

The Badger Barker

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Third Graders Present to Badger School Board

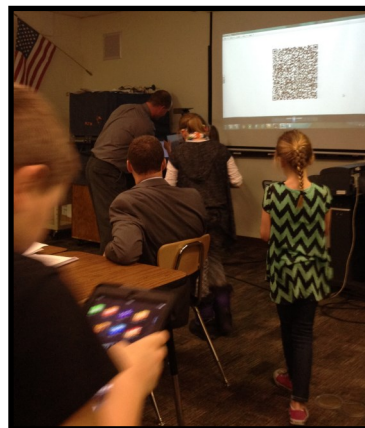
Submitted By: Jacob Rath, Grade 3 Teacher



During the past month, the Badger third grade students have worked very hard to incorporate the use of iPads into their daily learning. On Monday, February 8, six third grade students volunteered to demonstrate what they have learned to the Badger School Board. Their teacher, Mr. Rath, began the presentation telling the school board some of the many ways they have been using this new tool. The iPad has become a part of the everyday use in the 3rd grade classroom. The third graders have used apps to help them learn about symmetry, fractions, math facts, The Boston Tea Party, build reading skills, Accelerated Math, Accelerated

Reader, and much more. The iPads have even changed the way the third graders do some of their daily routines. Mr. Rath presented the Tellagami Video the third graders had created, explaining to the School Board the many new ways of learning they had been engaged in while using their iPads. Their Tellagami then thanked the School Board for all their hard work to make the iPads available.

Following the video, the students were matched up with a school board member. Those students were Bethanie VonEnde (daughter of Jed and Jandi VonEnde), Josie Penas (daughter of Jennie Erickson and Danny Penas), Jaden Kukowski (daughter of Duane and Val Kukowski), Julia Dostal (daughter of Dan and Shannon Dostal), Ivan Olafson (son of Nate and Steph Olafson), and Masen Swenson (son of Angie and Jeramy Swenson). The students taught the school board members many of the apps and activities they had learned in school. The apps ranged from Skitch, Spelling City, Reading Eggs, Math Fight, Rocket Math, Pizza Fractions, Pic Collage, etc. The school board members and students were engaged for over 10 minutes. This was a wonderful opportunity for not only the students but the School Board members. The third grade class would like to thank the Badger School Board and the entire Badger community for their continued support and dedication to the students of the Badger School District.



Amy Svir Sub-Section 32 Female Triple 'A' Winner

In December 2015, Amy Svir and Robby Davy were nominated by the Badger School for the Triple "A" Award. The Triple "A" Award was originated by the Minnesota State High School League and recognizes and honors high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the fine arts. The nominee must be a high school senior, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, participate in League-sponsored athletics and fine arts, and complete the application form and submit it to the administrative secretary on or before the deadline. Triple "A" Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process involving member schools of the League, the League's administrative regions, and a special committee of educators, business leaders, and members from the fine arts and athletic communities. The selection committee evaluates each application based on classroom performance, involvement in League-sponsored athletic programs, and involvement in fine arts activities. On February 10, 2016, Amy and Robby along with their parents, Mr. Jerome, and Mr. Warne attended the Section 8A Triple "A" Banquet in Mahanomen, MN. From the school nominations, the committee selects one male and one female sub-section winner for each of the four subsections in section 8A. Amy Svir was selected as the female winner for sub-section 32. Congratulations to Amy on this well-deserved award!



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Senior Spotlight Tyler Becker

Parents: Paul & Lyndele Hamann

Siblings: Sarah, Carter

Nickname: T-Beck

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Lasagna

Color: Red

Quote: "Talent wins game, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships." ~ Michael Jordan

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To meet Kevin Durant.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? Travel Europe with my mom.

What one word best describes your personality? Sports

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Don't have one.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Playing Xbox 360.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Losing my property in the Rat Race game.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Lettering in sports.



Senior Spotlight Jacob Berger



Parents: James & Leanne Berger

Sibling: Jerome

Nickname: Berger

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Food: Steak

Color: Blue

Quote: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream another new dream." ~ C.S. Lewis

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Go on a big hunting trip

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? My family and I would go to Hawaii.

