



Badger Business

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A Note from the Principal- Emily Clark



Dear Badger Families,

As we step into February and begin the second semester, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support. This time of year gives us a wonderful opportunity to refocus, set new goals, and celebrate the growth our students have already made. Our teachers are working hard to ensure that every child is engaged, challenged, and supported, and we are proud of the perseverance and enthusiasm we see from our students each day.

Thank you to all who attended conferences on Tuesday and to those who will be joining us on Thursday. These conversations play an important role in strengthening the home-school partnership and ensuring we work together to support your child's learning.

Over the next few months, you'll see exciting learning experiences, ongoing assessments of student progress, and a renewed emphasis on routines that help our school run smoothly. Your involvement—whether through communication with teachers, attending school events, or encouraging your child at home—makes a tremendous difference. Together, we can help all students finish the year strong.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We look forward to a productive, positive, and inspiring second semester.

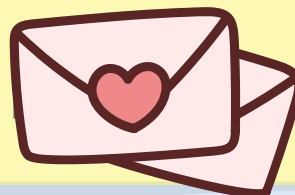
Warmly,
Emily Clark
Principal

Upcoming Dates & Events

- February 3 & 5: Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 2-13: Kids Heart Challenge
- February 16: No school
- February 27: Badger Musical @ 6:51pm

Valentines Day Reminders

Per our practice at the elementary level, classrooms can sponsor a student Valentine card exchange. Only non-edible treats/trinkets should accompany the cards. Utilize the “if you give to one person in class, you need to give to every person in the class” rule. When providing a class list to families, including only FIRST names of students rostered (last initial if there are duplicate first names).



Counselor's Corner

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

Favorite Resources

Second Step, a social emotional curriculum around empathy, safety, & bully prevention is being taught in every grade, every other week by your students teacher! Here is the information previously sent home.

Parent Resource: The district provides parents with various mental health resources. You can learn more about resources around: grief, suicide prevention, wellness screenings, etc. here.



Calming Spaces

Every classroom has a calming corner when students may need a break to regulate their emotions. Most stations have a 5 minute timer and some breathing exercises to best support students. If your child is having a rough start to the day, please remind them of this resource.

Social Work Scoop



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



Housing

Food Resources

Clothing Resources

Counseling Resources



920-852-5440 ext 20110



allisonsara@aasd.k12.wi.us



Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday

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>	<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>	<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>	<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>	<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>
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		<p>Freedom Food Pantry (food pick up) 3:45 PM- 5:45 PM Address: 1110 S. Oneida St. Appleton, WI 54914</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

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!



Reminders!!!

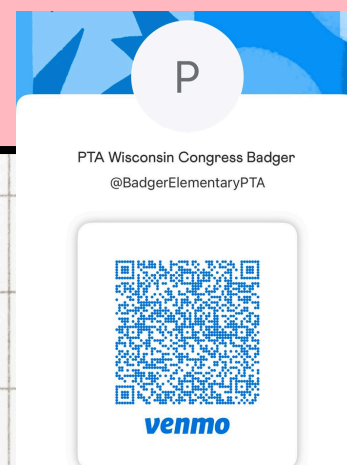
February 3 at 4-8pm- Fundraiser night at Qdoba. Let them know you're with Badger (a flyer will be coming home with a code for online ordering) and a portion of the sales comes back to Badger. It's conference night - make dinner easy!

We're starting to plan for a spring event (April 23, 6-7pm) - Bingo! If you'd like to help with the event, please reach out to us at Badgerelementarypta@gmail.com.

What does the Badger PTA do? We help support the relationship between home and school by hosting events during the year (Trunk or Treat, Holiday Craft night, Bingo). We fundraise to offset the cost of field trips for Badger students, support the Healthy Kids initiatives, and help fundraise for the Badger Musical. And we show our appreciation to the Badger Staff by providing meals on 2 of the 4 conference nights during the year.

Next meeting is Monday February 9 6pm, Badger LMC (Library)

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



Healthy Kids News

Cheese Taste Testing Results

206 Badger students and staff members participated in a Cheese Taste Test on Thursday, January 22nd. They got to taste Havarti, Gouda and Swiss cheese. Here are the results from favorite to least favorite.

	Liked	Okay	Didn't Like
Havarti	65%	19%	16%
Gouda	59%	26%	15%
Swiss	26%	10%	64%

#1 Havarti



#2 Gouda



#3 Swiss



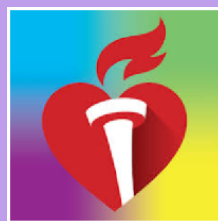
Kids Heart Challenge



THE KIDS HEART CHALLENGE IS A PROGRAM THROUGH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION THAT HELPS PEOPLE WITH HEART DISEASE. THIS PROGRAM HELPS KEEP YOUR STUDENT'S HEART, BODY AND BRAIN HEALTHY.



DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2-6, EVERY PE CLASS AT BADGER WILL BE JUMPING ROPE TO HELP SUPPORT THIS CAUSE.



Your child can earn prizes for collecting monetary donations for the **Kids Heart Challenge.**

There are three ways to register:

1. Download the AHA Schools app
2. Scan the QR code for Badger
3. Go online to:

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/badger>