

The Badger Barker

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Read Across America

By: Caity Garten



Back Row: Matt Howell, Logan Klegstad, Kate Howell **Front Row:** Kasey Pries, Kellie Parnow, Sarah Erickson, Sarah Rhen, Andrea Burkel, Madison Truscinski, Katie Rhen **Not Pictured:** Kaitlyn Emery, Shanyce Bishop, Mariah Modahl

March 3-7 was Read Across America Week, and the Badger National Honor Society students had plenty of fun events for students. On Moonlight Monday, students dressed in their PJs and ate green eggs and ham for breakfast with their parents while getting a visit from "The Cat in the Hat." During lunch, students could buy a strip of duck tape for \$1.00 and tape the homecoming royalty, Christian Kilbride and Shanyce Bishop, to the cafeteria wall. Proceeds went to the library to purchase books. During the day, National Honor Society students read Dr. Seuss books to the elementary students in their rooms. At the end of the day, all Badger students enjoyed cake for Dr. Seuss's birthday.

The rest of the week was filled with wacky and fun days as well. Some boys tapped into their inner ballerina on Tutu & Tie Tuesday. Wednesday was Wacky Sock Day where students broke out their weirdest socks. Students showed their creativity with home-made thinking caps on Thinking Cap Thursday. Finally, Friday was Feel the Pride Day where students dressed in as much Gator Gear as they could muster to show their school pride.

Thank you NHS students for planning this fun week for us!



Badger School Superintendent's News

Greetings from the Badger School District. April has finally arrived; however, it appears spring may be a bit late. It has been a difficult winter and as a district we have had to cancel school on multiple occasions due to severe weather. When making the decision to cancel school the number one factor considered is **student safety**. As a result of school being cancelled on March 31, April 1, and April 3 the Badger School District is in the process of scheduling and determining the number of make-up days necessary for our students.

Badger School will be in Session on Monday, April 21

On behalf of our district, I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you or your family.

Springtime Marks the Beginning of Many Student Assessments

Spring is a busy time of year for our students, staff, and faculty. Academically our students will be completing a series of assessments. Students will complete the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in the content areas of Reading, Writing, Math, and Science. Many Badger students will also complete the Measures of Academic Progress in the areas of Math and Reading. As a parent, please do your best to ensure your child(ren) is well rested to ensure they do the very best they can as they complete each assessment. A complete assessment schedule is available on the Badger School District website located under the "parent" as well as the "student" tabs. The Badger website may be accessed at www.badger.k12.mn.us.

Spring Activities Subject to Change Due to Weather

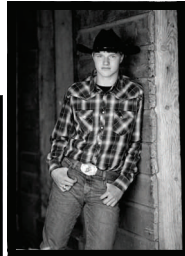
Our coaches and administrators are doing the best they can to provide an accurate and up-to-date spring schedule as it relates to athletic activities. Due to the weather and the amount of snow, please anticipate changes to the established athletic schedules. Unfortunately, many changes will occur with little notice. As a parent these changes can be frustrating at times, however, we will do our best to inform you as well as our students as soon as decisions are made by the school district hosting the event. Conditions of the playing surface as well the safety of our students are the two main factors in determining whether or not to compete. Please feel free to call our school at 528-3201 any time with questions regarding the athletic schedule.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our school. Without your support, our school would not be what it is today. If you have any questions or would like to visit, please feel free to stop by our school any time.

Respectfully,

Tom Jerome

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Campus Comment

By: Maddie Rybakowski

What is your favorite spring activity?

Karissa Kaml (7th grade): I love spring! My favorite activity is to play with my dogs, sit in my favorite tree, and if it is warm enough, go swimming.

Kaitie Hamann (8th grade): My favorite spring activity is softball. I love softball because it gives me a chance to work with a team, to play a sport and not sit around and do nothing. If I have a problem understanding a sign or play in the game, I can ask another teammate.

Nikita Borreson (9th grade): My favorite spring activity is playing baseball with my family. It's fun, we barely get mad at each other, and we spend the rest of the day together.

Devin Dostal (10th grade): My favorite thing to do in spring is hangout with friends, enjoy the nice weather after the long winter, and do lots of wheeling with my friends. I also love spending lots of time outside.

Daegan Berger (11th grade): My favorite spring activity is driving around with friends, wasting gas, or hanging out with the wife. If I'm not doing either of these, I'm stuck at work.

Cole Hamann (12th grade): My favorite spring activity is driving my four-wheeler and truck through the mud. This is fun because the snow has melted causing lots of mud to have fun! I also just like hanging with friends.

Mrs. Lee (FACS teacher): My favorite spring activity is definitely NOT the spring cleaning ritual! I do, however, enjoy going on bike rides with my family, picking out flowers for the garden, and planting vegetables and herbs. It's so great to be outside after the cold winter months... I can't wait!

Easter
Planting
Softball

Bloom
Baseball
Golf

Fool
Spring Break
Track

April Word Search

By: Daniel Obie



F	J	E	H	S	G	N	I	T	N	A	L	P
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FCCLA State Competition

By: Austin Nieman

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students compete in Students Taking Action for Recognition (STAR) events. FCCLA is a nonprofit organization that provides students with opportunities other students wouldn't get such as writing skills, experience in the public speaking, and courage/confidence.

Every school year, all Badger FCCLA participants get the opportunity to compete in regional competition. This school year the regional competition took place in Lancaster on January 29. If students make it through the regional competition, they move on to state. At regional they presented their event and got evaluated. They needed to get a 70 or higher to advance to state in Bloomington on April 9-12. They don't compete against other students directly but instead face a panel of judges. Only the top person from every category will go on to nationals, which will take place in San Antonio, Texas, July 6-10.

The Badger students competing at the state level will be:

Everyday Equations ~ Consumer Math Test

Logan Klegstad

Robby Davy

Resilient Teens ~ Effects of Alcohol

Kellie Parnow

Cassie Peterson

Focus on Children ~ Babysitting Clinic

Cassie Peterson & Tiana Watson

Focus on Children ~ Learning is Fun Together (LIFT)

Kellie Parnow & Codi Rasmusson

Job Interview ~ Career Portfolio

Robby Davy

Madison Truscinski

Congratulations and Good Luck!