What one word best describes your personality? Laid-back

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? There were many of them.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Hanging with friends and 4-wheeling.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? When we went to Wolf Ridge in 7th grade.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? All of the wood projects I have made in shop.

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Senior Spotlight Amy Svir

Parents: Jim & Ruthann Svir

Siblings: Zac, Raichl

Nicknames: Svir, Amy Circle, Smy, Amysh, Awmy

Favorite:

Sport: Volleyball

Food: Tacos

Color: Pink

Quote: "No" ~ Rosa Parks

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Knowledge of what to wish for.

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 go to Malibo, California, and not take anyone with me because Leonardo DiCaprio already lives there.

What one word best describes your personality? Sassy

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Can't think of anything.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Nap or listen to music.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Getting second place at state softball.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Getting crowned homecoming queen.



Senior Spotlight Robby Davy



Parents: Rob & Tami Davy

Siblings: Jared, Gavin

Nicknames: Robby, Rob, Berto

Favorite:

Sport: Golf

Food: Tacos

Color: John Deere Green

Quote: "Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later." ~ Og Mandin

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? I would wish for an all-expensed paid farm.

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 take Alex Burkel to the Daytona 500 just to show him how fun NASCAR actually is.

What one word best describes your personality? Organized

What was your most embarrassing moment in high school? Falling off the back of the risers into the chairs during choir practice in 8th grade.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Farming

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? The bus/van rides to FCCLA State in Bloomington every year.

What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school? Advancing to the National FCCLA Convention twice!

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Choir Musician of the Month Jordan Watson



Grade: 11

Siblings: Tiana, Darius, Jada

What section are you in? Baritone

How long have you been in choir? 5 years

What is the hardest part about being in choir? Following dynamics on some songs.

What advice would you give other vocalists? DO THE DYNAMICS!! That is major key.

What are you looking forward to this year? The Music Revue!

What kind of music do you like to sing? Pentatonic music, Rap, R&B

What is your favorite choir memory?

Making games out of the songs with Alex Burkel. We would see who could hit higher notes or who could sing louder; sometimes during class...and sometimes during programs (laughing/crying face emoji).

Band Musician of the Month Megan Kompelien

Grade: 12

Siblings: Kassie, Ethan, Logan

What instrument do you play? The best instrument of course! The trumpet.

Why did you choose to play this instrument? The trumpet is one of the loudest, funnest, and most popular instruments. It motivates and is a key part to any band. Plus trumpets are perfect.

What is your most memorable moment in band? When you're in band you are given an endless array of opportunities. You go on musical field trips, travel to sport events, and perform for your friends and family. Band in general is memorable.

How long have you been in band? I've been in band for 7 years.

What is your favorite song to play? Almost anything pep band, but if I had to choose it would be *Carry On Wayward Son*.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Learn to count, learn to listen, learn to watch, and learn to express yourself through the music.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? Music is inspiration and anybody involved in that is inspiring.



Trivia

By: Dillon Nieman

- What was Elvis Presley's middle name?
 - Arthur
 - Leroy
 - Aaron
 - Lewis
- How many bones are there in a giraffe's neck?
 - 34
 - 7
 - 18
 - 22
- Which of the following landlocked countries is entirely contained within another country?
 - Lesotho
 - Mongolia
 - Burkina Faso
 - Luxembourg
- What street does Spongebob Squarepants live on?
 - Conch
 - Bikini Bottom
 - Shell
 - Ocean

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Campus Comment

By: Tessa Sanden

What is the one item you cannot live without?

Noah Warne (7th grade): I cannot live without my notebook because I write my assignments and keep important things such as syllabuses and assignments and folders and other things to organize stuff in it.

Garytt Banta (8th grade): One item I cannot live without is my phone because of all the things you can do with it like texting and calling and also social media.

Karissa Kaml (9th grade): The things I cannot live without aren't items. They are my family and friends. I can't live without them. These are the most important things.

Joanna Erickson (10th grade): My phone. I know it sounds bad but I use it to communicate with all my friends and for emergency calls. Like in case we drive into the ditch in the winter. I also love listening to music and watching Netflix!

