

BASD

BARRON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Diane Tremblay

Academics and Curriculum

Our BASD staff and students have successfully been holding school face to face throughout the fall and into the winter. I am so proud of our staff who worked diligently to create our blueprint for risk mitigation. Our blueprint continuously improves all the time. It can be viewed at www.barron.k12.wi.us under BASD Back to School Blueprint. The teamwork our staff has displayed this year is nothing short of extraordinary. We have had teachers continually supporting fellow teachers, support staff covering classrooms as monitors, administrators supporting with any and all needs in our buildings, custodians keeping our learning spaces deep cleaned, bus drivers implementing new safety procedures, and our school nutrition staff preparing hot, bagged breakfast and lunches, which are free this year, in order to feed all of our hungry Golden Bears. All of these efforts are creating safe and supportive learning climates throughout our district.

I was a former science teacher many moons ago, and had the pleasure of teaching Physics to our Golden Bears this year. Although there was beautiful planning already in place from our teachers, it was a great opportunity to put our feet in other colleagues' shoes and gain an even deeper respect for their work.



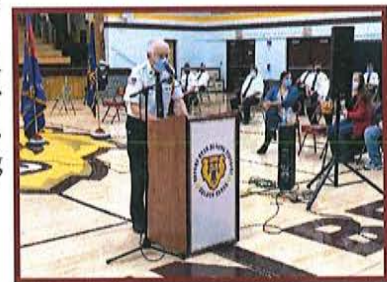
"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." - Vince Lombardi.
And I am adding to this quote - "...and a school work!"

Students in all buildings have completed district screening assessments in the areas of reading and math. The elementary school and middle school students are well on their way in WIN (What I Need). During WIN students receive reading or math instruction that provides support and/or enhancement to already learned skills.

Community and Parents

Our Veterans programs this year were a huge success at all of our buildings. Our hearts are grateful for all of our men and women who have served our great country in order to preserve our freedom.

Barron High School and BASD inducted Chuck Kirkwood to the Wall of Honor at the 2020 Veterans Day program. A wonderful tribute to an amazing community steward.



On the cover:
RMS Students celebrate
Homecoming week!

Community and Parents, continued...

Our "We Are Barron" Facebook video streaming program has been wonderful for creating safe spaces for all of our extracurricular events so our Golden Bear Fans can continue to show our students that We Back our Bears.

In our regularly scheduled meetings that will continue throughout the year with our local Department of Public Health, we all agreed wholeheartedly, we are all Safer at Home but we are also Safer at Schools. Our COVID data drives that slogan. It continues to be our goal to stay in session as long as this is our best scenario for teaching and assessing our Golden Bears.

Our metrics for decision making include, but are not limited to: DHS guidance regarding COVID spread, our staffing capacity and any unforeseen decisions from authority at the state level and/or national level. It is important to take note that this situation is fluid and unpredictable, but we are working hard to plan for any and all contingencies, and we would ask that our families do the same.

I ask that our community please continue to provide us with your utmost patience and positive partnership in our efforts to continue to meet our district mission. This partnership is crucial to our success.

Extracurriculars

Barron fall sports completed their seasons with much individual and team success. We had 123 student-athletes that participated in a fall sport at Barron.

Teams and individuals that received recognition:

Girls Golf

Claire Bartlett and Brooke Vergin - All-Conference

Tennis

Jada Brunkow and Phoebe Jerome - Sectional Champs for #1 Doubles, third-time state qualifier

Cross Country

Marcus Peterson - First place at every regular-season meet, finished first at the Heart O'North Conference tournament, second-time state qualifier

Fran Peterson - First place at every regular-season meet, finished first at the Heart O'North Conference tournament, second-time state qualifier, medaled at State placing 10th.

Football

William Weise, 2nd Team Offensive Lineman
Carter LaLiberty, 2nd Team Defensive Lineman
Sam Baumgard, 2nd Team Corners/Safeties

Soccer

Soccer participated in an independent conference this season made up of Ashland, Barron, Cumberland, Hayward, St. Croix Falls, and Spooner. Barron went undefeated in conference play. In WIAA tournaments Barron was Regional Champions and lost a hard fought battle with Arcadia, 2-1.

With the successful season came many individual conference recognitions:

Honorable mention - Collin Krance, Abdinoor Hussein

Second Team - Logan Carr, Connor Linsmeyer, Zack Mickelson, Cole Hanson

First Team - Lucas Lopez, Awalow Buidid, Nuradin Ahmed

Player of the Year - Awalow Buidid
Coach of the Year - Coach Matt Sprague

Volleyball

Finished with an impressive 8-3 record and made it to Regional finals



Facilities and Finance

Thank you to all of those who took time to complete our District long-term planning questionnaire. We had a great response rate, and the information we learned from the survey will allow us to best serve our students and community and prioritize our long-term planning needs. The fact that we have been able to defer large-scale infrastructure needs this long is a real testament to our facilities team and our Board of Education. Please do not hesitate to reach out and schedule an appointment with Central Office if you are interested in learning more about long-term planning here in our District. We are excited to continue our partnership with our community to effectively prioritize our facilities needs and move our schools successfully through the 21st century. We encourage everyone to join our focus group, which meets regularly to strategically plan the future of BASD.

We have just recently finished up our three phases of projects at our high school. In a previous newsletter we featured our new technical education, agriculture and band/choir renovations. Our final phase, this past summer, included a new art studio space. We would be very happy to give anyone in our community a personal tour of our renovations upon request.



