

# The Badger Barker

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## Badger National Honor Society Sponsors Blood Drive

Submitted by: Shannon Dostal, Advisor

On Thursday, March 5, the Badger National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored a blood drive at the Badger School Gym. Working with United Blood Services, the NHS met its sign-up goal of 40 donors which resulted in 40 units of blood collected. Of the 40 donors signed up, 27 of them were BHS students and 19 were first-time donors.

Students were asked why they chose to give blood and many of them responded by saying they wanted to help people. Many students said they knew that giving blood is important. Most students would agree that it wasn't as bad as they thought it would be and the majority said they would do it again. Students who donate 3 times during their high school career will receive a red honor cord to wear with their gown on graduation day.

The coordinators from United Blood Services were very impressed with Badger School saying, "The staff at Badger High School was all very informative and friendly! The students were EXCEPTIONAL – very well mannered and mature!"

The NHS would like to thank everyone who made this a positive experience for our students and community as well as United Blood Services. This was a wonderful opportunity for people to "pay it forward" and provide a life-saving service for our community.



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## Campus Comment

By: Tyler Isane

### How do you like to spend your time in the spring?

**Kennedy Truscinski (7<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like to spend my time during spring outside. I like to do this because during the winter I am usually inside. In spring it is usually warm out, so it is a nice time to get out and enjoy the sun.

**Logan Kompelien (8<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like to go outside and feel the sun on my face. I like to go drive my three-wheeler around. I like to help my dad out with stuff during the spring.

**Trevor Grand (9<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like spending my spring time outside and with friends. Hunting, fishing, and dirt bike riding are the most fun things to do.

**Jared Davy (10<sup>th</sup> grade):** I would like to spend my spring with friends and family. With my friends and family, we usually hangout, go mudding on the four-wheelers, and go fishing; but we mostly hangout. If I had to choose, I would like to go mudding for most of the spring. That's how I would spend my time in the spring.

**Cody Madoll (11<sup>th</sup> grade):** I like to spend my time working on tractors and going to rodeos. Also, I like to farm and help out.

**Kayleen Kjelland (12<sup>th</sup> grade):** I plan on hanging out with friends and working. Also, I like to go to Longville, Minnesota, to visit my grandma. I will prepare myself for the college life, living on my own, and paying bills.

**Mrs. Dostal (Science Teacher):** I like to spend more time outside! I enjoy going for drives in the country and watching the farming progress.



## April Gator Sports

By: Jack Peppel

### Baseball

- 2 Kittson Central @ BGMR
- 6 @ Roseau
- 9 Ada-Borup @ BGMR
- 10 Fosston @ BGMR
- 16 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 20 @ Fertile-Beltrami (Fertile)
- 21 Red Lake County Coop @ BGMR
- 24 @ NCE-UH
- 28 @ Northern Freeze (Karlstad)

### Softball

- 6 @ Thief River Falls
- 7 Northern Freeze @ BGMR
- 9 Roseau @ BGMR
- 14 Warroad @ BGMR
- 16 @ Red Lake County Central (Oklee)
- 21 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR
- 23 @ East Grand Forks
- 25 Tournament @ BGMR
- 28 @ Red Lake Falls
- 30 @ Northern Freeze (Newfolden)

### Track

- 9 @ Bemidji Indoor Little Amik
- 16 @ Bemidji Outdoor Beaver Relays
- 20 @ Thief River Falls Quentin Jones
- 21 @ Hills-Beaver Creek
- 21 @ Crookston
- 23 @ Warroad
- 24 @ East Grand Forks
- 28 @ Crookston

### Golf

- 20 Boys @ Walker
- 21 Boys @ Warren
- 21 Girls @ Stephen
- 28 Boys @ Karlstad
- 28 Girls @ Greenbush

**Spring Sports Reminder:** Due to weather, games change quickly. For updates go to [www.badger.k12.mn.us](http://www.badger.k12.mn.us) and click on "Gator Athletic Schedules."



## Jack Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson

By: Jack Peppel

It was April 15, 1947. Jackie Robinson took the field like many other days, but that day he made history. Jackie was a man of many talents. Jackie Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on July 23, 1962. His legacy has gone on and is celebrated on April 15 each year when every player in Major League Baseball wears the number 42; Jackie's number from when he played. He is known ultimately for breaking the color barrier for baseball.

