Badger Independent School District November 2026

Badger Barker

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Homecoming

By: Kaylie Streich

The 2026 Homecoming King candidates for 12th-grade boys were Austin Przekwas, Keegan VonEnde, and Payton Gust. The Queen candidates for the 12th-grade girls were Avearah Hanson, Katelyn Gust, and Adysen Gregerson. Homecoming attendees for 11th grade were Asher Clark and Ava Warne; for the 10th grade, the attendees were Wyatt Peterson and Kiley Streich. Lastly, 9th-grade attendees were Briar Williams and Ameerah Church. Coronation was held on the football field during halftime of the BGMR Homecoming game against the Northern Freeze on Oct 2nd. Homecoming Pep Fest was at 2:30pm in the gym on Friday, October 2nd. This year's Homecoming King and Queen are Payton Gust and Katelyn Gust! Congratulations!












Junior Attendants: Ava Warne and Asher Clark

Senior Attendants: Avearah Hanson, Keegan VonEnde, Queen Katelyn Gust, King Payton Gust Adysen Gregerson and Austin Przekwas

Sophomore Attendants: Kiley Streich; *Freshman Attendants:* Briar Williams and Ameerah Church

Not pictured: Sophomore Attendant: Wyatt Peterson

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Homecoming Spirit Week

By: Kaylie Streich

Monday - Pj Day





Tuesday - Twin Day





Wednesday - Pink Day





Thursday - Age Day



12th Grade - Senior Citizen



11th Grade - Middle Age



10th Grade - College



9th Grade - Teens/Kids



8th Grade - Toddlers



7th Grade - Babies

Friday - Extreme Gator Day





Homecoming Dance Pictures



Isaac Olson and
Ashlyn Johnson



Katelyn Gust and Levi Wahl



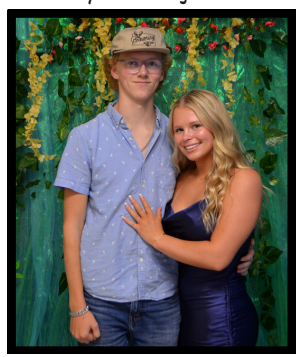
Landen Berggren and
Adysen Gregerson



Kylee Gust and
Hallie Glodowski



Payton Gust and Liv Mather



Kayden Hanson and
Avearah Hanson



MacKenzie VonEnde and Austin Przekwas



Eli Monsrud and Kynsie Diesen,
Anastyn Loken and Grant Olson

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School Board Recognition Month



In honor of School Board Recognition Month (late), The Badger Barker is highlighting the people who help make important decisions for Badger School.

Cari Dostal



For nearly 18 years, Cari Dostal has been helping shape the future of Badger School as a member of the Badger School Board. Dostal's journey to the school board began when Pete Christianson approached her and encouraged her to consider running. Feeling honored by the opportunity, she gave it some thought and eventually ran as a write-in candidate. Since then, she has enjoyed being part of decisions that help students and give the community a voice in the future of the school.

One of Dostal's favorite parts of serving on the board is hearing about exciting new opportunities coming to students. She explained that board members put a great deal of thought into their decisions, considering how each one affects students, staff, and the future of the school. Although balancing students' needs with available resources can be challenging, she believes listening to different perspectives and keeping students at the center of decisions are essential.

For Dostal, Badger School is about more than education. It is part of her family's history. Her father-in-law, husband, and all four of her boys attended Badger School, making her involvement especially meaningful. She describes the school as "small but mighty," with amazing staff and a welcoming atmosphere.

One thing Dostal is especially proud of is how Badger School welcomes everyone who walks through its doors. Whether someone is a new student, a new family, or a visitor, she wants them to feel like part of the community. She hopes students remember Badger as a place where they belonged, built friendships, and had people who cared about them and believed in them. Dostal believes Badger students stand out because they take advantage of the opportunities available to them, and their achievements reflect that involvement. Looking toward the future, she hopes the school can continue building on its existing programs while finding new ways to meet students' needs. One idea she would especially like to see is more flexible, multipurpose spaces where students can study, collaborate, relax, and connect with one another. She would also love to see more hands-on shop opportunities that allow students to develop practical skills, work with their hands, and explore careers in the trades.

Outside of school board responsibilities, Dostal has some fun facts and memories of her own. When asked what people might be surprised to learn about her, she shared that she used to collect dolls and has more than 100 packed away! Her favorite school memories come from her days at Malung School, where she enjoyed building forts and shooting marbles at recess. She also admitted that she loved playing school even before she started attending, so her interest in education began at a young age. History was Dostal's favorite subject in school, while math was her least favorite. If she could return to high school for one day, she said she would cherish the day, go to class, and pay more attention to the little things and the time spent with friends. Her favorite school lunch is pizza, and her favorite school event is the Music Review, which she says is always amazing!

Dostal also has advice for current students. She encourages them to be kind, work hard, stay true to themselves, and avoid worrying too much about what others think. She believes students should treat people with respect, take advantage of opportunities, and not be afraid to try new things or make mistakes. For students interested in becoming leaders in their communities, her advice is simple: get involved, be willing to help, and treat others with respect. A leader does not need to have all the answers; they just need to care and be willing to make a difference.

When asked to describe Badger School in three words, Dostal chose "Tradition, Community and Pride." She believes local schools are the heart of their communities because they bring families together, create a sense of belonging, and help children learn and grow. In a small town like Badger, the school is part of the community's identity, history, and future.

Ultimately, Dostal says knowing that board decisions make a difference in students' lives is what makes serving worthwhile. She wants students to know that school board members care about their futures, are proud of them, and want to keep Badger School strong for generations to come.

As we celebrate School Board Recognition Month, Dostal's nearly 18 years of service reflect her commitment to giving back to a school that has been part of her family's story for generations. Her dedication is a reminder that supporting Badger School means investing not only in today's students, but also in the future of the entire community.

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Jodie Davy



Jodie Davy's journey to the school board started with a little encouragement from others. She explained that running for the board was not originally her idea. Two teachers and several other people approached her because they wanted someone who cared about students, supported the school and its teachers, and was willing to help make important decisions. Since those were things she already believed in, she decided there was no reason NOT to run.

One of Jodie's favorite parts of serving on the board is seeing decisions turn into positive changes for students and the school. She said the most rewarding part is helping make Badger School a better place for students to learn and have meaningful experiences. Although some decisions can be difficult or unpopular, she understands that making the best choices for the school is an important part of the job.

When asked what people might be surprised to learn about her, Davy shared that she grew up helping on a farm. Her responsibilities included milking cows, driving a tractor, and flagging for her dad, who was an aerial crop duster. Although she once wanted to become a teacher, her plans changed. Today, she enjoys being involved in education in a different way.

