



BOXHOLDER Aug-Sept 2018 Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM SHARON FRIEDERICK, SCHOOL NURSE

STUDENTS CONSIDERING GOING TO COLLEGE: Meningitis is a serious infection of the covering of the brain and the spinal cord. This infection can be treated with antibiotics, however, many people who get this disease die and many are affected for life. This vaccine is highly recommended for adolescents 11-18 years of age. This vaccine is important for people at highest risk, mainly college freshmen living in dormitories. Many colleges and vocational schools require or strongly encourage this vaccine.

Two doses are recommended: the first dose at age 11 or 12 and then a booster dose at age 16. If the first dose is given after the

16th birthday, a booster is not needed.

This vaccine is available at your doctor's office for those with medical insurance. It is available at the Iowa County Health Department for those who are uninsured or who have BadgerCare. To make an appointment to the vaccine there, please call 930-9870. It is also available at the Grant County Health Department, Lancaster, 8:00-4:30, Monday-Friday, no appointment needed.

BLOOD DRIVE DATES

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming blood drives: Monday, November 19, 2018; Wednesday, March 13, 2019 and Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The drives run from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Greetings to everyone in the Iowa-Grant School District!

I am honored to be the new Superintendent of the Iowa-Grant School District. I have felt very welcomed by the staff and community. Thank you.

The Mission of the Iowa-Grant School District is to work in partnership with the community to empower all student to reach their full potential as responsible individuals who strive for life-long learning to successfully compete in an ever-changing global society. I look forward to partnering with the school board, students, educators, families, and community members to ensure we provide the highest quality education for every student in a responsive and enriching environment. I want to help ensure our students' success.

I have been in education for about 27 years. I have taught every grade level from kindergarten to students preparing to transition to life after high school. Most of my years have been in special education, but I have also taught regular education at the elementary level. Most recently, I have served as the Director of Special Education in Prescott, WI and Bemidji, MN. My experiences have varied and prepared me for the responsibility of Superintendent. I am excited to be here at a time that the district is focusing on our Mission and using data to measure our efforts.

When I started, educators really focused on the 3 R's of Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. I believe that in order to teach these 3 R's in today's world, we should put a focus on the 4 R's of Rigor, Relevance, Relationships, and Resilience. Education is a relationship business and I look forward to building relationships throughout the Iowa-Grant School District. As Superintendent, I will model the importance of building relationships by getting to know the students, parents, teachers, principals, administrators, staff, board members, residents, and civic leaders. I believe that caring adults in our system have the

power to meaningfully and positively impact our students' futures. Of the 4 R's, Relationships overshadow the others, but Rigor, Relevance, and Resilience are also important. Here are some basics on each of those concepts:

- Relationships - The students need to have relationships with other students and more importantly for educational gains, with their teachers.
- Rigor - When we expect more from our students, they rise to the challenge.
- Relevance - When students see the connections between concepts and what they need in order to accomplish their goals, they are motivated to learn.
- Resilience - Helping students to learn how to bounce back from life's inevitable difficulties will help them to continue to strive for their goals.

I hope to see many of you at our "Back to School Night" scheduled for Thursday, August 23rd at both buildings. Further details and 2018-19 registration materials will be sent to parents the first week of August. The first day of classes will be September 4th.

Please see the Notice of the Annual Meeting of the electors and consider attending. This is an opportunity to review past and future financial trends as well as have discussions about the proposed 2018-19 budget. We will also have a chance to review the 2017-2018 accomplishments of the elementary-middle school and the high school. It is my understanding from those who have an opportunity to preview our state testing data results, we are in for some good news!

This is a busy place even in the summer. There are teachers in working in their classrooms, counselors and principals working on schedules, maintenance staff cleaning and improving spaces, and contractors installing security measures. Soon we will have others re-

placing the roof at the IGEMS building.

During the course of the summer, please feel free to stop in or to drop me a line introducing yourself. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can between now and the beginning of the school year. As you can imagine, I'll be learning many new names, and trying to put them with faces, so I hope you will forgive me if I stumble occasionally when putting a name to a face. I will be asking questions of many people over the course of the next few months as I learn the workings of Iowa-Grant. So, be forewarned that if you drop by to introduce yourself, I may pick your brain!

