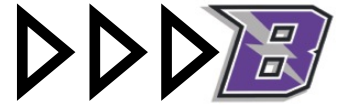


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# A Message from Dr. Clapper

It's hard to believe how quickly this school year has flown by. It feels like just yesterday I was extending a warm welcome to everyone, and now, as we find ourselves on the brink of summer break, I'm filled with a sense of gratitude for the incredible community, students, and staff who have shared this journey with us. It's often said that time flies, and indeed it does. Through the highs and lows, we've stood together, and as we near the end of our time together, I am reminded of the strength and resilience of our school and community.

Reflecting on my past years at Baxter, it's been a remarkable journey. Over my six years as Baxter's superintendent, we saw a new high school built, a global pandemic, schools closing, the world shutting down, remote learning, and finally, witnessing the return of our students to what felt like a semblance of normalcy was truly heartening. Who could have anticipated that we would find such joy in simple moments like assemblies in the gym or parents joining us for lunch with their children? Despite the challenges we've faced over the past couple of years, our community has remained steadfast and strong. I take great pride in being part of a community where support and unity are deeply ingrained values. Regardless of differing opinions, we stand united as Bolts, knowing that together, we are stronger.

Something we do as a district is provide special education services to our students. Every five years we reevaluate our special education service delivery plan to make sure it is still meeting the needs of our students.

We formed a committee of staff members, AEA professionals, and parents to help us look through the plan and make adjustments to fit our current needs. If you would like to provide any additional feedback about this plan, please feel free to contact us. Here is a link to the plan if you are interested in reading it.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for their support. Our achievements in various activities stand as a testament to our collective dedication, and it's heartwarming to see our community come together to support our students in every endeavor. While we've faced our share of challenges, we've navigated them together with resilience and determination.

Looking ahead, we have a calendar filled with exciting events in the coming months—from concerts and sports competitions to the highly anticipated high school graduation ceremony. The Class of 2024 holds a special place in our hearts, with many of these students having been part of our community since their early years. As they embark on their next chapter, I encourage them to embrace their journey with courage and determination, always remembering the path that leads them back home. Congratulations to the BHS Class of 2024!

Dr. Mickolyn Clapper

# STUDENT NEWS



## Elementary CKH Award Winners

Students and staff were nominated by elementary staff members for the months of February and March.

**February Students:** Bently Stoll, Madi Laurie, Paul Schneider, Gavin Ross, Kaidon Bucklin, Abby Mahoney, Aubrei Fausch, Macklin Humston, Johnathan Clark, Trenton Riley, Nolan Williams, Alex Lokenvitz, Lincoln Henderson, Bridger Meyer, Rocket Payne, Graham Breckenridge, Lincoln Frasher, Violet Wisniowski, Weston Neiland, Zoey Birkenholtz, Berkley Bowman, Grant Birkenholtz, Zaveyn Eggers, Mason Whaley, Bentley Popenhagen, Reese Langmaid, Nolan Halter, Carson Wonders, and Skylar Fausch.

**February Staff:** Mrs. Anna Travis

**March Students:** Raelynn Butler, Bella Bethards, Jensen Kinyon, Isla Maher, James Pickett, Brynlee Mortenson, Harper Boike, Chesney Kaplan, Jon Karns, Alivia Cook, Calvin Hauser, Wesley Beavers, Cale Nelson, Nolan Halter, Elias Horsman, Harper Jones, Benton Mortenson, Miriam Warden, Cash Akins, Caleb Witzenburg, Phillip Frasher, Aria Mergen.

**March Staff:** Mr. Wyatt Eide + Mrs. Dana Bucklin



## Middle School ELP

These middle school ELP students got to present their research at National History Day at Central College this spring! Sydney Beavers chose Navajo Code Talkers, Kaitlyn Engle focused on the women's suffrage movement, and Lane Cannon, Gage Snyder, Noah Stratton, and Kydin Wing researched Pearl Harbor to go with the theme "Turning Points in History."



# Fifth Grade Follies

The 5th grade has been working very hard in the last month. In math, we've been reviewing fractions. We are adding fractions and converting the decimals to prepare for ISASP. Last Friday, we tried to make slime by following a recipe; however, it didn't work out well for everyone! Some of us had trouble making it, but some of us did it right, and some even made slime by adjusting the recipe. We are writing about 21st Century inventions. Some of the things we have chosen to write about are artificial organs, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, cryptocurrency, and social media, to name a few! We had to put that aside to study for the upcoming ISASP in the second week of April. Wish us luck. Now we're writing about bats to get practice as a class. In the mornings, we go over past cooldowns for review. We have been looking into the New Zealand Haka to motivate us for our tests. Look it up online if you dare!

Contributors: Mason Backus and the fifth-grade group!

## FFA Newsletter

Our FFA members have been busy! Jo Harder and Holly Zahurones have earned their Iowa FFA Degrees and will receive their award on stage at the State FFA Convention on April 16th. The Iowa Degree is the second-highest degree in all of FFA. These girls have kept records, connected learning in and outside the classroom, completed 25+ hours of community service, and been active leaders in our FFA Chapter. This is an amazing honor!

