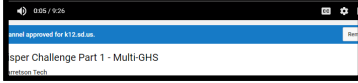


THE WHISPER CHALLENGE



Garretson multimedia class has produced quality content all year through photo editing & videos. Their latest video: "The Whisper Challenge" came out today



Cross country on the run to state

Blue Dragons qualify one boy, full girls team for state meet in Huron

by **Noel Johnson**
staff writer

The Blue Dragons held the regional 2A conference in Garretson last Thursday. The Blue Dragons qualified the girls team and freshman Preston Bohl individually to the state meet in Huron this Saturday.

At regions Garretson had the girls team place 2nd overall with a score of 31 team points. Mikayla Heesch placed 5th (20:48), Payton Campbell placed 10th (20:59), Kylie Christensen placed 12th (21:02), Tayler Benson placed 15th (21:13), Jordyn Willams placed 21st (21:45), and lastly Adair Hanisch placed 35th (23:33). The girls will now make their way to state with the goal to finish better than last season. The girls

team finished in seventh place last year and brings back the same strong core of runners, this time with state experience under their belts.

As for the boys Preston Bohl will be headed to Huron solo. On Thursday at regions, Bohl placed 7th (17:39) qualifying him but the other boys just couldn't quite reach the requirements. Overall boys had a good season and last meet with Sam Schleuter placing 33rd (19:41), Evan Debates placed 39th (19:58), Matthew Gilbert placed 43rd (20:33), and Sam Konechne placing 47th (21:14) all improving their times from the previous season.

On Saturday when the team heads to Huron that will be the first time for all the Garretson runners on that course which will be new and compelling for some. To start off the running Preston Bohl will compete at noon followed by the girls at 1:30.

As the season comes to an end this Saturday some runners have goals in mind. "To reach top 20 and



place," said eighth grader Mikayla Heesch, who has continued to improve and impress this season being the highest placer for Garretson at regions. Last year Heesch was seven seconds away from top 25 honors.

"This season started pretty rough, I had to miss the first two meets due to an injury, so this season my main goal was to get back up to my old times and if not that even better. I was also going to try and get into the 20 minute range which I finally did in the conference meet," said freshman Payton Campbell.

The Blue Dragon runners will leave it all on the course this Saturday hoping to achieve their desires and end with some major accomplishments.



This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The tradition of dressing up in costumes originated as a way to hide from spirits who returned during Halloween.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Keep a laundry basket in the back of your car to help carry groceries or shopping bags more easily.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Baseball = bejzbol (baze-bohl)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why couldn't the man get his cell phone to work in the cemetery?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: By changing just one letter at each level—solve the word ladder.

SCARE

SPOOK

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Three seniors, one game

by **Kylie Uhl**
staff writer



It was a short week for the Garretson netters taking the win in three straight sets on Tuesday night against West Central at the Dragon's Lair.

Even though the Lady Blue Dragons took the win on Tuesday there is always room to be better. "We need to improve our positivity, communication, and knowing what your position is and doing your assignment," said freshman Logan Bly.

Tuesday's game was a big emotional win however for the three senior volleyballers, being that it was their last regular season home game.

With Aftyn Heitkamp playing for four years, Kenzie Northrup also playing for four years and Bella Peters playing for three years, many fellow players know it won't be the same next year without them. "I think that our seniors kept a good attitude with a positive mindset by telling us before every game that we can go as far as we believe," said Bly.

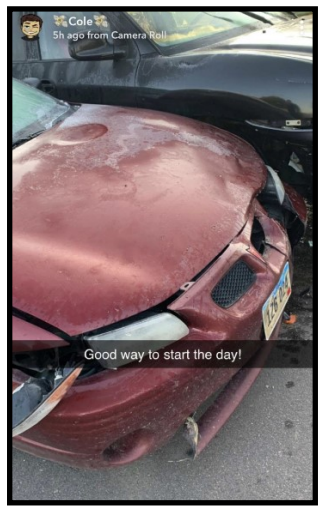
Bly had a good night putting down nine kills for the home team; Kennedy Buckneberg and Lily Ranschau also had strong offensive nights with nine and eight kills, respectively. Setter Jaelyn Benson had 26 assists while Lauren Heesch, libero, picked up 16 digs on the night's effort.

