

Panther Press

Fall Edition 2021
By the Class of 2022

Homecoming Week

Homecoming means more than kings and queens. This year we celebrated homecoming through a series of dress up days and activities October 4-8.

Monday, we had to dress our best, and had an intense paper airplane contest where the sophomores took first place.

Tuesday was twin day along with a class poster contest, where the seniors took home the win.

Wednesday, we had a Luau and all wished we were in Hawaii. We cooled ourselves off with a frozen t-shirt challenge. The seniors also took the win.

Thursday, we had a country vs. country club dress up day which was new and fun. We also had a "Name That Tune" competition, where the seniors demolished the competition.

On Friday, we dressed up as our favorite celebrities. High School Students competed in a duct tape challenge, which the seniors also won.

Coronation was on Thursday, Oct. 7, where we crowned our king and queen. Congratulations to Kyle Mutschelknaus and Kenadee Merritt, our 2021-2022 Homecoming king and queen.



Meet The Teachers!

Mrs. Akerman

Mrs. Akerman is our new school counselor. She is originally from North Central Illinois. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite song is "Where I find God" by Larry Fleet and her favorite movie is "Gran Torino"

Mrs. Swenson

Mrs. Swenson is our new paraprofessional here at BCHS. She is originally from Flaxton. Her favorite color is Pink. Her favorite song is "45" by Shinedown and her favorite movie is "Dazed and Confused"

Mr. Argosino

Mr. Argosino is our new music teacher at BCHS. He's originally from the capital city, Manila, of the Philippines. He is currently watching Glee and enjoys horror movies. He enjoys playing the guitar and drums. He is on his fifth year of teaching.

FBLA

The Fall Leadership Conference

By: Angel Kostecky

The Fall Leadership Conference took place October 3-4 at the Ramkota in Bismarck, ND. Our chapter's officers went together to experience this fun and exciting event. On the first day, everyone went to The Dakota Ballroom to begin the conference with an opening session. We had a special guest, Kelly Barnes. He spoke to us about being a team, whether it's your family, friends, sports, or school academics.

The State Officers gave recognition to all NLC winners. In our chapter, Kenadee Merritt and Lexi McEvers were awarded first place in their events. Angel Kostecky and Kyra Bakken placed third place in their events. Congrats to everyone who placed!

Overall, the experience for our officers was full of fun and activities.

The State Leadership Conference is still on for March 27-29, 2022.



Student Council

By: Kenadee Merritt

Student Council is off to a great start so far with a very successful pizza fundraiser. Our officers this year include Lexi McEvers, our secretary/treasurer, Angel Kostecky, our vice president, and Kenadee Merritt, our student council president. Student council planned our Homecoming week and are currently working on planning Red Ribbon week .

Our officers along with all of the other student council members are excited for the Student Council Convention. Convention takes place December 13- 15. We are looking forward to meeting new people and seeing all of the exciting activities our state officers have planned for us.

Cross Country

By: Prairie Bly

This year the cross-country season has been going very well. With only two weeks of the season left, coach Ray Sayler is very proud of his team. There are a few athletes that we should keep our eyes on in upcoming seasons. For varsity, William Cook and for Junior Varsity Ian Kolstad and Anna Peterson. The athletes have been working hard, doing well at meets, and improving with every meet. The cross-country team started with only 3 eager students on the team, 7 years later we have a total of 25 students. Ray has 3 years left of coaching cross country, and in those 3 years he wants to make the students the best athletes they can be and push them to their full potential.

As a coach, Mr. Sayler doesn't have any fears but only things he looks forward to such as when kids get ribbons, plaques or even beat a personal record. Ray wishes to be encouraging, positive and truthful to those he coaches but can also be strict, stern, and driven when necessary. At the young age of 19, Ray started running cross country. He finds it therapeutic, and he hopes that what the sport did for him, it will also do for the cross-country athletes today. "Do a sport. I don't care what it is. If you are undecided, do cross country" stated Sayler.



Volleyball

By: Kenadee Merritt

The Titans volleyball team has had a great learning season so far. The team is made up of two senior players— Angel Kostecky, libero for varsity, and Kenadee Merritt, middle for varsity. Along with the two seniors the varsity team includes 1 junior, 4 sophomores, and 3 freshmen. We also have Alysun Rudland helping with the book and Alexis Ogston taking stats. Angel Kostecky says, “This season we have really learned how to work as a team and not get down on each other.” The Titans are looking forward to districts starting on October 29.