Jared Davy (11th grade): The one item I can't live without is food. Food is vital for us to survive. Without food, we would only have 2-3 weeks to survive because food gives us APT (adenosine triphosphate) which gives us short term energy. If our body runs out of APT, then we die. So food to me is something I cannot live without.

Keithan Hoang (12th grade): My car because without it I couldn't go to work. Without a job there's no money and no food, which no one can live without.

Mrs. Lee (FACS Teacher): I could not live without my agenda. I use my agenda to help me stay organized, prioritize, and be on time. Family, work, and activities are all important to me so I want to make sure I have time to enjoy them all!



Hatchet

Author: Gary Paulsen

Book review by: Kaitie Hamann

"Going to die, Brian thought. Going to die, gonna die, gonna die—his whole brain screamed it in the sudden silence."

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is flying over the Canadian wilderness going to visit his father for a few months during the summer when the unexpected happens. The plane crashes but Brian survives the crash and is stranded on a lake shore with no way home. Brian must learn survival skill by himself and also teach himself to survive with the different resources he has. Brian has the hatchet his mother gave him right before he left.

Hatchet is not just an awesome book for people who love the outdoors, but it is also for people who want to escape the real world and get lost in a good book. I recommend this book because of the real life problems Brian must overcome. Will Brian be able to make it home or will the wilderness over take him? Find out in *Hatchet*.

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Kindergarten Korner

By: Amelia Stainbrook



Ava Gust

Parents: Becky & Richard Gust

Age: 5

What have you learned in kindergarten? We made a snowman in art and we play and count numbers.

What is your favorite toy? My favorite toys are tractors because I like to drive them.

What would you do if you were invisible for a day? I would hide from bad guys and jump out and scare them.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a firefighter and catch fish to bring home and eat.

Deegan Hanson

Parents: Dan & Trina Hanson

Age: 6

What have you learned in kindergarten? I have learned how to say the Pledge of Allegiance, to only pound on the tables on Fridays, and to not scream.

What is your favorite toy? My favorite toys are Lincoln Logs and the Batmobile.

What would you do if you were invisible for a day? I would go through doors and tell Santa about Phineas and Ferb.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a policeman and put bad guys in jail like the guys in the movies.



Aurora Hamann

Parent: Neil Hamann

Age: 6

What have you learned in kindergarten? I learned to weigh stuff. I weighed my box of crayons. I learned to listen to the speaker.

What is your favorite toy? I like playdough. I build snowmen with it.

What would you do if you were invisible for a day? I would go outside and play all day or until I get cold.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to work at Super One and bag groceries.



March Gator Sports

By: Dale Grindahl

Boys Basketball

- 1 Section Semi Finals
- 4 Section Finals
- 9-12 State Tournaments

Girls Basketball

- 3 Play in game @ Higher Seed
- 5 Section ¼ Finals
- 7 Section Semi Finals
- 10 Section Finals
- 15-19 State Tournament

Random Riddles

www.goodriddlesnow.com

By: Austin Maurstad

1. Why doesn't Cinderella play softball?
2. What tastes better than it smells?
3. What loses its head in the morning and gets it back at night?
4. Which comes first, chicken or egg?
5. Which side of a cat has the most fur?
6. Why don't mountains catch colds?
7. When do you go at red, but stop at green?

