

The Badger Barker

May 2014

Badger School District #676

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Congratulations!

Badger High School

Class Colors:

Gator Green

Black

Silver

Class

Flower:

Silver-Tipped White Carnation



Graduation
Commencement
Sunday, May 18
2:00 p.m.

Class motto: "Each of us has different talents, different dreams, and different destinations, but we all have the memories we made together." -Anonymous



Row 3: Matthieu Sibilleau, Christian Kilbride, Cole Hamann, Austyn Borreson, Cassandra Peterson

Row 2: Haley Hamilton, Kaitlyn Emery, Kate Howell, Tiana Watson

Row 1: Sarah Erickson, Codi Rasmusson, Shanyce Bishop, Andrea Burkel, Alex Nieman, Katie Rhen, Sarah Rhen

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Badger School Superintendent's News

Greetings from the Badger School District. The 2013-2014 school year is nearly complete. It has been an amazing year at the Badger School District.

During this month throughout the state and our region, school districts will celebrate many milestones and host key events prior to the end of the school year.

Key Dates in May for the Badger School District

Last Day of Pre-School

May 15 will be the final day of pre-school in Badger. Thank you to pre-school teacher Ms. Bergland for all of her work preparing students for a successful transition into kindergarten next year. Classroom para professionals, Mrs. Davy, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Wilson provided support for pre-school students and Ms. Bergland throughout the year. Working together throughout the year, Ms. Bergland, her assistants, and the students have had a wonderful, positive, and productive pre-school experience.

Elementary Music Program and High School Music Program

The Badger School District is proud to announce the dates of the spring music programs. Please consider attending and enjoying wonderful musical entertainment provided by our students under the direction of Ms. Erickson and Ms. Carpenter. The high school music program will take place on May 7 at 7:00 p.m., and the elementary music program is scheduled for May 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Graduation

On May 14 at 2:00 p.m. the future Badger graduating class of 2027 will celebrate the conclusion of kindergarten! Mrs. Langaas will direct the graduation ceremony, which will include music, entertainment, and presentation of diplomas as well as treats for the students and their families. Congratulations to the kindergarten students of Badger!

Baccalaureate

May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Badger School gymnasium. All students, staff, family, and community members are invited to attend this ceremony in honor of the Badger graduating class.

High School Graduation

Congratulations to the senior class of the Badger High School! Badger High School seniors will receive diplomas during the graduation commencement ceremony for the class of 2014 on May 18 at 2:00 p.m. Graduation is a momentous occasion for all who attend school. The Badger graduation ceremony is a celebration, which marks the end of one chapter in a student's life and the beginning of another. The entire community of Badger has played a role in the education of our students. Please consider attending the Badger graduation ceremony on May 18.

In closing, the Badger School District would like to 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 any time. Your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully,

Tom Jerome, Superintendent
Badger School District

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May Gator Sports

By: Wyatt Peppel

Baseball

- 2 Warroad @ BGMR
- 6 @ Thief River Falls
- 9 @ Warroad
- 10 Kittson County Central @ Warroad Tourney
- 10 Roseau @ Warroad Tourney
- 12 @Win-E-Mac (Erskine)
- 13 Sacred Heart @ BGMR
- 15 Crookston @ BGMR (Double-Header)
- 19 Red Lake County Coop @ BGMR
- 20 Lake of the Woods @ BGMR
- 27 Sub Sections ¼ Finals
- 29 Sub Section ½ Finals/Finals



Track & Field

- 1 @ Mahnomen
- 2 @ Lake of the Woods
- 9 @ Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
- 12 @ Roseau
- 15 @ Warroad
- 19 @ Roseau
- 22 Subsections @ Warren
- 31 Sections @ Crookston

Softball

- 1 @ Northern Freeze (Newfolden)
- 6 @ Warroad
- 8 @ Sacred Heart
- 10 Gator Classic Tournament @ BGMR
- 12 @ Crookston
- 13 East Grand Forks @ BGMR
- 15 @ Roseau
- 17 Alumni Scrimmage @ BGMR
- 20 Sub Section ¼ Finals @ High Seed
- 22 Sub Section ½ Finals/ Finals @ RLF
- 27 Section Finals @ NCE-UH
- 29 Section Finals @ NCE- UH

Golf

- 1 Border Conference Boys @ Greenbush
- 1 Border Conference Girls @ Karlstad
- 3 Varsity Girls @ Warroad
- 5 Varsity Boys @ Bemidji
- 6 Border Conference Boys @ Lancaster
- 6 Border Conference Girls @ Hallock
- 8 Border Conference Boys and Girls @ Warroad
- 10 Varsity Girls @ Lancaster
- 10 Varsity Boys @ Hallock
- 12 Varsity Boys @ East Grand Forks
- 14 Varsity Boys @ Red Lake Falls/ Fertile
- 15 Border Conference Boys and Girls @ Roseau
- 17 Varsity Boys @ Roseau
- 20 Varsity Boys and Girls Subsections @ Roseau
- 21 Varsity Girls @ East Grand Forks
- 26-27 Varsity Boys and Girls Sections @ Bemidji



Campus Comment

By: Maddie Rybakowski

What are you looking forward to doing this summer? Any special plans?

Tessa Sanden (Grade 7): This summer I am looking forward to going mudding with the ranger or 4-wheeler! I just love when the dirty water splashes all over me and my clothes! I enjoy driving through the huge, deep, muddy pot-holes! Who doesn't like going mudding?!?

Tyrah Green (Grade 8): One thing I'm looking forward to is the youth group trip to Racine, Wisconsin, to help homeless people. Afterward we get to go to Six Flags in Chicago! ☺

Evan Peppel (Grade 9): I am looking forward to working with my cousin this summer. My special plans would be going to the lake and going to Morton for the 4th of July.

Tyler Klegstad (Grade 10): I am looking forward to hanging out with my grandparents this summer and hopefully getting a job.

Darius Watson (Grade 11): Not having to get up at 7:30 each morning! I'm going to Arizona for a few weeks to be with my family. Then I'm going to my dad's for awhile. For the rest of the summer, be lazy and relax all day.

