

# THE SPARTAN SENTINEL

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Rosendale-Brandon School District Newsletter

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## Wisconsin Day

Submitted by Leah Challoner



Mrs. Challoner's and Ms. Last's kindergarten classes at Rosendale Primary sport their red and white for Wisconsin Day!

## Class of 2023 Fundraiser!

Submitted by the Freshman Class Lead Adviser Kaytie Storms

The annual Laconia Freshman Fundraiser is upon us! This fundraiser has been a successful tradition at Laconia High School for a number of years; however, our students need your support. This year students are working with Club's Choice to sell cookie dough and gift items (at the perfect time to help you with holiday gifts!). The sale runs from October 28 - November 11. This fundraiser is the **only opportunity** for freshmen to raise money for many important events and costs throughout their high school years. **The fundraiser goal is 12 orders per student.**

### Estimated Costs for the Class of 2023

- Homecoming supplies for sophomore, junior, and senior years: approx \$50 per year; \$150
- Junior Prom: Avg. \$2,000
- Senior Class Trip: \$1,000-\$2,250 (depending on location)
- Senior Homecoming Dance: \$600\*
- Graduation (Flowers/Media): \$450-600\*
- Senior Banquet: \$600-2,000\*
- **TOTAL: \$7,600**

*\*Should be able to pay for these with profits from Prom Ticket Sales (avg. \$3,000).*

As a parent, I understand that the amount of fundraising our kids have to do for sports and clubs has become overwhelming. If you would prefer to support a student with a monetary donation in lieu of (or in addition to) placing an order, please feel free to do so. We want our students to have as many great experiences as possible, and unfortunately, those experiences come with a cost.

Any leftover monies post-graduation, per Policy 376.1, will be deposited into one of the following accounts via class vote:

1. Alumni Scholarship Fund
2. Laconia Student Council
3. Class Reunion Fund

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Storms (storkat@rbsd.k12.wi.us or 872-5467). **Thank you for your support!**

## Another First Day

Submitted by Superintendent Wayne Weber



Another school year has started, and this year marks my forty-third first day of school. That's a lot of first days, but I face the start of school with the same enthusiasm I did when I was in elementary school. My excitement is because students are returning to our buildings and one can't help but feel invigorated by the energy and promise of children.

I have had a number of conversations over the years with other adults who fret about how kids today behave and their lack of work ethic. The first thing that comes to mind is that our adult minds have a way of glorifying our own childhood. The second thing that comes to mind is these adults have to spend more time with kids. Spend a significant amount of time with children and you can't help but see that children today have a lot to teach us. Here are just a few things I was reminded of when visiting with our students the past couple weeks:

- Dream big
- Be honest
- Use your imagination
- Find joy in simple things
- Be curious
- See everyone as special
- Be accepting

And probably the most important - Every day is a new day. These things that we can see in today's children are the same things that adults could see in us when we were children. Somewhere along the way to adulthood, we lose our focus on these things. That's why I love spending time with kids. It keeps my world, and my work, in perspective.

There's a quote on the wall of my office that reads, "Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs: The future can be better than the present, and I have the power to make it so." That quote reminds me to maintain the optimism I witness in our youth each day. It's also a belief I hope we are able to instill in our children.

## We Have Rakers, We Need Takers

Submitted by Jenny Pils

Laconia High School students would like to thank the communities that have generously supported our students and programs over the years by sponsoring a fall cleanup event. The fall cleanup and raking event will be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 2019, from 1:00-3:15**, with a **rain date of Wednesday, October 30, 2019, from 1:00-3:15**. We are looking for people in the communities of Eldorado and Rosendale who need assistance with cleaning up autumn debris from their properties. We are focusing on the Rosendale and Eldorado communities due to the well-established fall raking event that Brandon School has participated in for many years, and do not want to interfere with the tradition.

We are in need of the following:

1. Raking locations.
2. Permission from the person(s) being recommended for free student labor, to ensure that our presence on the property is welcome.
2. A list of the specific labor needs for each location (raking, brush pickup, etc.)
3. Adults who can help supervise the student rakers on **Wednesday, October 3, from 1:00-3:15**, and on the rain date of October 30, if needed.