Our JH girls have been doing amazingly this year with their new coach Mrs. Bryant. A majority of the team is made up of 6th graders. We are so happy to have younger girls willing to step up and be a part of the team. We are also super excited to see these girls grow as a team.

Football

By Kenadee Merritt

K-B-BC 2021 football season was a great success. Jr. High coach Mr. Moore said, “Andrew Christenson and Sheldon Skar had an exceptional season as individuals.” Junior high had an amazing season and was undefeated. Junior varsity won all of their games and tied at one. Varsity won two games this season. Varsity played Berthold in the first rounds of playoffs, but sadly took the loss. This season the players worked very hard and improved exponentially. Mr. Moore said that he loves coaching football. There are high hopes for upcoming seasons.



Senior Profile

Name: Prairie Kirsten Bly

Birthday: January 8, 2004

Favorite colour: Orange

Favorite movie: 42

Favorite food: Tacos

Favorite song: "Vienna" by Billy Joel

Hobbies: Hunting, being outdoors, and spending time with friends and family

Quote: "I'd rather laugh with the sinners than cry with the saints." - Billy Joel

After Graduation Plans: I am planning on going to Minot State University to get a Bachelor's of Science in Biology. I will then continue on to veterinarian school in Ames, Iowa, at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Hopefully, I will receive a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and open my own practice.



Prairie Bly

ASK A SENIOR!!!

Do you like your senior year so far?

Kenadee – I'm still stuck in sophomore year.

Angel – Do I have to answer that?

Prairie – It can't go fast enough.

Alysun – It's okay, I guess.

Kyle - no! :(

Who has the best pet (I know it's Kenadee #flynn)?

Kenadee – Correct

Angel – Kenadee, even though Flynn wants me dead.

Prairie – Alysun

Alysun – I've never met Flynn. I have a jumping frog though.

Kyle - Me, because I have a cow.

Which Kardashian do you most identify with?

Kenadee – Kim "I basically started this entire family."

Angel – Kendall "Holding your pee is no way to live life."

Prairie – Khloe "Yes, Satan?"

Alysun – Kourtney "Thank God I have no friends."

Kyle - Rob "I'm very big on doing my own thing."

Alysun R.

Fundraisers

By: Angel Kostecky

Student Council and FBLA did a new pizza fundraiser from a company called Ole + Lena's Pizzeria. Out of all pizzas sold, we made around \$4,000. That's a new record!

There was a rummage sale held on September 11th, 2021, at Burke Central School. It was a free will donation and from that we made around \$1,300.

On October 31st, the seniors are holding a Halloween fundraiser at the community center in Lignite, ND, from 2pm to 6pm (for all ages). There will be activities for everyone that shows up like coloring pages, games, movies, and Just Dance! There will be bowls of candy and many different snacks and drinks for everyone. We can't wait to see you there!

HOT GOSSIP

By: Kenadee & Angel

INNOCENT FIVE YEAR OLD... OR MASTER MANIPULATOR??

Kindergarten boy, Bobby Henderson, tricks babysitter into believing he has a severe peanut allergy.

WHO will he strike next?

FOOTBALL BOY CHANGES JERSEYS

Is Lane Feldners number 29... or 14? The world may never know.

#DontMakeMeKickYouInTheFace

Is Lexi McEvers actually Kourtney Kardashian in disguise?

WHAT'S UP WITH THE 'TUDE?

Kyra Bakken doesn't give Kenadee and Lexi the time of day when they go to the C-Store. What's up with her these days?

Please let us know!

Kenadee Merritt

Angel Kostecky

Class News

First Grade

Helloo Burke Central Panthers! This year we have 6 boys and 3 girls in first grade. We're excited to welcome our new friend, Daymien, to our class! Everyone has been working hard and learning so many new things! Our favorite word currently is onomatopoeia! We'd be happy to give you a few examples. We're hoping everyone is enjoying the first couple months of school. First grade is the best!

2nd Grade

We are off to a great start. Second graders have been working on so many things--here are just a few! In math, we have been working on identifying place values and multiple ways to write a number. In reading, we have been learning about making connections with the stories we read. We have also been learning what Schema is and how it will help us with inferencing while reading a story. Evelyn's coloring page was selected for first place out of all second graders in our school coloring contest. I can feel the anticipation for our upcoming Halloween party, everyone is excited to reveal their costumes! I hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween!

