



# Champion Times



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## Mystery Staff Member

by Cayleigh Polakowski

This staff member went to school at Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh for high school and UW-Oshkosh for college. They decided to work in education so they could be a positive impact in students' lives. They did work before their job at BMS, especially at a ton of part-time jobs over the years. Before BMS they also worked at a school in Fond du Lac for three years and at Clay Lambertson for twenty-four years.

Their favorite thing about being at BMS so far is working with the coolest students and teachers in the known universe. They said working at BMS is all that they hoped for and more.

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### Welcome Kaimera by Anya King Emanuele

Give a welcome to Kaimera, a new student to 8th grade at BMS. Interviewing her was a lot of fun. Here's some stuff I learned about her.

Kaimera comes from a town named Horicon. Kaimera told me, "I lived near an ice cream shop and a school so I went there a lot during the summer." Kaimera also is a theater kid. "Ever since I was old enough I have joined every musical I could."

Kaimera said, "There's a lot more nice people here (BMS) and the friends group I joined has a lot of nice

They have been married to their high school sweetheart for 29 years, they have two daughters who are 26 and 24, a dog named Flint, and two cats - Moxxie and Dobby.

Their favorite color is dark purple, favorite animal/pet are doggos and favorite food is pizza. Their favorite book is *Incarceron*, favorite movie(s) is everything *Star Wars*, and their favorite music genre is Heavy Metal. Something they like to do in their free time is going to concerts or sporting events with their family.

If they could go anywhere in the world it would be Europe. And special talents include corny jokes and napping.

They want students, parents, community, and staff to know if you see them working as an usher at a Herd game, stop by and take a selfie

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people." Kaimera also enjoys art class and how easy it is for her to do.

Kaimera lives with her mom and her mom's boyfriend, "and sometimes his son comes over too". Kaimera has two cats named Milo and Chase whom she loves very much. Her favorite subjects are art and choir. Some of Kaimera's hobbies are art and theater. Kaimera likes listening to music and writing. Her favorite color is the pastel pallet. She also enjoys the Bad Guys series by Aaron Blabey and the manga series A Silent Voice, which have both been made into animated films.

together, and you'll get added to their Wall of Fame!

First student to email [bcook@berlin.k12.wi.us](mailto:bcook@berlin.k12.wi.us) gets a prize and honorable mention in our next issue.

**Mel Kurczek** was the first to guess **Mr. Wagner** correctly after our last issue. Congrats, Mel!



Last issue's Mystery Teacher:  
Mr. Wagner



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# Welcome





**Student Teacher**  
**Ms. Bartol**  
by Haley Hitz

Ms. Bartol grew up close to Berlin and went to Princeton High School.

She is currently completing my teaching degree at Ripon College. She was a student teacher in a third grade classroom before student teaching at Berlin Middle School this fall with Mrs. Dederling. After finishing her placement in 6th grade she joined Mrs. Judas in her 5th grade classroom at Clay Lamberton to do her last student teaching placement.

She decided to work in education because she likes to help students learn. Her favorite thing about BMS was working with all of the 6th graders and Mrs. Dederling. One thing that has surprised her is that she always expected she'd be an elementary teacher. After student teaching in 6th grade she's not sure which grade level she'd like to teach now.

She has a very big family, with four younger siblings. A lot of members of her family are teachers too. Her dad teaches 4th grade and Mrs. Bartol, the 7th grade ELA teacher at BMS, and Mrs. Johnson, the media specialist at Clay, are her aunts.

A few fun facts about Ms. Bartol include, her favorite color is blue. She has three dogs as pets. She and her mom like to watch documentaries together. In her free time she likes to bake with her sister, paint, read, and watch her siblings and cousins play

basketball. Someday she'd like to travel to Italy.

Good luck, Ms. Bartol, in your future teaching career!



**New Teacher**  
**Mr. Alix**  
by Sophia Liesch

Mr Alix is a new staff member here at Berlin Middle School. He graduated

from Weyauwega-Fremont High School and went to UW-Oshkosh for college. He worked one year at Wild Rose Middle and High School as the At-Risk Teacher before coming to Berlin.