I am very excited to be a part of such a wonderful school system and community. I will do my best to support the wonderful work you all do, and to carry forward in a way that continues to make you proud to be a Panther.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer.

Stephanie Hubbard
Superintendent

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the summer winds down and a new school year approaches, I hope you have found time to relax and enjoy the summer season. The summer seems to have flown by and the high school building has been busy with different activities all summer. I am looking forward to another successful school year and seeing the students and staff getting back into the swing of things. We have many things going on at school so please make sure to check the school's calendar/Facebook page and be involved with the many great things that the district has to offer. The fall season is already upon us with football officially starting August 1st and cross country and volleyball starting soon after on August 13th. Enjoy the rest of your summer

and I look forward to the start of school on September 4th.

Like last year, I want to stress some key areas going into this school year:

I believe that all students can be successful in the school setting and it is my expectation that everyone involved in the education of a student (student, parent, staff, administration, etc.) will do whatever it takes for the student to be successful. Student success is our main priority and focus. I hope you will take part in your child's education by inquiring about his or her time spent at school. Being involved in making sure homework and projects are completed and encouraging your child to read are key components to student success. My goal is for each student to reach their full potential. Requiring good student attendance, insisting on punctuality, supporting teacher expectations and monitoring class work are significant ways parents help to ensure student success. Great communication is a necessity so please contact your child's teachers or myself if you have any questions. Furthermore, please take the time to check on your son's/daughter's grades through the PowerSchool portal. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is going on in each class.

Pictures: For this school year, the high school will have their pictures taken on the first day of school which is Tuesday, September 4th starting at 8:30 AM. A picture packet will come home with the district mailing in August. Please have the student bring the money packet with them on the first day of school and deliver it to the photographer. The retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd at 8:30 AM.

Back to School Night: The high school Back to School Night is set for Thursday, August 23rd. It starts at 3:30 PM and runs to 7:00 PM.

Accountability: As young adults, our students need to understand the importance of being accountable for their ac-

tions. In my experience, it is better to learn this concept earlier in life rather than later. I will work with both you and your child to make school a positive experience, but I expect your child will make it as positive of an experience for himself/herself as well. All situations can be handled with respect and in an appropriate manner. I promise that I will listen to any concern you or your child have and I ask that you extend me the same courtesy. The more we work together, the better the overall school experience will be for your child.

Attendance is a priority to ensure student success. The more class time a student misses the more difficult it is for him/her to keep up with the content in class. Not only is attendance a must for success, it is state law that students must be in school. State law allows parents/guardians to excuse their children from school in writing and in advance for a total of ten days during the entire school year. Please attempt to schedule appointments during times school is not in session. I do understand it is impossible to schedule everything outside of the school day, but the fewer days missed the less likely that your child will fall behind academically. After a parent/student has used up the ten allowed days, only doctor excuses will be accepted. School sponsored events do not count towards the ten days allowed.

Lunch: We have a closed campus at Iowa-Grant. This means that a student will not be excused to leave school to get something to eat somewhere else. A student must bring his/her lunch with them or eat the school provided lunch.

Dress Code: Dress code always seems to become an issue periodically throughout the year. Please make sure you are aware of what your son/daughter is wearing to school.

Bullying and Harassment: The Iowa-Grant School District seeks to provide a learning environment free of

any form of bullying, harassment or intimidation toward and between students. Such behaviors are prohibited in all school buildings, property, and education environments, including any property or vehicle owned, leased, or used by the school district.

Parking: Students need to have their cars registered in the office and need to purchase a parking sticker (\$2) to display on the back window of the vehicle. Students must park their cars in the designated student parking areas. Vehicles that are not parked in designated areas and not registered with the office may result in penalties ranging from detention, a fine and possibly towing of the vehicle.