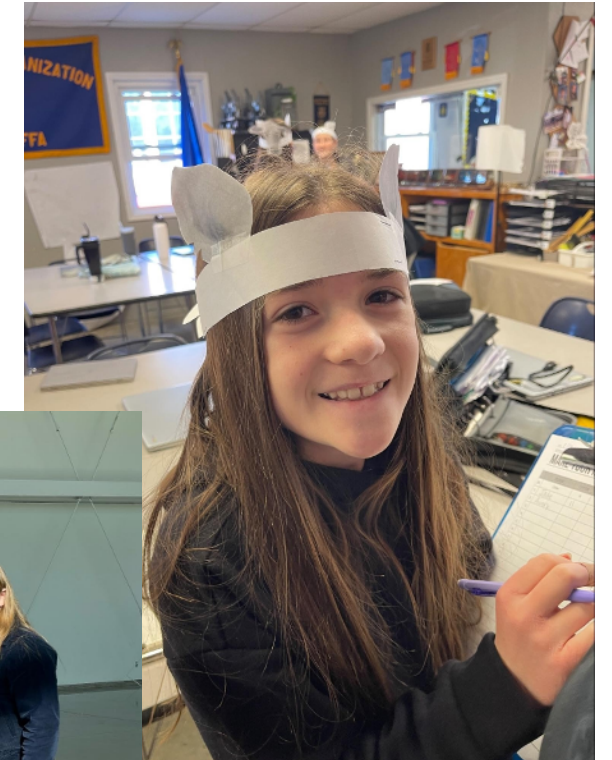
We also had three members compete in Leadership Development Events in February. Jo Harder competed in the Job Interview contest and received a silver rating! Holly Zahurones competed in Agriculture Sales and received a gold rating! Luci Kucera competed in Radio Broadcasting and received a gold rating!

February 19-23 was National FFA Week, and we involved the whole school! We started the week by having members cook and serve breakfast to our staff. Members also drove tractors to school, donated food to the Baxter Food Bank, and read books to our elementary classes! Many students participated in our dress-up days and even got to bob for apples during our Ag Olympics! High School students and staff raised \$187 for the chapter while voting for a teacher to kiss a pig at the end of the Ag Olympics. The lucky staff member was Mr. Chris Smith!

April continues to be a busy month for us. Ag Safety Day is on April 5th, and we teach our elementary students how to be safe around large equipment, ATVs, and farm animals. Our members have been planning for weeks to create an excellent event for the younger students at our school. We will also attend the State FFA Convention in Ames, where 24 students will attend workshops, participate in contests, take tests, and enjoy the career and college fair!

To end our year, we will have our banquet, in which we will induct our officers for the next school year and celebrate our graduating seniors. Congratulations to our 2024-2025 officer team!

- President: Klaire Shanks
- Vice President: Luci Kucera
- Secretary: Harleigh Cross
- Treasurer: Addison Kerwin
- Reporter: Alyvia Burdess
- Sentinel: Rilyn Titus
- Jr. Advisor: Denver Sulzle