The incredible story of Jackie Robinson's career of baseball started out at John Muir High School. Jackie competed in football, baseball, basketball, track and field. He lettered in all four sports. He continued to play all four sports at Pasadena Junior College. While playing football he suffered a fractured ankle. After graduating Jackie continued to play baseball and track at the University of California Las Angeles (UCLA). Jackie's first year of UCLA baseball was his worst sport out of all of the three he played. In track he won the men's long jump with a jump of 24 ft 10¼ in. He dropped out of college a couple weeks before graduation and joined the military from 1942-1945.

After Jackie finished his military service, he went back to playing baseball. He started by playing for the Kansas City Monarchs. He played 47 games at short stop and had a .387 batting average with five homeruns and 13 stolen bases. In August of 1945 Jackie got his big break. He sign a deal with the then Brooklyn Dodgers for their International League Farm Club, the Montreal Royals.

In 1946 Jackie attended the Class AAA Spring Training in Daytona Beach, Florida. During spring training, Jackie wasn't allowed to stay at the same hotel as the rest of his teammates. After spring training, the Montreal Royals played the Brooklyn Dodgers in an exhibition game. In Jackie's first game he went 4-5 at the plate and also had a 3-run homerun. He finished that season with a .349 batting average, a .985 field percentage, and earned the league's MVP award.

The next season Jackie started with the Royals and after six days he was brought up to the Dodgers. On April 15, 1947, Jackie made his major league debut at age 28. He failed to get a hit in his first start. Throughout the season, Jackie received threats from countless people and even coaches. Jackie finished the season playing 151 games for the Dodgers with 175 hits, 31 doubles, 5 triples, 12 homeruns, 125 runs batted in, and 29 stolen bases. He earned the Major League Baseball Rookie of the Year Award in 1947.

After that season Jackie had a long and successful career. He won six World Series in his time with the Dodgers. At the end of his career he had 1,518 hits, 273 doubles, 54 triples, and 137 homeruns. His career is not remembered greatly because of how he played, it's because of what he did during his career for people later in life.

## April Wacky Celebrations

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/april.htm>

By: Michal Olson

### **Caramel Popcorn Day ~April 7th**

Caramel Popcorn Day is an opportunity to enjoy the combination of two great treats ~ Caramel and Popcorn. This tasty, chewy treat is hard to beat. Caramel popcorn is readily found in popcorn tins and specialty shops.

### **National Sibling Day ~April 10th**

National Sibling Day is a day to appreciate and cherish your brothers and sisters. Siblings are truly a special blessing that we probably all too often take for granted. They are often our best friends and supporters through life.

### **Rubber Eraser Day ~April 15**

Make no mistake... Rubber Eraser Day celebrates the invention of erasers. We all make mistakes. This day is designated to recognize and appreciate the value of that little plug (as manufacturers call them), that sits atop our pencils. Just imagine how messy our documents would be without it!

### **Titanic Remembrance Day ~April 15th**

Titanic Remembrance Day is dedicated to the memory of the Titanic and the 1522 passengers and crew who died. On this day in 1912, the Titanic sank in the icy waters of the north Atlantic ocean. The Titanic was called "unsinkable" and the "safest ship afloat" by her builder and designer. However, on her maiden voyage from England to New York City, the cruise ship Titanic hit an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean. Two hours later, with a gaping gash in her side, the ship quickly sank in icy waters.

### **Pig in a Blanket Day ~April 24th**

Pig in a Blanket Day is a day to eat a sausage wrapped in a pancake. Why? Because that's what "Pig in a Blanket" is. Somebody, somewhere decided that this was a very special treat to them. How does one go about celebrating Pig in a Blanket Day? Cook up some sausage. Make some pancakes. Wrap the sausage inside of the pancake. Add maple syrup. Then, chow down.

### **National Prime Rib Day ~April 27th**

National Prime Rib Day gets your mouth watering and starts you drooling. Many of us look to this day on the calendar to enjoy one of America's favorite steaks. For just a day, forget about the diet.



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## Senior Spotlight Daegan Berger

**Parents:** Shannon Berger, Heather & DJ Janousek

**Siblings:** Jaxon, Dany, Tenisha

**Nicknames:** Dusty, Dags, Dagballs

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Football

**Song:** Anything Motley Crue or Johnny Cash

**Food:** Buffalo Wings!

**Color:** Orange

**Quote:** "There's a lot of things blamed on me that never happened. But then, there's a lot of things that I did that I never got caught at." ~ Johnny Cash

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** A successful life with a lot of money and 1,000 acres of food plots.