He really enjoys the community of Berlin and all the great people he works with. "The only slightly overwhelming thing is how big the class sizes are. There are many more students in the 8th grade here than there were in the entire middle school at Wild Rose last year."

Here is a little bit about his family, Mom and Dad are both alive and well. His dad is recently retired and spends a lot of time with the two family dogs. Mr. Alix also has a brother who also graduated from UW-Oshkosh and works as an accountant.

Some fun facts include that Mr. Alix's favorite color is green and his favorite food is sushi. His favorite pet is a dog and his favorite movie is *Gladiator*. Also, his favorite book is Ready Player One. In his free time he loves to play golf, basketball, baseball, and

softball. He would like to go to Italy and Greece to see all of the amazing historical sites. A special talent Mr. Alix has is the ability to rip a phone book in half.

That is a little about our new teacher Mr Alix.



**Student Teacher**  
**Mr. Fischer**  
by Sophia Liesch

This year sixth graders were lucky enough to have two student teachers. Mr. Fischer worked with us in Mrs.

Gregg's World History class for the first nine week. Now he is working with eighth grade students in Mrs. Lara's US History class.

Here's a little more about Mr. Fischer. He went to high school at Appleton North and to college at Ripon. He decided to work in education because he wanted to help make a lasting impact on students like some teachers in the past did for him.

His favorite color is navy blue and his favorite movies are *The Goonies* or the original *Top Gun*. His favorite book is *BOZ*, his favorite foods are steak and scallops, and his favorite pet is a dog. His favorite thing to do in his free time is to spend time outdoors hunting and fishing. If he could go anywhere he would go to Alaska because there are a lot of things he wants to do there. He doesn't have any special talents.

That is a little bit about our student teacher, Mr. Fischer. Good luck in your teaching career!

## Creative Writing

### Long Short Story Trailer: **Blood Secrets.** by T.V.O.

My family, the Williams, are the poster family of Maventown, Maine.

None of us are failures.

None of us are bad people.

None of us are anything less than what we were made to be.

We are all politicians and athletes.

We all have shiny blonde hair and have sky blue eyes.

We are all the same.

We are perfect in every way possible.

And, we don't ever have problems.

At least, that's what's been shown to the public for who knows how long.

Behind the mansions and sports cars lies the truth.

And even the truth has been hidden from most of the family.

All tucked away in ten-digit safes.

Until now.

Until one fateful night when my cousins and I unveiled the real truth behind us Williams.

We Williams are secretive and sly.

We keep quiet until we have a reason not to.

We have a dark past that nobody will ever know about.

And clearly a dark future.

\*Watch for Chapters 1-2 in our next issue.



### **The Fairy War Chapter 5** by Brett Bernard

*Previously on The Fairy War, a speed biker attempted to take the potion from Elixia, and when he failed, Elixia threw a fit of rage and commanded him to leave immediately. Elixia's family, however, disliked this immensely, and decided to leave her and Tinkel. Elixia then gave Tinkel the potion which turned her back, but she couldn't remember her name.*

Elixia, in response says, "What do you mean? You're Tinkel! Don't you remember...?"

Tinkel, in response, proclaimed, "I'm sorry, I don't know who you're

talking about. I don't even know who you are! What did you do to me?"

"But we're best pals, how could you not remember me?" Elixia had tears streaming down her face after she realized that her best friend no longer remembered her or any memories involving her.

"I'm just kidding. Don't get so emotional! How've you been?" responded Tinkel.

Elixia was clearly relieved at this, and gave a big hug to Tinkel.

Tinkel gave her a pat on the back, then pushed Elixia off of her.

"Do you have any memory of when you were mutated?" asked Elixia.

Tinkel shook her head. Elixia began to wonder how this might have happened, but then she couldn't remember anything. "Wait a minute, I forgot what I'm even trying to do. Where are we even right now?"

