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FCCLA Mid-Winter Meet

By: Caine Larson

FCCLA had their Mid-Winter meet for STAR Event competitions on January 15th in Karlstad.

The people who attended were Paige Rybakowski, MacKenzie VonEnde, Bethanie VonEnde, Keegan VonEnde, Adysen Gregerson, Emily Burkel, and Avearah Hanson. Congratulations to everyone for advancing to the State Conference that takes place in March.

Emily Burkel for Nutrition and Wellness - Nourish to Flourish

Avearah Hanson for Nutrition and Wellness- Healthy Horizon

Adysen Gregerson for National Programs in Action - Paint It Out

Bethanie VonEnde for Chapter Service Project - Kindness Rocks

Paige Rybakowski for National Programs in Action - Memorable Movement



Left to right:
Ashlyn Johnson and
Katelyn Gust



Left to right:
Austin Przekwas, Ella Gust, and Asher Clark



Left to right:
Landon Christianson, Hallie Glodowski,
Aiyannah Bieber, and Caine Larson



Left to right:
Zay Rud and
Liam Winrow

Night of Lights

By: Aiyannah Bieber

The Night of Lights winter formal dance took place on January 4th, 2025. The dance was sponsored by FCCLA. There were tickets available for purchase before the dance, but if you didn't purchase one prior or forgot, you were still able to pay at the door. A ticket for a singular person was \$10 and a ticket for a couple was \$15. Approximately 47 people attended the dance.

Snacks and drinks were available for those who had attended the dance. The available drinks included cocktails, sunrises, Shirley Temples, and more drink options available to be made. There was also a snack table, which included sweet treats like brownies, and cream-filled mini pastries. There were also healthy treats like grapes, raspberries, blueberries, meats and cheeses, and more. A slushy machine, which included the flavors blue raspberry and piña colada was also available.

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Boy's Basketball Summary

By: Hallie Glodowski

The first game of the month was played on January 2nd at home against Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies. The Gators lost 53-85. On January 7, the Storm, (Stephen-Argyle Central), traveled to Greenbush, and unfortunately, they took the win, with a score of 28-75. The third game this month was on January 10 against the Kittson County Central Bearcats. It was a rough game for the Gators, ending with a loss of 34-70. On the following Monday, the Gators accomplished their first win this month against the Lake of the Woods Bears, with a score of 83-36! The next day the Gators went up against the Roseau Rams. They played hard but came home with a loss of 68-84. On Thursday, the 16th, they played at Greenbush against the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears. The Gators took home the win! Winning with a score of 63-52. The next game they went against Fertile-Beltrami, and sadly the Gator boys took home another loss with 32- 69 being the final score. The boys have 2 more games the month: the 30th against the Northern Freeze @ Karlstad and the 31st against Roseau @ Greenbush. Come support the boys!



Girl's Basketball Summary

By: Azmera Olson

Sadly, the Gator girls brought home two losses from the Pelican Rapids Tournament in December against the Rockets, 37-69, and Raiders 38-52. While there, MacKenzie Dahl (#23) made her 1,000 points! The Gator girls have had 3 losses in January so far. Losing to the TRF Prowlers 37-62 (Home), Kelliher-Northhome Mustangs 46-80 (Home), and Kittson County Central 59-78 (Away). Even though they had 3 losses they brought home 5 wins. Winning against the Stephen-Argyle Storm 47-39 (Away), Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke Chargers 71-44 (Home), Roseau Rams 71-48 (Away), Red Lake County Central 72-54 (Away), and Fertile-Beltrami 56-41 (Home). They still have 2 more games this month: the 30th against Roseau and the 31st in RLF. Go support the girls at the upcoming games! This month's highlight of girl's basketball is Teagan Landsrud (#13) getting 18 points and 16 rebounds in one game! Good job girls and keep the up the good work!

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Band Musician of the Month: Peyton Lee

By: Maxston Haugen

This month's band musician of the month is Peyton Lee, a Sophomore bass clarinet player. Peyton chose the bass clarinet because she thought it was interesting and she'd never heard of it before. Her inspiration to join the band was her teacher, Mrs. Erickson. Peyton has been a part of the band for 5 years or since the sixth grade. Her favorite song to play is "Enter Sandman", because she loves Metallica, and it's fun to play. Her favorite part of being a band member is the pep band bus rides. Peyton's most memorable moment in the band is performing at state for volleyball. Her advice to younger musicians is to ask for help if you don't understand something.



