

## March Students of the Month

Rayne is a kind preschooler that loves to learn and ask questions. She has been working very hard at getting all the letters in her first name R. Rayne is a kind friend to everyone in class and I see team her up with anyone and they can complete the task. She is determined to learn all her letters and sounds from a-z and numbers 1-10. Keep up the good work Rayne!



**RAYNE**  
PRESCHOOL

Paisley is an outgoing preschooler that always has a story to tell when she walks into the classroom. She is determined to write her first and last name on every paper. Paisley has been working on learning her letters and sounds from a-z and numbers 1-10. She is also a kind friend to everyone in class and at recess! Great work Paisley!



**PAISLEY**  
PRESCHOOL

Gerah is a star student in Junior K! She is great at D Voice during learning time and provides a great high 5 example in line for her classmates. Gerah is great at including others and has a great imagination during centers time. She is making great reading gains in her small group and seems to really love school. We are so proud to have Gerah in our class - Way to go Gerah!



**GERAH**  
JK KINDERGARTEN

Raeleen is working very hard at focusing her attention and learning new material in Junior K. She is gaining control of her wiggles and really rocking the High 5 Behavior at carpet time. Raeleen is a kind friend, including others, and loves to pitch in and help whenever she can. We are so proud to have Raeleen in our class - Way to Go Rae!



**RAELEEN**  
JK KINDERGARTEN

Hadassah has been a great addition to our classroom this year! Since she has come, she has worked really hard! She is reading books without sounding out most words and has most of our sight words down (over 100)! In her spare time, she practices bad words and is passing those out to many, she is adding and subtracting using flash cards, and being through Dakota Mart! When I see most other Hadassah is her positive attitude and she is just so matter what! Keep it up Hadassah! I am proud of you!



**HADASSAH**  
KINDERGARTEN

Allie has showed great work in 1st grade this year, and she has never fallen short on kindness either. Allie works hard in all subjects and specials to help better her education and be the best student she can be. She is a joy to have in class, and always keeps up laughing and learning.



**ALLIE**  
1ST GRADE

Blane continues to work hard in all subjects and has taken his time to slow down to really understand the material he is being given. He always tries his hardest to participate in all group discussions and isn't afraid to ask questions. He is a first grader in the classroom and definitely makes the school days a lot more exciting!



**BLANE**  
1ST GRADE

Riley practices being safe at recess and in the classroom by following the rules. She shows accountability by doing her homework every week and by being at school. Every day, she comes to school determined to do her best on her school work and to be a leader among her friends. She is kind by helping with everyone at different times! She is a well rounded young girl!



**RILEY**  
2ND GRADE

Tate has been working hard all year in 3rd grade. Tate's determination has allowed him to succeed throughout the year. Tate takes extra time to practice things that may be difficult, to be sure he gets them figured out. He has worked hard and learned all his multiplication and division facts. Tate is also a kind friend to everyone and is always willing to lend a hand where needed, with all the hard work. Tate is getting into 3rd grade. It is safe to say: (strong) Keep up the great work Tate!



**TATE**  
3RD GRADE

The Fourth Grade Student of the Month is a hardworking individual who wants to do well! She is very accountable as she completes her homework and always strives to do her best. But even more importantly, this student is very kind. She is a joy to be around and is liked by all her peers and teachers because she is kindhearted and very respectful. Congratulations Alayna! Keep up the kindness!



**ALAYNA**  
4TH GRADE

Brooke has been working so hard this year. She is a very accountable student, always turning assignments in on time. She also works hard on carrying her assignments for letter grades. Brooke cares about her education. I enjoy Brooke's positive, go-getter attitude. Brooke is also a very kind classroom and student, always asking if she can help in any way. I always appreciate Brooke's enthusiasm for learning and her dedication to her success in school. Keep up the amazing work Brooke! And keep smiling!



