



# The Badger Barker



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## Badger FIRST Robotics and Roseau County 4-H Hold After School Robotics Program

Submitted by: Val Truscinski, FIRST Robotics Advisor

Roseau County 4-H Extension Office and Gator Robotics Team 3750 collaborated to bring an after school LEGO Robotics program to Badger School. The extension office provided the Lego MindStorm NXT kits, and Gator Robotics students provided the instruction to 12 fifth and sixth grade students throughout the months of October and November. Although there were 20 students interested in the program, the class size had to be limited due to space and the number of kits available for use. Students were paired into groups of two elementary students, and each group was led by a robotics' team member (sometimes two). In the first four sessions, students learned how to build and program various components and sensors in the kits. Then each group was given a list of robots they could choose from to build one. The next two sessions, each group created their own unique robot and programmed it to perform a task. The robots created included a forklift, a spinning art robot, a spider, a puppy, a segway, and a dog sled. It was a great opportunity

for these young students to be exposed to STEM and robotics. There was a magnitude of learning and tons of fun had by all!



## VEX Robotics Advances

Submitted by: Mike Coltom, Advisor

The Badger School VEX Robotics team competed at the Pioneer Robotics VRC Tournament on December 1 at Thief River Falls. Badger students ranked 1st after the qualifying rounds and eventually won the tournament, which qualified them for both the state and national tournaments. Badger earned two additional awards. The Skills Challenge Award qualified them for state and nationals as well. They earned the Amaze Judges Award, which had the following criteria:

- Robot design is consistently high-scoring and competitive.
- Robot demonstrates a solid mechanical design and is robustly constructed to fulfill designed task.
- Robot programming and autonomous mode are consistently effective and successful of integration of sensors for use in both autonomous and driver-controlled mode.
- Teamwork, interview quality, and team professionalism.

The Badger VEX Robotics team will be competing at state February 1-2. Team members are Derrick Corneliussen, Kobe Dostal, Colten Gust, Kaeden Hietala, Tim Kjelland, and Brandon Pries.





## Badger School Superintendent's News



Greetings from the Badger School and Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. During the holiday break, we also wish you experienced happiness and joy spending time with your family and friends.

### **Semester One Nearing Completion**

January 18 marks the end of the second quarter as well as the first semester. It is hard to believe the academic year will reach the midway point! As the semester nears completion, please remember that as parents you have the ability to review and monitor the academic progress of your child anytime/anywhere utilizing the on-line parent access portal located on the district homepage at [www.badger.k12.mn.us](http://www.badger.k12.mn.us). Your involvement is vital as together we must continue to work in unison to maximize the potential of each and every child within our school. Please feel free to contact us directly with any assistance necessary to access academic records. In addition, we welcome your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions regarding how we may best serve your son or daughter.

### **Badger Music Department Performs Winter Concerts**

The Badger School District music department, consisting of students in grades 7-12, performed in front of a large audience that filled our gymnasium on December 13. The students performed instrumental and vocal selections under the direction of Ms. Lisa Erickson and Mr. Dan Carpenter. All who attended enjoyed a wonderful night filled with beautiful music.

On December 20, the gymnasium was filled with joy as our elementary students performed a wide variety of festive holiday songs performing for a packed audience. Students in grades K-6 enthusiastically sang and delivered rehearsed scenes with confidence. Thank you to all who attended the performances.

Days after the concert, members of the band and choir visited residents at the LifeCare Greenbush Manor. The day was filled with music and time spent visiting residents. I am grateful and proud of Ms. Erickson and Mr. Carpenter for scheduling this event and providing the leadership and guidance that educates our students far beyond the music classroom.

### **Destination Deep Space**

On January 5, FIRST Robotics revealed the mission and objectives of the build season. Destination Deep Space is the theme of this year's challenge. 2019 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the successful 1969 NASA mission, culminating with a walk on the moon. Destination Deep Space will provide many challenges for our students. During the next six weeks, Badger FIRST Robotics Team #3750 and advisor Val Truscinski with the assistance of many other mentors will work tirelessly to design and build a robot, which will perform and compete in upcoming regional events. The Badger FIRST Robotics Team will participate in Duluth on March 6-9 as well as Grand Forks on March 14-16. If you would like to learn more about our FIRST Robotics program, please contact our school directly. Additional information regarding FIRST Robotics may be found at [www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org).

### **Badger School District 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Make Preparations for Wolf Ridge**

On April 8, Badger seventh graders will embark on a one-week learning experience of a lifetime at the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. Wolf Ridge is a learning center located on 2,000 acres adjacent to the North Shore of Lake Superior in Finland, Minnesota. The students will leave Badger on Monday, April 8, and return in the evening on Friday, April 12. The week will provide countless hands-on learning activities and many hours actively participating in educational activities. We are very excited to be able to provide this unique learning opportunity for Badger students. Grant dollars are utilized to pay for the entire Wolf Ridge experience. Mrs. Shannon Dostal serves as the Wolf Ridge advisor and dedicates countless hours preparing for and leading our students at Wolf Ridge. An organizational meeting for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents will be scheduled in the near future.