Choir Musician of the Month: Peyton Lee

By: Liam Winrow

Peyton Lee was also chosen as this month's Choir Musician of the Month. Peyton, a soprano two in 10th Grade, is in her fifth month of her fourth year in the Badger High School Choir. Her favorite type of music to sing is, "Music that is fast and upbeat." We asked her, what her favorite part of being in the choir was, to which she replied by saying, "My favorite part of the choir is getting solos." We then asked her, "What advice would you give other vocalists in the choir?" To which she replied, "Don't be afraid to sing out." Peyton is looking forward to the Choir Contest. Peyton's favorite choir memory is going to the solo contests.

Honor Band

By: Maxston Haugen

Five band members were selected to participate in the NW Regional Minnesota Band Directors Honor Band in Fergus Falls. Ava Warne, Delyla Carpenter, Aidan Carpenter, Briar Williams, and MacKenzie VonEnde participated in this event. They performed 4 songs in front of multiple directors.



Honor Choir

By: Katelyn Gust

The following students auditioned for and were selected for the UND Honor Choir: Hallie Glowdowski, Adysen Gregerson, and Emily Burkel. They were selected out of over 1,500 students who auditioned from SD, ND, and MN. They left at 10:30am on Friday, Jan. 24, and went through Sunday, Jan. 26. The concert was open to the public at the Chester Fritz on Sunday, Jan. 26 from 1:30pm - 4:00pm. This was truly an honor for these students! Thanks for supporting our students in all their endeavors!





Spotlight on Sports

By: Hallie Glodowski

Keegan VonEnde ~ Wrestling



One of this month's Spotlight on Sports is sophomore, Keegan VonEnde. Keegan currently wrestles at 127 lbs and has been wrestling for five years. One of Keegan's favorite wrestling moves is the "Fireman's Carry," because he can hit it often and it's a 7-point move. Nick Suriano is whom he looks up to, his reason being, "because of how he wrestles." Keegan's favorite memory while being on the wrestling team was going to state his freshman year. Other than the Swamp, he enjoys wrestling at Larimore because, "they have really good breakfast." Some advice that Keegan would give is: "Condition is more important than tons of fancy things. Focus on being able to wrestle for 6 minutes without a break."

Our other Spotlight on Sports student for this month is sophomore, Isaac Olson. Isaac is currently wrestling at 172 lbs and has been wrestling for 12 years. His favorite wrestling move is the "Lat Drop" because, "it's a big move and can get a lot of points." The person he looks up to, to keep himself motivated is his dad, "because he teaches me a lot on how to keep going and how to cut weight right so I still have strength." Isaac's favorite memory while being on the wrestling team is going down to state to watch. "It's very fun and I get to hang out with some of the team." Other than the Swamp, he enjoys wrestling at the Rumble on the Red in the FargoDome. Some advice that he would give to younger teammates is, "Never give up and keep going. Fight through the pain and you will see success."

Isaac Olson ~ Wrestling



Spotlight on Sports

Payton Gust ~ Basketball

By: Azmera Olson

This month we interviewed Sophomore basketball player, Payton Gust. Payton has been playing basketball for 3 years, and the positions he has been playing are high and low post. Other than the Swamp, his favorite place to play is Red Lake Falls. He looks up to Masen Swenson and Taylor Davy to keep himself motivated. Payton said, “The bus ride on the way home - stopping at McDonalds” was his favorite memory. The advice that Payton would give to younger players is “Always give it your all and if you mess up a shot, forget it and move on to the next shot.”



Tryg Olson ~ Basketball

This month we interviewed Junior basketball player, Tryg Olson. He has been playing basketball for 9 years, and the position he has been playing is forward. Other than the Swamp, Tryg enjoys playing at Oklee. To keep himself motivated he looks up to Anthony Edwards because “He has a lot of confidence in his game.” His favorite memory while being on the team is the bus ride down to the cities for the state tournament. Advice that Tryg would give to younger players is, “Have confidence in yourself and have fun.”

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

2 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 p.m.
4 ECFE
9 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 p.m.
10 Math League
10 School Board Meeting @7:30 p.m.
11 Knowledge Bowl @TRF
11 ECFE
16 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 p.m.
17 No School
18 Knowledge Bowl @TRF
18 ECFE
19 3rd Quarter Midterm
20 Students Dismissed @ 12:30
20 Parent-Teacher Conferences
23 Open Gym 3:30-5:00 p.m.
25 Knowledge Bowl @TRF
25 ECFE

MARCH

2 Open Gym 3:30-5:00p.m.
4 ECFE
4 Knowledge Bowl @TRF
9 Open Gym 3:30-5:00p.m.
10 School Board Meeting @7:30p.m.
10 SB Practice Begins
10 T&F Practice Begins
16 Open Gym 3:30-5:00p.m.
18 ECFE
18 Knowledge Bowl @TRF
19 Large Group Band Contest @Roseau
20-22 School Play
21 End of Quarter 3
21 Students Dismissed @12:30p.m.
25 ECFE
25 Large Group Choir Contest @Newfolden
27-30 State FCCLA

APRIL

1 ECFE
5 Prom
7-11 Wolf Ridge-Grade 7
8 ECFE
8 Vocal & Instrumental Ensemble Contest @ LOW
14 School Board Meeting @7:30 p.m.
17 Students Dismissed @12:30
18-21 No School-Spring Break
23 4th Quarter Mid-term



By: Ashlyn Johnson

Ceara Sehlstrom

What is your favorite color?

