

The Badger Barker

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In Honor of Our Veterans

By: Morgan Weber

On November 11, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., Badger residents took time out of their day to honor our veterans at the Badger School's Veterans Day program. The program opened with the Badger High School concert band playing "Proud Spirit." After a brief welcome from Shanyce Bishop, the Roseau County veterans Morris Vacura, George Foster, Curt Hukee, Pete Christianson, and David Frislee posted the colors. The Badger High School small group choir then sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Junior high students Aaron Davy, Tyrah Green, and Logan Klegstad read their "What does Patriotism Mean to Me" winning speeches. After the Badger High School choir sang "In Flanders Fields", senior high students Tyler Klegstad, Isabella Grafstrom, and Robby Davy read their "Are You Optimistic about our Nation's future?" winning speeches. Superintendent Tom Jerome handed out the awards to the student speakers.

Keynote speaker Dale Hagen told of the meaning behind America's White Table. He explained that tables, just like the one set at this program, have stood across America in dining halls of the Armed Forces since the Vietnam War ended to honor the men and women who serve our country, especially those missing in action (MIA) and prisoners of war (POW). Badger students Mason Scharf, Jordan Scharf, Alyssa Rinde, Brutus Grindahl, Kellie Parnow, Mariah Modahl, and Shanyce Bishop placed items on the table to create a setting as Mr. Hagen defined the meaning behind each item. The small table was covered with a white cloth to honor a soldier's pure heart when he answers his country's call to duty, and a single chair was leaned against the table to reserve it for a missing soldier who cannot attend. The first item placed in the setting on the small table was a single plate to show one soldier's battle against many. Then, a lemon slice was placed on the plate to resemble a captive soldier's bitter fate. Next, grains of salt were put on the plate to show the tears of the family waiting for their loved one to return. A black napkin was placed next to resemble the sorrow of captivity. Then, a single glass was turned over and placed in the setting to resemble a meal that will not be eaten. Next, a white candle was placed on the table and lit to show peace. A red rose in a vase with a red ribbon tied around it was set on the table to stand for hope that all missing soldiers will return home someday. And last, a bible was opened, Psalm 23 was read, and it was placed on the table to complete the setting. After the table setting was complete, "Taps" was played by Badger School band trumpeters Sarah Erickson and Alex Burkel, and the colors were retired by the Roseau County area veterans.



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Badger School National Honor Society Induction



Row 2: Matthew Howell, Logan Klegstad, Kate Howell, Kaitlyn Emery, Katie Rhen, Madison Truscinski, Kellie Parnow

Row 1: Sarah Erickson, Shanyce Bishop, Kasey Pries, Andrea Burkel, Mariah Modahl, Sarah Rhen

Campus Comment

By: Daniel Obie

What has been your favorite Christmas gift?



Gavin Davy (Grade 7): My best Christmas gift ever was my Game Boy Advanced. It's my favorite because when we got it we could play it and be entertained on long car trips to Minneapolis. And when I lost just about all of the games we had a basketball game, my brother Robby's friend gave us some of his old games including Pokemon Ruby version which started my instant love for Pokemon.



Alyssa Grindahl (Grade 8): My favorite Christmas gift was my iPod touch because I can talk to people on it, play games, listen to music, and watch videos. It is the best thing I have ever got for Christmas.



Jordan Watson (Grade 9): My favorite Christmas gift was a toy truck I got when I was little.

Benton Kohl (Grade 10): The Christmas when my dad bought me my first deer rifle.



Mariah Modahl (Grade 11): My favorite Christmas gift was from my dad who got me an Eli Manning jersey and an autographed picture of him.

Matt Sibilleau (Grade 12): My favorite Christmas gift (that I can remember) was a Rock Band 2 set.

Mrs. Carpenter (Choir): My favorite Christmas gift would probably be the Panasonic radio with the tape deck that I got when I was in 4th grade. I loved it, because I could listen to music in my room! I was even able to record songs off the radio. I was so happy that I could finally listen to music and jam out in my room as much as I wanted. I would spend hours singing and listening to the radio.





Birthdays Remembered

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

There are people that shine and are remembered by many for generations. These names are recognized but what they did is not always remembered. Let me introduce a few unforgettable persons and explain why we still know their names today.

Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin, was born on December 8, 1765, in Westboro, Massachusetts. He attended and graduated from Yale College. When he introduced the idea of the cotton gin, it was immediately accepted by a board of members. Sadly, farmers argued Whitney's initial price for the cotton gin wasn't affordable and the cotton gin was repeatedly pirated until Whitney agreed to lower the price. Later, to compensate for losing some earnings on the cotton gin, he devised machines to make parts for guns. This idea was interchangeable parts, although there is skepticism on who invented this system.

The great composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born on (or about) December 16, 1770, in Bonn, Cologne, Germany. He was born with a hearing problem and it progressively got worse. It was common for composers to change their compositions to make rich patrons like it. Beethoven was not one to change his work to please the wealthy. The great composer believed that wealth did not make you better than anyone else, making art did.

Emily Dickinson, born in the year of 1830 in Amherst, Massachusetts, seldom left her house throughout her life, yet she is one of the most well-known poets in American literature. By the age of 30, Emily had almost completely isolated herself from everyone except family. Her seclusion is why most, if not all, illustrations and pictures of her were made in her younger years. Dickinson's poetry reflected upon her own feelings of loneliness and want. After she passed in 1886 in her home town, Emily's family found almost 1800 poems she had written.

December 5, 1901, in Chicago, Illinois, Walt Disney, the huge pioneer in cartoons and animation, was born. Since he was a kid, Walt had been interested in drawing. As he got older, he drew more and more. When he served in the Red Cross, he drove an ambulance covered in his own cartoons. Disney tried starting a commercial business but it went bankrupt. But after *Alice Comedies* was created, Walt was on Hollywood's radar. One of his early feats was the full-length animated musical *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. It cost \$1,499,000 during the Depression and still is a monumental film in the industry. His dream of amusement parks came true when Disneyland Park opened in 1955. Even though he passed in 1966, his company continues to create great family films.

Eli Whitney the inventor, Beethoven the composer, Emily Dickinson the poet, and Walt Disney the animated cartoonist were all born this month. All of these individuals did something that has made them unforgettable. I'd be happy to be born in December with these people, hopefully you would too!