### **Badger School District Welcomes and Appreciates Community Input and Support**

As always, on behalf of the Badger School District, thank you for all of your support and continued involvement in our school. Your ideas, suggestions, and input are valued and always appreciated within our school. If you have any questions or would like to visit, please do not hesitate to call or stop by. Working together, Badger School District will continue to be the school "where every student belongs."

Sincerely,  
Tom Jerome, Superintendent  
Badger School District



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## Kindergarten Winter Wonderland





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## Campus Comment

By: Abby Pratt

### What would you do with a billion dollars?

**Measha Troxel (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I got a billion dollars, I would go on a big shopping spree and go to Paris. I would also go to either the Bahamas or Hawaii.

**Keyasha Housker (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would definitely help others who don't have as much as most. I would put some away. I probably would give some to my family and friends too.

**Aulona Jasiqi (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I'd move to New York City and build my dream house there and live there with my future husband. New York City is an amazing city, and I'd love to spend the rest of my life there.

**Dawson Beito (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** If I had a billion dollars, I would put about 1/2 of it my savings account and then give my parents a couple hundred million and give my grandparents one hundred million. Then I'd buy a bunch of hunting land in Canada and down in Arkansas or Texas. I would also buy a bunch of land to farm with Tanner Davy. I would also buy a brand new Chevy Duramax diesel 2500 midnight edition.

**Deanna Rybakowski (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** With a billion dollars, I would start with buying a new car because I'd still have so much money after buying it. I would definitely want to go on a vacation to the Bahamas or Hawaii (definitely somewhere warm!). I would also give some to charity because it's a lot of money and you should always care about other people too.

**Amelia Stainbrook (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would build a nice home in the country and open a foster home for children. I would also open a school daycare and therapy center/playground for the sick and disabled.

**Mrs. Lee (FACS Teacher):** If I had a billion dollars, I would pay off our house and bills, set up funds for college, donate to our church, support cancer research, buy a dishwasher for the FACS room, and build a bigger weight room for our school, fully equipped so Kobe and I wouldn't have to fight over equipment. ☺



## Band Musician of the Month

Aulona Jasiqi



**Grade:** 9

**What instrument do you play and why did you choose this instrument?** Flute. It's a very beautiful and gorgeous sounding instrument.

**If you had to change your instrument, what would you pick and why?** Trumpet because I used to play it and it was fun.

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

**If you could pick a theme for Music Revue, what theme would you pick?** Disney villains.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** Finding out I got an outstanding performance at solo contest.

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Don't be afraid to sign up for multiple lessons. It'll only make you a better musician.

**Who inspired you to be part of band?** My older brother, Avdyl.



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## Dates to Remember

By: Talon Hilligas

### January

- 1 Winter Break ~ No School
- 4 Winter Dance 8:00 pm
- 6 Play Practice 5:00 pm
- 8 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 6:00 pm
- 9 FCCLA Star Events @ Kelliher
- 9 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 13 Play Practice
  - Scene 1 4:00 pm   Scene 4 6:30 pm   Scene 6 7:30 pm
  - Scene 2 4:30 pm   Scene 5 7:00 pm   Scene 7 8:00 pm
  - Scene 3 5:30 pm
- 14 School Board 7:30 pm
- 15 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 6:00 pm
- 16 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 18 End of Quarter 2
- 20 Play Practice 5:00 pm
- 21 No School ~ Staff Development
- 22 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 6:00 pm
- 23 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 27 Play Practice
  - Scene 3 5:00 pm   Scene 5 6:30 pm
  - Scene 4 6:00 pm   Scene 6 7:30 pm
- 28 Math League Meet @ Nevis
- 29 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 6:00 pm

### February

- 3 Play Practice 3:00 pm
- 5 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 6:00 pm
- 5 ECFE "Let it Snow" 6:00 pm
- 10 Play Practice 5:00 pm
- 11 Math League Meet @ Bemidji
- 11 Elementary Basketball In-House Tournament 6:15 pm
- 11 School Board 7:30 pm
- 12 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 6:00 pm
- 12 ECFE "Valentines Day" 6:00 pm
- 13 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 15 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to Bemidji
- 17 Play Practice 5:00 pm
- 18 No School
- 19 ECFE "Dental Health" 6:00 pm
- 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 20 Knowledge Bowl @ Thief River Falls
- 21 Parent-Teacher Conferences, dismiss @ 12:30 pm
- 24 Play Practice 5:00 pm
- 25 Choir Contest @ Badger
- 26 Rainy River Community College Rep
- 26 Comm Ed ~ Adult Yoga 6:00 pm
- 26 ECFE "Better Watch Out!" 6:00 pm
- 27 Knowledge Bowl Sub Regions @ Thief River Falls

## Gator Sports

By: Talon Hilligas

### January

#### **Wrestling**

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

#### **Girls Basketball**

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

#### **Boys Basketball**

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

### February

#### **Wrestling**

- 1 @ Detroit Lakes Quadrangular
- 5 Roseau @ BGMR
- 7 @ Thief River Falls
- 16 Team Sections @ Thief River Falls (REA)
- 22-23 Individual Sections @ Crookston
- 28 State Tournament @ Exel Center