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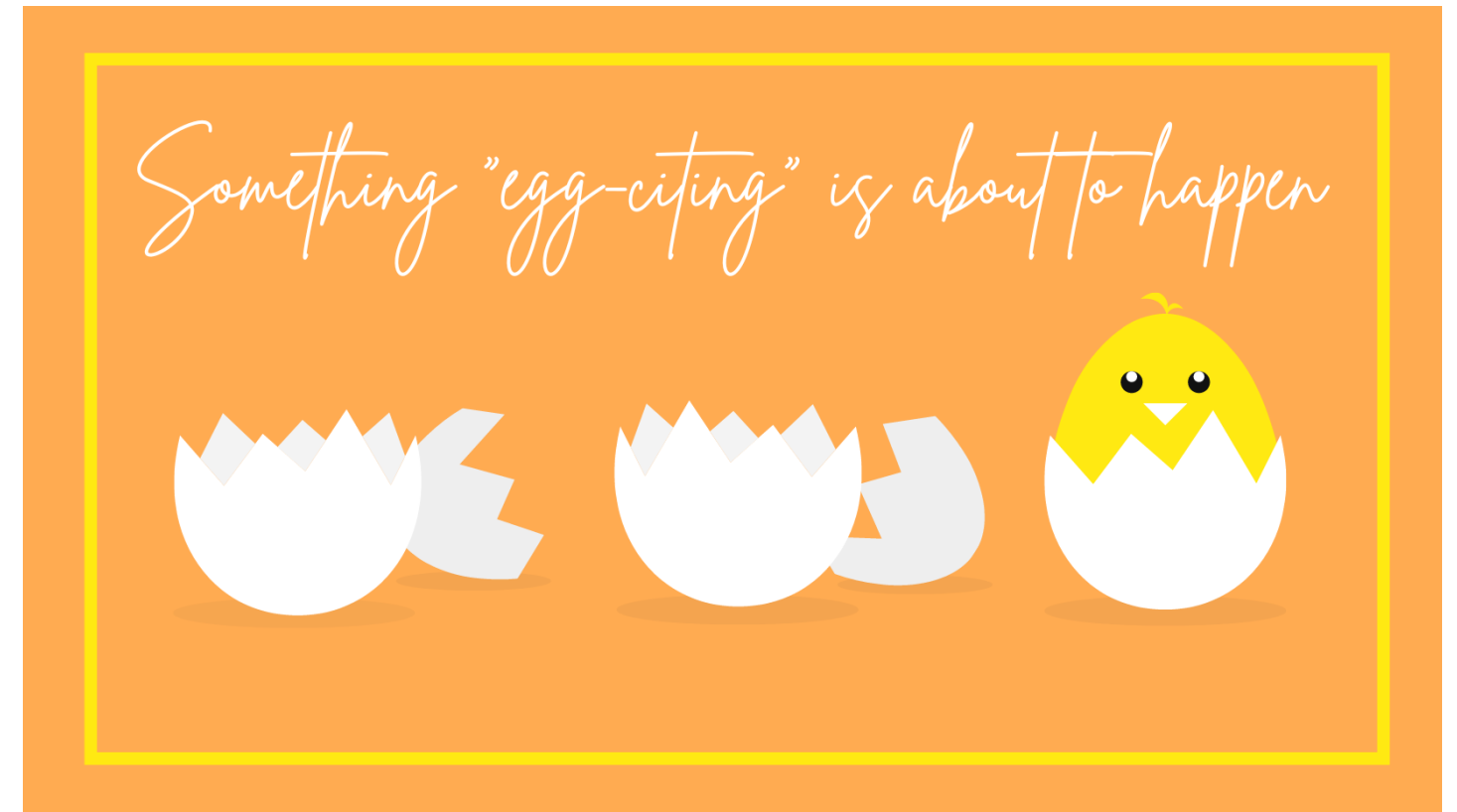




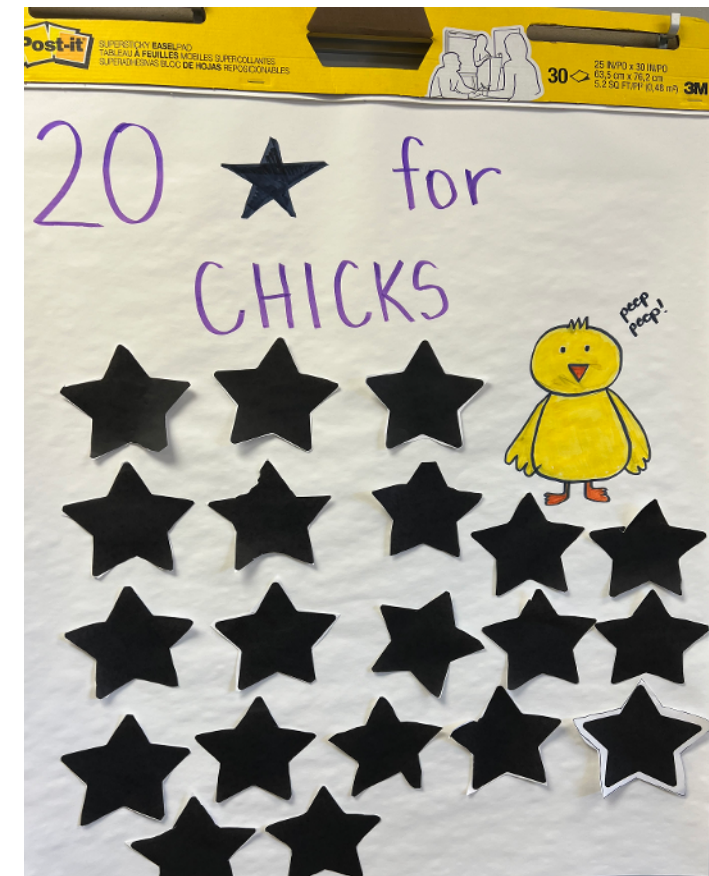
Thank you



Our wonderful staff and families donated a beautiful snack spread to greet students on the first day of ISASP testing, complete with inspirational notes. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send healthy snacks; the students loved it! Special thanks to Casey O'Roake and Gennypher Popenhagen for coming up with the idea and organizing the donations.



3rd grade earned chicks! They will get to learn all about the time and care it takes to raise an animal and also the life cycle of a chicken.