Cell Phones: The Iowa-Grant School District holds high expectations for student behavior, academic integrity and responsible use of existing and emerging technologies. Students who possess devices at school or school sponsored events shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community. In high school only, cellular phones and other devices may be used appropriately and respectfully before and after classes and during lunch, in common areas-such as near lockers or the cafeteria-or outside on school grounds. As a reminder to our tutors and other high school students that go the IGEMS building, students are not allowed to take out or use their cell phones. Students must keep their cell phones put away in academic settings. Students shall not use cellular phones or other electronic devices in any way that may cause a teacher or staff member to question whether the student may be cheating on tests or academic work or violating copyright policy

Students must respect the privacy rights of others: 1) Students shall not photograph or videotape other individuals at school or at school activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be

in the public arena such as sporting events or public performances. 2) No students shall take photos/videos of elementary and middle school students at all unless it is at a public event held on school property. 3) Students shall not e-mail, post to the internet, or otherwise electronically transmit images of other individuals taken at school without the student's consent. For elementary or middle school students, parental consent for such transmittal or posting is required. 4) State law strictly prohibits the use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices in locker rooms and restrooms. This is not the entirety of the Acceptable Use Policy but a reminder of the responsibility a student has in regards to his/her cell phone.

Encore/Resource Time: Encore/Resource will continue this year with a few changes. This year Encore/Resource will be at the start of the day and allow all students 27 minutes of teacher access. The home room time will be used to stress reading, studying, working on homework and writing. The encore/resource time has provided a valuable opportunity for all of our students to get extra help and to further their comprehension of curricular material.

Athletic Trainer: We will again have the use of an athletic trainer through Upland Hills Health. Our trainer again for this year is Mike Skrzypek. He is here on an every other day basis. If you need to contact him, please call the high school office.

Some important dates in August for Sports: Football: August 1st, equipment hand-out and first day of practice. Contact Mr. Allen for start time. Volleyball: August 13th, first day of practice. Contact Mrs. Simon for start time. Cross-Country: August 13th, first day of practice. Contact Mr. Winkler for start time.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone as the 2018-2019 school year begins. My door is always open and

I welcome any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to contact me at school (608-943-6312). You can also email me at cgotto@igs.k12.wi.us with any questions as well.

Chris Gotto
Principal/Athletic Director

FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our 2018 Fourth Quarter Honor Roll students for all your hard work!

Distinguished Honors Freshmen

Avery Barrett	Lillian Drew
Nicholas Connolly	Ryan Esser
Luke Fillback	Isaac Hill
Hazel Klosterman	Tatum Kite
Lauren Linscheid	Elly Lindner
Hannah Maughan	Mya McCarthy
Taylor Runde	Sage Soman
Brena Straka	Brie Straka

Sophomores

Carter Christianson	Sawyer Dobson
Samantha McLeer	Colin Steffl
Sydney Lundell	Matthew Phillips
Gabriel Vivian	

Juniors

Sarah Buckhaus	Alexis Busse
Haylee Casper	Allyson Cullen
Carter Grim	Madelyn Hunt
Herolyn Klosterman	Hunter Silvers
Thomas Maughan	Parker Velte
Samantha Richards	Grayson Stivarius

Seniors

Paul Connolly	Easton Dobson
Rebecca Gorsline	Andrew Johnson
Bailey Lindner	Hannah Lindner
Gracelyn Silvers	William Spurley
Timothy Stoney	

High Honors Freshmen

Colin Merwin	Lucas Oyen
Jordan Shores	Andrew Winders

Sophomores

Allison Bickford	Olivia Liddicoat
Kenzie Oakes	Jay Schaefer
Joanna Spurley	Matthew Winders

Juniors

Lauren Harmening	Kylie Washburn
Dakota Kohlenberg	Alec Zimmer

Seniors

Kaleb Liddicoat	Shae McIntyre
Callie Rickard	Rose Webster

Honors

Freshmen

Marissa Hahn	Grace Kite
Brett Lee	Austin Thoma
Grace Vivian	

Sophomores

Isaac Albaugh	Faylea Cartwright
Keagan Pilling	Jason Sedbrook
Lane Shemak	Michael Winders
Tristan Stanton-Johnson	

Juniors

Ruggero Condorelli	Ashton Miura
Parker Roth	

Seniors

Clint Havlik	Matthew Hill
Clayton Kite	Kathryn Olson
Brady Peat	

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

The Iowa-Grant School District offers a healthy breakfast at each school daily for our students and staff!