#### **Girls Basketball**

- 1 @ Red Lake Falls
- 4 @ Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen)
- 7 Roseau @ BGMR
- 8 Warren/Alvarado/Oslo @ BGMR
- 12 @ Warroad
- 15 @ East Grand Forks
- 18 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 21 Win-E-Mac @ BGMR
- 26 Section Pigtail @ High Seed Home Site
- 28 Section Play-in @ NCTC

#### **Boys Basketball**

- 5 @ Kittson County Central (Lancaster)
- 7 @ Sacred Heart
- 12 Crookston @ BGMR
- 14 @ Warren/Alvarado/Oslo
- 19 Stephen-Argyle Central @ BGMR
- 21 @ Lake of the Woods (Baudette)
- 22 @ Warroad
- 25 @ Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke (Goodridge)



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## Scholastic Book Fair

Submitted by: Sherry Verbout, Book Fair Coordinator

Enchanted Forest “Let your imagination grow!” was this year’s theme. Unicorn and gnome decorations made by our librarian, Lorraine Kukowski, could be seen throughout the school, setting a mystical atmosphere for our enchanting book fair. Also, this year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Harry Potter Book series. Fans of this empire were in their glory as lots of Hogwarts’ merchandise was for sale. It takes true wizardry from the moment the fair rolls into town, until the moment it departs, to create everything in between. Waving a magic wand and saying “abracadabra” would be a nice option. We instead make it a team effort with staff members, students, parents, and the community. The success of the book fair is just one more example of the great support our school receives from the community. I love that so many family and community members take part in all the book fair activities. The students and staff appreciate it so much. Thanks to everyone who purchased books and fun items, as all proceeds will benefit the elementary classrooms and the library. Also, much appreciation and thanks goes out to all who helped out in any way big or small. Learning to read is an important life skill, and the book fair gets kids excited about reading. Supporting and encouraging your children to read each day can make a great impact on their education. Scholastic shared the following research:

### The Impact of Reading 20 minutes per day!

- ~ A child who read 20 minutes per day is exposed to 1.8 million words per year and scores in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.
- ~ A child who reads 5 minutes per day is exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.
- ~ A child who reads 1 minute per day is exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.



Winners of the \$10 gift certificates donated by Badger Jaycees.

- Back:**  
Paige Rybakowski  
Quillan Wirta  
Zaymein Rud  
Abram Wirta  
Landin Buley
- Front:**  
Easton Buley  
Kiley Streich  
Rogan Hanson  
Nils Christianson  
Willow Rud



\$10 Gift Certificate Winner Clayton Kruger



\$10 Gift Certificate Winners Tjymen Rud & Emmitt Isane.



\$10 Gift Certificate Winners Keegan VonEnde & Lillian Kruger.



Teegan Linz and Tryg Olson enjoying some time at the Book Fair during “Home for the Holiday.”



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## Badger High School Nominates Gavin Davy for 'Triple A' Award



Badger High School recently announced it has nominated Gavin Davy for the Academics, Arts, & Athletics (AAA) Award. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), the AAA Award honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in fine arts. Students who are nominated must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better, participate in MSHSL sponsored fine arts and athletic activities, and comply with the MSHSL's Student Code of Conduct.

AAA Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process that involves League member schools, the League's administrative regions, and a special committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities. Regional winners will be announced at the AAA Banquet in Mahanomen on February 6, 2019.

The top two AAA Award candidates from each region will be recognized at an on-court ceremony during the Minnesota Boys' State Basketball Tournament in March. League officials will announce two state Award recipients – one girl and one boy from both Class A and Class AA schools – during the on-court ceremony. Each state award recipient will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Gavin Davy participates in the Badger High School choir as a section leader and has earned several superior ratings at MSHSL solo and ensemble contests. A consistent honor roll student, he is an active member of the Badger High School Chapter of the National Honor Society and has taken several college courses. Gavin is a current member of the Gator Golf team and has also been active in FCCLA, Knowledge Bowl, student council, and FIRST Robotics. He plans to attend college next fall at the University of Minnesota Crookston and major in software engineering. Gavin is the son of Rob and Tami Davy of Badger.

Badger School Superintendent/Principal Tom Jerome shared, "The Badger School District is very proud and honored to nominate Gavin Davy for the AAA award. Gavin is a resilient, compassionate, and hard working student who serves as an excellent role model for other students as well as adults within our school district and community. Gavin excels academically as an honor student and is active in different organizations and student activities. Gavin is the third member of the Davy family to earn the AAA award within the Badger School District! Gavin exemplifies what the AAA award represents." The Badger School District congratulates Gavin Davy and his family on his nomination as well as accomplishments and wishes Gavin the best of luck in the region 8A AAA competition.

For more information about the AAA Award program, please contact the Minnesota State High School League at 763-560-2262 or [www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org) on the web.



## Choir Musician of the Month Brandon Secord

**Grade:** 8<sup>th</sup>

**What section are you in?** 1<sup>st</sup> tenor

**How long have you been in choir?** 2 years.

**What kind of music do you like to sing and why?** I like to sing fast, intense music because it makes me feel good that I have the ability to sing that fast and that good.

