



The Badger Barker



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Congratulations! Badger Class of 2024



Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, May 19
Badger High School Gym
2:00 p.m.

Class Colors:
Black, Green, White

Class Motto:
*As we look into the future, it's as far as we
can see. So let's make each tomorrow be the
best that it can be.*

Flower:
*Pink-tipped
Carnation*



Back: Austin Stainbrook, Danton Bronson, Carter Hamann, Treston Nichols, Measha Troxel, Raymond Haugen-Rosadino
Middle: Marissa Secord, Xander Grugal, Ashton Pickhartz, Damien Tuura, Tenisha Berger
Front: Arianna Grugal, Ada Lee, Amelia Wilt, Jordan Davy, Macy Majer, Jordan Lee
Not Pictured: Christian Peterson



Badger School Superintendent's News

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

Re-Cap

April 15-19

National Volunteer Appreciation Week was April 15-19. At our school we are very fortunate to have Foster Grandparent Volunteers. Many thanks to Grandma Bev Holm and Grandma Paulette Christianson.

Meet Grandma Bev: This is the 9th year Bev Holm has served as a Foster Grandparent. She especially likes doing learning activities with the kindergarten class and working with the Accelerated Reading Program. Bev is a Badger School alumni.

Meet Grandma Angel: This is the first year Angel Houske has served as a Foster Grandparent. She loves interacting with the kids in the classroom and has devised an unique plan called Tuesday Terrific which encourages the students to be on their best behavior. Ask her how it works. She volunteers for 15 hours a week but puts in extra time during music programs. Kids make her happy. She says the staff is awesome and the Badger school family is wonderful. She was a former para at the school.

Meet Grandma Paulette: Paulette Christianson has been a part of the Foster Grandparent Program for 3 years. She is an accomplished artist and specializes in working with kids in art but loves just being with the kids doing many activities.



Wed-May 01

Congratulations to sixth graders Nils Christianson and Delyla Carpenter who advanced to the county level of the Minnesota History Competition. Delyla earned fifth (5th) place.

Thu-May 02

Fourth grade field trip to Roseau County Courthouse, Roseau Gazebo City Park and Dairy Queen

Thu-May 02

Third grade field trip to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge at Middle River, MN.

Fri-May 03

School Lunch Hero Day! School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for us to acknowledge our dedicated food service team of Jody Randall and Angela Monsrud, our the school nutrition "Pros."

May 6-10

The week of May 6-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week honoring our teachers that lend their passion and skills to educating our children. We say "thank you" and continue to express our gratitude throughout the year to these extraordinary front-line educators who work diligently with our students and our families.

Tue-May 07

First grade field trip to Roseau LifeCare Medical Center.

Wed-May 08

Badger High School Band & Choir Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Wed-May 08

Unified Athletics Track & Field Day at Thief River Falls.

Thu-May 09

Preschool/Head Start field trip to Lake Bronson State Park.

Fri-May 10

Elementary Spring Music Program and Kindergarten Graduation at 1:45 p.m.

Wed-May 15

Kindergarten field trip to Roseau County Sheriff's Office/Law Enforcement Center and Roseau City Park

Wed-May 15

Baccalaureate 7 p.m.

Thu-May 16

Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation in the Cafeteria at 2:00 p.m.

What is D.A.R.E.? The **D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation program teaches students the importance of drug resistance education and decision-making skills

Sun-May 19

Badger High School Graduation Commencement Ceremony at 2 p.m.

Mon-May 20

Envirothon Team advanced to State! The state level competition will be held at the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. Best wishes to the team of Jordan Davy, Julia Dostal, Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Amelia Wilt, Landon Christianson, Paige Rybakowski, and Greta Wojciechowski. Coached by Shannon Dostal. What is Envirothon? The Envirothon competition is for high school students organized by the National Conservation Foundation (NCF). Envirothon combines in-class and hands-on environmental education, which involves problem solving and actual field tests. The competition tests students on five core subjects: 1) Aquatic Ecology; 2) Forestry; 3) Soils and Land Use; 4) Wildlife; 5) Plus an annually-changing subtopic, which focuses on a relevant environmental issue.

Wed-May 22

Badger Elementary Track & Field Day

Fri-May 24

Last Day of School | End of Quarter 4 | End of Semester 2 | Early Out Day dismiss students at 12:30 p.m.

June 29-July 3

National FCCLA Conference and STAR and Skills Competition in Seattle.

With gratitude,

Kevin Ricke



Thank You Badger



The senior class of 2024 would like to show their appreciation for everything the school and community has done for them.

Treston Nichols ~ I want to thank all of the community for supporting all of the seniors. I also want to thank my family for supporting me through high school. I want to thank my coaches for making my high school sports career fun and worth being at. Thank you!

Raymond Haugen Rosadino ~ I would like to thank my parents. I would also like to thank the teachers for helping me through this. And I'd like to thank myself for showing the willpower to succeed.

Ada Lee ~ I would like to start by thanking everyone! My parents, my community, my teachers, and my peers. You have all helped shape me into the person I have become today and I wouldn't be where I am today without the constant support and you pushing me to do my best! Thank you!

Danton Bronson ~ I would like to thank Mr. Coltom for teaching me so much in shop. I also really appreciate all the staff that got to deal with me and helped me through my years here. Thank all of you for dealing with me.