Cost:

\$1.50 for Early Childhood and 4K - Grade 4;
\$1.60 for Grades 5-12;
\$.30 for students who qualify for reduced meals;
Free to students who qualify for free meals;
\$2.30 for Adults

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child requires medication and/or an inhaler at school, please remember that we require a permission form to be filled out before we can administer it. If the medication is prescribed by a physician, we require both a parent and a physician signature, this includes inhalers.

If it is an over-the-counter med, just a parent signature is needed. There are two separate forms that are now located on the school's website. Go to District Information and click on the applications and forms link.

Medications cannot be accepted if they are sent in a baggie or an envelope

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE IMMUNIZATIONS

Just a reminder for all parents of 5 year old kindergarten students. Please have all the required immunizations done prior to the first day of school. Parents should have received a notice as to what your child needs prior to school entrance. These immunizations are available at either your doctor's office or through the Iowa County Health Department.

Students entering grade 6 must have received the Tdap vaccine (tetanus with the pertusis - whooping cough component) prior to school starting.

Thank you,
Sharon Friederick RN
School Nurse

PLEASE SAVE THESE ITEMS FOR IGEMS

 an easy way to
earn cash for your school!



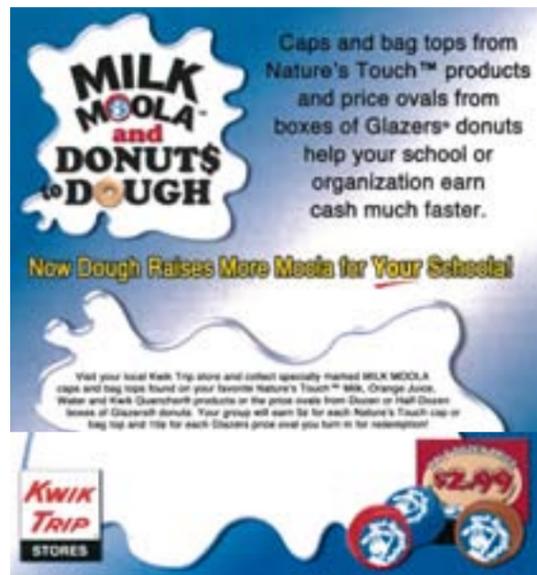
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THANKS MUCH FOR YOUR
CONTINUED
SUPPORT OF THESE PROGRAMS!

WE WILL NO LONGER BE TAKING CAMPBELL'S
LABELS FOR EDUCATION.
CAMPBELL'S HAS DISCONTINUED THAT PROGRAM.

Dear IG Families and Communities,

We worked hard last year to set a path to strengthen our IGEMS school, staff, and students. We knew we could achieve more. We wanted to “Show What We Know” in other ways. We believed that we could provide new learning opportunities that might challenge all students to achieve more. We made great strides and I am excited to continue the journey this fall with our students and staff.

In the 17-18 school year, our IGEMS Professional Learning Community (PLC) started a collaborative journey to look at content areas from 4K through 8th grade. Teachers looked at curriculum, assessments, data, and learning opportunities for all students. We also formed teams that focused on the other factors that deeply impact scores, such as Social Emotional Learning and School Climate issues. In 18-19, we will continue to expand our research, projects, and PLC teams to improve our school.

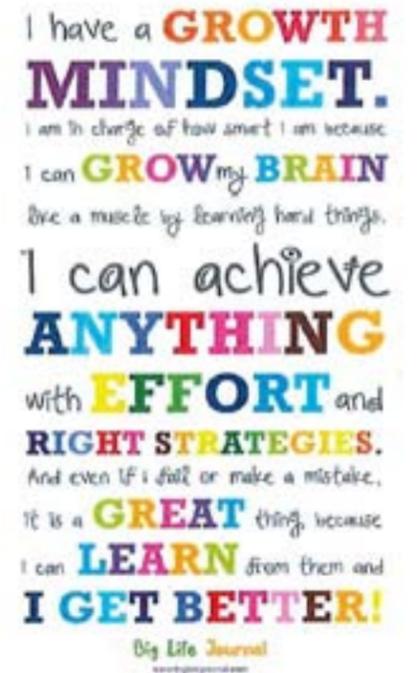
Parents often ask what they can do to help. There are three things that can make a positive impact on student learning: Attendance, attitude, and academic support at home.