Andrea Burkel (Grade 12): I'm looking forward to some warmer weather! Also, my family is having a reunion in the cities this summer, so that should be fun. Other than that I'm just looking forward to spending more time with my family and friends before I head off to UND next fall! ☺

Ms. Erickson (Music Teacher): I am looking forward to not living on a schedule. I am also looking forward to thawing out and spending more time on other creative pursuits. Who knows, I may even travel!

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***Shiver* by Author: Maggie Stiefvater**

Book Review by: Alexis Dahlen

For years, Grace has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house. One yellow-eyed wolf—her wolf—is a chilling presence she can't seem to live without.

Meanwhile, Sam has lived two lives: In winter, the frozen woods, the protection of the pack, and the silent company of a fearless girl. In summer, a few precious months of being human... until the cold makes him shift back again.

Now, Grace meets a yellow-eyed boy whose familiarity takes her breath away. It's her wolf. It has to be. But as winter nears, Sam must fight to stay human—or risk losing himself, and Grace, forever.

Shiver was the first book published in a series, followed by *Linger*, *Forever*, and soon *Sinner*. Stiefvater announced last year that she'd started working on the fourth book, and that it would be published in 2014. *Shiver* was published in August of '09. It's similar to *Twilight* series, but instead of vampires, there are werewolves. It's an intense and unorthodox love story. It has the intensity and action of an action story, but the love connection of a romance story. Believe me, it's an amazing unforgettable read.

Badger school senior Shanyce Bishop said, "*Shiver* was a very unique and interesting book. Although it was a fictional story, I learned a lot about wolves, which are the center of the story. If you want an atypical, intriguing book, I highly recommend this! The best part is, the setting is in Minnesota!" Junior student Madison Truscinski also read this book and had this to say, "*Shiver* is an amazing, intriguing story. It captivates the mind as you read. I loved it because it is a cute, but sad love story, and it involves mythical creatures. I would recommend this to everyone who has an interest in fictional love stories."

This book is great for entertainment or even for educational purposes. The Badger School library has all three books available in this series, so stop by and read this amazing story! You may even be inspired to read the whole series.

Choir Musician of the Month

Alex Burkel

Grade: 10

Siblings: Emily, Jack, Andrea, Vanessa

What section are you in? Tenor

How long have you been in choir? 4 years

What is your favorite song from choir? *Musick's Empire*

What are you looking forward to this year? Warmer weather!

What kind of music do you like to sing? John Mayer (smooth rock, jazzier)

What is your favorite choir memory? Music Review practices.



Top Songs in the Year 1960

By: Austin Gorsuch

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In the year 1960, the Cold War was a big scare for everyone because the United States and the Soviet Union distrusted each other and tried to influence other countries to get involved. It was a time of rebellion. The younger generation was questioning everything from authority, corporations, and government. People were tired of being told how they had to live their lives. In music, everything from rock to folk music involved a message for the listeners to take a stand, think for themselves, and live their lives on their own terms. The lyrics, sound, and culture that came along with it all sent a message for people to stand up for any and everything they believed in as an individual. Take a trip back in time and remember what it meant to take a stand for what you believe in!

10. *The Twist*: Chubby Checker
9. *Stuck on You*: Elvis Presley
8. *Handy Man*: Jimmy Jones
7. *It's Now or Never*: Elvis Presley
6. *I'm Sorry*: Brenda Lee
5. *Teen Angel*: Mark Dinning
4. *Running Bear*: Johnny Preston
3. *Cathy's Clown*: Everly Brothers
2. *He'll Have to Go*: Jim Reeves
1. *Theme From "A Summer Place"*: Percy Faith

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Anger and You

Submitted by: Matthieu Sibilleau

Honestly, I'm hearing and seeing anger more than what I should be comfortable with. Society as a whole appears to be fuming and combative. My heart actually aches every morning hearing someone say "I'm going to kill them," "I hate them," or "They're stupid." Being so aggressive and cruel is pointless and often results in a worse situation. This is my insight about anger.

Most often, anger is a result of being challenged or threatened. This includes being found in the wrong, being insulted by peers, and/or taking orders from authorities. It's the natural reaction to protect one's pride. As a student, the most common type of anger I have witnessed is toward teachers, whether it's a reaction from assigned homework, a misunderstood joke, or delivered discipline. Unwelcome authority easily provokes anger. Then there is the anger among students. In these situations, it is usually a product of rivalries, ex boyfriends/girlfriends, and/or drama in general. Another factor, which does not help much, is that popular reality TV networks like Oxygen and MTV broadcast shows with high drama and conflict, creating the illusion that fighting is a good thing.

Here's something to consider: Have you ever had a heated argument or fight that was not resolved, resulting in a positive outcome? The main objective when anger clouds someone's mind is to insult and demoralize the other individual as much as possible to come out "victorious" in some way. The point of people reacting in such a way is to feel dominant. What good comes out of hurting others' feelings? For example, a student argues with a teacher about not allowing iPods. Such altercations rarely result in positive outcomes. One student may keep ranting to the teacher who says no each time. Another teacher may just report the student to the office. Nothing different comes of that, especially since the teacher is the authority, not the student. In another situation, when students fight with each other, possibly over a joke one took offense to, feelings are hurt and nothing good comes from it. Friendships are easily lost due to uncontrolled anger.

As for myself, I have done my best to eliminate anger from my behavior. I had a past rapport with someone who had anger issues. He would take offense to the slightest thing. Even if I used the wrong verb tense, it was personal. We would argue so much. Each time he would apologize, but only after he used every possible scenario to prove me wrong. This went so far that I actually believed I was a horrible person causing him all this hurt. Once I realized it was not me and that I could not fix it, I ended our friendship. I just could not handle so much aggression and hate.