Badger Softball Senior

By: Alex Truscinski

Kate Howell

Goals for this year's softball season: My goal for this year is to win a state championship for obvious reasons.

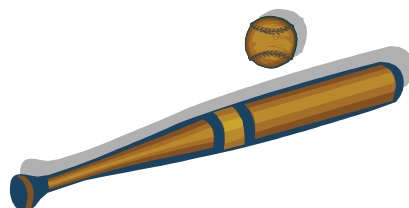
Plans to help your team for the season: I plan on being a leader and playing the best position ever: outfield.

Grade you started playing softball: Young. ☺

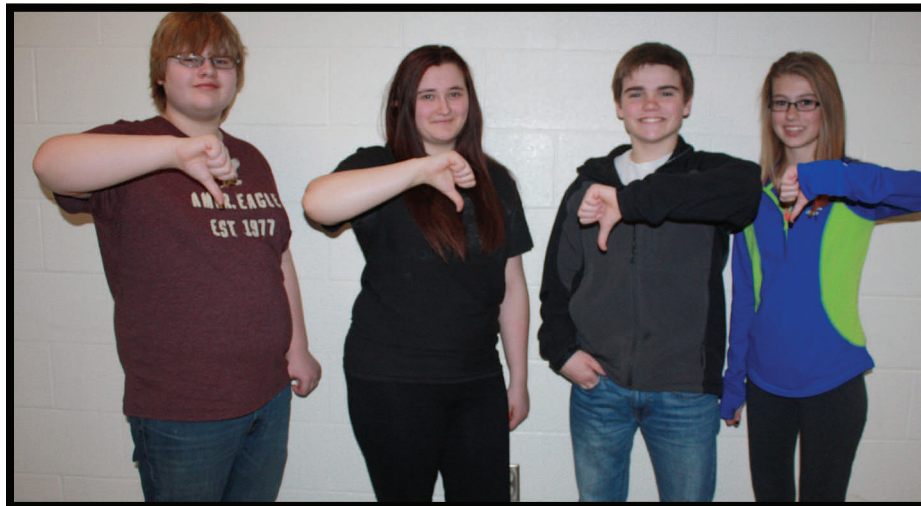
Favorite year you played: Junior year because I finally got to play varsity! We had a great year.

Reason you joined softball: I can't remember. It was so long ago.

Favorite softball memory: Singing with the team on the bus rides to the games.



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Smoking in Public Areas

By: Shakira Hossain

Alex Ylitalo

I think there shouldn't be smoking in public areas. First of all, the person who smokes may be careless and possibly start fires. Smoking also has a very bad influence on children. Finally, second hand smoking may cause cancer. Smoking in public areas is a horrible idea because they can just go outside and smoke if they have to. In all I think there shouldn't be smoking in public areas.

Caitlin Lunde

I don't think people should be able to smoke in public areas. When people go to a public place, they should be able to enjoy that time without having to smell cigarette smoke. If people want to smoke, they can smoke in their own space not where a bunch of people are walking in that area. Cigarette smoke isn't good for a person's lungs anyways. So in my opinion, people shouldn't be allowed to smoke in public areas.

Alex Burkel

No, I think no because not everybody in public areas smokes. This is a problem because have you ever been walking along and then all the sudden breathe in a bunch of smoke? Gross. It will also benefit smokers too because hopefully it will make them want to stop smoking so they can be in public areas.

Olivia Monsrud

In my opinion, smoking in public areas should be prohibited. One reason is that it's harmful for nonsmokers. Smokers should have the right to smoke, but it's not reasonable if that right is harmful to others. If people smoke in public places, non-smokers have no choice but to become secondhand smokers.

April Dates to Remember

By: Austin Nieman

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| 1 | ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter T" 6:30 pm | 15 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm |
| 4 | Instrumental Ensemble Contest @ Warroad | 15 | ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter V" 6:30 pm |
| 5 | Badger Prom | 17 | Comm Ed ~ Come Draw With Me 3:15 pm |
| 8 | 4-H After School Adventure | 18 | No School Spring Break |
| 8 | Comm Ed ~ Come Draw With Me 3:15 pm | 21 | School — Storm Make-up Day |
| 8 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm | 22 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm |
| 8 | ECFE "Brought to You by the Letter U" 6:30 pm | 23 | Envirothon @ Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge |
| 9-12 | FCCLA State | 23 | Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm |
| 10 | Comm Ed ~ Come Draw With Me 3:15 pm | 24 | 4 th Quarter Midterm |
| 14 | Comm Ed ~ Crafts with Jan 3:15 pm | 24 | Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm |
| 14 | School Board 7:30 pm | 25 | Choral Workshop ~ Guest Composer |
| 15 | Comm Ed ~ Come Draw With Me 3:15 pm | 29 | Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm |
| | | 30 | Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm |

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Trivia

By: Chevy Hamilton

1. Windermere is the largest natural ... what... in England?
A. rock formation
B. mountain
C. lake
D. river
2. What animal are the Canary Islands named after?
A. birds
B. dogs
C. zebras
D. fish
3. What is the world's smallest ocean?
A. Pacific
B. Atlantic
C. Arctic
D. Indian
4. How many U.S. states begin with the letter M?
A. 8
B. 6
C. 9
D. 2

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

Scribbler of Dreams

Author: Mary E. Pearson

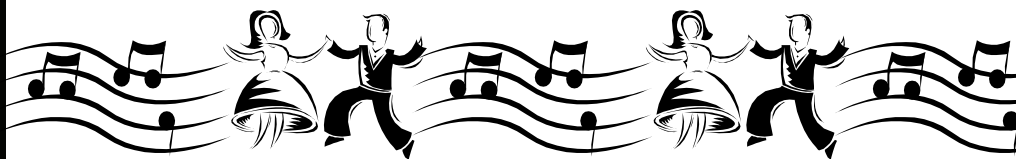
Book Review by: Alexis Dahlen

Seventeen-year-old Kaitlin Malone was born to hate the Crutchfields. The hatred her family has harbored for generations is the one thing she can count on – and the very thing she believes will sustain her now that her father has been imprisoned for murdering Robert Crutchfield. But then Kaitlin stumbles on a rare opportunity to walk in the enemy's shoes and what she discovers rocks the foundation of her entire world.

