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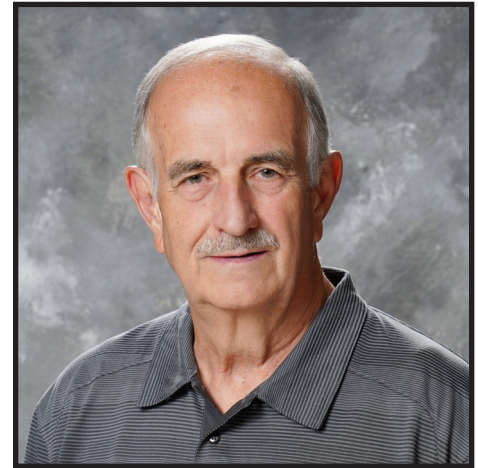
Best Wishes Don Rappel

by Emma Somerville

After being involved with the Cameron School District for 52 years, Don Rappel has officially retired. Before he was involved with the Cameron School Board, he was a science teacher. He started his teaching career in Cameron in 1972 and taught until 2007.

During his time as a teacher, he also coached the boys basketball team and was the Athletic Director. Don then continued his involvement in the school district when he was elected onto the school board in 2012. In 2013 Don was chosen to be the school board president, and he served until 2024.

Don Rappel has had a great impact on



the school board during his four terms as a member. Although the board is sad to see Don go, they wish him well and hope he enjoys the rest of his retirement.

More Cameron Retirees

by Caitlin Quaders

Mrs. Sarah Pica has announced her retirement from teaching! She started teaching in the 1993-94 school year. She earned a Bachelor's Degree at UW-Eau Claire and a Master's Degree at UW-River Falls. She has taught all types of classes through the years.

During her years teaching at Cameron, she has had two children graduate through this district. Starting next year, she will be an empty nester as her son is graduating, and her daughter is away at college.

Despite retiring, Mrs. Pica says she won't be leaving permanently. She is going to continue running the scoreboard during volleyball season,



and she is planning on judging/helping out during forensics season.

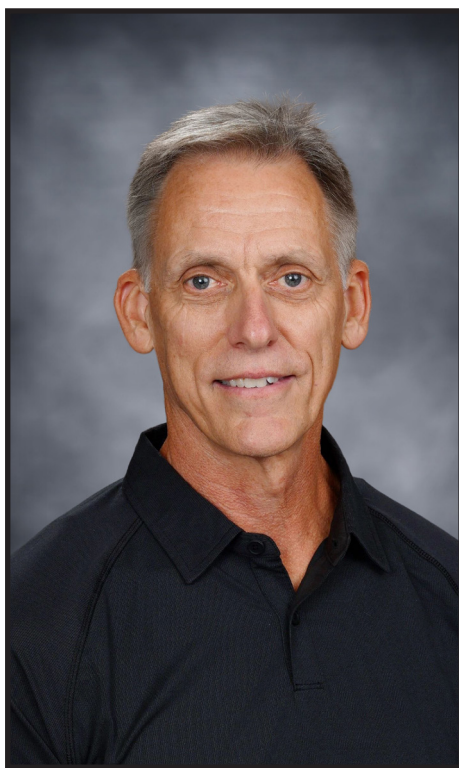
Mrs. Pica is retiring from teaching, but she has more exciting things to come in her journey, like a part-time job at Pioneer Village Museum and traveling to places around the world.

Cameron School District is saying goodbye to a few staff members amidst their retirements. Help us wish our retirees a happy and healthy retirement!



Charlotte Voelker - Middle School Library/Media Center Aide

"I am a Barron High School grad. I have a 2-year degree in Secretarial Science from District One Tech in Eau Claire, now Chippewa Valley Technical College. I have worked in offices at an accounting firm, distribution center, and at Mastercraft Industries BC (before children). Once my children were both in the Elementary school, I started out working again part time in the Elementary and High School kitchens. Then I worked in the HS Library, copy room, and taking lunch tickets for a few years. I also was an aide for the pre-kindergarten summer school students several years. I have been working at the Middle School in the library since it was built and opened in 2000."