Pink because I like pink.

What is your favorite season?

Winter because I am a girl.

Do you have any pets?

I got guinea pigs, Sticky and Cal and Merlin so they got claws but they eat some hay and eat some leaves.

What is your favorite snack?

My favorite snack is triangle, I eat a sandwich.

What is your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is my guinea pigs, my guinea pigs play and snuggle.

What is your favorite thing to do during Winter?

Snow and I wanna build a snowman.

What is your favorite part about school?

My favorite is playtime.

Where is your favorite place to be?

My favorite place is with my grandpa and grandma, Grandma Barb and Grandpa Barb, and Jazzy Jazz, the puppy.

If you could sell anything in a store what would it be?

I would sell a banana, I would sell the lunch lady, the one that waves me.

Kindergarten Corner

By: Avearah Hanson



Zach Sanden

What is your favorite color?

Red because like red.

What is your favorite season?

Spring because...

Do you have any pets?

I got dogs, their names are Luna.

What is your favorite snack?

Bread because...

What is your favorite animal?

Tiger, they have sharp teeth.

What is your favorite thing to do during Winter?

I like to build snowman and sled.

What is your favorite part about school?

iPads, we play on them.

Where is your favorite place to be?

School because it's fun.

If you could sell anything in a store what would it be?

I don't really know.



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Campus Comment

Who is your favorite music artist to listen to and why?

Onah Gregerson (7th): My favorite artist is Billie Eilish because her music is so beautiful and calming. She emphasizes the meaning of her songs. I listen to her music almost every day.

Wyatt Peterson (8th): My favorite artist is Zach Bryan because I like to listen to him and his music makes me happy. When I'm listening to it, it reminds me of my mom.

Shaina Gust (9th): I'd probably say Soulja Boy is my favorite music artist because his songs are lit. "Turn My Swag On" is my favorite song by him because it turns my swag on! Soulja Boy is just the man because he's got that swag.

Avearah Hanson (10th): My favorite music artists are Noah Kahn and Gracie Abrams. I like how their songs flow and how their voices sound. I listen to these artists every time I have aux or have my air-pods in.

Noah Gust (11th): One of my favorite music artists would be Doja Cat. She has one of the most diverse music discographies, in my opinion, from pop, R&B, and rap. Whatever mood you're in, I'm sure Doja has a song for it!

Julia Dostal (12th): If I had to choose, I would probably say Doja Cat. I can't say she has released a song I didn't like. I like a wide variety of music so an artist like Doja, who uses different sounds in her music, is constantly keeping me listening.

(Left to Right): Onah Gregerson, Avearah Hanson, Noah Gust, Shaina Gust, Julia Dostal, and Wyatt Peterson.

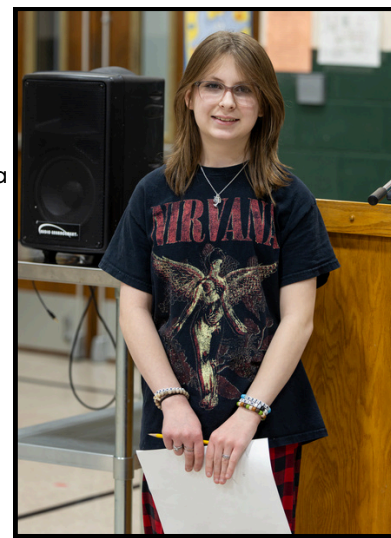
By: Katelyn Gust



Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee for grades 5-8 was held on Thursday, January 23rd, 2025 at 1:00pm. The winning word was lieutenant and Delyla Carpenter is this years spelling bee winner!
Congratulations Delyla!

Participants were: Delyla Carpenter, Kiley Streich, Tayleigh Stoppelman, Kaden Randall, Layla Otto, Alexie Berger, and Onah Gregerson. Congratulations to everyone who competed!