# STAFF NEWS



## Teachers' Professional Learning through an Unconference

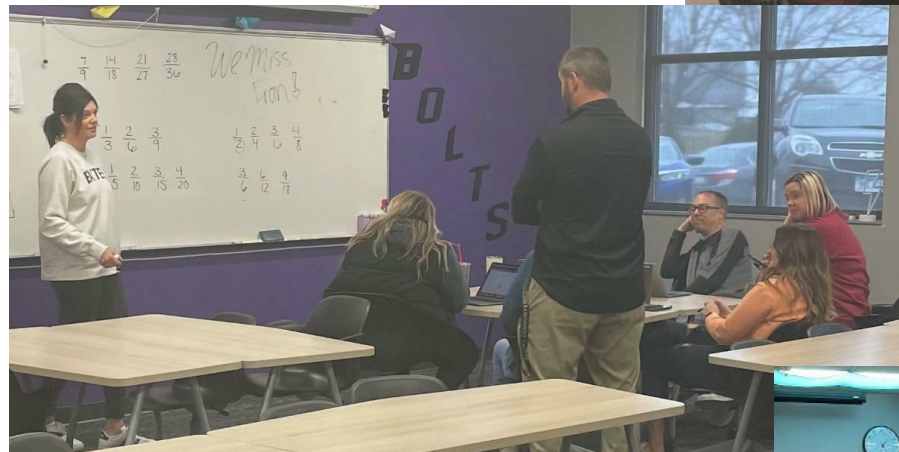
On March 18, teachers returned from spring break to continue their professional learning about engagement, effective instructional strategies, and assessment practices. Instead of engaging in typical conference-style sessions, teachers got to choose what they learned, how they learned, and with whom they wanted to share their learning. Teachers took the leap in trying something unconventional and shared some feedback about the experience:

- "We're going to work on an interdisciplinary mini-unit for the last week of school."
- "We learned about the unfinished learning folder that accompanies IM math."
- "Possibly working with the elementary on something my explore kids could do with them!!"
- "Great Discussions on engagement in PE. We are looking at various ways to offer PE to meet the needs of more students."
- "'Closing the Gap,' ways to take assessment data and incorporate it into instruction immediately."
- "I learned a great deal about different ways technology can be used in the classroom. Many sites I had never heard of, and that could be easy for me to include."
- "I look forward to the possibility of doing a January or May term in the future."
- "A group of secondary teachers discussed incorporating multiple strategies to use cross-instructional information and this is something I would like to participate in. We also discussed finding a way to incorporate clubs into the school day and that would be great to do for students."

In the afternoon, the elementary teachers learned how to incorporate science activities and discussions within existing timeframes and structures. We welcomed Ashley Delaney, Heartland AEA science consultant, to lead the learning, and are looking forward to teaching students about thinking with a scientific mindset.

\*Pictures on the next page





## Baxter Elementary School Awarded School of Promising Practices

On the morning of March 18, Baxter Elementary received the School of Promising Practices Award from Solution Tree. Bryce Amos, State Office Executive Director, presented the staff with the Promising Practices certificate and flag.

Promising Practices is a solid initial step to becoming a Model PLC (Professional Learning Community) at Work school. Promising Practices schools have strong evidence of the solid foundation required to become a Model PLC at Work and share at least one year of data that shows student achievement growth. Model PLC at Work schools and districts have committed to the PLC at Work process, which is ingrained into the day-to-day culture of the school or district. Model schools and districts provide at least three years of data showing evidence of student achievement growth.

Several years ago, the elementary had been given a "priority" status as a school in need of assistance from the state to increase achievement scores. Since that time, the staff has worked diligently in partnership with Solution Tree to streamline their work as collaborative teams in focusing on getting the student learning results from instruction. We are so proud of the staff's commitment and dedication to continuous improvement. They are well on their way to becoming a Model School. GO BOLTS!





# A Message from Mr. Luther

Dear Baxter Community, Parents, Staff and Students:

I have been dreading sitting down and writing this last newsletter article. It is probably because it is one of the final steps in an amazing journey. It is one of those tasks that makes me reflect on just how lucky and blessed I have been to call Baxter CSD home for 27 years. The average tenure of high school principals who stay at one school is between 3-4 years. I have skewed that data point. In 1997, Baxter was just going to be a stopping point in my 3-4 year plan, after which I would move on. Then something amazing happened. I got to know the people in this school and community. I was supported, mentored, embraced, and loved. I joke that as a principal and even more to double as a coach if you can stay on the good side of 51% of the people, you are ahead of the curve. I am not sure, but it has felt like way more than 51%.

**"Wrinkles go where the smiles have been."**

I remember my parents always telling me not to look for a job but to find a career. There are so many people who helped me make this a fantastic career. There are way too many people to mention all of them. You think as an educator, your main focus is to make a difference in the lives of others. Then, one day, you wake up and realize that all of those people have made just as huge of a difference in your life. I have had the pleasure of working for four superintendents. Neil Seales has always been the benchmark for me. He was a mentor and an amazing leader. He led with the most integrity and work ethic of anyone I have known. Matt Patton, Todd Martin, and Mickolyn Clapper all had qualities I learned and grew from. What I appreciated about all 4 of these people was they gave me the freedom to lead my building and supported me.

**"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."**

Another fantastic data point is that, in 27 years, I have only had two secretaries: Rachel McKibbin and Angie Wesselink. I consider myself incredibly lucky to work beside both of these women. They are amazing people and have such ownership of our school. They each did so much to improve our school.