Kurt Huseh - Fifth grade teacher

"While I am looking forward to retirement and not having to get up on a Monday morning to go to work, I will miss working with awesome students and staff at the Cameron School District. I've been around to watch a lot of great teachers and support staff retire over the years, and some really awesome people take over. I plan to spend more time on the lake, going to my grandkids' events, playing some golf and improving my pickleball skills!"



Malcolm Paine - Bus driver
Retired January of 2024

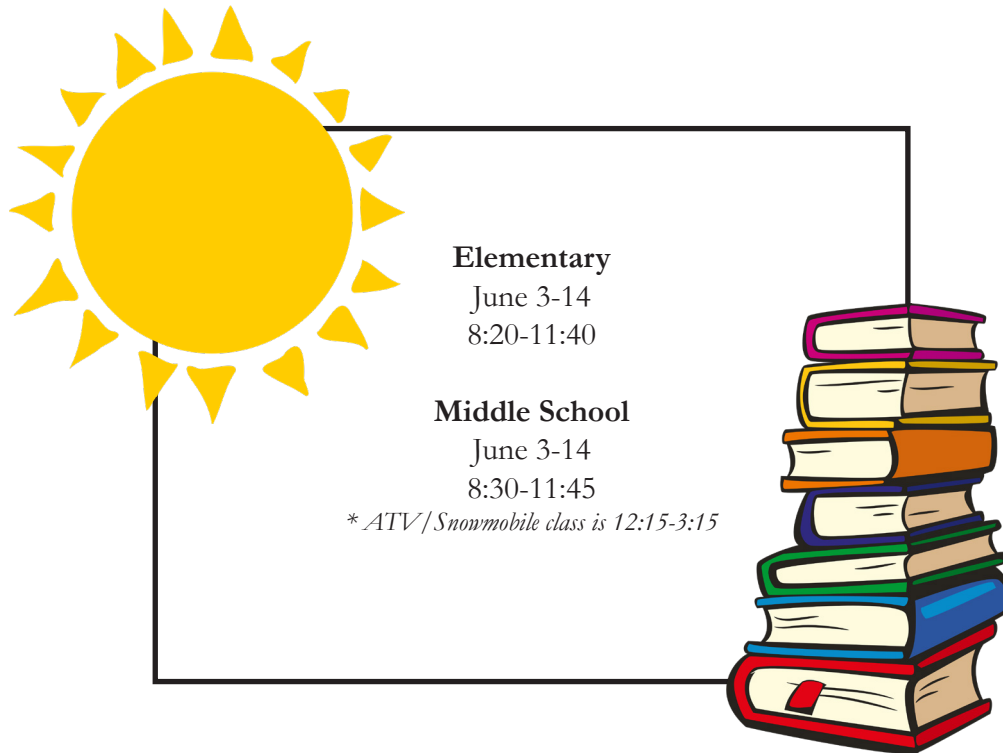


Ken Keef - Custodian
Retired January of 2024

Capture the Moment: Prom 2024



Summer School Dates



Middle School Notes

Last Days of School

Our last day of school will now be Wednesday, May 29th due to our office construction. This will also move Summer School to begin on Monday, June 3rd and run through Friday, June 14th.

End of Year Trips & Activities

- 5 - Movie & Barron Park - Friday, May 24th
- 6 - St. Croix Boat Trip - Friday, May 24th
- 7/8 - Action City - Wednesday, May

29th

Awards Day (a.m.) and Track and Field Day (p.m.) - Tuesday, May 28th

Last Day of School - May 29th

Summer Office Location & Remodeling

Construction will begin on the Middle School Office immediately after May 29th. This construction is part of the referendum that was passed last year. Parents and students will enter through the North end of the school (N1) door, near the playground. The office will be

located in room 212 when you enter the building.