Davy has a personal connection to Badger School because both of her children completed their entire kindergarten-through-12th-grade education here. Their involvement in extracurricular activities also helped her become more connected to the school. She appreciates the small student-to-teacher ratio and the quality of the staff, which she believes help make Badger a special place.

"I think our school is family, welcoming, and nurturing," Davy said when describing Badger School in three words.

She also believes that having a smaller school gives students more opportunities to succeed in their classes and extracurricular activities. One thing she is especially proud of is that Badger students have the opportunity to excel and advance as far as their ambition takes them. She hopes students understand that the staff and community fully support them throughout their time at school.

Looking toward the future, Davy is excited about improvements to the school building, including updates to the bathrooms, locker rooms, and heating system, along with possible additions to the building. She would also like to see more electives and extracurricular opportunities available to students. If she could add a class to the schedule, she would choose either a language class or more STEM courses.

Outside of school board responsibilities, Davy still has plenty of memories from her own school days. Her favorite subjects were math and music, although she could not choose between the two. History was her least favorite because she struggled with memorizing dates. She especially enjoyed participating in plays, musicals, band, and choir productions. Today, her favorite school events include sporting events, plays, and music performances. And when it comes to school lunch, pizza is her top choice!

If Davy could go back and spend one day as a high school student, she said she would worry less about what other people thought, be herself, and avoid feeling intimidated by difficult classes. Her advice to current students is to take advantage of the opportunities available to them. "Take advantage of as many extracurriculars as you can! You won't get this time back!" she said. She also encourages students who want to become leaders in their communities to get comfortable speaking in front of others. Sharing something you are passionate about can help people connect, and working together to make improvements can be very rewarding.

Davy believes local schools are essential to the communities they serve. As she explained, "Communities that don't have schools don't always survive. Having youth in town is our heartbeat!"

When asked what she wants students to know about the school board, Davy emphasized that its main goal is to improve their school experience and education. For her, knowing that board decisions can make a positive difference is what makes the time and effort worthwhile.

As Badger School recognizes its school board members, Davy's commitment to supporting students, staff, and the community is a reminder of the important role school board members play in helping our school continue to grow and improve.



Jeramy Swenson

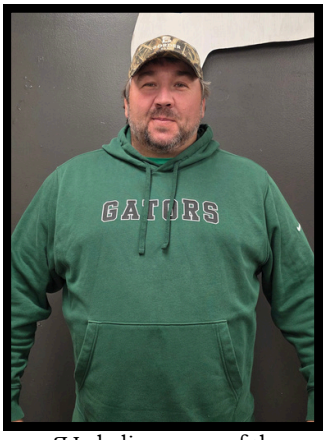
Thank you School Board Members for your support.



Jamie Isane

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Brent Olson



For the past six years, Brent Olson has served on the Badger School Board, helping make decisions that shape the future of the school and its students. When we asked Brent what made him decide to run for the school board, Olson simply answered, "The people." Since joining the board, his favorite part has been working with the other board members to improve the school and make it the best it can be for students, staff, and the community.

Olson has a personal connection to Badger School, as all five of his sons attend the school. He appreciates that everyone knows everyone and believes the close-knit atmosphere is one of the things that makes Badger special. He is also proud of the support the school receives from the community and the respect students show toward teachers and staff.

One of Olson's goals for the future is to see enrollment continue to increase. He hopes that businesses will continue to expand and bring more families into the community, helping Badger School grow. He would also like to see the school continue raising the bar on education while maintaining strong enrollment.

Serving on the school board involves making many important decisions, and Olson recognizes that not every decision is easy. He believes one of the biggest challenges is keeping an open mind and avoiding being one-sided. Balancing the needs of students, staff, parents, and the community requires doing the best the board can with the information and resources available.

For Olson, one of the most rewarding parts of being a board member is when people recognize that he is trying to make the school better. He wants students to know that board members care about them and are working to improve the school for future generations. He especially enjoys watching students grow and develop into young adults.

Outside of school board responsibilities, Olson has plenty of memories from his own school days. His favorite subject was history, while math was his least favorite. If he could return to high school for one day, he would spend it enjoying the company of his classmates. Looking back, he wishes he had enjoyed school more and put more effort into his studies.

Olson's favorite school lunch is pizza, and his favorite school event is the school plays. If he could add a class to the schedule, he would choose machining, tool, and die opportunities to give students more ways to develop practical skills.

When asked to describe Badger School, Olson called it "a big family." That sense of connection is something he values and hopes students will remember long after graduation. He wants students to leave Badger knowing they received a good education and enjoyed their time in school.

His advice to today's students is simple: enjoy your time at school. He also encourages future community leaders to approach situations with an open mind, a quality he believes is important when working with others and making decisions.

Olson believes local schools are important because everyone wants the best for students. A strong school helps provide young people with opportunities to learn, grow, and prepare for adulthood. With support from families, businesses, and the community, he hopes Badger School will continue to thrive for years to come.

As we recognize Olson during School Board Recognition Month, his dedication to working with fellow board members, supporting students, and helping Badger School grow reflects the importance of community involvement in education. After six years of service, his goal remains clear: to help make Badger School a better place for students now and in the future.

Jared VonEnde



For nearly four years, one of Badger School's board members has been working to help preserve what makes our school and community special. During School Board Recognition Month, we are highlighting a board member whose commitment to Badger comes from growing up here, graduating from Badger School, and wanting future generations to have the same small-town school experience.

When we asked Jared what motivated him to run for the school board, he explained that he wanted to do his part to keep Badger School true to its roots rather than becoming more like schools in larger cities. For him, serving on the board is a way to give back to the school and community where he grew up.

Badger School holds a special place in his heart. It is where he graduated, made some of his best friends, and met his wife. When describing what makes Badger special, he emphasized the close-knit community and how people look out for one another. He also appreciates how welcoming Badger students are and how much the staff genuinely cares about their well-being.

One of the things he is especially proud of is that Badger School continues to survive and thrive despite the challenges facing rural schools. He believes local schools are essential to their communities, explaining that without a school, a community can eventually disappear. To him, keeping Badger School strong means helping preserve the community itself.

Serving on the school board involves more than attending the monthly meetings. He pointed out that people may not realize how many additional hours board members put in behind the scenes. The work also comes with challenges, especially when decisions are not popular. Another challenge is separating school business from personal relationships with friends and neighbors. Even so, he believes the work is worthwhile because it allows him to give back to a place that has meant so much to him.

