



# Champion Times



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## All About Our New Staff

We would like to start off our first issue of the 22-23 school year by welcoming our new student reporters to The Champion Times!

Enjoy learning a little bit about all of them.



Hello my name is **Caleb Frischmann**. I have two siblings and I have been in Wisconsin for my

whole life. I enjoy doing artistic activities. This is my first year in Berlin and it seems like a nice place. I enjoy typing/writing articles, so I'm very excited to be on the newspaper team!



My name is **Alexia Shurpit** and I'm in 6th grade. I used to live in Berlin, now I moved to Poy Sippi.

I wanted to be on the newspaper because I like writing about school. If you are on the newspaper you can write something interesting. Maybe you would like the newspaper also, it is so much fun to be part of the staff!



Hi, my name is **Brianna Krizan** and I'm in 6th grade. I started school in Berlin when I was in 5th grade. Before Berlin I was in the

Omro school district. I have one little brother and a cat named Shadow. I enjoy softball, drawing, and cooking. I

also really like writing so that's why I decided to join newspaper.



My name is **Natasha Reinsbach** and I'm in 6th grade. I joined the newspaper because I

love to write short stories and articles! I also love to make word searches and mazes. I am in Robotics as well. I have a dog, cat and fish. Hope you enjoyed learning about me.



Hi! I'm **Cayleigh Polakowski** and I'm in 6th grade. I joined because I like to type and do surveys, plus my friends are on the

newspaper too! I am eleven years old, I like to play dodgeball, talk, play, and have sleepovers with my friends. I have three sisters, I like to play video games, and I like to play music and dance. I like to draw and I have two dogs and two cats! I hope you will like the things in the newspaper as much as I do. Have a great year!



Hello my name is **Evan Reiser**, I'm in 6th grade, and I wanted to be in the

newspaper. I wanted to be a photographer and write short stories. My favorite show is Legend of Zelda. My favorite sport is volleyball and ONLY VOLLEYBALL. My favorite video game is Legend of Zelda Twilight Princess.



Hi! My name is **Haley Hitz** and I'm in 6th grade. I joined the newspaper because I love writing. I have three pets, Ginger and Dasiy are rabbits,

and Elsa is my dog. (Yes, from the movie *Frozen*. I was four when we got her.) I have super obnoxious sisters; their names are Maddie and Ella. I'm the oldest, Maddie is the middle child, and Ella is the youngest.



Hello my name is **Sophia Liesch** and I'm in 6th grade. I have been in Berlin

my whole life. I have two siblings, one brother and one sister. I also have two pets, a hamster (Kiwi) and a cat (Walter). A few more things about me: I play basketball and softball. I prefer to write on the computer because I can type faster and it's easier to delete big parts. An interesting fact about me is that I have never broken a bone in my body. I joined the newspaper because I like to write and I thought it would be fun.



**New BMS  
Teacher:  
Mr. Klika**

by Sophia Liesch

Mr. Klika is a new staff member here at Berlin Middle School. He actually graduated from Berlin High School. He decided to be a teacher because he wanted to have a positive impact on the kids at Berlin Middle School and anyone he teaches. Before Mr. Klika was a full-time teacher he was a student teacher at Ripon Middle School.

Some fun facts about him include that his favorite color is grey, his favorite pet/animal is a dog, and his favorite food is chicken dumpling soup. His favorite book is The Cellar, his favorite movie is *Remember the Titans*, and his favorite type of music is country. In his free time he likes to read, play golf, watch sports (especially football), and hangout with family and friends. If he could go anywhere in the world he would either go to Ireland or Paris. He has always wanted to play golf in Ireland and wanted to go to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower.

And that is Mr. Klika, a new teacher here at Berlin Middle School.



**Mystery  
Teacher  
by Anya  
King-Emanuele**

This mystery staff member went to Berlin High School and went to UW-Oshkosh for their undergrad and graduate degrees. They like seeing when kids “get it” and understand a concept. He/she worked in Berlin their entire career. They were at the middle school for two years, but most of their 28 years have been at Clay Lambertton. Their favorite thing about being at BMS is the kids that work hard and want to learn.

Working at BMS is not completely what they expected. He/she was surprised by how hard it is to get some kids to pay attention in class and complete assignments. He/she has been married for 22 years. They have two kids and both attend UW-LaCrosse. Their spouse is a teacher in Oshkosh.