**What is your favorite part about being in choir?** My favorite part is getting to sing.

**What are you looking forward to this year?** The large group competition in February.

**What advice would you give other vocalists in choir?** I would tell them to sing louder.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** My favorite choir memory would be going to Concordia for the first time.



## Ramp-Up Topics for January

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

**GRADE 6:** Part of students getting ready for postsecondary education is helping them to think about their dreams and aspirations and to start thinking about how they can get there. Building this belief at this age is one of the most important aspects of college and career readiness. Students will also complete their Readiness Rubric.

**GRADE 7:** In this unit, the peer interactions that can sometimes get in the way of learning are addressed by sharing more positive ways to interact. Students will be reminded of many of the skills they learned in elementary school with our Responsive Classroom® approach. In addition, seventh graders will learn about the “soft skills” that are important in both school and the workplace, such as being on time, valuing diversity, having a strong work ethic, and good communication skills. Seventh graders will also explore the idea of Growth Mindset – basically, that our abilities and intelligence can change through our effort and learning. Parent tips for Growth Mindset can be found at <https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/default>. Students will update their Readiness Rubric & Postsecondary Plan after the completion of first semester.

**GRADE 8:** During January, students will be asked to identify factors to consider when they are exploring the best postsecondary fit for them. The different types of colleges and majors are discussed. We don't expect students to make a decision on a college, but we do want them to investigate the range of available options, and learn that the availability of majors they are interested in should be a primary factor when they do choose a postsecondary school down the road. After the completion of the first semester, students will update their individual Readiness Rubrics and Postsecondary Plans.

**GRADE 9:** What is the process for making good decisions? Students will be taught the five phases of decision making – Clarification, Brainstorming, Evaluation, Decision, and Double Checking – to help them with not only deciding on a college or career, but with making the many decisions they will face in their life. During the last week of January, ninth graders will be updating their Readiness Rubric and Postsecondary Plans.

**GRADE 10:** How will I pay for college? This unit will describe ways that students can and do pay for college. Students will look in depth at scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. There is a good set of videos available to parents and students about paying for college at [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/paying) that can help answer many questions parents and students have about paying for college. Sophomores will update their Readiness Rubric and Postsecondary Plans during January.

**GRADE 11:** Juniors will be learning about the different elements of college applications. Information about the ACT, SAT, placement tests, preparation options, and guidance on essays for both college admittance and scholarship application will be covered. One helpful website for ACT test prep can be found at <https://academy.act.org/>. Juniors will be studying the concept of “envisioning possible self” during the month of January. Research shows that students who have a positive vision for their future are more likely to be invested in themselves now and do things that will benefit their future “possible self.” Students will review and update their Readiness Rubrics and Postsecondary Plans after the posting of first semester grades.

**GRADE 12:** Seniors will revisit the idea and practice of goal setting. Research about how people perceive goals and the obstacles and benefits of reaching those goals is introduced, along with solutions for helping students to think about how they will approach obstacles so that the benefits can be realized. Seniors will update their Readiness Rubrics and Postsecondary Plans after the completion of first semester.



## Successful NHS Blood Drive

Submitted by: Shannon Dostal, NHS Advisor

The Badger National Honor Society (NHS) students hosted another successful blood drive. The blood drive was held on November 21 at the Badger Community Center. Twenty-eight of the 30 appointments were filled prior to the event. There were two additional walk-ins that day with four no shows/cancellations. Of the 26 potential donors, 24 were able to donate. Four donors were on the automated machine, which collects 2 units of red cells, so a total of 28 blood products were collected! Fourteen first-time blood donors participated!

Badger NHS would like to thank Border State Bank for donating refreshments, community members for their continued support and donations, and Badger students for stepping up to be donors. In addition, Shannon Dostal, NHS Advisor, would like to thank the NHS students for organizing, setting up, and working the blood drive.



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## Badger High School Nominates Two Students for ExCEL Award

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students



Badger High School is pleased to announce the nomination of two juniors, Kennedy Truscinski and Isaac Lorenson, for the Minnesota State High School League's ExCEL award. The ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) is a program designed to recognize high school juniors who are active as volunteers in their communities, hold leadership positions within their school, participate in MSHSL sponsored activities, and perform well academically.



In January, an independent panel of judges will review applications from throughout Minnesota to select this year's ExCEL Award recipients. Statewide winners of the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual ExCEL Award will be announced on the MSHSL website on February 4, 2019, and recognized on television during the winter sports tournament season.

Isaac Lorenson has earned academic letters for consistently being on the honor roll and was recently inducted to the Badger High School chapter of the National Honor Society. He serves as a percussion section leader in the band, has participated in clay target team, Math League, and Music Revue. He volunteers time through 4-H, church youth group, blood drives, and can often be found running the sound board at school music events. Isaac is the son of Brian and Evie Lorenson of Badger.

An A honor roll student, Kennedy Truscinski's activities include choir, golf, clay target team, and FIRST Robotics. As a member of the Gator Golf team, she has earned varsity letters and competed in the section and state golf tournaments. She has earned superior ratings in both instrumental and vocal music contests, and helped her Robotics team to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at last year's state tournament. In addition to serving as her class president for several years, Kennedy is the chapter president of the Badger FCCLA and serves as a state officer. She has volunteered her time with multiple community causes and activities. Kennedy is the daughter of Alan and Valerie Truscinski of Greenbush.