**BROOKE**  
5TH GRADE

## The Kougar Column

Robert Lukens - MS/HS Principal

Kadoka Area, What a great week! We had a great girls and boys SoDak 16 in the area as the state gave us two doubleheaders for the first time, which is a fantastic opportunity for our school groups to serve the public and help support their causes. However, the start of March means the end of the process for which this column started. Our comprehensive needs analysis is finished and is planned over a five-year strategy. Each school in the Kadoka Area School District: Kadoka Elementary, Interior, Midland, Long Valley, Kadoka Middle School, and Kadoka Secondary has a unique and individualized goal for which to strive over the following few school calendars.

As we approach these changes with our teachers, I am reminded of the many great American successes because of finding out what needs to improve—Sam Walton, the founder of Wal Mart and master of organizational growth, gives us the inspiration to innovate and drive above the system. We know that the secret is that "we are all in this together," and we stay focused on "innovating above the system."

Changes have already come because of this process with the on-

looking of the state education department. Most apparent is this column. The writings came to be because as we were assessing ourselves as a middle school and high school, we, as a team of teachers and myself, did not feel comfortable with the engagement strategies we were bringing forward to the state for evaluation. The idea of this column was born, a tool to talk about the educational issues of the area weekly.

We are fortunate to have such a willing and able partner in the Kadoka Press and share these columns on social media. As a team, we are lucky that we have an excellent infrastructure that supports our placement in these installments to inform the public. Without years of commitment from the school board and administrative team to develop the "T" of our STEAM focus (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). These writings would not even be an option.

Specifically, my teams at Kadoka Area Secondary brought forward the improvement in the areas of formative assessment within lesson plan structures. Kadoka Middle School will focus on transitions between grade levels as an area of robust growth for the next half-decade.

Our latest staff in-service outlined our approach to these goals and how we would approach them. I was fortunate to open and lead this district-wide meeting and outline how to approach these problems and not burn out early. To do this, we as a staff will follow the wisdom of the aforementioned late Walton, master of organization growth. Instead of asking ourselves to tackle the entire problem all at once, we want to find and work forward in an increment of 1% growth each day. If we focus on that growth over a whole school year, small steps will almost double our production, but it is much less intimidating than staring at the goal as one big step.

We understand that growth of any kind is not constant; it is a winding path that leads to ups and downs. Thus, we expect a day or team that doesn't improve or gets worse. The Wal Mart model has prepared us that we do not see our best growth, but we hope to follow it with marked improvement. "Individuals don't win; teams do." Mr. Walton's wisdom in growing our organization will be a beacon we hope to follow going forward.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Lukens

## Kadoka Kougars play hard vs Philip Scotties



KHS senior Dawson Reckling scores two points here on his jump shot against Philip's Sam Hand.



KHS Freshman Gus Stout shoots for two over Jesse Fillingim in Region 7B Basketball Action.

By Coach Reiman  
It was time for regional play and the #6 Kougar boys traveled to Philip to play the #3 Philip Scotties. We had a rough start to the game. The whistle was unkind early, fouls started to mount up, and we fell behind quickly on the scoreboard. The boys fought hard to keep the game close and when the buzzer sounded at half-time, we were only down 6 points. In the third quarter the cards started to turn in our favor. The boys did a great job on the defensive end and limited any easy opportunities for the Scotties. Going into the last period of play we held to a one-point lead, and it felt that we had the momentum

on our side. The boys started to add to the lead late in the 4th quarter. Unfortunately, down the stretch, a few untimely events happened to give Philip extra chances and they took advantage. Down by one-point, we had the ball with 6 seconds left to win the game. As we inbounded the ball for the final shot, it fell short as time ran out. It's always hard when the season is finished, but the boys were playing their best ball towards the end. I heard so many compliments on how hard our team competed on the court. We will miss our 3 seniors, Dawson Reckling, Kash Block and Clark Hindman, next year. Good job to all

the boys on a very good year!

Clark Hindman – 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal  
Gus Stout – 9 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist  
Kash Block – 5 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists  
Dawson Reckling – 16 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals  
Layne Palmer – 8 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals  
Garrett Hermann – 4 points, 5 assists, 3 steals  
Aidan Roghair – 4 points, 2 rebounds

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Kadoka Area	10	21	35	46
Philip	16	27	34	47

## College brief

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Emily Lynn Knutson, Bachelor of Science, SAFES, and Bachelor of Science, SAFES



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