This win put the netters with a season record of 14-9. Next week however is a normal week for the Blue Dragons with two away games to cap off the season. The first on Monday against Sioux valley and the second on Tuesday playing against Colman-Egan.

Parking lot crash

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

Minor vehicle accidents are common place, especially in school parking lots. On Thursday morning on the way to school junior Kenzie Henseler bumped her car into Cole Skadsen's. There were no major injuries.



Cole Skadsen documented his morning via SnapChat and news quickly spread around the school.

"I was walking into the school, and went to go and talk to someone. The second I turned around I saw two cars collide. I realized it was my classmate, Cole Skadsen, so I went over to see if everyone was okay," stated senior Nadalie Johnson, a witness to the crash.

"I got to the accident and realized Parker [Schlenker] was in the passenger seat. When I arrived I went over to Cole's car and noticed that passenger Parker had minor injuries

as a result of the accident," said Johnson who was at the scene.

"So I was driving down Main Street towards the school; Kenzie was by the Legion and I had the right of way, so I was pulling to the right a little bit so I

could park next to the curb," explained Skadsen.

"In that moment her car bumped into the left side of my vehicle. I don't know if she ran the stop sign or didn't see me, but no one was majorly injured which is the important thing! I'm not mad or anything just happy everyone is okay" said Skadsen, who was part of the accident.

All parties involved are happy that nobody had major injuries and that the crash wasn't very serious.

JOKE: Because he was in a "dead zone"

BRAINTEASER: SCARE—SPARE—SPORE—SPORK—SPOOK

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, October 26**
- State XC @ Huron (12:00/1:30)
- Monday, October 28**
- C/JV VB @ Sioux Valley (5:00/6:15)
- VB @ Sioux Valley (7:15)
- Tuesday, October 29**
- JH VB @ Colman-Egan (4:00/5:00)
- JV VB @ Colman-Egan (6:15)
- VB @ Colman-Egan (7:15)
- Thursday, October 31**
- Happy Halloween!
- Friday, November 1**
- All State Chorus
- Saturday, November 2**
- All State Chorus

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 13 Days
No School on November 8

Congratulations to the football team on a successful season. The Blue Dragons dropped the opening round of playoffs to the Mobridge Pollock Tigers, 13-40.

Who will be crowned MLB champions?

by **Preston Bohl**
staff writer

Students picked the Astros to win; however, the Nats are taking a 2-0 lead into their home park tonight.

It's late October folks, and every baseball fan knows what that brings.

The country's national pastime undergoes its long awaited World Series.

The Houston Astros and the Washington Nationals have reached the biggest stage in baseball, both teams fighting for a ring. This year, Washington made history with their first ever appearance in the World Series, and are the biggest Fall Classic underdogs in over 10 years, listed at +195. The Nats had a very dramatic win over the Brewers in the wildcard matchup ending 4-3, then dominated the national league favorite in the Dodgers. Finally, Washington blew by the Cardinals in a four game sweep to secure their spot in the World Series.

The 2017 World Series Champions Houston Astros used their great bullpen and big bats to dispose of the AL contenders. Houston had to first go through the Rays in a five game series, and then defeated the Yankees in six.

Game one of the 115th Fall Classic was expected to be more of a pitching battle with both teams consisting of five of the top ten best pitchers in the league. But this was not the case, and the game ended up much more of an offensive showcase.

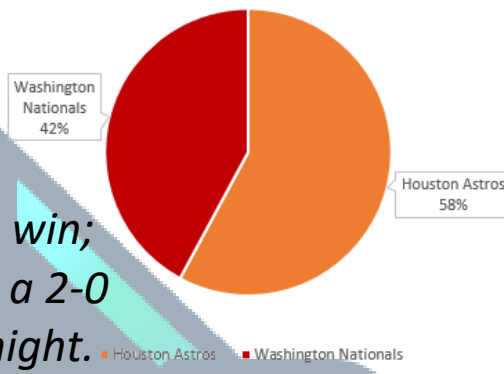
The Astros threw Gerrit Cole on the mound, the three time All-Star who has had a Cy Young-like season. On the mound for the Nationals was Max Scherzer, who has

been one of the most dominant pitchers in the past few years with three Cy Young awards and almost 2,700 strikeouts. Scherzer gave up two in the first but left the Astros scoreless after that, until the bullpen gave up two runs also. Cole did not pitch his best game and gave up all five runs scored, losing his first game since May 22. In the end, the Nationals edged out the Astros in a 5-4 win.