Health and Safety

The health and safety of our staff and students is at the forefront of our priorities at BASD. We are continually watching our COVID data in order to make decisions that keep this in mind. We have been undergoing contact tracing guided by our local public health protocols, and due to our effective risk management in all of our buildings, we have experienced that 99% of our quarantined staff and students who have been asked to stay home due to close contact, remain negative for COVID and were able to return to school on the DHS prescribed date. We strongly believe that “Kids are Safer at School” as well as “Safer at Home.” CDC

Director Robert Redfield also stated this past month, “Today there is extensive data that we have gathered over the last two to three months to confirm that K-12 schools can operate with face-to-face learning, and they can do it safely, and they can do it responsibly,” Redfield said. “The infections we have identified in the schools when they have been evaluating, were not acquired in schools. They were acquired in the community and the household.”

We made a great addition to our elementary school this year; James Schauderuff is the Calming Coach at Woodland, and he is contributing to an even safer and more positive school environment. James devotes his day to working with students who struggle with self-regulation during the school day. He is often able to intervene with these students before their issues become unmanageable for their little bodies. With PBIS, James ensures all of our students see and hear many positives throughout the day, and with enough stickers earned, we all celebrate together with incentives like extra recess and popcorn parties. The staff at Woodland is happy to have James supporting their students’ emotional well-being. We hope to add these similar supports at our middle school and high school in the years ahead.

Pupil Services

There are some new things happening in year two of the mental health grant, including launching a strength-based social emotional wellness screener. It is confirmed that a student’s long-term academic and career success is achieved through social and emotional learning approaches. The team is currently being trained with hopes to implement the screener two times this year.

Our SPED department and student services team is working hard to meet the needs of the families and students using various platforms. There are some new challenges this year, but it has not interfered with providing support for our students.

The 21st Century Grant continues to serve our students through the after school program. We welcome Justice White, our new Boys and Girls Club site facilitator. She brings a lot of excitement and energy to the BGC program.

Even during these challenging times, our mentors continue to support our students through our Mentorship Program. This program is a great opportunity for our students and is greatly appreciated.

School Board

Our nine member school board is doing a phenomenal job leading our school through this most challenging time in history. They are moving us forward with effective governance and continue to give us their absolute best every month. They are truly second to none. If you see these board members, please give them a big shout out for their work.

School Nutrition

We have made a few changes within our School Nutrition Program this year, starting with the name! Formerly known as Food Services, this program continues to serve as a partner in the education process, providing access to nutritious meals that fuel students to succeed in the classroom. We felt that the name "School Nutrition" better embodies how the school meals program has evolved to place more emphasis on meeting students' nutritional needs and developing their knowledge and skills in selecting healthy foods. Our program rebranding includes a few new t-shirt designs for our kitchen staff that bear new slogans including, "Don't Feed the Bears" and "We Fuel the Bears."

We have received positive feedback from staff and students alike who have enjoyed new menu items, including a variety of entree salads. A BHS student who enjoyed the Curried Chicken Salad noted that she "had never had something like that before." Our School Nutrition team loves being able to provide opportunities for students to try new things and looks forward to further engagement with our students.

Staff Talent

We continue to move forward with our initiatives for trauma sensitive training and continuous improvement with our Golden Standards work. Our support staff received training over our staff in-service days in November. Our bus drivers received additional training from our new Student Resource Officer, Andy Krahenbuhl, and School Nurse, Doug Schoenke.

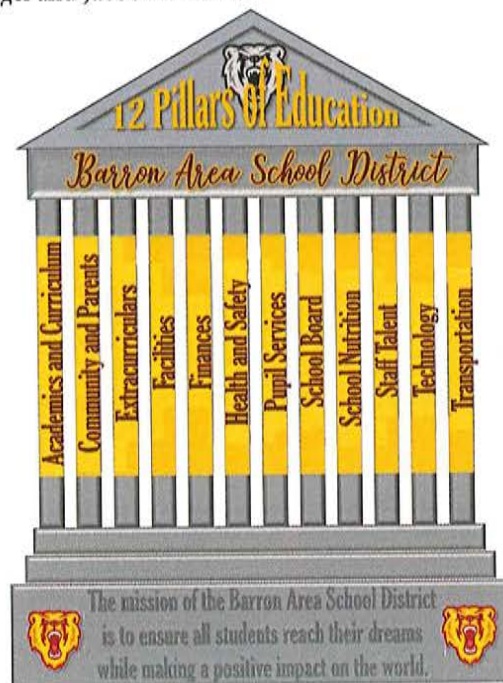
Our teaching staff has worked hard in order to provide the most effective learning environments for our virtual learners as well as our learners who are face to face. Our goal remains the same and that is to support our students' academic, physical and social emotional learning the best that we can.

Technology

Our school year started with a successful K-12 launch of an application called ClassLink (for both staff and students) offering additional layers of data security along with easy access to applications (single sign-on) no matter where instruction is taking place. In addition, staff and students are fully utilizing new platforms for instruction after staff received training in August. Inventory and devices/equipment continue to be our focus as we provide, manage and support technology needs throughout the district for a variety of instructional locations. The tech department partnered with our athletics department and We-Are-Barron was launched in September to kick off a live stream of our high school athletic events. Our technology advancements in our district have also allowed for us to provide effective virtual learning from home to those families that have chosen this mode of instruction.

Transportation

Our transportation department is amazing! As we prepared to enter into an usual school year, drivers were making contacts with families in August to welcome them back and prepare details about their pick-up and drop-off times and locations. Their professionalism, positive attitudes, and dedication shined as they partnered to help establish the most effective and efficient routes. We welcome new drivers: Jim Pagel and Jacob Lambert.



LET'S GIVE A HUGE BARRON BEARS SHOUT OUT TO:



Mr. Buss for continually doing whatever it takes to keep our high school running smoothly!

“The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.” Vince Lombardi



Mrs. Halverson who has filled and continues to fill multiple roles in our district from coaching to teaching and more. She helps us all relax a little more each day because she takes it all in stride with a smile!