Trivia

By: Beau Blumer

- How many boxing fights did Muhammad Ali win?
 - 37
 - 106
 - 42
 - 56
- What football team has won the most Super Bowls?
 - Pittsburgh Steelers
 - San Francisco 49ers
 - Dallas Cowboys
 - Minnesota Vikings
- What state is the highest corn producer in the USA?
 - Minnesota
 - Iowa
 - Texas
 - Nebraska
- What year was Ford's F-series trucks introduced?
 - 1948
 - 1941
 - 1953
 - 1956

Random Riddles

By: Matthieu Sibilleau

- Violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red — these are the colors you have seen after the storm has fled. What am I?
- What is it that was given to you, belongs only to you, and yet your friends use it more than you do?
- A horse is tied to a five meter rope in front of an old saloon. Six meters behind the horse is a bale of hay. Without breaking his rope, the horse is able to eat the hay whenever he chooses. How is this possible?
- Does the law allow Vernon Jones to marry his widow's sister?
- Often talked of, never seen,
Ever coming, never been,
Daily looked for, never here,
Still approaching, coming near.
Thousands for its visit wait
But alas for their fate,
Tho' they expect me to appear,
They will never find me here.
- Face with a tree, skin like the sea. A great beast I am, yet vermin frightens me. What am I?
- How would you rearrange the letters in the words new door to make one word? There is only one correct answer.

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December Gator Sports

By: Daegan Berger

Boys Basketball

- 5 Kittson County Central @ BGMR
- 6 @ Clearbrook/Gonvick (Clearbrook)
- 9 @ NCTC Tourney
- 10 @ NCTC Tourney
- 12 @ NCTC Tourney
- 19 @ Red Lake County Coop (Red Lake Falls)
- 20 Roseau @ BGMR
- 27 @ Northern Cass Tourney (Hunter, ND)
- 28 @ Northern Cass Tourney (Hunter, ND)

Girls Basketball

- 3 @ NCTC Tourney
- 5 @ NCTC Tourney
- 6 @ NCTC Tourney
- 12 @ Warroad
- 13 @ Blackduck
- 16 @ Kittson County Central
- 19 Red Lake Falls @ BGMR

Wrestling

- 3 Mahnomen/Wauban @ BGMR
- 5 @ Roseau
- 13 @ Sertoma Tourney (Grand Forks Central)
- 14 @ Sertoma Tourney (Grand Forks Central)
- 20 @ Big Bear Tourney (Cass Lake-Bena)
- 21 @ Big Bear Tourney (Cass Lake-Bena)

December Dates to Remember

By: Austin Nieman

- 3 ECFE "Brought to You by the Letters I, J, and K" 6:30 pm
- 4 North Dakota State University rep 9:30 am
- 6 2nd Quarter Midterm
- 7 Santa Days 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 7 Scholastic Book Fair 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 9 School Board 7:30 pm
- 9-11 Scholastic Book Fair 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 12 Preschool Holiday Party 1:30 pm
- 16 Minnesota State University Moorhead rep 10:00 a.m.
- 17 High School Music Concert 7:00 pm
- 20 Elementary Music Program 2:00 pm
- 23-31 No School – Winter Break

Good Signal

Two antennas met on a roof, fell
in love and got married.
The ceremony wasn't much, but
the reception was excellent.

Blind Fish

What do you call a fish with
no eyes?
A fish.

December Wacky Celebrations

By: Wyatt Peppel

December 4 ~ *Santa's List Day* ~ Marks the day that Santa checks his list. Have you been naughty? Or, have you been nice? Santa will know. The elves have been all over the world checking to see who has been naughty and who has been nice. There is a short list of kids on the naughty list, and a long list of kids on the good list.

December 11 ~ *National Noodle Ring Day* ~ is a day people have been waiting for....yeah right!! What would cooking be without the noodle ring? We are glad the noodle ring exists so we can cook them in one recipe after another. Is the proper term noodle ring or ring noodle?

December 12 ~ *National Ding-a-Ling-Day* ~ A day you can ring bells but not like Salvation Army bells standing on street corners ringing bells. You can ring bells as you meet people or just go around stores ring bells. It's a day meant for people to act crazy like a Ding-a-Ling.

December 19 ~ *Look for an Evergreen Day* ~ Today, many people want a real tree because of the fresh smell of pine and the realness of the tree. It captures the feel of the holiday. There is no shortage of Christmas trees: pines, spruce, and firs. If you don't have a tree by this date, it will be harder to find one because more and more people are buying their trees right before Christmas.

December 21 ~ *Look on the Bright Side Day* ~ Today is the winter solstice, one of the shortest days of the year. December can be cloudy. If you had a bad day yesterday, look on the bright side because today is another day. Today is the day where we should be optimistic, looking for something positive out of a bad situation or thing.

December 31 ~ *Make up Your Mind Day* ~ Happens to be the day before New Year's. During the year you've put off many issues and decisions. If you're going to make up your mind this year, today's the day to do it. When you think about it, isn't it great to start off with a clean slate in a new year?



Choir Musician of the Month

Andrea Burkel



Grade: 12

Siblings: Vanessa, Alex, Jack, Emily

What section are you in? Soprano

How long have you been in choir? 6 years

What is your favorite song from last year? *Baba Yeyu* by Christopher Tin

What are you looking forward to this year? Singing

What kind of music do you like to sing? Anything minor.

What is your favorite memory in choir? When Sarah Rhen and I started laughing in the middle of a song during a concert.

Band Musician of the Month

Caitlin Lunde



Grade: 11

Sibling: Alex

What instrument do you play? Flute

Why did you choose to play this instrument? I wanted to play an instrument that had a unique look and sound. When I heard Ms. Erickson play the flute, I knew that was what I wanted to play.

What is your most memorable moment in band? Contest is coming up. This year will be the first year I've done contest. That will be a pretty memorable memory. That or either all the away pep bands.

How long have you been in band? Six years.

What is your favorite song to play? My favorite song would probably have to be the song I'm working on for contest. It sounds so floaty and pretty.

What advice would you give to younger musicians? Stop when Ms. Erickson tells you to stop, spit out your gum before class starts, don't mess around, know how to count, just have fun and do the best you can! Pay attention, and practice!