\*Be sure to read the next issue of The Champion Times for Ch 6 of The Fairy War!



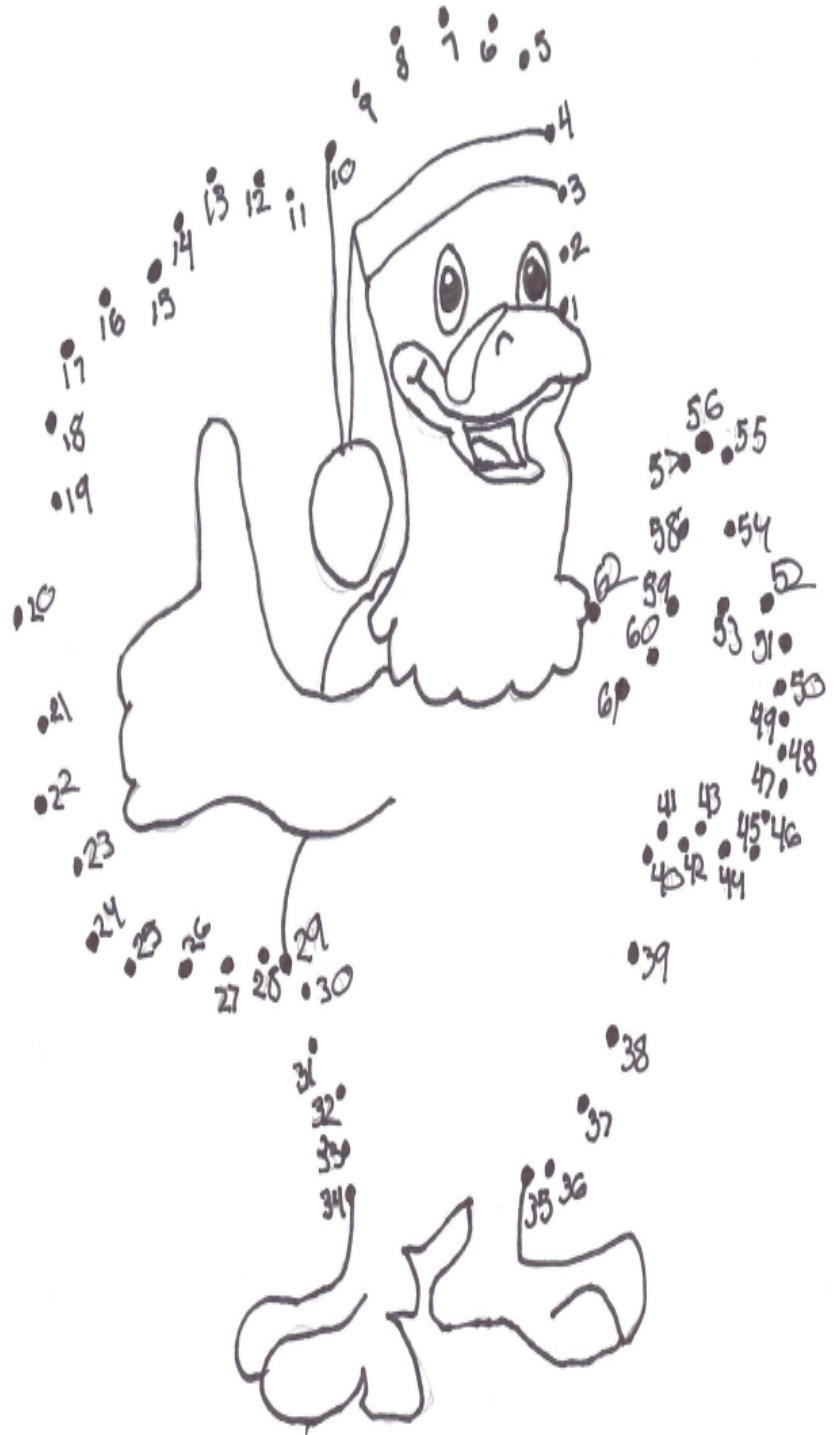
## Winter Maze

by Alexia Shurpit



## Winter Connect-the-Dots

by Brianna Krizan



## Art TASK Party by Cayleigh Polakowski



An Art Task Party is a little art party at the end of the quarter. Students celebrate by completing mini-tasks. First, everyone picks a slip of paper with a task that they need to complete. The tasks are random and are either silly, fun, or just creative. For example, the students could make costumes, making random structures, “how-to” books, and many other things. Check out the photos of the 6th grade 4th hour Art Task Party. Read the slips in some of the photos to see what tasks we picked.



## Can you guess the show/game/book?

By Evan Reiser

Hint 1: This is a line from a main character: “The courage may not be remembered but is never forgotten.”

Hint 2: A different main character has this label: “Hero of Time”

Hint 3: This is a label for one of the character’s from 1 or 2, but from a different timeline: “Hero of Twilight”

Hint 4. The creator also created Super Mario.

Hint 5. One of the main character’s names has symbolic meaning of connecting to the past and present.

Hint 6. This same main character turns into a wolf.

Hint 7. The Triforce symbol appears a lot.

Hint 8. The character whose name is in the title does not always appear.

\*Email Mrs. Cook, [bcook@berlin.k12.wi.us](mailto:bcook@berlin.k12.wi.us), if you have a guess.



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## More Creative Writing

### ~~~~The First Day (Part 1)~~~~

by Natasha Reinsbach & Alexia Shurpit

As Mia got ready for her first college class, she checked her phone for any missed calls or texts.

“Mia! Let’s go, we’re going to be late!” her roommate Dash called to her.

“I’m almost ready!” Mia yelled back, putting on her makeup.