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

Trivia Answers

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March Dates to Remember

By: Chevy Hamilton

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| 1 | Knowledge Bowl Sub regional @ Crookston | 14 | School Board 7:30 pm |
| 1 | Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm | 15 | ACT Test, Grade 11 |
| 1 | Comm Ed ~ Adult Flow Yoga 5:45 pm | 15 | Comm Ed ~ Piggy Bank Class 3:15 pm |
| 1 | ECFE "Letters Q&R" 6:00 pm | 15 | Comm Ed ~ Adult Flow Yoga 5:45 pm |
| 2-5 | Robotics @ Duluth | 15 | ECFE "St. Patrick's Day" 6:00 pm |
| 3 | Comm Ed ~ Kids Yoga 3:15 pm | 17 | Badger High School Music Revue |
| 3 | Comm Ed ~ Piggy Bank Class 3:15 pm | 17 | Comm Ed ~ Kids Yoga 3:15 pm |
| 6 | Open Gym 3:30-5:00 pm | 17 | Comm Ed ~ Piggy Bank 3:15 pm |
| 7 | Comm Ed ~ Skating Lessons | 18 | End of 3 rd Quarter |
| 8 | Comm Ed ~ Piggy Bank Class 3:15 pm | 18 | Badger High School Music Revue |
| 8 | Comm Ed ~ Adult Flow Yoga 5:45 pm | 21 | Comm Ed ~ Skating Lessons |
| 8 | ECFE "Letters S&T" 6:00 pm | 22 | Instrumental Ensemble Contest @ Goodridge |
| 9 | National Honor Society Blood Drive 11 am-7 pm | 22 | Comm Ed ~ Piggy Bank Class 3:15 pm |
| 9 | Band and Choir Large Group Contest @ Tri-County | 22 | Comm Ed ~ Adult Flow Yoga 5:45 pm |
| 10 | Comm Ed ~ Piggy Bank Class 3:15 pm | 22 | ECFE "Easter/Spring Celebration" 6:00 pm |
| 10 | Comm Ed ~ Kids Yoga 3:15 pm | 24 | No School ~ Staff Workshop |
| 10 | Comm Ed ~ Cool Contraptions 3:15 pm | 25 | No School ~ Spring Break |
| 13 | Daylights Savings Time Begins, turn clocks ahead | 28 | No School Spring Break |
| 14 | Comm Ed ~ Skating Lessons | 29 | ECFE "Letters U, V, & W" 6:00 pm |

Northwest Regional Honor Band

Submitted by: Lisa Erickson, BHS Band Director

Music warms the heart. At least that's what seven Badger High School band students hoped as they braved the frigid temperatures to participate in the Minnesota Band Directors' Association Northwest Regional Honor Bands on Saturday, January 16, at Fergus Falls High School. Students from over 50 schools across northwest Minnesota participated in an exciting day of music.

Emma VonEnde (trombone) and Morgan Praska (clarinet) played in the 7-8th grade honor band under the direction of guest conductor Charles Wiese from Edina, MN.

Ethan Praska (alto sax) and Joanna Erickson (French horn) played in the 9-10 grade honor band under the direction of guest conductor Paul Kile from Edina, MN.

Alex Burkel (trumpet), Leah Erickson (clarinet), and Jordan Watson (trombone) played in the newly formed 11-12 grade honor band under the direction of guest conductor Eric Anderson from Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

After practicing at home, students started their large group band rehearsals at about 10:00 a.m. in the morning. Rehearsals continued throughout the entire day until just a few minutes before the 5:00 p.m. concert. The concert was a complete success. Students had a wonderful experience playing with peers who value music as much as they do.



Guest conductor Paul Kile (Edina, MN),
Ethan Praska, Joanna Erickson

Emma VonEnde, guest conductor
Charles Wiese (Edina, MN),
Morgan Praska



Leah Erickson, guest conductor Eric
Anderson (Anoka-Ramsey Community
College), Alex Burkel, Jordan Watson

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A Honor Roll ~ 2nd Quarter



4-6 Grade

Back: Bryza Rud, Gabe Warne, Dylan VonEnde, Julia Bergeron, Raegen Maahs, Keyasha Housker

Middle: Mason Sharf, Greta Lee, Hannah Rud, Aulona Jasiqi, Victoria Hickey

Front: Talisha Hamann, Kadeyn Keller, Hannah Wilt, Hailey VonEnde, Jasmine Christianson, Abigail Novacek-Pratt

Not Pictured: Jordan Lee

7-9 Grade

Back: Tanner Davy, Jack Burkel, Emma Gust, Alyssa Rinde, Erika Howell, Deanna Rybakowski, Noah Warne, Isabella Monsrud

Middle: Gavin Davy, Timothy Peppel, Alex Ylitalo, Emily Gust, Morgan Praska, Isaac Lorenson, Talon Hilligas

Front: Avdyl Jasiqi, Colby Wooten, Kennedy Truscinski, Kiana Jacobson, Tessa Blumer, Alexis Rud, Maisy Ylitalo, Bailey Maurstad



10-12 Grade

Back: Alex Burkel, Leah Erickson, Isaac Dostal, Isabella Grafstrom, Emily Hamann, Megan Kompelien, Olivia Monsrud