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** My girlfriend Emilee. We would hunt in New Zealand.

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

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Always getting caught doing something dumb in shop.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Driving around with the boys

wasting money and going hunting.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** When Jackson knocked himself out.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Going to Minnesota State Community & Technical College - Moorhead for Diesel Technology.

## Senior Spotlight Caitlin Lunde

**Parents:** Chris & Jami Lunde

**Sibling:** Alex

**Nicknames:** Caitichey, Chey Bear, Boo, Caitwin, Cait, Cat, Catlin, Chey

**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Wrestling

**Song:** *Read All About It* by Emeli Sande

**Food:** Chinese

**Color:** Purple

**Quote:** "Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To be able to travel with no expenses.

**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 travel to New York, and I would bring my cousin Madison.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Soft-hearted

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** When the seniors and staff played volleyball against each other and I had to serve. I threw the ball up, went to serve, missed, and fell in front of the whole school.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Relax and listen to music, be with friends, go camping.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** When Logan stuck a gum wrapper in the outlet in Mr. Johnson's class, and the outlet sparked, and Logan's hair stood up. I burst out laughing and couldn't stop. Mr. Johnson asked what happened and Logan acted like he didn't know, so Mr. Johnson asked me. But I could not stop laughing long enough to tell.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** I got a superior rating on my first solo piece. I got a score of 38 out of 40.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Going into nursing, becoming a nurse assistant, possibly a CNA. ☺





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## Senior Spotlight Devin Corneliusen

**Parents:** Steve & Missy Gust  
**Siblings:** Derrick, Dalton, Ayden  
**Nicknames:** Dev, Deb, Dcorn  
**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Racing  
**Song:** *Centuries* by Fall Out Boy  
**Food:** Tater Tot Hotdish  
**Color:** Orange  
**Quote:** "If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space."

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To go back in time and live life before technology.

**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 Anthony Rinde to spend a day with Travis Pastrana in Maryland.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Solid

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Can't think of anything that happened to me.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Hunting or driving something

with a motor.

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** When Beau exploded an egg and it got all over Daegan.

**What is one thing you are proud of that happened to you in high school?** Getting on the A Honor Roll.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Attend a post-secondary institution.

## Senior Spotlight Heidi Mitchell

**Parent:** Tammy Wallace  
**Siblings:** Heather, Dwight  
**Nickname:** None  
**Favorite:**

**Sport:** Cheerleading  
**Song:** *Dirt* by Florida Georgia Line  
**Food:** Mexican  
**Color:** Purple/Lime Green

**Quote:** "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." ~ Marianne Williamson

**If you had one wish, what would you wish for?** To win the lottery when it's at \$10 billion

**If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would you go?** Devon and everywhere because the world is too beautiful to only pick one place.

**What one word best describes your personality?** Feisty

**What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?** Getting my nose broken by Alexis Monsrud in gym playing floor hockey! But it was an accident, so no hard feelings.

**What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?** Sleep and eat. ☺

**What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?** All the friends that I made. We will all go our separate ways but will remain friends forever.

**What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school?** Taking care of my baby, working, and a year later college.





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## Band Musician of the Month Jared Davy

**Grade:** 10

**Siblings:** Robby, Gavin

**What instrument do you play?** Trombone

**Why did you choose to play this instrument?** It was the first instrument I tried and liked it.

**What is your most memorable moment in band?** When a volleyball hit my stand during pep band and hit my trombone leaving me with a bruised lip and music scattered all over the floor.

**How long have you been in band?** 6 years

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

**What advice would you give to younger musicians?** Listen to Ms. Erickson and do what you're told.

**Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?** Yes, my parents and family.

## Choir Musician of the Month Deanna Rybakowski

**Grade:** 7

**Siblings:** Madison & Paige

**What section are you in?** Second soprano. I enjoy it because I like to sing high, but not as high as a first soprano.

**How long have you been in choir?** First year.

**What is the hardest part about being in choir?** Staying on pitch when there is a long note to hold.

**What advice would you give other vocalist?** Practice, practice, practice! That is the only way to get better! Do your best in choir, but if you make a mistake, make it a big one!