Game two was another game where both teams put their best out on the mound. Justin Verlander was throwing for the Astros and Stephen Strasburg was on the mound for Washington. The game was locked at two a piece until the seventh inning, where the Nationals scored six on Verlander and the bullpen, taking an 8-2 lead. Washington's momentum couldn't be stopped, and the game ended up 12-3 in the Nationals' favor.

The third game of the series will begin Friday at 7:07 pm in the nation's capital, with Washington trying to take a 3-0 lead and the Astros looking for their first win in the series. Could this be the first time the Montreal Expos expansion team, the Nationals, win a World Series title that they were denied of when they had the best record in the league in 1994 because of the baseball strike? Only time will tell and it will be exciting to see how the cards fold out in the series.

World Series



Musical talents on display

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

On Monday, ten students brought their voices with them to the Big East Conference honor choir in Beresford. In the past Garretson had only had enough students to send one quartet plus the all-state alternates to the BEC, but due to the increase in students, Garretson was granted the ability to send two quartets plus the alternates. Garretson representatives were: Aliah Lymon, Aftyn Hietkamp, Mason Tillma, Gabe Johnson, Morgan Moritz, Mattea Fiegen, Drew Pederson, Luke Ross, Madden Lardy, and Seth Petersen.

The BEC honor choir is where schools send their best singers after evaluating them and seeing what quartets match each others' voices the best. At the BEC the students sang "The National Anthem", "Sing my Child", "The Pasture" (those three are all-state songs as well), "Million Dreams" from *The Greatest Showman*, and "Will the Circle be Unbroken".

Next week, the singers have another event called All-State choir. This is basically a more prestigious Big East Conference. Two quartets will represent Garretson in Sioux Falls on November 1 and 2.

My heart-stopping history of Haunted attractions

by **Nobel Nothstine**
staff writer—editorial

Good scares for the money are all around the Midwest, some with storied histories

Have you ever wanted to feel cockroaches crawling on your skin? Walk in company with live alligators and pythons that are 25 feet long? Be chased into a parking lot by a guy in a mask with a chainsaw? Jump out of a second story window? Halloween is the only time of year that you can easily achieve all of that without people calling you crazy. I would know, because I've driven all around the Midwest to do it! This is Nobel Nothstine, and I'm going to run you through a brief history of my haunted houses over the last four years in case, like me, you're looking for your yearly thrill.

For as long as I can remember, I've loved Halloween. Free candy, dressing up in costumes, the perfect fall weather, carving jack-o-lanterns, and getting my pants scared off! Though I've attended haunted houses across the US since I was young, that article would be crazy long. So, this story starts four years ago, right near home in Sioux Falls.



Jaycees Feargrounds – Sioux Falls, SD

The Jaycees Feargrounds is the Sioux Falls Jaycees' haunted house project, and the largest fundraiser and volunteer driver for the Sioux Falls Jaycees' chapter. Located at the W.H Lyons Fairgrounds, this scare is open to the community every year in October.

The haunted house has been in existence since 1974, and there have been many different versions of rooms throughout its history. Currently, it exists as a 6,000-square-foot building on the fairgrounds. Previously known as the Sioux Falls Jaycees Haunted House, they rebranded as

the Jaycees Feargrounds this season as an effort to give the haunt a unique identity and keep the project relevant in today's haunted attractions industry. Personally, I liked Jaycee's! Their volunteer actors really went above and beyond, even chasing my friends and I into the parking lot with a shovel and chainsaw at one point. At \$15 a ticket, it was one of the cheapest, but also one of the shortest tours of this list.