Amelia Wilt ~ I would like to give a big thank you to many of the people in my community. I'm extremely grateful for all of my family, teachers, other school staff, and community members. They have helped me grow into the person that I am today, and I appreciate all of the opportunities that they have given me. I want to especially thank my school for the help and support they have given me through difficult times in my life. I will forever remember the wonderful advice and life lessons I have learned through people in my community. Thank you!

Jordan Lee ~ I want to say thank you to my friends, family, teachers, community members, and my coaches for shaping me into the individual I am today. You have all prepared me for both my academic and professional endeavors. I am confident that I will succeed in life because each of you have always instilled confidence within me and pushed me to do my best. Thank you!

Carter Hamann ~ I want to thank my parents, classmates, and teachers; especially my dad. My dad has pushed me and shaped me into the person I am and has kept me going to get school done. You all have helped shape my personality and morals, creating the person I have become, and I will forever be grateful for that.

Measha Troxel ~ I want to thank all of the teachers that have pushed me to finish all of my work and have helped me study. Without that encouragement, I wouldn't have been able to pass, so thank you.

Ashton Pickhartz ~ Thank you Badger community for helping me get through high school and showing me a fun time throughout. Some people I would like to thank personally, Mrs. Dostal for making science fun and Sara in the office for letting me in in the morning. There are many others in the community who I haven't thanked personally, but I would like everyone in the school community to know that I appreciate them.

Macy Majer ~ I am grateful for the unwavering support and guidance everyone has provided me through my journey. Your wisdom, encouragement, and belief in me has shaped me into the person I am today. Thank you once again. I am truly blessed to have such amazing people in my life.

Jordan Davy ~ Thank you to my parents for always supporting me and my goals. To my teachers: thank you for providing me with an education and always being there when I need help. Thank you to the community for always supporting the students and the school.

Tenisha Berger ~ I want to thank the Badger School for the support and the motivation to be here every day. Lastly, thank you for all the help with classes.

Arianna Grugal ~ I want to thank the teachers for encouraging me to keep working on my work, even if I didn't want to. I also want to thank Corey for giving me a good job experience and being understanding about my life. And finally, I want to thank my parents for encouraging me to do my best and helping me on my bad days.

Xander Grugal ~ Thank you for everything and helping me with my work and trying to make me stay focused.

Marissa Secord ~ I would like to thank Mrs. Shannon Dostal for making my days better. I would also like to thank all the school staff. Without them, school would have been boring.





Gator Sports

By: Arianna Grugal

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

May

Track & Field

- 3 @ East Grand Forks
- 10 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 13 @ Roseau
- 17 @ Thief River Falls
- 23 Subsection @ Hawley
- 31 Section @ Mahnomen

Baseball

- 7 @ Ada-Borup-West
- 9 @ Warroad
- 10 @ Sacred Heart
- 13 @ West Marshall
- 16 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 17 @ Sacred Heart
- 20 Win-E-Mac @ BGMR
- 21 @ Roseau
- 23 @ NCE/UH
- 24 @ Blackduck
- 28 Subsection @ High Seed
- 30 Subsection Semis & Finals @ Fertile-Beltrami

Softball

- 4 Greenbush Tournament
- 6 @ East Grand Forks
- 9 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 11 Roseau & West Marshall @ BGMR
- 14 @ Roseau
- 16 @ Thief River Falls
- 21 Section Play-ins
- 23 Section Quarters
- 28 Section Semis
- 30 Section Finals

Golf

- 9 Boys & Girls @ Baudette
- 14 Boys & Girls @ Warroad
- 16 Boys & Girls @ Roseau
- 21 Subsection Boys & Girls @ Roseau
- 28-29 Section Boys & Girls @ Bemidji

June

Track & Field

- 6 State Tournament @ St. Michael-Albertville

Baseball

- 1 Section @ Thief River Falls
- 4 Section @ Thief River Falls
- 6 Section Finals @ Thief River Falls
- 13 State Quarters @ St. Cloud
- 14 State Semis @ St. Cloud
- 17 State Finals @ Target Field, Minneapolis

Softball

- 6-7 State Tournament @ North Mankato

Golf

- 11-12 State Tournament Boys & Girls @ Pebble Creek

Trivia

By: Alvaro Alves Sanchez

1. What is the capital of Finland?
 - A. Helsinki
 - B. Oslo
 - C. Stockholm
 - D. Bern
2. Which of these colors doesn't make up the Olympic rings?
 - A. Green
 - B. Black
 - C. Purple
 - D. Blue
3. Which of these planets is closer to the sun?
 - A. Earth
 - B. Jupiter
 - C. Saturn
 - D. Mars
4. How many sides does a heptadecagon have?
 - A. 12
 - B. 10
 - C. 7
 - D. 17



Campus Comment

By: Arianna Grugal

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Gage Otto (7th grade): Bubble gum because I like the bubble gum flavor. I like chewing bubble gum too.

Madison McClure (8th grade): My favorite ice cream flavor is vanilla because it is just good. Every time I go somewhere like DQ, I always get vanilla because it just sets the whole mood. Also the flavor is good even if sometimes people say it's basic.

Ady Gregerson (9th grade): My favorite ice cream flavor is definitely Moose Tracks. The fudge chocolate in it plus the peanut butter cups are perfection. My favorite brand for this flavor is Kemps.

Hailey Lundgren (10th grade): My favorite ice cream flavor is Gone Fishin' because it was my grandpa's favorite. Every time I went to my grandparent's house we'd eat it.

