



# THE SPARTAN SENTINEL

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## TYPE D NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Rosendale-Brandon School District that on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, an election of school board members will be held in the following places.

Village of Rosendale	Municipal Building - Grant Street
Village of Brandon	Village Hall - Center Street
Town of Rosendale	Town Hall - County Road M & Olden Rd
Town of Springvale	Town Hall - County Road T
Town of Eldorado	Community Center - Hwy C
Town of Lamartine	Village Hall - Schaefer Drive
Town of Alto	Community Center - County Road AS
Town of Metomen	Town Hall - Hwy 44-49
Town of Oakfield	Town Hall - Oak Center
Town of Waupun	Town Hall - County Road M
Town of Nekimi	Town Hall - Hwy 26/County Road N

The polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. All polling places are accessible to the elderly and disabled voters.

The electors are directed to vote in their normal or regular polling place. All electors should vote for one candidate from the Brandon area and two candidates from the Rosendale area.

The candidates from the Brandon area are:  
Craig Mulder

The candidates from the Rosendale area are:  
Logan R. Kinyon – 3-year term  
Beth Redeker – 3-year term  
Mark A. Kottke – 1-year term

Dated this 20th day of February, 2020.

District Clerk Jennifer Riedeman

## The Next Step in the Process

Submitted by Superintendent Wayne Weber

In my December article, I shared that the District was in the process of partnering with a firm to help develop a Long-Range Facility Master Plan. The end goal is that we will have an all-encompassing master plan for facilities that aligns the District's current reality, strategic direction, and the community's desired future state of facilities. The Plan will be created with input from a stakeholders including staff, students, community members, business partners, and parents and will look to address the following elements:



- identify and address facility, safety, security, space utilization, and research-based educational appropriateness in an efficient and cost-effective manner
- modernize aging and inefficient facilities
- provide facilities that support student academic and extra-curricular achievement, contribute to college and career readiness, and support professional learning
- increase opportunities for independent, small group, and large group learning
- operate safe, energy-efficient facilities that facilitate learning in a sustainable manner

The design firm selection process involved reviewing written proposals from five different firms. The Board chose to invite two of those firms to a face-to-face interview. Following that interview, the Board voted to partner with Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP (PRA) to create a Facility Master Plan. PRA has strong experience in education design and facility study. Attributes of the company that stood out during the selection process included their community-driven planning approach and their passion for creating quality teaching and learning spaces in a cost effective manner.

The next step in the process is that PRA will conduct facilities analysis and document their findings. They will complete a systems life span analysis, review building accessibility, and create prioritized, price-detailed maintenance lists for each facility. The analysis will help identify three categories of need. Critical needs should be addressed within one to two years; anticipated needs should be addressed in two to five years; and long-term needs should be planned for five or more years down the road.

While PRA is conducting this facilities analysis, they will also be completing an educational space analysis. This analysis will include establishing target and maximum capacities in our learning spaces, identifying current and potential space needs, and discussing current and future program needs.

I am excited to engage with PRA in this next step of this process and look forward to hearing from our staff, students and community as we continue to analyze our district needs. As always, I welcome your input and look forward to working with you as we plan for the future of the Rosendale-Brandon School District.

## Essay Winner

Submitted by Jessica Buteyn

Cattibree Daily, fifth-grader in Mrs. Buteyn's class in Brandon, placed first in the Elks Lodge Oshkosh 492 essay contest with her paper "What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me." Her paper is now off to the national level!

**What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me**  
By: Cattibree Dailey 5th grade at Brandon School, Elks Lodge Oshkosh 492

To me, freedom of speech means that you can say ANYTHING YOU want and you have the right to say it, even if others don't like it. You can say something like, "Oh, I love your shirt," and no one should judge you. You could even say something like, "I HATE YOU!" but that can make the person feel really bad or hate themselves. They might not feel like they are safe going to school, going outside, or going to work. It can make someone feel insecure about themselves. It can also make the person feel terrible about themselves.

I personally feel that you SHOULD be able to say ANYTHING you want, but YOU SHOULD be nice with your words and try to keep people happy even if they're sad. I also believe that freedom of speech is to be used in a good manner and not something that could get you in a lot of trouble. An example for this is when you are speeding on a road and a police officer pulls you over you shouldn't say, "I don't have to listen to you," because that could get you in a lot of trouble.

What freedom of speech DOESN'T include is trying to hurt people to change their opinions or feelings on topics. Although you should be free to speak, you shouldn't disrespect others or they may disrespect you in return. This is what freedom of speech means to me.



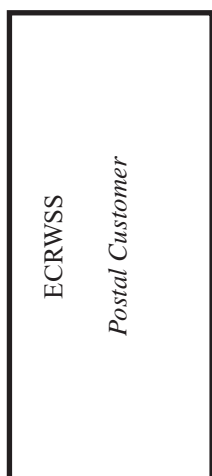
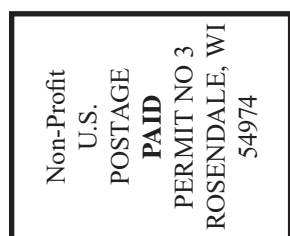
## Land Conservation Poster Contest

Submitted by Elizabeth Anderson

The Fond du Lac County Land Conservation Committee has announced the winners of the 2020 Conservation and Environmental Awareness Poster Contest, featuring the theme "Where would we BEE without Pollinators" two Laconia students Gracie Jones and Leeroy Olivarez have received 2nd place in their age division at the local fond du Lac county competition. The contest provides an opportunity for young people to become more aware of the conservation of our natural resources through artistic design.



Leeroy Olivarez and Gracie Jones



# Counselor’s Corner

Submitted by LHS Counselor Molly Serum

Where has the time gone? It truly seems like just last week we were starting the fall semester and somehow we have jumped forward into March of 2020! I am hopeful that you have been having a great year thus far. As you may have noticed, I enjoy reflecting on time gone by and analyzing what went well or how I can adjust my path moving forward. I encourage you to do the same! Before we know it, spring will be upon us. Let’s set ourselves up for success through thoughtful planning and goal setting. Finish the school year strong!



## Looking Ahead!

**March 2nd:** Local Scholarship information packets were handed out to all seniors. Requests for evaluations should have been made by now and a rough draft of the application should be started. For additional copies, seniors can log onto the Google Classroom account.

**March 30th :** All local scholarship applications must be turned in by 3:45 on this date. No late applications will be accepted.

**April 6th- May 6th:** ACT Aspire testing window for grades 9 and 10.

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

# Night to Shine

Submitted by Amy Slonecker

According to the Tim Tebow Foundation, Tim Tebow’s “Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. [On] February 7, 2020, Night to Shine celebrate[d] its sixth anniversary! On one night, 721 churches from around the world [ca]me together to host Night to Shine for approximately 115,000 honored guests through the support of 215,000 volunteers!” Proms were held in all 50 states along with 34 other countries worldwide.

Several students from Laconia High School were able to participate in two different ways on this special night.

Students Seth Zimmerman and Trinity Craft were guests at this special prom. They enjoyed red carpet treatment and crowned king and queen of the prom at All Saints Catholic Church in Berlin, WI. The two were decked out in their dancing clothes. All guests who attended had their hair done and received a corsage or boutonniere. They then had a ride in a limousine, walked the red carpet, had their pictures taken, and danced until their feet hurt. There were refreshments and desserts served throughout the evening.

