trophy. The Gators were ranked the number one seed in Section 8 9-Man going into tournament play.

This success was capped with Coach Lee winning Section 8 Coach of the Year. Congratulations Gator football!

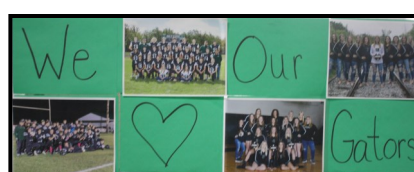
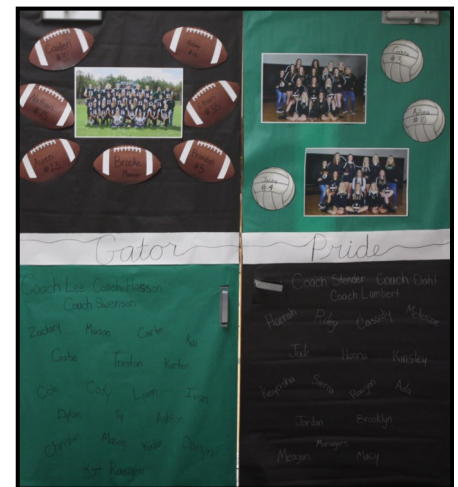
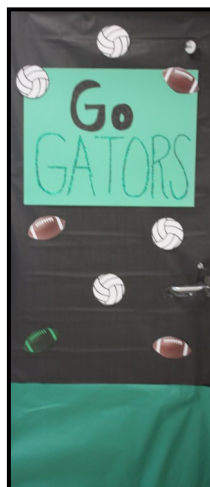
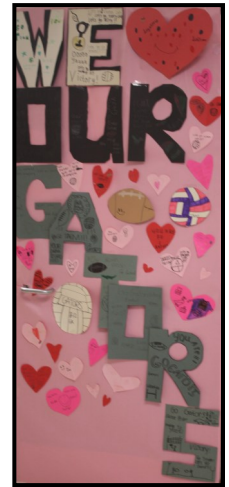
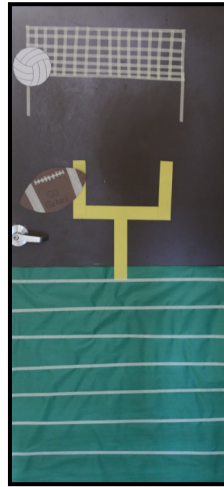




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Decorated Doors to Show our Gator Pride for our Volleyball and Football Teams!





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BADGER SCHOOL 2021-2022 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 _____
Phone _____
Date _____

	Per Item	Total
Number of Yearbooks	35.00	

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

Name	5.00	
Name	5.00	
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How Families Can Help Children Become Better Readers

Badger Independent School District #676

Fill the shortest day of the year with seasonal fun and learning

December 21 is the winter solstice—the day with the fewest daylight hours of the year. Learning about this astronomical phenomenon together can strengthen your child's:

- **Reading skills.** Help your child research online why there is so little daylight on this day.
- **Vocabulary.** List words like *orbit, equator, hemisphere, celestial*, etc. Challenge your child to put them in alphabetical order, then find and write their definitions.
- **Observation skills.** Have your child go online to research the sunrise and sunset times in different parts of the country. Ask him if he notices any patterns.
- **Oral language skills.** Since it gets dark so early, share stories around a flashlight “campfire” after dinner. You can read a family favorite aloud, or let family members take turns telling spooky stories.



Have a consonant scavenger hunt

Consonant blends—the sounds that two consonants make when combined, such as *st* and *br*—can be tricky for young readers to grasp. To help your child practice these blends, send her on a scavenger hunt.

1. **Write a variety of blends** on index cards. Each blend should go on its own card. Here are a few suggestions: *bl, br, cl, cr, dr, fl, gr, pl, sc, sl, sm, sn, sp, st, sw* and *tr*.
2. **Hand your child a card** and have her practice saying the blend. Brainstorm a few words that begin with that sound.
3. **Ask your child to find** as many things in your home as she can that start with that blend. (If she has the *bl* card, she could find a *blanket*, a *block* and a *blender*.)
4. **Repeat these steps** with a new letter blend!