**Please submit your requests and recommendations to Jenny Pils by Wednesday, October 16, 2019.** Any requests for help that are **received AFTER October 16 will not be able to be filled.**

**Please submit your requests and recommendations to Jenny Pils at:**

pilsjen@rbsd.k12.wi.us

OR

Jenny Pils

Laconia High School

301 W. Division Street

Rosendale, WI 54974 920-872-2161 ext. 5357



# Counselor’s Corner

Submitted by Laconia High School Counselor Molly Serum

The year is off and running. Here in the counseling office, it has been busy! September brought the Wisconsin Education Fair that nearly all juniors attended and we hosted our annual Financial Aid Information Night. Looking back to August, our Freshman Transition Program was a success, with over 94% of freshmen attending one of three offered meeting dates. We are happy to have had such a large turnout and are excited to continue supporting our freshmen through their transition process this year. As we near November, information regarding junior planning and senior meetings will be sent out via mail and email, as well as listed in the next issue of the Spartan Sentinel.



Looking Ahead!

**Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences:** Conferences are scheduled at the high school for Monday, October 7th, 4:00-7:30 pm. Regardless of how your student is performing in school, conferences are an important part of the educational process. No appointments are necessary at the high school; just come when it’s convenient for you and meet with your child’s teachers, usually in their classrooms.

**PSAT/NMSQT:** Laconia High School will offer the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 16th to interested juniors and sophomores. Juniors who take the test become eligible to qualify for National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions. While sophomores aren’t eligible for consideration for the scholarship, the main benefit to them is to get a head start on improving academic skills needed for college. It also serves as a valuable tool to assist students and parents with early college preparation and planning. The test fee for this exam is \$17 and is paid for by the student in either cash or check (preferred), made out to Laconia High School. Juniors who qualify for free/reduced lunch may receive a fee waiver. A limited number are available.

**College Rep Visits:** College reps will be visiting Laconia throughout the month of October and will meet with interested students. Please see the current list for October below. Students will be notified of the visits via school announcements, e-mail and Google Classroom.

- Michigan Technological University:** October 8th, 3rd hour
- The Marines:** October 8th, 5th hour
- Northern Michigan University:** October 8th, 6th hour
- The Navy:** October 10th, 5th hour
- Moraine Park Technical College:** October 17th, 4th hour
- Marian University:** October 22nd, 3rd hour

**Senior Scholarships:** All scholarship information is posted on Google Classroom, which all seniors have access to. Seniors should be in the habit of checking it periodically for new updates. Applying for scholarships during the senior year is a part-time job that will pay off!

Please contact Molly Serum at 872-5302 or serumol@rbsd.k12.wi.us for more information about any of the above events.



The room is set for incoming freshmen to learn all about high school at the Freshman Transition Program held in mid August.

THE ROSENDALE-BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IS GRATEFUL FOR SUPPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Enie Halfman / Tom Halfman Memorial Inc's donation of \$650 for Physics Trip to Great America

Ammie Wachdorf-Henning's donation of \$25 for Summer School Program

Bluemke's Spirit Pump donation of \$339 to purchase sensory tools for Ms. Boardman's classroom, \$423 for Laconia FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and \$404 for Laconia SMART Team

Rosendale Lions Club donation of \$250 for Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program

Ross and Roxanne Tarnow's donation of \$100 for Rosendale Primary School Playground

Eldorado Community Picnic's donation f of \$200 for Band Department and \$400 for Laconia Dance Team