Scribbler of Dreams, published in the fall of 2002, is one of Pearson's earlier published books. Some of her most recent "hits" would be *The Fox Chronicles* consisting of three intense books, which are also a great read. *Scribbler of Dreams* is like a modern day *Romeo and Juliet*, two rival families with two love-struck teens stuck in the middle. This story will pull at the chords of your heart; the amount of teenage angst is enough to make anyone a little teary-eyed or even distressed. One of my favorite characters is Becky, Kaitlin's best friend. She helps Kaitlin throughout this chain of events and is constantly by her side, even after Kaitlin weaves her web of lies a bit too far. *Scribbler of Dreams* is a great book that'll keep you hooked and begging for more. The intensity of love, angst, hatred, and grief levels with that of *Romeo and Juliet*. This is an easy read that'll captivate you for hours. Read for yourself and find out!

Tall Tales

What is the world's tallest building?
The library because it has the most stories.



Choir Musician of the Month

Jordan Watson

Grade: 9

Siblings: Tiana, Darius, Jada

What section are you in? Tenor 1 or 2

How long have you been in choir? 3 years

What is your favorite song from choir? *Any Way You Want* by Journey

What are you looking forward to this year? Kicking butt in ensembles.

What kind of music do you like to sing? Anything that's fun to sing.

What is your favorite choir memory? When I got a solo for our music revue last year.



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Band Musician of the Month

Jack Peppel

Grade: 8

Siblings: Wyatt, Evan, Tim, Coryn, Anthony

What instrument do you play? Tuba

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I like it because it is loud.

What is your most memorable moment in band? The bus ride to Grand Forks for the field trip last year. Devan kept cheering for bridges to come.

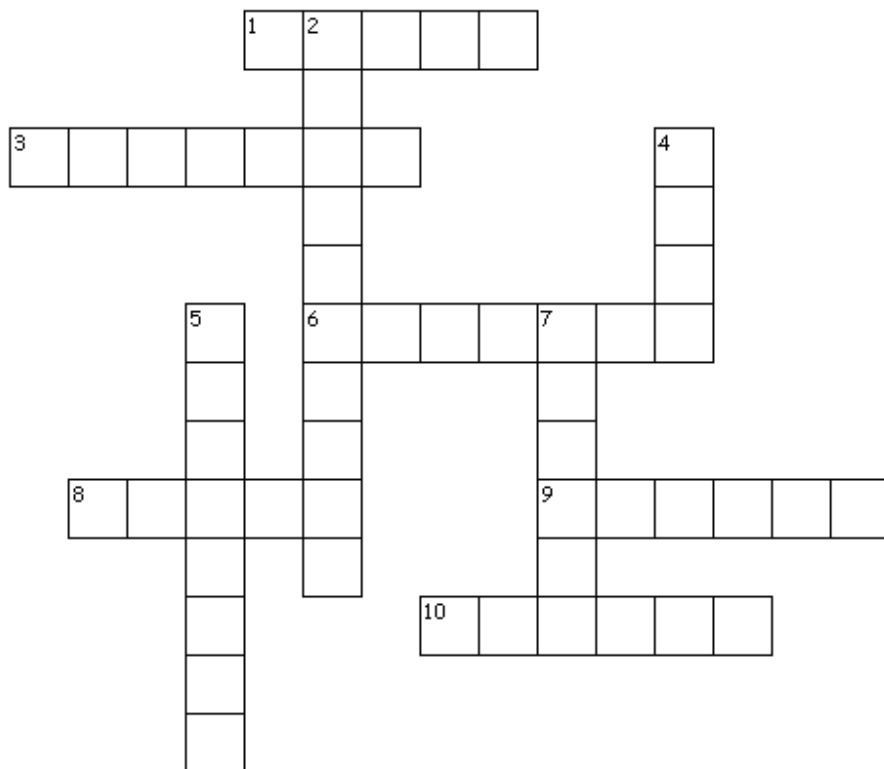
How long have you been in band? 4 years

What is your favorite song to play? *Crazy Train*

What advice would you give to younger musician? Listen to Ms. Erickson.

April Crossword

By: Isaak Isane



Across

1. What kids hope they get from the Easter Bunny.
3. April _____ bring May flowers!
6. These begin to grow.
8. Fourth month of the year.
9. These flowers grow in the spring.
10. Somebody who plants crops.

Down

2. A day for playing tricks.
4. Kids color and decorate these.
5. Protects you from the rain.
7. A holiday celebrated this April

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Senior Spotlight Codi Rasmusson

Parents: Marisa Rasmusson

Sibling: Brody

Nicknames: Co-Dawg, Coyoto, Todi

Favorite:

Song: I have too many.

Food: Pizza rolls with ranch!

Color: Any color except red!

Quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Unlimited wishes.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be? My grandma to Graceland because she's in LOVE with Elvis! ☺

What one word best describes your personality? Blonde

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? Loudest for sure.

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

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?

There's no certain memory, but I'll always remember my classmates.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school?

When Alexis Monsrud picked me up and threw me in the boy's bathroom.

HAHA!

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Go to college in East Grand Forks and get my liberal arts done and see where that takes me.



Senior Spotlight Kate Howell

Parents: Jeff and Kristi Howell

Siblings: Matt and Erika

Nicknames: Kwate, Krate, Tate, Rose, Love, Oily

Favorite:

Sport: Volleyball

Song: *Tattoos on this Town* by Jason Aldean

Food: Breakfast Pizza

Color: Silver

Quote: "Merica"

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? A lifetime supply of Mountain Dew.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go? I'd take Shanyce to Paradise Falls so we could go hunting for snipes.