Five freshmen were also able to celebrate this evening with about 80-100 kings and queens as volunteers on the dance floor. Lakely Kloetzke, Talia Erdmann, Mattie Isaac, Allison Wright and Sammi Slonecker boogied all evening with these special guests along with escorting them on a limo ride and posing for pictures at the selfie station. They danced the evening away to music from the 70s to today. Favorite dances included the Cupid Shuffle, the Macarena, the Beer Barrel Polka, and the Chicken Dance.

Everyone in attendance truly had a Night to Shine and remember!



Seth Zimmerman was crowned king of the night.



Trinity Craft was crowned queen of the night.



Lakely Kloetzke, Talia Erdmann, Mattie Isaac, Allison Wright and Sammi Slonecker pose for a photo before their big night starts.

# Studying Horses

Submitted by Linda Sattler

Mrs. Sattler’s Horses and Pets students are studying horse antanomy including skeletal structure by creating and labeling noodle horses. It is always a great day in the Laconia High Agriculture Department.

Holden Brown and Jakob Koellen



Jerin Pucker and Andrew Beck



Eve Williams and Brianna Lundt

# District Professional Development - A Groovy Development for Sure!

Submitted by Library Media Specialist Sue Fellerer

Monday, February 17th was President’s Day. Originally a day established to honor President George Washington, it is now a day to honor all presidents past and present. It is a day that celebrates the strong leaders and influential individuals who have shaped our country. For the Rosendale Brandon School District, it is also a day that provides an opportunity for district staff to attend the Spring into Success Conference offered by CESA 6. District staff joined over 3000 individuals from 24 school districts to learn how to be effective leaders, how to motivate our students, and how to establish connections with our students and their families. These were just a few of the possible sessions the staff could elect to attend. Just as our staff is diverse in grade level and content areas, the sessions were varied, offering something for everyone.

Not only did the staff attend sessions at the Spring into Success Conference, four of our teachers were selected to present as well. Cindy Bailey, Sue Fellerer, Pam Mumm, and Linda Sattler volunteered to share their knowledge, experience, and skills at the conference. Cindy, Sue, and Pam are Library Media Specialists in the district. They are unique in their skill sets and responsibilities when compared to other districts. Gone are the days of the quiet library filled with books and reference materials for students to use. Instead, the library has become the hub of the school, offering not only traditional resources, but also things like digital literacy skills, multimedia, MakerSpaces, online resources and programs, classroom instruction and collaboration, and technology training, integration, trouble-shooting and problem-solving.

Bailey, Fellerer and Mumm tapped into their warehouse of knowledge and presented “Groovy Googley Goodies” to over 200 participants in four sessions throughout the day. The presentation featured tips and tricks to save time, resources to help increase productivity, and opportunities to utilize the creative minds of both students and educators. The goal was to have every participant walk away with two to four ideas that they could immediately use in their classroom or with their students. The feedback so far indicates the goal was accomplished. If interested, their presentation can be accessed [bit.ly/Cesa6spring20](http://bit.ly/Cesa6spring20).

Although we are not presidents (not yet anyway), the Library Media Specialists are leaders in the district, willing to share their knowledge and skills with peers from across the state. Using humor, chocolate, and bookmarks (we are still “librarians at heart”), the sessions were a success. Rumor has it, they are already planning for next year’s conference!



Sue Fellerer, Cindy Bailey, and Pam Mumm are totally ready to begin presenting their Groovy Googley Goodies to teachers at Spring Into Success at Campbellsport High School.

# WE NEED YOUR DIRTY JOBS!

Submitted by LHS Teacher Jenny Pilsl

Laconia High School will be sponsoring a student volunteer day on **Wednesday, April 22nd**. We are looking for community and organization projects within the Rosendale-Brandon District. We would like to encourage our students to become involved in the communities that have generously supported them through the year.

We are looking for:

- 1. Volunteer locations and activities
- 2. Numbers of students needed for required activities
- 3. Adults who can supervise the student volunteers on **Wednesday, April 22nd** between the hours of **1:00-3:15**.

Due to very busy spring athletic and academic schedules, there will be **no rain date for this event!** If we are not able to go out and work on April 22nd, there will not be a follow up event

Please submit your requests and suggestions to Jenny Pilsl by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Responses should be directed to Jenny Pilsl(Pill-Sill) at:

pilsjen@rbsd.k12.wi.us  
OR  
Jenny Pilsl  
Laconia High School  
301 W. Division Street  
Rosendale, WI 54974  
920-872-2161 ext. 5357

# 4K Spirit Week

Submitted by Amanda Kinyon

4K students in Mrs. Kinyon’s class enjoyed a week of dressing up along with a popcorn stand and pizza-making! A big thank you to Jeremy Brenner at Generations Lanes for donating ingredients for our pizzas!



Mr. Weber at the popcorn stand.



Winston Xiong sells popcorn to his brother, Kyan.



Lennon Schutz and Keely Priebe make pizzas.



Greyson Storms and Abram Zick make pizzas.



Sam Tynan sells popcorn.

# No Yellow Snow, Please!

Submitted by Brandon 5th Grade Teacher Jessica Buteyn

The 5th graders in Mrs. Buteyn’s class were given the following creative writing prompt and came up with some delightful answers! Thank goodness no one chose yellow snow!

“If, just for once, accumulating snow could fall in a color other than white, which color would you want the snow to be?”

### Brayden Schmuhl

It was a cold winter morning, and I just got out of bed. I noticed something strange. There was snow falling on the ground, but it didn’t look white. I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me because I just woke up. So then, I went to the living room to watch some TV. I looked out the window again and it was the color green! My eyes were not playing tricks on me! This was real. I decided to go outside and play in this mysterious snow. Playing outside was really fun, and when I was out there, I licked the snow and it tasted like spearmint. I think that day was probably one of the best days ever.

### Brea Taplin

I would want the snow to be green and gold because it supports the Packers, my school colors, and we could have a lot of fun making snowballs. I would want to have those colors because the snowballs would look cool, and if we made snow angels, they would look like we have green and gold bodies. I would also like those colors because my younger and older sisters’ favorite colors are green and my younger brother’s favorite color is gold. This is why I would want to have the snowfall be green and gold.

### Georgia White

Emily was an eleven-year-old girl who was a fashionista and therefore didn’t like winter because of the boring white snow. One winter night, Emily wished on a shooting star that the next day she would wake up and there would be lavender snow. And sure enough, the next day when she woke up the snow was lavender! She wanted the snow lavender because lavender was her favorite color and even though her mom was allergic to lavender she, on the other hand, loved its beauty and smell. When she dragged her mom outside to see though, she said that Emily was imagining things and that she needs to get ready for school. On her way to school, Emily met up with her best friend, Alice, and told her about the snow. Alice said that the same thing happened to her, only with her dad. Suddenly, Emily understood why she and her friend were the only ones who saw the snow because their favorite colors were both lavender. That’s the end of this story.

### Max Bohn

If snow could fall in a different color, I would choose light blue. I would choose this because light blue is a calming color. Light blue is also the color of the ocean and reminds me of a vacation in Alabama. This is a good, lively color which would make people feel less depressed in the winter. This color has a very nice look to it. That is why I would choose light blue for the color of the snow.



WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US ON  
SATURDAY, APRIL 4 5:30PM

ROSENDALE-BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**RECOGNITION BANQUET**

Buffet meal (\$21) includes Chicken, Carved Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie

Please RSVP by March 25th via [www.rbsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.rbsd.k12.wi.us)

*Honorees*

Amy Blashe	Jennifer Boardman	Kevin Engel	Mary Gillett
Stephanie Hansen	Sarah Hartgerink	Anita Holdridge	
Beth Kwakkel	Deborah Lange	Tom Merkel	George Mikota III
Pam Mumm	Kelsey Nelson	Tammy Radovich	Beth Redeker
Jennifer Riedeman	Noah Saecker	Linda Sattler	
Kimberly Schuenemann	Kim Sheskey	Wendy Switzler	Lisa Thorpe
Nathan Vandenberg	Michael White	Angela Wiese	Margaret Wiese

**Knights of Columbus**

**795 Fond du Lac Ave**

**Fond du Lac**

# 4K February Family Outreach

Submitted by Amanda Kinyon

Rosendale-Brandon 4K families spent their February Outreach making Valentine crafts to share with residents at Tower View Villa. Students made valentine cookies, necklaces, wreaths and bird feeders. Crafts were shared with residents after they heard a valentine Song from the students.



Addie Potratz makes a valentine necklace.



Bethany Pontow prepares a valentine wreath to give at Tower View Villa.



Corinne Zick and daughter, Greta, give a Valentine necklace and wreath to Shirley Marousek



Mary Kinyon and Joyce Pinch admire their Valentine bird feeders.

# Websters Foundation Grant

Submitted by Pam Mumm



Teachers Amy Slonecker and Pamela Mumm were honored to accept two grants for the Rosendale-Brandon School District to promote reading from the Webster Foundation in February. Pictured are Candie Baker of Webster’s Marketplace of Ripon, Slonecker, Rob Webster of Webster’s Marketplace, and Mumm. The Webster Foundation awarded the Summer Reading Program a \$500 grant and the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library a \$1,000 grant.

# This is Me!

Submitted by Tammy Vande Berg, K-5 General Music Teacher

On Monday, January 20, and Monday, February 10, 3rd-5th grade students from Mrs. Vande Berg’s music rooms presented their annual concert. This year it was titled “This is Me” and featured many of the hits from the movie *The Greatest Showman*. Entangled in the show was the story of P.T. Barnum and his circus friends arising from tragedy to triumph with some twists in the music and plot. The show celebrated the unique qualities in all of us. The students donned tshirts where they wrote their own unique “This is Me” characteristics.

Special thanks to all the people who helped make this show fun and exciting:

- Kelly and Heath Hagner for sharing their artistic talents, many materials for the show and carnival, and organization of the events.
- Violet Bushweiler’s grandfather for making and donating the hot dogs at Brandon.
- Pamela Mumm, Scott Oleszek, Anna Mahone, and Amelia Steffes for running lights and sound the nights of the shows.
- Elizabeth Anderson for designing the concert posters.
- Sue Fellerer and Pamela Mumm for their technology assistance.
- The RI and Brandon Art Students for making props and setting up chairs.
- RI, RP, Brandon, and Laconia Custodians for hauling and setting up equipment.
- Melanie Hopp, Michelle Farrell, Jessica Buteyn, Robin O’Brien, Jaci Wigchers, Barbara Baalke, and RI and Brandon Student Council for their help running the carnivals and hot dog suppers.

The amazing RP, RI, and Brandon Staff for their flexibility in scheduling rehearsals, assisting in various roles at the concert, and many other miscellaneous tasks.

The RI, RP, and Brandon parents supporting the music program, your children, and helping supply costumes.

As taken from a similar line in our program, “That’s YOU making this complete, that’s US working together, and this is ME thanking all of you and the students of the Rosendale-Brandon School District for your collaboration, communication, and support making these performances possible!”



Elliot Rowley and Cayden Gold were double the fun in the show playing the Siamese twins of the circus.



Asher Morgan and Owen Fauska take a break to smile for the camera after practicing their roles as Phillip, who later becomes Barnum’s partner and successor.



“The Bearded Lady” played by Brandon student, Haylee Lang, captures the audience’s attention with her solo in the song “This is Me.”



Kendyl Plum, who played the lead role of P.T. Barnum in Rosendale’s show on January 20, gives a sneak peek of her costume attire before the afternoon and evening performances.



P.T. Barnum, played by Brandon student, Ryan Michelsen, talks to his hat about acquiring the high society for his show as his wife Charity, played by Madelynn Rawson, looks on.



Brandon student, Makayla Martinek, captures the audience with her solo “Never Enough.”



Brandon School was “colored in all the colored lights” (phrase from the opening song) on February 10 in the song “This is the Greatest Show.”

# Students of the Month

## Brandon



**Kindergarten:** Jules Quade; **3rd Grade:** Alisabeth Perr; **Kindergarten:** Elijah Anderson; **1st Grade** Ally Hendrickson; **4th Grade:** Isaac Sayles; **5th Grade:** Brayden Schmuhl and Nick Keating. Not pictured is 3rd Grade: Izec Grade.



**7th Grade:** Jack Hoinack; **6th Grade:** Jersi Laper; **8th Grade:** Melissa Waggener.

## Laconia



**Seniors** Sadie Zacharias and Dawson Drews.

## Rosendale Intermediate



**Lizzette Ramirez** - 5th Grade, **Trey Kees** - 4th Grade, **Shane Hermesen** - 8th Grade, **Cayden Gold** - 4th Grade, **Adam Emdunds** - 7th Grade, **Savannah Britton** - 4th Grade, **Harley Langenfeld** - 6th Grade, **Ashton Miller** - 5th Grade Not pictured: **Sid Shafer** - 5th Grade.

## Quarter 2 Honor Roll 2019-20 School Year

### Brandon Middle School

**Highest Honor Roll – GPA 4.00 and above.** 8th grade: Kylie Baurichter and Emma Ladwig, 7th grade: Samuel Bartz, Emma Bohn, Elise Mulder, and Jayden Wellhoefer. **High Honor Roll- GPA 3.650-3.999.** 8th grade: Lilly Boyd, Grace Burling, Oliver Glewen, Keegan Thiem. 7th-: Keaira Baurichter, Rhett Gerrits, Annabella Lavota-Robertson, Keandra Pinno, Luke Riedeman, Lydia Wager. 6th: Macland Gillett, Carson Kaiser, Mason Ludtke, Lawson Phillips, Lena Stanton, Austin Thiem, Leah Williams. **Honor Roll- GPA 3.00-3.649.** 8th grade: Karsyn Buteyn, Justin Clayton, Keeton Grade, Kylan Kastein, Mallory Kastein, Conner Lichtenwald, Maritssa Ortiz-Young, Autumn Pionke, Evan Postotnik, Naomi Respalje, Kaylee Taplin, Cole Theyerl, Melissa Waggener. 7th: Kaiden Beltezore, Dawson Geisthardt, Daniel Giannelli, Owen Hansen, Jack Hoinacki, Chloe Kelnhofer, Anna Mahone, Camden Smit, Amelia Steffes, Sydney VandeKolk, Brighid White, Eyon Yunto. 6th: Brianna Barthel, Kyler Beltezore, Harlee DeBaere, Cash Farrell, Jaelyn Henke, Elijah Henning, Ava Killam, Jersi Laper, Graham Lemmenes, Abigail Lovejoy, Elliot Mulder, Rosa Ortiz-Young, Brock Post, Jack Rens, Jaxon VandeSlunt, Kolsen Whitehouse.