“If a team is to reach it's potential, each member must be willing to give up their personal goals for the good of the team.” Bud Wilkinson

Allison Rick, Administrative Assistant at BASD, who ALWAYS goes the extra mile to be the most supportive colleague she can be, and all the while, lifting every member of our team to the next level.



“It is amazing what you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit.” Harry S. Truman

Terry Poulter, Director of Facilities, who is quite skilled in many trades and doesn't hesitate to share those talents where they are needed and when they are needed!



“The strength of the team is each individual member, The strength of each member is the team.” Phil Jackson

Mrs. Gunther, substitute teacher, for maintaining classroom environments that are safe and supportive, which is precisely what our Golden Bears need to achieve their goals.



“The truth is that teamwork is at the heart of great achievement.” John C. Maxwell

Mr. Stralka, Principal of Riverview Middle School, for being a winner at WIN (What I Need) time and dedicating his schedule to accommodate any and all Golden Bear necessities.



“No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.” H.E. Luccock



Amity Mathews, who helps us all breathe a little easier each day because of her kind demeanor and willingness to help wherever needed!

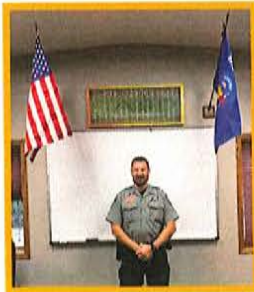
“None of us, including me, ever do great things, but we can all do small things with great love and together can do something wonderful.” Mother Teresa



Jake Lambert, who graciously added to his work plate to include roles within our transportation department. He always drives his bus route with a welcoming smile, beginning and ending our Golden Bear's day with kindness.

"Cooperation is thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there." Virginia Burden

Deputy Andy, our new Student Resource Officer who joined our BASD team at one of the most complex times in history. He is always where we need him at any given moment and faces every challenge with confidence and grace.



"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm." Publilius Syrus



Mrs. Schneider, teacher of the arts, for enthusiastically extending her talents and expertise far and wide. She wears multiple hats in order to do what it takes to reach our district mission.

"Teamwork and Collaboration allows us to capture each other's fund of collective intelligence." Mike Schmoker

Isaak Mohamed who stepped up to the plate and served as a substitute teacher in order to keep our Golden Bears on track with academics! We are so grateful for all the extraordinary teamwork going on at BASD!



"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed." Napoleon Hill

Mrs. Akenson, one of our wonderful substitutes who says, "Just tell me where to go, and I will be there." This week she served as classroom monitor for two science classes while our Golden Bears spread out in the commons to engage online with their teachers.



"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller



Jill Sadlter, Administrative Receptionist, who puts all the pieces of the puzzle together late at night and early into the morning in order to arrange substitutes in all of our departments. She keeps us covered for staffing and running effectively and efficiently, even in this most challenging time.

"The greater the loyalty of a group toward the group, the greater is the motivation among the members to achieve the goals of the group, and the greater the probability that the group will achieve its goals." Rensis Likert

All of our teachers whose commitment and diligence to risk mitigation has helped reinforce the narrative that "Kids are Safer at School" as well as "Safer at Home".



Mrs. Larson's Golden Bear's are teaming up to learn Phonemic awareness.

"The key elements in the art of working together are how to deal with change, how to deal with conflict, and how to reach our potential...the needs of the team are best met when we meet the needs of individual persons." Max De Pree



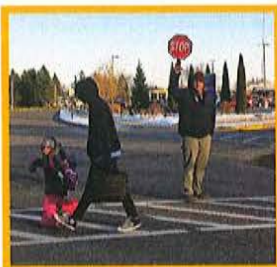
Kayla Westrich, our School Psychologist, who graciously stationed herself at our BHS student services department in order to fill in so the service to our Golden Bears remained seamless!

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress;

working together is success.” Henry Ford

Andrew Sloan, Director of Finance for filling in for crossing guards after school, until we are back to full capacity.

“Teamwork divides the tasks and multiplies our success.”



Brooke Nehring and Amy Guibord “Teachers Helping Teachers” to the rescue in order to assure that all of our Golden Bears continue to thrive academically, socially and emotionally at BASD!

“Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.” Mattie Stepanek



Norm Yamada, one of our very own BASD retirees, whose selfless dedication was displayed to us once again as he helped us with our Veterans Day tributes, serving as our special guest speaker and our committed sound technician.

“You don’t get harmony when everyone sings the same note.” Doug Floyd



Mr. Karnitz, our awesome Woodland Elementary Custodian, who is keeping our Golden Bears safer with a smile.

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.” Henry Ford



Teri Massie, Director of Learning and Assessment, for lending her hand and expertise as she filled in at Riverview Middle School to be sure our Golden Bears meet their Golden Standards!

“Teamwork simply stated is less me and more WE BACK THE BEARS!”

Mr. Ellenson’s talents and expertise leading our student’s in their social emotional wellness and academics.

Look at these Lucky Golden Bears who are fortunate to have our wonderful BASD school counselor filling in this week!



“Obstacles don’t have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.” Michael Jordan



Doug Schoenke, School Nurse and our hero on the frontline of this pandemic at BASD, who works tirelessly to keep us safe and healthy.

“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them,

and it will change your life forever.”

Amy Poehler

Rachel Waite, our fearless lead teacher at our Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary School, who is continually coming to her colleagues with solutions and smiles, even in the most challenging of times.



"Team leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders."



Tawnee Keller, our BASD Principal at our Barron Area Montessori School, as she has created a "second to none" healthy, happy and high achieving program where her students are sure to reach their potentials and beyond".