If I disagree with a teacher, I might bring the subject up but won't actually argue or fight over it. I know it will get me nowhere I want to be. Also, I figure the teacher must have a justified reason just like any other person would. If another student gets upset about something or says something offensive, I ignore my instinct to retaliate and pay attention to *why* he or she might have acted like that. In all honesty, I cringe when people are angry at each other because I see the harm they are causing and know it often cannot be repaired. People do get upset for reasons they cannot control, but then others respond with their own anger instead of trying to understand. My personal goal is not to belittle others and not think of myself as superior, but to understand others, treat them as equals, and make others happy.

Any kind of action, opinion, or statement can create an excuse for someone to be angry, but that doesn't mean it is worth it. Anger does not help, it hurts. It should not matter if someone said something that *might* have been taken the wrong way; it does not merit aggressive arguments or actions. No one is perfect, and I mean that in two ways: others do not have complete control over their emotions or read minds, and you yourself are not perfect. Do not hold yourself with too much pride. If someone is upset and in a rage, rise above the situation and resist the temptation of your own anger. Then help relieve his/her anger and relax. Don't be angry. Be happy!

"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some sort of battle."

FCCLA State Finals Outcome

Submitted by: Mrs. Lee

What do 1,200 delegates, 1,164 competition participants, and hundreds of volunteers look like? The 2014 State FCCLA Conference Finals.

We are living out our mission for youth development work. We are preparing youth for careers, workforce skill, and future community and family life. We are using the exemplary leadership traits to guide us to become better at encouraging the heart, inspiring a shared vision; we are using resources to create a future of civically engaged youth, giving back to the community and school. Youth leaders plugging into create positive school climates and learning how to be good human beings.

Seven Badger students travelled to Bloomington to participate and present at this year's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America State Conference: Cassie Peterson, Codi Rasmusson, Tiana Watson, Logan Klegstad, Kellie Parnow, Madison Truscinski, and Robby Davy. They spent time learning about leadership, distracted driving, the power of attitude, and self-defense. They met students from all over Minnesota. They presented in front of experts in childcare, human resources, FCCLA, and teenage dilemmas. The experiences were as varied as they were plentiful. With Madison finishing with a gold evaluation and the rest with silvers, the time spent was truly beneficial to developing their leadership skills and opportunities. Madison was elected our Region 8 president and Robby was elected treasurer. The National FCCLA Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 6-12, 2014.

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*Devin Corneliussen
Shakira Hossain*



*Kayli Swanson
Adam Borreson*



*Brody Anhorn
Kellie Parnow*



*Trinity Clark
Caitlin Lunde*



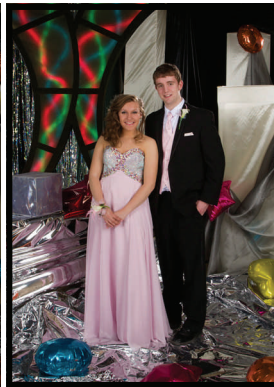
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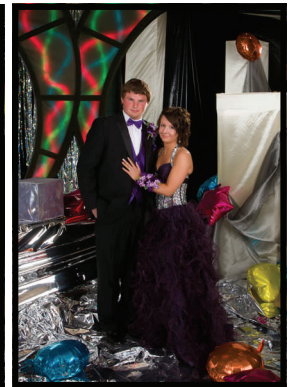
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*Alexander Burkel
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*Morgan Weber
Mayson Holmes*



*Matthieu Sibilleau
Sarah Rhen*



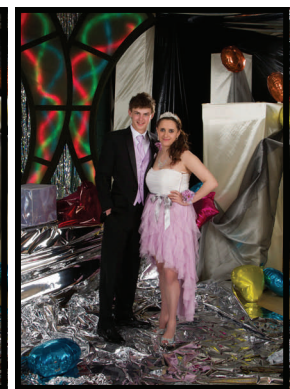
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Logan Klegstad*



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*Andrea Burkel
Austyn Borreson*



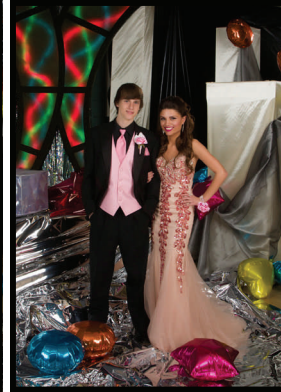
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*John Wilebski
Madison Truscinski*



*Daegan Berger
Emily Knochenmus*



*Christian Kilbride
Alexis Reese*



*Codi Rasmusson
Connor Bakke*



*Lindsey Thode
Beau Blumer*



*Alex Truscinski
Katie Rhen*



*Davis Forst
Kate Howell*



*Aizer Alaras
Cole Hamann*



*Aaron Krahn
Sarah Erickson*



*Haley Hamilton
James Braun*



*Casey Warner
Cassie Peterson*



*TyAnn Banta
Kaylee Kringen*



*Tina Otto
Jackson Whitt*



*Alex Nieman
Nash Sovde*

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Band Musicians of the Month

Senior Band Members

Codi Rasmusson, Andrea Burkel, Sarah Rhen, Katie Rhen, Shanyce Bishop, Kate Howell, Tiana Watson, Sarah Erickson, Cassie Peterson

What is your most memorable moment in band?

Codi – The bus rides to plays and concerts.

Andrea – The Music Revue!

Sarah R – The comical moment when Kellie and I yelled like men for the screaming part in *Thriller*.

Katie – My first Music Revue.

Shanyce – Sitting next to Amy and Olivia (Olive) makes everyday memorable! ☺

Kate – All of the silly conversations with Darius!

Tiana – When Andrea and I pretended that our flute heads were barbies, and Ms. Erickson caught us doing it.

Sarah E – Playing taps with Alex Burkel.

Cassie – The bus rides to contests and pep band.

What advice would you give to younger musician?

Codi – Stick with it and listen to the teacher, but have fun.

Andrea – Listen to Ms. Erickson. She knows what she's doing.

Sarah R – When learning new pieces of music, give each new piece a chance. Playing is so much more enjoyable if you can learn to appreciate and connect to the music.

Katie – Listen to Ms. Erickson, and never play when she is talking.

Shanyce – The band depends on every section, so always do your best to do your part; you get out what you put in!