### Rosendale Intermediate

**Highest Honor Roll- GPA 4.000 and above.** 8th Grade: Callista VandeBerg, Alexandria Fauska, Matthew Bauer, Klaudia Sullivan, Benjamin Steffes, Savannah Pionke 7th Grade: Molly Duel, Kinsey Kopf, Aubrey Leonard, Kylie Ebert, Karsen Schraven 6th Grade: Sydney Houle. **High Honor Roll- GPA 3.650-3.999.** 8th Grade: Shane Hermesen, Alexander Radtke, Brynn Sievert, Addison Maurer, Faith Thull, Elsie Rens, Alissa Barthuly 7th Grade: Adam Edmunds, Mariska Kees, Payton Morgan, Eva Engel, Augustus Fisher, Luke Weber, Tierney Madigan, Amelia Tonn 6th Grade: Natalie Pionke, Owen Leonard, Emma Weis, Luke Jensen. **Honor Roll- GPA 3.000-3.649.** 8th Grade: Julia Pierstorff, Evyn VandeBerg, Sharleah Sabel, Keely Kees, Stephanie Bessette, Austin Flores, Caroline Hensel, Tate VandeSlunt, Alexandra Janeczko, Bayley Pitts, Alyssa Schuler, Liam O’Laire, Grace Pitts 7th Grade: Gwendolyn Westphal, Betsy Gales, Colton Hagner, Allyson Shafer, Levi Redmann, Carter Bonlender, Pallen Kloetzke, Cambree Johnson, Austin Langkau, Logan Pluim, Payton Ronson, Emma Hein, Linsly Laudolff, Ryland Basler, Laura Wuest 6th Grade: Hanna Keel, Drake Nitz, Marissa Johnson, Kendra Dobberstein, Allison Wiercinski, Cohen Schellin, Kaylin Lemke, Molly Bongert, Cecilia Knoke, Chase Krozell, Wyatt Redman, Lydia Clausing, Anasofia Way, Josie VandeBerg, Harley Langenfeld, Elaine Mielke, Aubrey Maurer, Adalynn Last, Aidan Edwards, Isabella Fauska, Connor Quast, Anya Kopf, Savannah Stahmann, Dylan Boyd, Brody Wiese.

### Laconia High School

**Highest Honor Roll- GPA 4.000 and above.** Seniors - Anna Bartz, Alexis Coffeen, Haley Engel, Alexa Foth, Kenna Freiberg, Reily Giessen, Theodore Holdmann, Clare Kelnhofer, Matthew Konopka, Elizabeth Lemiesz, Tyler Lovejoy, Matthew Ludtke, Carley Madigan, Brice Riemersma, Kayla Schouten, Holland VanZon, Abigail Weber, and Cora Williams. Juniors - Nora Alsum, Sophie Bergelin, Jaden Gosse, Myles Hensel, Jayda Janeczko, Emma Krueger, Monica Lalor, Olivia Mahone, Brianna Pflum, Ashley Pionke, Lauren Reilly, Haley Rens, Ruth Roltgen, Katherine Schommer, Alexys Smit, Rachel Thompson, and Gavin VandeKolk. Sophomores - Molly Johannes, Marsanna Johnson, Colton Lovejoy, Emma Ortiz-Young, Kaitlyn Radavich, William Riedeman, Annelise Schneider, and Lailah Schuldt. Freshmen - Talia Erdmann, Bella Geisthardt, Mattie Isaac, Matthew Moore, Samantha Slonecker, and Allison Wright. **High Honor Roll – GPA 3.650-3.999.** Seniors - Jacob Davies, Maleigha Dehn, Michelle Dickmeyer Postotnik, Emma Gerrits, Allison Grahl, Samantha Hamburgur, Jonathan Holdridge, Kaylee Jaeger, Anna Kloostra, Cyna Madigan, Kaylee Mess, Samantha Morgen, Theresa Oliver, Megan Ott, Ethan Rens, Paige Schaefer, Johanna Schultz, Caitlin Slonecker, Brady Theyerl, and Ian Treptow. Juniors - Gwyneth Bauer, Conner Bruins, Gabrielle Czoschke, Taylor Davies, Brielle Drews, Sawyer Hau, Avry Henning, Anastasia Hobbs, Macie Hoinacki, Maria Horvath, Brynn Johnson, Mitchell Kastein, Isaac Leonard, Elijah Leonard, Kylie Lichtenwald, Abigail Moore, Emma Mulder, Jayden Redeker, Jazmyne Ruenger, Jenna TerBeest, George Wager, Megan Waller, and Sophia Walters. Sophomores - Ryan Bailey, Emily Balson, Aden Boeck, Netalya Challoner, Autumn Engel, Lydia Erdmann, Amaya Gosse, Lydia Lange, Kelsy Laudolff, Madison Lemke, Samuel Mess, MaKaylee Nimmer, Abigail Oehmcke, Amelia Schiek, Autumn Schroeder, Logen Sullivan, and Eve Williams. Freshmen - Maggie Alsum, Keanu Duel, Hailie Grainger, Raelynn Hansen, Jada Jahn, Reece Keel, Dakya Kemnitz, Cole Kind, Lillie Langenfeld, Mitchell Ludtke, Sydney Morgen, Lukas Mulder, Rhilee Norton, Jacob Pierstorff, Wyatt Schaefer, Benjamin Weber, Zachary Wegner, Benjamin Westphal, and Morgan Wiercinski. **Honors – GPA 3.000-3.649.** Seniors - Jasmine Adkins, Chloe Alsum, Chloe Birschbach, Alexandria Borski, Jaxton Boyd, Dawson Drews, Alley Flood, Jessica Francis, Reed Gunnink, Spencer Jacobs, Cooper Kastenschmidt, Kennedy Krohn, Keegan Leonard, Jebediah Loomans, Cole Lund, Lane Meyer, Savanna Newbury, Alicia Pike, Anthony Preston, Benjamin Rehm, Sawyer Schnettler, Mackenzie Smit, Logan Smit, Caitlin Sullivan, Rebecca Thurke, McKayla VanderWal, Samuel Wright, Harper Wurtz, Jacob Young, and Sadie Zacharias. Juniors - Andrew Beck, Mason Bohn, Miranda Boyd, Kylie Buteyn, Kaysie Chitwood, Emilee Henker, Alec Hoffman, Tate Kimble, Mason Kind, Trey Laudolff, KaydaRenee Lopez, Will Mattheis, Aidan Pinno, Nicholas Pitts, Logan Sauer, Brodey Schroeder, Bryana Smit, Harmony Snellenberger, Jack Walters, Matthew White, Kolton Witkowski, Caden Wittchow, Keegan Young, and Cole Zickert. Sophomores - Lindsey Achterberg, Isabella Beltezore, Makayla Brewington, Holden Brown, Cassandra Coffeen, Dillon Conger, Dakota Deich, Caleb Frank, Charles Glewen, Aiden Last, Isaiah Loomans, Brianna Lundt, Olivia Meyer, Sophie Newbury, Austin Rens, Annyka Schnettler, Kayla Seggerman, Grace Thull, Megan Thurke, Rhaiyana Way, and Maria Zaragoza. Freshmen - Austin Bednarowski, Ava Bergelin, Madeline Borski, Grace Clark, Draven Edwards, Galena Everson, Carter Farrell, Jaeden Grade, Jared Kieffer, Lakely Kloetzke, Joshua Lalor, Avery Lenz, Whitney Madison, Reed McCauley, Courtney Meenk, Ashton Pike, Tyler Rabe, Natalia Ramirez, Connor Shaver, Colton Tasch, Zachary Vergeront, Gage Wehle, Alexander Wuest, and Ti Zacharias.