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band? When I first started band, Tiana Watson was really good at helping me learn the notes and answering any questions I had. Ms. Erickson and mom have inspired me to be part of band ☺

Riddles Answers

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| 1. A rainbow. | 5. Tomorrow. |
| 2. Your name. | 6. An elephant. |
| 3. The rope wasn't tied to anything. | 7. O-n-e w-o-r-d. |
| 4. Of course not. If he has a widow then he's dead. And dead people can't get married. | |

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Senior Spotlight Cassandra Peterson

Parents: Kevin and Angie Peterson

Sibling: Jonathan

Nicknames: Cassie, Cassie Jo, Blondie

Favorite:

Sport: Hockey

Song: *The Only Way I Know* by Jason Aldean

Food: Oofa Tacos

Color: Neon Watermelon

Quote: "Have I gone mad? I'm afraid so. You're entirely Bonkers. But I'll tell you a secret all the best people are." ~ Mad Hatter

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? To meet Jason Aldean and marry him.

If you could have one person travel with you to anywhere in the world, who would it be and where would it be? Liana and to Australia to see the kangaroos.

What one word best describes your personality? Sparkly

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

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Being in plays.

What is one memory you'll always remember from high school? Getting first place at the One Act Sub Section with the play "The Laramie Project."

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? My first day in Badger School and Tiana was suppose to bring me to my classes and she ditched me and I got lost. I was lost until someone finally helped me and showed me.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Major in Education and minor in Theater at Mayville State University.



Senior Spotlight Cole Hamann

Parents: Steven Hamann and Koni Hamann

Siblings: Taylor, Hayley, Emily

Nicknames: CBC, Cowboy Troy

Favorite:

Sport: Football

Song: *Chicks Dig It* by Chris Cagle

Food: Pizza

Color: Pink

Quote: "Courage is being scared to death, and saddling up anyway."
~ John Wayne

If you had one wish, what would you wish for? An endless 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? Tanner Sovde to Australia to hunt kangaroos.

What one word best describes your personality? Western

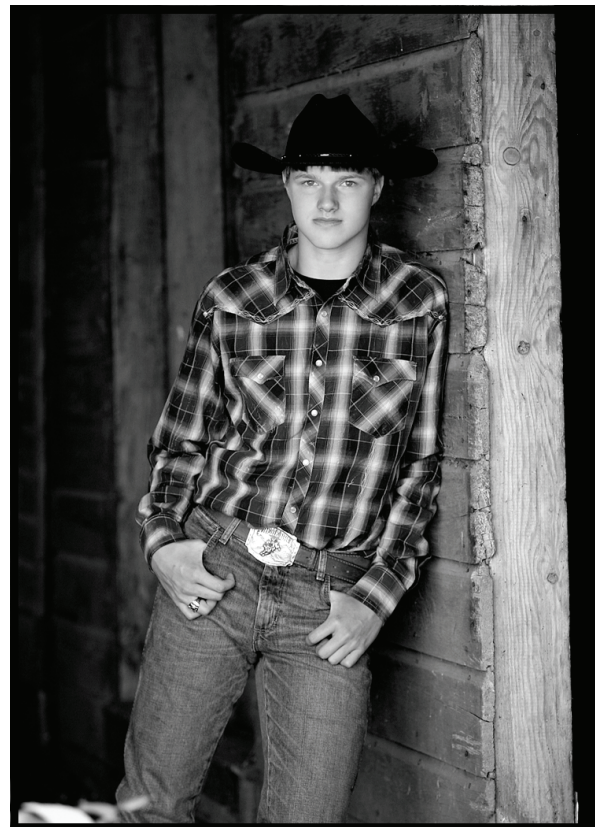
Would you rather be the loudest in the class or the quietest? Loudest

What is your favorite thing to do with your free time? Hunt and drive four-wheeler.

What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School? Christian hiding from Coltom behind boxes in the shop.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you in high school? Crashing into the gym wall while playing mat ball.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate high school? Going to college for Welding Technology.



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A Honor Roll 4-6

Row 3: Emma VonEnde, Noah Warne, Jory Bronson, Isaac Lorenson, Bailey Maurstad **Row 2:** Kennedy Truscinski, Morgan Praska, Tessa Blumer, Deanna Rybakowski, Talon Hilligas **Row 1:** Greta Lee, Hailey VonEnde, Isabella Monsrud, Alyssa Rinde
Not Pictured: Emily Gust, Kianna Jacobson



A Honor Roll 7-9

Row 3: Alex Ylitalo, Tyler Isane, Jack Peppel, Caitlynn Garten, Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud **Row 2:** Devan Olson, Austin Maurstad, Ethan Praska, Devin Pries, Seth Dostal **Row 1:** Colby Wooten, Karissa Kaml, Michaela Dahlen, Tyrah Green, Gavin Davy
Not Pictured: Katrina Smith



A Honor Roll 10-12

Row 3: Riley Sovde, Katie Rhen, Victoria Green, Sarah Erickson, Kasey Pries, Mariah Modahl, Leah Erickson **Row 2:** Emily Hamann, Robby Davy, Amy Svir, Kate Howell, Madison Truscinski, Matthieu Sibilleau **Row 1:** Isabella Grafstrom, Alex Burkel, Andrea Burkel, Shanyce Bishop, Sarah Rhen



B Honor Roll 4-6

Row 3: Brooke VonEnde, Tanner Davy, Jack Burkel, Erika Howell, Emma Gust **Row 2:** Avdyl Jasiqi, Dawson Beito, Kiah Olafson, Elese Andol **Row 1:** Alexis Rud, Rebecca Dahlen, Hannah Rud, Hannah Wilt
Not Pictured: Kadeyn Keller, Laurel Andol



B Honor Roll 7-9

Row 2: Brandon Pries, Ceceilia Yeager, Isaac Dostal, Joanna Erickson, Dillon Nieman **Row 1:** Haleigh Kruger, Ashtyn Beito, Jared Davy, Tessa Sanden
Not Pictured: Alissa Kjelland



B Honor Roll 10-12

Row 3: Keithan Hoang, Isaak Isane, Wyatt Peppel, Kellie Parnow, Katie Coltom **Row 2:** Kayleen Kjelland, Logan Klegstad, Devin Corneliusen, Cole Hamann, Matthew Howell, Alex Truscinski **Row 1:** Megan Kompelien, Angelina Korb, Kaylee Kringen, Tiana Watson

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Holiday Desserts

By: Victoria Green

Oreo Dirt Cake

- 1 bag Oreos, crushed
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 cup milk
- 2 sm. pkg. instant vanilla pudding
- ½ tsp vanilla
- 12 oz. Cool Whip, thawed

Cream together cream cheese, butter, and powdered sugar. In separate bowl mix together milk, pudding, vanilla, and Cool Whip. Add cream cheese mixture. Layer with Oreos. Chill.