"The leader of the team is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way." John C. Maxwell



Mrs. Clemens, our elementary school principal, who keeps her building peaceful and productive for all Golden Bears to reach their dreams, while always remembering that "Fun Matters."

"Great team leaders don't set out to be a leader...they set out to make a difference, it's never about the role, it's always about the GOAL!" Lisa Haisha



Sara Black, our new School Nutrition Director, along with her wonderful colleagues, have taken our new COVID challenges to the next level of success. Their creative hot bagged breakfasts and lunches are feeding our hungry Bears, and this is crucial to their academic success.

"What the players of our team do has a much greater impact than what they say." Stephen Covey

Mrs. Karnitz for her commitment to helping our Golden Bears meet their goals and advance their skills to get ready to shoot for the stars!



"Leaders teach us that life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams." Ashley Smith



Sarah Stauner, director of Pupil Services, who has been burning the midnight oil since the beginning of this historic school year, in order to sustain related services to our Golden Bears. She encourages and leads her team with confidence and enthusiasm all the time without hesitation.

"Behind every fearless teammate is a fearless leader that refused to let them be anything but the best they can be." Matt Lisle

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mentorship Benefits

The Barron Area School District has a mentorship program for students in grades five through twelve. Students are matched with community volunteers who serve as mentors for their students with the purpose of providing another positive role model who listens to, supports, and advocates for the child. By being a consistent adult presence in a young person's life, mentors can offer advice, share their life experiences, and help a young person navigate challenges.

Research shows that mentoring provides many benefits for the student with both short and long-term benefits. Young adults with a mentor are 55% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school, 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking (*Public/Private Ventures study of Big Brothers Big Sisters*). In addition, students who meet regularly with their mentors are more likely to participate in sports or extracurricular activities and, for young adults who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor, 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor (*The Mentoring Effect, 2014*).

Mentoring can improve academic performance, school attendance, graduation rates, and attitudes. But, the power of a mentor runs deeper than numbers can show. Showing someone that you believe in them can truly impact a student's potential and change the direction of their life.

Why You Should Be a Mentor

Mentoring also has numerous benefits for the mentor. Increased self-esteem, well-being, fulfillment, and accomplishment are common positive outcomes for mentors. Other benefits of mentoring as found in standtogetherfoundation.org are:

Help someone realize their potential. We all have unique talents and gifts. Encouraging the potential in someone by celebrating their talents empowers them to improve their own life, achieve their goals, and help others.

Give back to your community. The most impactful way to improve your community is to spend time investing in it. Mentoring youth in your community is a powerful way to invest in the next generation.

Learn more about yourself. Meaningful relationships are a two-way street. Learn more about your strengths, weaknesses, knowledge, experience, and beliefs by sharing them with someone else.

Change someone's life. A purposeful relationship has the power to alter a person's life – particularly youth – for the better. You may be the only stable, positive impact in a youth's life. The ripple effect is tremendous.

Think about the question – *who has helped you get to where you are today?* One of the most effective ways to give back to your community is not necessarily money – it's time. **Male and female mentors are needed in our district.**

**If you are interested in mentoring or learning more about mentoring,
please contact Diane Sloan, Mentor Coordinator, at 715-537-5627 ext. 139.**

MENTORSHIP SPOTLIGHT: Karen Fowler

Why is she the spotlight mentor?

A mentor for three years, Karen exemplifies all of the characteristics of a great mentor. She is kind, generous, compassionate, and dedicated to making a positive difference in the life of a child. Karen and Alexis have fun together doing all kinds of interesting activities - from crafting to baking to walking in the woods!

What Alexis says about the mentoring program:

My mentor Karen is amazing! She's caring and understanding and a really nice person. We like to do crafts, go four-wheeling, and talk at lunch.

How long have you been mentoring?

I met Alexis in October of 2018, so we're going into our third year. However, COVID prevented us from meeting last spring.

What inspired you to mentor?

After retiring I was looking for ways to contribute to my community. Mentoring appealed to me because I enjoy teens, however, I believe the challenges in today's culture are difficult. So if I can help a young person navigate through the obstacles with a supportive relationship, that would be rewarding.

What is your favorite aspect of mentoring?

My favorite aspect of mentoring is seeing our relationship grow. We seem to understand each other more. There is a huge age difference, but we have found interests we have in common and enjoy. Building trust takes time.

Why do you think others should mentor?

I would encourage others to mentor because teens in our culture need people to show care with wisdom. Along with parents and teachers, the mentor is another team member.



Alexis and Karen building a cat castle for Karen's three kittens.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

ELEMENTARY

BEAR CUB DEN

The Bear Cub Den (our before and after school program) is designed to provide a safe, supervised, fun and enriching environment before and after school for children Pre-K through 4th grade. Morning child care runs from 6:00 to 7:45 a.m., and after school child care runs from 3:15 to 6:00 p.m. Sign up calendars are available online or in the school office. Drop-in care is available for pre-registered families. Children must be pre-registered to attend Bear Cub Den. All forms can be found on the Barron Area School District website or be picked up in the elementary school office. We have plenty of room for those who would like to attend Bear Cub Den. If you need one to five days you can schedule your child based on your family's needs each week and month.



4K WRAPAROUND PROGRAM

ELEMENTARY

WRAPAROUND CARE

The Barron Area School District is pleased to offer 4K wraparound care during the 2020-2021 school year at Woodland Elementary. 4K wraparound care is an expanded service offered through the Bear Cub Den.

The 4K students attending the wraparound program have been busy! 4K friends enrolled in the program spend time reading stories, playing, playing outside, and we also have breakfast, lunch, and snack together. Maybe you have noticed us out on our adventures around Woodland as we love to explore!