# “Defend” Yourself by being “Anti” Virus Aware Tech Tip of The Month

by the RBSD Technology Committee

Over the last few years, there have been some major stories regarding hackers, stolen data, and hijacking of and corruption of data that not only have affected personal computers, but also large companies and government agencies as well. Stories like Russian hackers stealing classified N.S.A (National Security Administration) materials, the leaking of data hacked from the C.I.A. to WikiLeaks, the harvesting of personal information by free antivirus software, and phishing scams targeting schools across the country (including Wisconsin) are just a few that have been in the news more and more often. This is scary stuff.

In an effort to help inform and educate our students, staff and community members, the RBSD Technology Committee has been writing articles regarding internet safety, protecting personal information, updating computers and programs, and now, how to protect your computer from Malware and other potentially dangerous programs. Although we cannot guarantee our tips and tricks will protect you from these harmful programs and situations, hopefully our articles will reduce the chances of an attack on your personal computer and information.

**How do hackers target and attack computers?** They create and use programs called Malware. Malware is a catch-all term for various malicious software, including viruses, adware, spyware, browser hijacking software, fake security software, and ransomware. Below are the definitions to help distinguish between the different types of Malware:

- Viruses - potentially the most destructive - can do anything from erasing the data on your computer to hijacking your computer to attack other systems, send spam, or host and share illegal content.
- Spyware - collects your personal information and passes it on to interested third parties without your knowledge or consent. Spyware is also known for installing Trojan viruses.
- Adware - displays pop-up advertisements when you are online.
- Fake security software - poses as legitimate software to trick you into opening your system to further infection, providing personal information, or paying for unnecessary or even damaging “clean ups”.
- Browser hijacking software - changes your browser settings (such as your homepage and toolbars), displays pop-up ads, creates new desktop shortcuts, and share personal preferences to third parties.

**How do you know if your computer has been attacked or infected by Malware?**

Some common signs include: browser crashes and instabilities, poor or slow system performance, advertising and popup windows both within the browser and when the browser is not open, new tabs in your browser pull up ads or an alternate homepage, search results return unrelated sites or ads for software and programs or applications do not launch or cannot be downloaded.

**What can you do?** In the past, it was recommended that users install antivirus software on their computers. Unfortunately, some of the antivirus programs have opened a “back door” to those conducting espionage, launching destructive attacks, and hijacking important data or personal information. Don’t worry, there are antivirus programs that have been proven to be effective. One such program is Windows Defender. Windows Defender has been ranked as one of the top four performing programs by the independent IT security institute AV-TEST. One of the best things about Windows Defender is that it is free to Windows 10 users, whereas the other programs need a paid subscription. Some of the other top scoring programs include F-Secure Safe 17, Norton Security 22.17, and Kaspersky Internet Security 20, all of which have a subscription that will need to be purchased.

Being aware of the possible dangers online is the first step to protecting your information and keeping your computer safe. Updating your computer and browser, being aware of phishing scams, using unique passwords, being leery of attachments, usb drives, and downloads, and finally, installing antivirus software that has been deemed “top ranking” are all ways to protect you and your family while online.

## Rosendale Intermediate 4th Grader Places 3rd at Regional Spelling Bee

Submitted by Cindy Taylor RBSD Gifted and Talented Coordinator



On Wednesday February 5th, RI 4th grader Lily Oldham competed against 36 other top notch spellers in the CESA 6 Regional Spelling Bee held at Horace Mann High School in North Fond du Lac. There were only 4 other fourth graders in the Bee, most of the competitors were in 7th or 8th grade. Lily battled through 13 rounds to place 3rd overall in the Bee. Congratulations to Lily Oldham!!

**Lily Oldham celebrates her 3rd place win in the Regional Spelling Bee.**

## RBEL

Submitted by Amanda Kinyon

We have been having such a great time at RBEL (Rosendale-Brandon Early Learners) this year! In February, we had 15 early learners come for songs, books, and projects! Reading specialists Deb Lange and Jeanne Trew spoke with parents about the value of good books and the importance of reading with their children. We only have three more nights of RBEL left for the 2019-2020 school year (March 3, April 7, and May 5). Our last RBEL night will be Tuesday, May 5th at 5:30 in the RP gym. On this evening, our early learners AND their families are invited to join us for dinner and our special guest, Randy Peterson! Mr. Peterson is a singer, storyteller, and educator who shares his love for learning through a positive, meaningful, and FUN musical performance geared toward children of all ages. We hope to see you there!



**Nora Peterson and dad, Chris**



**Kristine Mittlestadt and son, Ryder**

## Your RBEL Family Members Are Welcome to Join Us for RBEL Family Night

MAY 5, 2020  
Rosendale Primary Gym

**5:30 Supper  
6:00 Diplomas  
6:15 Performance by Randy Peterson**

**Music for kids and families! Based in Green Bay, WI, Randy Peterson does over 100 shows a year at schools, libraries, and festivals.**

**\*Please let RBEL staff if you plan to attend this event and how many will be in your family so we can plan accordingly for supper!**

**Right: Children’s Musician Randy Peterson**



# Rosendale-Brandon School District

## Employment Opportunities

### PUPIL SERVICES DIRECTOR/SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

This position reports to the Superintendent and is contracted 220 days starting July 1, 2020. Interested parties can find a full description and apply on WECAN.

### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS

The Rosendale-Brandon School District has two openings for part-time, Educational Assistants at Brandon School. The successful candidates must enjoy working with children with special needs and be able to perform physical tasks with the student when needed. The position is approximately 30 hours per week when school is in session. Base pay begins at \$10.70 per hour. Applicants with prior experience working with special needs students will be given special consideration. Interested parties will find an application on our website at [www.rbsd.us](http://www.rbsd.us), or should request an application from the District Office, 300 W. Wisconsin, Rosendale, WI 54974. Please send a completed application to Leanne Greff, Brandon School 200 West Bowen Street, Brandon, WI 53919. Position remains open until filled.

### ASSISTANT BOYS & GIRLS SPRINTS & JUMPING EVENTS TRACK COACH

Rosendale-Brandon School District is currently accepting applications for an Assistant Boys & Girls Sprints & Jumping Events Track Coach. Hours are variable and will require evening and weekend work.