According to Superintendent Tom Jerome, "Badger School District is proud to announce the selection of Kennedy Truscinski and Isaac Lorenson as ExCEL Award nominees. Kennedy and Isaac are involved in multiple activities and perform at a high level academically. Both students are positive influences within our school and our community. Their commitment to serving the Badger School and community combined with academic excellence exemplify what the ExCEL award and Badger School District represents." Badger Dean of Students Stacey Warne commented, "We are honored to recognize Isaac and Kennedy for their positive contributions of leadership and service they bring to our school and community and wish them well in the MSHSL ExCEL state competition."



## Trivia

By: Logan Sunsdahl

- When was Nintendo founded?
  - January 10, 1901
  - September 23, 1889
  - August 15, 1925
  - February 25, 1950s
- What is the second most abundant element in the earth's atmosphere?
  - Nitrogen
  - Hydrogen
  - Carbon
  - Oxygen
- What is the nickname of the WWII bomber plane named B-17?
  - A Whisper
  - Flying Fortress
  - The Almighty
  - Western Bird
- How many keys are on most baby grand pianos?
  - 88
  - 92
  - 76
  - 90

**Trivia Answers**

1. B   2. D   3. B   4. A



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## Badger School's Teacher of the Year



The Badger Education Association (BEA) chose fifth grade teacher Jackie Simmons as this year's Teacher of the Year. Jackie grew up on a ranch in Cando, North Dakota, where she attended both elementary and high school. Afterward, she went to the University of North Dakota where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She has now been teaching for twenty-five years.

Jackie discovered her love of children as a high school student while working as a lifeguard. She spent hours with children of all ages, and she "loved watching them have fun, interacting with them, and teaching swimming skills." She says that her experience as a lifeguard inspired her to go into education.

Jackie's first teaching job was in Wannaska, Minnesota, which was a kindergarten through sixth grade school with combination classrooms. In 2011, she began teaching at Badger School and has been the school's fifth grade teacher for eight years. In fact, this year's senior class, the Class of 2019, was Jackie's first class at Badger School.

Some of Jackie's additional educational duties that she devotes her time to include being a part of the staff development committee, co-chairing the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary fundraiser, and being the D.A.R.E. coordinator for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Jackie admits that the challenges in teaching have changed over the years. She explained that keeping students engaged and motivated is perhaps her biggest challenge because there are so many outside distractions. She does, however, admit that for the most part, students are willing to learn. She also stated that keeping up with the changes in

technology has been a challenge, but she credits the Badger School staff by saying, "Thank goodness for my co-workers, who are willing to help me."

Jackie also said that there are many wonderful parts about teaching. She loves seeing students develop social skills in the public school setting. She also appreciates the kindness students demonstrate to one another, as well as seeing students' academic skills advance and watching her students' confidence grow throughout the year. She explained, "These are all things that will help them become good citizens beyond the classroom walls."

Jackie's advice to new teachers would be to not only ask questions and get advice from veteran teachers, but also to share with others their new fresh ideas and techniques. She eagerly said, "We are better together!" She also suggests that new teachers find other educators to look up to and learn from, but they should always remember to "keep their own identity." Most importantly, she says though is that all teachers need to "foster positive relationships with their students."

When Jackie was asked "Why teach in Badger?" she said, "It's hard to put into words what a special place it is. The staff is incredibly professional, kind, and caring. It's small enough that students don't get lost in the shuffle. The opportunities for students are many and varied. Because of its small size, students are encouraged to participate in many extracurricular activities. I believe students feel needed and valued at this school!"

Finally, Jackie wanted to thank her family, which includes husband Gary, son Cass, daughter Lindsay and husband Jake Bauman, and her sweet grandson Beau. She said, "I love spending time with my family, being outside on my horse Woody, hiking with my dog Skip, doing puzzles, and baking in my country home."

Congratulations to Jackie Simmons for being chosen as the BEA's Teacher of the Year. Her love for her students and her dedication to the Badger School is quite evident. Upon receiving the news, Jackie responded to the BEA by saying: "That was one of the nicest things that has ever happened to me in my teaching years. I look at your work ethic, professionalism, kindness, and caring toward others and students and know that I have grown as a teacher while here. This is greatly due to the wonderful group of people I have around me and the example you all set. Thanks for the impact you have had not only on my teaching but on my life beyond the classroom."

## Random Riddles

[www.goodriddlesnow.com](http://www.goodriddlesnow.com)

By: Talon Hilligas

1. What has a single eye but cannot see?
2. I'm lighter than a feather, but the strongest man cannot hold me for more than 5 minutes. What am I?
3. What building has the most stories?
4. How many apples grow on trees?
5. How can you throw a ball 20 meters and have it come back to you without hitting anything?
6. A man is twenty years old but has only had five birthdays. How is that possible?
7. What kind of coat can only be put on when wet?