Looking toward the future, he hopes student enrollment will increase. He sees an opportunity to showcase upcoming school improvements and hopes those changes will encourage more families to enroll their children at Badger. His goal is to help the school remain strong while continuing to provide a great experience for students.

When he thinks back to his own school days, he remembers the laughter and joking around with classmates and teachers. His favorite subjects were physical education and shop, while math was his least favorite. If he could return to high school for one day, he would choose to play in another football game. His favorite school lunch is sub sandwiches, and his favorite school events are sporting events. If he could add a class to the schedule, he would like to see a foreign language class offered in-house.

Although he did not originally plan to become involved in education, he now values the opportunity to help shape the future of Badger School. He describes the school in three words: "Small, close, family."

For students who hope to become leaders in their communities, he encourages them to be honest, take chances, and listen to the people around them. His advice to current students is to listen to their elders because, as he put it, "we have been there, done that—we know more than you think we do!"

He hopes students remember the close-knit atmosphere at Badger and the genuine care staff members show for their well-being. He also wants students to understand that the people serving on the school board care deeply about the school and it's success. That commitment is why they volunteer their time and effort. Ultimately, what makes serving worthwhile is knowing that he is helping the next generation get the best possible start. As Badger School celebrates School Board Recognition Month, his dedication reflects the importance of community members who are willing to step up, make difficult decisions, and work to keep our school strong for years to come.

The Badger Barker

Senior Spotlight

By: Kylee Larson

Parents: Thomas & Jennifer Glodowski
Siblings: Jake, Marissa, & Catie Glodowski
Nicknames: Hallith, Greyson, Angry Chihuahua, Sweetcheeks
Favorite(s)
Sport: Hockey
Food: Cereal
Color: Blue
Quote: "I don't want a valuable lime lesson, I just wanted an ice cream."-Bluey



Hallie Glodowski

If you had one wish, what would you wish for?
That our pets lived longer.
If you could have one person travel with you anywhere in the world, whom would it be and where would you go?
I would go to Europe, specifically the Netherlands, with my mom so she could see all the tulip fields.
What one word best describes your personality and why?
Bubbly, because I am always confused in a good way.
What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?
Tripping over the end of the line in gym and hitting my head on the strip of red brick. I got a big bump on my head.
What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?
Listen to music and read.
What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?
I'll remember being in the purple jackets with Ava W and Aiyanah B for my ninth-grade Music Revue.
What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?
Getting picked to perform in the UND Honor Choir.

Parents: Rick & Becky Gust
Siblings: Cole, Aiden, Ava, & Paige Gust
Nicknames: Pgust, Allen, Pagou
Favorite(s)
Sport: Football
Food: Steak or anything edible
Color: Blue
Quote: "If you ain't first, you're last" -Ricky Bobby



Payton Gust

If you had one wish, what would you wish for?
Five billion dollars
If you could have one person travel with you anywhere in the world, whom would it be and where would you go?
Roger T, we would go to Colorado, ride snowmobiles, and hunt mule deer and elk in the mountains.
What one word best describes your personality and why?
Nonchalant because I'm a sigma alpha male.
What was your most embarrassing moment in high school?
Too many to think of
What is your favorite thing to do with your free time?
I go outside and go hunting and hang out with my best friends.
What is one memory you'll always remember from Badger School?
Robotics
What is one thing that you are proud of that happened to you in high school?
One thing I'm proud of is getting good grades in school.

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Sports Schedule

By: Madison McClure

November

2- VB Section Semifinal
5- FB Section Final
6- VB Section Final
16- GBB Practice Begins
21- GBB Jamboree @ Grygla
23- WR Practice Begins
23- BBB Practice Begins
28- BBB Jamboree @ Warren



December

3- GBB vs WAO
4- GBB vs SAC
4- WR @ Park Rapids
5- WR @ Wadena
7- GBB vs KCC
8- BBB vs SAC
10- GBB vs Warroad
10- BBB @ Oklee
11- GBB vs Freeze @ REA
11- WR @ Grand Forks
12- BBB vs WAO @ REA
12- WR @ Grand Forks
14- GBB vs RLCC
15- GBB vs F-B
15- BBB @ Warroad
19- WR @ Virginia (B)
19- WR @ Bemidji (G)
21- BBB @ Crookston
22- BBB vs Roseau
29- GBB @ Pelican Rapids
29- BBB vs G/G-G
29- WR @ Fargo
30- GBB @ Pelican Rapids
30- WR @ Fargo

Kindergarten Corner

By: Makayla McClure

Kolter Forst

Do you like when it gets dark earlier, or when it's still sunny out?
Sunny out.
Would you rather gobble like a turkey, or waddle like a penguin all day?
Gobble like a turkey.
What is some yummy food you are excited to eat at Thanksgiving?
Turkey.
Would you rather eat turkey, or pumpkin pie for a whole week?
Uhh, pumpkin pie.





Ellanna Huerd

Do you like when it gets dark earlier, or do you like when it's still sunny out?
Still sunny.
Would you rather gobble like a turkey, or waddle like a penguin all day?
Waddle like a Penguin.
What is some yummy food you are excited to eat at Thanksgiving?
Some noodles.
Would you rather eat turkey, or pumpkin pie for a whole week?
Uhh, pumpkin pie.

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Spotlight on Sports: Football

By: Katelyn Gust

MacKenzie VonEnde



MacKenzie VonEnde is a junior manager for the football team.
Her favorite game so far is this year's game against the WAO Ponies, because they won and made some great plays.
Other than the Swamp, she enjoys going to the Freeze because “It's always an adventure trying to fill bottles, and I just have fun there.”
Her favorite memory while managing is “making TikToks with Jocelyn on the field.”
The advice she would give younger players is to be respectful to their coaches and managers. To keep the boys motivated, she makes them cookies. Her favorite team to play against is KCC because it's always very intense.

Rogan Hanson



Rogan Hanson is a freshman on the football team.
He plays quarterback, linebacker, and safety.
His favorite game of his career was “against Ulen because I got an interception.”
Other than the Swamp, he enjoys playing at Warren’s field because it’s nice. His favorite memory while playing is taking KCC into overtime.
Rogan’s advice for younger players is, “Keep pushing, don’t give up.”
For motivation, he looks up to Will Foss because he pushes everyone to be their best. His favorite team to play against was KCC because they had a good game against them this year.

Briar Williams



Briar Williams is a freshman on the football team.
He plays on the offensive and defensive lines.
His favorite game of his career was the one in which they took KCC to overtime. Other than the Swamp, he enjoys playing at Warren’s field.
His favorite memory is the bus rides and going undefeated in his 7th-grade year. Briar’s advice for younger players is, “Keep your feet moving, listen to your coaches, and don’t think about the other team's record; just play your best football.” For motivation, he looks up to Bennett, Will, and Payton.
His favorite team to play against was KCC.