February

3- GBB vs SAC
4- BBB @Lancaster
6- GBB @ Warroad
BBB vs Warroad
8- BBB vs WAO TBD
11- WR Team Section Quarterfinals @
High Seed
GBB @ Goodridge
13- BBB @ Erskine
14- WR Team Section Semi-final and
Final @ Fertile
GBB vs Win-E-Mac
17- GBB vs Sacred Heart
18- BBB vs Climax-Fisher
20- BBB @ LOW
GBB vs Northern Freeze
21- GBB @ Warren
22- WR Individual Section Tournament
@ Crookston
24- GBB Section Pigtail TBD
BBB vs Red Lake
27- BBB vs Blackduck
GBB Section Play-in Game

March

1- GBB Section Quarterfinal
3- BBB Section Pigtail
4- GBB Section Semi-final
6- BBB Section Pigtail
7- GBB Section Final
8- BBB Section Quarterfinal
10- Softball First Day of Practice
Track & Field First Day of Practice
12-15- GBB State Tournament
12- BBB Section Semi-final
14- BBB Section Final
17- Baseball First Day of Practice
19-22- BBB State Tournament
31- Softball vs. Norman County
East/Ulen Hitterdal

By: Cale Lindland and Katelyn Gust

Math League

By: Henry Osborne

After Meet 4, we are still currently ranked 5th in our Division, and also ranked 5th in our section. Our last meet is February 10 in Bemidji. Members attending the meet in Bemidji are:

Seniors: Julia Dostal, Bethanie VonEnde, Taylor Davy, Aidan Carpenter, and Ivan Olafson. Juniors: Emily Burkel, Hailey Lundgren, Tryg Olson, and Owen Lund. Sophomores: Hallie Glodowski and Eli Olafson. Freshmen: Ava Warne and Quynn Washington and 8th Grader: Kiley Streich.

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Wrestling

By: Emmitt Isane



Over Christmas break, on the 3rd through the 4th, the wrestlers traveled to Fargo to compete at the "Rumble on the Red", with over 2,000 wrestlers competing. Our place winner from Badger School is Emmitt Isane, with 5th place out of 82 people in his bracket. Isaac Olson and Wyatt Peterson made it to the second day. Our team got 24th out of 72. On the 7th we went to Frazee, where we wrestled Moorhead and Frazee. Against Frazee, the score was 54-16. On January 9th we traveled to Fertile the score was 45-27. Then the next day we were in Minnewaska the score was 40-24, and then the next day, we were in Alexandria for an individual tournament. The people who placed were Emmitt Isane in 4th, Wyatt Peterson in 4th, and Isaac Olson in 6th. We went to Mahanomen on the 15th for a triangular, we lost against TRF 55-10. On the 22nd we went to Fosston and we lost with a score of 49-22.



Emmitt Isane



Isaac Olson



Wyatt Peterson

Kids Heart Challenge

By: Breydon Foss

The Kids Heart Challenge contest will run from January 29th to February 21st.

This is a contest where kids will help other kids with special hearts while also learning how to keep their own hearts and bodies healthy! The goal of Badger School is to raise \$5,000. There will be incentives, prizes, for the kids to meet their goals. More information will be coming, otherwise contact Mrs. Lambert.