Scare Rank: 😬
Scare for Money: 💰💰

Twisted Nightmare – Sioux Falls, SD

Twisted Nightmare is a haunted house and fundraiser run by the SD Fraternal Order of Police and many volunteers. With multiple tour guides taking 4-6 people through at a time, you can come back and have a different experience with each guide. I thought Twisted Nightmare was fun and had a huge variety of characters, but lacked any sort of theme and mainly piggybacked off of shock value over genuine scare. However, they're attempting to change that this year with "The Last Ride", a motion attraction with the look and feel like you are riding in a coffin to the graveyard! Who doesn't want to be locked in a wooden crate and felt like they're being buried alive?! Not only that, but a mini haunted house escape room. This haunted house might prove to rope me back in for another year with these additions. Tickets are \$12 a person, \$10 with a canned good.

Scare Rank: 😬😬
Scare for Money: 💰💰💰



Fear Asylum – Brookings, SD

The Fear Asylum is privately owned, and is South Dakota's largest budget haunted attraction. One thing I loved about Fear Asylum was that it was set in a large mental institution. They had a few really cool animatronics, the haunt went through multiple locations, and people scared you while you were waiting in line. I saw multiple people leave the ticket line after being scared by actors,

which impressed me. Tickets are \$20 a person.

Scare Rank: 😬😬😬
Scare for Money: 💰💰

Haunted attractions continued

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Indiana Fear Farm – Indianapolis, IN

The Fear Farm has been scaring and entertaining it's visitors for years. With two big attractions, the "Haunted Hayride" and the "Slaughter Barn", this locale has something for everyone. The "Haunted Hayride" is a 20 minute action packed ride into the dark forest that's inundated with explosions, monsters, stunts and over 50 actors! The "Slaughter Barn" is for older attendees, as this attraction is crammed with over 40 actors that interact with customers on an up close and personal level. This place was AWESOME! The "Slaughter Barn" had fluid movement and storyline (which is a trait I admire in a haunted house), great props, lighting, and scenes, and all of the actors had convincing costumes and makeup and were dedicated to their work. Tickets are \$15 for the hayride, and \$13 for the barn.

Scare Rank: 😱😱😱

Scare for Money: 💰💰💰💰



The Edge of Hell – Kansas City, KS

The Edge of Hell is perched at 666' above sea level, and visitors go through the depths of hell in this five-story haunted house. The haunt is themed on phobias and it's a literal fright from heaven to hell, plus the world's record, longest, living snake. With a man who puts live rats in his mouth and dangles them in front of you (pictured above), vampires who scare your aunt half to death, animatronic and projected giant hounds of hell, and stone-cold foggy crypts. With fog, low lit scenes, strobe lighting, creepy actors, animatronics, uneven walking surfaces, motion scenes, and special effects, this haunted house was SFX Hollywood movie-level quality. Tickets are \$27.

Scare Rank: 😱😱😱😱

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The Beast – Kansas City, KS

The Beast is one of the greatest haunted attractions in the nation and keeps visitors on their toes and scared out of their wits. This haunt is an immersive nightmare, and open-format (visitors don't have a person guiding them) to ensure visitors lose their way around lurking threats of voodoo, a live alligator, creepy-crawlies, seven-foot-tall werewolves, phantoms, and monsters. With strobe lights, mirror mazes, burning witches, fog, air blasts, trampolines, moving mechanisms, bridges over water, and secret doors you have to uncover, this scare was the perfect fix for me. One unique thing I absolutely loved about The Beast was the use of 3-D glasses and glow in the dark paint to make the mazes harder and spook visitors at every turn. The mazes weren't too easy, you really had to use your head and carefully view your surroundings in order to escape. The line was surprisingly short for 1:30 am, and this was the longest house by far at nearly 50 minutes. I've never been in a haunted house that gave me such a false sense of security like this one, and then proceeds to raise the hair on the back of my neck and give me goosebumps. There are four floors where the Beast is clawing to get the next victim before escaping by jumping out a 2-story window or taking a rickety metal slide 4-stories down.

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Is it Tom Brady's last year?

Who would replace the franchise quarterback?



by Grace Panning
staff writer—editorial

Tom Brady is said to be on his last NFL year with the Patriots. Fans believe he has been gearing up retirement for at least a year and a half now.