Suzy Morgen's donation of \$42.50 for Laconia Special Education Department



## October Menu

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| Tues, Oct 1   | Chicken Strips, Dipping Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Veggie Tray, Mandarin Oranges                   |
| Wed, Oct 2    | Hot Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Sliced Cucumbers, Peaches   |
| Thurs, Oct 3  | Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Smiley Fries, Cold Bean Medley, Pineapple                             |
| Fri, Oct 4    | Diced Chicken & Dressing Supreme, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Green, Salad , Fruit Cocktail         |
| Mon, Oct 7    | Taco, Shredded Lettuce, Refried Beans, Fresh Cauliflower, Applesauce                             |
| Tues, Oct 8   | Pork Rib on A Bun, Sliced Cucumbers, Oven Fries, Pears   |
| Wed, Oct 9    | Cheese Quesadilla, Fiesta Rice Bowl, Tossed Salad, Fresh Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges              |
| Thurs, Oct 10 | Pizza Burger on Bun, Spinach Salad, Steamed Carrots, Peaches                                     |
| Fri, Oct 11   | Chicken Patty on a Bun, Whole Kernel Corn, Potato Salad, Pineapple                               |
| Mon, Oct 14   | Cheeseburger on Bun, Tator Tots, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Celery Sticks, Fruit Cocktail                 |
| Tues, Oct 15  | Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Spinach Salad, Granola Bar, Applesauce                              |
| Wed, Oct 16   | Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Garlic Toast, Pears   |
| Thurs, Oct 17 | Fish Sticks, Fish Sandwich (HS), Oven Fries, Fresh Broccoli , Mandarin Oranges                   |
| Fri, Oct 18   | NO SCHOOL  |
| Mon, Oct 21   | Pizza Dipper, Marinara Sauce, Spinach Salad, Baby Carrots, Pineapple                             |
| Tues, Oct 22  | Beef & Bean Nacho, Cheese Sauce, Mixed Greens Salad, Steamed, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail           |
| Wed, Oct 23   | Sliced Turkey Wrap, Romaine & Cheese Mix, Sun Chips, Black Bean Salsa, Celery Sticks, Applesauce |
| Thurs, Oct 24 | Chili, Shredded Cheese, Baked Potato, Fresh Veggie Tray, Crackers, Pears                         |
| Fri, Oct 25   | Chicken Nuggets, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Carrots, Cole Slaw, Mandarin Oranges                        |
| Mon, Oct 28   | Swed-ish Meatballs, Pasta, Corn Casserole, Sliced Cucumbers, Peaches                             |
| Tues, Oct 29  | Pizza, Tossed Greens Salad, Green Beans, Whole Grain Bread, Pineapple                            |
| Wed, Oct 30   | Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrown Potatoes, Fruit Juice, Donut                        |
| Thurs, Oct 31 | Spooktacular Chicken Nuggets, Freaky Fries, Carrot Fingers, Grapes Brains, Jack-O-Lantern Junk   |

# How Puzzling is Rhetorical Analysis?

Submitted by Laconia English Teacher Kaytie Storms

AP Language and Composition students were given the task to work together to solve a puzzle. Simple enough!

After each group solved their puzzle, they were asked to write down exactly how they put the puzzle together. Their instructions included things like “find the ends”, “put the edges together first and fill in the rest.” This posed a problem when they were told to flip the pieces over, mix them up, and then rotate to the next puzzle, following only the group’s written directions to put it together — upside down!

Just like putting together a puzzle, when analyzing a work, we can’t just say “they put it together” by saying the author used diction, syntax, or ethos pathos and logos.



Gwyn Bauer, Sophie Bergelin, Jayda Janeczko and Lauren Reilly.

We have to be specific by analyzing HOW pieces fit together and WHY. There are multiple elements that we take into consideration— memory and prior knowledge; understanding the “big picture” (subject and purpose) before getting started; and building one idea off of another (organization).

In AP Language and Composition, we focus on the “HOW” and “WHY” of texts. This can be difficult sometimes, and even more difficult to explain in words other than “The author uses diction” Through this activity, students learned exactly that!

AP classes can be tough, but that doesn’t mean they can’t be fun!



Myles Hensel, Katherine Schommer, Rachel Thompson and Monica Lalor.



Ben Swayze, George Wager, Conner Pollock and Sierra Bohlman.



Kylie Lichtenwald, Isaac Leonard, Avry Henning and Harmony Snellenberger.

## Rosendale-Brandon School District EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### LUNCH SERVER

The Rosendale-Brandon School District Food Service is accepting applications for a Lunch Server, hours are 10:45 am to 1:15 pm at Laconia High School. Duties include food prep, serving, computer scanning and general kitchen duties. Interested parties should send letter of interest, and completed District application (online at [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us)) to Andrea Schneider, District Food Service Manager, 301 Division St. Rosendale WI, 54974. Position remains open until filled.

### PARTTIME GROUNDSKEEPER

Rosendale-Brandon School District is accepting applications for a part-time Groundskeeper position. This position includes preparing ball diamonds, cutting grass and general grounds upkeep tasks including routine maintenance of grounds keeping equipment. Must be at least 16 years old, detail-oriented and able to work independently. The wage range for this position is \$7.25-\$10.17 per hour based on ability and experience. Letter of interest and completed District application should be submitted to Human Resources, Administration Office, 300 Wisconsin Street, Rosendale, WI 54974. Applications can be obtained from [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us) or at the Administration Office. Position remains open until filled.