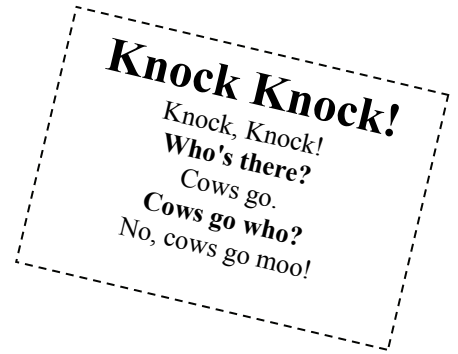
Easy Sugar Cookies

- 2 ¾ cups all- purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a small bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually blend in the dry ingredients. Roll rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into balls, and place onto ungreased cookie sheets.

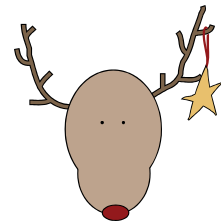
Bake 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden. Let stand on cookie sheet two minutes before removing to cool on wire racks.



December Word Search

By: Keithan Hoang

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 F Z L C V Y T S O R F I U
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Pearl Harbor

By: Wyatt Peppel

On the Sunday morning of December 7, 1941, while most Navy members were either still asleep or eating breakfast there was a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. The Naval members thought the planes they heard were test planes flying over the base. The Pearl Harbor attack caught the Navy members by surprise, but within 5 minutes they were at their anti-aircraft guns trying to shoot down enemy planes. One hundred eighty-three Japanese planes were in on the attack. They targeted the eight main Navy vessels damaging all of them and sinking four ships (Nevada, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and California). The death toll because of this surprise attack was shocking; the attack killed about 2,402 and wounded 1,282 Americans.

The attack on the airfield at Oahu, Hawaii, would end up being essential in the Japanese victory at Pearl Harbor. If the Japanese destroyed U.S. fighter planes then the American planes couldn't get in the air. Well, their theory worked. They bombed aircraft hangars where planes were wing tip to wing tip, making them easy targets. In total they bombed 188 U.S. planes. Only a few realized what was happening and got into the air, with little success.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was the main reason the United States joined the 2nd World War. The day of December 7, 1941, was declared a Day of Infamy by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The people of the U.S. were mad, sad, and outraged; they wanted to go to war. The following day Roosevelt gave the Infamy speech in which he asked congress to declare war on its allies. After F.D.R. gave his Infamy speech, congress unanimously voted for going to war; only one person voted against it.

Today, we remember all the lost ones in the Pearl Harbor attack at the Pearl Harbor museum and on Pearl Harbor Day. The museum has places where visitors can tour the harbors, damaged ships, and an old light tower.

Polaris

By: Daegan Berger

Edgar Hetteen and Allan Hetteen, were partners at Hetteen Hoist and Derrick Shop in Roseau, Minnesota. Their employees David Johnson, Paul Knochenmus, and Orlen Johnson decided to make a vehicle that could travel through snow. They wanted to make it easier to get to their hunting stands. In 1954, they finished their concept model of the soon to be Sno Traveler. The first production model rolled off the assembly line in 1956 in Minnesota.

In the early 1960s Polaris developed a front engine snowmobile to compete with ski-doo. In 1965 Polaris released the Mustang. This snowmobile boosted Polaris's sales. From the 1960s to the 1970s, Polaris became one of the leaders in the snowmobile industry. In the early 1980s, Polaris started creating the Indy style snowmobile with independent front suspension and a much wider stand making it more stable through the snow. In 1985, Polaris introduced the Trailboss, considered to be the first American-made all-terrain vehicle. Today Polaris is one of the top selling brands in ATVs. In May of 2009, Polaris announced the creation of the Victory motorcycle. In 2010, Polaris introduced the Polaris Rush snowmobile, which had a new modernized suspension system and better handling.

Polaris is always thinking for the future. They have modeled an electric motorcycle and also a one person RZR. Polaris has always been one of the top producers in off-road vehicles. I think they will be on top for a long time. They are always creating something better than their last product that everyone can enjoy.

Winter Activities

By: Daniel Obie

It's getting to be that time of the year again, but you don't want to just sit inside your house with nothing to do because it's cold. Are wondering what to do? Here are some little or no-cost activities for you to enjoy.

You could go snowmobiling on the many trails in Minnesota. If you get cold, there are multiple warming shelters for you to warm up in. You could also go to a snowmobile event such as banquets for clubs or ride to the many snowmobile races. If you like to fish during the summer, you will love ice fishing on the many lakes in Minnesota. One of the lakes around here is Lake of the Woods. It doesn't cost that much and it is a lot of fun. If you want to fish for a more competitive reason, you could go to the many fishing derbies around the area.

Want some family fun? Go to Bemidji and go skiing at Buena Vista. There are many different hills with different difficulties so you can practice at it and get better. If you get good enough, you can go on the Black Diamond run, which is a really hard hill to ski down because you get going really fast. Another activity you could do is go sledding. It is free and endless fun that the whole family can enjoy. The kids will love it and it will get them outside for the whole day.

As you can see, there are many fun things you can do in the winter instead of sitting inside and doing nothing all day. Get out there and enjoy winter!

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Visits with the Presidential Pardon Turkeys



Jon and Joni Burkel

Couldn't have done it without them.
Thank you, congrats!