Summer Opportunities

Our Summer School will run from Monday, June 3rd through Friday, June 14th. We have a number of classes designed for enjoyment as well as a class for extra help in Math. Summer Rec. is also a program offered through Cameron and involves a great deal of sports-type activities. If you would like more information about Summer School please contact the middle school office at 715-458-5810.

Making Music

by Katie Shilts

Cameron's music departments have been busy lately with concerts, solo and ensemble, and auditions.

Five choir events and eight band events earned a one star rating on their solo and ensemble pieces. They will perform at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival on May 4 in Eau Claire.

The choir will hold their spring concert on Monday, May 13. Choir director Mr. Scott Jensen particularly enjoyed preparing the songs for this concert because many of them were from lesser-known musicals, such as *Matilda*, *Harriet* (a movie about Harriet Tubman), and *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*. Families and community members, come out to enjoy listening to the beautiful sounds of our Cameron singers!

CHS freshman Brooklynne Jenkinson also qualified for the Wisconsin School Music Association Honors Choir. She will attend a four day camp in June to meet the other members of the choir and rehearse the music. At the WSMA convention in October, she will perform with the choir. This is a great honor to be selected to, especially for a freshman, and will give Brooklynne some great opportunities to make music with other talented young singers. Con-



Cameron Comet band. *Come out to the band's concert on May 6 for a fun night of music and celebrating the band's seniors.*

gratulations, Brooklynne!

Come out to the band's performance on Monday, May 6 for a great night of music and to celebrate this year's seniors! The band will be playing a variety of songs, ranging from Irish music and Norse mythology to a Pixar medley.

On Friday, May 10, Cameron's band will be participating in a unique opportunity. Due to the tragic circumstances of last April 8, the bands from Cameron and Chetek were invited to perform at the 34th Annual Wisconsin Law Enforcement

Memorial Ceremony. The memorial honors 289 fallen Wisconsin law enforcement officers, including Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel. The band will be playing several songs honoring law enforcement before the ceremony. Additionally, during the ceremony, they will combine with Chetek's band to play a piece titled "No Greater Love," which is dedicated to Breidenbach and Scheel and written by Chetek's own Michael Larson.

Kudos to the band and choir on all of their activities!

State Solo and Ensemble Qualifiers

CHS Jazz Ensemble

Nicole Kargus, Lauren Pearson, and Reyana Ladd- Flute Trio

Maddie Gilles, Katie Shilts, Ashlyn LaBrie, and Jordyn Lundequam- Trumpet Quartet

Kyra Schofield and Abby Kuchera- Trombone Duet

J.J. Martinson- Marimba Solo

Jacob Lembke- Horn Solo

Aiden Hawkins- Snare Drum Solo

Ellie Gerber- Piano Solo

Colton Melton- Baritone Solo

Kendal Robel- Alto Solo

Celeste Lee- Alto Solo

Brooklynne Jenkinson- Soprano Solo

Brooklynne Jenkinson- Musical Theater

Student Council

by Kayla Schullo

The Middle School student council has been extremely involved in their community.

Participating in two WASC conferences, students networked with other students from around the state, listened to keynote speakers, and attended breakout sessions to get new ideas for our school.

They won the Spirit of Excellence Award for Region I. To accept this award, student council advisor Mrs. Jennifer LaVallie brought students to the Milwaukee Bucks game to accept their award in March.

Throughout the year these students have been actively completing community service acts--challenged by a local business. By helping the community, they could earn

\$100 for a charity in their name. As of now they have raised \$1,100, with some students still working to grow that number.

They helped bring in Cory Greenwood, who is an amazing speaker that held a strong message for the student body. He reminded them that everyone has their own story and that they all matter. During this same day, they hosted a surprise Dude, Be Nice assembly for Kenny

Keef, CHS' janitor who retired in January.

They hosted a fall and spring party, along with organizing the Glow Run in the fall as a fundraiser for activities through the year.

For state testing, they packed goodie bags for all middle school students with motivational notes. There was a caregiving day in December where students babysat elementary kids and did crafts and games while their parents did last minute Christmas errands.