For more information about The Bear Cub Den, contact Lyndsey Kurtz or Amber Carlsrud at (715)637-9199 or cubden@barron.k12.wi.us



MONTESSORI SCHOOL

The students and staff at the Montessori School have been absolutely loving the daily interactions and knowledge gained throughout each and every opportunity provided within the school walls. So much growth has occurred since the first day of school in both the companionship, as well as, the academic learning for the students.

In Children's House, the 3-6 year olds have been busy learning sounds, writing words in cursive, making maps of the world, and practicing respectful interactions such as holding doors open for others, waiting quietly for a chance to speak during a conversation, saying excuse me when passing by others, and offering tea to a friend. They also enjoy preparing flower arrangements and delivering them to Almena Elementary staff members.

Each third and fourth grade student chose a person from history to research and report to their classmates. We learned about Bessie Coleman, Louis Pasteur, Helen Keller, Jackie Robinson, Amelia Earhart, Alexander Graham Bell, Wilma Rudolph, Abraham Lincoln, the invention of the telescope, and the origin of "The Star Spangled Banner". The students were enthusiastic to delve into an area of interest and tell their classmates what they'd learned. Everyone did a fantastic job! The passionate conversations students have with one another surrounding their interests is inspiring. That is one reason why the multiage classroom is so thought provoking to the younger children, yet builds confidence in the older students.

Students are enjoying learning about the elements on the periodic table, squaring and cubing numbers, and memorizing math facts. A favorite for many is adding, subtracting, and

multiplying with fractions! Lessons using proper punctuation are frequent as well. These skills will be naturally useful as we start writing to pen pals from another Montessori school soon.

During read-aloud the students listen to "Mr. Lemoncello's Library" and illustrate the chapters read each day. These illustrations are kept in a folder for them to compile once the class reaches the conclusion of the book. The main character made a reference to the possible connection that can be made between Mozart and Metallica. On that day, the students were able to listen to some Mozart, some Metallica, and then Metallica and an orchestra playing together.

We are excited to see some snow fall and hoping for more! Practicing on cross country skis in preparation for the Barnebirkie ski race in Hayward each February is always a highlight of the year. It's such a wonderful lifelong activity for the entire family to enjoy! The school has been participating in the race since 2008, and the excitement never fades. We are sure to make this year's event memorable!

The students continue the monthly birthday traditions of preparing a snack for the class and selecting a community service project to complete. October birthdays prepared caramel apples and then went around the Village of Almena cleaning up trash. September and November birthdays combined to make pancakes with fruit faces. Their service project involved the entire class in coloring pictures and cutting snowflakes for the Stockings for Soldiers program. The students feel proud showing kindness to others and contributing to the well-being of the community.

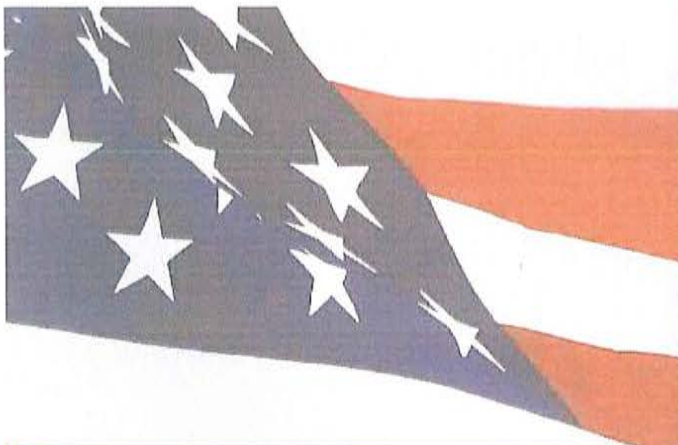


OUTDOOR EVENT

Mrs. Ovsak's kindergarten class and Mrs. Miller's 4th graders got together for a short, social distancing outdoor event. The 4th graders read to the kindergarten class and then they all decorated the sidewalks together with chalk.



USA PRIDE



Woodland Elementary teachers and administration were showing off their USA pride.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Riverview Middle School students are willing to volunteer and help others!
These students were recognized for their service hours. Thank you for helping our Barron Area Community!

SEPTEMBER



6TH GRADE

Braiden Eraquam, Daniel Wirth, Brody Hammann,
Ashtyn Massie, Abby Miller, Alexis Halverson



7TH GRADE

Greyson White, Reanna Cook, Abby Elliott,
Natelee Dahlberg



8TH GRADE

Micahlee Skjerly, Alivia Rick, Makenna Roske, Reese Allen, Maggie
Cole, Adam Wirth, Alex Gevens, Rylin Vruwink, Caden Loftus

*Congratulations to Maggie
Cole for earning a place on the
Riverview Community Service
Wall of Honor by volunteering
125 hours in her community.*

OCTOBER



6TH GRADE

Aidan Rick, Raina Cook



7TH GRADE

Reanna Cook



8TH GRADE

Dezi Manning

PBIS REWARDS

Riverview Staff is so excited to have our students back at school! Our PBIS program wanted to celebrate their return. All our 5th and 7th grade students had their names entered in a drawing and these are the lucky winners- snack packs, a gift card, a bluetooth speaker, and a tablet!



Riverview staff is excited to be back at school with our amazing students. Today our PBIS Program celebrates our 6th and 8th graders. Students' names were entered into a drawing and here are some of the lucky winners of snack packs, a gift card, bluetooth speaker, and a tablet. BE GOLDEN Barron Bears!



VETERAN'S DAY



GOLDEN BEAR BRAVOS

It's once again time to start recognizing our outstanding Riverview students with Golden Bear Bravos! These are students that have been nominated for "doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do" and are respectful, responsible, and safe. Each student receives a certificate from the nominating staff member, an A La Carte coupon for a free treat at lunch or breakfast, and an engraved medal! A positive postcard is mailed home to share the good news with their families.