#### Professional and Personal Relationships and Expectations:

Cooperation, Leadership and Public Relations, Discipline, Consistency

#### Coaching Techniques:

- Use sound and acceptable teaching practices
- Run well organized practice sessions
- Complete pre-season planning (well in advance of starting date)
- Adhere to a highly efficient and technically sound program of injury prevention
- Construct a well-organized game plan
- Develop a sound system for equipment accountability
- Follow District security & safety guidelines

#### To the Players:

- Provide opportunity to allow students to reach their capabilities to their fullest.
- Development of positive attitudes, ethical, aggressive and fair play behavior while stressing good sportsmanship at all times
- Be fair, unprejudiced, and sensitive to individual differences, needs, interests, temperaments, aptitudes and tolerances
- Safety and welfare of each player should always be uppermost in coach’s mind

#### To the School District:

- Responsible for pre and post season paperwork to the District and the WIAA
- Follow the chain of command
- Display appropriate behavior with officials, students, fans and parents
- Be a role model

#### Position Qualifications:

- Coaching experience
- Knowledge of WIAA Rules and Regulations
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with students, parents, teachers and the community
- Excellent organizational skills
- Strong emphasis on teaching and developing the fundamentals of the sport
- Comply with and enforce the Athletic Handbook

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.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADE COMBINED TEAM

Rosendale-Brandon School District is currently accepting applications for a Middle School Football Coach for 7th & 8th Grade Combined Team. Hours are variable and will require evening and weekend work.

#### Professional and Personal Relationships and Expectations:

Cooperation, Leadership and Public Relations, Discipline, Consistency, Responsibility to middle and high school programs

#### Coaching Techniques:

- Use sound and acceptable teaching practices
- Run well organized practice sessions
- Complete pre-season planning (well in advance of starting date)
- Adhere to a highly efficient and technically sound program of injury prevention
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### JV2 & JV HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACH

Rosendale-Brandon School District is currently accepting applications for a JV2 Girls Volleyball Coach and for a JV Girls Volleyball Coach. Hours are variable and will require evening and weekend work.

#### Professional and Personal Relationships and Expectations:

Cooperation, Leadership and Public Relations, Discipline, Consistency

#### Coaching Techniques:

- Use sound and acceptable teaching practices
- Run well organized practice sessions
- Complete pre-season planning (well in advance of starting date)
- Adhere to a highly efficient and technically sound program of injury prevention
- Construct a well-organized game plan

Develop a sound system for equipment accountability

Follow District security & safety guidelines

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- Comply with and enforce the Athletic Handbook

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### SECOND SHIFT CUSTODIAN

Rosendale-Brandon School District has an immediate opening for a second shift custodian. The hours for this position are 2:30pm-10:30pm. Wage range is \$12.77-\$16.93 based on experience. The following competencies are required:

- Self-starter and work independently
- Follow oral and written instructions
- Establish and maintain good working relations with supervisors, teachers, students and outside activity personnel
- Possess a valid Wisconsin driver’s license
- Maintain confidentiality
- Lift 50 pounds on a regular basis

A letter of interest and completed application should be submitted to Human Resources, Administration Office, 300 W 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.

### PART-TIME ADULT GROUNDSKEEPER

The Rosendale-Brandon School District is accepting applications for a Part-time Adult Groundskeeper position. The position requires up to 30-hours of work per week preparing ball diamonds, cutting grass and general tasks for grounds upkeep including routine maintenance of grounds keeping equipment. Applicants must be at least 21 years old with a valid driver license, detail-oriented and able to work independently. The starting wage is \$10.17 per hour. Letter of interest and completed District application should be submitted to 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.

PART-TIME GROUNDSKEEPER

The Rosendale-Brandon School District is accepting applications for a Part-time Groundskeeper position. The position requires up to 30-hours of work per week preparing ball diamonds, cutting grass and general tasks for grounds upkeep including routine maintenance of grounds keeping equipment. Applicants 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 Administration Office, 300 Wisconsin Street, Rosendale, WI 54974. Applications can be obtained from www.rbsd.us or at the Administration Office. Position remains open until filled.

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) to Andrea Schneider, District Food Service Manager, 301 Division St. Rosendale WI, 54974. 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. Starting wage is \$11.95. 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. 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 \$11.84/hr. A letter of interest and completed application should be submitted to Wayne Weber, Administration Office, 300 W Wisconsin Street, Rosendale, WI 54974. Applications can be obtained from www.rbsd.us or at the Administration Office. Positions remain open until filled.

Sharing Native American Culture

Brandon Fourth Grade Teacher Sandy Kuik

The 4th graders at Brandon School have been learning about the history and culture of the Haudenosaunee - People of the longhouses, the Sioux - Masters of the Northern Plains, and the Pueblo Peoples - expert dry-land farmers. Reading about the clans, interactions with French explorers and traders, spiritual beliefs, reliance on natural resources, and the daily life of these Native nations both long ago and today inspired 4th grader Kendra Yunto to bring in her collection of Native American figures. These lifelike figures depict the unique culture and lifestyle of the Native people. Warriors riding their horses, a Medicine Man, a Native American maiden carrying her child on her back, and a girl holding her cornhusk doll peaked the 4th graders interest and their curiosity of the Native people grew as they explored Kendra’s display.



Students in Mrs. Kuik’s fourth grade class listen and look on as Kendra Yunto shares her Native American display. Kash Lemmenes, Cade Henke, Kendra Yunto and Yianni Singh.

FBLA Competition and Fundraiser

FBLA Public Relations Officer Anna Bartz

In January, Laconia High School’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members competed in this year’s regional competition. These competitive events included a test, presentation, and/or interview focused on a specific career and business-related topic. Regional competition participants included Sadie Zacharias (Journalism, 3rd place \*\*State Qualifier\*\*), Maleigha Dehn (Business Law, 5th Place), George Wager (Advertising, 6th Place), Anna Bartz (Political Science, 8th Place), Megan Ott (Agribusiness, 8th Place), Lauren Reilly (Sports Management & Entertainment Management), Brianna Pflum (Sports & Entertainment Management), Jayda Janeczko (Hospitality Management), Gwyn Bauer (Hospitality Management), Jaxton Boyd (Marketing), Brodey Schroeder (Marketing), and Mackensie Smit (Organizational Leadership). On March 30<sup>th</sup>, members will support Sadie Zacharias as she participates in the state competition for journalism. This month, Laconia’s FBLA will also be running a March of Dimes fundraiser from March 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. March of Dimes is a charity that works with mothers to ensure mother and child health. To help raise donations, FBLA members will be conducting a coin war between the grades. The winning class will have the reward of leaving class early to be the first to lunch for the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>.



Anna Bartz displays her FBLA Regional Leadership Conference Winner certificate.



Megan Ott holds up her certificate for the FBLA Regional Leadership Conference.



George Wager, Sadie Zacharias, and Maleigha Dehn smile with their FBLA Regional Leadership Conference Winner certificates.

Mathletes Compete in Fond du Lac

Submitted by Rosendale Intermediate Math Teacher Craig Winske

On January 27th, around 40 students from Rosendale Intermediate and Brandon Middle travelled to Theisen Middle School in Fond du Lac to participate in a math meet. All students performed very well, with the following students earning awards.