It's been a very busy year for the student council and we are grateful for all the hard work they've done. A special thank you to Mrs. LaVallie working with these students to achieve great things!



WASC Conference. Student council members representing Cameron at the conference gaining fun and bright ideas for the future.

MS Spring Party

by Abigail Altizer

On April 12th, 2024 the spring party for 5th-8th grade was held. The 5th and 6th grade celebrated from 3:30-5pm. The 7th and 8th grades celebrated 5:30-7:30pm.

This celebration took place in the middle school gym. Many activities were held, students had an open gym, dinner, and music by DJ Roherty. We thank you all who made this happen. Students had a blast and lots of dancing went on!



Turkey Season

by Keara Butterfield

On the days of April 6-7th Cameron puts on something that no other school in our district does—the Learn to Hunt Turkey Hunt. Put on by Mr. Ebner and Mr. Ladd, this program is for students of any age who have never bagged a turkey. This year they had 21 students participate in the hunt. Monday night, before the hunt, everyone attended a class to learn about the rules and regulations, different calls, and the attire they needed to wear. The

Barron County DNR Warden paid a visit to the class time to help assist in teaching about the rules. After they were in the classroom the students went out with their men-



A successfull season. This year the youth hunters had a season with a record high number of turkeys bagged. Congrats hunters!

tors and practiced shooting. Out of the 21 students, 20 of them bagged a turkey that weekend. On Sunday they held a banquet where the young hunters were able to share their

hunting stories. Culvers donated custard and Barron County Youth Shooting Sports supplied the food. Afterwards the hunters cleaned their birds. The learning never ends.

Learning the Skills

by Keara Butterfield

On April 13th the Cameron 5th and 6th grade teams hosted a youth volleyball tournament here at the Cameron High School. The two 6th

grade teams played in the morning against two

teams from



Winning the Point. The 5th grade team cheers together after winning the point.

The 5th grade teams played in the afternoon with the focus on skills and the basics. The girls played hard, getting excited over every good thing the team was able to do. On May 4th, the 7th and 8th grade teams will be playing at a home tournament

starting at 7:30 am. Come out and support our youth!



Ace! The 5th grade team serves up the ball after getting the point.



In the Library

by Kennedy Ladehoff

The library has had some exciting events recently. Battle of the Books, a book swap, and a bookmark competition have all taken place these past few months. Fifth grade, seventh and eighth grade, and high school teams all competed in this year's Battle of the Books. Three fifth grade teams even competed against three Chetek-Weyerhaeuser teams.

On March 19, Cameron hosted the 31st Battle of the Books for the fifth grade teams. They battled over their knowledge of twenty different books. Mrs. Melissa Longmire advised the Cameron teams and Mr.



Battle of the Books. *The fifth grade Battle of the Books participants won the traveling trophy after their competition against Chetek.*



Ready. Set. Read. *Fifth grader Tenleigh Woods received a prize for her winning bookmark in the bookmark making contest.*

Brian Bayer advised the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser teams. Cameron won the traveling trophy this year and was able to celebrate with a pizza party afterwards. Congratulations to The Book Nerds, Reading Rapids, and The Chapter Chasers for winning the competition!

At the end of February, the team D.B.D. represented Cameron Middle School for the statewide Battle of the Books at seventh/eighth grade level. Members Walter Gerstner, Ayden LaVallie, Austin Butterfield, and Lehnne Isaacs represented Cameron. They also were tested on their knowledge of twenty different books. Congratulations to the team for placing 82nd out of 157 teams!

High school Battle of the Books competed at the end of February as well. Samantha Bryngelson, Kennedy Ladehof, Kierra Schuebel, and Frankie Robel represented Cameron High School. They placed 44th out of 65 teams after answering ques-

tions about their twenty books. Congratulations to the team!

The library staff celebrated National Library Week by having students hear from an author. John Coy visited from Minneapolis to talk about the differences between writing chapter books and picture books. A read aloud was held of his book, *Love of the Game*. A book swap also occurred where each student was able to obtain a free book to promote literacy. A bookmark making contest also happened with the theme being, "Ready. Set. Read." Congratulations to fifth grader Tenleigh Woods for winning!