SEPTEMBER



5TH GRADE

Mrs. Bell, Deven Taylor, Korbin Roske,
Gavin Nevin, Alex Apanecatl-Juarez,
Mr. Stralka



6TH GRADE

Natalee Kittelson, Abby Miller,
Caylan Benny, Mr. Stralka
not pictured: Andy Acevedo-Sanchez



7TH GRADE

Ms. Bonn, Anthony Rogers, Chloe
Eriksen, Magaly Villalobos, Glendon
Thompson, Mrs. Roske



8TH GRADE

Curtis Winger, Hannah Bigler,
Macie Frenndt, Jude Slayton

OCTOBER



5TH GRADE

Mrs. Bell, Josi Ramirez, Jayda Lundeen,
Myles Buck, Madalyn Kallsen, Mr. Stralka



6TH GRADE

McKaylah Nelson, Aiden Robarge,
Graycin Miller, Raina Cook



7TH GRADE

Wesley Mickelson, Samantha Lien,
Linsey Balts, Meah Hunt



8TH GRADE

Nehemiah Gardiner
not pictured: Brooke Jorgenson,
Devan Keilholtz, Jonny Spiels

CONSERVATION CLUB

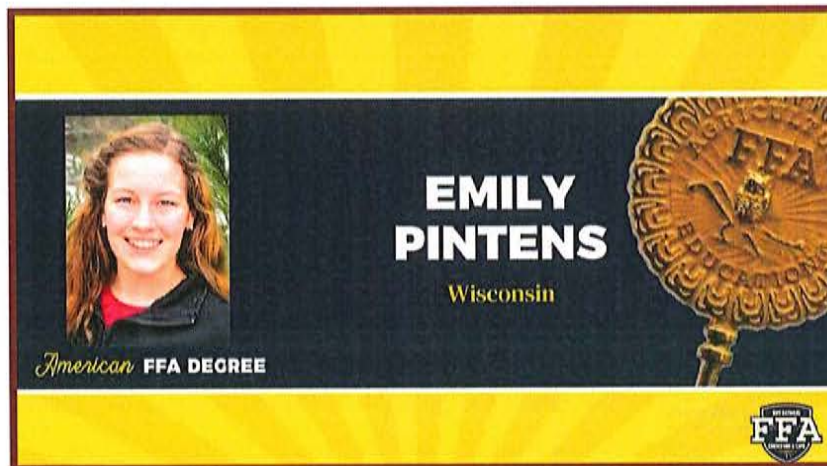


Working on the weekend, our Conservation Club members spent some time making our Barron High School campus a little bit cleaner.

2020 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2020 National FFA Convention was held in a virtual format in late October. A highlight of the event was the Barron FFA Chapter being recognized in the National Chapter Award program with the Three Star Chapter Award. This award area recognizes chapters that are successful in planning and conducting activities in the area of growing leaders, strengthening agriculture, and building communities. The chapter earned the opportunity to compete for the national award by placing in the top 10% of Wisconsin FFA chapters. Only 140 FFA chapters in the country achieved this award. Emily Pintens, 2018 BHS graduate, received the American FFA Degree at the virtual National FFA Convention as well. The American Degree is the highest level of membership awarded to FFA members, and is earned by less than 1% FFA members each year. Requirements for this award include developing a quality Supervised Agricultural Experience program, activities above the chapter level, and community service. Emily is the daughter of Tony and Aimee Pintens.



ANNUAL CROP SHOW

FFA members were able to host their annual FFA Crop Show/Agriscience fair in October, and had over 75 entries in the show. All high school students were able to participate, and we even had staff members participate! Overall Tops of the Crops exhibitors were 1st- Summer Hammann, 2nd-Greta Scheps, and 3rd-KC Zurn. Judges for the day were Sarah McHenry and Britt Myer of Synergy Cooperative, Kim Frandsen and Melinda Adams. FFA chapter officers and agricultural science students served as clerks to record placings. Winners received cash premiums and prizes.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

FFA officers and members have also been taking advantage of FFA leadership development programs through virtual platforms offered through Wisconsin FFA, including the COW- Chapter Officer Workshop, and FLW—Fall Leadership Workshop. Members participating in these events included FFA Chapter Officers- President Greta Scheps, Vice President Zack Mickelson, Secretary Isabel Massie, Treasurer Cole Hanson, Reporter Mackaylah Waibel, Sentinel Austin Hunt and FFA member Audra Rick. FFA members are enjoying being able to participate with other schools in a virtual setting!



BARRON ELECTRIC FIELD PROJECT

This fall's corn harvest was the 10th year that the Barron FFA Chapter and Barron Electric Cooperative have worked together with FFA alumni members to actively farm an eight acre field at the Barron Electric Cooperative office. Over the years, FFA and FFA Alumni members have worked together to coordinate inputs for an annual crop with the proceeds being sold for a fundraiser for the FFA chapter. Agriscience students are able to use this area as a land laboratory, taking soil samples, estimating crop yields, harvest losses, and cost analysis lessons. Every other year cornstalks are also used to decorate LaSalle Avenue for Fall Fest. Funds raised from this project provide the funds to pay annual FFA chapter dues for each member; thus every student in the agriscience program has access to FFA membership, this reached about 115 students each year. In addition, over 25 scholarships have been provided from these funds since 2015.



(Drone/aerial photo credit: Isaac Mullikin)



AGRISCIENCE CLASS

The Agriscience classes at Barron High School have been taking advantage of the beautiful fall weather and their renovated space to continue hands-on learning even in the era of COVID-19. Members of the large animal science classes have had a chance to have hands-on experiences with a palpation simulation, learned the basics of horse care, and practiced physical exams with Fern the goat. Forestry students have spent a great deal of time practicing tree identification and timber cruising skills in Rockman's Woods, and our Ag Processing classes have learned skills in food processing and preservation with items such as canning salsa and fermenting sauerkraut, and making cheese and sausage.