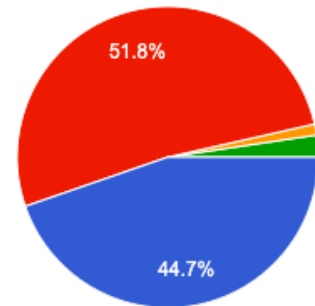
His/her family has a cat, Copper, that he/she likes a lot. His/her favorite books are the Harry Potter series. His/her favorite movie is Forrest Gump and the Shrek movies too. He/she likes to spend time with their spouse. They like to vacation at national parks and also like to exercise. They would like to go to Europe someday.

\*Email your guess to [bcook@berlin.k12.wi.us](mailto:bcook@berlin.k12.wi.us). First correct student guess wins a prize and gets their name in the next issue of The Champion Times.

**Fall Survey  
by Cayleigh Polakowski and  
Alexia Shurpit**

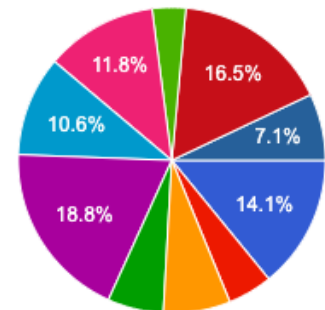
BMS students and staff were asked about their favorite things about fall.

**Do you enjoy fall?**



- YES, it's my favorite season!
- Yes, but it's not my favorite season.
- No.

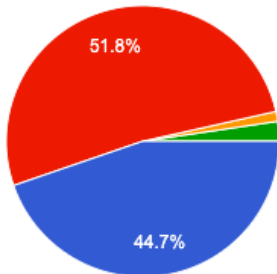
**What is your favorite fall food?**



- Beetlejuice
- Hocus Pocus (1 and 2)
- The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Harry Potter
- The Addams Family
- Coraline
- Hotel Transylvania
- Coco
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Anything Pumpkin Spiced Flavored

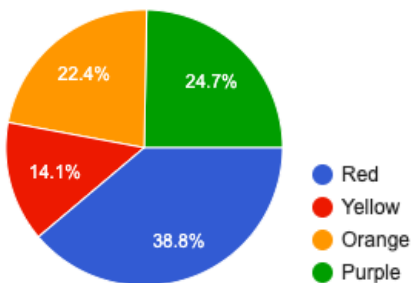
## Fall Survey cont. by Cayleigh and Alexia

What is your favorite fall holiday?



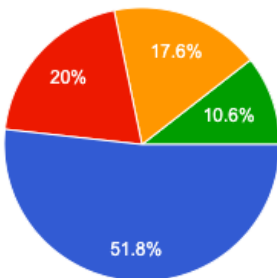
- Halloween
- Thanksgiving
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day

What is your favorite color of fall leaves?



- Red
- Yellow
- Orange
- Purple

Do you like to carve pumpkins?



- Yes and I roast the seeds.
- Yes, but I don't like cleaning them out.
- I prefer to paint them.
- No.



**Robotics**  
by Natasha  
Reinsbach

Photographs  
by Evan  
Reiser



### ~~Have you heard of Robotics?~~

Robotics is a place to hang out with friends after school, robotics is also a good place to calm down by making a robot, eating snacks, and listening to music.



### ~~About BMS/BHS Robotics~~

Robotics is an after school program to make and program robots. It is also a place to have fun and play with programs. You can go to competitions against other schools. VEX is a way to socialize, make new friends, get rid of school stress, eat snacks, and even listen to music (recommended to bring headphones as to not disturb others).

### ~~~~Can you still join?~~~~

Yes! You can join at any time of the year. But if you join later you will have to join a group and work on a robot that has already been made.

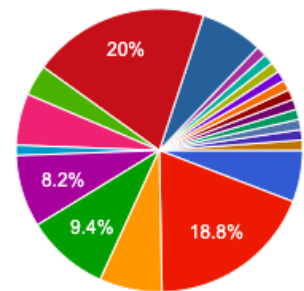
### ~~~~Extras about Robotics~~~~

If you want to join robotics, you should know these things:

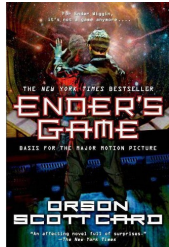
- #1: School work ALWAYS comes first!
- #2: You should \*try\* to have good grades.
- #3: There should be no bad teacher reports.

## More of the Fall Survey

What is your favorite Halloween movie?