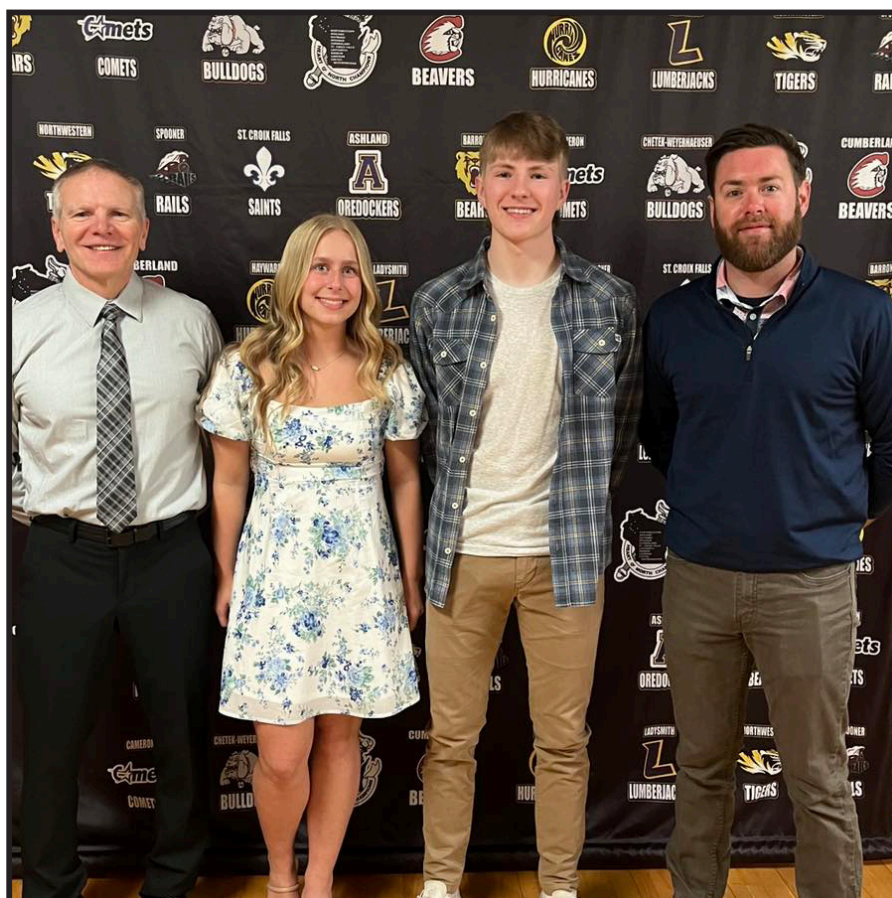
The library has certainly been eventful these past few months. With many activities happening, reading is being promoted at Cameron more than ever. These annual events continue year after year to help promote such literacy. Finally, congratulations to everyone that was previously mentioned!

Academic Achievements

Each year, schools from the Heart O' North Conference choose two representatives, one male and one female, to be honored for their athletic and academic success. This year Chloe Wall and Tyson Lucas were selected to represent Cameron High School at the Heart O' North Scholar Athlete Awards Ceremony.

Each representative chose an influential adult to accompany them to the ceremony to be honored along side the students. Chloe chose Dave Gerber and Tyson chose Charles Roherty. Congratulations to both Chloe and Tyson, all your hard work and dedication shows.

More academic achievement awards were given out to three Cameron seniors. The following students were selected as Heart O' North Academic All-Conference honorees: Jami Folz, child of Lisa and Jay Folz; Evelyn Martinson, child of Allison and Jeremiah Martinson; and Caitlin Quaders, child of Mandy and Cory Quaders. These outstanding ladies were selected based on their cumulative grade point average, ACT or SAT scores, and participation or leadership roles in extra-curricular activities. Congratulations Evelyn, Cate, and Jami, years of service and persistence has paid off.