Grade K

Mrs. Dostal's Chemistry Class

Grade 1



Grade 2



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Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Grade 6

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Kindergartens Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, Please can I have a dinosaur? I have helped mom frost cupcakes. I also want toy farm animals and a stuffed turkey. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, *Zaymein Rud* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a transforming dinosaur, a tiny snowcat, a tiny dirt bike, and a live bunny. I've been good. I helped my dad rake leaves. I have learned math. Love, *Emmitt Isane* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a strawberry shortcake car. I would also like a wing-dex Barbie. I would like some sparkly black shoes. I would also like a TV for my room. And also a big trampoline. I will leave you cookies and milk, and some carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Rose Stevens* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a transformer and decepticons and autobots. And a new power ranger set, and new ninja set. I help my parents sweep the floor and clean up the living room, wash dishes, and help sort coats, mittens, and hats. I'm going to leave you monster bars and milk. Love, *Tryg Olson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, Can I please have a real kitty? I've done special things with my mom. I've washed dishes. I will leave you and your reindeer cupcakes and carrots. Love, *Emily Burkel* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie car. And some Barbies. And a wand. And a real rabbit. I helped my grandma with dishes. I will leave your reindeer some carrots. And I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, *Madison Olson* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a monster truck remote control. And a transformer. I've been a good boy. I helped my parents clean. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, *Noah Gust* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like an iPod touch. And a turtle that pops out of eggs and it grows. I helped my parents sweep and mop. Love, *Morgan Hickey* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a big, giant castle with a big king in it. I want it to have a school in the castle so everyone can go to school in the castle. The castle will be made of candy. I want a paddle with a ball to bounce. I will leave Santa milk and cookies and carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Joshua Doneth* (Kindergarten)

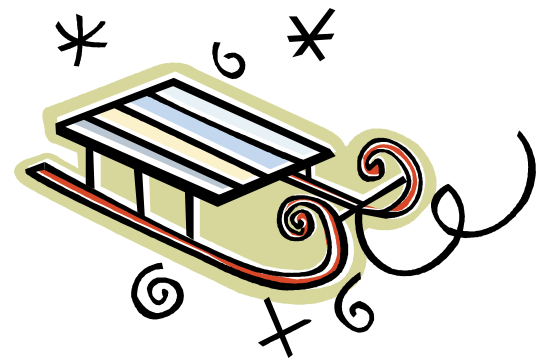
Dear Santa, I would like pokemon so silver. I helped mom clean the hallway. Love, *Wyatt Hilligas* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a really lot of dinosaurs with trees, grass, a river, mountains, and bushes. I've been a good girl helping my mom carry laundry downstairs. I also want a big castle with little princesses. I will leave your reindeer corn. Love, *Addison Pulczynski* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a castle Barbie house with some Barbies that come with it. And a strawberry shortcake car. I will leave you cupcakes and cookies. And some seeds and carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Madison Rice* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a sleigh for Christmas. I would also like a live, black horse. I've helped my mom and dad make cookies. I will be leaving you chocolate chip cookies and milk. I will be leaving some carrots for your reindeer. Love, *Quillan Wirta* (Kindergarten)

Dear Santa, I would like a toy truck for Christmas. I would also like a trailer. Maybe some books too. I helped mom and dad make puppy chow. I will be leaving you some cookies. Love, *Quentin Kukowski* (Kindergarten)





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First Grade's Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, How are you? Please bring kids snow mobile and skates. please a pool, doll, Pet Shop house. Love, *Maggie Stave* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? Please bring me a DS and Transformers. Love, *Aidan Carpenter* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? How is the weather? I would like lots of tittle trans formers 100 please. Love, *Caden Wojciehowski* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like lots of stuffed animals please. Love, *Jasmine Sorenson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I wot a DRK and a cRy? X-box. Please Love, *Masen Swenson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, I pleasewoulda seat pet Loev your friend, *Paige Rybakowski* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you at the North Pole? Please bring a Barbie that talks. Love, *Jaden Kukowski* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a camera and a remote control helicopter. please. Love, *Taylor Davy* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Please bring a puppy and pet shops. I would like books and halr stuff too. Love, *Julia Dostal* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like agas bike. Love, *William Peterson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Please bring ipd and a camera I would Love, *Bethany Thompson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a Ds and a tractor please. Love, *Ivan Olafson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Please bring me a Green racing 4-wheeler that comes with a helmet. Love, *Phillip Sanden* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Please bring me a my little pony named Rainbow Dash and Pet shop. Love, *Samantha Andol* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? and the reindeer Please bring me a Lego Ranker Please. Love, *Alex Lunde* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I would like Skylanders Swapforce. Love, *Landon Nelson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? Please bring Trans former Grem lock. Your friend, *Kaden Halvorson* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? Please bring me zoo zoo pets. Love, *Greta Wojciehowski* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Please bring me a Lap top and a iPod. Love, *Josie Penas* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How are you? Please bring Imaginext, Batman, and Mr. Freeze Please. Love, *Andrew Bergeron* (Grade 1)

Dear Santa, How the reindeer? How are you? Is it snowing? Please bring a tablet, and make up, and hair stuff and diary and cowgirl boots. Love, *Bethanie VonEnde* (Grade 1)



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Second Grade's Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I would like a glow pet penguin and a mini dream light penguin. Also I would like Lego Chima. I would like the movie Turbo because I like to eat kettle corn so an extra supply of popcorn would be great. Love, *Tony Peppel* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I want a Skylouder Swap-Force. Thanks for the bike last year. PS I want a Lego Chima. Love, *Xander Grugal* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I got a baby doll last year. I got a Barbie House last year. I wot a flash light friend and a big zebra. Love, *Marissa Secord* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Will you get me a fish? How are you? I will be so happy thanke you Santa! Love, *Ella Hoosier* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How are your elves? Am I on the good list? I realy like the calculator very much. How is Rudolf. Thank you for all presents last year. Please bring me Selena Gomez tickets and some slippers please. I realy like this holiday. It is one of my favorite holidays. Love, *Jordan Lee* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thanks for all the gifs I got last year. This year can I get a three wheeler and an ipod? How are your raindeer? Love, *Amelia Wilt* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I want a tablet and a guitar. Love, *Christian Peterson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, I loved the books you gave me last year. I would love a Kindle Fire and a case for it. Love, *Jordan Davy* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Could you bring me an American Girl doll and a horse? How is it going at the North Pole? I know you are cool! Love, *Macy Majer* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for a bike. I love you. I want a Hello kitty Doll. Love, *Arianna Grugal* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for my Weii. I want a puppy and I want him to stay like that forever. I want to have a lock please. I want kitten and I want her to stay like that forever. I will leave milk and cookies. Love, *Tenisha Berger* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Will you get me a puppy and an American Doll p.s H ow is Mrs. Claus? Tell her my family said Hi for me. Please rite back. p.s you are cool! Love your elf, *Ada Lee* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for Millie. I want a D.S. I want a dog. Thank you for my red sheos in my stocking. Love, *Berlyn Burkel* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for the present last year. I wont a drit bike. Have a happy holiday. Love, *Danton Bronson* (Grade 2)