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FEBRUARY 2025

BADGER SCHOOL

Monday
3
 STRAWBERRY
 SHORTCAKE PARFAIT
 FRUIT JUICE
 MILK

10
 WAFFLES
 SAUSAGE LINK
 JUICE MILK
 ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL
 TOURNAMENT
 6:30 PM

17
NO SCHOOL
24
 CINNAMON
 RAISIN TOAST
 CHEESE STICK
 DRAGON FRUIT MIX
 JUICE MILK

Tuesday
4
 HASHBROWN
 STACKER
 (HASHBROWN EGG, BACON,
 CHEESE)
 FRUIT JUICE
 MILK

11
 EGG & CHEESE
 BISCUIT
 FRUIT
 JUICE MILK

18
 SAUSAGE GRAVY
 BISCUIT
 FRUIT
 JUICE MILK

25
 SCRAMBLED
 EGGS/BACON
 MUFFIN
 JUICE MILK

Wednesday
5
 FRENCH TOAST
 FRUIT
 JUICE
 MILK

12
 BREAKFAST ON
 A STICK
 FRUIT
 JUICE MILK

19
 UNCRUSTABLES
 FRUIT
 JUICE
 MILK

26
 BANANA
 SPLIT PARFAIT
 JUICE
 MILK

Thursday
6
 CHEESE OMELET
 MUFFIN
 JUICE
 MILK

13
 CEREAL
 CHEESE STICK
 FRUIT
 JUICE MILK

20
 BREAKFAST
 BURRITO
 FRUIT JUICE MILK
 P/T CONFERENCES
 DISMISS AT 12:30

27
 BOILED EGG
 HASHBROWNS
 FRUIT
 JUICE MILK

Friday
7
 APPLE FRUDEL
 GRAPEFRUIT
 JUICE
 MILK

14
 CHIA BERRY
 PUDDING PARFAIT
 TEDDY GRAHAMS
 JUICE MILK
 FCCLA DADDY/DAUGHTER
 DANCE

21
 CINNAMON ROLLS
 FRUIT
 JUICE MILK
 5TH & 6TH SKI TRIP

28
 DUTCH WAFFLES
 (STRAWBERRIES,
 BLUEBERRIES, RASPBERRIES)
 JUICE
 MILK


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LUNCH

FEBRUARY 2025 BADGER SCHOOL

Monday

3
HAMBURGER
GRAVY BISCUITS
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT MILK

10
PIZZA HOTDISH
GARLIC TOAST
LETTUCE SALAD
GRAPES MILK
ELEMENTARY BB TOURNAMNET
6:30 PM

17
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday

4
BBQ PULLED
PORK/BUN
BAKED BEANS
COLE SLAW
FRUIT MILK

11
HOT HAM/CHEESE
ON A BUN
FRIES PEAS
FRUIT
MILK

18
CHILI
CORN BREAD
BROCCOLI/CAULI-
FLOWER
FRUIT MILK

Wednesday

5
FRENCH BREAD
PIZZA
ROMAINE/SPINACH
SALAD PEPPERS
FRUIT MILK

12
CHEESE FILLED
BREAD STICKS
SPAG. SAUCE
BROC/APPLE SALAD
FRUIT BREAD MILK

19
CORNDOG
CHEESE SLICE
HASH BROWN
CARROTS& CELERY
FRUIT MILK

Thursday

6
HOTDOG/BUN
SOUR KRAUT
FRENCH FRIES
FRUIT
MILK

13
TACHOS
(TACO MEAT, POTATO COINS
CHEESE, TACO FIXINS)
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

20
CHICKEN PATTY /BUN
COLE SLAW
LETT & TOM. SLICES
FRUIT MILK
DISMISS 12:30

Friday

7
BAKED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES
GRAVY
CARROT & CELERY
DINNER ROLL FRUIT

14
SLOPPY JOES
SUN CHIPS
BLACK BEAN SALAD
STRAWBERRY CUP MILK
FCCLA DADDY/DAUGHTER
DANCE

21
SUB SANDWICH
& FIXINS
CHIPS
APPLE SLICES MILK
5TH & 6TH SKI TRIP

28
CHICKEN STRIPS
HASH BROWN
COLE SLAW
FRUIT BREAD
MILK

27
BAKED POTATO
& FIXINS
BROC & CAUL
FRUIT BREAD
MILK

26
GARLIC CHEESE
BREAD SPAG SAUCE
SPINACH/STRAWBERRY
SALAD
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

25
ORANGE CHICKEN
BROWN RICE
CARROTS & CELERY
FRUIT
BREAD MILK

24
TATOR TOT
HOTDISH
MIXED VEGGIES
FRUIT BREAD/PB
MILK



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Elementary Viewpoint

By: Adysen Gregerson



If the sky could rain food, what would you choose and why?

Jameson Kirby (1st) - I choose pizza because of the crunchy crust. Pizza is good. My favorite is pepperoni and the sauce.

Aisleigh Sather (2nd) - If the sky could rain food, I would choose kiwi. I like it because it is juicy. I think others in my family. And other people in the hole entire wold.

Ethan Haugen(3rd) - If the sky could rain food it would be mac and cheese pizza. The reason I want mac and cheese pizza to fall from the sky is because it's my favorite food. It's so good.

Benna Hasson(4th) - The food I pick is skittles. Why I pick skittles is because they have many flavors. My favorite are the sour skittles.

Collin Matthews (5th) - Tacos because I love tacos. Other foods are good and all but I prefer tacos. I can put all kinds of toppings and I can have it for lunch the next day.

Paige Gust(6th) - If the sky could rain food I would choose watermelons because it mostly rains in the spring and summer. Whenever it would rain watermelons in the summer you could eat the watermelons and cool down during the summer. The reason why I chose watermelons is because one you can cool down in the summer and because it is also my favorite food. When it rains during the spring you can grab one and eat it while sitting back and relaxing.



ROBOTICS

by Liam Winrow

On January 18. 2025, the Badger Robotics team went to Bemidji, MN at the Bemdji State University for a tournament, in which Gators Black (4850B) ranked 27th, while Gators Green (4850A) ranked 29th. In the playoffs, they partnered up but lost soon after.