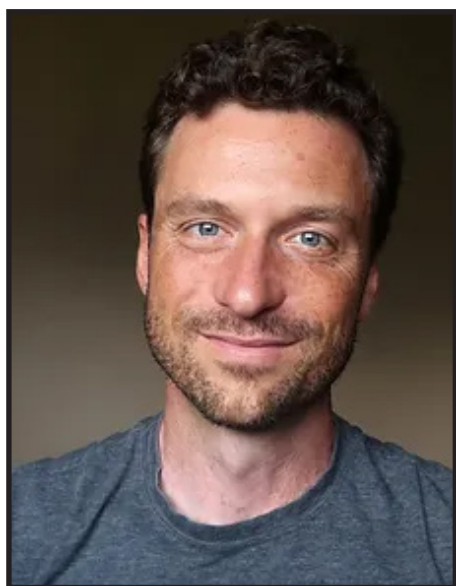
Congratulations!



Memory Project

by Emma Somerville & Kayla Schullo

The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 2004. It all started with Ben Shumaker, a college student driven to make a difference in the world. He said, "I was passionate about connecting youth around the world through art to help build cultural understanding and international kindness."



The man who started it all. Ben Shumaker started the Memory Project.

Mrs. Angie Leschisin brought this project to her students and seven Cameron High schoolers chose to participate in this heart-warming project. Each student received a portrait of a child and were tasked with creating a realistic drawing. When the artists finish their pieces, they trace their hand on the back, take a picture of themselves holding the artwork, and write a couple words to their child, reminding them that they matter and even though they're in a different country, they care about them. These pictures mean so much to the children who receive them. They are from areas where events

such as natural disasters, wars, and poverty runs rampant.

"The Memory Project gets its name from its first intention, which was to provide handmade, heartfelt portraits as special memories to children in orphanages. Now our intention has expanded to touching the lives of youth around the world facing many types of challenges, while opening our hearts and minds so they can touch ours in return," explains Ben Schumaker.

When all the portraits are submitted, Ben will gather them and bring them to the children directly. He brings a video crew and records some of the reactions to the artwork. The video is then curated and sent to us to show us that they were received and well liked.

Not only is this project for a good cause, it is also enhancing the student's artistic ability. Kaylynn Ewald, a Cameron High School senior, says, "It is a really good opportunity to

diversify portrait making skills."

Make sure to check out memory-project.org for more on this. Also be sure to keep an eye out on the Cameron School District Facebook page for the finished works.



Nearly Done. Kayla Schullo shows off her portrait that is almost done.



Working Artists. Students Ella Lofquist, Emma Somerville, and Kayla Schullo working together on their pieces for the children in Milanese.

Class of 2024



Abigail Altizer



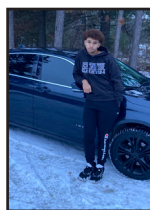
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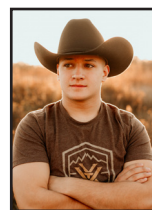
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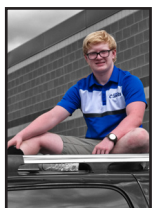
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Kylee Dahle



Caden Daniells



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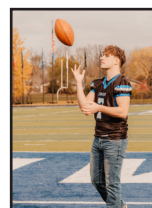
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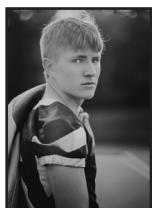
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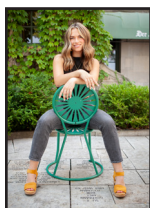
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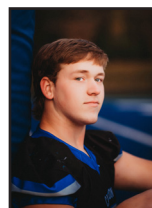
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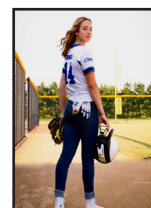
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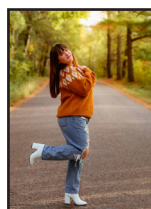
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Join us in celebrating the graduating class of 2024

May 24, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

In the High School Gym