### VAN DRIVER

Rosendale-Brandon School District is currently accepting applications for Van Drivers. Hours for this position vary from 1-5 hours per day depending on the assigned route. Applicants must have a valid driver’s license and be available to transport students by school van in the morning before school starts, and/or during the afternoon, and/or at the end of school day. Interested parties may obtain an application from any of the school offices or on the district website, [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us). Please send completed application, letter of interest, and resume to Jeff Thomas, Laconia High School, 301 W Division St., Rosendale, WI 54974. Position remains open until filled.

### SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS

The Rosendale-Brandon School District is accepting applications for substitute custodian help. Shifts will vary depending on need and applicants must be able to lift 50lbs. Starting wage is \$11.07/hr. A letter of interest and completed application should be submitted to Wayne Weber, Administration Office, 300 Wisconsin Street, Rosendale, WI 54974. Applications can be obtained from [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us) or at the Administration Office. Positions remain open until filled.

# New RBSD Staff

## Danica Riedeman

Hello! My name is Danica Riedeman and I am excited to join the Rosendale-Brandon school district as a Student Success Coordinator! I am thankful for the opportunity to share my skills in the same school district that I grew up and attended school in. I graduated from Laconia High School in 2010 and attended college at Marian University. I graduated college in 2014 with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and have gained much experience working with children and families since. I will be working on getting my master's degree in school counseling through Concordia University starting this year. I live in Brandon with my husband, two children, and our dog Winnie.



My background is largely in case management with children and families, and helping support and connect children and families to resources/services they need. I have experience working in the early intervention system, as well as experience as a preschool teacher and autism therapist.

I have always loved working with children and families. I love to see the potential that kids have and enjoy helping kids to reach their goals. Wrapping parents and families into a student's education is so important, as is considering all the systems involved in a child's life that influence their ability to learn. I look forward to providing support in this area and feel I have a strong skill-set to succeed in this new role.

I want to provide a positive support system to the students of the Rosendale-Brandon school district. I want to be a teacher that students feel they can talk to about the hard stuff and hope they feel welcome to talk with me anytime. I look forward to encouraging and supporting students, their families, and staff in the upcoming years!

## Adriana Last

Hello! I am Adriana Last the new Kindergarten teacher in Rosendale. I attended school in Rosendale from second grade until I graduated from Laconia in 2013. I recently moved to Brandon with my kitty, Lilo. My family is the most important part of my life. You will most likely see me out and about cheering on my brother and sister during their various sports seasons (they keep me very busy). I really enjoy expressing my creative side and sharing my creations with others.



Being the oldest of four siblings, I was naturally in the caregiver/teacher role. My freshman year of high school my brother started attending Rosendale Children's Center, and I volunteered every morning before school. My love for children and love of watching them learn continued to grow each day. It makes me so amazed when I am working with a child and watch them light up after grasping something that has been difficult for them before.

I attended Marian University in Fond du Lac and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. During my final semester at Marian, I student taught second grade in Fond du Lac and the other half of the time in Mrs. Challoner's Kindergarten class here in Rosendale. After graduation, I spent the remainder of the school year subbing 4K-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Rosendale-Brandon School District and loved every minute of it. Finally, after a year teaching 4K in Ripon, I am so happy to be back in the district that I call home.

My hope is to provide my students with a safe, welcoming, and positive environment in which they can express themselves openly and flourish. I also hope to provide each child with at least one lesson that impacts them enough to carry with them for an extended period of time. This is going to be a fun year and I am so excited to get it started!

## Molly Serum

Hello! My name is Molly Serum and I am so happy to be joining the Spartan Community as your new high school counselor. Originally, I am from the small, wonderful town of Gilmanton, WI, but recently moved into the area after completing my Masters in School Counseling. When I am not in the office, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, especially my nephew, Graham, who will be turning two this October. I love to read, learn new things, be active, and spend time outdoors.



I received my Bachelor's degree from Winona State University in Leadership and Advocacy, and later went back to Winona State to complete my Masters of Science in School Counseling.