What one word best describes your personality? Spontaneous.

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? Loudest!

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Drive around with friends or go hunting.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? I'll remember all the times on the short bus with my teammates while we were on the road. It usually resulted in all of us laughing until we cried. Never a dull moment!

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? I'm not quite sure what the funniest moment was. But I've had many funny moments in band with Hannah and Darius.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Going to college and then coming back to Badger... hopefully. I love it here!



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Badger Concert Band Brings Home Big Scores

On Wednesday, March 12, the Badger concert band traveled to Roseau to compete in the sub-section large group band contest. The Badger group played two selections for the judges. The first piece was *Homeward Bound* arranged by Brant Karrick and the second piece was *Pilatus: Mountain of Dragons* by Steven Reineke. Badger students played magnificently and received superior ratings from all three judges with scores of 38, 39, and a perfect 40. The judges for this contest were Gary Stennes, Jim Hallan, and Herb Thompson. The Badger concert band is directed by Lisa Erickson.



Brownie in a Mug

simplyrecipes.com

- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp cocoa (natural, unsweetened)
- Pinch of salt
- Tiny pinch of cinnamon
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 Tbsp canola oil or vegetable oil (NOT extra virgin olive oil, it's too strongly flavored)
- 1 to 2 drops vanilla extract
- 1 small scoop of ice cream or 1 or 2 teaspoons heavy whipping cream to serve



Place flour, sugar, cocoa, salt, and cinnamon in a microwave safe ceramic mug. Stir with a fork or spoon to mix well and break up any clumps.

Add the oil, water, and vanilla to the cup and stir until the mixture is smooth and there are no lumps.

Place in microwave and heat on high until the mixture is cooked through, about a 1 minute and 40 seconds for a 1000 watt microwave. You may have to experiment and adjust the time for less or more powerful microwaves. If you don't know the power level on your microwave, start with 60 seconds and increase until the brownie is done. It should still be moist when cooked through, not dry.

Let cool for a minute and serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a teaspoon or two of whipping cream poured over.

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Badgers Jump Rope for Heart

By: Kaylee Kringen

The students in grades K-6 of the Badger School worked hard to raise money for jump rope for heart this year and our community did a great job helping these students with donations. Two years ago our school raised about \$3900. Mr. Larson, the Badger gym teacher, decided to make a goal of \$4500 this year. His way to motivate the students to reach this goal was they could cut his hair into a Mohawk if they raised the money. If they reached \$5000, they could also cut social studies teacher, Mr. Johnson's hair. The students raised money for three weeks by asking family and friends to do online donations or cash donations. The students jump roped in gym class for a week and a lot of them jumped in honor of someone they know or knew with a heart condition. In the end, the students raised just over \$6900 dollars! As a bonus to the students for reaching this amount, sixth grade teacher Mr. Wensloff also had his hair cut. Thanks to everyone in the community who donated to this great cause!



Earth Day

By: Morgan Weber

Help make a difference and celebrate Earth Day on April 22! Events are held worldwide in more than 129 countries to support environmental protection. Earth Day aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for Earth's environment. Earth Day was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970 to promote ecology and respect for life on our planet. The first Earth Day was a major success considering it guided the United States to form the Environmental Protection Agency.



More than 1 billion people now take part in Earth Day events every year, making it the biggest public celebration in the world. Ways to celebrate Earth Day include picking up trash, planting trees, and recycling. Earth Day is an important holiday because it makes people aware of pollution and inspires them to make a difference. The fight for a clean environment is becoming more important due to global warming. We need to focus on keeping our planet clean for generations to come. So instead of throwing out that grocery bag, reuse it! There are plenty of ways to go green for Earth Day. Join together with family and friends to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

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Senior Spotlight Matt Sibilleau



Parents: Guy and Christine Sibilleau

Siblings: Danielle and Chantale

Nickname: Fluffy

Favorite:

Sport: Soccer

Song: *Little Talks* by Of Monsters and Men

Food: Mac and Cheese

Color: Red, White, and Black

Quote: "If $x + y + z =$ success in life, then x is work, y is play, and z is keeping your mouth shut." ~ Albert Einstein

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? For my son to live a happy life.

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

What one word best describes your personality? Dreamer

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? Quietest

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Play video games or watch *The Mentalist*.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Transferring to Badger and making real friends.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? Too many to pick just one!

Senior Spotlight Haley Hamilton

Parents: Harold and Vali Hamilton

Siblings: Breannen, John, Les, Kevin, Eric, Tiff

Nickname: Hammy

Favorite:

Sport: Hockey

Song: Anything

Food: Chicken

Color: Pink

Quote: "Do as I say, not as I do" – Momma Dawn

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? Eternal life.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be? My mom and Australia or Ireland, or Kasey to Hawaii.

What one word best describes your personality? Outgoing

Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? I am the loudest. I like to be heard.

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Spend time with Kasey, Kaitlyn, Shanyce, or James.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Johanna's last day of school and how our class is a big family.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? Falling off the risers in choir with Kasey.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? College



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Minnesota Business Venture

Do you want to participate in a “one week investment that will pay dividends for life?” Attend BestPrep’s Minnesota Business Venture (MBV) program!

MBV is a fun, weeklong residential camp designed to introduce high school students (grades 9-12) to a variety of careers available through firsthand experiences. You’ll live on a college campus, meet business leaders, and listen to knowledgeable speakers from top Minnesota companies. Previous popular speakers include Walter Bond, former NBA player; David Clark, president of Haagen- Dasz ice cream, and Michael Keller, CEO of Pearson’s Candy Company. MBV shows you how to apply knowledge of marketing, entrepreneurship, investing, leadership skills, and much more to your life, school and future careers. It also looks great on college/job applications and resumes. If you are a student dreaming of starting your own business, searching for career direction, heading to college, or just eager to enter the workforce, MBV will give you a big head start! At MBV, students enhance their knowledge of teamwork, public speaking, communication, interviewing, budgeting and investing, available careers, college life, and networking.