Mia had lived with Dash since July. Both of their sets of parents died in tragic fires. They had grown up in the same foster home, but moved out during the summer. Since they both just turned 18, they were working multiple jobs to pay the rent.

After Mia got in her car with Dash, they started on their way to their first day of college at the prestigious Harvard University, both on full academic scholarship.

Once they got to Harvard, they walked into the gymnasium. Friends were happy to see them both because they lived an hour away, in Smithfield, RI.

Soon after the Dean of Students at Harvard announced, “Because you are all freshman in college, you will have dorms this year.” Everyone at the school looked around at each other, hoping they would get a dorm with their friends.

“Sun.....” Mia zoned out until she heard her friend’s name, Aesha. She hoped she would get a dorm with her and be in a friend’s dorm. “And lastly, dorm Four will have Aesha, Dash, Emmy, Poppy, Mia, and Misty,” the Dean announced.

The six were about to fall out of their seats, as they didn’t expect to all be in the same dorm. “Oh my goodness guys! I’m so glad we have the same dorm! Now we don’t have to travel to other dorms to see each other,” Misty exclaimed happily.

“Oh, no, I messed up the lists,” the Dean announced, “Dash, Mia, Emmy, and Aesha are in Sky. Poppy, Misty and Eva are in River.”

“No! Not Eva!” Misty yelled. The girls had history and it wasn’t pleasant.

\*Watch for another chapter of The First Day in our next issue.

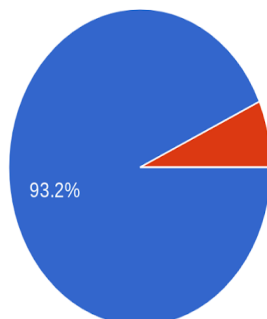
## Winter Holiday Survey

by Taylor Van Ornum and Anya King-Emanuele

Students and Faculty were briefly surveyed about winter holiday themed questions. Here are some of their interesting responses.

Do you hang up stockings?

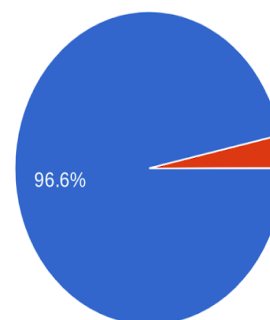
88 responses



Do you decorate a Christmas Tree? (If you celebrate)

88 responses

● Yes!  
● No.



