



Badger Business

VOLUME 5 - DECEMBER EDITION



A Note from the Principal- Emily Clark



Dear Badger Families,

As we begin the month of December, I want to take a moment to thank you for the continued partnership and support you bring to our school community. This season invites us to pause, connect, and reflect on the growth our students have already made this year—both academically and socially. Classrooms are alive with learning, and we are so proud of the hard work our students are showing each day. As we move toward the winter season and the upcoming break, please know that our commitment to ensuring every child feels safe, welcomed, and successful remains at the center of all we do. We look forward to a month filled with learning, kindness, and celebration, and we wish your family a joyful and restful season.

Warmly,
Emily Clark
Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

December 8 @ 6:00 pm - PTA Meeting in Library

December 11 @ 6:00 pm - 2nd and 3rd Grade Concert- PTA McDonald's Night

December 19- Craft Night

December 24 - January 2 - Winter Break
Return to School on January 5, 2026

Winter Clothing Reminder:

As the weather begins to get cooler, please remind your student to bring warm clothing along to school to wear for recess.

***** If warm clothes is needed, please have your student see Counselor Kristi.**



Counselor's Corner

Counselor Kristi Hill, hillkristi@aasd.k12.wi.us, 920-852-5440 x20115

Second Step, a social emotional curriculum around empathy, safety, & bully prevention is being taught in every grade, every week! See link below. This month students are learning about Never-Never Rules.

Parent Resource: If you could use a free meal on Thanksgiving, Chico's in Combined Locks is open. Also, if you could use some help for the holidays, Babes Child Abuse Prevention Program can help. See below.



The Impacts of Gaming

Students often share that they spend a lot of time outside of school gaming. While gaming can have some benefits and is not necessarily a bad activity for our kids, we are starting to see kids be negatively impacted when they engage in gaming for large periods of time. With the winter break approaching, I thought this topic might be timely to discuss.

See link below.

December Guidance Lessons: Self Awareness

Second Step Family Letter
Impacts of Gaming

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 JOIN US FOR A
GENERAL GIVEAWAY
DECEMBER 10TH & 11TH

770 W. NORTHLAND AVE
APPLETON, WI 54914

The B.A.B.E.S., Inc. annual Holiday Workshop for our special guests will take place, Wednesday, 12/10, and Thursday, 12/11.

Parents will shop for new Christmas toys for their children.

Only adults are allowed into the Holiday Workshop event. Plan to spend at least an hour at the event.

Here's the link to the pre-registration site on Sign-Up Genius:
<https://tinyurl.com/93r88c65>

B.A.B.E.S., INC CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM



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JOIN US FOR

November 27TH 2025 11AM - 2PM

Thanksgiving!

COME TO CHICO'S CAFE FOR A HEARTFELT CELEBRATION OF
GRATITUDE AND ENJOY A FREE MEAL!

- ANY DONATIONS GO TO SUPPORT VETERANS AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS
- VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - ASK FOR INFORMATION!
- NO COST TO ATTEND - ALL ARE WELCOME!



Social Work Scoop



Please reach out to Sara Allison, School Social Worker if you need assistance with any of the following:



Housing



920-852-5440 ext 20110



Food Resources



allisonsara@aasd.k12.wi.us



Clothing Resources



Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday



Counseling Resources

Food Resources/Updates:

Due to the government shutdown, Food Share/SNAP may not be available for November. This may include any funds remaining on your card at the end of October. Our district was advised to let families know to use all of their benefit before October 31st. For additional information, please visit this [website](#). Below you will find additional food resources in the community.

Additional resources:

- 1) Food Pantry located outside Badger's Main Entrance
- 2) Download the App "Food Finder" - enter your zip code and food pantries near you will appear on a map along with their hours and other details
- 3) Stop by a community fridge like "Hope Fridge" and take what you need from there! Find more information on their Facebook Page