**What are you looking forward to this year?** I am looking forward to singing at contests and at our upcoming concerts.

**What kind of music do you like to sing?** I like to sing songs where we have the main melody and when we get heard a lot.

**What is your favorite choir memory?** Singing at the winter contest, because I really enjoyed our songs and how we all blended well together.



## Trivia

By: Brody Anhorn

- If it's noon in Boston, what time is it in New York?
  - 5:00 pm
  - Midnight
  - Noon
  - 3:00 am
- What was the first bird domesticated by man?
  - Sparrow
  - Crow
  - Chicken
  - Goose
- What type of animal is a 'skink'?
  - Snail
  - Snake
  - Lizard
  - Rat
- What U.S. military branch was a corps of only 50 soldiers when World War I broke out?
  - Army
  - Air Force
  - Navy
  - Marines

## Random Riddles Answers

- A coat of paint
- Quit imagining
- Words
- A traffic light
- Trouble
- A secret
- A memory



## Jump Rope for Heart

Submitted by: Ashley Lambert, Physical Education Instructor

In February, the Badger Elementary students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Our goal was to raise \$5,500 for the American Heart Association. The students had the ability to earn incentives to help motivate them in raising these funds. Also, for every child who raised \$75 they were able to pick an activity for a day of physical education and they were able to sign the Jump Rope for Heart banner that hangs in our gymnasium. The class that raised the most amount of money also earned a pizza party – the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade won this honor. We challenged the students with a goal of raising \$5,000 where, if achieved, the top fundraiser for each class would get to toss a pie in a staff member’s face. The students were all over this and Becky Dostal, Jacob Rath, Dan Carpenter, Bob Glenn, Kelly Grahn, John Lee, Stacey Warne, and I were the lucky staff members! In addition, if the students raised \$5,500, Brady Johnson would get his head shaved in front of the elementary student body. The students were highly motivated and came out in full force for these challenges! They raised a total of \$6,258 for a great cause – the American Heart Association. Friday, March 6, was a fun day for the students of Badger Elementary – celebrating their accomplishments. Congratulations, students! Thank you to all who donated!



## Earth Day

By: Devan Olson

Earth Day, April 22, is the day to protect the environment by planting trees and cleaning ditches. Earth Day started in 1970 to create awareness of problems concerning living creatures and environment. It was approved by the government as a national holiday in 2009. It gets more people to help clean the planet because it is a holiday. One thing you can do for Earth Day is to participate in the Billion Acts of Green Campaign. The first campaign was started in 2010, Earth Day’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The goal was to register one billion actions of helping the environment before the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development was held on June 2012. They reached the goal!

Everyone, go plant some trees and recycle your recyclables. Don’t forget to participate in the annual Billion Acts of Green Campaign. Go help the environment!

## April Dates to Remember

By: Devan Olson

- 2 Grade 5 to LifeCare Medical Center
- 3 Spring Break ~ No School
- 6 Spring Break ~ No School
- 7 ECFE “Color Yellow” 6:00 pm
- 9 Comm Ed ~ Cooking Class 5:00 pm
- 10 Preschool Screening
- 11 Prom
- 13 School Board 7:30 pm
- 14 ECFE “Graduation Pizza Party” 6:00 pm
- 16 Comm Ed ~ Cooking Class 5:00 pm
- 16-18 State FCCLA
- 20-24 Wolf Ridge ~ grade 7
- 22 Envirothon @ Lake Bronson
- 23 Comm Ed ~ Cooking Class 5:00 pm
- 23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterm
- 30 Comm Ed ~ Cooking Class 5:00 pm

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## Shout Out To.....

*John Lee, Bob Glenn, Dan Carpenter, Jacob Rath, Stacey Warne, Kelly Grahn, and Becky Dostal* for taking a pie in the face as an incentive for students to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart.

*Brady Johnson* for shaving his head as an incentive for students to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart.

*Students and staff* who helped out with the Elementary Basketball tournament and making it a great day for all! It wouldn't have been possible without all your hard work.

*Allan Wicklander* for snack donations to the preschool class. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*Ms. Kelly Grahn* for coming to the preschool class and playing your guitar so we could sing along during our Letter G week!

*LaRae Frislie and Jody Randall*, Badger cooks, for making bag lunches for the whole band and choir on contest day!

*Kittson County Central School* in Hallock and its music directors *Brian Pastir and Renee Wahl* for hosting a nice large group music contest and lending us their marimba mallets.