**"It takes no more time to see the good side of the world than to see the bad."**

I wrote last month about the impact of all the teachers I have worked with here. But there have also been so many other people who made coming to work each day fun. I thank all of you who made me smile, laugh, scream and helped me be a better principal. Thank you to all the elementary principals, support staff, nurses, custodians, office staff, bus drivers, cooks, board members, volunteers, coaches, AEA staff, parents, students, and community members. Never underestimate the impact you have on people. It doesn't matter if it is a week or a lifetime; you may never know it, but all of it matters.

**"We need more fruitcakes in the world and less bakers."**

As I reflect, there have been so many highs and lows. I have always coached and tried to model the phrase, don't let the highs be too high and lows be too low. The low points that will never leave me are the ones where we lost part of our Baxter family way too soon. Our school will always remember Ronan, Landon, Kirsten, Mira, Jake, and Sandi.

The highs begin with all we have accomplished: The BOLTS, a top state academic ranking, a new high school, a new gym and athletic facility, college credit increases, the middle school concept, a career academy, and so many more. But the true highs are the relationships that were built. It is the school pride. It is seeing a student be a successful citizen, employee, spouse, and parent. Isn't that really why we are in business?

**"Some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, but I had a good life all the way!"**

Class of 2024, I hope we have helped you build a foundation that will allow you to chase your dreams. A wonderful world awaits you and needs you. Remember your roots. You will always have a home at Baxter HS. Let the journey be your happiness.

**"Searching is half the fun. Life is much more managed when it is thought of as a scavenger hunt as opposed to a surprise party."**

I believe being a great principal without a strong work-life balance is impossible. My family has been so supportive. Grant, Taylor, AJ, Trent, and Mallory, thanks for sharing me with my Baxter family. I have been so blessed to be able to come to work each day with Kristin. She is the rock, and would be nowhere close to the person I am without her.

**"With you, I'd walk anywhere."**

I love the phrase Leave the place better than you found it. That is all I have hoped to do. Baxter has always been one of our state's top small schools and communities. All I really had to do was keep the ship heading in the right direction. Thanks for the opportunity to do that. Baxter will always be a part of who I am. For that, I say thanks!

**"That, to me, is the way any good romantic would look at his life, Live it first! Then write it down before you go."**

Go Bolts!

Rob Luther

All the bold quotes are from the greatest poet of my generation, Jimmy Buffet.



# A Message from Mr. Hasselbrink

The school year is dwindling to the final months, but this is an exciting time for students and staff. The year always seems to fly by; as they say, time flies when you're having fun. At Baxter Elementary, we know the importance of high learning expectations, but we also try to find opportunities to create a love for learning and school. We work each month to celebrate the great things our students do in and around our school.

Each month, we post our award winners for exemplifying a positive character trait in school. Our monthly assemblies help build our culture around celebrating success, encouraging others, and balancing academics and fun in school. We are constantly working to create a positive environment for our students and make school a place where they want to be.

Speaking of celebrating success, Baxter Elementary was recently recognized by Solution Tree as a Promising Practices Professional Learning Community at Work® for its initial success in raising student achievement. Our school's commitment to implementing the PLC at Work process has significantly contributed to making a visible, positive impact on student learning. PLCs are schools and districts where educators recognize that the key to improved student learning is ongoing, job-embedded learning for the adults serving those students. Through collaboration, a focus on education, and data analysis, our teachers work diligently to provide high levels of learning for all students. This recognition solidifies the work that we engage in daily. We proudly display our Promising Practices Flag outside our elementary office as a daily reminder of the hard work and commitment to our student's learning.

For those with a 3rd-5th grade student, we will take the ISASP tests on April 9- April 12. Third, Fourth, and Fifth-grade students will take standardized tests in reading, language arts, and math. Fifth graders will also take a science test. We will provide breakfast each day for those grade levels and do everything we can to help them have a positive mindset going into the tests. Please know you can support students at home by ensuring a good night's sleep and reiterating giving their best effort. This test will provide proficiency and growth data about our students. The test is not timed, so please encourage your student to take their time, read each question and answer, and implement any test-taking strategies they have learned. Please ask them how they think the testing went, celebrate the successes you hear, and encourage them to continue giving their best effort.

There are still lots of upcoming events planned for our elementary school. If you have an incoming Kindergarten student, there will be an informational parent meeting on April 9th from 6:00-7:00 PM in the East Commons. Also, Kindergarten Round-up is on April 19th, so current Kindergarten students will have NO SCHOOL that day. At this event, current PK students spend a day in kindergarten doing some testing and familiarizing themselves with their upcoming classrooms. Our preschool open house will be on May 21st from 5:00-6:30 PM. This event will be for students entering 4-year-old preschool in the 2024-25 school year. We are excited about the incoming students and look forward to meeting them and their parents.