Appleton Food Resources:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Appleton Salvation Army Pantry (food pick up) 8:30 AM-11:30 AM Address: 130 E. North St. Appleton, WI 54915 Phone: (920)734-3324</p> <hr/> <p>St. Joseph's Food Program (food pick up) 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Address: 1465 Opportunity Way Menasha, WI 54952 Phone: (920)734-9461</p>	<p>Appleton Salvation Army Pantry (food pick up) 8:30 AM-11:30 AM Address: 130 E. North St. Appleton, WI 54915 Phone: (920)734-3324</p> <hr/> <p>Ruby's Pantry 1st Tuesday of the month Registration: 4:30 PM Distribution: 4:30 PM-6:00 PM Address: N 1516 Meadowview Dr. Greenville, WI Phone: (920)422-0534 OR (920)540-0386</p>	<p>Appleton Salvation Army Pantry (food pick up) 8:30 AM-11:30 AM Address: 130 E. North St. Appleton, WI 54915 Phone: (920)734-3324</p> <hr/> <p>St. Joseph's Food Program (food pick up) 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Address: 1465 Opportunity Way Menasha, WI 54952 Phone: (920)734-9461</p> <hr/> <p>ATC Food Pantry (food pick up) 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Address: 2720 Kesting Ct. Appleton, WI 54911 Phone: (920)738-7800</p> <hr/> <p>Freedom Food Pantry (food pick up) 3:45 PM- 5:45 PM Address: 1110 S. Oneida St. Appleton, WI 54914</p>	<p>Appleton Salvation Army Pantry (food pick up) 8:30 AM-11:30 AM Address: 130 E. North St. Appleton, WI 54915 Phone: (920)734-3324</p> <hr/> <p>St. Joseph's Food Program (food pick up) 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Address: 1465 Opportunity Way Menasha, WI 54952 Phone: (920)734-9461</p>	<p>Appleton Salvation Army Pantry (food pick up) 8:30 AM-11:30 AM Address: 130 E. North St. Appleton, WI 54915 Phone: (920)734-3324</p>

To determine if you are eligible for Food Share:

Call 1-888-256-4563 or visit Human Services at 211 N. Commercial St in Neenah for an application or go online at www.access.wi.gov

To determine if you qualify for WIC (Women, Infants, Children):

Call (920)729-2945 or visit 211 N. Commercial St. Neenah on the 2nd floor will be pre-scanned for income eligibility. Potential participants include pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who have delivered within the last 6 months, or infants and children under 5 years of age.

****Information above is subject to change, please check all guidelines before attending****

If you need help locating food resources please contact your school social worker

OSHKOSH AREA FOOD PANTRIES

- **Salvation Army & ADVOCAP**
 - Monday-Friday 9:00-11:30 AM
 - Bread available weekdays 10:30-4:00 PM
- **Oshkosh Area Community Pantry**
 - Mondays 2:00-6:00 PM
 - Tuesdays through Thursdays 10:00-2:15 PM
- **Lutheran Food Pantry**
 - Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 8:00-10:30 AM
- **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**
 - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:45-10:30 AM
 - Call between 8:00-9:15 for the same-day pickup
- **Father Carr's Food Pantry**
 - Friday 9:00-11:00 AM
 - Daily Bread 10:00-2:00 PM

FOX VALLEY RURAL AREAS FOOD PANTRIES

- **Bread of Life (Black Creek)**
 - Mondays 9:00-11:30 AM and 3:30-5:30 PM
 - Tuesdays 9:00-11:30 AM
- **Ruth's Pantry Grace Lutheran (Larsen)**
 - Monday 9:00-11:00 AM and 4:00-5:00 PM
- **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry (Little Chute)**
 - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 5:00-6:00 PM
- **Omro Community Food Pantry (Omro)**
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-3:30 PM
- **Hortonville Area Community Food Pantry (Hortonville)**
 - Wednesdays 10:30-12:30 PM
 - Clothing/household items and diaper bank included
- **Winneconne Area Assistance Center (Winneconne)**
 - Wednesdays 5:00-6:30 PM
 - Saturdays 9:00-10:30 AM
- **Eureka United Methodist Church (Eureka)**
 - Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 PM
 - Sundays 11:30-12:00 PM
 - Mondays by appointment only
- **Freedom Food Pantry (Freedom)**
 - 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 3:30-5:30 PM
- **Ruby's Pantry (Greenville)**
 - 1st Saturday of the month 8:00-10:00 AM

NEENAH/MENASHA FOOD PANTRIES

- **Double Portion Soup Kitchen and Pantry (Menasha)**
 - Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 11:30-12:30 AM
- **St. Joseph's Food Pantry (Menasha)**
 - Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:00-11:00 AM
 - Monday 5:00-6:00 PM
- **Immanuel United Church of Christ (Neenah)**
 - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 PM
- **St. Vincent de Paul (Neenah)**
 - Wednesday 10:30-12:30 PM and 3:30-5:30 PM
 - Fridays 10:30-12:30 PM
- **Cornerstone Church Fox Valley (Menasha)**
 - 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 8:30-10:00 AM
- **Christ the Rock Community Church**
 - By appointment only Tuesdays 8:30-9:30 AM and 5:00-6:30 PM

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Nursing Updates



My name is Katie Johnson and this is my third year at Badger Elementary!