● Yes!  
● No

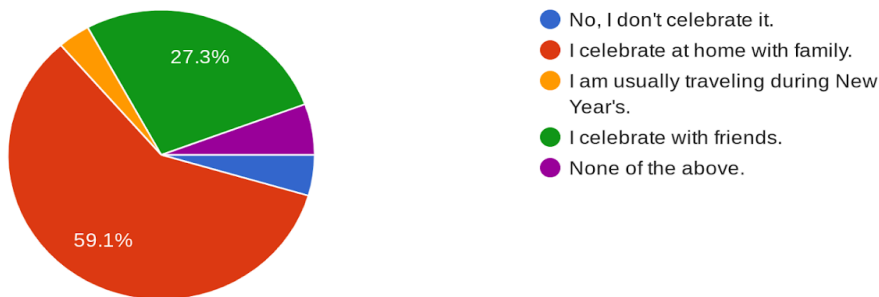
## Winter Holiday Survey cont.

Here are some interesting answers to short answer survey questions:

1. *What is your favorite part about the winter holiday that you celebrate?* "Waking up and just knowing it's Christmas", "Getting gift cards for more tattoos."
2. *What is your favorite movie about the winter holiday that you celebrate?* "A Nightmare Before Christmas", "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation", "My Dad and I have a Harry Potter Movie Marathon"
3. *What is your favorite food specially made to celebrate winter holidays?* "ponche-a Mexican punch", "Mexican food like beans, chorizo, and more", "peel and eat shrimp", "oyster stew", "COOKIES!"

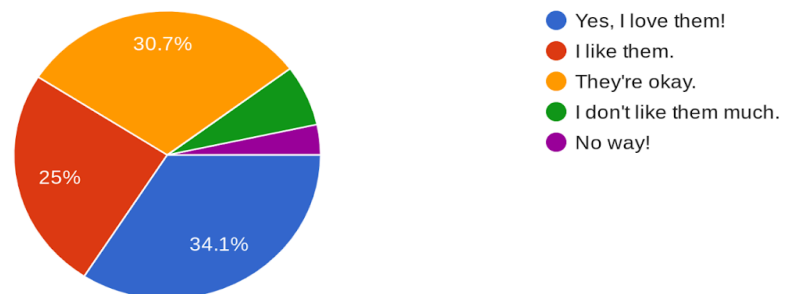
Do you do anything special for New Year's Eve or New Year's Day?

88 responses



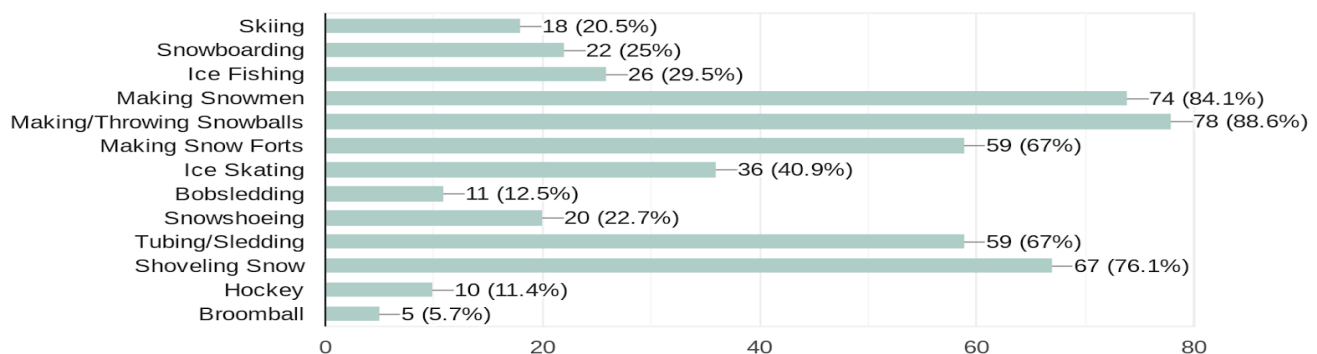
Do you like gingerbread men/houses?