1. A needle
2. Breath
3. A library
4. All of them
5. Throw it straight up
6. He was born on a leap year
7. A coat of paint

## Random Riddles Answers



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## Senior Spotlight Dorothy Kjelland



**Parents:** Melinda & Ron Kjelland  
**Siblings:** Fedeline, Timothy, Alissa, Kayleen  
**Nicknames:** DoDo, TiDoDo, Doolot

**Favorite:**  
**Sport:** Soccer  
**Food:** Caviar  
**Color:** Red

**Quote:** "The world is a strange place, live life with no regrets."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** I would wish to end hunger in the world.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** I would love to go to Greece with my friend Cierra.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** In choir, I used to sing loud and really high notes. Sometimes I would screw up and all the kids would stare at me.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** At night, I like to watch the stars and I love dancing with my friends.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** During Music Revue practice, my friend Anh and I would dance to the 80s song *Push It*.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I am proud of learning English.



## Student Opinion

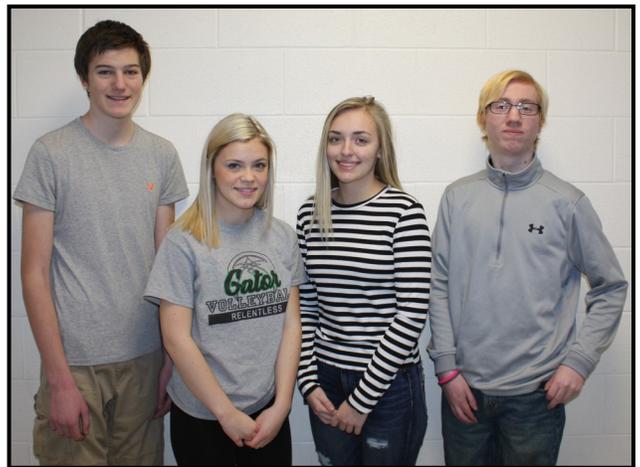
By: Lucca Tonetto

### Is a college education necessary for future success?

**Talon Hilligas:** I feel that in our society it is becoming more and more important to go to college to get at least some degree. Not because we are getting a lot from college, but because if we don't have one we can't compete for jobs with the ones that do. While a lot of people are succeeding without one, they are either in a trade that doesn't require a degree or very lucky. Getting a degree isn't necessary, but it definitely helps.

**Arika Pickhartz:** I would say a college education is pretty beneficial for future success, although it's not necessary for success. It gives you an opportunity to learn more in depth about topics. A college degree can get you far in life.

**Kiana Jacobson:** It depends on what you think success means. To someone it could mean working a full-time job without a college degree and having everything you need. Or it could mean that you have to be rich with a college degree. A college degree is not necessary to be successful. Just as long as you think you're successful and you are providing for you and your family, I consider that successful.



**Logan Sundahl:** No because there have been plenty of individuals who haven't gone to college and are successful. Some people go into careers that don't require college and some just apply for jobs with regular pay. Success relies solely on you. College doesn't have to be included.



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## Senior Spotlight CeCeilia Yeager



**Parents:** Warren & Rebecca Yeager

**Siblings:** Breanna & Alex

**Nicknames:** CeCe, Ces, Seaweed, Ceseal

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Swimming

**Food:** Chicken Alfredo

**Color:** Blue

**Quote:** “The dangers in life are infinite but among them is safety.” ~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To put an end to bullying in every single school.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My mom because she would be fun to travel with and we would go to Budapest or Jamaica.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I walked in the wrong class and didn’t notice until the teacher said all the names and mine was never said.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Draw or hang out with friends.

**What is one memory you’ll always remember from Badger School?** When we went to Wolf Ridge in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Lettering in swimming and getting good grades.



## Shout Out To.....

*Juli Smedsmo* for playing piano with the Concert Choir at the Winter Concert and for helping out with the piano parts at Solo Contest.

*Mrs. Lee* for helping Life Skills with all their baking needs!

*Jody Randall, Jarod Magnussen, Mrs. Prestegord, Mr. Carpenter and Val Truscinski* for all their help with the Kindergarten Winter Wonderland Workshop. You helped to make the afternoon a delight for the kindergarten class and their guests.

*All who donated to the FCCLA Clothing Exchange* – our community thanks you!

*FCCLA members* who donated and worked concessions during Home for the Holidays.

*Kennedy Truscinski and Brandon Pries* for being great teacher assistants.

*Charles Erickson* for the donation to the library.

### Scholastic Book Fair

*Lorraine Kukowski* for creating the beautiful book fair decorations.

*Renee Rhen* for helping cashier during “Home for the Holidays.”

*Parent volunteers Jennifer Schmitz and Evie Lorensen* for working at the book fair during school hours.

*Student Helpers Brandon Pries, Levi Lego, Kobe Dostal, Bryce Thompson, and Dalton Shirley* for doing the heavy lifting and sorting required before set up.

*Badger Jaycees* for donating \$150... creating the opportunity for 15 students, selected during a random drawing, to win \$10 gift certificates to spend at the fair. The students were so excited and appreciative!!

*Jody Randall and Rhena Storo* for preparing the delicious food for the Book Fair Breakfast held for family and friends.

*Mary Langaas* for helping pack up the fair on closing day.

*Shena Brandt and Sara Olson* for helping with the book fair finances.

*To all the staff, students, families and community members* who generously supported the fair, so that the elementary classrooms and library can receive new books and educational supplies.