Kate – It's one thing to just play the notes, but it's another thing to play the notes with heart. It does make a difference.

Tiana – Listen to Ms. Erickson, she knows what she is doing and don't ever question it.

Sarah E – Strive to do your best no matter what.

Cassie – Don't give up when things get hard.

Does anyone inspire you to be part of band?

Codi – Everyone in band.

Andrea – Ms. Erickson because she is an amazing flute player who has taught me everything I know!

Sarah R – Not in particular, but anytime we go on band trips to see professional groups I become really inspired.

Katie – Not any particular person. The whole band inspires me to be in band every year and makes me want to be in band because of how amazing our band sounds.

Shanyce – Ms. Erickson! She is such a passionate teacher/director and always pushes us to do our best.

Kate – The rest of the band inspires me. Without them, I wouldn't have a reason to play.

Tiana – Ms. Erikson because she plays flute and her and my mom thought that flute would be a good instrument to play. I'm so glad they did.

Sarah E – My stand buddy Alex Burkel. He is a phenomenal trumpet player and I don't know what I would do without him.

Cassie – My old band instructor, Mr. Elsef.



Trivia

By: Chevy Hamilton

- Which U.S. state borders Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey?
 - Rhode Island
 - Delaware
 - New York
 - Maine
- Which big cat cannot retract its claws?
 - jaguar
 - cheetah
 - lion
 - tiger
- What is the only bird that provides us with leather?
 - parrot
 - chicken
 - penguin
 - ostrich
- Which animal has the longest gestation period?
 - orangutan
 - human
 - elephant
 - whale

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Elementary Spring Program

May 15
2:00 p.m.

Come Join Us

Music Director:
Lisa Erickson



Award Winning Soft Chocolate Chip Cookies

Allrecipes.com

4 ½ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 cups butter, softened
1 ½ cups packed brown sugar
½ cup white sugar
2 (3.4 ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding mix
4 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 cups semisweet chocolate chips
2 cups chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Sift together the flour and baking soda, set aside.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar. Beat in the instant pudding mix until blended. Stir in the eggs and vanilla. Blend in the flour mixture. Finally, stir in the chocolate chips and nuts. Drop cookies by rounded spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven. Edges should be golden brown.

Top Tech.

By: Keithan Hoang

It's May and this month is all about the portable tech that can fit in your pockets and backpacks. These gadgets all have one aspect that is new or creative and brings more possibilities to the world of technology.

Morphie Space Pack:

The Morphie is a phone case that has a hard drive at the bottom that doubles the external drive of your iPhone 5/5S. It comes in 16 GB or 32 GB versions for around \$150 and \$180. While many Android phones come with microSD slots that allow you to expand your built-in storage, the iPhone never has. You're stuck with what you bought and if that isn't enough, too bad. But now iPhone users who need more space finally have it. The Space Pack is perfect if you're the type of person who needs to carry around every single song in your enormous music collection or every single selfie you've ever taken. The case slides together around your phone like many other cases, leaving the new iPhone micro-USB plug-in at the bottom.

HTC One:

The HTC One, in my opinion, is one of the best-designed phones out there. The body is completely aluminum and the screen extends to the edges of the chassis farther than ever before, which means you're getting a 4.7 inch full HD display. It's thinner than its predecessor, the HTC One X, letting it slide nicely in your pocket. The pricing is fairly cheap at \$99.99 with a contract. It is a bit overweight because of the metallic casing and exceptional build, but it literally outweighs the competition.

Samsung Galaxy Note Pro:

There aren't many 12-inch tablets out there to stack the Pro up against that is surprisingly only 1.7 pounds! That isn't bad for a device this size, compared to the Lenovo's up-coming 11-inch Miix 2 tablet, which outweighs the Note by a tenth of a pound. At 0.13 inches, the Note's only a fraction thicker than the Miix. The size of the screen is a real benefit for productivity, since it makes multitasking a lot easier than on a seven-inch device. All this is for around \$699.00.

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Trivia Answers

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Choir Ensembles

By: Alex Truscinski

Badger School had six duets consisting of 12 students attend this year's vocal ensemble competition on March 25 in Karlstad. Listed are their ratings and the songs they performed:

Outstanding Superior:

Andrea Burkel & Logan Klegstad ~
Scarborough Fair

Superior:

Madison Truscinski & Alex Truscinski ~
The Prayer

Tiana Watson & Jordan Watson ~
All I Ask of You

Excellent:

Leah Erickson & Megan Kompelien ~
Remember Me

Isabella Grafstrom & Jared Davy ~
You've Got a Friend in Me

Amy Svir & Robby Davy ~
When the Snow Begins to Fall

Random Riddles

By: Nikita Borreson

1. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
2. What comes down but never goes up?
3. What has hands but cannot clap?
4. What can you catch but not throw?
5. What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?
6. What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it?
7. How many months have 28 days?

May Dates to Remember

By: Austin Nieman

- 1 Grade 4 – Roseau County Historical Society & Museum Trip
- 1 Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm
- 6 Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- 7 Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm
- 7 High School Music Concert 7:00 pm
- 8 Comm Ed ~ 3-D Drawing 3:15 pm
- 11 Mothers Day
- 12 School Board 7:30 pm
- 13 Comm Ed ~ Flow Yoga (Adult Class) 5:45 pm
- 14 Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 pm
- 14 Baccalaureate 7:00 pm
- 15 Elementary Music Program 2:00 pm
- 15 Preschool - Last Day
- 18 BHS Class of 2014 Graduation 2:00 pm
- 23 End of Quarter 4 - Last Day of School
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27-30 Staff Workshop

2014 Envirothon

By: Caity Garten

On April 23, Mrs. Dostal took the Badger School Envirothon teams to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. Each team, consisting of five people, competed by taking exams and doing oral presentations. There were two teams from our school. Alex Truscinski, Alex Burkel, Darius Watson, Cassie Peterson, and Logan Klegstad made up one team. The other team was Tyler Klegstad, Leah Erikson, Isabella Grafstrom, Riley Sovde, and Robby Davy. Their task was to present a way to manage a sustainable farm-based system of healthy food production that is economically sound, environmentally responsible, and a community asset for current and future generations. The top three teams from each region go on to state, which takes place on May 19.