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Spotlight on Sports: Football

By: Katelyn Gust

Ryder Gust



Ryder Gust is a freshman on the football team.
He plays on the offensive and defensive lines.
His favorite game of his career was “Probably our first varsity game against the Underwood Rockets. My first play on defense, I got a tackle.”
Other than the Swamp, he enjoys playing at Warren’s field, but he’s sure it will change since he’s only played a few varsity games.
His favorite memory while playing is “getting to practice with the guys every day.” Ryder’s advice for younger players is, “Keep pushing, even at your lowest.” For motivation, he looks up to “All the older linemen; they always guide me the right way.”
His favorite team to play against was “Probably KCC; we made it a very close game against them, going into overtime.”

Jacob Foss



Jacob Foss is a freshman on the football team.
He plays runningback on offense and cornerback on defense.
His favorite game of his career was against KCC, which went to overtime.
Other than the Swamp, he enjoys playing at Warren’s field.
His favorite memory while playing is the bus rides.
Jacob’s advice for younger players is, “Never give up on a play.”
For motivation, he looks up to his brother, Breydon.
His favorite team to play against was KCC.

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Spotlight on Sports: Volleyball

By: Kaylie Streich

Ava Gust is a sophomore on the volleyball team. Her favorite positions to play are setter and back-row setter. Her favorite game of her career was Warroad because it was the first win of the season, and the team was really hyped for it. Other than the Swamp, she enjoys playing in Grygla because they have a nice floor to slide on. Her favorite memory on the volleyball team was riding the bus and going on the team trip in October. Ava likes doing her hair and listening to music on the speaker before every game. Her advice to younger players is, "When you get a bad pass or a bad serve, just shake it off and move on to the next one."



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Dates To Remember

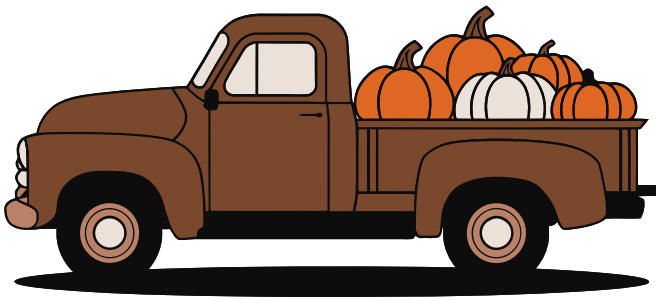
By: Addison Olson

November

6: End of 1st Quarter: Students Dismissed @ 12:30pm
10: MSHSL Together 5.0 in Bemidji (nine students 9-11)
10: ECFE Community Helpers
10: School Board Meeting @ 6pm
9-13: School Psychologist Week
11: Veterans Day program @ 10am (In Gym)
13: No School
16-20: America Education Week
17: 11th & 12th Grade to Career Fair @ NCTC
17: ECFE Nocturnal Animals/Hibernation
17: Fall Sports Banquet @ 6:30pm
24: ECFE Thanksgiving Bread in a Bag (Bring your own apron)
26-27: No School - Thanksgiving Break

December

6: ECFE Winter Cookies and Crafts
9: School Board Meeting @ 6pm
10: 2nd Quarter Midterm
11: Elementary Winter Concert @ 2pm
17: HS Winter Concert @ 7pm
23: Students Out @ 12.30pm
24-31: No School (Winter Break)



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FCCLA

By: Azmera Olson



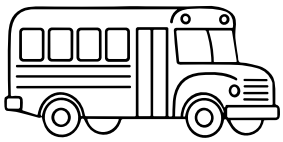
The Minnesota Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) held their Northern Region Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls on Wednesday, October 7, to share information. with local chapters about the upcoming year. Seven of our 8 Northern chapters were in attendance, with a special guest of MN FCCLA State President Kaden Lennes and new Executive Director Stefanie Nelson. Northern Regional Officers: President Josie Johnston (WAO), Vice President Ava Warne (Badger), Secretary Bailey Miller (RLF), Treasurer Delyla Carpenter (Badger), and Peer Educator Nora Ottersetter (WAO) led the Opening and closing ceremonies and led student workshops on FCCLA. State President Kaden Lennes and Badger Officer Adysen Gregerson also led workshops. We had 87 students and their advisors register for a full day of learning more about FCCLA and celebrating this year's state theme: Rock'n Red! Our next event will be a Halloween Movie Lock-In on Friday, October 30, from 8-11 p.m. for grades 7-12. Then, the Leadership Summit will be at the Bemidji Language Camps later in November.











Bus Safety

By: Addison Olson



The Preschool and Kindergarten classes learned the importance of staying away from the front of the bus, using the handrails when getting on and off, sitting with their backs to the seat, and using quiet voices on the bus to help Tom and other bus drivers drive safely.





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ELEMENTARY VIEW POINT

By: Ashlyn Johnson

What's your favorite sport, and why?

1st - Micah Jenson: My favorite sport is basketball. It is my favorite sport because mommy played it. I like to shoot hoops with my Dad and Mom.

2nd - James Mekovich: My favorite sport is baseball. I like to watch it. I want to play it someday.

3rd - Ayven Hietala: My favorite sport is football. It is fun to watch and play.

4th - Kylah Przekwas: Softball because I play it and a lot of my friends play, and I think it's fun to play. I'm good at hitting. I'm also good at first base.

5th - Hannah Kjos: Softball. Everyone there is super nice and kind. It's an awesome and very fun sport. My favorite thing about softball is the different cheers you get to scream as loud as you can. The hardest part about softball is batting, but that just means I have to practice more. My best friend and I are the perfect duo; she is the pitcher, and I am the catcher. We get a lot of strikes, and I have a lot of fun each year. Another one of my favorite things about softball is when we bring my camper and my friend comes, and we park right in front of the place.

6th - Ellie Hanson: My favorite sport is racing dirt bikes. It's so fun, especially for an adrenaline junkie. The best part is jumping the finish line and telling my friend it was a good battle! It's always so intimidating starting and going around that first corner, really hoping you don't eat the dirt. I really hope I can keep risking my life and probably break my leg, but it's okay.