When I began my Master's program, I was on the Clinical Mental Health track. I chose that path because I knew I wanted to help others and counseling felt like the perfect opportunity to do so. I began substitute teaching PreK-12th grade as a side job to work through my schooling, but quickly realized how much I enjoyed the hustle, bustle, and energy of the school setting. I loved working with students and knew that I needed to become a school counselor. From there, I switched my focus to prevention and the teaching of social and emotional learning skills. I feel so lucky that I get to work with so many amazing students, and am honored to be able to help them in being successful.

As your high school counselor, I hope that I can bring positivity and energy to the students at Laconia High School. It is my goal to assist you in reaching your goals, personal and academic, and to supply you with positive and effective coping skills for when things get tough. I want to be a support to students, parents, teachers and all staff. Please, feel free to reach out at any time. I am here for YOU! Thank you so much for having me; I can't wait to get the school year under way!

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## Robin O'Brien

My name is Robin O'Brien, and I am so excited to teach art at Brandon School and Rosendale Intermediate! I grew up in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, before I moved to the Midwest for college at the University of Notre Dame. I love everything about art, and my favorite color is green. My favorite books are the Harry Potter series, and my favorite movies are Jurassic Park and Ratatouille. I spend my free time drawing and painting, as well as playing with my cat, Piper, and new puppy, Archie. I cannot wait to meet my new students this fall, and I look forward to joining the Rosendale-Brandon community.



I studied Art Studio and Art History at the University of Notre Dame with a concentration in Drawing and Painting. As a college student, I completed several exciting mural projects - one project even took me overseas to paint a mural in Ireland during winter break! After graduation, I completed an internship with the Denver Art Museum's Learning and Engagement department which focused on youth engagement with museum exhibits and programs. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Denver Art Museum, but I desired a more direct role in positively impacting the lives of children through art education as a teacher. I moved to Wisconsin in 2016 and have since worked in Wisconsin public schools.

I always knew that I wanted to grow up to be an art teacher. I was very lucky to have several incredible art teachers when I was in high school. My experience as an AmeriCorps member in South Bend, Indiana during my time at Notre Dame, however, truly inspired me to pursue a career in education. I am very thankful to follow my calling and teach art this coming school year in the Rosendale-Brandon School District!

I will provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere in my classroom and promote art appreciation among my students. Students will have fun in art class, be eager to share their beautiful work with others, and feel a sense of accomplishment and confidence to carry with them to all other learning opportunities. It is my hope that when my students grow up, they will go on to share what they learned in school, along with their own unique gifts, with their families and communities.

## Blair Moon

Hello! My name is Blair Moon. I am excited to be joining the Rosendale-Brandon School District as the Brandon 4K teacher. I live in Ripon and spend my free time with my family, friends, boyfriend, and dog. Occasionally, you can catch me on stage performing with Fond du Lac Community Theatre or behind the scenes building sets!



I attended RBSD from R-BEL to senior year before going on to graduate from St. Norbert College. I became licensed for Early Childhood Education and went on to teach 4K in northern Wisconsin but wanted to move closer to home.

I was inspired to become a teacher when I realized what are children capable of. It is amazing to see what a student can do when given the right opportunities.

As a teacher in the Rosendale-Brandon School District, I hope to provide the students with a safe space to explore and create. I want to supply them with plenty of enthusiasm and guide them to a love of learning.

## Cindy Perkins

Hi there! My name is Cindy Perkins and teaching is an absolute passion of mine! I am so excited to be a part of the Rosendale-Brandon School District and I can't wait to meet my students, parents, and staff as well as those in our community. My boyfriend, Paul, and I love to camp, snowmobile, travel, and spend time with our families. I have four amazing grown children: Trisha (married to Aaron), Roland (married to Jess), Katrina (getting married to Matt), and Nickolas. I am also blessed with one adorable granddaughter, Hazel, who is going to be a big sister in November! Some of the things I love are reading, children, spending time with my family, hiking, cooking, football, Netflix, and the color purple.



I attended elementary school in Milwaukee, where I was born. During high school, I moved to West Bend where I attended and graduated from Slinger High School, in Slinger, WI. Five years ago I made the decision to go back to school to make my dream of being a teacher become a reality. I attended the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh to complete my college degree. I graduated this past December, Summa Cum Laude, with a bachelor's in Elementary Education, Grades 1-8, including a minor in Language Arts.