Attendance is essential. Students need to be here every day. The law allows 10 days for exceptions because “life happens” and there are appointments, illnesses, and family time. Please help your child manage absences. 10 days in nine months means you can plan on one absence per month. However, the winter months bring colds and flu, so you might need to “bank” some of those days.

Attitude is everything. This year we will expand learning opportunities to challenge all students in all areas. We will include Growth Mindset strategies that inspire students to understand how they learn and how to overcome obstacles they face everyday. We want students and parents to understand that problem-solving and struggling are important parts of learning. We learn from errors and failures as much as success. At home, you can help your child follow through with tasks and take pride in doing a good job the first time. You can give your child a set of chores and help them manage their time and learn new skills. Most of all, encourage the ideas of “doing your best”, “give it a try”, and “no excuses” because these same attitudes can be applied to school as well as home.

Academic support at home is vital. Our kids are extremely busy with ball games, practices, dance lessons, recitals, gymnastics, music lessons, etc. We need to help them manage time. We provide assignment notebooks for students in grades 3-8. Please help your child maintain the calendar, add family events, and add some unstructured time as well. Time to “just be a kid” is time well spent. My husband compares his childhood to the movie “Sandlot” and treasures the memories of playing unorganized ball games and fun-filled days at the pool with friends. Our students need help managing time, even middle schoolers. As a family, you can make time for school work and reading, ask about school each day, help kids study and problem-solve, and most of all, make time for family fun together.

Finally, I'd like to thank our retired teachers, Mrs. Angela Belken and Mr. Randy Rogers, and our Superintendent Mrs. Linda Erickson, for your years of dedication to our kids and our communities. There's no doubt that you



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT IGEMS SCHOOL PICTURES

Aug. 23, 2018
3:30-7:00 p.m.

Students will find out their
homeroom teachers on Back To
School Night.

Students may bring their school
supplies to leave in their classroom
at that time.

School pictures will be taken in the
gymnasium.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-8

Early Childhood, 4KB T
& 4KS T
Sept. 4, 2018

4KB M & 4KS M
Sept. 6, 2018

PICTURE RETAKES
Oct. 2, 2018

will be truly missed this fall. At the same time, I'd like to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Leeser (School Counselor), Mrs. Kari Kabat (7th/8th Grade Science Teacher, and Mrs. Stephanie Hubbard (Superintendent) to our IGEMS family. We hope you feel welcomed and excited about the 2018-19 school year. It's just around the corner!

Please join us for Back to School Night on Thursday, August 23rd. We invite our community members to visit as well. The IGEMS building is alive with anxious students and families. You are welcome to explore our classrooms and meet our staff. Students and families can take this opportunity to visit classrooms, meet your teachers, pay fees, and smile for school photos. We are looking forward to seeing students again!

Enjoy Summer Adventures,
Mrs. Robyn Oberfoell

One Team. Game On!

Dear Panther Families,

Have you ever received a "Caught Doing Good" postcard in the mail from an IGEMS staff member? Has your child brought home an award for showing a character trait, such as respect? Has your child's homeroom class had a PBIS panther paw celebration? Perhaps an event such as one of these has led you to wonder what PBIS is all about at IGEMS.

"PBIS" is short for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports. If you visit the website, <http://www.pbis.org>, you will soon realize there is more to PBIS than can be summarized in a newsletter article. Every staff member in our building is on board with creating a safe and productive learning environment for our students, which is the primary goal

of PBIS. The PBIS leadership team at IGEMS assumes a variety of duties, one of which is to plan schoolwide themes, assemblies, and celebrations. We recently selected our school wide theme for the year: *One Team. Game on!* We also chose dates for our assemblies. During the monthly assemblies, students are taught a particular character trait- what it is, what it looks like at school, and sometimes what it doesn't look like, too! At the assembly, awards are given to one student from each homeroom who has consistently demonstrated the character trait from the previous month's assembly. Of course, we expect all students to exhibit these positive character traits throughout the year. This is where the "Caught Doing Good" recognition comes into place. Students who are "Caught Doing Good" are mentioned during our school's morning announcements and they are called to the office to receive a pencil and eraser. Their names are displayed on a PBIS bulletin board in the main hallway of our school, along with the monthly award winners. Additionally, a "Caught Doing Good" postcard is sent home in the mail. The student is recognized once again at the next PBIS assembly and receives a "golden ticket" for special privileges during lunch the next day.