HIGH SCHOOL

GIVING BACK

PRODUCTION & MANUFACTURING



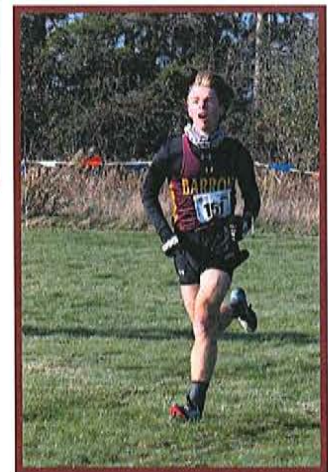
The Production and Manufacturing class built two wheelchair accessible planters for the Woodstone Senior Living Community in Rice Lake.

HIGH SCHOOL

STATE MEET

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Fran and Marcus Peterson who competed at the State Cross Country meet. Both runners had an awesome race. Fran was a STATE MEDALIST, finishing 10th in Division II.



GIRLS GOLF

Even though our season was a little shorter than past years, we had a great year with our amazing juniors leading the team! We were the team champion at the HON NHS Golf Invitational. We finished fourth in the Heart of the North Conference. Clarie Bartlett and Brooke Vergin were both named to the all - conference team with a respective 2nd and 9th place finish. We had quite a few birdies and chip ins throughout the season along with some personal best scores for all of our players.



Front L-R Ameilia Weise, Brooke Vergin, Teagan Mickelson, Madeline Mickelson, Claire Bartlett Back row l-r - Janica Skjerly, Kami Zurn, Ema Church, Coach Sue Becker

BOYS SOCCER

Our Barron Bears soccer team had a very successful season going undefeated during the regular season. They beat the Cumberland Beavers and captured the Regional Championship title with a 2-1 victory.



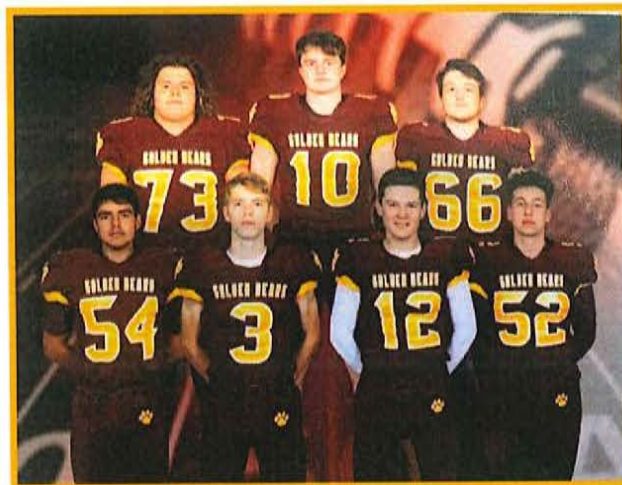
GIRLS TENNIS



Jada Brunkow and Phoebe Jerome were statebound in tennis as our #1 doubles team. Their hard work and dedication paid off making this their third year qualifying for State.

BHS FOOTBALL

We would like to give a shout out to our senior football players. THANK YOU SENIORS! THANK YOU SENIORS! Traditionally, students yell this at their last game of the season. Unfortunately, their season was cut short and these seniors didn't get to experience their last night on the field. Thank you again to these seniors for their dedication and leadership.



COACH TRAVIS GUNTHER

HIGH SCHOOL

C-TEAM VOLLEYBALL

The C-Team finished 4-4-1 and made a ton of improvements over the course of the season with their court awareness and team play. They were a great group of volleyball players to coach.

The following awards were voted on by players and given at the end of the season:

The Wall: Madison Donica

The Intimidator: Audra Rick

The Ace: Lilly Kunkel

The Energizer Bunny: Sierra Lien

The Motivator: Lilly Kunkel

MVP: Lilly Kunkel

MIP: Jordan Taylor and Taylor Anderson



Photo by E-Squared

Pictured Front (left to right): Kyla Fowler, Emma Thompson, Haylie Powers, Madison Donica, Jordan Taylor

Pictured Back (left to right): Tori Livingston, Coach Travis Gunther, Lilly Kunkel, Audra Rick, Sierra Lien, Hailie Robbins, Jordan Taylor, and Manager Dakota Dresser

COACH BOBBY PITTMAN

HIGH SCHOOL

JV VOLLEYBALL

The 2020 season of volleyball was one to remember. The number one thing we had to do as a team was remind ourselves how lucky we were to have a season at all, and not focus on the negative. The JV as a whole, made goals as a team. I am very proud to say that we were able to achieve all but one goal. It was definitely a season to be proud of, even though it was a shortened season, much was accomplished. We finish 6 - 3 as a team which exceeded our goal of winning at least 50 percent of all matches. A unique goal that I believe was achieved, was that the girls wanted to be competitive as a team but also close as teammates. They definitely achieved that, gathering around each other when one was in need. This is definitely a team to be proud of.



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Pictured (left to right): Coach Bobby Pittman, Isabel Massie, Delaney Willers, Summer Hammann, Ashlynn Harmon, Rayna Hauck, Kesha Palmquist, Cameron Mullikin, and Mikayla Ecklor

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

The Varsity team finished with an impressive 8-3 record and made it to Regional Finals, where we lost in four close sets to a very much-improved Northwestern team. Although the season came to end sooner than we would have liked, we all agreed that we were fortunate to be able to play the game we love so much and each time out on the court together was a true gift. Congratulations to Megan Bartlett, senior libero, and Macey Herrman, junior middle hitter, for both earning Second Team All-Conference honors.