Sophomore student Riley Sovde said, "It was a fun and educational experience," and Alex Truscinski said, "It was a fun experience and I would recommend it to any student." If being outside and learning about your environment is something you like, Envirothon is the perfect event for you.



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Helping Hands of Badger

Submitted by: Austin Maurstad and Mrs. Lee

The class of 2018 sponsored a campaign of kindness at the Badger School the month of March. The 8th grade class created a wall of helping hands in the cafeteria for everyone to see. Students grades K-12 participated by performing random acts of kindness for others in the school. Witnesses would then write on a paper hand recognizing the person and the deed and turn it into their teachers. The 8th grade students would then put the “helping hand” up on the cafeteria wall. Acts of kindness could be anything from picking up someone’s book to inviting someone new into their group.

This heartfelt community project was done in remembrance of the Columbine shooting of April 1999 and also as an awareness of kindness to help decrease bullying. The project recognized the good behavior students saw in our school community. Remember to always lend a “helping hand!”



Badger School Game Night!

By: Victoria Green

In March, the Badger band and choir students, along with student actors from the Badger School, put together a fun and enjoyable Music Review for the community. The script was based on the *Hollywood Game Night* show seen on TV. *Badger School's Game Night* consisted of contestants competing in a variety of games for prizes that had “little to no value.” If the contestants did not win the game, they won an autographed picture of Mr. Jerome as a parting gift.

The cast of *Badger School's Game Night* worked hard and put a lot of time and effort into the show and pulled off a show that was very unique and entertaining to watch. The play cast is as follows:

Hostess: Victoria Green

Contestants in order of appearance: Logan Kompelien, Alex Burkel, Devin Pries, Madison Truscinski, Emily Hamann, Amy Svir, Tiana Watson, Kellie Parnow, Logan Klegstad, Leah Erickson, Megan Kompelien, Cassie Peterson

Musicians: Concert Band, Concert Choir

Set Design: Sherri Kruger

Script: Becky Ylitalo

Music Directors: Sara Carpenter and Lisa Erickson

Thank you to Border State Bank for sponsoring our show along with the parent volunteers: Christine and Bryan Modahl, Renee and Mark Rhen, Tanya Kompelien, Diane Garten, Angela Monsrud, Jami Lunde, Shannon Dostal, Valerie Truscinski, and Becky Dostal. Thank you also to the student and staff volunteers: Cole Hamann, Cody Madoll, Kasen Swenson, Noah Warne, Brady Johnson, Steph Walter, Jody Randall, LaRae Frislie, Bob Glen, and Mary Monsrud. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication you put into the show, we couldn't have pulled it together without you!

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Wolf Ridge

By: Isaak Isane

The Badger seventh graders got to take the trip of a lifetime to the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. Wolf Ridge is located south of the Boundary Waters overlooking the north shore of Lake Superior in Finland, Minnesota. Wolf Ridge's 2,000 acre campus is bordered by the Baptism River, two small lakes, and 18 miles of trails and forest. On campus are four classroom buildings, two dormitories, a dining hall, a raptor aviary, a library, two auditoriums, two rock-climbing walls, two outdoor ropes courses, and an administration building.

The seventh graders were supposed to leave for their trip on Monday, March 31, and visit the Tower Sudan Mine in the Iron Range, but because of a winter storm they were forced to wait it out until the next day. So on Tuesday they left at 10:30 a.m. and made no stops so they could start their classes. They got to Wolf Ridge at about 5:00 p.m., just in time for their night hike class, where they hiked around the big campus as it was getting dark. After this they went to the star lab, where they were in a big tent and looked at blown up images of the stars.

On Wednesday everybody got up early for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. before their first class called voyageur life. After class they hiked back to the campus for lunch before their next class about birds that live in Minnesota and went bird watching. After dinner they went to the indoor rock wall where they learned rock climbing skills.

Thursday was packed full of classes. During the Superior view hike, they climbed a big hill so they could see the shoreline of Lake Superior. They also had a class called winter survival where they learned survival skills to stay warm in the wild. The next class was woodland art. This class taught them Native American arts, and they even got to make their own pictures. Their last class for the day was a naturalist presentation. When class was over, they went to a campfire where the seventh graders told stories about their experience at Wolf Ridge.

On their last day at Wolf Ridge, everyone got up early to pack everything up and get ready to leave. During their last class at Wolf Ridge, they crossed a series of rope courses high in the air, and the only way to get down was to zip line called Adventure Ropes. After class they headed to the bus and left Wolf Ridge at 12:00 p.m. and arrived in Badger about 7:30 p.m.

This trip will be remembered by the seventh graders forever. This was a great opportunity for them, and they will be sharing their stories for years to come.



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May Word Search

By: Daniel Obie

Graduation
 Spring
 Summer
 Warm
 Happy
 Sunny
 Flowers

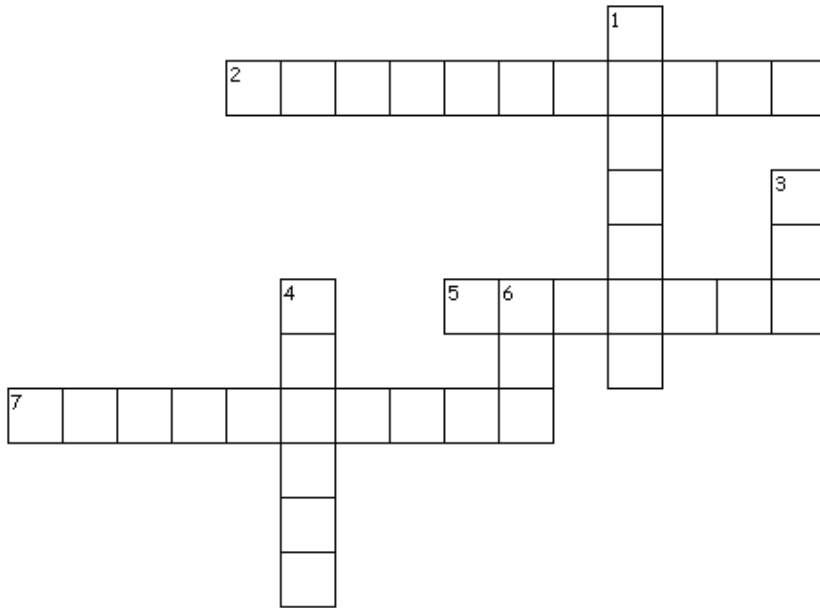
1. Nothing
 2. Rain
 3. Clock
 4. Cold
 5. Teapot
 6. Silence
 7. All 12 months