The camp is held at St. Cloud State University (July 13-18) or St. John’s University (July 27-August 1). The fee is only \$150 (\$200 after April 18), which includes room and board. Financial aid is available.

The MBV application, brochure, a short video about MBV, and more information can be found on the Minnesota Business Venture page at www.bestprep.org.

Questions? Ask Janae Olinger, MBV Program Manager at mbv@bestprep.org or 763-233-6325 or local contact Janice Mostofi, Badger business instructor at jmostofi@badger.k12.mn.us or 528-3201.

April Gator Sports

By: Wyatt Peppel

Spring sports reminder: due to weather, games change quickly. For updates go to www.badger.k12.mn.us and click on “Gator Athletic Schedules.”

Baseball

- 3 @ Ada-Borup (Ada)
- 7 Roseau @ BGMR
- 8 @ Crookston
- 12 Fosston @ St. Paul
- 14 @ Kittson County Central (Hallock)
- 15 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)
- 21 Fertile-Beltrami @ BGMR
- 22 @ Red Lake County Central (Red Lake Falls)
- 25 Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal @ BGMR
- 29 Northern Freeze @ BGMR

Softball

- 1 @ Norman County East (Twin Valley)
- 3 Thief River Falls @ BGMR
- 7 Red Lake County Central @ BGMR
- 8 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 10 Roseau @ BGMR
- 15 @ Warroad
- 22 @ Red Lake Falls
- 24 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 26 Coach’s Classic Tournament @ BGMR
- 29 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR

Track & Field

- 15 @ Lake of the Woods
- 17 @ Bemidji
- 22 @ Crookston
- 24 @ Warroad
- 29 @ Crookston

Golf

- 17 Border Conference Boys & Girls @ Lake of the Woods
- 22 Border Conference Boys @ Stephen
- 22 Border Conference Girls @ Warren
- 23 Varsity Girls @ Walker
- 25 Varsity Girls @ Bemidji
- 28 Varsity Girls @ Park Rapids
- 29 Border Conference Boys @ Karlstad
- 29 Border Conference Girls @ Greenbush
- 29 Varsity Boys @ Fosston/Bagley



Lunch Time

Why did the clock in the cafeteria run slow?
It always went back four seconds.

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Daddy Daughter Dance

Submitted by: Gretchen Lee

Badger Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) hosted their annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 21, in the school cafeteria. FCCLA members greeted the young ladies, grades pre-school through 6th, and their escorts to an evening of dancing fun. The couples were first photographed, crowns were optional, and then sent in to dance the night away. Music was played by DJ Tiana Watson and concessions were served by Robby Davy. Other busy FCCLA members were photographer Kaitie Hamann and greeters Codi Rasmusson and Alex Nieman.



The Daddy Daughter Dance has become a favorite event of FCCLA members because it promotes families first, which is our main purpose. It allows members to interact with younger students and share information about FCCLA. We hope to keep the Daddy Daughter Dances going for years to come.

Random Riddles

By: Nikita Borreson

1. Everyone has me but nobody can lose me. What am I?
2. What English word is as long as it is valued?
3. Soft and cuddly, I'll pull on your heart. But take my last name and I'll tear you apart. What am I?
4. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
5. I have no wallet but I pay my own way. I travel the world but in the corner I stay. What am I?
6. You can only keep it once you give it to somebody. What is it?
7. It takes one word to separate them; otherwise they are inseparable. What are they?

1. Shadow
2. Four (4 letters long)
3. Teddy Bear
4. Candle
5. Stamp
6. Your Word
7. Your Lips

Random
Riddles
Answers

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Spring Preseason Sports



Golf – Head Coach **Brady Johnson**

Who are your returners and/or veterans this season? For the boys, senior Ben Langaas has been a course rat for many years and he has also competed in four state tournaments. There will be several underclassmen returning as more experienced players. We will be looking for Robby Davy, Alex Truscinski, Tyler Klegstad, Connor Graff, Blake Dallager, and John Langaas to fill out the rest of the varsity team. For the girls, all six state participants from the previous season will be returning. The great thing about seniors Katie Rhen, Andrea Burkel, Tierra Novacek, Allison Dallager, Tessa Waage, and junior Madison Truscinski is that they are all becoming experienced veterans.

What leadership roles do you hope they will assume this season? We will definitely be looking for Ben Langaas to lead things on the boys' side; he is passionate and very experienced. On the girls' side, my hope is that all the returners continue to push each other to improve their own games, as well as sparking the interest of younger players at the junior high level.

What makes this year's team different from last year's team? Experience—eight student athletes were honored as state participants and we're hoping for more this year!

How do you feel your team will fair against the rest of the competition in the conference?

I would warn anyone against ruling us out. The girls have a target on their backs this year after an incredible post season and trip to state. The boys were younger, but now with more maturity should be looking to upset many teams in the conference.

What are the goals for the season? From the start of the season to the end of the season, we want everyone in the program to learn and respect the game, improve individually, and grow as a student-athlete. We want to go as far into the post-season as we can!

Why did you become a coach? My passion and respect not only for the game but for the serious life lessons you can learn from it. Personally I am inspired by previous experiences, former coaches, and striving to make a difference.

Additional comments: Good Luck to all the Spring Athletic programs! Go GATORS!

Track & Field – Head Coach **Eric Mimnaugh**

Who are your returners and/or veterans this season? We will be led this year by veteran returners Kasey Pries, Evan Peppel, Briana Nelson, Derek Nelson, and also Mariah Modahl who we are hoping bounces back after being out most of last year due to injury.

What leadership roles do you hope they will assume this season? Mariah and Kasey will look to fill the void left by three time state participant Courtney Kirkeide. They both are hard working and always have a positive outlook and look to motivate and lead our underclassmen and first year participants.

What makes this year's team different from last year's team? We will be led by sprinters and throwers this year. For many years our strength was distance and now we will rely on our relay teams and throwers. After medaling in the Subsection last year, I am hoping for big things from our girls' relay teams.