3rd and 4th Grades

Hello everyone!! I am Mrs. Lindblad and I am so happy to announce that this year I have two classes. The third and fourth grade classes have taken the MAP test and have scored well. We have had two new students come to join our class. Emily is new to third grade and Ivanna is another student who will be new to fourth grade. We did lose a fourth grade student who will be moving back to Washington state and that is Danish Qureshi. Overall our class is funny,

smart and they want to do well. They are very competitive. Connor Smith, in fourth grade, and Hadassah Prentice, in third grade, won the coloring contest during homecoming week. We have a lot of movement in our classroom and I tell other teachers coming in our room that we do have a "Method to the Madness" and yes, we are learning. I would like to apologize in advance to the teachers on each side of our classroom for the loudness (at times) when my students get excited. I can't wait for the next nine weeks! Happy Fall!

5th Grade

Wow, we can't believe it is already October! We went to Hygge Hills and Wildwood on October 1st for our field trip. We painted a pot, planted a succulent, ran through the corn maze and tunnels, played outside on the zipline, and did a gem sticker. At Wildwood, we hiked a few trails and enjoyed the fresh air. We had a wonderful time! We have been working hard in the classroom. We have completed a cell project, a bread mold observation, multiple writing assignments and just finished mastering long division. We are excited for the class Halloween Party at the end of the month.

6th Grade

This year's 6th grade class consists of Dakota, Addie, Trista, Sakara, Corbin, Allison, and Jasper. We are looking forward to a productive and exciting year. Alli and Trista are playing junior high volleyball. Addie is running cross country.

There are a few new things for the 6th graders this year. First, we have a 40-book reading challenge. Everyone is enjoying this so far and doing very well! There have been some challenges, but the best part is persistence everyone is showing. This year we earn Class Dojo points as a class. We are currently working

toward a Glow Party with Black lights when we reach 900 points! Happy Fall Y'All!

7th Grade

Since 7th grade is such a transition year, the students were asked to comment on it after their first quarter. Bubba said, "It's not as terrible as I thought I was going to be." Andrew said he is enjoying it and that "he can't wait until next year." Teylani mentioned, "The teachers don't give out too much homework and the weeks fly by." Zahrauna says her year is going well and her grades are good. Kari had mixed feelings about the year. "I like school, but it is a little hard," she said.

8th Grade

Izik is chillin'! Eian is getting ready for state cross-country. He and Nate enjoyed the season. Football has been great. Lee, Trevor, Kase, and Marcus have been enjoying the season. Jr. High season was 6-0. JV was 5-0-1. Trevor and Kase are looking forward to varsity playoffs. Volleyball districts are beginning for Abby. We welcomed Sasha as a new student! Finally, we have another girl! Jackson is lifting with Jay B. He's waiting for the snow to fall. Logan is the new drama tech guy! Most of us are waiting for basketball. Happy Fall!

9th Grade

Football is great. Cannen is sitting varsity. Volleyball is still working hard! Audrey and Fernanda are "literally" exhausted. We are not excited for winter, but we are excited for the regular hunting season. Kayel is ready to throw her brace. Rocio, Fernanda, and Kayel are very dramatic these days. Look out for them in the One-Act. Weston, J.C., Braedyn, and Toby are planning amazing Halloween costumes. We are excited for Basketball season!!

10th Grade

Kyra, Hannah, and Alexis are looking forward to volleyball districts. Jonny is almost lifting his goal, 200 pounds. Look for all of us in the One-Act, coming soon to a stage near you :) President Hannah and Alexis are working hard in 4-H. Talk to one of them if you want to join! JV Football went undefeated!! Jonny is excited about varsity playoffs. Jonny is running at state cross-country! Go, Jonny, go!!! Kyra placed third in her Intro. to Business test for FBLA! Congrats! The sophomores are feeling old because they are taking the ASVAB.

11th Grade

It's cold outside. Xander's heater broke in his room! Lane, Xander, Lynndon, and Wry are looking forward to the football playoffs. Lexi is busy with volleyball. Garrett is running cross country. We are looking forward to the long break.

12th Grade

Making the Panther Press is hard. Prairie is enjoying her internship at the Vet. Clinic in Powers Lake. Kyle is doing a good job. We appreciate his hard work and dedication to keeping the school clean. Angel and Kenadee are in volleyball. Kenadee and Kyle won Homecoming Queen and King. Alysun says she has nothing to say. (That's a first!! Haha.)