### Preschool Gingerbread Fun

*Ms. K and the Art Club* for painting the gingerbread house for the preschoolers.

*Alyssa Rinde* for coming in to help the preschoolers make gingerbread men.

*Mrs. Lee* for getting the ovens ready and baking our gingerbread men for us.



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## Elementary Viewpoint

By: Lucca Tonetto

### Where is your favorite place in the world?

**Willow Rud (1<sup>st</sup> grade):** A hotel is my favorite place in the world because there's a swimming pool and there are slides at some of them and the beds are very comfortable. I like going to hotels because I like travelling.

**Aaron Jasiqi (2<sup>nd</sup> grade):** My favorite place in the world is New York. It has tall buildings and has nice hotels. You can go on a boat to the Statue of Liberty. It has the World Trade Center that is the tallest building in the United States.

**Tristan Werre-Lenz (3<sup>rd</sup> grade):** My favorite place is China. That is where most of my favorite shows come from. Most of my favorite toys come from there too. I want to go there someday.

**Lillian Kruger (4<sup>th</sup> grade):** Paris, France, because I want to see the Eiffel Tower. I also want to see the Louvre Museum. I saw pictures of it and it was so cool. My mom went there and she said, "I went to the top of the Eiffel Tower!" I want to go there. I really want to go to Paris, France, and be a professional dancer.

**Briggs Jenson (5<sup>th</sup> grade):** My favorite place is my shop and my woods. I like going to my shop because I like working on the tractors and working with my dad. I also like going out to the woods because I like to go hunting and trapping. That's why the shop and the woods are my favorite places in the world.

**Julia Dostal (6<sup>th</sup> grade):** It would most likely be the U.S.A because there is no place like home. It is also my favorite because it's a beautiful country, plus it's a free country. There is nowhere better than home, so it should be everybody's favorite place.



## King Crab Appetizers

<https://www.allrecipes.com/>

By: Abby Pratt

### Ingredients

- 2 (12 ounce) packages refrigerated biscuit dough
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (6 ounce) can crab meat, drained
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pinch paprika

### Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease 12 tartlet pans. Divide rolls in half and press into the prepared tartlet pans. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, crab, mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, Cheddar cheese, green onions, and Worcestershire sauce. Spoon 1 teaspoon of mixture into tarts and garnish with paprika.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until light brown. These freeze wonderfully. Just reheat before serving.





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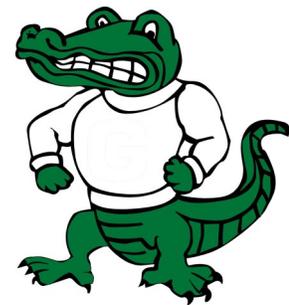
## My New Year's resolution is... Grade 4

- ... I will help my dad in work more so he can relax and so he can have less stress. ~ **Christian Osborne**
- ... to work out more. I want to be strong enough to bench press 100 lbs., dead lift 60 lbs., and curl 45 lbs. ~ **Keegan VonEnde**
- ... that I want to lose weight so I can play football. ~ **Roger Thompson**
- ... to ice fish and catch a 40 inch walleye. ~ **Austin Przekwas**
- ... to have a lot of fun and get \$40 from xmas to get Save the World on my video game. ~ **Emery Christensen**
- ... I want to spend more time with my Grandma Ina because she lives in Thief River Falls. ~ **Katelyn Gust**
- ... I will try my best to get on the B Honor Roll and do weights so I can exercise. ~ **Austin Edwards**
- ... that I read one chapter book each week. I want to do this so I don't spend as much time on video games. ~ **Eli Olafson**
- ... I will get better grades and lose at least 20 pounds. But I really want to make the honor roll. How I'm going to do it is I'm going to pay more attention in class and lift heavy weights. ~ **Kylee Gust**
- ... that I try to finish all my school work. ~ **Adysen Gregerson**
- ... I want to get A honor roll. I will pay attention, listen, raise my hand. ~ **Levi Olson**
- ... I am going to work out every day, and the work out is going to be like pushups, sit ups, and squats. ~ **Conor Rothenberger**
- ... I want to get my AR goal all four quarters. To make that happen I'll read every day. ~ **Cale Lindland**
- ... I will take more time to tame both of my Gramma and Papa's cats. I will maybe take 20 more minutes. I will try try try.  
~ **Peyton Lee**
- ... I want to get a walleye because I like to go fishing, and it's a lot of fun. Sometimes we don't get anything, but sometimes we do get something. I'm going to try and make it happen because I like to eat the fish. Ice fishing is my favorite. I will try and be strong as a hero when I catch. ~ **Lillian Kruger**
- ... that I am going to lose weight for football and wrestling. ~ **Payton Gust**