How do you feel your team will fair against the rest of the competition in the conference? For the last two years, our girls have placed 3rd at the Section 8A True Team meet. This year, unfortunately, we were moved to 8AA for True Team only and will not be participating this year. We may not have the numbers like Roseau or West Marshall, but we feel our individuals will compete very well this year in 8A.

What are the goals for the season? The goals every year are based on individuals; track is not a competition against teams, but a competition against yourself. We want our kids to improve with each meet and look to set and break personal records throughout the year.

Why did you become a coach? Coach Ellis and I love to see kids come out who struggle in other activities and find that track is a sport you can challenge yourself and even if you don't place you can be satisfied with doing your personal best and challenging yourself. The smiles and pride that come with setting and breaking personal records is a great feeling for our athletes, and it reminds us as coaches why we spend the time we do, it's for the kids and watching them excel on and off the track.

April Wacky Celebrations

By: Caity Garten

April 3 ~ *Don't Go to Work Unless it's Fun* ~ A perfect day for staying home "sick." If your boss asks why you need to stay home, simply tell him work isn't fun. We can't guarantee they will accept that or let you back to work.

April 4 ~ *Tell a Lie Day* ~ If you are a regular liar, today you have an excuse to do it! If your parents/employer catch you lying, just tell them that today is Tell a Lie Day (but you might be in trouble).

April 17 ~ *Blah, Blah, Blah Day* ~ While the name suggests complete gibberish must be spoken today, it is actually a day dedicated to getting all the things done that people have been nagging you to do. Get busy!

April 18 ~ *International Juggler's Day* ~ Take a moment to be in awe of the skill required to juggle. This also includes task jugglers, those people who somehow manage to do several unrelated things at once with ease.

April 25 ~ *World Penguin Day* ~ This day coincides with the annual northward migration of penguins. They walk, or rather waddle, to their destination unlike most birds that fly.

April 30 ~ *National Honesty Day* ~ A day dedicated to telling the truth and one to lying all in one month! If you had a guilty conscience from lying on April 4, here's your chance to make things right and tell the truth.

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Spring Preseason Sports



Baseball – Head Coach **Todd Wensloff**

Who are your returners and/or veterans this season? We will return several players from last year's team that received significant playing time. They include seniors Brayden Larson, Zach Vacura, and Nels Wicklund. Also returning are juniors Aaron Dostal, Wyatt Peppel, Matt Howell, Wyatt Becker, and Cody Kirkeide.

What leadership roles do you hope they will assume this season? Since we have a large amount of players returning from last year's team, I think it is safe to say that we can expect a large amount of experience on the field. A large percentage of these players have been playing significantly for the past two seasons. I would hope that this experience will translate into leadership roles for these players.

What makes this year's team different from last year's team? I believe that this year's team will benefit from the amount of playing time they have received the past two seasons. I expect our pitching to be strong as Brayden, Aaron, and Matt were three of our main pitchers last season. I believe our defense will also be improved this season. If we can get good pitching and solid defense, we will have a chance to be in every game we play.

How do you feel your team will fair against the rest of the competition in the conference? Our goals as a team are always to finish toward the top of our conference. A lot of things have to happen for that goal to be accomplished, but if we are willing to work hard and play together we will have a chance to be at or near the top of the conference.

What are the goals for the season? We will do some goal setting as a team when practice begins, but I think it is safe to say that we'd like to be in the mix at the end of the season for a playoff run and playing our best baseball at that point.

Why did you become a coach? I love playing, watching, and coaching sports. I think it is one of the best ways to learn life lessons like hard work, teamwork, goal setting, and also dealing with failure. Anytime you can be a part of something that prepares you to be a better human being, I think it is worth your time.

Additional comments: I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with a great bunch of young men and setting forth on a mission to be the best team we can be.

Softball - Head Coach **Kent Christian**

Who are your returners and/or veterans this season? Paige Taggart, Tori Mekash, Kate Howell, Lyndsey Anderson, Molly Janicke, Aunica Novacek, Morgan Anderson (injured), Emily Anderson, Megan Larson, Rachel Peterson, Taylor Becker, Nadja Melby, Kellie Parnow, Johanna Jacobson, Isabelle Grafstrom, and Amy Svir

What leadership roles do you hope they will assume this season? I hope ALL players are leaders. That is the goal of our program. Good teams are the ones who have individuals who push themselves and learn to accept the roles they have earned.

What makes this year's team different from last year's team? We lost two good seniors in Bailey and J-Dog. We also suffered a loss to injury and a couple of girls decided softball wasn't for them any longer. With that being said we have girls who are determined. I think we lost some good team speed, but I really expect us to have outstanding pitching and more consistent offense. We don't worry about who's not there but those who are willing to sacrifice to become the best team we can be.

How do you feel your team will fair against the rest of the competition in the conference? We expect to do extremely well against not only the competition in our conference but whomever we play. We have good girls who will play with a lot of intensity and desire.

What are the goals for the season? To become the best team we can be. If we do that, the winning will take care of itself.

Why did you become a coach? When I was going to college I was given the opportunity to coach a junior high baseball team and a summer rec. team. I really enjoyed it and decided to switch my major from business administration to phy-ed and social studies with a minor in coaching.

Additional comments: We have over 40 girls out for softball. We're extremely excited about our team and are looking forward to the upcoming season.

Top Tech

By: Keithan Hoang

It's April and as another month rolls on by, the world creates more tech and gadgets. From turning any old TV into a Smart TV or to having the iPhone iOS integrated into your car's internal systems, here's this month's Top Tech.

CarPlay: A way to add iOS interfaces to your iPhone to work in your car's built-in systems. With CarPlay it can do a lot more than make calls or play music. It makes your iPhone 5, 5c, or 5s the heart of the car's entire system, from audio to navigation. A big touch screen on the dashboard is also there as an external, driver-focused iPhone display, but the processing and connectivity happen on your phone. The data plans will be competitively priced, starting at \$99 for a 6-month plan and \$499 for a 30-month plan.