Health Office Visit Notifications

Beginning in November, guardians will receive communication through Infinite Campus if their student visits the Health Office or receives any as-needed (PRN) medication during the school day. These messages are intended to keep you informed about your student's health and wellness while at school.

We encourage you to talk with your student about any Health Office visits they have, so you can stay connected about how they're feeling and any support they may need. If you have any questions about a notification or your student's health needs, please contact your school site directly. Thank you for partnering with us to support your student's well-being



Now accepting new medical, behavioral health and pediatric dental patients. Call 920-731-7445 for an appointment.

Services we provide:

Primary Care

PCHC provides quality healthcare for ages. Services range from wellness checks, physicals, and lab work all the way to acute illness and lifelong care services.

[Learn More](#)

Behavioral Health

Our Behavioral Health Consultants coordinate with your PCHC Primary Care Provider to address your physical, behavioral, and emotional concerns in a holistic manner.

[Learn More](#)

Pediatrics

Our pediatricians and family physicians provide compassionate healthcare to support you and your child through every stage of development.

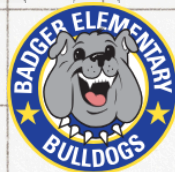
[Learn More](#)

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

The road to recovery from addiction is difficult, but you are not alone. We are committed to helping you on your journey. Our primary care and behavioral health teams tailor a program to your needs and are with you every step of the way.

[Learn More](#)

PTA Needs YOU!



Hello Badger Families!

As we prepare for the busy holiday season, PTA has just a few activities happening in December.

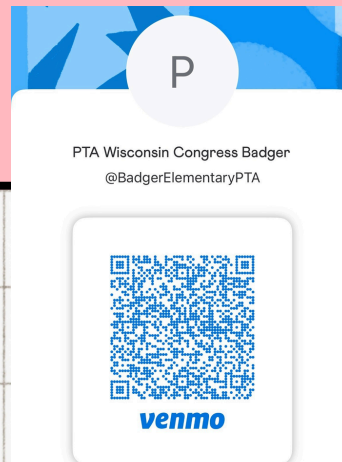
We will once again be coordinating a Holiday Gift Giving for our Badger staff and Boys and Girls Club staff members. A flyer outlining the how to donate will be coming home with students in early December. You decide how much you'd like to gift to staff members and we consolidate the funds and order a gift card of the staff members choosing.

The 2nd and 3rd graders have a concert on Thursday December 11th and the PTA has restaurant night at McDonald's that evening. Have dinner at McDonald's before the concert and then stop out again for ice cream after! A portion of all sales that evening comes back to PTA to help support our school.

Let's get crafty on Friday December 19! Boys and Girls club is hosting their holiday event this evening and we'll be providing several craft stations. Come choose from 2 holiday crafts - FREE! Learn about the Boys and Girls Club and hang out with friends. An adult needs to attend with their youth. More information will be coming home after Thanksgiving.

Monday, December 8th at 6pm in the LMC is our next PTA meeting. We would love to hear what activities you'd like to see PTA host in winter and spring. You can contact PTA anytime at badgerelementarypta@gmail.com.

NEW: We are now on Venmo! Make a donation to PTA Wisconsin Congress Badger @BadgerElementaryPTA



Healthy News



Elks Hoop Shoot

The Elks Hoop Shoot is open to all boys and girls, ages 8-13. Contestants will be assigned an age-group based on the age that they will be on April 1, 2025. Contestants must be 8 years old by April 1, 2025 in order to participate.

Divisions and Age Categories:

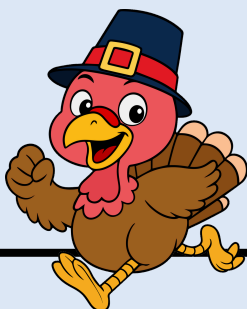
Boys, ages 8-9 **Girls, ages 8-9**

Boys, ages 10-11 **Girls, ages 10-11**

Boys, ages 12-13 **Girls, ages 12-13**

The **Badger Elks Hoop Shoot** will be on **Wednesday, November 19th** in the Gym from 3:30-4:30.

Winners from each division and age category will move on to the City Wide Elks Hoop Shoot on Monday, December 8th at Jefferson Elementary School.



Badger's Annual Turkey Trot
Monday, November 26th

Canned Food Drive

We will be having a competition between grade levels to see which grade level can bring in the most canned food and/or non-perishable food items.

The grade level that brings in the most items will win the Turkey Trophy and their grade level will be etched on the trophy!