Dear Santa, Thank you for my presents last year. I want Grand Theft Auto 5 and a Lego table. Love, *Ashton Pickhartz* (Grade 2)





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Third Grade's Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great Christmas. I would love a kindle fire and a laptop and a Science book and do you want some cookies! They will be by the Christmas trees. Love, *Elliott Isane* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, hope your workshop is good! Now I really really want a Zebra pillow pet and a little one. ☺ I really want an ipod and please please a real live Zebra thank you and I will leave you cookies and milk. Hope your workshop is going good in the north pole. With my ipod I please want an ipod Zebra case. Love, *Keyasha Olson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I think you are a special person. And I want a 3 wii games. The games are Lego Indiana Jones, Lego Batman, just dance 2. Then I want a new ipod with a case. Love, *Cody Olson* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, have a Merry Christmas. I want a hamster and candy corn and a car. And a new art set. Your friend, *Talisha Hamann* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great day!! I wish for my own phone and a nail polish and a make up set and hair thing and to get my ears pierced too. I wish my family can get a present too and my dog too. Have a Merry Christmas. Love, *Riley Gust* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great day and Merry Christmas! I really want a dart board and an M&M machine. Your friend, *Dylan VonEnde* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great Christmas! This year I am wishing for Madden NFL 25 for my Xbox 360. Sincerely, *Brogan Beito* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you had a good day! I wish for a PS4 and a DS. I hope for a football and a Xbox. I like a cake and I hope for a puppy. Sincerely, *Tre Alten* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great day and Merry Christmas! I hope I get an iPod for Christmas. That would be awesome! And a Barbie dream house. And some Barbies. And P.J.s. Also a fish. And a lot of CANDY! ☺ Love, *Julia Bergeron* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great day! I please want a panda for Christmas. I love pandas. Or I want a big pillow pet panda. And a panda ipod case. And I want a candy cane fruit. I hope to have fun. Sincerely, *Victoria Hickey* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great night! This year I am hoping for a puppy or a kitty. I really want a surfboard because I am hoping I get to go surfing one day. I am really hoping for some ice skates I really want to learn to ice skate. Love, *Raegen Maahs* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great Christmas, hope I can get a computer. I really hope I can get one thank you if you get me one I will take good care of it. Your friend, *Landon Frislie* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you are feeling well! And have a Merry Christmas to you. Santa would you please bring me a little packet of pet shops, and another real duck that doesn't fly. And just one American girl doll please. Thanks for coming Santa, and we will leave treats for you. Your friend, *Bryza Rud* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great day for Christmas. I would like a puppy and I would like an iPod and an iPad and a lion's football uniform. *Adrien Doneth* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, How is it going in the North Pole. I wish for a lego set and a new wii game. From, *Gabe Warne* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I wish you a Merry Christmas! I wish I would get: an Orbeez luxury spa, a new bright blue iPod case, a mint green iPod case, a screen protector for my iPod, and a pair of zebra boots. You are my best friend!! Thanks, *Bella Burkel* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great day!!! Can you please get me the best presents ever and I hope I am on the good list and I wish I could go to China and I wish I could ride in the sled and ride on Rudolph the red nose reindeer and I love you and I wish to see my cousins and want to see how you are doing at the North Pole and I wish for a puppy and come see the elves and by the way have a great day. I LOVE YOU!!! Because you come through the chimney I love you so so so so so so much so so so so much!!!! Love, *Lydia Sanden* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, have a merry Christmas. I really really would like an Xbox and a cat and a PS4. And see my whole family. And see my Grampa Corey 1 more time. And get an iPod and a Kendall and a new dog for my Aunt Tammy. Love, *Brandon Secord* (Grade 3)

Dear Santa, I hope you have a great Christmas. I hope for a PS3, iPod, iPad, watch, Infinity for Wii, puppy, want to see my cousins, football uniforms, football, clothes, markers, new TV, Just Dance 2014, Just Dance 4, Just Dance, candy, movies, see my uncle how he got burned, WWE13, WWE2K14, pictures, picture frame, get A+ on tests, computer, laptop, puppy, kitties, new room. Love, *Mason Scharf* (Grade 3)



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Badger Bucks

By: Beau Blumer

November deer season is a holiday here in Badger. Blaze orange becomes a fashion statement for two weeks. It's the topic on everybody's mind and in their conversations. This year was a tough year because adults only got one tag, and it had to be a buck unless they entered the lottery and won. Then the tag could be used on either a doe or a buck. Youth automatically could tag either but still only got one tag. Here are some of the Badger students who got their bucks and are proudly showing them off.