When I was 5 years old, "playing school" was my favorite game. I spent my summers "teaching" my friends and reading every book I could get my hands on. When I was in third grade, my teacher made learning fun and I wanted to be just like her. At the end of the year, when she gave me her unwanted "teacher" items, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher. It took me a while, but my life-long dream finally came true. I am inspired by those who motivated me to keep learning and reaching for my dreams and goals. Helping my students to love learning, grow both academically and emotionally, and be successful in all areas of their lives continues to inspire me to be the best teacher I can be.

It is my hope that by sharing my passion for learning with my students, they will develop a desire and be inspired to become life-long learners. It is my mission to help every student be successful by providing a caring, safe, respectful and kind environment built on relationships and community. My wish is for all my students to meet the goals and expectations that I know they are capable of. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with amazing students!!

# Box Tops Are Changing

Submitted by Library Media Specialist Sue Fellerer

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school! Brandon School has participated in a variety of programs that allowed our school to earn a little extra money for special activities and Box Tops for Education is one of them. Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt.



The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school’s earnings online.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can “double dip” during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.


Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!



## BUY

### BOX TOPS PRODUCTS


**Look for the logo.** You can find it on hundreds of products you know and love.



## SCAN

### YOUR RECEIPT USING THE APP

**No more clipping.** Tap the scan button and snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



## EARN

### CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

**It's that easy!** Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

# Art Off to a Sweet Start

Submitted by LHS Art Teacher Betsy Anderson

We are off to a sweet start! Art Survey students are working on their first Art project, The Elements of Art Poster. Students create a poster illustrating the seven elements of art. The elements of art are line, shape, space, value, form, texture, and color. These elements are the building blocks, or ingredients, of art. Just like making cookies or a cake with butter, sugar, and eggs. These elements will be part of every art project they create though out the semester.



Colton Tasch, Grant Brown, Hunter Krueger, Holden Brown and Dakota Deich.

# Sensory Room

Submitted by Renee Postotnik and Jennifer Boardman

Here is a look at the sensory room at Brandon School. Sensory rooms allow all students the ability to self-regulate and have their sensory needs met. Our sensory room was designed to create an environment for any of our students to assist with a range of stimuli to help them develop and engage their senses. Some of the items we have in our sensory room to help our students either calm down or become more stimulated (depending on their needs at the time) are swings, exercise balls, weighted balls, scooters, weighted blankets, thera-putty, bubble wrap, iPads, a Smartboard, and much more.



Students can choose from a variety of sensory tools to meet their sensory needs. Staff can check out items to take back to their classrooms to meet the needs of all their students.



Our sensory room offers a variety of tools to help with focusing and calming down, including weighted tunnel, swing, tactile chairs, and tumbling mats.

# Laconia FBLA Up and Running

Submitted by Adviser Beth Kwakkel

This school year, Laconia is happy to be reactivating our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. Student members are eligible to attend the upcoming Leadership Labs in Madison on Monday, October 7th. Members will also have the option to compete against other schools in competitions related to their individual career goals. This year’s leadership team consists of President Sadie Zacharias, Vice President Maleigha Dehn, Secretary Mackenzie Smit, Treasurer Megan Ott, Director of Public Relations Anna Bartz, Director of Community Service Lauren Reilly, Director of Membership Recruitment/ Retention Brianna Pflum, and Director of Activities Jayda Janeczko. We look forward to updating you throughout the year on our club activities!



# Starting the Year in Kindergarten

Submitted by 5K Teacher Adriana Last

Being a second-year teacher and being my first year in the Rosendale-Brandon School District, the first day of school is exciting and terrifying. Not only for myself as a teacher, but these feelings can also be seen in the kids.

During the first week in my classroom, we spent lots of time getting to know each other, learning the rules and routines of the classroom, and working together to make the classroom a positive and welcoming place. From the beginning of the week to the end of the week, I saw each of my students open up to new friends, trying new things, demonstrating the rules of the classroom, and most importantly...having FUN!!! When we were talking about their favorite parts of school so far, quite a few said, “Recess.” Some other responses were, “Puzzles. Art. Math. Reading. Books. Toys.”

I strive each day to expose my students to new and exciting experiences that they can learn from. Their varied responses of their favorite parts after the first week showed me that some of the activities we engaged in during the week had an impact on them! My hope for the rest of the school year is that my students continue to have fun, explore their strengths and weaknesses, and learn from myself and each other.