Individual Awards

5th Grade Division

1st – Mason Langenfeld

2nd – Kendyl Pluim

6th Grade Division

5th (tie) – Luke Jenson and Natalie Pionke

6th (tie) – Lena Staton and Drake Nitz

7th Grade Division

3rd – Aubrey Leonard

Team Awards

5th/6th Grade Division

3rd – Team of Luke Jenson, Natalie Pionke, Drake Nitz, and Owen Leonard

4th – Team of Kendyl Pluim, Courtlyn Hansen, Mason Langenfeld, and Francesca Fisher

7th/8th Grade Division

6th – Team of Aubrey Leonard, Karsen Schraven, Molly Duel, and Augustus Fisher

# Breathe, Relax, and Enjoy a Mug Full of Mindfulness

Submitted by Brandon Fifth GradeTeacher Jessica Buteyn

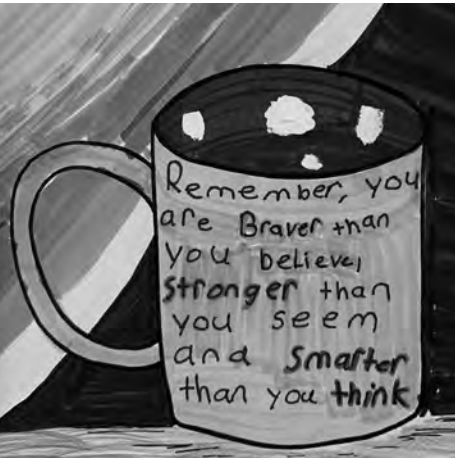
The 5th graders in Mrs. Buteyn’s class have been learning about and practicing mindfulness (a mental state achieved by focusing one’s awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one’s feelings and thoughts). One of the activities they were asked to do was to design their own mug and find a phrase that best demonstrated mindfulness to them. Here are a few that they would like to share.



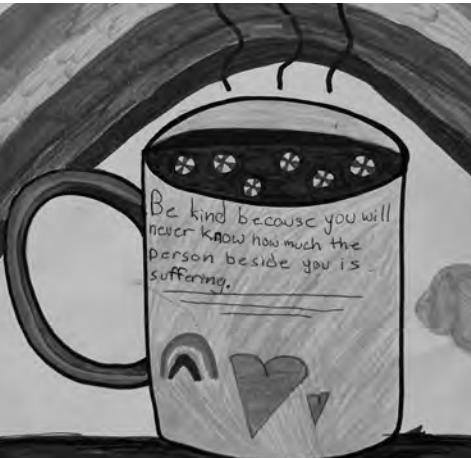
Cattibree Dailey



Makayla Martinek



Kelsey Meenk



Georgia White



Mrs. Buteyn’s 5th grade class’ collage of art.



Max Bohn

## RBSD Band News

Submitted by RBSD Band Director James Blashe

There is lots of great things happening in the RBSD bands! The Laconia bands are preparing for upcoming concerts and a trip to Nashville, Tennessee in March. The trip includes stops at the Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry, and more!

22 middle school band members from RI and Brandon were selected to be members of the Flyway Conference Middle School Honors Band that performed on Wednesday January 28. These students spent the day at host Horace Mann High School’s auditorium with other 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from around the conference working with a guest clinician. A public performance was given in the evening to present all their hard work.

5<sup>th</sup> grade students had the opportunity to come in on Thursday February 13 for band instrument fitting day. 5<sup>th</sup> graders tried as many instruments as they liked as we looked to find a good fit for beginning band class in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. A letter will soon be sent home to parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders with recommendations for band instrument placement for next year. A parent meeting will be setup for April with information regarding instrument selection, where to get an instrument, summer lessons, and more. An exact date for the parent meeting will be shared soon.

Here are some upcoming performances where you can see the great work being done in the RBSD music departments!

March 10 (Tue)	Laconia Band Concert	7:30pm
March 17 (Tue)	More Just Jazz	7:30pm
March 23 (Mon)	Brandon K-2 Concert at Brandon	7:00pm
March 27-29 (Fri-Sun)	Band/Choir Trip – Nashville, TN	
April 6 (Mon)	RP K-2 Concert@ RI	1:30& 7:00pm
May 4 (Mon)	Laconia Band Concert	7:30pm
May 11	Laconia vocal concert	7:30pm
May 13 (Wed)	Open House/Polka Fest	6:30pm
May 21 (Thu)	MS District Band/Choir Concert @Brandon	7:00pm

## Introducing the Laconia Locker

Submitted by Beth Kwakkel

The 2019-2020 dual credit Introduction to Business class took the initiative to create a business proposal for a rolling school store. Students used their talents to build the store from scratch...well from an old TV cart. Brielle Drews, Sadie Zacharias, Maleigha Dehn, Spencer Jacobs, George Wage, and Conner Bruins formally presented their idea to Principal Raue, who was extremely supportive of the idea. Students weighed their funding options and asked the district to loan them the startup capital. The startup capital will be repaid to the district within two years.

Conner Bruins created a design based on repurposing an old TV cart in the initial proposed. He then built the physical store with the help of Mr. Felix, Treyton Gold (paint), and Mitchell Towne (paint). While Conner built the physical store the remaining students went to work creating a logo, researching suppliers and ordering products, creating a work schedule, inventory tracker, and budget.

Laconia D.E.S.T.I.N.Y students and Introduction to Business students will staff the store during their study halls and snack breaks. Profits will be reinvested in the store to add new merchandise and to repay the loan to the district. Special thanks to Mrs. Raue, Mr. Felix, and Mr. Mikota for all they did to support the Business students as they made the store a reality.



D.E.S.T.I.N.Y students help with setup, taking a break for a quick photo. (Seth Zimmerman, Ryley Blank, Heather Lietz and Trinity Craft).



The first sale for the Laconia Locker. (Mac Ertel, SadieZacharias and Maleigha Dehn.



Brielle Drews shows off the new joggers and hoodie sold in the school store.



Cole Zickert, Sadie Zacharias, Maleigha Dehn, Brielle Drews, George Wager, Conner Bruins and Spencer Jacobs stand with the Laconia Lockers.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Snowshoeing  
Submitted by Jeff Johnson

Walking in a winter wonderland: Gwen Westphal, Ryland Basler, Eva Engel, Pallen Kloetzke, Cambree Johnson, Tierney Madigan, Kaydence Hiemstra, Noah Larson, Carter Bonlender and Fisher Kotnick.



Laconia Hosts Starbooks Cafe in IMC  
Submitted by Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Wiese

The Laconia Instructional Media Center recently hosted the freshmen and sophomore English classes at their version of “Starbooks Cafe.” On the menu? Realistic fiction, historical fiction, romance, science fiction and more. Students had the opportunity to browse the wide variety of books available in the IMC while sipping on delicious hot cocoa. (A **BIG** thank you to Andrea Schneider for making what students lamented to be the *BEST hot chocolate* they have ever had!)

Mrs. Bailey, Laconia’s Library Media Specialist, added Quick Response (QR) codes to the front of each featured book, which linked to either a book trailer or online book review. Students were invited to scan the code to view additional information about the book they were interested in. “This was a creative and fun way to spark interest in the hundreds of new titles we have added to our library this school year,” shared Mrs. Bailey. “The kids appreciated the treat and having time to find books that fit their interests.” There were many great conversations about books that day! The students were able to check out a book (or books) that they would be able to use for their English class (or for outside reading) and left the library with a list of titles that interested them on a paper Starbooks cup that they can refer to later.