88 responses



Check all of the winter activities you have participated in.

88 responses



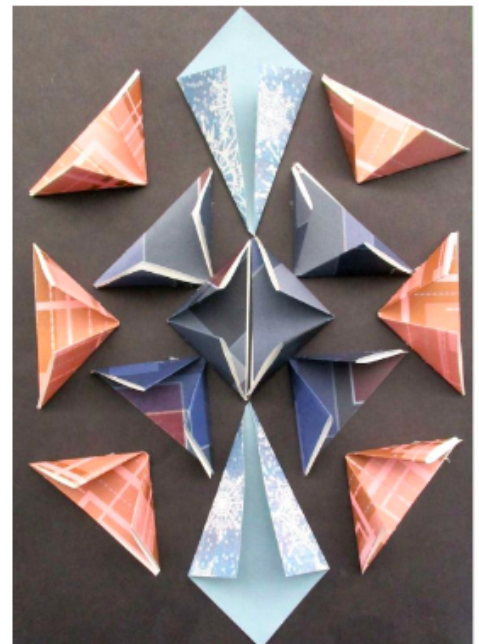
## BMS Artists



**Alexis Holt, grade 8**  
Painting Center



**Kennady Bending, grade 8**  
Textiles



**Madelyn Ofenbeck, grade 8**  
Paper Center



**Raquel Avila, grade 8**  
Painting Center

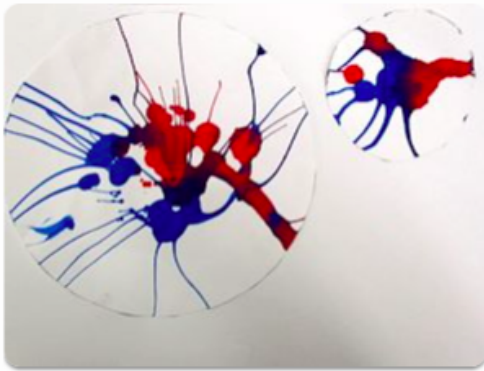


**Ben Hoffman, grade 6**  
Mixed Media

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



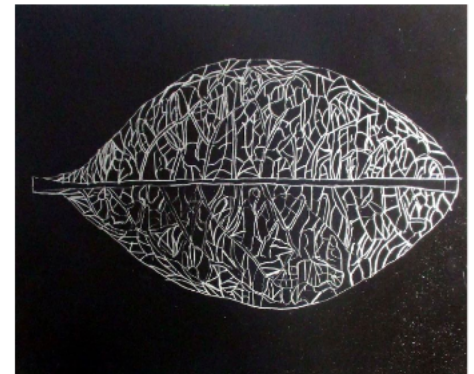
## More BMS Artists



**Dylan Rose, grade 8**  
Mixed Media



**Natalie Zettel, grade 8**  
SMART Project



**Brittanya Valero, grade 6**  
Scratchboard

## 2022-2023 Champion Times Staff



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Champion Times Reporter  
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**Anya King-Emanuele, Gr 8**  
Champion Times  
Reporter Since Fall '21



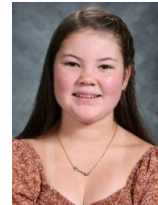
**Brett Bernard, Gr 8**  
Champion Times  
Reporter Since Fall '21



**Anonymous, Gr 8**  
Fine Tooth Comb Editor



**Haley Hitz, Gr 6**  
New Reporter



**Brainna Krizan, Gr 6**  
New Reporter



**Sophie Liesch, Gr 6**  
New Reporter



**Cayleigh Polakowski, Gr 6**  
New Reporter



**Natasha Reinsbach, Gr 6**  
New Reporter



**Evan Reiser, Gr 6**  
New Reporter



**Alexia Shurpit, Gr 6**  
New Reporter