Answers
Riddles
Random

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May Crossword

By: Isaak Isane



Across

2. A day celebrated the last Monday in May.
5. May birthstone.
7. A day to thank our moms.

Down

1. People begin to grow these.
3. School comes to a/an _____ in Badger.
4. Season that occurs during May.
6. Fifth month of the year.

Games

What animal is bad to play games with?
A cheetah

Choral Workshop

Submitted by: Sara Carpenter

This year, the Badger High School Choir commissioned a piece to be written for them from composer Andrew Miller. The piece entitled "The Butterfly" will be premiered at the spring concert on May 7 at 7:00 p.m. On Friday, April 25 the choir had the opportunity to work with the composer who wrote the piece. The choir spent two hours working with Mr. Miller on vocal techniques, expression, singing with confidence, and blend. Alex Burkel said, "I thought it was awesome that he took time out of his schedule to come and work with us." Not only did he work with them vocally, he also sang with them as well and demonstrated proper vocal technique.

Robby Davy is quoted as saying, "I like the part where he sang with us and showed off his vocal range for us. He has quite an awesome range!" The students learned a lot from Mr. Miller and really enjoyed his witty personality. Mr. Miller shared his thoughts with the choir on performing his piece: "Thank you so much for singing my song! It's like taking a piece of my heart and putting it out there, not knowing if it is good. And hearing you guys sing it had reaffirmed my writing... I AM PUMPED!"



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"A" Honor Roll

Grades 4-6



Row 3: Kadeyn Keller, Greta Lee, Hailey VonEnde, Alyssa Rinde, Isabella Monsrud, Erika Howell

Row 2: Jory Bronson, Tessa Blumer, Emily Gust, Morgan Praska, Alexis Rud

Row 1: Emma Gust, Deanna Rybakowski, Kennedy Truscinski, Noah Warne

Not pictured: Bailey Maurstad

Grades 7-9



Row 3: Devan Olson, Seth Dostal, Jared Davy, Katrina Smith, Caitlynn Garten

Row 2: Colby Wooten, Shayna Kruger, Olivia Monsrud, Tyrah Green, Michaela Dahlen

Row 1: Ethan Praska, Tyler Isane, Jack Peppel, Devin Pries

Not Pictured: Austin Maurstad

Grades 10-12



Row 3: Riley Sovde, Matt Sibilleau, Robby Davy, Emily Hamann, Alex Burkel

Row 2: Sarah Erickson, Leah Erickson, Isabella Grafstrom, Amy Svir, Mariah Modahl, Katie Rhen

Row 1: Shanyce Bishop, Andrea Burkel, Kate Howell, Madison Truscinski, Sarah Rhen

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"B" Honor Roll

Grades 4-6

Row 3: Salma Pray, Jasmine Christianson,
Jayden Nelson, Aulona Jasiqi,
Elese Andol, Avdyl Jasiqi, Jack Burkel,
Tanner Davy

Row 2: Hannah Rud, Hannah Wilt,
Kiana Jacobson, Dalton Shirley,
Dawson Beito, Isaac Lorenson

Row 1: Jenessa Isane, Emma VonEnde,
Maisy Ylitalo, Jasmyn Rud,
Timothy Peppel, Talon Hilligas
Not pictured: Brooke VonEnde



Grades 7-9



Row 2: Karissa Kaml, Dillon Nieman,
Alex Ylitalo, Madison Rybakowski,
Haleigh Kruger, Gavin Davy

Row 1: Nikita Borreson, CeCe Yeager,
Aaron Davy, Evan Peppel, Tessa Sanden,
Isaac Dostal, Logan Kompelien

Grades 10-12



Row 2: Isaak Isane, Kellie Parnow, Kasey Pries,
Megan Kompelien, Caitlin Lunde

Row 1: Victoria Green, Alex Truscinski,
Cole Hamann, Matt Howell, Kayleen Kjelland
Not pictured: Wyatt Peppel

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Senior Athlete – Baseball

Cole Hamann

Goals for this year's baseball season: Get through playoffs and take part in a state championship.

Plans to help your team for the season: Get better at hitting and throwing. Also, just keeping the mood up in the dugout and on the field.

Age you started baseball: Seventh grade at school but I played in the summer league before that.

Favorite part about last year's season: Getting to start varsity.

Reason you joined baseball: Wanted to have fun in the spring. I always liked playing catch.

Senior Athlete – Clay Target

Christian Kilbride

Goals for this year's clay target season: Shoot better! And stay consistent.

Plans to help your team for the season: Do better, and whatever I can for the team.

Age you started clay target: 17

Reason you joined clay target: Shooting at the state tournament in Alexandria.

Favorite part about last year's season: Because I enjoy shooting clay pigeons so figured doing it for school would be even more fun and more competition.



Senior Athletes – Golf



Katie Rhen

Goals for this year's golf season: Improve my game personally and get to state again.

Plans to help your team for the season: Do better personally to help my team's score be better.

Age you started golf: I started in 7th grade.

Favorite part about last year's season: Jumping into Lake Bemidji after sections.

Reason you joined golf: My parents thought I would enjoy the sport and I did, so I decided to join the team.

Andrea Burkel

Goals for this year's golf season: Go to state.

Plans to help your team for the season: Keep my score in the 80s.