More upcoming events include Ag Safety Day on April 5th. High School students will lead stations about animals, machines, and education. May 2nd will be our Elementary Spring Concert held in the East Gym. Track and Field day is set for the afternoon of May 10th. More information will be sent out about this, but parents are always encouraged to come out and enjoy the fun. Each grade level has some upcoming field trips, so please be on the lookout for emails/communications from your classroom teachers.

As you can tell, we have a busy finish to our school year, and preparation for the next school year is already underway. Although we have many fun activities planned to finish our school year, we will stay committed to student learning to ensure future success for all our students. I am thankful to work with great teachers, students, parents, and community members supporting our great school and district. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions. Go Bolts!

Zach Hasselbrink  
Elementary Principal

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**MR. ROB LUTHER'S  
RETIREMENT**

*Open House*

MAY 31, 2024 • 5:00 - 10:00 PM  
AT BENOLA'S • BAXTER, IOWA.

**FINE arts  
NIGHT**

Friday, April 5th 4:00 - 7:00 PM East Gym, BCSD  
FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS APPRECIATED

An Open-House, Family Event  
K-12 Artworks on Display  
Open-Mic Style Student Performances with Casual Seating  
Family Duets & Small-Group Songs Encouraged! (Be brave! This is your chance!  
You don't need to sign up, just show up with family & friends.)  
Cosplayers - Gear Up & Show Off!  
Art Make & Takes for All Ages  
Trivia Games - throughout the event - 2\$ entry per round  
Treats for sale to benefit Academic Decathlon

Volunteers needed to strike at 7:00 so the gym is cleared for the weekend. Questions / Volunteers: please email Mrs. Carter - [ecarter@baxter.k12.ia.us](mailto:ecarter@baxter.k12.ia.us)

**PRESCHOOL  
OPEN  
HOUSE**

4 YEAR  
OLD

**LOCATION:  
PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM**

If your child will be 4 years old by September 15, 2024, please join us for an open house to learn about our preschool program.

**MAY 21, 2024  
5:00 - 6:30 PM**

EMAIL:  
[SVANBEEK@  
BAXTER.K12.IA.US](mailto:SVANBEEK@BAXTER.K12.IA.US)



# Counselor's Corner

Mr. Travis Dee

Secondary School  
Counselor

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## MCC Career Expo

The Baxter freshman class attended a Career Expo hosted at Marshalltown Community College in late March. Students were given the option of attending morning sessions that were highlighted by the following programs: business, manufacturing, agriculture, automotive tech, art, athletic training, broadcasting, networking, construction, cosmetology, court reporting, criminal justice, military, nursing, social work, E-Sports/management. One goal of our district is to expose students to a variety of career pathways. The MCC Career Expo does a great job of exposing students to new possibilities and the type of training they will need to be successful.

## National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) members are selected on the qualities of character, leadership, and service. Baxter High School students become eligible in their second semester of their sophomore year and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Interested students then complete a student activity form as well as a brief letter of acceptance stating why they would like to be part of the organization. The high school staff then evaluates the information in accordance with the mission of the NHS.

The National Honor Society induction will be held in the west gym on Wednesday, April 17 at 2:00. Parents and the students who are inducted into the National Honor Society will be invited to the ceremony and reception at the school.

## Freshman Orientation

The freshmen orientation will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the West Commons for current eighth-grade students and their parents. This orientation will give students and parents an opportunity to ask questions about issues related to the high school experience and review students' four-year plans. Please discuss with your child information concerning high school classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My office number is (641) 227-1409.


## Middle School Orientation

The middle school orientation will be on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 pm in the West Commons. It is important that students going into the sixth grade next year, as well as their parents, attend this event. The orientation will introduce the middle-school concept and cover expectations for a successful transition.

## ACT TEST DATES 2024

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21	July 5



<b>Amanda Hoffman</b>	Available Monday-Friday from 7:40 am-3:40 pm. ahoffman@baxter.k12.ia.us	
<b>Jill Halter</b>	Available at Baxter Monday all day, Wednesday <u>12-3:40</u> , <u>Friday</u> all day. jhalter@baxter.k12.ia.us	

### Elementary Classroom Counseling-Specials Rotation

In April, our counseling specials rotations will focus on Trustworthiness and Communication. Students in each grade level will talk about what it means to trust and what they can do to maintain trust with others. We will talk about how to communicate with others clearly and how to let them know what we need. In May, we will learn more about Growth Mindset and Career Readiness. Students will participate in grade-appropriate lessons about career options and how to choose one that is right for them. This lays the groundwork for lessons they will continue in Middle School and High School around the Iowa College and Career Readiness Standards.

### Summer Counseling Hours

It's hard to believe that we are headed into the home stretch of the 2023-2024 school year. Baseball, softball, and soccer are starting, and that means it is almost summer. Many of our students LOVE summer, but some appreciate the schedule and predictability of school. We will work diligently to nurture these students and prepare them for summer! On that note, Mrs. Hoffman is excited to announce that for the third summer, I will have summer hours! You will be getting a flyer with the hours and the location as we get closer to the end of the school year. This is an amazing opportunity for all of our students to have a check in throughout the summer to share their good news and their challenges. If I can keep up with them through the summer, it makes coming back in the fall a bit easier also. These times are open to any Baxter student who would like to come. It is drop-in and come-and-go. This will be a group setting. Keep your eyes open for more information!