Middle: Austin Maurstad, Devan Olson, Jared Davy, Jack Peppel, Tyler Isane, Alex Truscinski, Robby Davy

Front: Riley Sovde, Seth Dostal, Ethan Praska, Dillon Nieman, Isaak Isane, Amy Svir, Caity Garten

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B Honor Roll ~ 2nd Quarter



4-6 Grade

Back: Ariana Grugal, Elliott Isane, Amelia Wilt, Ada Lee, Ally-Marie Gravelle, Brooke VonEnde, Lydia Sanden

Middle: Tre Alten, Katerina Nubson, Riley Gust, Carter Hamann, Landon Frislie, Jordan Scharf, Erin Gonzalez

Front: Austin Stainbrook, Jaden Solberg, Cody Olson, Brogan Beito, Jordan Davy, Salma Pray, Measha Troxel

7-12 Grade

Back: Dawson Beito, Tia McKinnon, Jasmyn Rud, Shayna Kruger, Chevy Hamilton, Emma VonEnde

Middle: Aaron Davy, Jory Bronson, Kiah Olafson, Tessa Sanden, Anthony Rinde

Front: Kasey Wojciechowski, Devin Pries, Austin Nieman, Madison Rybakowski, Daniel Obie



Choir Students ~ Music Revue Rehearsal Schedule

**The following dates are not required
(but highly recommended) to attend:**

Saturday, March 5 ~ 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 6 ~ 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12 ~ 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The following rehearsal dates are required:

DRESS REHEARSAL ~ Sunday, March 13 ~ 2:00 p.m.

FULL RUN THROUGH ~ Monday, March 14 ~ 6:30 p.m.

FULL RUN THROUGH ~ Tuesday, March 15 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Remember – practice makes perfect!!

Random Riddles Answers

1. Because she runs away from the ball and her coach is a pumpkin.
2. A tongue.
3. A pillow.
4. Chicken. Ever heard of a dictionary?
5. The outside.
6. They have a snow cap.
7. When you are eating a watermelon.

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Badger Student Opinion

By: Emma Dimich

What are your thoughts about video games? Are they too violent, etc.?

Michal Olson

I like video games because you can play with friends. My favorite games are racing games. The reason I like them is because you compete against others and see who wins. I think 7 year olds and younger shouldn't play violent games like Call Of Duty. I think children should play Minecraft because it's not so violent.

Madison Rybakowski

In my opinion, I believe video games corrupt children's minds. In the past, video games were fun and trustable. In the present, video games use violent characters and encourage foul behavior. Games such as Pacman and Mario Kart are classified as tolerable and trustable games. Games such as Grand Theft Auto encourage players to be thugs, which is not a distinguished vision of our future. Unless you want to go to jail for murder and burglary?

Olivia Monsrud

Some video games are too violent, like GTA, because you're teaching kids to steal from people and shoot people. I think games such as Pacman or Mario Kart are okay because they don't teach you anything like stealing from or killing people. Minecraft is a good video game because it teaches you to think outside the box and have an imagination. I also feel like video games are a total waste of time because you could just go outside and play like normal children.

Evan Peppel

Video games can be violent, but not all are. In today's day in age with how real video game developing companies can make games, they can seem realistic and make the players feel like they are in the game itself. But that is why they have different ratings to appeal to the age group they are selling to. Yes, video games can be violent. We as the consumers are the ones that make the choice to buy the product or not.



March Wacky Celebrations

<http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/march.htm>

By: Tyrah Green

National Peanut Butter Lovers' Day ~ March 1st

Smooth peanut butter, crunchy peanut butter, whatever it is, is enjoyed by many. Peanut butter is not limited to a "peanut butter and jelly" sandwich. It's popular on crackers, celery, and other "peanut butter" holders. It is also used in recipes for cookies and snacks. Also, don't forget peanut butter candies too!

Dentist Day ~ March 6th

Display a big toothy smile. After all, your dentist plays a role in your big bright smile. If your dentist is an important person, why are you scared of your next dental visit? Is it perhaps the fear of discovering a cavity? The finding of beginning gum disease? The fear of the dentist ranks right up there with the fear of pulling teeth!