Age you started golf: 7th grade

Favorite part about last year's season: Sections at Bemidji in 11th grade.

Reason you joined golf: Because my sister Vanessa was in it.

Alex Nieman

Goals for this year's golf season: Make it to state.

Plans to help your team for the season: Go to state again as a team but with me on the team this year.

Age you started golf: 13

Favorite part about last year's season: Practicing with the other two Alexes.

Reason you joined golf: I wanted to try it.

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Thank You Badger

The Badger senior class of 2014 would like to show their appreciation for everything their school and community has done.



Haley Hamilton ~ Thank you to the school and staff for all the hard work you have put toward us and to the underclassmen for being such great peers. Thank you to the community for all the effort put into the extra-curricular activities. Thank you.

Cassie Peterson ~ I am thankful for my loving and caring class and the staff at Badger High School. For my classmates, I wish you all the luck in the future. May you always be happy and we never lose touch. For the teachers, thank you for all your help over the years. May you always hold a special place in our hearts.

Tiana Watson ~ I would like to thank my family, friends, school, and community for being supportive and helping me along the way. It truly means a lot. You don't see that in a lot of places where everybody helps and supports each other. Also, thank you to my class. You guys have made this school life fun and very interesting. Best of luck to each one of you. I know you guys will accomplish things in life.

Kaitlyn Emery ~ When ever people ask me where I am from or where I went to school, I am always proud to say I am from the Badger community and the Badger School. I want to thank the Badger School and community for supporting our class throughout the years. Without all of you, the Badger Class of 2014 would not be who we are today. I thank our school and community for helping our class have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., this past fall. The trip to Washington, D.C., with my class was a trip of a lifetime. I will never forget all the memories made on that trip. There are just too many things to mention about the Badger School and community that deserve a thank you. Badger School and community, thanks for everything you have done throughout the years, for not only me, but my class as a whole.

Andrea Burkel ~ I would like to give a big thanks to everyone in Badger School and in the community for the amazing support they have given me and my classmates over the years. Your encouragement, kindness, and generosity does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated!

Kate Howell ~ I'd like to thank the school, community, and my classmates for all of the love and support over the years. I wouldn't be where I am and who I am today without you all!

Austyn Borreson ~ Thanks for the education of a lifetime and all the fun activities that the school and community let me be a part of. My last few years of high school have been so amazing. It's hard to even put into words.

Sarah Erickson ~ To my community, family, and friends. I have been blessed so much by all of you throughout my life. I would like to thank you for your support you have given to me and my classmates throughout our years in school. Thank you for coming to games, concerts, and helping us out with multiple fundraisers. Without all of you, my class and I would not have made it to this point. I hope I have contributed to this community as much as it has contributed to me.

Codi Rasmusson ~ This town and community was an amazing place to grow up! Thank you for your help and being great people. But I especially want to thank the teachers and staff of the school and also my mom for all the love and support throughout the years. You guys are truly the best.

Cole Hamann ~ I would like to say thank you to all the staff members at Badger. Also thanks to all community members and parents that have helped me get through school. I wish I had more time with my classmates, but as time draws to an end of our high school career, I know we will all go our separate ways for college and/or other endeavors. I am proud of those who will continue their education through college, for I am going into the National Guard and will wait until after basic training to go to college. I am going to miss friends that are graduating from school with me and others that are still in school that I will not see for awhile. So a big thanks to all who have and still continue to help students get through high school and get into college.

Christian Kilbride ~ Thank you to the Badger School and my classmates for all the support and all the great memories I have made here at the school. I will miss all of it.

Sarah Rhen ~ I would never change where I grew up. I'm happy to be able to say I grew up in our small, friendly school/community. I've met so many people I now cherish here, and I'm grateful for all the ways in which our area has contributed to the happiness and memorability of our school years.

Matthieu Sibilleau ~ Coming to Badger School honestly was the best choice I have made. My life has been so much better because of everyone here. I wish I had come sooner.

Katie Rhen ~ I want to say thank you to the community for all of your support over the years. I also want to give a big thank you to the Badger School and all of the staff. You have helped me and my entire class over the years, and we are forever in your debt.

Shanyce Bishop ~ As I reflect on my time and memories at Badger High School, there are not enough words to describe how grateful I feel to have attended this school and grown-up in this memorable community. I know the thanks and gratitude I feel extends throughout the class. We have left our mark just as the school, town, and community left its mark on us. On graduation day, we are able to not only say we're graduates but proud graduates of Badger High School Class of 2014.

Alex Nieman ~ Thanks to the wonderful teachers for pushing me to do my best. Thank you to my classmates for always being there. I love you guys.

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Badger FCCLA Receives Grant

Press Release Submitted by: Gretchen Lee

In March, the Alliance announced 48 grant recipients of the Delta Dental of Minnesota Serve a Smile health initiative, statewide. From Badger to Worthington, young people are leading efforts to teach oral hygiene, share nutrition information, increase fitness, and prevent diabetes — with the support of nearly \$30,000 provided through mini-grants.

This is the eleventh year of the initiative, which provides a range of in-kind dental supplies in addition to funding individual programs at up to \$1,000. As Sarah Dixon, President and CEO of the Alliance, says: “We are thrilled at the increase in interest over the years, and feel fortunate to partner with Delta Dental to provide youth throughout the state with funds and dental supplies to support service projects in their communities.”

One such effort is underway in Badger, Minnesota, just 10 miles from the Canadian border, where Marvin Windows and Polaris are the biggest employers. While employment is plentiful, incomes are limited, so dental care is often sacrificed, says teacher Gretchen Lee.

“We do screenings for vision and hearing; my biggest hope is that one day that will include dental screenings,” says Lee, who convened families — alongside teacher Tanya Byfuglien — with children, birth to age five, in mid-March for an evening of information-sharing and story-telling.