Micha Jenson, Ayven Hietala, Kyla Przekwas, Hannah Kjos, Ellie Hanson

Missing From Photo: James Mekovich

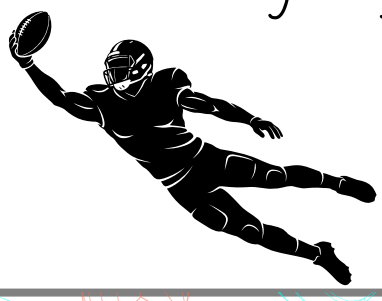
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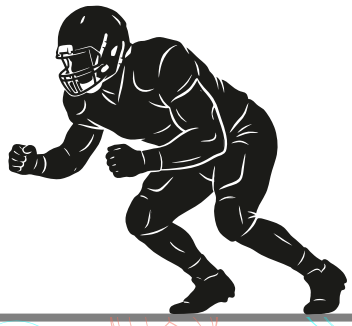
Football Summary

By: Azmera Olson

The Gators played the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies and won 44-18. Then, the Gators won their Homecoming game against the Northern Freeze, 44-13. They won their third game against Stephen-Argyle, 34-12. They took another win against Win-E-Mac, 30-12. However, in the last game, they lost to Goodridge-Grygla, 14-42.









Volleyball Summary



By: Katelyn Gust

The Gators started October at home against Grygla-Goodridge, competing hard but getting swept 3-0. They played at home on the 5th against Red Lake Falls, battling hard through each set but losing 3-0. The girls traveled to Karlstad the next day to play the Northern Freeze, fighting hard in the fifth set, but lost 3-2. On the 13th, they went to Lancaster to play the KCC Bearcats, tried to keep up with them, but unfortunately lost 3-0. The girls' next game was at home against the Roseau Rams, managing to get close score-wise with them, but overall losing 3-0. Their final regular-season game was at home against Warroad; they lost the first two sets but came back and dominated to reverse-sweep them 3-2. Way to battle hard, Gators!

BREAKFAST

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 BAGEL CREAM CHEESE FRUIT JUICE MILK	3 BREAKFAST BITES FRUIT JUICE MILK	4 EGG, CHEESE & SAUSAGE CROISSANT FRUIT JUICE MILK	5 HARD BOILED EGGS HASHBROWNS FRUIT JUICE MILK	6 CEREAL CHEESE STICK FRUIT JUICE MILK END OF 1ST QUARTER DISMISS AT 12:30
9 BANANA OR BLUEBERRY BREAD YOGURT JUICE MILK	10 FRENCH TOAST SAUSAGE PATTY FRUIT JUICE MILK	11 RED, WHITE & BLUE PARFAIT JUICE MILK VETERAN'S DAY	12 LONG JOHNS FRUIT JUICE MILK	13 NO SCHOOL
16 BREAKFAST ON A STICK FRUIT JUICE MILK	17 BREAKFAST ROUND FRUIT JUICE MILK FALL SPORTS BANQUET JRS & SRS GONE	18 APPLE STRUDEL FRUIT JUICE MILK	19 BREAKFAST EGG ROLLS FRUIT JUICE MILK	20 BACON, EGG & CHEESE HASHBROWN TOAST PB & J JUICE MILK
23 CHEESE OMELET MUFFIN FRUIT JUICE MILK	24 PANCAKES SAUSAGE PATTY JUICE MILK	25 CEREAL YOGURT FRUIT JUICE MILK	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 BISMARCK CHEESE STICK FRUIT JUICE MILK				

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LUNCH

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 TACHOS LET/TOM/CHEESE BLACK BEAN SALAD FRUIT MILK BREAD	**3** CHICKEN PATTY/BUN SW. POT. FRIES GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK PICKLES, MAYO,KETCHUP	**4** PIZZA ROMAINE LETTUCE TOM/CUCS FRUIT BREAD MILK	**5** BBQ PULLED PORK ON A BUN SUNCHIPS COLE SLAW FRUIT MILK	**6** UNCRUSTABLES CARROTS/RANCH APPLE SLICES/PB CHEESE STICK MILK END OF 1ST QUARTER DISMISS AT 12:30
9 CHICKEN NUGGETS MAC & CHEESE BROC. & CAULI. WATERMELON BREAD MILK	**10** RIB-A-QUE/BUN BBQ SAUCE FRIES CORN FRUIT MILK	**11** MEATLOAF CHEESY POTATOES GREEN BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES DINNER ROLL MILK VETERANS DAY	**12** SPAGHETTI HOTDISH PEAS FRUIT BREAD/PB MILK	**13** NO SCHOOL
16 CHICKEN ALFREDO GARLIC TOAST LETTUCE SALAD FRUIT MILK	**17** HAMBURGER/BUN FRIES COLE SLAW FRUIT MILK FALL SPORTS BANQUET	**18** GARLIC CHEESE BREAD SPAGHETTI SAUCE CARROTS & CELERY FRUIT MILK	**19** HOT DOG/BUN SOUR KRAUT HASHBROWNS PEAS FRUIT MILK	**20** SHREDDED CHICKEN TACO AND FIXINS CORN FRUIT MILK
23 SLOPPY JOES/BUN FRIES GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK PICKLES,KETCHUP	**24** CHICKEN DRUMSTICK MASHED POTATOES GRAVY CORN FRUIT DINNER ROLL	**25** CORN DOGS CHEESE SLICE BAKED BEANS FRESH VEGETABLES FRUIT BREAD MILK	**26** HAPPY THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL	**27** NO SCHOOL
30 PIZZA HOTDISH GARLIC TOAST PEAS FRUIT MILK				

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North Valley Career Expo

By: Jaxon Castle

Juniors and seniors will be attending the career fair on November 17th in Thief River Falls at the Northland Community and Technical College. They will be able to explore career options at this workshop, such as an Auto Body Technician, Aerospace, Business & Accounting, and many more. They will also be able to do hands-on activities.



Badger School Book Fair

By: Charles Peterson



The Book Fair will be held on December 8-12.

The book fair will be open after the Elementary Winter Concert on Friday, December 11, until 4pm. It will also be open Saturday, December 12, during the "Home for the Holidays" event. Students can attend the book fair before and after school until 4pm, as well as during their regularly scheduled library times.

ECFE

By: Jaxon Castle

November 10th - Community Helpers

November 17th - Nocturnal Animals/Hibernation

November 24th - Thanksgiving Feast- make bread in a bag

Bake With Me - bring your own apron

December 8th - Winter Cookies and Crafts





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Choir Musician of the Month

Submitted by Mrs. Carpenter ~ Badger School Choir Director

Delyla Carpenter



The November Choir Musician of the Month is Delyla Carpenter. Delyla is a 9th grade student at Badger School. She has been in choir for 3 years, since the 7th grade, and has always been a 1st soprano in the choir. The genre or style of music that gives her the most enjoyment to perform is classical style music and music in other languages because they are more challenging. When asked what she enjoys most about singing in choir, she replied "I enjoy being able to express myself through my voice." Her advice to other choir members to help them to be more successful in choir is to "bring a good mindset with you everyday to choir". Delyla's favorite choir memory was the music revue last year, "Live from the Living Room". She said it was a lot of fun! She is looking forward to performing at solo contests this year on November 18, at Kittson Central.