Boost your child's reading skills with news articles

Here's a fun way to help your child stay informed and practice the skill of summarizing:

Cut the headline off a news article before giving it to your child to read. After he reads the article, ask him to create a headline for it. Is the headline he wrote similar to the actual one? Compare and find out!



Pay attention to textbook pictures

Textbook pictures can give students a clearer idea of what a chapter is about by adding to the information in the text. Before your child reads a chapter, have her look at the pictures and ask herself:

- **What does the picture** show?
- **What details** are there?
- **Why do you think** the authors and editors included this picture?



Have your child try graphic novels

Graphic novels—books that use pictures and words to convey their stories—offer more than just entertainment. Many address relevant and complex social issues. They cover and encourage interest in many types of literature, like mystery, fantasy and historical fiction.

Help your child find a graphic novel he'd like to read. For suggestions, talk to the librarian or check out www.ala.org/rt/gncrt/awards/best-graphic-novels-children-reading-list.





Five strategies to support struggling readers

If your child is having trouble with reading, it can create challenges in all of his classes. Your child's confidence is a key element in his reading success.

To inspire a positive outlook:

1. **Plan small steps** to overcome struggles. Make targets realistic. Match goals to your child's age and ability so he can experience success.
2. **Create a reading routine** that your child will enjoy.
3. **Keep up-to-date** with what's happening in school. Address problems before they grow.
4. **Ask your child's teacher** for to suggest ways you can help out with reading at home.
5. **Recognize your child's strengths.** Avoid comparing him to others.



A strong vocabulary helps in all subjects

Teachers assign vocabulary words in almost every subject because they help students understand what they read, learn more and succeed on tests. To study vocabulary words, suggest that your child:

- **Make crossword puzzles** with the words to practice their spellings and definitions.
- **Make flash cards** and use them to quiz herself throughout the week.
- **Draw a sketch** that connects the word to something that is personally meaningful to her.
- **Play charades** with words. One player acts out the definition while others guess the word.
- **Challenge herself** to use as many vocabulary words as she can in conversations throughout the day.



Q: My child doesn't *dislike* reading. He simply prefers to watch television instead. What can I do?

A: Sometimes parents unwittingly encourage watching TV over reading. Where is the most comfortable place in your house? It may be the room where the TV is. Encourage your child to read by giving him a few essentials: interesting things to read, good lighting and a quiet, comfortable place to read, like an inviting pile of pillows.

Ways to promote writing

When your child writes regularly, she'll be building her reading skills, too. To encourage the writing habit:

- **Suggest that your child** keep a journal.
- **Display her best writing.** Hang it up or post it on the refrigerator.
- **Give her a box** of writing supplies with pens and special paper in her favorite colors.



For lower elementary readers:

- ***Rosie Revere, Engineer*** by Andrea Beaty. This rhyming story is about a young inventor named Rosie. Inspired by her aunt, who built planes in WWII, Rosie sets her sights on the skies.



- ***Henry's Heart*** by Charise Mericle Harper. Learn how a heart works, including its important role as a muscle and what makes it beat extra quickly.

For upper elementary readers:

- ***Love, Amalia*** by Alma Flor Ada and Gabriel M. Zubizarreta. Amalia has a special relationship with her Abuelita. Abuelita always knows the right thing to say and do.
- ***Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School*** by Mark Teague. When Mrs. LaRue sends her dog Ike to obedience school, he is not happy. He writes her letters to convince her to let him come home.