*Rob Davy* for helping chaperone the Robotics trip to Duluth.

*Alan Truscinski and Greg Peppel* for giving up many hours of their personal time to mentor the robotics team this season.

*Badger Chapter of National Honor Society* for their wonderful work with Read Across America Week AND for their work with the United Blood Service on a successful blood drive.

*Elementary students and Mrs. Lambert* for their fundraising efforts for the American Heart Association and raising over \$6,000 with Jump Rope for Heart

*Mrs. Lambert* for allowing students to stay after school on various days to utilize the roller skates while they were here.

*Ms. K* for applying for the grant that help pay for the students to go on their wonderful trip to Grand Marais for Art Club.

*Cody Madoll* who has helped carry in the Gatorades for the elementary almost every time I've needed help this year.

*Bill Forbister* for playing guitar and singing for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class! We loved it!

### **Ms. Y and the drama group would like to send a big shout out to the following who helped in the play:**

*Caity Garten* for being an awesome assistant!

*Aaron Dostal and Isaac Lorensen* for taking care of the sound.

*Brandon Pries and Alex Ylitalo* for doing spotlights.

*Janice Mostofi* for helping with casting.

*Bob Glenn, John Wirta, Mike Coltom, and shop crew* for helping with setup.

*Sherri Kruger and Art Club* for creating a lovely set.

*Gretchen Lee* for costume help.

*LaRae Frislie and Jody Randall* for taking care of meals.

*Seventh grade Wolftridge helpers.*

*Colleen Banaszewski* for donating make-up for the cast.

Also, thank you to *the many community/parent helpers*: Diane Garten (backstage mom), Joni Burkel (backstage mom), Janice Mostofi (ticket taker), Deb Pries (ticket taker), Steph Walter (kitchen help), Shannon Dostal (kitchen help), and Jandi VonEnde (makeup)

*Border State Bank* for their cups and napkins donation.



## Random Riddles

By: Dayton Bishop

1. What kind of coat can only be put on when wet?
2. Imagine you are swimming in the ocean and there is a bunch of hungry sharks around you. How do you stay alive?
3. We hurt without moving. We poison without touching. We bare the truth and the lies. We are not to be judged by our size.
4. I stare at you, you stare at me. I have three eyes, yet can't see. Every time I blink, I give you commands. You do as you're told, with your feet and hands. What am I?
5. I am very easy to get into, but hard to get out of. What am I?
6. What can one not hold, two can keep, and three destroy?
7. I can bring tears to your eyes, resurrect the dead, make you smile, and reverse time. I form in an instant but last a life time. What am I?

### Trivia Answers

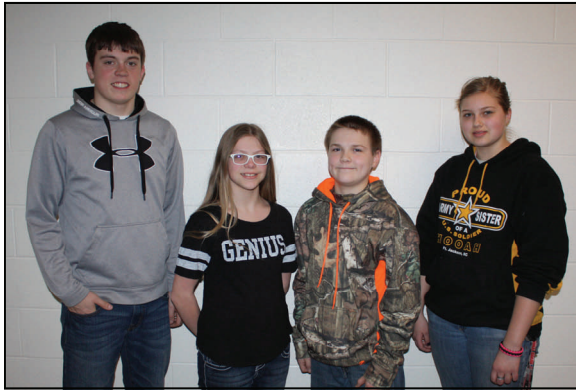
1. C   2. D   3. C   4. B





## Do you think schools should allow you to listen to music while you work or not?

By: Ethan Praska



### Matt Howell

Yes, schools should allow you to listen to music while you work because I get more work done while I listen to music. Music allows me to block out other noise and focus on my homework. Students can listen to their favorite songs and make school more enjoyable.

### Emma Gust

I think schools should not allow students to listen to music while they work.

I say this because some students get side tracked and sing, distracting other students.

### Brutus Grindahl

Yes, because music isn't distracting. Sometimes it can help people get their work done faster if they listen to music.

### Emily Hamann

Yes, because I believe some students can concentrate better. Some students prefer quiet, so then they don't have to listen to music. That way everyone can concentrate their own way.