Paige Rybakowski (11th grade): My favorite ice cream flavor is Neapolitan. It has all my favorite flavors combined. I love Neapolitan ice cream but especially the strawberry flavor. The strawberry is sweet and delicious.

Xander Grugal (12th grade): Chocolate because I have always loved chocolate from when I was a kid. Chocolate is also my favorite sweet of all time. Chocolate would be my favorite flavor of ice cream.

Mrs. Hayes (Fifth Grade Teacher): My favorite ice cream flavor is lactose-free chocolate ice cream. It is difficult to find, but it has a rich flavor, and I don't get a stomach ache. Chocolate ice cream also reminds me of my mom or grandparents taking me out for ice cream on special occasions.



Dates to Remember

By: Measha Troxel

May

- 1 Envirothon
- 1 Minnesota History Competition, grade 6
- 2 Agassiz National Wildfire Refuge ~ Grade 3
- 2 Roseau County Courthouse ~ Grade 4
- 3 School Lunch Hero Day
- 6-10 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7 Roseau LifeCare Medical Center ~ Grade 1
- 8 High School Spring Concert ~ 7:00 pm ~ Date change
- 9 Lake Bronson ~ PreSchool/Head Start
- 10 Elementary Spring Concert & Kindergarten Graduation ~ 1:45 pm
- 12 Mothers Day
- 13 School Board ~ 7:30 pm
- 15 Roseau Law Enforcement Center, Roseau County Museum, & Park ~ Kindergarten Field Trip
- 15 Baccalaureate ~ 7:00 pm
- 16 DARE Graduation ~ Grade 5
- 19 Graduation ~ 2:00 pm
- 20 State Envirothon
- 24 Last Day of School (students dismissed @ 12:30 pm)
- 27 Memorial Day

June

- 3 Explore Lake Itasca Trip ~ incoming grades 4-12
- 10 School Board ~ 7:30 pm
- 16 Father's Day



Elementary Viewpoint

By: Alvaro Alves Sanchez

What are you looking forward to this summer?

Beckett Byre (1st grade): Going to the fair, farming with my grandpa, and going with my dad fishing.

Kohlter Berg (2nd grade): I am looking forward to getting another trampoline. I like to jump around on it and play tag. I like to play with my brother Emery and my sisters Chesnie and Jaden.

Oliver Briese (3rd grade): I am looking forward to swimming, tennis, and having fun with family.

Carter Jenson (4th grade): I am excited to go to Lake Itasca and Florian. Also, I can't wait to go to the Roseau River to test out my new fishing lure. Also, canoeing with my dad is fun.

Ezra Monsrud (5th grade): I am looking forward to swimming, baseball, and spending time with my family. My family has a pool, so my brother and I swim during the summer. I am playing summer rec baseball. I got a new bat this year to hit with. During the summer, my grandma and grandpa come home from Florida.

Cameron Moore (6th grade): Hopefully I'll be playing summer sports and playing outside. I also hope to see my friends more this summer.



Student Opinion

By: Xander Grugal

Would you rather communicate telepathically or know every language on Earth?

Roger Thompson (9th): To learn every language on earth so I can talk another language to someone who speaks only English, and they won't understand what I'm saying.

Kaylie Streich (7th): I would rather know every language on earth because I would be able to speak everyone's language. I would go to Paris to learn what people do there. I would also go to Japan and speak their language and learn more about their culture. To me, it's more important to hear a person's voice than not be able to hear them.

Kylee Larson (8th): I would rather know every language because then I can travel to places I've always wanted to visit. I would also like to be able to make new friends. But I feel like I would get used a lot for translating words and sentences. I'd also be able to try new foods when I would travel.

Briggs Jenson (10th): I would rather know every language. I would want to know every language so I would know what every person in the world was saying. I would also like to know every language so I could speak to people and know what they are saying.





Choir Musician of the Month

By: Jordyn Gilbert

Senior Choir Member Arianna Grugal



What section are you in and how long have you been in choir?

Soprano and I've been in choir for six years.

What has been your favorite song to sing in choir?

Loch Lomond because it was introduced to me in the 6th grade.

What is your favorite choir memory?

In 6th grade, Mr. Carpenter brought some of us into choir to see if we enjoyed it. This memory is my favorite because during 7th grade, I was wondering if Mr. Carpenter was going to bring in 6th graders again. It never happened, making my experience super special to me and helped me figure out my favorite song.

How has being in choir made an impact in your life?

Choir has helped me develop my confidence in singing out by myself.

What advice would you give other vocalists to succeed?

Don't be afraid to sing out and make mistakes. That's what Mrs. Carpenter is there for, to help you improve. And for Mrs. Carpenter's sake, don't goof off during songs.

Random Riddles

<https://www.letsroom.com/explorer/riddles/>

By: Caine Larson

1. There's only one word in the dictionary that's spelled wrong. What is it?
2. What is full of holes but still holds water?
3. How do you make the number one disappear by adding to it?
4. Who lives an exhausting life?
5. What hard rock group has four dudes, but not one of them plays the guitar?
6. Why is Europe like a frying pan?
7. Why can't a pirate ever finish the alphabet?