Band Musician of the Month

By: Charles Peterson



MacKenzie VonEnde



Eleventh-grader, MacKenzie VonEnde, plays trumpet in the high school band; she said she chose it because her Uncle Jedd played it and she wanted to play the melody. When asked what she would choose if she changed instruments, she said she would choose the drums because she likes the bass drum, and she can also rock on the set. She said her favorite song to play is "Iron Man." When asked what theme she would choose for the Music Revue, she said she'd choose a Disney theme because she believes a lot can be done with it. Her most memorable band moment is yapping to Grant every day. Some advice she would give to younger musicians is that it can be intimidating when you're young, but it can be a lot of fun. Her inspiration to join band was her sister, because she was really good at playing the saxophone.

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Campus Comment

By: Asher Clark

If you were a plant, what would you be and why?

7th grade Owen Olson: I would be a cucumber; cucumbers are cool. I am cool like a cucumber.

8th grade Tanner McClure: Cactus, because I'm tough on the outside and soft on the inside.

9th grade Rogan Hanson: Tree, because I would be able to live long and be very tall. And also it would give more shade to Animals.

10th grade Grant Olson: Tree, because trees are cool, and they just sit there, and I can provide shelter to animals.

11th grade Shaina Gust: Wild lady slipper; lady slippers are very rare, like my personality; the pink ones are my favorite.

12th grade Avearah Hanson: I would be a dandelion because it is very resilient and travels far in the wind. A dandelion transforms through many distinct life changes. It starts as a small bud, blooms into a bright yellow flower, then later transforms into a white puffball. It reflects how people grow, change, and move through different chapters of life.



Tanner McClure, Owen Olson, Avearah Hanson, Shaina Gust, Rogan Hanson, Grant Olson

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By: Makayla McClure

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Target Team/Red Ribbon Week

By: Ty Rud

Dress-Up Week:

Monday: Manic Monday/Crazy-Mix-Match Day - Don't Do Drugs – They Will Make You Crazy

Tuesday: Jersey/Sports Day – Team Up Against Drugs

Wednesday: Wear Red/Capes – Be a Hero & Stay Drug Free

Thursday: Career Day – Don't Let Drugs Ruin Your Future

Friday: Halloween Costumes – Don't Be Scared To Say No To Drugs.

Monday: Ribbons on Lockers (Monday @ 8am)

Wednesday: Sidewalk Chalk Drug-Free Messages @ 7:30am (weather permitting)

Friday: Pep Fest at 2:20pm and Kahoot in Mr. Chalupnik's Classroom.

Badger Students Visit the Fire Station

By: Addison Olson

Preschool and Kindergarten walked to the Badger Fire Hall on October 8th to learn about fire safety. The were able to wear the safety gear, and run the hose with help from our volunteer firemen.





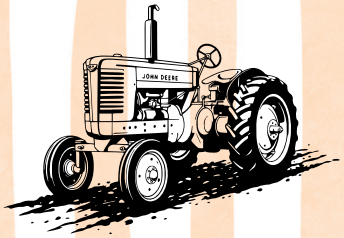


Katelyn Gust and Kylee Gust posing by the CO-OP E3, their peers restored and they raffled.

Badger High School Tractor Club

By: Katelyn Gust

The members of Badger High School's Tractor Club, Katelyn Gust and Kylee Gust, sold raffle tickets for a chance to win a CO-OP E3 tractor. The drawing for the winner was held on October 8th. The winner of the tractor was Michael Green. Congratulations!





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Smokey the Bear Visits Kindergarten

By: Ashlyn Johnson

On Monday, October 6th, a special visitor came to the Kindergarten room to talk about fire safety, wildfire prevention, and protecting nature. With his iconic ranger hat, blue jeans, and trusty shovel, Smokey delivers a powerful message that empowers kids to become environmental stewards.



Kolter Forst giving Smokey the Bear a hug



Bellamy Sehlstrom giving Smokey the Bear a High-Five





Back row: Bellamy Sehlstrom, Alana Nick, Kaycee Schram, Hannah Hinrichs, Smokey the Bear, Daxton Zimney, Kolter Forst, Lauren Daignault, Shawn Olson

Front row: Eli Mock, Hudson Olson, Lily Larson, Cloe Langaas, Ardyn Borreson, Nicholas Nepstad, Freya Rivard

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New Office Staff

By: Ty Rud

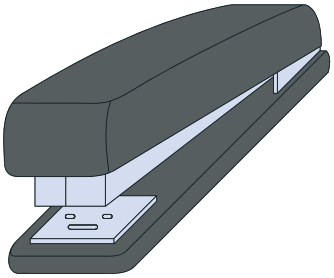
Alisha Evans



Alisha is the Office Administration Assistant. She has worked at Badger School since late August. She wanted to work here because she has always enjoyed the school setting and atmosphere, and Badger School has a strong reputation as a workplace. Before coming to Badger, she worked at Greenbush Ace Hardware. Her favorite thing about working at a school is the nice hours and getting to see her kids throughout the day. Something students might not know about her job is that there are so many different parts to her job. What a typical day looks like for her is that she gets to the school at 7 a.m., then takes care of the morning chaos when students arrive. She works on daily tasks before and after lunch, and then her school day ends at 3:30. After school, she takes her kids to their activities; they work on homework, have supper, and then she hangs out with her kids and husband. Her favorite part about her job is the people she works with and having her kids and husband in the same building. Her main responsibilities in the office are taking attendance, relaying messages between parents and students, and helping admin with whatever tasks need to be done. The busiest time of the school year for her is the beginning and end of the school year. The most challenging part of her job is remembering all the students' names. One thing she wishes students knew about the office is that she tries to make it a welcoming space. Something she has learned since starting her new position is that every new day can be vastly different from the day before. She hopes to make the office workflow seamless and to make the office a welcoming, safe space for everyone. Her first impression of Badger School is that everybody is very nice. What she likes most about our school community is the camaraderie. What surprised her the most since starting is how fast sickness can strike in the first couple of weeks.