## Robotics

By: Jack Peppel and Kaitie Hamann

On February 25 the Robotics team traveled to Duluth again for its fifth year. The Robotics Team competed against 60 teams from around the Midwest. The name of the competition was Recycle Rush. Recycle Rush is a recycling-themed game played by two Alliances of three robots each. Robots score points by



stacking totes on scoring platforms, capping those stacks with recycling containers, and properly disposing of pool noodles, representing litter. In keeping with the recycling theme of the game, all game pieces used were reusable or recyclable by teams in their home locations or by FIRST at the end of the season. There are two different competition times: the autonomous period where the robot is preset to move independently and the teleop period when the robots were remotely controlled by students.

The competition practice was Thursday at Duluth's DECC center. The practice rounds went well and lasted all day. Some robots didn't compete in the practice rounds because their robot wouldn't function. Friday, the first day of competition, was harsh on some robots with many of them falling over. There were also periods of time where the FRC system (the software program which FIRST robotics competition runs on) didn't work. At noon the Badger Gators Team 3750 was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. After three more matches, Team 3750 was in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

The final day of competition, Team 3750 tried to get a higher ranking. After the first match the 3750 Gators were sitting in 10<sup>th</sup> place but after a tough second match the 3750 Badger Gators were ranked 12<sup>th</sup> overall. After the last qualification match, the Badger Gators sat in 18<sup>th</sup> place. After the qualification matches the final alliances are chosen by the top 8 teams. If one of the top 8 is chosen for another alliance, the next highest seed gets brought up to pick an alliance. The Badger Robotics team did not get selected for an alliance and their tournament time was done.

The Badger Robotics received the Judges' Award. The Judges' Award is awarded to a team based on its design and the way it runs during competition. The Robotics Team doesn't get to advance to nationals this year even though they earned an award. Again, it was a great time competing and working together as a team.

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## Ramp-Up April 2015

Submitted by: Stacey Warne, Dean of Students

Ramp-Up for Readiness students will investigate the following topics during the month of March. Parents should feel free to use these as specific discussion starters about the Ramp-Up activities and workshops held during the month.

**GRADE 6** – Students will be updating their Postsecondary Plans and Readiness Rubrics during their April Ramp-Up sessions. In addition, they will be registering for seventh grade classes for the start of the 2015-2016 school year. Parents will need to review the course selections with their student and sign off to approve them.

**GRADE 7** – *Financial Awareness*. Students will get an introduction to the idea that college may require going into some debt but that education is often considered “good debt.” Students will also investigate the idea of credit and interest and that borrowing money or using credit for “bad debt” is not a good idea. In addition, students will update their Postsecondary Plans, Readiness Rubrics and register for eighth grade courses.

*WORKSHOP*: Economic Impact of College

**GRADE 8** – Students will update their Postsecondary Plans and Readiness Rubrics. They will also be registering for their first high school courses as they enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade this coming fall. Parents will need to review the registration sheets with their student and sign off on the course selections.

**GRADE 9** – Updating their Readiness Rubric and Postsecondary Plans will be important for students during the month of April. Registration for fall 2015 classes will also take place. Parents are required to review and sign off on their student’s course selection before they will be registered for the 2015-2016 school year.

*WORKSHOP*: Classes Recommended for College

**GRADE 10** – Sophomores will update their Readiness Rubrics and Postsecondary Plans. They will also register for classes for their junior year. Parents are required to review their course selections and sign the selection form prior to their student being registered for the 2015-2016 school year.

*WORKSHOP*: Admissions Process Overview

**GRADE 11** – Students will wrap up their first year with Ramp-Up by updating the Readiness Rubric and Postsecondary Plan forms. In addition, they will register for their senior classes. Parents should be ready to review class selections with their students and sign off to approve the selections so they can be registered for the 2015-2016 school year.

**GRADE 12** – Seniors will finish their Ramp-Up experience in April by finalizing their Postsecondary Plans and Readiness Rubrics.

## Art Club Travels to Grand Marais

Submitted by, Sherri Kruger, Advisor

The Badger Art Club traveled to Grand Marais, Minnesota, the weekend of March 6-8 with their advisor Ms. Sherri Kruger. Students were the guests of the Grand Marais Art Colony. Students interacted with print, glass, and clay artists. They spent the day working on glass pendants, clay bowls, and printed cards. Students also spent time at the Sivertson’s Gallery where they were given a tour of the gallery and several art exhibits. This trip was made possible through fund raising and an Arts Legacy Grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council. Arts Legacy grants came into being as part of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment that Minnesota voters overwhelmingly passed in 2008. The work the State Legislature has done to direct this funding to the regional Arts Council system and the Minnesota State Arts Board has ensured that this money brings access to the arts in every corner of the



state including our community! We would like to thank the Minnesota State Legislature, the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council, and you the Voters of Minnesota for this funding. The Badger Art club will participate in the Northwest Arts Council spring Art exhibit in Thief River Falls April 22-May 4, 2015. Students will also host a Spring Art and Quilt show in the Badger Commons Area May 6<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the high school spring music concert. Students had a great time and are already talking about the next trip.