The event for this community of several hundred was collaboration among the public school, Early Childhood Family Education, and the Future Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) out-of-school-time program. FCCLA students Tiana Watson and Robby Davy, who’d helped write the proposal to the Alliance and Delta Dental, also helped with the evening. Davy has already seen lasting results from the evening. “One student came up to me during school and said, ‘My little sister kept going on and on about how to brush your upper teeth, then your bottom teeth!’” Watson, who helped with a parallel event for parents, added: “Parents were surprised by the information I presented to them. It was a good reminder about how they and their kids should take care of their teeth.” Included in the event was not only talk of the Tooth Fairy, but also teeth-counting and skills-building. The toddlers learned all about reaching the back molars and flossing with the school’s mascot, an alligator, as subject.

Meanwhile, parents learned about when to expect teeth to appear (“eruption”), how to handle cavities (“caries”), and how to help their children learn to brush every tooth. “It’s really basic info, but when you have a single parent working second shift and somebody else putting your child to bed, you don’t know if those habits are ingrained or not,” says Lee, who adds that the school helps reinforce these messages by having preschool students brush every morning after breakfast.

After all, “If your teeth aren’t healthy, you aren’t going to eat well. It carries over!” says Lee.



Career Expo

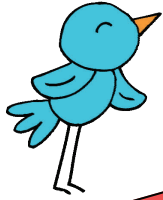
By: Wyatt Peppel

On Wednesday, April 9, Badger juniors and seniors took a trip to Northland Community & Technical College (NCTC) campus in East Grand Forks for their Career Expo Day. The event was an opportunity for the juniors and seniors to explore some of the academic programs Northland offers. The students had hands on experiences in the fields they chose and tours of the classrooms.

Students chose four programs they would like to attend, and Northland tried to honor them with their top two. The careers showcased were Architectural Technology, Nursing, Sales & Marketing, Welding, Commercial Driving, Fire Tech, Massage Therapy, Early Childhood & Paraprofessional Education, Construction Trades, Accounting, Computer Network Technology, Cardiovascular Technology, Liberal Arts, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Intensive Care Paramedic, Physical Therapist Assistant, Pharmacy Technology, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Therapist.

I attended Architectural Technology, Fire Technology, and Sales and Marketing. At Architectural Technology, we read blueprints and figured out problems within the blueprint. At the sales session we designed an egg carton that could fit one egg, appeal to consumers, and be durable to withstand dropping and shelf life. In Fire Technology we learned about the equipment and vehicles and also got to try on the gear. The trip to Northland was very helpful to high school students. I believe it was a very good experience and will help students decide if that career is right for them and see what college life feels like.

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**High School
Music Concert
May 7
7:00 p.m.**

**Choir Director: Sara Carpenter
Band Director: Lisa Erickson**



May Wacky Celebrations

By: Caity Garten

May 4 ~ *Star Wars Day* ~ May the 4th be with you on this wonderful Star Wars Day. Maybe take today to re-watch those old Star Wars episodes hidden deep in your closet.

May 10 ~ *Clean Your Room Day* ~ Shhhh, don't let the parents know what today is. You might have to clean! Oh the horror.

Parents, now that you know about today, feel free to use it as an excuse to make your kids clean their room.

May 14 ~ *Dance Like a Chicken Day* ~ While the chicken dance may not be "cool" to do anymore, there is no denying that it's still fun. Don't be afraid to do a little dance today, whether where people can see you or in the safety of your own room.

May 16 ~ *National Sea Monkey Day* ~ For a tiny little creature, sea monkeys really are magical. They come alive almost immediately after you place them in water. If you don't have any sea monkeys, today is the perfect day to go buy some.

May 22 ~ *Buy a Musical Instrument Day* ~ Maybe you want that new drum set or guitar you saw in the store, but your bank account won't let you buy one. Use today as an excuse, after all, who are you to argue with a holiday?

Should Public Internet Access Outside of School be Censored?

By: Shakira Hossain

Tyler Isane

Yes, if there is inappropriate or violent things being said, younger kids shouldn't have access to it. It could lead teens in the wrong direction towards things. Internet is easy to get on to, so it would be easy to access bad material.

Shayna Kruger

I don't believe the internet access outside of school should be censored. Some people are not doing inappropriate things with the internet. It wouldn't be fair to those that use the internet for things that they need it for. It would also be an invasion of privacy. I believe people have a right to their personal space, including what they look up on the internet.



Leah Erickson

No, because since certain services, such as restaurants, provide free wifi, it should allow the freedom to look up anything you want or go on any app/website. What's the point of giving free wifi if you are blocking everything people are using? They might as well not even use the wifi if they can't do anything.

Devin Corneliusen

Yes, because there are some pretty bad websites out there. If children somehow get on one, it could be bad. There's always ads that pop up that are inappropriate to children. Also, there are racist comments that shouldn't be allowed for kids to see.

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The end of the year has come, and it's time to let you know what the kindergarten class has enjoyed most during their kindergarten year.

Emily Burkel ~ I liked making the chalk eggs in art. I liked how we put the tape on it to make designs.

Joshua Doneth ~ I liked EVERYTHING! And I liked lunch.

Noah Gust ~ Wearing the helmets and going up in the loft.

Morgan Hickey ~ Learning to read and to learn to be nice to friends. And to sing songs and to make friends and I like to play.

Wyatt Hilligas ~ To get to play games on the iPads.

Emmitt Isane ~ Reading and learning and I like to play with cars.

Quentin Kukowski ~ Mrs. Carpenter singing songs like the snowman melting song.

Madison Olson ~ I enjoyed playing with toys, playing puzzles, making new friends, and playing with puppets. I enjoyed learning also.

Tryg Olson ~ I enjoyed playing with the bus in the kindergarten room. Also liked playing hunting outside at recess.

Addison Pulczynski ~ I've enjoyed learning and reading books.

Zaymein Rud ~ Playing with puzzles and playing with the building blocks. Also playing with toys. I enjoyed learning, like learning new words.

Rose Stevens ~ Math tests, learning, and lunch, and play time, and making new friends.

Quillan Wirta ~ Getting to see my friend Addison everyday and playing horse with her.

**Kindergarten
Graduation!**
Class of 2026
Wednesday, May 14
2:00 pm