One thing she would like to contribute to Badger School is an organized and supportive office space. She thinks what makes Badger School special is that it is a small school where everyone knows everyone. Her favorite food is Mel's pistachio dessert. Her favorite movie/tv show is Top Gun. The kind of music she likes is country, rock, rap, and 2000s. Her favorite hobby outside of work is golfing and spending time with her family. If she wasn't working in a school, her dream job would be a work-from-home job that allows her to spend time with her family. Something on her bucket list is to visit Fred W. Symmes Chapel (The Pretty Place) in Cleveland, SC, with her family. One thing she can't live without is cherry chapstick. Something she is looking forward to this school year is getting comfortable in her new role and getting to know all the staff and students. Advice she would give students who go into the office is to be kind. Ask for help when you need it. Don't be afraid to make mistakes; work hard, but remember a grade will never define who you are. One thing she hopes students remember about her is that you can always count on her to be a listening ear and that she'd always have a welcoming and safe office space for them if they need it. Three words she would use to describe herself are punctual, kind, and dependable.





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New Office Staff

By: Ty Rud

Kassi Tillberg



Kassi is our new Business Manager. She has been working at Badger School since September 28th. She chose to work at our school because she enjoys our culture and being part of a team where students are known, not just taught. Before coming to Badger, she worked at U.S. Bank. Her favorite thing about working at a school is knowing that what he does behind the scenes shows up in the classroom. When a teacher gets the supplies they need to teach or pictures of the amazing field trips our students get to learn from, she gets to see the payoff in students' faces. She doesn't always get to see every student daily, but she loves being part of the team that makes their day possible. Something students might not know about her job is how much of the school day runs through her office. She's the one making sure the lights stay on, the gas in the buses is paid for, and the teachers and staff are paid. She also spends a lot of time with spreadsheets and budgets. What a typical day looks like for her is that most of her day right now is learning, just like the students. Since she is new, she needs to learn everything she needs to know to do her job correctly the first time. Her favorite part of her job is getting to see all of the smiling faces each day. Her main responsibilities in the office are to make sure the school's money is used well so teachers and students have what they need. That means building and managing the budget, paying bills and staff, and keeping our financial records accurate and transparent. She also handles purchasing and works with vendors. The busiest time of the school year for her is the end of the school year, when we close out the budget for the year and get ready for our annual audit. One of the most challenging parts of her job is all of the systems and programs she has to learn and making sure she doesn't mess up along the way. One thing she wishes students knew about the office is that the office is a place to come for help, not a place you only go when you're in trouble. Behind the scenes, we're all rooting for you to do your very best. What she is hoping to accomplish in her new role is she would like to reduce some paper trails and bring in some digital flows for processes. Her first impression of Badger School was that the school is such a warm and welcoming place. What she likes most about our school community is that we have so many students who go above and beyond to make their peers feel included, and it shows. Our staff is no different. Each and every day, they come to work and treat the students and their peers with the utmost respect, and I commend them for everything they do. What surprised her the most since starting here was how busy the office is. In her first week, she could not believe how many people came in and out of the office during the day. One thing she would like to contribute to Badger School is joining the already established Boost Up Crew because she'd like to help create more positivity, whether that's a small surprise for teachers, a shout-out for a student, or just making sure everyone feels noticed. Good days at school add up, and she'd like to be part of making more of them. What she thinks makes Badger School special is seeing how much heart goes into the little things every day, and that's what makes Badger feel like more than a school. Her favorite food is fried pickles or a medium-rare steak. Her favorite movie or TV show is Fried Green Tomatoes or Some Kind of Wonderful, and her TV show is Friends or Heartland. The kind of music she likes to listen to is primarily country or pop since they basically blend now. She really enjoys true country music. Her favorite hobbies outside of school are reading, doing art of all kinds (she basically has a craft store in her house), going camping in the forest, riding a ranger, and collecting plants and Legos. If she wasn't working in a school, her dream job would be to go to school for interior design. Something on her bucket list is to visit Flathead Lake in Montana. One thing she can't live without is her husband, Zach, and her fur babies, Rowdy and Indy. A fun fact about herself is that she can walk out of a room, someone can move something, and when she comes back in, she can tell you exactly what was moved and put it back exactly where it was. Something she is looking forward to this school year is getting to learn more about everyone at the school. Advice she would give students who go into the office is to be honest, even if you made a mistake, because it's almost always easier to fix than you think. One thing she hopes students remember about her is that she was glad to see them. Three words she would use to describe herself are dependable, organized, and curious. What she wants students and the Badger community to know about her is that she is proud to be part of Badger School. She may not be in a classroom, but she cares about every student here, and she's always happy to help. If you see her in the hall, say hi.





Superintendent News

Submitted by: Mr. Carpenter



Happy November!

We are almost at the end of Quarter 1 at Badger School. As we approach the end of the quarter, it's a good time to check in on your student's progress. Parents can go to https://badger.onlinejmc.com/Parent to check their students' grades on the online JMC Gradebook. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to teachers if there are any questions about their students' progress. Please contact the school office at 218-528-3201 if you need any assistance with logging in.

As the weather changes from fall to winter, it's a good time to remind students to bring warm jackets, boots, hats, and gloves to school for recess. Students should also have jackets when they ride the bus to keep warm. Families in need of assistance finding warm winter gear can contact the school office to find assistance in locating these essential items.

The Badger Target Team sponsored activities during Red Ribbon Week (October 26-30). This year's theme is "Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free." The origin of the Red Ribbon Campaign traces back to 1985, following the tragic murder of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. This initiative, initiated by the National Family Partnership, symbolizes a commitment to raising awareness about the devastating impact of drugs in America.

Badger School will hold a Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Badger School Gymnasium. The program will feature performances from the Badger Concert Band and Concert Choir, student speakers, and presentation honoring our Veterans. The program is open to the community and all are welcome to attend.

There will be no school on Friday, November 13, 2026.

This year, American Education Week will be observed November 16-20. Badger School will recognize the teachers, paraprofessionals, office staff, food service personnel, maintenance staff, bus drivers, students, and community members who work together to make our school the place "where every student belongs." The Badger Education Association will organize activities throughout the week to celebrate our school.

There will be no school on Thursday, November 26, 2026, and Friday, November 27, 2026, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to inform the reader about the upcoming Minnesota Constitutional Amendment that will be on the ballot for the November 2026 elections. All Minnesotans can vote to pass a constitutional amendment modernizing how Minnesota's Permanent School Fund supports students, schools, and communities – WITHOUT raising existing taxes or costing Minnesotans more money. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Information on your voting location can be found online at: pollfinder.sos.mn.gov

As always, your ideas, suggestions, and feedback are welcome! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Daniel Carpenter, Superintendent & K-12 Principal

The Badger Barker

Manufacturing Essay

By: Charles Peterson



This year's essay topic was about how local schools and manufacturers could help students understand the work manufacturers do in Northwest Minnesota. Our winner this year is Senior, Kylee Gust. A breakfast will be held on October 29th honoring all; the winners and the prize for winning the essay is $500.