## Badger School Superintendent's News



### **The Seven Nasty Princesses Performed at Badger School**

*The Seven Nasty Princesses*, a comedy, was performed at the Badger School on Thursday, March 19, and Friday, March 20. The play was selected and directed by Ms. Becky Ylitalo. Under the guidance of Ms. Ylitalo, approximately 30 students ranging in grades 7-12 participated in the production. Students served as actors on the stage as well as support behind the scene or technical support operating the lights and sound system.

Thank you to all of you who recently attended the performance of *The Seven Nasty Princesses*. The event was a great success. Both performances were well attended and the dinner served on Thursday night was sold out! Chicken Kiev was served to those who attended the dinner. Thank you for all of your support; your attendance was greatly appreciated by the performers as well as our school district. A dinner theater does not occur without the work of many people, most of those who worked behind the scenes to make this event possible. Staff members helped with props as well as set up. Mrs. Frislie and Mrs. Randall did a wonderful job planning and preparing a great meal that many enjoyed! Mrs. Shannon Dostal organized the seventh grade students who assisted in serving and cleaning up after the dinner as well as the dessert that was served on Friday night. Ms. Becky Ylitalo's passion and commitment to the play provided the leadership necessary to make the play become a reality. Most importantly, many students devoted countless hours and many nights and weekends rehearsing and preparing for the play. All of you did such a wonderful job on stage as well as those students who worked as support behind the scenes. Your efforts provided all of us with a great night of entertainment. Thanks for making our school proud!

### **Badger Choir and Band Ensembles Impress Judges**

The Badger band ensemble members under the direction of Ms. Lisa Erickson and members of the Badger choir ensembles under the direction of Mr. Dan Carpenter recently performed for judges on March 24 and March 26.

Six choir ensembles performed for judges in Roseau on March 24. The choir ensemble groups performed a variety of vocal arrangements. Upon completion of performing, all Badger ensemble groups received the highest rating possible....SUPERIOR! In addition, a vocal ensemble duet featuring Alex Burkel and Madison Truscinski was recognized as the Outstanding Performance.

Three instrumental ensembles performed for judges in Karlstad on March 26. Similar to the choir ensembles, the students performed a variety of instrumental works of music. All students performing instrumental ensembles received SUPERIOR ratings. In addition to superior ratings, the saxophone ensemble and flute ensemble were designated as the Outstanding Performances. The saxophone ensemble featured Madison Truscinski, Mariah Modahl, Robby Davy, and Matt Howell. The flute ensemble consisted of Emily Hamann, Deanna Rybakowski, Madison Truscinski, and Isabella Grafstrom.

Congratulations to all of our students who performed amazingly at the recent ensemble performances as well as Ms. Erickson and Mr. Carpenter. The Badger School District has an amazing fine arts program and continues to be a source of school and community pride.

The Badger School is a wonderful place to learn and work. Thank you to all who help to make our school special!

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Tom Jerome  
Superintendent, Badger School District



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##### Austin Przekwas



**Parents:**  
Chad & Erin  
**Age:** 5

**What is April Fool's Day?** Tricks maybe.

**What was the funniest moment you have had in kindergarten?** I fell out of my chair but it wasn't funny.

**Are you excited for first grade?**

Because we get to color and learn everything.

**If you were president for a**

**whole day, what would you do?** Play my Kindle and I'd go to Africa.

**What does Spring mean?** Summer, sunny, and NO snow on the ground.

##### Abram Wirta



**Parents:**  
Peggy & John  
**Age:** 5

**What is April Fool's Day?** Play tricks.

**What was the funniest moment you have had in kindergarten?** I like to "crash legos" and play the snowball game.

**Are you excited for first grade?** Mrs. Warne's class has a lot of interesting stuff in it.

**If you were**

**president for a whole day, what would you do?** No work and eat Gold Fish crackers.

**What does Spring mean?** Splashing water puddles and the sun in my eyes.