Quote of the Month

By: Hailey Lundgren

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.” ~ Oscar Wilde

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Willis Wilde was an Irish poet and playwright born in Dublin, Ireland, on October 16, 1854. His father was an oto-ophthalmologic surgeon and his mother was a poet. Wilde's novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray* gained him much of his fame. His most popular plays are *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, and *An Ideal Husband*. Wilde died of meningitis on November 30, 1900. He was laid to rest in Cimetière de Bagneux but was later moved to Père Lachaise Cemetery, both in Paris, France. The epitaph on his grave — “Pity's long-broken urn, For his mourners will be outcast men, And outcasts always mourn,” — is a verse from “The Ballad of Reading Gaol,” a poem he wrote while in exile.

Oscar Wilde



Band Musicians of the Month

By: Xander Grugal

Senior Band Members

**Jordan Davy, Jordan Lee, Christian Peterson
Ada Lee, Amelia Wilt, Macy Majer**

What is your favorite piece to play?

Jordan D ~ *Homeward Bound* because I love the style of the song.

Jordan L ~ I really love the song *Fate of the Gods* because there are so many different parts of the song, plus the way they all blend together is magical.

Christian ~ If I had to pick a favorite, it would probably be *Haunted Carousel*. It's such an eerie piece and it features a Theremin.

Ada ~ My favorite piece to play is *Thriller* because we get to scream.

Amelia ~ My favorite song to play is *Iron Man* because when I started band in high school I disliked it a lot but learned to enjoy playing the piece.

Macy ~ My favorite piece to play is *Into the Raging River* as it was challenging and we learned it in a month.

What advice would you give to younger musicians?

Jordan D ~ Practice and listen to the advice you're given.

Jordan L ~ Always listen to Ms. Erickson and practice, practice, practice.

Christian ~ Take care of your lungs, especially if you're playing a bigger wind instrument.

Ada ~ Practice! Practice! Practice! Trust me, you need it!

Amelia ~ Practicing at home and with Ms. Erickson are great ways to become a better musician. Also asking questions is an important way to improve.

Macy ~ If you are struggling, sign up for a lesson with Ms. Erickson. She would love to help you.

Who inspired you to be part of band?

Jordan D ~ My mom because she is also very into music.

Jordan L ~ My older sister was in it so I thought it was the cool thing to do.

Christian ~ Honestly, probably Xavier Woods. Every time he came out with the New Day playing his trombone, I was like, "I wanna do that."

Ada ~ My sister Greta because she was in band.

Amelia ~ Both my sisters were in band and they motivated me to keep practicing.

Macy ~ My mom, she always wanted me to play an instrument.

What is your most memorable moment in band?

Jordan D ~ Getting a superior rating at solo contest.

Jordan L ~ When someone came in a whole measure early at contest this year and Ms. Erickson said loudly/quietly "not yet."

Christian ~ Probably recording a demo track with Aidan and Alex in the hotel room during a volleyball tournament.

Ada ~ Gossiping in the back row with Amelia, Noah, and Julia.

Amelia ~ Going down to The Cities for state volleyball my junior year.

Macy ~ My favorite moment in band happens almost every day talking to my flute-mates, even though we get told to be quiet every day.





Strawberry-Rosemary Yogurt Pops

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/strawberry-rosemary-yogurt-pops/print/>

By: Measha Troxel

Ingredients:

- 1 cup chopped fresh strawberries
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons strawberry preserves
- 2 fresh rosemary sprigs
- 1½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 6 freezer pop molds or paper cups (3 ounces each) and wooden pop or lollipop sticks

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, mix strawberries, vinegar, preserves, and rosemary. Let stand 30 minutes; discard rosemary.
2. Spoon 2 tablespoons yogurt and 1 tablespoon strawberry mixture into each mold or paper cup. Repeat layers. Top molds with holders. If using cups, top with foil and insert pop sticks through foil. Freeze until firm.



Random Riddles Answers

1. Wrong
2. A sponge.
3. Add the letter 'G' and it becomes Gone.
4. An exhaust.
5. Mount Rushmore.
6. Because it has Greece at the bottom.
7. Because he always gets lost at sea!

Trivia Answers

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

Cheesecake in a Jar

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/247239/cheesecake-in-a-jar/>

By: Caine Larson

Ingredients

- 6 pecan shortbread cookies (such as Keebler Sandies), finely crushed
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 6 (½ pint) canning jars with lids
- 12 ounces sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Directions

1. Mix cookie crumbs, butter, and 2 tablespoons sugar in a bowl until combined. Divide mixture evenly among jars, about 3½ tablespoons each, and gently press (do not pack) into bottoms.
2. Halve 6 strawberries for garnish, and set aside. Chop remaining strawberries.
3. Beat cream cheese, ½ cup sugar, and lemon juice in bowl with an electric mixer at medium speed until smooth. Fold in whipped cream and chopped berries; divide evenly among jars, about ½ cup each. Top each with 2 berry halves and cover with lids. Chill at least 2 hours and up to 3 days.





NCTC Career Expo

Badger School sophomore and junior students attended the Northland Community and Technical College Career Expo in East Grand Forks on April 24. The Career Expo Day is an opportunity for high school students to explore career options including Architecture Technology, Business Professional Programs, Computer Networking Technology, Construction Trades, Early Childhood, Farm Operations & Management, Fire Technology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Paramedic, Pharmacy Technician, Physical Therapy Assistant, Respiratory Therapist, Surgical Technology, or Welding. The students toured academic labs and facilities, visited with current college students, and engaged in hands-on-learning.