Jase Tabbert poses with his 1st Day of Kindergarten sign!



Dotti Holmes poses for a picture with wings!



Henry Foss, Gabrielle Westphal, Laura Fontaine, and Calen Bos color a picture of Chester the Raccoon after reading The Kissing Hand.



Ms. Last’s Kindergarten class waits for the 1st Day of School assembly!



Lyla Kison, Callaway Adelmeyer, Dotti Holmes, and Isaac Reitz color a picture of Chester the Raccoon after reading The Kissing Hand.



Ms. Last’s Kindergarten class pretend they are on a roller-coaster!

# Community Section

## Junior Legion Donation Appreciation

Submitted by Legion Baseball Administrator Shane Bauer

Thank you to the Brandon Fairwater Mattox Henslin Legion Post 378 for their recent donation to the Rosendale-Brandon Legion Baseball program. Their very generous donation of \$2500 will help establish the Junior Legion baseball program for the summer of 2020 and cover yearly expenses for the Senior Legion baseball program established in 2019.



Darryl Rahn, James Otto, Larry Buethin, Shane Bauer, Justin Seggerman and Lenny Uebel.

## Rosendale 4H

Submitted by Reporter Alissa Barthuly

On September 8th, Rosendale 4-H Club had their September meeting at Peace Lutheran Church where we made ice cream sundaes and voted for new club leaders. We also had a speaker named Ava from Wausau that came to talk to us about her experience at the 4-H Space Camp. Our next meeting will be October 6th at Rose Eld Farms at 5:30 for pumpkin carving and a hayride. If you would like to join Rosendale 4-H please contact Tina Hansen at (920) 979-3546.



Ava shares her 4-H Space Camp experience

## Weeping Willow 4-H Club

Submitted by Reporter Brandon Smith

Our Club held our Sept. 21 meeting at the Little Farmer Apple Orchard. We had (12) guests. We had suggestions for 4-H promoting. Alyia Van Loo told about her trip to Japan in July with the 4-H International Exchange Program. Alisabeth Perr and Amelia Steffes told about their 4-H summer camp experiences. Election of Club Officers was held. Our Club is again sponsoring a FREE Rummage October 11th for 4-H families and friends (Noon-7pm) at the Lighthouse Christian Church, 401 S. National Avenue, in Fond du Lac. Everyone enjoyed caramel apples and other fun activities later. Our October meeting will be at the TAG Center in Mayville with swimming to follow. New members are always welcomed (920-346-5357 or 920-517-8508).



4-H Cloverbuds Lydia Smith, Nolan McGurk and Alisabeth Perr.

## Annual Chili Supper!

St. Stephens's Lutheran Church  
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Across from Knaus Cheese

Thursday, October 24, 2019  
Serving from 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Serving: Chili, Cheese, Crackers, Bread, Dessert, & Beverage!  
All You Can Eat....  
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**FFA Summer Fall Fun**  
Submitted by FFA Adviser Linda Sattler



Laconia FFA Officers and a few little helpers are ready for the Alto Fair Parade.



Ballweg's John Deere Combine Technician explains combine new technologies, and routine maintenance to Laconia FFA members Ethan Zuelsdorf and Conner Bruins.



Audubon, John Muir, and of course, Lewis and Clark. This week they worked on their own nature journals. Students Kolton Witkowski, Cooper Kastenschmidt, Jack Luczak, and Reid Vossekuil sketch the nature out our back door, including leaves, insects, birds, and the horizon.



One great way to enjoy nature is by nature journaling - all you need is paper, a pencil, and nature. Mrs. Sattler's Wildlife Management students have been learning about the history of wildlife management and the importance of nature journaling to wildlife VIP's like John James.



It is the Monday after a BIG Homecoming weekend -- do you know where you Laconia FFA Officer are? In Watertown at a Section Leadership Workshop, of course. Students learned more about their specific FFA officer responsibilities, and what's new in FFA. 2019-2020 FFA Year - look out, here we come! Students: Jazmyne Ruenger, Jacob Hopp, Matthew Ludtke, Ethan Zuelsdorf, Conner Bruins, and Kaylee Mess.



It's Homecoming week at Laconia High School but the learning continues both inside and out -- this morning Mrs. Sattler Wildlife Management students tried the art of the nature journal while Mr. Blashe's 'band played on' in preparation for this Friday's football halftime show!

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