### Jasper County Resources

Iowa has a 24-hour crisis hotline available for ALL Iowans! Call 855-581-8111, text 855-895-8398, or online from 9 am-3 pm at [www.YourLifelowa.org](http://www.YourLifelowa.org). All services are confidential and free! Did you know that you can find more available resources by dialing 211 on your mobile device or going to <http://www.211.org>.

### Parenting Corner

This is an interesting article, with practical suggestions, about helping your child get motivated in school. Working together and encouraging your students can lead to amazing academic success.  
<https://childmind.org/article/how-to-help-your-child-get-motivated-in-school/>

### Health and Wellness

A child's body needs water to be healthy and active. Many communities have tap (faucet) water with fluoride. Giving children water with fluoride is one of the best ways to keep their teeth healthy. When children drink water with fluoride throughout the day, their teeth are bathed in low levels of fluoride, which helps to keep teeth strong.

### Tips for encouraging your child to drink water:

- Make drinking water fun for your child. Use bendy, silly, or colored straws. Or let your child choose their favorite cups or water bottles.
- Use water bottles that can be carried anywhere. Refill them with tap water. Most bottled water does not have fluoride.
- Add a lemon, lime, or orange slice or fresh mint leaves to the water. Or add fruit like blueberries, raspberries, or strawberries.
- Give your child water with ice cubes or crushed ice. Look for ice cube trays in fun shapes like dinosaurs, letters, or animals.
- Be a good role model for your child. Drink water instead of drinks that have sugar, like juice, fruit drinks, soda (pop), or sports drinks.
- Set up a station where your child can get a drink of water when they are thirsty. Keep a nonbreakable water pitcher or thermos on a low stool or a chair where your child can reach it.
- Read books or show your child videos about drinking water, for example, *Potter the Otter: A Tale About Water* and *Potter the Otter Loves to Drink Water*.

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/encouraging-your-child-drink-water>

### Mark your Calendars for your student's upcoming activities:

- April 5th: K-5 Ag Safety Day sponsored by Baxter FFA
- April 19th: 3-5 ISASP wrap-up celebration (details to come)
- April 19th: Kindergarten Round-Up (No Kindergarten on this day)
- April 24th: 3-5 grades to Doktor Kaboom in Des Moines
- May 6th: K-2 and 3-5 Elementary Music Concerts
- May 8th: 3-5 grades Grammy award-winning singer and motivational speaker, **SaulPaul**
- May 10th: PK-5 Field Day
- May 24th: Last Day of School (8 am-11 am)



## Baxter Public Library

### Hours

Monday 12:00 - 6:00  
Tuesday 9:30 - 5:00  
Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00  
Thursday 12:00 - 5:00  
Saturday 9:00 - 11:00

**Web page:** [baxter.lib.ia.us](http://baxter.lib.ia.us)

**Facebook:** Baxter Public Library --- check here for additional events

**e-mail:** [library.baxter@gmail.com](mailto:library.baxter@gmail.com)

**online catalog:** [baxterlibrarycatalog.follettdestiny.com](http://baxterlibrarycatalog.follettdestiny.com)

### Weekly Events

#### Monday

Cribbage @ 4:00

All are welcome even if you don't know how to play

1st Monday @ 6:00 Book Club

Contact the library to get a copy of our book for the month

#### Tuesday

Preschool Storytime @ 10:00

1st Tuesday @ 6:00 Library Board Meeting

#### Wednesday

After School Fun (2nd -5th grade) 3:15 - 4:30

3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 Quilt Club

### Special Events

**April 18 @ 6:00**

County Music

Signed in Ink

By Darla (Klaunberg) Knutson

**May 20 @ 6:00**

Medicine Safety



## FARMERS LOVE TO READ

Baxter Public Library  
2024 Summer Reading Program

### Read for Prizes

Pick up your reading log after June 3rd

### Tuesdays at 10:00

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June 4  
June 11  
June 18  
June 25  
July 2  
July 9  
July 16  
July 23

### Thursdays at 10:00

June 6  
June 13  
June 20  
June 27  
July 11  
July 18  
July 25

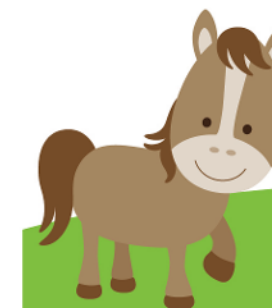
### Storytime for Preschool

### School Age Kids

Mural Painting  
Balloon Animals  
Rocket Assembly  
Playdough Challenge  
Sand Art  
Paint on Glass  
Making Minute to Win It  
Finishing Minute to Win It

### Large Group Event for All

Bubbles  
Tie Dye  
Rocket Launch  
Jason Kolllum Juggler  
Fonziba Drums  
Water Day  
Grilling at the Park and  
Minute to Win It Challenges



Check with Facebook for updates





## FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

### HYGIENE DRIVE

Thank you to the High School Student Council for holding a hygiene drive. Students and community members were able to collect a lot of good items that can be dispersed to those in need. That said, I would like to offer students and their families the opportunity to select any needed items. We have shampoo/conditioner, body wash, facial cleanser, deodorant, and toothbrushes/toothpaste. Please contact me via my school email if there are any items you could use.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Please note that if your child is in the following grades, they need specific health screenings. Please reach out if you have any questions.