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Dear Santa Kindergarten



Dear Santa, I've been good all day because I cleaned the bathroom, do dishes, and help mom clean her car. Please bring me a Barbie doctor set, a Gabby's doll house, and a trampoline. I will leave you star cookies and milk in the dining room where I put it last time. I will leave your reindeer carrots. Love, *Cora Langaas* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a real pony and LOL Doll. I helped my dad clean the yard. When I grow up I want to be a doctor. I will leave carrots under the Christmas tree for the reindeer. Love, *Elena Lindemann* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Barbie doll and a live horse and a toy ring. I listened to my grandpa when he said not to wake grandma. I helped my brother do chores. I will leave milk and cookies on the table. Carrots for the reindeer as well. Love, *Hannah Kjos* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I pet my dog and I help my mom put dishes away. I want a hoverboard and a gun for Christmas. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk. Love, *Maverick Murphy* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I've been a good girl this year. I empty the dryer and the dishwasher at my house. I helped my grandma rake leaves and grandpa chase cows. Please can I have LOLs, a wedding Barbie, and a Play-Doh cook set. I will make chocolate chip cookies and milk for you and carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Hadley Forst* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a cat for Christmas. I help my mom do chores around the house. I will be leaving chocolate cookies and milk in the kitchen. Love, *Azalea Johnson Haugen* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I like playing with Santa in the snow. I would like a real horse and a Barbie doll. I have helped mom around the house. Cookies and milk will be by the Christmas tree. Love, *Zoey Sanden* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I've been good because I help dad cook. I would like a real baby dinosaur for Christmas and a real rainbow bird. I also want a teddy bear. I am going to give you chocolate chip cookies and milk. I will leave carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Kohlter Berg* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I have cleaned my room with my brother. I help do the dishes. I would like a RC car. I want another RC car for my brother. My sister would like a butterfly car. I would like to get a bicycle for my mom. Then tools for my dad. Two kitty towers for my cats. On the counter I will leave cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer on the deck. Love, *Decland Moore* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a big T-rex dinosaur. At home I help my mom cook supper. I will leave you a sandwich and milk by the Christmas tree. For the reindeer I will put the carrots outside. Love, *Joseph Carlson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I help mom do laundry and chores. I would like an American Girl Doll. I would also like a hoverboard. I will be leaving milk and cookies by the chimney. Love, *Aspen Stenberg* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I help mom make supper, help with dishes, and help wash the car. I want a huge robot. I would also like a racecar track with dinosaurs and a volcano. I would like racecars and monster trucks. I will leave apples and milk on the kitchen table. Love, *Ethan Haugen* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I want a baby Elsa doll that talks for Christmas. I have been good, I help my mom with picking up toys. I'm going to leave the reindeer a candy cane. I'm going to leave Santa a candy cane and a sweet drink. You will love! Love, *Isabel Mather* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like Paw Patrol pup tower for Christmas and Spiderman guys. I have been good this year, I help my mommy paint windows. I'm going to leave you milk and cookies. Love, *DaGoshen Jean* (Kindergarten)





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Dear Santa Grade 1



Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I help my mom do dishes, I cleaned my room, and I help my mom cleaned. My Christmas wishes are: Star Belly, Barbies, and a dollhouse. *Janiya Jenson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I helped Toby push his snowball, nicely ask my sister's friend for my gun, and help dad with chores. My Christmas wishes are: puppy, toilet paper gun, and Toby to come over to my house. *Sawyer Jenson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: clean my room, wash dishes, and hug mom and dad. My Christmas wishes are: Spiderman, Sonic, and candy canes. *Liam Sanden* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I help make mom, do dishes, and I help my sister. My Christmas wishes are: hat, horse, and toy cow. *Annalie Yonke* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I do the dishes, I do the laundry, and I help me mom to read. My Christmas wishes are: Jurassic world playset, mama goat, and a toy flamingo. *Liam Wojciechowski* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: dishes, clean room, and give mom a hug. My Christmas wishes are: horse toys, cows, and truck. *Toby Thompson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I helped my dad, I help my mom too, and I help my class. My Christmas wishes are: Pokemon plush, small ball, and Mario Bros. *Matthew Stoutenburgh* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I feed my cat, I am kind, and I do the laundry. My Christmas wishes are: a toy puppy, a toy kitten, and a toy horse. *Ellie Hanson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I do the dishes, I do the laundry, and clean my room. My Christmas wishes are: makeup, toy doll, and a toy dog. *Giuliana Sovde* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I shovel snow, pick egg, and water the cows. My Christmas wishes are: a cuddle chair, a truck, and I want snow. *Axel Stenberg* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: shovel snow and wash dishes. My Christmas wishes are: I want a remote truck and Paw Patrol setup. *Conner Kazmierczak* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I help my brother, I help my mom, and I help my dad. My Christmas wishes are: horse toys, books, and toy cow. *Brielle Byre* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: taken the trash, do the dishes, and taken the dogs out. My Christmas wishes are: Transformer, new Paw Patrol tower, and Transformer car. *Eric Jones* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: I help mom do dishes, I help my mom bring groceries in, and I help my mom clean my room. My Christmas wishes are: Paw Patrol set, Squishmallow, and Barbies. *Parker Stoppelman* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: chores. My Christmas wishes are: toy lightsaber, Mandalorian mask, and Baby Yoda. *Elliot Mather* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: helped Mom. My Christmas wish is: a Baby Yoda. *Oliver Briese* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things: cleaning. My Christmas wishes are: Rainbocorns, fidgets, and makeup. *Shelby Lee* (Grade 1)