Earth Day Helpers

Sixth graders celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the playground and areas around the playground. Then they moved down South Main Street to the football field. Thank you Charlie Walsh for helping us clean and haul garbage back to the dumpsters!



Badger Choir Students Score High Ratings at the MSHSL Vocal Ensemble Contest

Badger School had two vocal ensembles under the direction of Choir Director Sara Carpenter perform for the MSHSL Vocal Ensemble Contest. Paige Rybakowski, Alex Lunde, and Hallie Glodowski performed the SAB arrangement of "Can't Help Falling in Love" arranged by Mark Brymer. They earned a score of 37 out of 40 and a Superior Rating. Emily Burkel, Adysen Gregerson, and Hallie Glodowski performed the SSA arrangement of "Whispering Pine" by Eugene Butler. They earned a score of 38 out of 40 and a Superior Rating. The students did an outstanding job and represented Badger School amazingly. Pictured are Adysen Gregerson, Emily Burkel, Hallie Glodowski, Paige Rybakowski, and Alex Lunde.





Lights, Camera, Take Action with MN FCCLA

The theme for this year's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Conference was very fitting for our Badger FCCLA Chapter. We had seven students travel to Minneapolis for the conference and five different Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) events to compete in.

- Bethanie VonEnde presented her Ghost Out project in the National Programs in Action category featuring Family and Community Traffic Safety. She received the second highest score in the state, qualifying her for the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Seattle this summer.
- Emily Burkel had the highest score with her Interpersonal Communication event, De-Vice. Emily will also attend the NLC at the end of June.
- Paige Rybakowski and Ava Warne received a Gold rating and were alternates and will advance to NLC in Seattle with their Cooking with Love class for elementary students.
- Alvaro Alves Sanchez presented on his experience of being an exchange student from Spain and earned a Silver rating.
- Keegan VonEnde and Ave Hanson competed in the Everyday Equations math test. Keegan earned top score for Gold and Ave earned Silver. This event is a state event only and does not advance to nationals.
- Bethanie and Emily led our Northern Area meeting as Area Officers where they were both re-elected for another term after presenting heartfelt speeches.

Badger FCCLA members attended many workshops on developing leadership skills, heard from motivational speaker Mike Donahue, and made many new connections with members throughout the state. They all represented themselves, our school, and our community very well. Co-Advisors Gretchen Lee and Kaitlyn Walsh are very proud of them for their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments.

The FCCLA National Leadership Conference will be held in Seattle, Washington, on June 29 – July 3, 2024. NLC is a student leadership conference for middle and high school students and their Family and Consumer Sciences educators. The FCCLA National Leadership Conference is the largest national gathering of Family and Consumer Sciences professionals and students across America.

The conference also offers advisers a comprehensive educational experience to enhance classroom instruction through engaging sessions on various topics with expert speakers, best practices sessions, and networking opportunities. Facilitated by the National FCCLA, conference sessions will be presented by subject-matter experts, current on educational trends and needs with various backgrounds in communications, marketing, education, and business.





Clowning Around

Badger 2nd Graders enjoyed the Shrine Circus in Grand Forks on April 26. A huge thank you to the Roseau Masonic Lodge for making the circus and this trip possible for our students. Thank you also to the chaperones Anne Stenberg, Adam Langaas, Anna Mather, Morgan Holmgren and our bus driver Tom Dostal. Students attending were:

Back: Hadley Forst, Joseph Carlson, Kohlter Berg, Decland Moore, DaGoshen Jean, Isabel Mather, Elena Lindemann **Front:** Aspen Stenberg, Hannah Kjos, Ethan Haugen, Cora Langaas, Zoey Sanden, Azalea Haugen-Johnson



Honor Band Excellence

Delyla Carpenter was selected to participate in the 2024 Northwest Minnesota Band Directors' Association 2nd Year Honor Band. Participants are nominated by their band directors and chosen by a committee in charge of the honor band. Delyla was one of four French horn players chosen region wide to play in the band. The event was held on Saturday, April 20, at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead, MN. With registration at 8:00 am and a concert at 12:00 noon, the students put in a full morning of practice to get ready. Delyla enjoyed the chance to play with the band. Delyla is pictures with her parents Sara and Dan Carpenter.



MN History Contest

Sixth graders Delyla Carpenter (front 2nd from left) and Nils Christianson (middle 2nd from left) took part in the Minnesota History Contest held at the Roseau County Museum. Delyla earned 5th place. Congratulations!





Envirothon Success!

Badger students competed at the regional envirothon event at Lake Bronson State Park on May 1. For the competition, students prepared a ten minute presentation on sustainable energy in Minnesota. In addition to their presentation, they participated in five stations answering general knowledge questions about wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soils, and current events. One Badger team earned second place, missing first by just one point! They will advance to state competition on May 20 at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. Pictured are Greta Wojciechowski, Paige Rybakowski, Landon Christianson, Jordan Lee, Julia Dostal, Jordan Davy, Amelia Wilt, and Ada Lee. Advancing to State are Ada Lee, Jordan Lee, Jordan Davy, Julia Dostal, and Amelia Wilt



Shout Out To...