## My New Year's resolution is... Grade 5

- ... to start doing my chores without being told. ~ **Addison Pulczinski**
- ... to do good in accelerated reading in school. ~ **Briggs Jenson**
- ... to work hard on school work and get on the "A" honor roll. ~ **Morgan Hickey**
- ... to get on the "B" honor roll. ~ **Lucas Filius**
- ... to stay on the "A" honor roll. ~ **Wyatt Hilligas**
- ... to get 60 accelerated reading points. ~ **Maxston Haugen**
- ... to get stronger and faster. ~ **Zay Rud**
- ... to get on the "A" honor roll. ~ **Emmitt Isane**
- ... to get better at football and quarterback. ~ **Tryg Olson**
- ... to read a lot of fairy tales. ~ **Quillan Wirta**
- ... to get better at basketball. ~ **Breydon Foss**
- ... to get on the "B" honor roll. ~ **Braxton Pearson**
- ... to get 50 points in accelerated reading. ~ **Liam Winrow**
- ... to get more fit. ~ **Noah Gust**
- ... to read more books. ~ **Emily Burkel**
- ... to get better at baseball. ~ **Quentin Kukowski**



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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## My New Year's resolution is... Grade 6

... to think better of people. To be kinder to people. To help people that need help. To eat healthier. This will make me a better person. ~ **Taylor Davy**

... not very much. My first one is to be better at math because my grade is a little less than average, so I want to be get better. ~ **Mike Beckler**

... to read a lot more. I chose this because I feel like I don't read enough. I also know this is something I can do. ~ **Julia Dostal**

... to stop bullying by not being a bystander. Tell teachers but don't be a tattletale. Break up fights or if someone is being mean. Tell them that's not nice and stop bullying. ~ **Bethany Thompson**

... to get better grades. I will work and study the best I can and be supportive of myself and say "I can do this" (just in case that subject is hard). I plan to be in track and run, run, and run. I also plan to get good grades for a scholarship to a college. ~ **Paige Rybakowski**

... to get better at Minnesota History. I want to get better at it because I want to win the contest. Also, I want to know a lot about my state. ~ **Josie Penas**

... to get better at sports. I want get better at sports because I want to be in sports. That is my resolution. I need to practice for basketball and volleyball at my house. ~ **Bethanie VonEnde**

... to get better at sports because some of them are very hard for me, but some are not that hard. Some that are hard for me are basketball and football. I want to get better. ~ **Masen Swenson**

... to get on the A honor roll. I hope to get better at Social Studies. It is hard, but I know I can do it. ~ **Kaden Halvorson**

... to make A or B honor roll all 4 quarters so I can get a free sports pass. I will help my friends if they need help like carrying their groceries. I will try to be a really great friend. ~ **Jaden Kukowski**

... to eat more healthy and to exercise more and then lose a lot of weight. I have already started so I can get a head start. The people that have lost a lot of weight say that it's pretty much what you eat. I want to lose weight to feel better. ~ **Caden Wojciehowski**

... to eat healthier. My resolution is to eat healthy because I want to live a much happier life and a longer life. And to play with my friends. ~ **Samuel Aarhus**

... to get no homework because when I have homework I never get it done. I want to get my AR points because that will help my grades get better. ~ **William Peterson**

... to have lots of friends, train my ponies, get better grades, and to learn more about horses. Learning more about horses will help me train my ponies, which will give me something to do and I can try fun things with them. Having lots of friends will give me people to hang out with and talk. Getting better grades will affect my entire life and my job. ~ **Maggie Lorenson**

... to get better at math. I am planning to be a person who works with technology when I grow up and that usually involves coding. You need to be good at math to do that stuff, so that's why my New Year's Resolution for this year is to get better at math. ~ **Aidan Carpenter**

... to get better grades. I want to try new things and have funnier jokes. I want that because I want to make people laugh, get better grades, and not be such a picky eater. ~ **Landon Nelson**

... to be better at sports because I want to be the best. My other one is to get an allowance for chores so I can get football cards. That is my resolution for 2019. ~ **Ivan Olafson**

... to make twice as many comics as I did in 2018. (My comics are called "Fez" with Normal Norman). ~ **Alex Lunde**

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### Kindergarten Korner

By: Abby Novacek-Pratt



**Charlotte  
Lane**

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?** Yes, I like that my teacher can teach me. I like to play with the babies. I like feeding and changing the babies.

**What is your favorite color?** Purple because I got some purple toys. I like when my grandma buys me purple toys.

**What is your favorite song?** It's from a movie my sister likes called *Coco*. I sing it sometimes. I don't remember the name of the song, but a kid was with his mom and



**Steele  
Marquis**

**Are you enjoying kindergarten?**

Yes, because I like making art projects. I also like kindergarten because it teaches me how to read.

**What is your favorite color?** Red because it's bright and reminds me of red cars.

**What is your favorite song?** An ornament song because I like the

ornaments that are bright.

**What is your New Year's resolution?** I would like to read more or draw more for the New Year.

**What toys do you like to play with?** Semi-trucks because they can load cars. I also like ice fishing toys because it's fun to catch fish.

**What board games do you like to play?** Christmas board games because they're like Christmas. I like their colors and the Christmas stickers they have too.

dad at the beginning of the movie.

**What is your New Year's resolution?** I want to start playing with real babies. My sister and I play in my mom's room sometimes.

**What toys do you like to play with?** I like to play with babies. Feeding them is fun.

**What board games do you like to play?** I like to play a game where you pick a toy to go on the board and you spin the spinner to see how far you go. You can go from one to five blocks forward. My mom, my sister, and I made it up.