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Dear Santa Grade 2



Dear Santa, I want for big popit and figiits also a blaget. This mite be a lot but I want a phone! And pugamus. This is a lot to ask for I want a baby cat! *Layla Otto* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for given me my givt. Please can I give you a surprise? I want a dog and a cat please Santa. I will put cookie and milk, *Tucker Rinde* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I would like you too come too my house in Badger. I love Crismase. Thank you for being a good man Santa! Enjoy the cookies and milk. I would like a pool stick like me and my dad use too play pool. How is Mrs. Claus? *Gavon Pulczynski* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a toy hors that ken bowny on and it looks like I em riding on it. I want a vr set and games that coam with it. *Zaya Bieber* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Can I hava a bb gun and a supris and thank you far the pazise last year. *Owen Olson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me presets. Please if you can please give me a Puppy and a Kitten. Thank you!, *Alexie Berger* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Can I please have a deer call. Can I please have a bow. Thank you far last year prenstins. Love, *Blair Przekwas* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you. Please can I have slim and a bunny. How are you doing? Thank you, *Collin Matthews* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me everything I wanted last year! So I got you a present. Please can I have a puppy and pokemon cards. Love, *Brentley Williams* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo switch and I want a babe gun fur Crims and I want a baldoune and I want a transformer toy. Love, *Eli Haugen* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for being nice. Pleese can I have a khettek sand and a toy robot? Love, *Abel Stoutenburgh* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for my toys and my candy. I want a baby Alive please and a new baby boy. Love, *Mia Kjos* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Lol and figits, popits, thank you. Penn LoL dolls sana a toy race car with blue and ongen please and piano please and Thank you. Love, *Avani Washington* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Can I please ave a toy car and a pokemon stuff animal. Thank you for giving please good stuff. Love, *Trey Rinde* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for given me bokogon. This yer can I have a huverbord. I will leave cookes, melk, and carits for uor rander. Haw is Misis. Clos dwening? Love, *Carter Kjos* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want an Air soft gun. Thank you for the foot ball. Also please can I have a poket nife and some cawboy boots Thank's. Love, *Carter Jenson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for takeing care of the wrod. Can I have a pup and a kittin? How is Mrs. Clos? Thank you! Love, *Chesnie Berg* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I weat a baby doll. I weat outside games I weat a spear. I weat a games. I weat a math book. I weat puzzles. I weat flash cards. santa is happy and cute. Love, *Shalyn Kukowski* (Grade 2)