ALL of our substitute teachers and paras! Thank you for always helping out when we are in need! We couldn't do it without you!
Treston Nichols for setting a new school record in the discus with a throw of 140' 3". Treston beat former Badger student Evan Peppel who had the record with a throw of 137'7". The BGMR Freeze Boys Track also won the AAA Booster Club meet at the Lake of the Woods track meet. Treston went on to break his own discus record at the East Grand Forks meet the following week with a throw of 152'.

Fifth graders ~ thank you for making this an awesome first year for Mrs. Hayes at Badger School.

Val Truscinski for her unwavering support provided throughout the school year with any technology issues. The effort and time you provide to each student and staff member is truly appreciated.

Mrs. Mostofi for your guidance and humor you bring to the school. You have played a big part in my learning process at the school. ~ Leah Hasson

Mr. Coltom & his construction class for the completion of a new deck and a covered patio ~ John and Sherri Kukowski.

Charlie Walsh for helping 6th grade with garbage clean-up on Earth Day!

Kitchen staff for providing rolls for the honor roll!

Macy Majer for helping in the kindergarten classroom as a teacher assistant for the past two years. You have provided great support to Mrs. Langaas and students ~ we appreciate everything you have done for us!

Thank You!

Thank you to Katie Rhen who visited Mrs. Dahlgren's eighth grade English class and shared information about her travels to Amsterdam. The class recently started their holocaust unit by learning about Amsterdam and then reading the Anne Frank play.





Spotlight on Sports

Emily Burkel ~ Golf

What is your favorite snack to munch on while on the course? Reese's Take 5 because it's a perfect mix of pretzel, caramel, and chocolate.

Which golf course is your favorite? Greenbush because I know the best.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? One of my coaches, Jon. He helps me become better and keeps me calm if I'm golfing badly.

What is your favorite golf memory? Sections at Bemidji.



Spotlight on Sports

Masen Swenson ~ Golf

What is your favorite snack to munch on while on the course? Uncrustables and Scooby snacks because they are so good and yummy.

Which golf course is your favorite? Bemidji Town and Country because the greens are nice, the fairways are awesome, and it is just an all-around well-kept course.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Myself because I always know there is room for improvement, so that keeps me going.

What is your favorite golf memory? Last year at sections when I played the best golf of my life, and I still didn't make it to state.

Spotlight on Sports

Treston Nichols ~ Track

What is your favorite snack while at a meet? Pickles, they reduce muscle cramps.

What event(s) do you compete in and which is your favorite? Shotput and discus. Shotput is my favorite because I am good at it, and I've gone to state twice for it.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Other throwers that throw farther than me or my PRs (personal record). That is the only way I throw farther.

What is your favorite track memory? When I wasn't supposed to go to state my tenth grade year but beat seven people from my section.



Spotlight on Sports

Ada Lee ~ Track

What is your favorite snack while at a meet? Smuckers Uncrustables PB&J sandwiches because they always taste good.

What event(s) do you compete in and which is your favorite? 4x800 Relay, Open 800, 4x400 Relay, Open 400. My favorite is the 4x800 Relay because it's fun to run with my teammates and we are usually successful in this event.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My dad. He is my coach, and he is always pushing me to do my best, even when I complain about it.

What is your favorite track memory? The bus ride home from Warren. We were all singing, dancing, and listening to music. It was so fun!

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Spotlight on Sports Bethanie VonEnde ~ Trap

What is your favorite station to start on? Station 3 because I like to start in the middle to get the easy ones.

What is your favorite weather to shoot in? Sunny but not too hot because you can still feel your fingers but aren't sweating or having the wind take the birds.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? My coaches because they keep me on task and out of my own head thinking too much.

What is your favorite trap memory? Anything in Alexandria during the trapshoot. I like the random rain storms and also getting top novice last year.

Spotlight on Sports Kaden Halvorson ~ Trap

What is your favorite station to start on? Five because you start on the end but you aren't the first to shoot.

What is your favorite weather to shoot in? Rain because it makes it easier to focus.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Luke Novacek because he gives me good advice.

What is your favorite trap memory? Last year when we went to Prior Lake for state.



Spotlight on Sports Taylor Davy ~ Baseball

What position(s) do you play, and which is your favorite? Shortstop, pitcher, catcher, third base. My favorite is probably pitcher because I can control the game, and it has the most action.

Other than our home field, where do you enjoy playing the most? In Roseau because they have a beautiful field and a nice dugout.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? Trevor Bauer, he is a pro pitcher that posts videos on drills and tips that he uses.

What is your favorite baseball memory? I would say last year when we played Sacred Heart in play-offs. We had rain delays and it was the most competitive game of the year versus the #1 seed (even though we lost by 1).

Spotlight on Sports Jordan Lee ~ Softball

What position do you play, and which is your favorite? I play outfield and it is my favorite because you have to stay alert.

Other than our home field, where do you enjoy playing the most? I enjoy playing at Casewell Park in Mankato, MN, because state softball is an awesome environment.

Who do you look up to, to keep yourself motivated? I look up to my coach because he has always believed in me.

What is your favorite softball memory? My favorite memory was the whole season last year. Although we got 2nd in state, the memories created are unforgettable.