Duracell Portable Phone Charger: For \$29.99 you can charge many USB-powered devices. It's a handy portable power solution to keep in your bag, in your car, or on your desk. The down side to this product is that more power demanding devices like a tablet or portable gaming console requires too much power, which the Duracell can't provide.

Chromecast: For \$35, this fairly cheap device is about the size of a flash drive and can plug into your TV's HDMI port and turn it into a smart TV loaded with apps for you to use like Netflix, Hulu, Crackle, and more. You can also fling files, videos, and other content from your laptop, tablet, or phone to the TV screen. No wires involved. There are different companies that have tried to do the same with Apple TV and Roku 3, but Chromecast is one of the first to do it right.

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Elementary Basketball Tournament

By: Alexis Dahlen

The Badger Elementary held their Annual Elementary Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 1. Each grade played against the grade above/below them. The classes get to pick their own team name and make a poster. The kindergartners did a riveting “warm up” performance to get the upper classman into the competitive mood. They were called the *Little Dribblers* and to go with their name did a basketball dribbling session. They were coached by Robby Davy and Alex Burkel.

The first grade chose the Gators as their team name because they do a Gator cheer every Friday. They did one of the cheers they know at the tournament. These Gators were coached by high school students Amy Svir and Kellie Parnow. This year’s second graders were the *Firecrackers*. It was one of many names they voted on and it won because it sparked some interest. No pun intended. Mariah Modahl helped coach this flaming hot team. The second grade beat the first grade.

Third grade were the Rockets because our school was originally the Badger Rockets! They were representing our vintage name. The Rockets were coached by Alex Truscinski. The totally far-out fourth graders were the *Hippies*, can you dig it? This groovy team’s name was picked because it was a fun, cool, and a totally rad name that no other team had chosen. Their totally chill coaches were the groovy Kate Howell and Madison Truscinski. Third grade won against the fourth graders!

The fifth grade class chose the team name Blue Devils because they thought it made them sound tough. The Blue Devils is also the name of Duke’s college basketball team. Wyatt Peppel coached the fifth grade Blue Devils. The sixth graders team name was the *Jaguars*. They had a classroom vote to choose the name. Jaguars were chosen to intimidate the fifth graders. It didn’t work. The Jaguars were coached by Matt Howell and Aaron Dostal. The Jaguars played the Blue Devils with grade five winning.

The referees for the tournament were Alex Burkel and Robby Davy with Jared Davy working the score board. Elementary phy-ed teacher Mr. Larson felt there was a great turnout. It was a lot of fun and everyone did an amazing job. This event couldn’t have been done without the coaches, Mr. Warne, and Bob Glen but most importantly our elementary students. Badger’s FCCLA ran concessions and the Target Team sold 50/50 tickets. Thank you to everyone involved!

Kindergarten Little Dribblers



National Anthem played by Laurel Andol



Grade 1 Gators



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**Grade 2
Firecrackers**



Grade 3 Rockets



Grade 4 Hippies



Grade 5 Blue Devils



**Grade 6
Jaguars**

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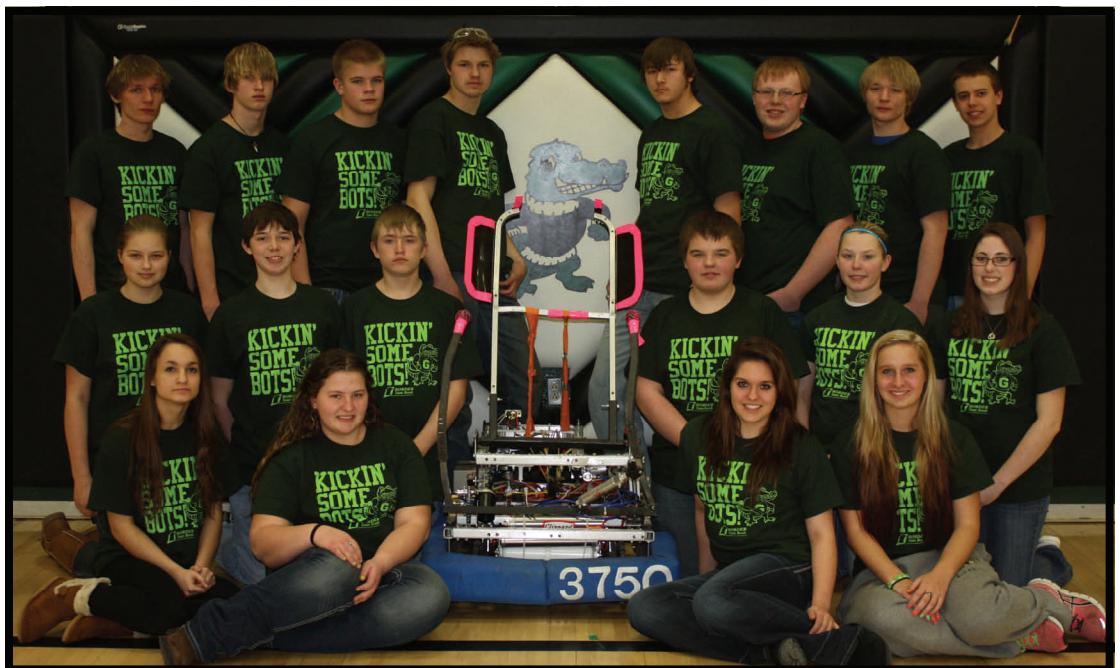
By: Alex Truscinski

Coming up to the robotics competition, the Badger High School FIRST Robotics Team #3750 had their robot ready to compete. The team started working on the robot in the beginning of January. They worked hard getting the robot ready and working in the areas of mechanics and computer programming, while utilizing their organization and leadership skills. Badgers FIRST Robotics Team finished the robot on February 18; the final day the team could work on the robot. February 18 was also when the team literally bagged up the robot for competition. Bag Day also guarantees no team works on the robot after the deadline. This year the Badger FIRST Robotics team had four freshmen, eleven sophomores, three juniors, and two seniors. Senior Cole Hamann and Junior Madison Truscinski controlled the robot at competition. They had been practicing their driving skills before bagging the robot so they were ready to compete. The competition was March 5-8 in Duluth, Minnesota. The competition's game was Ariel Assist. In the game, the robot had to shoot a big exercise ball into a goal to earn points.