National Pi Day ~ March 14th

National Pi Day celebrates Pi, a mathematical concept and a number that never ends...at least no one has found the end yet. Often, we round it off to 3.14. If you are a mathematician, this is your day. March 14 is also represented as 3.14.

Extraterrestrial Abduction Day ~ March 20th

Keep one eye on the sky and be ready to duck, dodge, and hide. UFOs may be everywhere looking to abduct humans. If you are not careful, perhaps they will find you! Of course, there are more than a few people out there who are looking to be abducted by aliens so they can travel to another planet. Celebrate today by reading and watching science fiction stories about UFOs and extraterrestrials.

Take a Walk in the Park Day ~ March 30th

An opportunity for exercise and relaxation. Are you stressed out? A walk in the park is just what the doctor ordered. It's calming and therapeutic. Taken after a busy work day, it helps clear your mind and re-energize you. Take a walk during lunch and you will find the afternoon of work goes by quicker and easier. In addition to avoiding a fall, open eyes will allow you to take in the beauty of nature's wonders: flowers, trees, birds, etc.

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Isaak Isane



100 Wins

Congratulations to Isaak Isane on 100 varsity wrestling wins.

Top Ten Sports Injuries

By: Ceceilia Yeager

At the Badger School, many students participate in athletics. You can have fun, but you also need to take care of yourself when playing sports. To avoid injuries, listen to what your coach says and stretch before any activity so you can be safe. According to www.unitypoint.org these are the ten most common sports injuries. The list goes from least common injuries to the most common injuries.

10. Hip flexor strain
9. ACL tear
8. Concussion
7. Groin pull
6. Shin splints
5. Sciatica (bulging discs in spine)
4. Hamstring strain
3. Tennis or golf elbow
2. Shoulder injury
1. Patellofemoral syndrome (kneecap)

Preschool Cowboy

Thanks to Josh Howell and Michelle Olson for coming to the preschool room and telling us about being a cowboy and cowgirl. The children really enjoyed trying to rope the steer dummy.

Free Throw Competition



Hannah Rud, Badger 6th grader, won the Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition held on Saturday, January 30. She competed with all of Badger, Greenbush, Middle River, Roseau, and Warroad. She made 19 out of 25 free throws in her 3rd round of the competition. She now advances to the next round in Walker, MN, in hopes of advancing to the state competition in March. Good job and good luck Hannah!



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Badger School Superintendent's News



Minnesota Celebrates School Board Recognition Week

The Badger School District joined school districts throughout the state to salute their local education leaders during Minnesota's annual School Board Recognition Week that occurred February 15-19.

The commemorative week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Minnesota's school board members, including the Badger School Board, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Minnesota school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. They oversee multimillion dollar budgets which fund education programs for more than 825,000 students in approximately 2,000 schools. Their personnel decisions affect more than 52,000 teachers and thousands of administrators and support workers.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated individuals who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in our community. We salute the public servants of our school board whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. Please join us by saying thanks to our school board members:

Jamie Isane, Chairperson
Jim Christianson, Vice-Chairperson
Cari Dostal, Clerk
Connie Creviston, Treasurer
Carol Rhen, Director
Jeramy Swenson, Director

In closing, on behalf of the Badger School District, thank you to all community and district residents for all that you do for our school and our students. Please feel free to stop by anytime to visit. Thanks to your support and commitment, Badger remains "the school where every student belongs."

Sincerely,
Tom Jerome, Superintendent
Badger School District

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Ramp-Up Topics for March

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

GRADE 6: Costs versus Earnings. This unit is a fun way for students to begin to understand the average salaries adults earn based on level of education, how much colleges cost, and how attaining a postsecondary credential or degree will be beneficial to them in the long run. Sixth grade students will also be experiencing the PREP (Personal Readiness Evaluation for Postsecondary) assessment for the first time.

WORKSHOP: Ways to Pay for College

GRADE 7: One element of a student seeing himself or herself as college going material is a belief in his or her own abilities. This unit encourages students to identify their individual strengths in terms of knowledge and skills needed for college so they can further create an understanding and belief in themselves as successful college students. Also, students will be preparing for a panel of college students to ask questions of what college has been like for them.