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Badger High School Prom Vegas – the City of lights



Emily Burkel
Alvaro Alves Sanchez



Measha Troxel
Casey Kendrick



Jaden Kukowski



Landon Christianson
Greta Wojciechowski



Grace Arnesen
Ivan Olafson



Bethanie VonEnde
Danyln Janousek



Paige Rybakowski
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Grady Hockstedler
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Noah Gust



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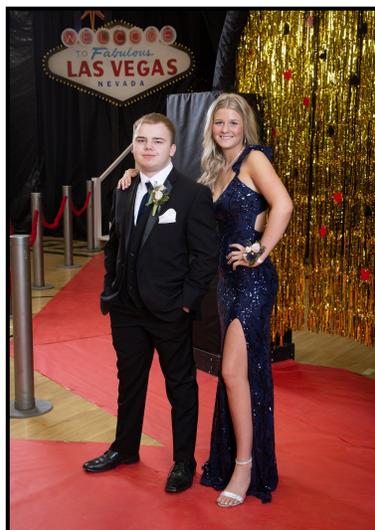
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Jordan Davy



Julia Dostal
Treston Nichols



Masen Swenson
Zairyn Wimpfheimer



Kaden Halverson
Bella Walsh



Kieran Nelson
Taylor Davy



Quarter 3 "A" Honor Roll



Grades 7-12

Back Row: Hailey Lundgren,
 Alvaro Alves Sanchez, Jordan Lee,
 Ashton Pickhartz, Ada Lee,
 Aidan Carpenter
Front Row: Arianna Grugal,
 Emily Burkel, Julia Dostal,
 Jordan Davy, Amelia Wilt,
 Macy Majer
Not Pictured: Aaron Jasiqi

Grades 4-6

Back: Rozalyn Bieber, Delyla Carpenter,
 Rogan Hanson, Abigal Wojciechowski,
 Hadley Zimney **Front:** Ezra Monsrud,
 Blair Przekwas, Paige Gust, Jens Duray





Quarter 3 "B" Honor Roll



Grades 10-12

Back Row: Landon Christianson, Masen Swenson, Treston Nichols, Taylor Davy, Ivan Olafson, Tryg Olson
Front Row: Paige Rybakowski, Bethanie VonEnde, Ella Gust, Jaden Kukowski, Bailey Wojciechowski, Kaden Halvorson **Not Pictured:** Alex Lunde

Grades 7-9

Back Row: Charles Peterson, Elijah Monsrud, Deegan Hanson, Eli Olafson, Kylee Gust, Quynn Washington, Shaina Gust, Peyton Lee
Front Row: Ashlyn Johnson, Hallie Glodowski, Avealrah Hanson, Grant Olson, Kiley Streich, Ava Warne, MacKenzie VonEnde
Not Pictured: Abram Wirta, Katelyn Gust



Grades 4-6

Back: Kaden Randall, Brentley Williams, Briar Williams, Ryder Gust, Ayden Mostad, Autumn Turpitt, Charlotte Lane, Carter Kjos
Front: Shalyn Kukowski, Alexie Berger, Onah Gregerson, Jaryn Kukowski, Willow Rud, Steele Marquis, Nils Christianson



Badger T&C Upcoming Events

JUNE
1

Badger City-Wide Rummage Sale

Contact the T&C to get on the map!

JULY
11

Community Picnic

Come enjoy food with friends!

SEPT
19-21

Badger Fall Fest

A weekend of hometown fun!

Watch the Badger T&C Facebook
page for updates.



Badger Beautification Contest

Most Improved

To be considered for the Most Improved category, you must have a Badger address (rural entries encouraged!) and submit before and after pictures of your yard to badgermn.t.c@gmail.com by July 28th. Your yard must be visible from the street, no long curvy driveways please! Past winners will not be considered this year.

Judges Choice

To be considered for the Judges Choice category, all you have to do is have a nice yard within the city limits! Our judges will pick their favorite after July 28th. Past winners will not be considered this year.

Contact badgermn.t.c@gmail.com with questions



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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



May 2024

Regular attendance gives your child a boost—now and later

The end of the school year is approaching, but it isn't here yet. Attending school in these final weeks is essential. Being in class every day ensures that your child won't miss key learning opportunities. And it sets your student up for success in the future.



Here are four reasons to prioritize attendance through the last day:

- 1. There is still lots to learn.** Teachers are still planning lessons and teaching new content. Arriving at school on time each day will help your child meet this year's learning goals.
- 2. Teachers often plan group projects** for the end of the year. In addition to academic content, these projects help students learn collaboration, problem solving and responsibility—which improve school performance.
- 3. Studies show that students** who miss just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades are still behind their peers when they reach high school.
- 4. Your child is establishing habits** that affect academic achievement. When you insist on regular attendance, your elementary schooler is more likely to accept that getting up and ready for school is a non-negotiable part of daily life.

Source: H. Chang and others, "Rising Tide of Chronic Absence Challenges Schools," AttendanceWorks.



Experiment with science outdoors

Learning science outside is linked with better grades and more scientific knowledge, a recent study shows. While the research suggests the effects are greater for girls, doing experiments outside benefits *all* children.

- Try these activities with your child:
- **Conduct an animal inventory.** Have your child use string to mark off one square foot of grass and observe the animals inside. Your child can draw and label spiders, beetles, worms, etc. Try this in various times and places. Does your child observe different animals after it rains or near a stream? In the morning or at night?
 - **Compare shadows.** On a sunny morning, take turns measuring each other's shadows. Write down the results. Repeat the activity at noon and before sunset. Your child will see that shadows are shorter at noon, when the sun is higher in the sky.

Source: K.T. Stevenson and others, "How outdoor science education can help girls stay engaged with science," *International Journal of Science Education*, Taylor and Francis Ltd.