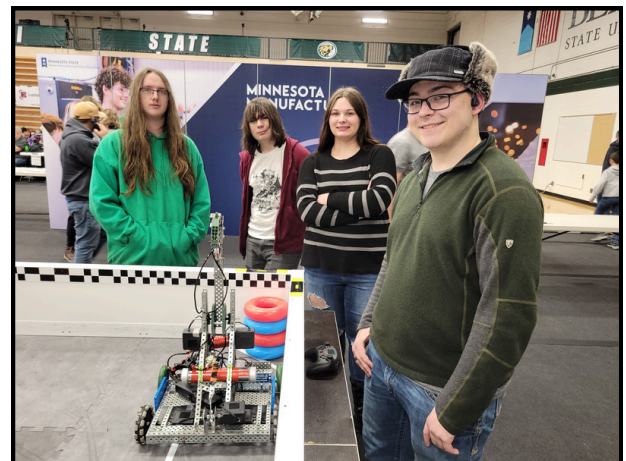


Left Picture (Left to Right):

Kaden Halvorson,
Quentin Kukowski,
Taylor Davy, Braxton
Pearson, Masen
Swenson

Right Picture (Left to Right):

William Peterson,
Aidan Carpenter,
Greta Wojciechowski,
Landon Christianson



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Trivia

By: Breydon Foss

1. How many teeth does the average adult dog have?
A. 38
B. 34
C. 42
2. How many red blood cells are there in the human adult body?
A. 30 trillion
B. 20 trillion
C. 15 trillion
3. Which chemical element is "Hg"?
A. Silver
B. Mercury
C. Tin
4. Which animal is the symbol of China?
A. Panda
B. Elephant
C. Tiger

Riddles

By: Emmitt Isane

When it's alive we sing but when it's dead we clap. What is it?
A birthday candle

I'm a mystery, but I've given you the clues to solve me. You see me now, and my answer is myself. What am I?

A riddle

What kind of band never plays music?
A rubber band



Elementary Basketball

By: Breydon Foss



Grade 6

Coached By: Amanda King



Grade 5

Coached By: Ashley Lambert



Grade 3-4

Coached By: Anne Stenberg and Chase Grinsteiner

Elementary Boys Basketball had their first tournament on January 18th. Their schedule is as follows:

Jan. 18th Roseau

Jan. 25 Newfolden

Feb. 15th Warroad

Feb. 22 TRF

Anne Stenberg and Chase Grinsteiner are the coaches for the 3rd and 4th grade team. We have 1 third grader out for basketball this year who is playing on our 4th grade, with a total of 9 players in all. They have been looking great in practice and will be super hard to beat this season based on their hustle and experience from last season. We had our 1st tournament on Jan. 18th in Roseau. The mighty 3rd-4th graders play 4 tournaments during their 2.5-month season. During their practices our players work on defensive drills, offensive plays, dribbling, shooting, conditioning, and having some fun! They are such a fun group of boys who work extremely hard for us coaches and we are super proud of our Gators! We are looking forward to our games starting and a fun season!

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Superintendent News

Happy February!

Second Semester is in full swing here at Badger School. With the change of semester also comes a change of daily schedule for many of our high school students. Parents and students are able to view schedules and grades through the Badger School JMC Portal. Visit the Badger School Website at <https://www.badger.k12.mn.us/>. Students can click on the “Student” tab, followed by “On-line Student Access” to log in and view schedules and grades. Parents can click on the “Parents” tab, followed by “On-Line Parent Access” to view schedules, grades, attendance, and lunch billing. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance with logging in.



Winter is here! With temperatures consistently below freezing, it is very important that students have warm clothing for being outside at recess. Families in need of assistance finding warm winter gear can contact the school office to find assistance in locating these essential items. Students should also wear jackets when they ride the bus to keep warm.

Just a reminder that there will be no school on Monday, February 17 due to the President’s Day holiday.

The Quarter 3 Midterm will be on Wednesday, February 19.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 20 from 1:30 to 7:30 P.M. Students will be dismissed from school at 12:30 P.M. Buses will run at 12:30 P.M. Elementary Conference Schedules will be sent to parents via email. High School parents are able to drop in to see teachers at any time during the scheduled time.

Gator Winter Athletics are in full swing! For a complete schedule of our Gator Athletic events, go to <https://region8mn.org/public/genie/58/school/1573/>

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

Daniel Carpenter, Superintendent & K-12 Principal

The Badger Barker

Senior Spotlight

By: Makayla McClure

Samuel Aarhus



Parents: Lars and Sara Aarhus

Siblings: Liesl, Tristan, and Josh

Nickname: \$ Biggie Cheddar \$

Favorite(s)

Sport: Football

Movie/Series/Show: Taken

Food: Pancakes

Color: Black

Quote: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."- Helen Keller

If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why? I would go to Asia to see the Himalayas.

If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? I would change the laziness of people.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would take a road trip with Alex and we would go to France.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Being \$ Biggie Cheddar \$

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? Creating the greatest rapper of all time \$ Biggie Cheddar \$

What is your dream job, and why? My dream job is to be a mechanic because ever since I was a kid, I have been fascinated in fixing cars.