WORKSHOP: Guest Speakers on College

GRADE 8: Budgeting for teenagers unit will give students an idea about their own spending and savings habits. The 8th Grade Budget Worksheet will be a useful conversation starter for parents at home. Students will also be learning more about the costs of college, whether it is a two-year or four-year school, private or public. A good link for parents to investigate is bigfuture.collegeboard.org/compare-colleges to find out more about colleges and financial aid packages.

GRADE 9: Students will learn the five phases of decision making: Clarification, Brainstorming, Evaluation, Decision, and Double Checking. These phases can be applied to all sorts of decisions. Ninth graders will also focus on learning about the 21st century skills needed to adapt to an ever changing world.

WORKSHOP: Reality Check Tool

GRADE 10: Sophomores will be investigating college entrance exams and how to prepare for them. Students will look at general numbers on two and four year graduation rates in Minnesota. Students will also identify what “sparks” their interest when considering career and postsecondary options.

WORKSHOP: Admissions Process Overview

GRADE 11: Juniors will be studying a unit designed to help them decide where to apply to college. Students will decide on what is a Match, Safe, or Reach college option. They will receive general information on a range of colleges, including where it located, size, cost, and the average GPA and ACT needed for admission.

WORKSHOP: Postsecondary Exploration

GRADE 12: Seniors will prepare for a panel of current college students discussing what the reality of college is like. Students will look at an interesting survey of first year college students that reveals aspects of the college experience they may not have been anticipated and the challenges they face.

WORKSHOP: Reality of Postsecondary Experience

Shout Out To.....

Keithan Hoang, Seth Dostal, and Shayna Kruger for helping the kindergarten class with the cereal box domino fall celebrating the 100th day of school.

Robby Davy and his FCCLA project for making Badger a ‘Greener’ school!!

Our wonderful substitute teachers – we are very thankful for them.

Mary Bergland, and her paras, Tammy and Kris for all they do to prepare the class of 2028!

Deb Pries, Kasey Pries, and Kelli Parnow for making and serving hot chocolate to the 9th grade sledders!

Grandma Sophie Warne for reading with the First Graders.

Seventh grade class for showing a lot of school spirit dressing up during FCCLA spirit week – lots of participation every day!

First grade parents that ordered this year and previous years from Scholastic Book orders. The first grade classroom now has a Listening Center complete with a CD player, headphones, and wooden stand and a little couch for reading and listening.

Paul Blomquist, owner of Roseau County Ford, for donating cubicle walls to provide some privacy for students to work in the new high school resource room allowing for a better study environment for the students.

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Chocolate Chip Cookie Pizza

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By: Thomas Whitt

Ingredients:

- 1 tube (18 ounces) refrigerated chocolate-chip cookie dough
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raspberry preserves
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup multicolored candy coated chocolate pieces
 - 2 tablespoons peanuts, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons shredded flake coconut
- Heat oven to 350 degrees F.
 - Coat nonstick 12-inch pizza pan with nonstick cooking spray.
 - Spread cookie dough out evenly in prepared pan, pressing with fingers to flatten.
 - Bake for about 17 minutes or until the cookie dough is light browned.
 - Let cookie pizza cool completely in pizza pan on a wire rack.

To Decorate:

- Spread raspberry preserves evenly over cookie pizza to within 1 inch of edge of pizza.
- Sprinkle chocolate pieces, peanuts, and flake coconut evenly over the preserves.
- Cut the cookie pizza into 12 pizza shaped slices.

Ground Beef Tacos

http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes

By: Michal Olson

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce
- 12 taco shells
- 6 oz. (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups) shredded American or Cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup salsa
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sour cream, if desired

Directions:

- Heat oven to 250°F. In medium skillet, brown ground beef and onion over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is thoroughly cooked, stirring frequently. Drain.
- Stir in chili powder, salt, garlic powder and tomato sauce. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes.
- Meanwhile, place taco shells on ungreased cookie sheet. Heat at 250°F. for 5 minutes.
- To assemble tacos, layer beef mixture, cheese, lettuce and tomatoes in each taco shell. Serve with salsa; top with sour cream.