The following awards were voted on by players and coaches and given to the girls at the end of the season:

Offensive Player of the Year: Macey Herrman

Defensive Player of the Year: Megan Bartlett

Rookie of the Year: Hailee Halverson

Heart & Hustle Award: Ashley Kurschner

Coaches Award: Taylor Johnson

Most Improved: Allison Coss

Team Captain: Megan Bartlett

Team Captain: Izzy Johnson

Team Captain: Abbey Miller

Manager of the Year: Greta Scheps



Photo by E-Squared

Pictured Front (left to right): Ana DeLaTorre, Izzy Johnson, Megan Bartlett, Abbey Miller, Faith Peltier

Pictured Back (left to right): Hailee Halverson, Allison Coss, Macey Herrman, Hailee Thompson, Ashley Kurschner, Taylor Johnson

GIRLS BASKETBALL

We are excited to get basketball 2020 underway. It might look a little different this year, but that doesn't change the heart and determination this team has on the court. We have a strong team built around a core of returning players. We are proud to have seven letter-winners return to our team and lead us into this season. Their experience and leadership, combined with great underclassman talent, will make for an exciting season. Our summer basketball season was different than the past, but that didn't change the hard work the girls put in at open gyms. Check out games on the We Are Barron Network!

Returning Letter Winners

Row 1: Sydney Stauner, Macey Herrman, Hailee Thompson
 Row 2: Rylee Stauner, Jada Brunkow, Gracie Smith, Paige Knutson



MR. CHARLES KIRKWOOD

Education - Barron High School - 1946

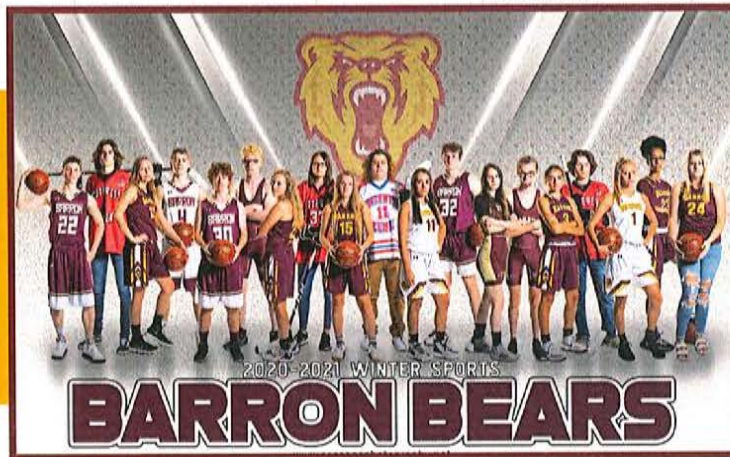
Charles "Chuck" Kirkwood's music has left a profound mark on the Barron community. At local events, the majestic sound of his trumpet captivated audiences. Kirkwood played in Dance Band and toured across the region. He eventually started multiple bands and shared his musical gifts at local senior establishments. Chuck was named an honorary bugler by the local VFW Posts and has played taps more than 3,500 times since he was a freshman at Barron High School in 1943. Kirkwood won countless awards for his performances, including at the local, state and national levels. For more than 77 years, Chuck's music has been a fixture of the Barron community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<p>Athletics are not on this calendar due to the continuous changing of schedules. Please see the Back to School Blueprint on www.barron.k12.wi.us for the latest info and updates.</p>					Almena Secret Santa Workshop	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4:00 RVMS Site Council	4:30 Almena ACE Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg 5:30 5 th Gr Music/Band Concert 6:30 6 th Gr Music/Band Concert	BHS: ASVAB Test	7:00 WD:D 4 th Gr Program @ BACC R-D Kids Holiday Shopping			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 5:30 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg 7:00 BHS Band & Choir Holiday Concert @ BHS Gym	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 1:30 R-D Holiday Program				Almena Holiday Program	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
6:30 School Board Mtg			NO SCHOOL – Winter Break			
			Required Inservice			
				Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31		
NO SCHOOL – Winter Break						
				New Year's Eve		



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break New Years Day	2
3 School Resumes PALS Testing Starts Gr. 4K-2	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg Red Cedar Honors Clinic @ Hayward	11 6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg	12	13	14	15	16
17 6:30 School Board Mtg	18 6:00 WDL PTA Mtg @ WDL	19	20 4 – 7 BHS Parent Teacher Conferences	21	22 Middle School Solo Ensemble @ Bloomer End of 2 nd Quarter	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Winterfest Dance
31	BHS Winter Fest week					

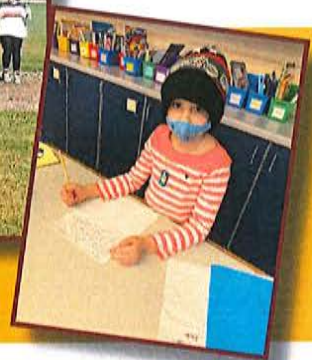


UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	4:00 RVMS Site Council	Math Counts Regional 6:30 R-D Parents Club Mtg				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Winter Survival Week - 7 th Grade						
	4:30 Policy/Personnel Cmte Mtg 6:00 Finance/Facility Cmte Mtg	6:45 am Curriculum/Tech Cmte Mtg 4:30 Almerna ACE Mtg 5:30 BAMS Board Mtg				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	NO SCHOOL			1:00 WDL & R-D 2 nd Gr Little House Program @ BACC		
	6:30 School Board Mtg					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			No School: WDL 4K & BAMS	Almerna Barnebirke	PALS Testing Ends Gr 4K-2 End of 2 nd Trimester	
			Child Development Day FCCLA Regional STAR Events			
28						

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