Parents: Brady and Corrina Christianson

Siblings: Porter and Emmy

Nickname: Landmine, Hoser

Favorite(s)

Sport: Hockey (Go Wild)

Movie/Series/Show: Wall-E

Food: Pasta

Color: Forest Green

Quote: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That is why it's called the present." - Master Oogway

If you were to own your own airplane, where would you go, and why? Scandinavia to see my family roots and visit all these different and beautiful places.

If you could change anything in the world, what would it be? More forests, more forests would be perfect for protecting the earth and her wildlife.

If you could take a road trip with one person, who would it be and where would you go? I would take Alex up to Canada so we could go skiing and fishing.

What do you think you'll be remembered most by? Hopefully for being kind and helpful, but probably for reading as much as I do.

What is the craziest thing you've done in high school? I got locked in Alex's trunk to mess with the teachers.

What is your dream job, and why? Voice actor, I have and do plenty of weird and funny voices, might as well get paid for it.

Landon Christianson



The Badger Barker

Spring Play

By: Zay Rud

This year's play is "How to Get Away with Murder Mystery" by Don Zolidis. The play is directed by Becky Dahlgren. Five mysterious color-coded guests. A mansion. A murder. Can the killer get away with it? And how will the sleuths bring them to justice? A handy guide for how to escape the law when you just happen to be a prime suspect of a mysterious murder. Told in vignettes, this show hilariously skewers the topos of the murder mystery: an airtight alibi, a long-winded monologue by a detective with an accent, an impossibly complicated Rube Goldberg murder device? Check, check, and check!

The performance commences on March 20-21 at 7:00.

The Cast

Narrator 1: Bethanie VonEnde

Narrator 2: MacKenzie VonEnde

Vick Tim: Hallie Glodowski

The Suspects

Lady Indigo: Emily Burkel & Ava Warne

Mr. Burgundy: Landon Christianson

Agent Orange: Alex Lunde & Kylee Gust

Off-White: Paige Rybakowski & Kiley Streich

Soylent Green: Julia Dostal & Delyla Carpenter

The Detectives

Elderly Woman: Aiyannah Bieber

British Detective: Alex Gust


Southern Gentleman: Caine Larson

Frazzled Lady: Autumn Turpitt

Butler: Nils Christianson

Elementary Basketball Tournament

By: Ashlyn Johnson



The Elementary Basketball Tournament is on February 10th. FCCLA is doing concessions and NHS is doing the gate and announcing for this event. High School basketball players will coach the Elementary Students.

We hope to see you there!



Order of The Evening

1 vs 2

Kindergarten

3 vs 4

5 vs 6

Kindergarteners will also show off their ball-handling skills! Doors open at 6:15 P.M. and the start time is at 6:30 P.M. There will be a 50/50 drawing!

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Daddy/Daughter Dance

By: Caine Larson

This year's annual Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 14, for grades pre-K to 6th. It will be held in the Badger School cafeteria from 6:30PM to 8PM. Refreshments will be available. The cost is \$5 per family.



FCCLA

Daddy Daughter Dance for Pre-K to grade 6



Friday
February 14
6:30-8:00pm
Badger School
Cafeteria
\$5 per family



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February 2025

'Coach' your elementary schooler to a strong school performance

An effective coach is someone who guides, encourages and inspires. When you play this role for your child, you help motivate your elementary schooler to persevere, try new things and find answers.



To be a coach for your child:

- **Serve as a resource.** Completing schoolwork is your child's responsibility. But you can offer encouragement, answer questions and suggest places to look for additional information, such as a website or educational video.
- **Show enthusiasm** for the things your child is learning. Emphasize that knowledge is the goal of education. Also discuss the learning process, which includes hard work, persistence and making steady progress.
- **Encourage investigation.** There may be times when you are not familiar with the material your student is learning. If your child comes to you with a question, it's OK to say, "I never learned that. How could you find out? Let's try looking online or in your book."
- **Recognize your child's strengths** and weaknesses. Some students excel in math, but need help with writing, for example. Support and encourage your child's best effort in every subject, but do not expect the same level of performance in each.

Source: K.T. Alvy, Ph.D., *The Positive Parent: Raising Healthy, Happy and Successful Children, Birth-Adolescence*, Teachers College Press.



Raise your child's awareness of others

An ability to understand other people and think about their feelings will help your child form solid connections with classmates and teachers. This ability also helps students consider situations from other points of view, cooperate and problem-solve—skills that lead to success in school and beyond.

Help your child learn to:

- **Think about what others** might need or want. "It's great that you and your friends like playing tag together every afternoon. But what about the new kids in the neighborhood? How do you think they feel watching you play? Do you think they would like to be included?"
- **Realize that people** may respond differently under similar circumstances. Something that excites your child may make someone else nervous.
- **Respond appropriately.** Your child could return a smile with a smile, listen if the person wants to talk, or suggest an activity to take the person's mind off worries.