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Dear Santa Grade 3

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer doing? For Christmas this year can I please have a nascar and a game called 2k21 for my switch? I would like my family and I to get to go on vacation. You're the BEST SANTA!!! Love, *Tatum Rinde* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, The one thing I would like most for Christmas is my family and me and my sister to never be sick. I am hoping to get a real baby fox. Can I have a German Shepherd? Can I have a Bluey set for my sister and me? Can I have an owl for my mom? Can I have a set of headphones please? *Raeleena Friesner* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a iPhone 12 and a dirt bike with a 100cc motor. Thank you. *Emerson Jenson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, This year I want an xbox1. I want some changes in the world. No smoking. I want a dirtbike. My brother wants to be in 3rd grade. *Zayne Kasmierzak* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I would like an iPad that would stay alive. Please may I have an xbox like my cousin? Please may I have a German shepherd? I want my sister to be nice. Please may I have a LOL and OMG doll and a OMG house. I would like my family to be good! Love, *Josie Curry-Schram* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year can I have 5 books, nintendo switch, and a baby doll for my sister? How are the reindeer? I will give them carrots. I'd like an LoL glitter series. For my mom and dad get them a hat and sunglasses and some more chickens. Have a good Christmas. Love, *Tayleigh Stoppelman* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I want led light. I want a phone. I want a new paint. I want my mom and dad to have a blanket. I want airpods. How are the reindeer doing? I want a puppy the kind of dog is a Husky. I also want a cursive book. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. Love, *Paige Gust* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year, I would like to have Mom and Matt to have fun and also have a nice Christmas. Can you help my cat Boots please? He is sick. *Rozalyn Bieber* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I want a trampoline please. I want my family and I to have a vacation to Glacier. I want an apple watch. I want a Golden Retriever puppy please. *Ezra Monsrud* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like a LOL doll please. I would like a barbie house please. I would love a hamster please. I would love a snake. I would like a Slime kit too! Merry Christmas! Thank you Santa, *Isabella Lindemann* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, What I want is a toy dinosaur, and a sonic blanket. From *Jaryn Kukowski* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I want a Vr Set. A pool would be awesome! A trampoline would be awesome. A vacation would be awesome. How are the reindeer doing? Love, *Steele Marquis* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a toy horse with a doll and a LoL doll set for Christmas. I would like a phone and a New LoL surprise. The tall one please. And a toy farm set because I want to pretend I have a farm. I would like some new painting stuff with a paint brush and a toy horse. Love, *Eli Washington* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like LoLs. For Kaden can you maybe get him a new hunting gun? How is Mrs. Clause and the reindeer? I would like you to get my sister some Paw Patrol toys. I would like a new water bottle. I will send you a list of more stuff. I will leave some cookies and milk. *Charlotte Lane* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I would like for cancer to go away. I would love to know how the reindeer are doing? Even how are you doing. I would love a toy truck please. I would love to get my AR goal for school. My name is, *Bentley Sanden* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I would like a big book. I would like to go on a vacation to Montana. I would like a pool. I would like to be a reading pro. How are your reindeer? Do they feel good? From, *Kaden Randall* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I would like more people to be nice. I hope I get markers to draw with. May I get a notebook to draw in. Tell Rudolph I wish his nose glowed blue! *Abigail Wojciechowski* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, For Christmas this year I want 10,000 robux gift cards, a lab top, a toy snake, and a car. I'd also a headset. *Chance Wojciechowski* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I need new tennis shoes because mine are too tight! *Easton Buley* (Grade 3)



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Kindergarten Korner

By: Ashley Stainbrook

Decland Moore

What is your favorite color?

Red, I wear it everyday.

What is your favorite food?

Macaroni and cheese. It's my favorite color too.

Are you enjoying kindergarten?

Yes, I get to play inside and outside. I like playing with my friends

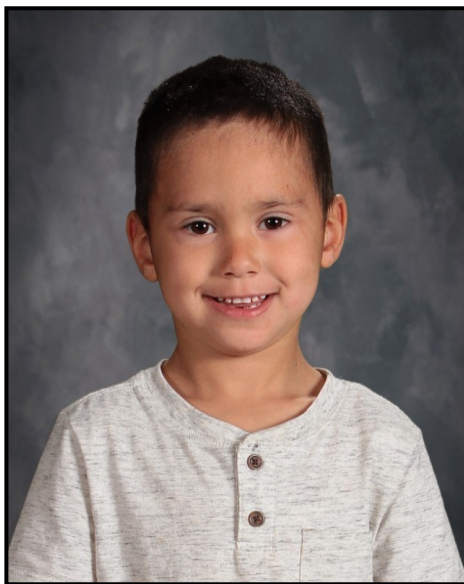
What is your favorite animal?

A duck because my mom calls me Duckie and because I like that they are yellow and white.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school? I like to play on the rainbow slide.

What do you like about your teacher? I like that we get to play inside and outside. I like that she's kind.

What makes someone a good friend? They play with me. I like when they are funny. I like when they help me.



Azalea Haugen Johnson

What is your favorite color ?

Blue, I just like it.

What is your favorite food?

Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza.

Are you enjoying kindergarten? Yes, I like to go outside and play in the snow. I like the homework too.

What's your favorite animal?

Cats, they purr and I like how fluffy they are.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school? I

like to play with my pets. They don't do anything. My cat is named Goofy and my guinea pig is named Charlotte.

What do you like about your teacher? She's kind. I like when she helps me with questions.

What makes someone a good friend? When they're funny. A good friend is a kind friend.