Pre-K visit Klasen's Pumpkin Patch

By: Addison Olson

Preschool went on a field trip to Klasen's Pumpkin Patch on October 1st! It was a beautiful day to explore and enjoy the fall sun!





ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 2026

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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

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Let your child see you reading often for all kinds of reasons

Your child is always watching and learning from you—even when it doesn't seem like it. So when you demonstrate the many reasons reading is useful in your life, your child learns it is a skill worth having.



To help your elementary schooler develop the reading habit, read often yourself and discuss why you are doing it. Show that reading helps you:

- **Relax and have a good time.** Say that reading is entertaining, and not just something for school or work.
- **Figure things out.** Explain that you are reading a manual to find out how to program the new coffee maker, or a weather report to decide what to wear. Show your child how you read a recipe to make sure you have the ingredients you need before you start cooking.
- **Learn new things.** Say, "I'm trying to learn more about AI because we want to use it at work. This article explains how other businesses use it."
- **Take boredom out of waiting.** Bring something to read everywhere you go. Ignore TV screens in waiting rooms and pull out your reading. Play audiobooks on long car trips.
- **Enrich conversations** and relationships. When you read something interesting, read a tidbit aloud. Share an article your child might like.

Address behavior with three Ps

When it comes to behavior problems, many families wait until *after* their child misbehaves to take action. But preventing problem behavior in the first place is much more effective. Here is a three-step system for doing it:

1. **Predict.** Think about a behavior you would like to change. Perhaps your child usually takes so long to get out of bed and get ready that mornings are hectic. Is your child tired in the morning from staying up too late at night? An earlier bedtime could change that. Is your child taking too much time trying to get organized for school? Packing up the night before is the answer.
2. **Prepare.** Since you can predict the behavior, you can also think of ways to prevent it. Instead of waiting until your child dawdles down to breakfast, brainstorm about ways to avoid the late start.
3. **Practice.** Help your child practice the prevention strategies until they are routine. Then, offer praise for getting ready on time!

Don't hesitate—engage!

Each child is unique. But *all* families can participate in their children's education in beneficial ways. Dive in and engage:

- **At home.** Talk with your child every day about school. Encourage daily reading. Try new things together.
- **At school.** Attend events for families. Ask teachers how you can support your child's learning. If needed, ask for an interpreter or translated documents.
- **In the community.** Meet other families. Share ideas for helping the school meet needs.

Make it easy to recall rules

Creating catchy phrases that link rules with their consequences can help your child remember them. For example:

- **Leave it out and you go without.** Belongings not put away properly go into time-out for a week.
- **Play nice or think twice.** Fighting siblings will have to take a time out to think about their actions.

Help your child step up

How should you respond when grades are disappointing? Stay calm, and set your child up to make improvements. Here's how:

1. **Ask questions** about grades, such as: *Do you think they reflect your work? Do you understand the lessons? What could you do differently?*
2. **Consult the teacher.** Is your child having issues in class? What resources are available for help?
3. **Offer support.** Suggest ways to find help or look for answers instead of giving up.



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Q&A How do I stop a weight issue from being a school issue?

Q: My child is quite overweight. We are working with a doctor, and are improving our diet at home. But my child has almost no friends at school and doesn't want to go. What can I do?



A: More than one-third of children in the U.S. are overweight. And unfortunately, many have problems in school. Studies show that weight-based bullying is more common than other types of bullying. Many children don't speak up in class because they fear being made fun of. They are also more likely to spend time by themselves in less active pursuits.

To help turn things around for your child:

- **Affirm all the positive reasons** your child is a person of value.
- **Tell the teacher** what your child is going through. The teacher can watch for teasing and may have ideas about other ways to help.
- **Emphasize health** rather than a number on the scale. Focus on establishing habits that help your child feel healthy and strong.
- **Follow the doctor's guidelines.** But avoid turning into the "food police" for your child. Make healthy diet changes for the whole family.
- **Make fitness a family priority.** Plan active weekend activities like hiking or kicking a ball around.

Parent Quiz Are you modeling attentive listening?

Listening is an important learning skill. Your child will need to listen to absorb new information and to communicate effectively. Are you teaching your child to listen by example? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

1. **Do you pay** undivided attention when your child is talking to you? If you're busy, do you say when you will be able to listen?
2. **Do you allow** your child time to put thoughts into words and continue to listen patiently?
3. **Do you let** your child finish speaking without interrupting, and ask your child not to interrupt you, either?
4. **Do you restate** what your child says to confirm understanding?
5. **Do you "listen"** to your child's behavior? A child who is acting up is communicating a need.

How well are you doing?

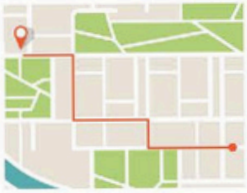
More yes *answers mean you are helping your child sharpen listening skills. For each* no, *try that idea.*

"When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But when you listen, you may learn something new."
—The Dalai Lama

Put geography on the map

Help your child celebrate Geography Awareness Week (November 16-20) with these learning activities:

- **Locate places** in the news on a world map. Together, learn some facts about the locations and the people who live there.
- **Explore local geography.** Help your child find out why your town is located where it is, and what connects it to the rest of the world (roads, rail, rivers, etc.).
- **Make maps.** Have your child map the route from home to school, a store or a friend's house. Then, follow the maps.



Ask questions when math problems get sticky

When your elementary schooler is stuck on a math problem, asking questions can help your child think it through. You can ask:

- *What do the directions say?*
- *What words don't you understand?*
- *What do you already know that can help?*
- *Would it help to draw a diagram?*
- *Can you find an explanation in your book?*

Encourage deeper thinking

Your elementary schooler will be expected to think, evaluate and reason in all grades. To develop these skills, ask your child to:

- **Identify patterns.** What does your child see in that spider web, for example?
- **Evaluate performance.** Ask, "What did you do well? What would you change next time?"
- **Explain reasoning.** Why did your child take a particular action?
- **Look for different ways** to solve a problem.

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Home for the HOLIDAYS

Badger FCCLA will be hosting the Annual Home for the Holidays vendor show at the Badger School from 9am-1pm

12 DEC | 9AM - 1PM

Badger's Home for the Holidays is the perfect opportunity to showcase your products, connect with the community, and make new business connections. It's a great chance to get back out and sell to familiar faces, meet new ones, or even introduce your new business to the community!

Contact: Jandi VonEnde 218.242.7769
Set Up Time: 7am - 9am
Sale: 9am - 1pm
Santa from 9:30am - 1pm

Use the QR code to register your booth.



Saturday, December 12

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