Use the 85-15 rule to teach

Discipline should teach children how to behave well. But too often, adults think it is about punishing misbehavior. To teach with discipline, remember the 85-15 rule. Focus:

- **85 percent** of your discipline efforts on explaining and encouraging the behavior you *want* to see.
- **15 percent** on correcting misbehavior. Set rules and consequences in advance, then enforce them consistently.

Unplug reading benefits

Reading is beneficial, whether your child reads in print or online. But studies show that some benefits are greater from reading a printed book.

Readers scrolling through digital media are more likely to skim than read for meaning. But when students read from paper books, the page doesn't move. Readers can take their time and turn back to refer to things they've just read. They are more likely to understand the reading, remember it in sequence, and recall more details.



Source: B. Hoffman, Ph.D., "Digital Versus Print: Which Mode Is Better for Learning?" *Psychology Today*.

Plan for a learning summer

Banish boredom this summer by planning a few local family field trips. Consider going to educational places such as:

- **A train station,** airport or marina. What's involved in making that kind of transportation run?
- **An arboretum.** Have your child bring a camera or sketchbook to record different trees. Look them up later.
- **A historic site.** Before going, read about that era in history.





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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



May 2024

Q&A Can I get my child out of trouble at school?

Q: The school called to tell me my fourth grader shoved a classmate to the ground. My child is going to be suspended for a day. I know it's school policy, but my child says the other student started it by yelling insults. Should I try to change this decision?

A: Your child may have been provoked, but physical fighting is never an appropriate reaction in school. Elementary schoolers need to learn that they are responsible for their actions and poor choices have consequences. To help your child learn a lesson from this one:

- **Discuss the incident** with your child. Does your student admit to pushing the other student? Admitting the truth after a mistake is the first step in accountability. Explain that pushing people is never acceptable—even if they call your child names.
- **Talk about better ways to react.** Your child could have ignored the other student, told them to stop or walked away, for example.
- **Encourage your child to tell** an adult when taunting and aggressive speech is happening at school. If your child won't, then you should. The school needs to be aware of this behavior in order to address it.
- **Let your child experience** the consequence of shoving. On the day of the suspension, your student can spend school hours studying or reading.



Parent Quiz

Are you teaching your child to plan time?

Time management skills become more important when students are working to finish end-of-the-year projects and assignments. Are you helping your child use time wisely? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

1. **Do you ask** your child to record due dates and test dates on a calendar?
2. **Do you help** your child break big assignments down into smaller parts?
3. **Do you work** with your child each week to schedule time for studying and completing tasks?
4. **Do you make sure** that your child has plenty of time each day for reading, exercise, family time and sleep in addition to schoolwork?
5. **Do you review** the schedule each day with your child?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are building your child's time-management skills. For each no, try that idea.

"This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it."
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Commit to habits that keep kids healthy and learning

Healthy habits can have a lasting impact on your child's health and performance in school. Support your elementary schooler by making a year-round family commitment to:

- **Stay physically active.**
- **Eat healthy foods.**
- **Drink plenty of water.**

It's also important to take your child for regular medical checkups. Talk to the pediatrician about summer safety, vision, hearing and other health topics. Then, update your child's school medical records.

Get a jump on summer with fun writing prompts

Is your child dreaming of a summer of fun? Have your student put ideas about summer in writing. Here are some prompts to get the ball rolling:



- **When do you think** summer begins? Is it a date on a calendar, a hot day or ... ?
- **What's your favorite** summer memory?
- **Is summer awesome** or awful or both? Why?

Source: C. Dunmire, "Summer Writing Prompts," Creativity Portal.

Discuss progress and plans

At the end of every school year, sit down with your student and talk about how it went. Talk about:

- **Accomplishments.** What is your child proud of? What was challenging?
- **Progress.** Look over schoolwork you've saved and point out how much your child has learned.

Then, help your child figure out changes to make for more success next year.

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Kindergarten Korner ~ Class of 2036

By: Hailey Lundgren

The end of the year has come, and it's time to find out what the kindergarten class enjoyed most this year.

Jack Berger ~ I liked math when we counted numbers, and I liked doing art.

Ayven Blazek ~ I liked playing dinosaurs with my friends outside.

Charlotte Daignault ~ I liked playing in the treehouse and learning math.

Gary Erickson ~ My favorite thing was playing outside with my friends when we played monster games.

Lucas Erickson ~ I liked playing tag on the playground with my friends and swinging on the swing set.

James Evans ~ My favorite thing was carving pumpkins and playing with my friends.

Evan Haugen ~ I liked outside time and art. I love school and playing tic-tac-toe in gym.

Gahrizim Jean ~ I liked math and playing Four Corners.

Julius Jenson ~ My favorite things were learning math and playing with my friends. We played with gears, the dollhouse, and with the Legos.

Colt Langaas ~ I liked playing outside, running, and balancing.

Deklyn Madoll ~ I liked making bunnies in art and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Crystal Mekovich ~ I liked painting, playing outside, and inside playtime.

Brynlee Moore ~ My favorite thing was playing outside and doing art. We had lots of fun.

Taylor Randall ~ My favorite thing was playing, iPad time, and rest time.

Ivy Seydel ~ I liked doing art and learning the fishy song.

Zakai Watson ~ I liked getting to know my classmates and running in gym.