Beau Blumer



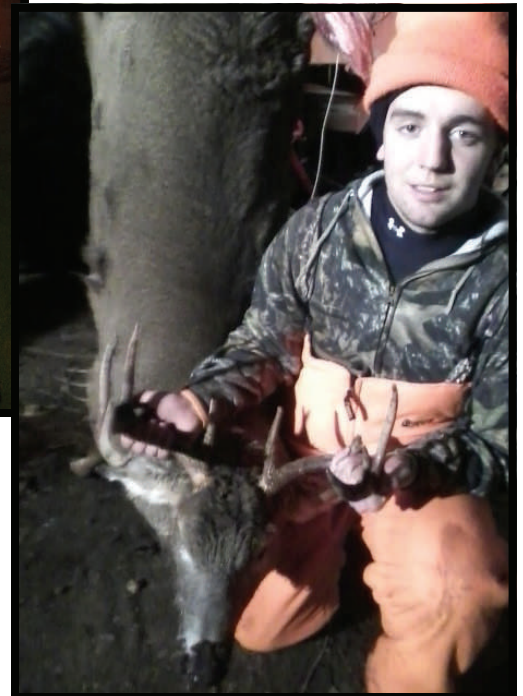
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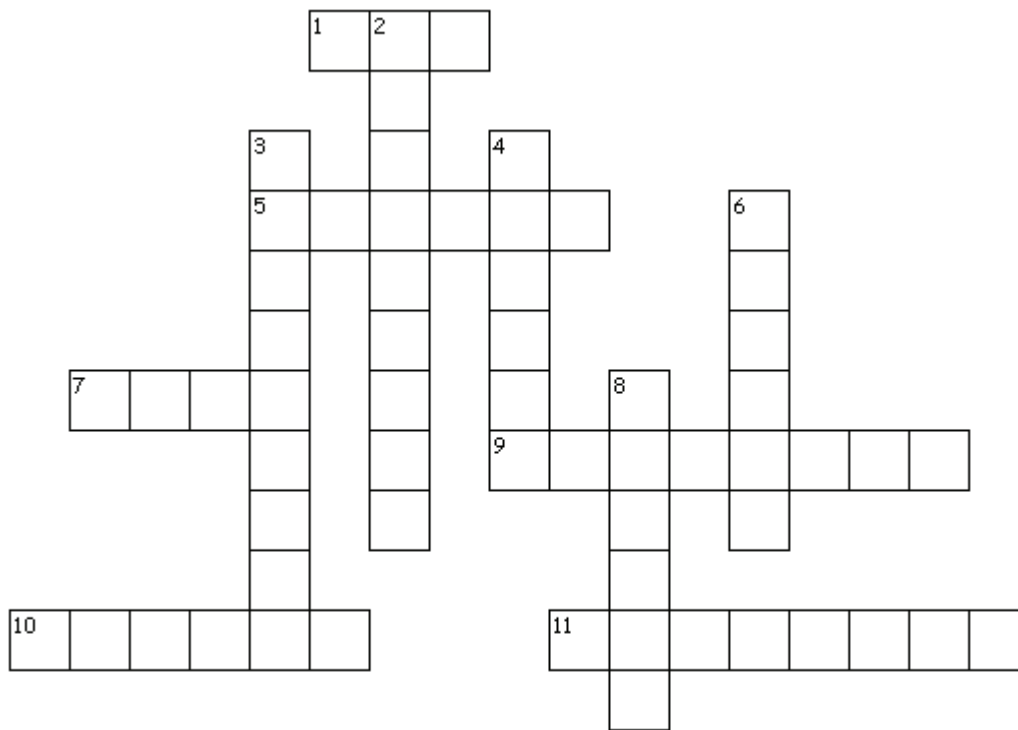
Kate Howell





Winter Crossword

By: Devin Corneliusen



- Down**
- This happens every year on December 25.
 - Many animals _____ or migrate away from the cold weather.
 - These keep your hands warm and dry.
 - Trees and _____ in the ground stop growing in the winter.
 - Sport played on ice.

- Across**
- _____ and snow are associated with winter in many places on the earth.
 - These hang from your house in winter.
 - Winter is one of _____ seasons?
 - Winter is the season with the _____ days and the lowest temperatures.
 - In the United States, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Valentine's Day and Ground Hog's Day are all celebrated in the _____.
 - First month of winter.

It's Possible

By: Austin Nieman

On December 14, 1903, Wilbur and Orville flipped a coin to decide who would get to pilot the first flight. Three days later Orville Wright piloted the first powered airplane 20 feet above a sandy beach in North Carolina. On this historical December day the Wright brothers made three more flights. The longest recorded flight of that day was set by Wilbur Wright; the flight was just shy of one minute long and covered a distance over 850 feet. The Wright brothers made history as the first "pilots" to ever take flight.

Transportation has never been the same since the Wright brothers made flight possible. Air transportation is a huge part of the world today, used for shipping, getting people from country to country, or state to state. If it weren't for these two brave brothers, flight may have never been discovered in the 20th century, possibly never discovered. The Wright brothers had a dream to build a flying machine. They kept building and building and finally accomplished that dream.



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The First “Video Game”

By: Keithan Hoang

There has been a lot of controversy about what was actually the very first video game ever created. Some say that NIM was the first computerized game ever invented, while others say Chess was the first. Either way, both these were major benefactors to the evolution of the “video game.”

NIM, which was first created in 1951, ran on one of the very first computers, *NIMROD*. But don’t let the name fool you, *NIMROD* was actually a very sophisticated device in its time. It did only have one function, to play *NIM* a mathematical strategy game in which two players (in this case, one player was a computer) take turns removing objects from distinct heaps. Each turn, a player must remove at least one object and may remove any number of objects provided they all come from the same heap.

But also in the late 1940s British mathematicians were creating computer theories to play basic games such as *Chess* to show as an example of “machine intelligence.” The reason why many are skeptic about chess being the first computerized game was because it went through multiple failures from 1948-1958. Its first run couldn’t process more than a couple moves before it crashed and that’s where the controversy comes in. Because *Chess* couldn’t actually finish a game until early 1958, people say *NIM* was the first because it could complete a full game.

Still others say because the early versions of computerized games didn’t actually have screens, they’re not actually video games. *Space Wars*, which came out in 1961, was the first video game because it used a screen and a keyboard hooked up to a refrigerator-sized computer.

In my opinion, any kind of computerized game is considered a video game. Even though *NIM* and *Chess* did not actually have a screen or any sort of “video” but rather blinking lights, today’s video games probably wouldn’t be as advanced as they are today if it wasn’t for *Chess* and *NIM*. No matter which one was made first, we wouldn’t be playing some of your most favorite games today, like *Angry Birds*.

Dress Uniforms

By: Alexis Dahlen



Heidi Mitchell

Pros ~ Equality; everyone would be dressed alike so there would be less bullying. People don’t have to feel out of place because they are dressed differently.

Cons ~ It would get pretty old wearing the same thing every day and some people may not wash it, then they’ll be stinky! ☺



Aaron Davy

Pros ~ People wouldn’t be judged on what they are wearing.

Cons ~ People wouldn’t be able to express themselves.



Madison Rybakowski

Pros ~ Having a uniform, it would make our school look good.

Cons ~ Many family’s might not be able to afford the uniform.



Connor Bakke

Pros ~ Wouldn’t have to worry about what you’re going to wear for school.

Cons ~ It would probably get ruined in school from shop class. A lot of people would be mad about it. A lot of people more than likely wouldn’t follow the rules for the dress code.

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

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Badger School Superintendent's News



BADGER FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM AWARDED A \$5,000 GRANT

Congratulations to the Badger FIRST Robotics Team #3750! The FIRST Robotics team was recently awarded \$5,000 in grant dollars from the Medtronic Corporation based in Fridley, MN.