- Beetlejuice
- Hocus Pocus (1 and 2)
- The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Harry Potter
- The Addams Family
- Coraline
- Hotel Transylvania
- Coco
- Any Horror Movie
- I dislike scary movies.
- Practical Magic
- I like all of them!
- Casper



***Ender's Game***  
by Orson Scott Card  
Book Review  
by Caleb Frischmann

I recently read the book *Ender's Game* and I would say it was a pretty good book. To summarize the book without spoiling it, the book is about a boy who is "third", which in the future age is looked down upon because of the overpopulation laws. Around forty years ago there was a second attempt of an alien invasion and now the human race is preparing for a third attempt by finding the most military intelligent commanders to fight the aliens off. The main character, Ender, who is "a third", is extremely intelligent just like his two siblings and is seen as a possible commander. He has to go to a school specialized for training for combat. Will he succeed or not?

In my opinion the book excels at helping us feel for our main character. This makes us have a better connection with Ender and makes his failures feel worse and his wins feel better. Warning: the beginning is a little slow, however, it all pays off as the book is amazing overall. I would give this book a four out of five and would recommend this to all of you if you are a science fiction reader like me!

Check it out at the BMS library!



***The Fairy War***  
**Chapter 4**  
by Brett Bernard

Previously on The Fairy War, Elixia, her friend Tinkel, and her family come across a secret underground lair with a green monster named Bobinstein. After nearly getting caught, Elixia managed to get out alive with a bottle that had the word "cure" on it, but then a speed biker came by and tried to snatch it. Elixia manages to throw the bottle to her family just before the speed biker could get it. Elixia exclaims, "Hey! What was that for? Also, who are you and where did you come from?"

The speed biker responds, "I was just biking by and it looked like you had something valuable, so I tried to take it. And failed."

Stunned and upset, Elixia stormed towards the speed biker and demanded of him to get as far away from Elixia and her family. Elixia's mother told her "You know, maybe he had a logical reason for trying to steal it. You should've been more thoughtful, instead of immediately telling him off."

"But-"

"No buts." Elixia's family then proceeded to leave Elixia and her mutated friend by themselves. Elixia just stood there with her mouth open while she watched them walk away. But she saw her family turn around, and a potion flying through the air. Elixia used her lightning fast

reflexes to catch it. She then takes it and makes Tinkel drink it. Just then, a cloud of black and gold smoke engulfed Tinkel, and when the dust had settled, she was back to normal.

"Hi, Tinkel! I'm so glad that you're back!"

"Who is Tinkel?"

\*Be sure to read the next issue of The Champion Times for Chapter 5 of *Fairy War!*

Click here to reread [Ch 1-3 of The Fairy War](#)



***Fall Poem***  
by Taylor Van Ornum

Leaves-A poem.

Colored leaves have left their trees  
And fallen to the ground  
They have been washed away by  
pouring rain

The vibrant leaves have now been  
drowned

By the water that has fallen  
down

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Onto our once dry ground  
Onto our once full trees  
Onto our vibrant, colored leaves





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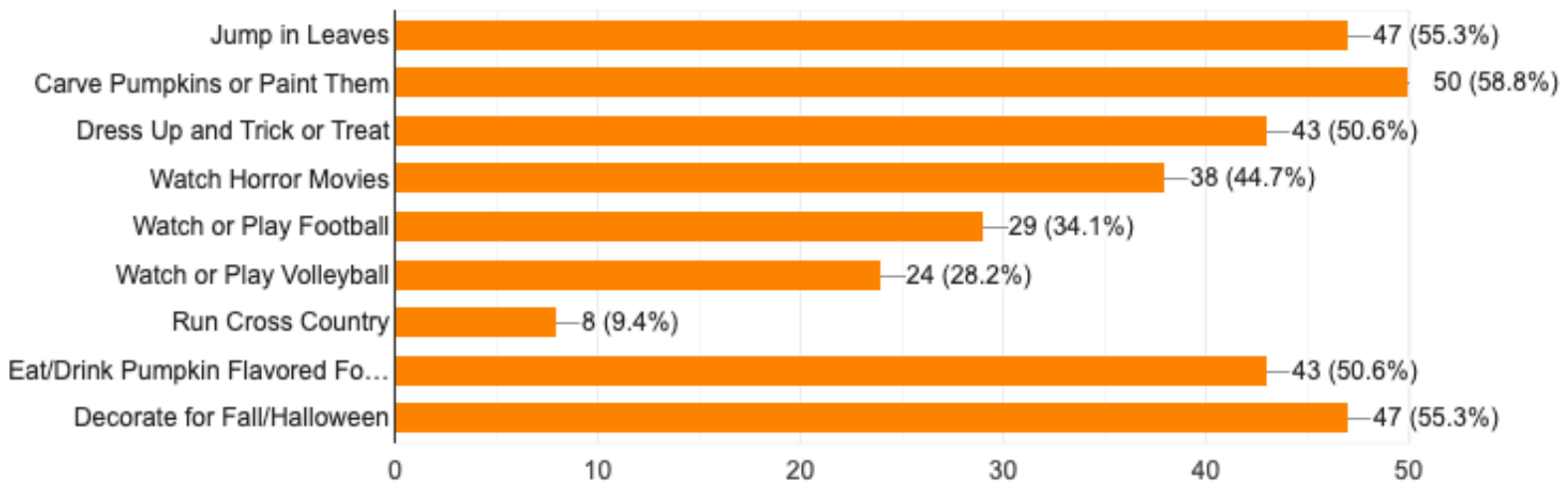
## Fall Word Search by Brianna Krizan and Haley Hitz