Character traits which will be taught at PBIS assemblies this year include:

- Respect- September
- Responsibility-October
- Empathy-November
- Kindness & Caring-December
- Perseverance-January
- Fairness & Sportsmanship-February
- Honesty & Trustworthiness-March

- Cooperation & Teamwork- April
- Citizenship & Integrity-May

One more important aspect of PBIS is teaching students the procedures and rules we expect them to follow in various places at school. You have probably noticed these posted on our playgrounds and in the classrooms. Students are sometimes given small panther paw prints for following these procedures and rules, such as walking quietly in the hallway. Large panther pawprints are given to an entire group or class. Many homeroom teachers choose to do something special to celebrate once a certain number of paw prints have been earned.

Being both proactive and positive as we teach, reteach, and manage student behaviors at IGEMS helps to create a school environment where our students can excel. One team. Game on!

Proud to be a Panther,
Mrs. Jodi Bast

COMMUNITY PEN PALS

This year's 3rd grade class, Class of 2028, needs your help! We are looking for pen pals! Instead of looking for pen pals our age, we are looking for pen pals that are older and wiser! Maybe you attended a one-room schoolhouse, and walked to school "uphill both ways." We would like pen pals who are of retirement age who are willing to share their experiences especially what life was like when they were 8 and 9 years old. Ideally, we would like to pair up each older and wiser adult with 1 or 2 students. (We will have approximately 70 third grade students this year!)

Since we will be learning cursive this year, we would like to have our pen pals write to us using their best cursive and we will, too! We are hoping to exchange 5-7 letters throughout the year. We envision having a meet-and-greet with our pen pals. We are hoping to have one in the fall and one in the spring. More details will be mailed to our pen pals once our list is set.

If you are interested, please email Mrs. Rogstad at jrogstad@igs.k12.wi.us with your name, mailing address, and email (if you have one). Please put pen pal project as the subject. If you are not able to email, call IGEMS at 608-943-6313 and give your information to the secretary. Ask her to email the info to Jen Rogstad, 3rd grade teacher, for our pen pal project.

IOWA-GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

High Honors

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| BAKER, TERIS 8 | ALBAUGH, GRIFFIN 7 |
| BARR, ARIANNA 8 | CONNOLLY, HOPE 7 |
| BINGHAM, DYLAN 8 | CORDTS, JALYSSA 7 |
| BLUM, MARIAH 8 | KABAT, KENNEDY 7 |
| FIEDLER-FOSBINDER, CORTNEY 8 | LINDNER, IVY 7 |
| FOWELL, ABIGAIL 8 | MUNSON, KENADIE 7 |
| HAWES, JACQUELINE 8 | ROGSTAD, MADELYN 7 |
| LENZ, GRACE 8 | ROWE, AUDREY 7 |
| LUNDELL, REID 8 | RUNDE, ASHLEY 7 |
| PILLING, MAKAYLA JO 8 | SCHAFER, LAIGHTON 7 |
| SCHMITZ, PAYTON 8 | SEARLS, JULIA 7 |
| STARKEY, TREYTON 8 | SHEMAK, BEKKA 7 |
| VIVIAN, SAVANNAH 8 | THOMA-BLANKENBERG, ALEXIS 7 |
| WOLFF, ELLA 8 | VOLENEC, ELIZABETH 7 |
| | WETTER, CAITLYN 7 |
| | WHITAKER, EVIE 7 |

Honors

- CULLEN, EMMA 8
DAILEY, BRYCE 8
FOLEY, ASHTON 8
KOHLENBERG, ZACHARY 8
KUHLS, CADE 8
LEITZINGER, MACKENZIE 8
RUNDELL, COLE 8
RUNDELL, OWEN 8
WENDHAUSEN, AVA 8
BARTOLO-RIVERA, LESLIE 7
GARCIA, YESSICA 7
GRINDEY, MATTHEW 7
KEMNITZER, INDIGO 7
KEMPF, SAMUEL 7
LESTER, RAEALYN 7
LINDNER, CADEN 7
PARADIS, JENNA 7
PITTMAN, GARY 7
SHORES, CAMERON 7
ZIMMER, ELLA 7

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