Medtronic, known as the world leader in medical technology and pioneering, is a first-time sponsor of the Badger FIRST Robotics team. Without their support and many other corporations and businesses that have supported our team in the past, the Badger FIRST Robotics team could not exist.

FIRST, which stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," is known as an intellectual varsity sport that places a premium on fierce competition coupled with unqualified kindness and respect. FIRST Robotics teams are challenged to build and program a robot that can perform necessary tasks in a competitive environment. Teams competing in the FIRST Robotics competition have six weeks to design, build, and program a robot after the objective of the game has been released.

Badger FIRST Robotics advisors are Mr. Mike Coltom and Mr. Dale Hagen. The FIRST Robotics season will officially kick off on January 4. Game details and rules will be broadcast via NASA television live from Manchester, New Hampshire.

BADGER STUDENTS PERFORM DURING WINTER CONCERT SERIES

December 17 Badger high school students will perform their instrumental and vocal concert at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Ms. Lisa Erickson and Mrs. Sara Carpenter, the Badger students will entertain and impress all who attend!

December 20 Badger elementary students will present their winter concert at 2:00 p.m. Kindergarten and first grade students will sing and students in grades two through six will perform a play entitled "Jingle Bell Jukebox." The elementary band will also perform during this performance.

WASHINGTON DC EXPERIENCE

The Badger School graduating class of 2014 recently returned from a once-in-a-generation trip to Washington, D.C. The senior class traveled to Washington, D.C., and accompanied John Burkel and his family as they presented a turkey to President Obama as part of the annual Presidential Turkey Pardoning ceremony at the White House. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the turkey was released at Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. In addition to the ceremonies involving the turkey pardoning, Badger students visited many monuments as well as the Pentagon, the Smithsonian, Ford's Theater, and the Holocaust Museum.

In addition, Badger students were incredibly honored and grateful to have the opportunity to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery during a Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Words cannot express accurately the gratitude felt by all who attended this amazing experience and for the support provided by so many in our community and surrounding communities that helped make the Washington, D.C., experience a reality. This incredible life changing and learning experience was not a class trip but rather a unique opportunity for our students to visit our nation's capital.

In the next edition of *The Barker*, a more detailed article complete with pictures and quotes from students will further describe this Washington, D.C., experience.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to visit regarding our school and the wonderful education and opportunities that exist for our students, please stop by and visit whenever convenient.

Sincerely,
Tom Jerome
Superintendent, Badger School District

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Instrumental & Vocal Solo Contest



Badger music students competed at the Instrumental and Vocal Solo Contest held at Lake of the Woods on November 13.

Standing: **Caitlin Lunde**, flute Superior; **Isabella Grafstrom**, flute Excellent, vocal Excellent; **Megan Kompelien**, vocal Superior;

Robby Davy, tenor sax Excellent, vocal Excellent; **Logan Klegstad**, vocal Superior; **Matt Howell**, bari sax Superior;

Tyler Klegstad, vocal Excellent; **Tiana Watson**, flute Superior, vocal Superior;

Leah Erickson, clarinet Superior, vocal Superior, Outstanding Vocal Soloist of the Day

Knelling: **Darius Watson**, vocal Superior; **Alex Burkel**, trumpet Superior, vocal Superior;

Amy Svir, clarinet Superior, vocal Excellent;

Madison Truscinski, alto sax Superior, Outstanding Instrumental Solo Performance Award, vocal Superior;

Andrea Burkel, flute Superior, Outstanding Instrumental Solo Performance Award, vocal Superior

Rosa Parks

By: Heidi Mitchell

Rosa Louise McCauley was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama. As she grew up she moved around Alabama a lot. When she was sixteen she had to take care of her dying grandmother. Then shortly after, she took care of her ill mother. At the age of nineteen, she married a man by the name of Raymond Parks. He supported Rosa in being educated, and she succeeded.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa was going home from work by bus. She tried to avoid buses because of the rule that blacks had to be seated in the back and the whites in front. Segregation was the law, but the only person that could ask a black person to move for a white person to sit down was the bus driver. On a route, a white man had no seat so the bus driver insisted that four blacks stand up so the one white man could sit down. Three of them listened, and one did not: Rosa Parks. Law enforcement handled the situation by placing Rosa into custody. She said, "I was not tired, but I was tired of giving in."

Released on bail, Rosa was later found guilty for violating segregation laws. This led to the formation of the Montgomery Improvement Association. The association called for boycotting of the bus company. The boycott lasted over a year. Meanwhile, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King gained the attention of the world by protesting civil rights. The Supreme Court made the decision to outlaw racial segregation on all public transportation systems. Rosa became known as "The mother of the Civil Rights Movement" at the cost losing her job and being harassed for many years.

Rosa and her husband moved to Detroit, Michigan. When her husband passed away in 1977, she founded the Rosa and Raymond Institute for Self Development. Once Rosa retired, she traveled around the world showing her support of civil rights. At the age of 92 she passed away. Her casket was placed in the rotunda of the United States Capitol so the nation could pay their respects. Her courage was so inspiring and has continued to change so many people's lives.

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Kindergarten Korner

Emily Burkel

Parents: John and
Joni
Age: 5

What's your favorite winter activity?

Probably making a
snowman.

What's your favorite Christmas food?

Snickerdoodle cookies

What do you want Santa to get you this

year? An iPod and Barbies.

Have you ever seen Santa Clause? No, but my brother has I
think.

Can you describe what Santa looks like? He has a red coat I
know and a red hat with a little white puffy thing on top and
black shoe and red pants.

How much does Santa weigh? Hmm... 45 pounds.

Can you name all of Santa's reindeer? I know one is Dasher,
Rudolph, and Dancer.



Emmitt Isane

Parents: Jamie and Tina
Age: 6

What's your favorite winter activity?

Playing with Santa.

What's your favorite Christmas food? Oreo ice cream.

What do you want Santa to get you this year? A transforming dinosaur.

Have you ever seen Santa Clause? No, I haven't.

Can you describe what Santa looks like? I saw in the classroom
a paper with Santa in a sleigh.

How much does Santa weigh? 300 pounds.

Can you name all of Santa's reindeer? Rudolph and Dancer
and Cupid.