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CANDY CORN	PUMPKIN	HALLOWEEN	HAUNTED HOUSE	FOOTBALL	TRICK OR TREAT	COSTUME
HAYRIDE	APPLE CIDER	LEAVES	HARVEST	CORN MAZE	GOURDS	CHILLY
AUTUMN	CANDY	SCARY MOVIES	WITCHES	BLACK CATS	GHOSTS	ZOMBIE

## Fall Survey Final Question

What do you like to do in fall? Check all that apply.



## Fairy Tale Mix-Up

by Evan Reiser

Once upon a time in a land far away there was a place called the Kingdom of Hyrule. In Hyrule there was a brave man named Link and a Princess named Zelda. An evil elf named Ganondorf wanted to take over the world. A cat named Puss-in-Boots had a sword, boots, and a hat with a feather sticking out of it. There was also Ash and Pikachu.

Then a portal opened to another universe and sucked them all into the other universe. Once they got on land they did not know where they were in the USA. Then Ganondorf wanted to take over the world because if he ruled the world forever he could do whatever he wanted. He could put Link in prison. Then he laughed.

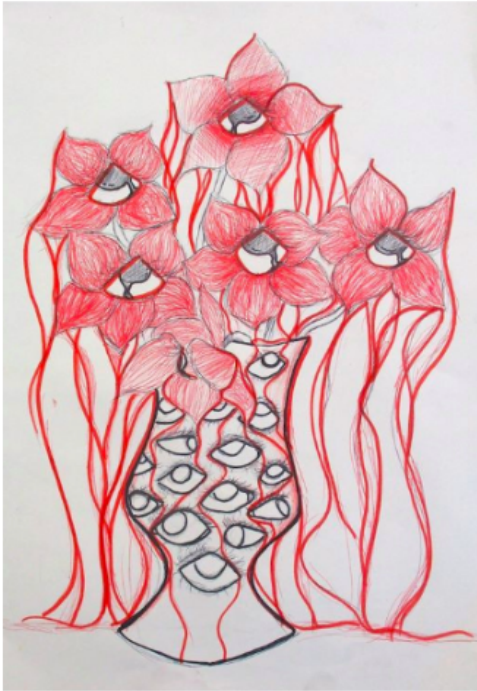
Link, Zelda, and Puss-in-Boots, Ash and Pikachu heard the evil laugh and said, "He's plotting an evil plan!"

Then Link found Ganondorf and wanted to beat him, but Ganondorf went into the super beast mode. It would be super hard to beat him because Link and Ash and Pikachu could only hit one spot on him, the edge of his tail. But without Ganondorf's master sword and his team, it would be easier.

They started the battle and there were two roles. There were two distractors and two attackers. The distractors distracted Ganondorf so he couldn't get to the attacker. And they kept switching roles.

After a long, long battle, they finally defeated Ganondorf and locked him up in a space prison where he could never attack the town again. They rebuilt the town after the battle had destroyed it.

## BMS Artists Spooky Art



**Inktober**  
by Francesca Sahotsky, Grade 8



**Line Project**  
By Mia Schubert, Grade 6



**Inktober**  
by Katera Hartzke, Grade 8



**Scratchboard**  
Kayla Banuelos, Grade 6



**Stephan G. Buchar Inspired**  
**Ink Monster**  
Sophie Scott, Grade 7

Check out more [BMS student artwork on Artsonia!](#)

## More BMS Artists



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Olivia Brown, Grade 6



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