Emily Balson and Autumn Engel check out the QR codes for some books that interest them during their Starbooks Cafe time.



Mrs. Wiese (background) served as our hot chocolate barista for the day. Two of Ms. Schuenemann’s sophomore English students, Riley Zick (back) and Aden Boeck (front), personalize their hot chocolates with the different toppings Mrs. Bailey had available.



Jayden Raynor and Emma Ortiz-Young write down some titles on their paper Starbooks cup to refer to later.

Community Section

Weeping Willow 4-H Supplies  
Brandon Food Pantry  
Submitted by Reporter Brandon Smith

Through the kind efforts of Andy Steffes, the Weeping Willow 4-H Club was able to donate several cases of Del Monte canned vegetables to the Brandon Village Food Pantry on February 13th.

The Weeping Willow 4-H held their February meeting at the Waupun town hall. Before the meeting, leaders met with students to talk about what projects they wanted to do for the fair. After the meeting, we enjoyed playing bingo and winners received awards.



Club representative Alisabeth Perr (holding one of the canned flats), Andy Steffes, and club leader Nan Jean Kieso



Club membes play Bingo.

Brandon Brat Fry Schedule  
Submitted by Judi Post

Proceeds for these events will go towards:  
Bethel Church Men’s Ministry Brat Fry in Brandon on March 13 & 14.  
Bethel Church Quilters and to fund other areas of the church Brat Fry on April 3 & 4.

# High Five to the Hesse-Wisconsin Exchange

Submitted by Alfred Wegener Schule Exchange Chaperone Daniela Hartmann and RBSD Exchange Chaperone Cindy Taylor

Taking part in the Hesse-Wisconsin exchange involves spending endless hours on a plane, heading for the unknown, being separated from your loved ones. It also means having to eat strange food, digest odd foreign routines, and interact with people you may not normally choose to spend time with. So why, with all these downsides, does our exchange program celebrate its fifth round this year? Why are there more and more students and families interested in taking part? What’s in it for you?

Although, ultimately, the answer to that question might be different for every individual student, many who have participated will agree: you make tons of new friends. When travelling to Germany you will be met by friendly curiosity and open arms, with most of the people you encounter speaking English. You most likely won’t get enough of the Germans’ favorite fast food “Döner” and you most certainly will love the variety of German chocolates and candy. You will be amazed by the castles and old estates that are still present in every area of Germany. You will visit the region where Brothers Grimm got their inspiration to publish our favorite famous fairy-tales. You will find out how German students get to school – that instead of yellow school buses they use trains.

When you are hosting Germans, you will be able to observe their endless joy about anything snow related ... tubing, snowmobiling, and snow days. You will see them looking at your supermarket shelves, mouths open, heads shaking in disbelief about the package sizes or the fact that you literally can get everything in one place, from groceries to clothes. A trip to Walmart could have the same impressive effect as an expensive trip to a major city. When hosting a German, you may wonder why they seem to dress up for school, and you might feel reminded of Arnold Schwarzenegger every time they talk. And you will definitely find out that Germans just looove your style of pizza or burgers, and, of course, all things Culver’s. Your Germans most likely will try to teach you some German words that include sounds you may only be capable of pronouncing if they step on your toes.

So, basically, taking part in the exchange can be a lot of fun! \*\*\*

The fact that the five German girls came back to visit their hosts from three years ago says it all: this program is a success. Their first visit was so much fun, they jumped at the chance to have a reunion – the first of its kind.

So, here’s to five years of the Hesse-Wisconsin exchange – and hopefully many more to come!

The Germans would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this program the success it is – most importantly the students and families that have hosted guests from Kirchhain so far, but also all staff at Brandon Middle School and Rosendale Intermediate, as well as Laconia. We are also very thankful to Superintendent Wayne Weber, Brandon Principal Leann Greff and RI Principal John Hokenson for their ongoing support of the program. And last but not least: our special thanks go to Morgan Mattheis, Trudi Bartus, Anita Holdridge, and Cindy Taylor. Without organizers, chaperones and hosts like them, an exchange program such as ours could not survive.



First row: Maximilian Wolf, Ben Thomas, Philipp Kuhaupt, Jonas Raabe, Lucas Huhn Second row: Laura Hock, Emilie Grund, Jolina Hahn, Jennifer Kungel, Erva Özsoy, Tabea Zecher, Lina Göttig, Lena Leijstra, Cora Wittekindt Third row: Jana Ludwig, Ramona Kaisinger, Franziska Fus, Mira Bartelmeß, Madeleine Drescher, Melissa Stark, Anne Kalkbrenner and Lara Eva.

## \*\*\* More than just fun: The idea behind the exchange

There is a reason why principals John Hokenson and Matthias Bosse initiated this program back in 2015 and why all chaperones (past and present) have been so enthusiastic about it ever since: travelling, exploring the unknown, and getting to know different cultures challenges your knowledge of the world. It is like putting on glasses and seeing everything you have been missing. It. And that goes for both American students and German students alike.

When visiting Germany, RI/Brandon students will learn that not all the Germans wear “Lederhosen”, love “Sauerkraut” or “are always on time, let alone well organized.” When the German students come here to Wisconsin, they realize that not all the Americans have guns in their home, drive a pick-up truck or speak only one language. We all have stereotypes in our minds that shape our perception of the world. And checking them against reality whenever we get the chance to do so is a worthwhile experience. Most students know that even without having travelled abroad yet.

But what comes as a huge surprise for many is the fact that leaving your home will actually bring it closer to you! Being away from your “annoying parents” always coming up with new chores for you to do, leaving your teachers behind that pester you with assignments you don’t see the point of, getting out of several days of school. Many of the students, if not all, who have ever taken part in an exchange program like ours, will tell you that once you are away from parents, teachers, and country for a while, you really start to miss them. You will realize the opportunities, the safety and comfort they have provided you with so far. And you will appreciate all of them.

So, taking part in any exchange is a real eye-opener. It helps you find out what you really love, what you can still learn from others, and how strong you really are to face the challenges that “the world” outside your comfort zone offers. An exchange program supports your personal growth, puts things into perspective and broadens your horizon. Self-confidence based on awareness and first-hand experience makes for a good guiding system to navigate the unknown seas of growing up.



8th graders visit a farm. Front Row: Lina Göttig, Lena Leijstra, Jolina Hahn, Laura Hock, Lucas Huhn, Emilie Grund. Second Row: Lara Eva, Tabea Zecher, Cora Wittekindt, Anne Kalkbrenner, Jonas Raabe, Philipp Kuhaupt, Erva Özsoy, Madeleine Drescher, Melissa Stark, Ben Thomas, Maximilian Wolf. Special appearance by Sadie.



Front row: Lucas Huhn, Jonas Raabe, Philipp Kuhaupt, Ben Thomas, Maximilian Wolf Middle row: Cora Wittekindt, Lena Leijstra, Lina Göttig, Tabea Zecher, Erva Özsoy, Jennifer Kungel, Jolina Hahn, Emilie Grund, Laura Hock Back row: Lara Eva, Anne Kalkbrenner, Melissa Stark, Madeleine Drescher, Mira Bartelmeß, Franziska Fus, Ramona Kaisinger, Jana Ludwig.

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