



Celebrating the 100th Day



Mrs. Shanks' second grade class celebrates the 100th day with a cake.

By: Amy Zeller

The hundredth day of school is a time to both reflect on memories and celebrate the quickly dwindling days left until summer break. For the 2012/13 school year at EPJ, the hundredth day landed last week on January 30.

Opinions about the big day definitely varied all throughout the school. High school sophomore Amber Hanson said, "It feels more like the five thousandth day!" Jonathon Kjose celebrated the hundredth day of school in his first grade classroom, and when asked if his hundredth day of school was going well, he beamed and excitedly answered, "Yes!" For senior Tatum Adema, the hundredth day was just another reminder of her nearing graduation day. She exclaimed, "It's almost done!"

Down in the yellow wing of EPJ, the young faces found there glowed with evident excitement for the long-anticipated hundredth day of school. First and second graders enjoyed the day with events all centered around one hundred, but the day's celebration was something new to experience for every kindergartener. Kindergarteners participated in all sorts of activities throughout the day including scavenging the room for one-hundred hidden chocolate candies and practicing writing sentences by describing what they think they'd look like in one hundred years. They even each gathered one hundred pieces of their favorite food, created hats, and of course counted to one hundred multiple times!

So how do older EPJ students remember the hundredth day of school during their years

in the elementary wing? Junior CJ Geary remembers bringing his favorite cereal. "We counted the pieces to a hundred, and then we got to eat whatever was left with milk." Food must have been on the juniors' minds, because Jordan Brandon commented, "I remember someone only brought 76 pieces of taffy, so we didn't get to eat it. I was so mad!" Seniors Jared Limoges and Dakota Navrkal's favorite part was wearing the visors and glasses shaped like one hundred. Freshman Rebecca Brewer similarly recalled making the famous glasses. "It was the coolest thing ever," she remembered.

The hundredth day of school was the cause for both sparking fond memories and creating new ones for all students at EPJ. Young and old alike found something to celebrate.

EPJ Students Take the Stage at Quad State Honor Band

By: Matthew Lehman

This year, USD hosted the Quad State Honor Band Festival which celebrated its fifteenth anniversary on January 28th. Quad State Honor Band brings together the best instrumentalists from the four states of Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota.

Participants from the four states went through an audition

process, and ten students from Elk Point-Jefferson were chosen. Anna Chicoine, Brittany Hanson, Tori Johnson, and Jordan Brandon were selected for the Concert Band. Katherine Giorgio, Kelsey Abbey, Charlie Nearman, Meghan Schenk, Matthew Lehman and Ely Buehner were chosen for the Symphonic Band.

Dr. Rolf Olson, Director of Bands at USD, and world-re-

nowned composer Mr. Samuel Hazo were the guest conductors. Mr. Hazo personally composed two of the songs that were played by the Honor Band at Alf's Auditorium in Slagle Hall that night. He worked very hard with the Honor Band to make sure the difficult pieces were played to the best of the band's ability.

EPJ band director Mr. Aaron Schmeling stated that "both ensembles did an excellent job of coming together to perform in a fantastic concert. I am extremely proud of our students who participated. I know they will take information learned that day, bring it back to EPJ, and help our program to grow."

Quad State not only improves upon the students' musical abilities and techniques, but it also helps to instill a strong love of music that these passionate students proudly share.



Quad State Honor Band participants back row (L-R) Jordan Brandon, Anna Chicoine, Brittany Hanson, Ely Buehner, Tori Johnson, Matt Lehman. Front row (L-R) Katherine Giorgio, Kelsey Abbey, Charlie Nearman, Meghan Schenk.

High School Quarter 2 Honor Roll

Freshman A Honor Roll:

Justin Broekemeier, Keegan Donelan, Andrew Flannery*, Alexis Flynn, Alex Hoffman, Jared Hueser*, Victoria Johnson*, Cody Kneip, Keegan Mahin, Samantha McInerney, Maddie Schult*, Andrew Teply, Brooke Westcott, Irene Williams*

Freshman B Honor Roll:

Angel Abraham, Caleb Ambrose, Rebecca Brewer, Jessica Brown, Payton Donnelly, Morgan Flynn, Caitlin Fornia, Tristen Gill, Loren Gregg, Connor Henze, Kelly Kramer, Ariana Limoges, Bailey Lynch, Michael Murphy, Alicia Nelson, Tania Nuno, Brooks Rich, Jessica Riley, Jasmine Rosenbaum, Peyton Swanson, Bailey Weavill, Briley Weidner

Sophomore A Honor Roll:

Amanda Barnes, Maria Corio*, Dalton Croy, Jennifer Dailey, Cody Davis, Jessica Fejfar, Lukas Forsling, Katherine Giorgio*, Alicia Gregg, Amber Hanson, Shannon Hennessey*, Damian Hilton, Ulrike Hovland*, Calvin Johns, Drew Keuck, Brandon Koupal, Hannah North, Connor Pedersen, Angelica Perez, Ben Roberts, Leona Rodenkirchen, Meghan Schenk*, John Schuh

Sophomore B Honor Roll:

Jalissa Connors, Samantha Herrera, Jami Johnston, Kerrey Jorgensen, Chyenne Markee, Samantha Merkley, Jordan Peirce, Abel Sanchez, James Smith, Miranda Stabe, Bryce Taylor

Junior A Honor Roll:

Jordan Brandon, Elysia Buehner, Jessica Cox, Skylore Curry, Ian Grassel, Brittany Hanson, Daniel Howe, Conner Kneip*, Nick Kraayenbrink, Emma McInerney, Alex McLaury, Stacie McLaury, Katherine Mickelson, Cody Reed*, Amy Zeller, Heaven Zevenbergen*

Junior B Honor Roll:

Keely Bertram, Hope Erickson, Maya Fehr, Steven Honomichl, Mats Kvamme, Matthew Mahoney, Jarod Mau, Lynette Moreland, Daniel Roggenbauer, Jade Rosenbaum, Jessica Schirber, Adam Shanks, Austin Shatswell, Hannah Stone, Dillon Streets

Senior A Honor Roll:

Kelsey Abbey, Tatum Adema, Dillon Borchardt, Anna Chicoine*, Caitlin Davis*, Taylor Donnelly*, Joshua Doslall, Brody Elkens, Haylee Erickson, Cody Gregg, Rachyl Hernandez, Hannah Klinkhammer*, Matthew Lehman, Joseph Lyon, Kelsey Marshall, Dakota Navrkal, Gabriela Perez, Seth Petra, Audrey Truhe, Sam Viereck, Nick Weis, Brock Zeller, Katie Zeller

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Alejandra Raquel Perez and Alec Michael Becker. Alejandra and Alec are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Alejandra and Alec a bright future filled with opportunities.



Alejandra Perez

Parents: Melissa Bates and Cristina and Alvaro Perez

Siblings: Angelica, Brianna, Gabriela, Vanessa, and Mario Perez, Isabella and Dylan Delgadillo, and Alejandro Gomez

Birthday: May 31, 1994

Future Plans: go to college

Famous-person Crush: Ian Somerhalder

Role Model: Ian Somerhalder

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Italy, England, Ireland, Spain, and Belgium

Hobbies: hiking, drawing, writing, taking pictures

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 30 because it is the perfect age-not too old and not too young.

Advice for Underclassmen: Don't procrastinate, and study!

FAVORITES:

Superhero: Iron Man

Movie: *Fired Up*

TV Shows: *The Vampire Diaries*, *Nikita*

Book/Author: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

Food: mangos

HS Class: English

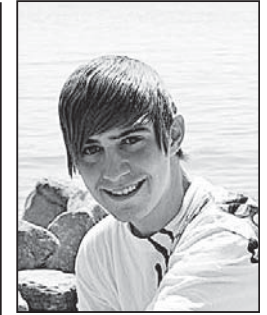
Song/Artist: The Script

Sports Team: England's soccer team, Madrid's soccer team

School Lunch: buffalo chicken wrap

Holiday: Christmas

Color: pink



Alec Becker

Parents: Wayne Becker and Misti Nelson

Siblings: Collin Becker and Gage Zortman

Birthday: April 17, 1995

Future Plans: attend Kirkwood Community College

Little-known Fact about Me: I enjoy golf and handball.

Role Model: Deborah Nelson

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Hawaii

Hobbies: skateboarding, video games, hanging with friends

Age I'd Love to be Forever: 25- I'd be young and healthy at my prime with no health problems.

Advice for Underclassmen: Get it done the first time; make it easy on yourself.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Live for the moment."

School Memory: dodgeball, mat ball, and homecoming games

Superhero: Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy

Movies: *Step Brothers*, *Old School*, *Billy Madison*, and *Ted*

TV Show: *Burn Notice*

Book/Author: *Inkheart*

Food: fried pork cutlets

Song/Artist: Mac Miller

Sports Team: Iowa Hawkeyes

Favorite Skateboarder: Rodney Mullen

Color: lime green

Husky Events This Week

- Thursday (2/7): Elementary Honor Choir at Brookings 7/8 BBB at Dakota Valley 4:00 Little Huskies Dance Camp 3:30-5:00
- Friday (2/8): GBB and BBB with Beresford 4:00 Wrestling Dual at Vermillion 5:00
- Saturday (2/9): 4th Boys Basketball Jamboree 9:00-2:00 HS Winter Meltown Dance 8:30-11:30
- Monday (2/11): 7/8 Boys Basketball with IWC 4:30
- Tuesday (2/12): 7/8 Boys Basketball with Vermillion 4:00 Girls Basketball at Centerville 5:00 NAEP Test for 8th Grade 8:30-10:00

Senior B Honor Roll: Nathan Ambrose, Michael Brand, Taylor Buckley, Wyatt Crow, Alex Dawdy, Blake Donnelly, Thomas Frisbie, Ashley Gylfe, Trevor Heeren, Carter Her-

riety, Michael Johnson, Kelley Jorgensen, Bryce Kelly, Andrew Koontz, Charles Nearman, Kristen Rarrat, Ryan Rosenbaum, Aaron Stuan, Kody Wagner, Chelsea Weidner