Just how long will it take?

To manage time responsibly, your child needs to understand how much time tasks take to do. Have your child:



1. **Estimate** how many minutes it will take to complete a task.
2. **Track** the time it actually takes to carry out the task.
3. **Compare** the estimate to the real time.
4. **Write down** the task and the time it takes to refer to next time.

Help your child learn from mistakes on graded work

After receiving graded schoolwork back from the teacher, some students never look at it again. But there is still learning to be done! Help your child:



- **Identify and correct** wrong answers.
- **Figure out** what type of errors were made. Most mistakes are due to either carelessness or lack of preparation.
- **Plan changes.** To reduce careless errors, your child could double-check answers before turning them in. If lack of preparation is the problem, your child can ask the teacher questions if the material is confusing and schedule more study time.

Instill positive values

Teaching your child values at home helps create a positive culture at school that improves learning. To get the lessons across:

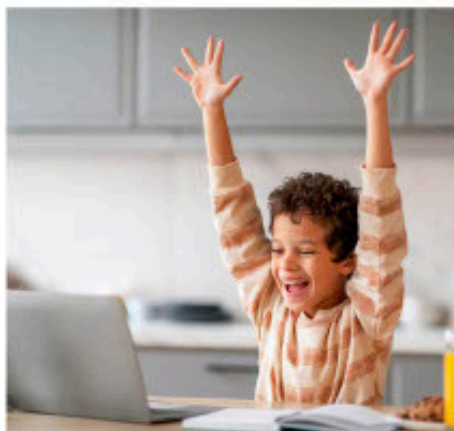
1. **Discuss the values** that matter to your family—honesty, fairness, diligence, etc.
2. **Set standards** for behavior. Expect your child to tell the truth, to be kind to others and to see tasks through to the end.
3. **Be a role model.** Your child learns to behave by watching you.



How can I convince my child to work more carefully?

Q: My child has a competitive spirit and loves to race. The teacher is seeing this behavior in the classroom, too. Instead of taking time to be neat and accurate, my child is rushing to finish first. What should I do about this?

A: Being first to finish is great on the racetrack, but it isn't what matters when it comes to schoolwork. Students should use all available time to do their best work.



To help your elementary schooler learn to take more care:

- **Team up with the teacher.** Work together on a plan for helping your child focus on improving work quality, rather than speed.
- **Talk with your child.** To appeal to your student's competitive nature, try putting the situation into sports terms. Say that doing schoolwork is like shooting free throws in basketball. It's not how fast the player shoots the ball that matters—it's whether it goes in the basket.
- **Set standards for neatness and accuracy** when your child does schoolwork or other tasks at home. Explain that work that is messy or careless will have to be redone.

Your young racer will soon figure out that slowing down results in higher quality work the first time—which actually saves time in the long run.



Do you know how to address frustration?

Minor hassles and frustrations are part of life. Children need to learn how to handle them and keep moving forward. Are you developing your child's ability to cope with frustration? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

1. **Do you help** your child put feelings into words?
"You sound frustrated that this math is taking longer than you thought."
2. **Do you explain** that with persistent effort, your child can learn almost anything?
3. **Do you brainstorm** with your child about other strategies to try if the first one isn't working?
4. **Do you talk** with your child about successful people who have overcome challenges?
5. **Do you show** confidence in your child's ability to figure out solutions?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are helping your child take frustration in stride. For each no, try that idea.

"It's only when I face frustration and use it to fuel my dedication that I feel myself moving forward."
—John Bingham

Celebrate February figures

Many notable people were born in February. Help your child learn more about the lives and contributions of these:

- **Presidents.** George Washington (Feb. 22) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12) had profound influence in shaping America. What would your child want to do if president?
- **Heroes.** Rosa Parks (Feb. 4) and Susan B. Anthony (Feb. 15) were champions for rights and equality. Go online together to learn how Parks spurred on the Civil Rights movement and Anthony campaigned for women's right to vote.
- **Artists.** Nina Simone (Feb. 21) and Pierre-Auguste Renoir (Feb. 25) made lasting marks on music and art. Listen to Simone's singing and look at Renoir's paintings in a book or online together.

Boost student responsibility

Notebooks left at school. Completed worksheets left at home. To make taking responsibility for schoolwork easier for your child:

- **Talk about ways** to get more organized. Ask your child to make a plan.
- **Have your child try** to make the plan work. If it doesn't, let your student learn from experiencing the consequences.
- **Suggest changes** to the plan, but let your child put them into action.

Foster a 'can do' attitude

Find a can with no sharp edges. Label it *The 'I Can' Can*. Then, every time your child learns something new, write it on a slip of paper. Put it in the can. When your child is feeling low, take the slips out and read them together. Your student will remember, "I can!"



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