At the competition the robot placed 44 out of 55 robots. The robot got a little banged up during competition from all the hard work and hitting it did. The robot was performing great, but during the fifth round of competing, the power switch on the robot got turned off when another robot hitting the switch.

After the qualifying rounds, Badger had three wins seven losses. The top eight teams chose two more teams from other schools to be on their alliance teams for the final competition. The Badger team wasn't picked to be in the matches, which was disappointing because Badger knew they had a good robot.

On the bus after competition, the team got together and talked about the robot and figured out some new things that will make the robot for next year's competition better than Badgers robot from this year and any other robot competing in the competition.



Top Songs in the Year 1970

By: Austin Gorsuch
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Music from this year was electric! A few styles dominated but you could turn on your radio and hear many different genres depending on the station that you picked. People would hit the dance floor to the gentle sway of soft rock or the pumping beat of disco. Those of you who grew up in this year were probably most fond of "soft rock." See if any of these tunes remind you of the good old times!

10. *Band of Gold*: Freda Payne
9. *Let It Be*: Beatles
8. *Get Ready*: Rare Earth
7. *I'll Be There*: Jackson 5
6. *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*: Diana Ross
5. *War*: Edwin Star
4. *Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head*: B.J. Thomas
3. *American Woman/No Sugar Tonight*: Guess Who
2. *(They Long To Be) Close to You*: Carpenters
1. *Bridge Over Troubled Water*: Simon and Garfunkel

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Student Teacher Interview

By: Kasey Pries

Badger gives a warm welcome to Haylie Holmgren (back row left), Mrs. Byfuglien's third grade student teacher. We are happy to have Haylie join us second semester. Haylie is originally from Kennedy and attended high school at Kittson County Central in Hallock. We are enjoying your stay here at Badger School and hope you feel like family here. Haylie will make an outstanding teacher and we wish her the best of luck in the near future.

What made you decide to become a teacher? As a young girl I absolutely loved my elementary teachers, and they have had a lasting impact on my life. I wanted to have that same impact on children's lives.

What made you come to Badger and student teach? I wanted a school that had a similar environment and atmosphere as Kittson Central (where I went), and I have a connection through Angela and Shanon Monsrud. I will be Angela's new sister-in-law in June, so I had a little comfort knowing I would know at least one family.

Where did you go to college? I am going to Bemidji State University completely online through their DLiTE program. I will graduate on May 9

with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education (K-6 Licensure).

What do you think of the staff and students? The staff has been nothing but supportive and inviting. With a short 15-week student teaching experience, I have been able to take full advantage of my time here because of the helpful, friendly staff. My first Friday here, Mr. Jerome had me take part in guessing the Gator Day winner. The students have been equally inviting and warm. Many of the students were quick to say hello and got to know me as I quickly tried to get to know them.

What do you plan to do after you graduate college? I will be getting married this June and plan to live in the Kennedy-Karlstad area with my husband, Adam Anderson. I will look for a job at any of the fairly local schools, but if nothing comes up I plan to continue substitute teaching (which I have been doing for the last 3 years) around the area.

What do you like most about Badger School? I really like the small community atmosphere. I think it makes the learning experience for students a more supportive and warm environment. I also like that it's a PreK-12 school. I think students can learn so much from each other and older students can be great, positive role models for younger students.

Why did you choose to student teach in third grade? I have had a lot of experiences in grades 4-6, as I was a paraprofessional at Kittson Central for a year at that level. I have also had experience at the preschool-grade 2 levels from substitute teaching. Third grade is a level I haven't had much experience with and want to get the most out of my student teaching experience.

What's your favorite subject to teach? Math. I love math and I think it's an area a lot of students don't enjoy. I would like to help students love it, like I do. With the help of manipulative and technology, there are so many things you can do to make it more exciting.

Fitness Time

By: Austin Gorsuch

The obesity rate of students in the United States is at an all-time high. Obesity can cause high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, joint problems, and many other health issues. We need kids to start exercising so the problem doesn't get wider spread. Badger High School recognizes this issue and is doing something about it.

Badger School gym teacher, Mr. Larsen, has selected grades on a workout program called *Insanity*. Whether it's your chest, biceps, triceps, legs, or cardio, *Insanity* is designed to target the muscle areas and work them to the max. Many of the exercises also target cardio to get your body used to the physical exercise that many people lack. Gym classes help kids get into good habits while they are young to increase their chances of good habits as they grow older. This includes exercising regularly and eating healthier.

The goal of the Badger School students doing this is to promote exercise and good health throughout the school year. Get committed for the first 21 days and after that being healthy is a breeze!

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Morgan Hickey

Parents: Michael and Andrea Hickey

Age: 5

What is April Fool's Day? People tell jokes.

What is your favorite prank to pull on people? I like to lay outside and jump out and scare them.

Why do we celebrate Easter? Because we find eggs.

What does the Easter Bunny do? Hide candy.

What is your favorite kind of Easter candy? Them little bunny things that you eat.

Do you have any special talents? I can cross my eyes.

What age are you looking forward to and why? Twenty, I want to be grown up.

Zaymein Rud

Parents: Scott and Cortney Rud

Age: 6

What is April Fool's Day? Leprechaun Day

What is your favorite prank to pull on people? My sister fools me and I fool her back.

Why do we celebrate Easter? It's for God's birthday.

What does the Easter Bunny do? Hides Easter eggs and he hides and people can't find him.

What is your favorite kind of Easter candy? That kind of candy that tastes likes coffee.

Do you have any special talents? Making people laugh.

What age are you looking forward to and why? I like the age I am now because I don't have to do that much chores.



Kindergarten Korner