-7th Graders-

All students entering 7th grade must have proof of having the Meningococcal and Tdap vaccine before school starts in August unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption (medical or religious) on file.

-Seniors-

Students entering 12th grade need proof of two doses of the Meningococcal vaccine. Now is an excellent time for your child to receive these immunization requirements and beat the back-to-school rush.

## IOWA Student Health Screening Requirements



### 3rd Grade

#### Vision Screening

- No earlier than 1 year prior and no later than 6 months after enrollment
- Can be provided by ophthalmologist or optometrist or pediatrician's or family practice physician's office, a free clinic, a child care center, a local public health department, a public or accredited nonpublic school, or a community-based organization or by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant
- Submitted electronically through IRIS or hard copy (no required form)

### 9th Grade

#### Dental Screening

- No earlier than 1 year prior to enrollment and no later than 4 months after enrollment
- Must be provided by licensed dentist or dental hygienist
- Must use IDPH Certificate of Dental Screening

### Kindergarten

#### Dental Screening

- No earlier than age 3 and no later than 4 months after enrollment
- Can be provided by a licensed dentist, dental hygienist, physician, physician assistant, registered nurse or ARNP
- Must use IDPH Certificate of Dental Screening

#### Vision Screening

- No earlier than 1 year prior and no later than 6 months after enrollment
- Can be provided by ophthalmologist or optometrist or pediatrician's or family practice physician's office, a free clinic, a child care center, a local public health department, a public or accredited nonpublic school, or a community-based organization or by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant
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#### Lead Screening

- At least one Blood Lead Test should occur prior to six years of age
- List of students supplied by school districts to IDPH within 60 days of enrollment

Schools are a critical partner in ensuring students are healthy and ready to learn. It is important to link students with available services to provide the best opportunity for the student to succeed. In Iowa, there are four health screening programs regulated by the state and implemented by the schools: immunization, dental, vision and blood lead.

**For immunization requirements, see next page**

For more information: <https://idph.iowa.gov/iowa-student-health-screening-requirements>





# ACTIVITIES NEWS



## Celebration of Baxter Bolts

### Music

#### Jasper County Honor Band

- Flutes: Malayla Hurd, Grace Warden
- Clarinets: Piper Redman, Katt Wing, Olivia Parrie
- Bass Clarinet: Mel Smith
- Alto Sax: Zander Parker, Lincoln Russell
- Trumpet: Brylea Nicholson
- Trombone: Brecken Maxwell, Nick Shedd
- Baritone: Victor Spohnheimer
- Percussion: Robbie Richardson, Kenzie Cross

#### Central Iowa Honor Band

- Flutes: Noah Stratton
- Clarinets: Avery Whaley, Allison Engle
- Alto Sax: Claire Kucera
- Trumpets: Christian Jones, Mazie Humston
- Trombones: Jenner Travis, Gavin Yeltman
- Percussion: Lane Cannon

#### We Sing Honor Choir

- Hope Good
- Katie Bell

### Speech

Brianna Winfield became the first Bolt to be an **Individual All-State Performer** for her performance in Storytelling.

### Athletics

- Treyton Travis was named the Player of the Year in Boys Basketball for the Iowa Star Conference.
- Soccer began competition in late March, and golf began on April 1st (see the spring calendar for dates of competitions).
- The High School Boys Track Team won their first outdoor meet at Colfax.
- The Girls and Boys Teams have already had school records broken and are off to a promising season.

### Track Meets

- We have two High School Coed Meets this year on April 4th and April 8th.
- We have our Middle School Coed Meet on April 11th.
- We also host the Iowa Star Middle School Track Meet on May 3rd.

We are always looking for helpers. If you are able to help, please use the link below or email Angie Wesselink (awesselink@baxter.k12.ia.us) or Dennis Vaughn (dvaughn@baxter.k12.ia.us).

Track Meet Workers 2024

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT --- PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTICE SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Baxter Community School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

The Baxter Community School District has the responsibilities under Section 504, which included the obligations to identify, evaluate, and, if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to file a grievance and to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to:

1) Inspect and review his/her child's educational records; 2) Make copies of these records; 3) Receive a list of the individuals having access to those records; 4) Ask for an explanation of any item in the records; 5) Ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights; and 6) A hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make the amendment.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact the Equity/Section 504/ADA Coordinator for the district at 202 E. State St., Baxter, IA 50028, (641) 227-3103.

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