It is not known if this is true or not, but one of the most known facts on why, has to do with his salary. Previously, Brady made \$15 million a year, but then he got bumped up to \$23 million. After all the years Tom Brady has played plus retirement money, he will still be set for life and generations on.

Recently, Brady and his wife put their mansion on the market for 39.5 million, which makes fans believe even more that he is truly trying to retire.

Brady has been playing with the Patriots for 20 years and just turned 42 in August. Brady has achieved many things in his NFL career, but if he retires this year who will likely be his 2020 replacement? Well, there are three options with more to come. The first one is Jarrett Stidham. He is the most natural place to start if Brady retires, as Stidham is the current backup quarterback for New England. Although, there are still questions about whether he is Brady's eventual replacement. But it's also unlikely he'd go into 2020 without somebody for him to compete with.

The next consideration is Teddy Bridgewater. Bridgewater, 27, is a free agent after this season. Bridgewater is already filling big shoes this season by leading the Saints until Drew Brees' return. Bridgewater's level of health, skills, and interest could make him an interesting piece of the offseason puzzle although his recent play has lowered his likely appeal. Still Bridgewater could get the better of this audition.

The third likely contender is Marcus Mariota. Mariota, currently playing for the Titans, is an unrestricted free agent after this season. There are people who think in a different situation, Mariota might be better. But it would be much more likely that he'll be somebody's backup next year at a much lower cost.

I want to make it clear that these are just opinions floating around and not actual set and stone facts. Who, in your opinion is the most likely NFL player to replace Brady, you decide?

Is Tetris bad for students?

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer—editorial

Tetris, the puzzle solving game that we all know and love. Garretson High School seems to have grown a passion for the challenge of the game. Due to this, administration has taken action and tried to slow down the use of the game during school hours.

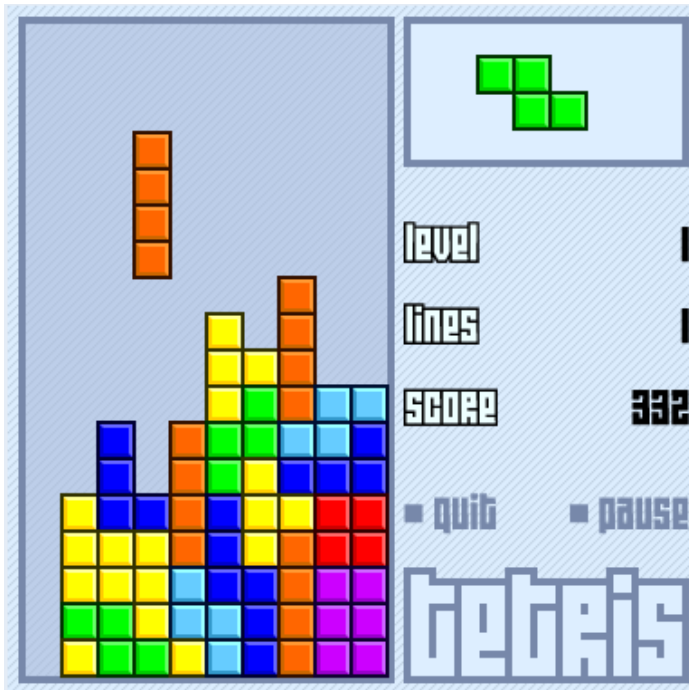
Lumpty Tetris was the most popular website to play this game on, and also the first to bite the dust. Lumpty was banned on school iPads before homecoming week. "It's an outrage, we need Lumpty back," stated avid Tetris player Brayden Beaner.

The question floating around is, "Does Tetris distract students from their schoolwork and lead to lower grades?" A lot of members from the student body believe it isn't bad, because it is a brain game that's challenging quick thinking skills. "I only play Tetris when I get my schoolwork done, so I don't see the problem," stated senior Trey Buckneberg.

The reason the game is so addicting, is to try to beat your friends' high scores of rows. Currently, Beaner holds the record on an iPad with 127 and Mrs. Buchholz holds the record on keyboard with 252.

Tetris is also considered a professional esports and you can earn money playing it. This is another defense by students; it means it is more productive than watching a YouTube video or scrolling through social media.

Recently there was a Tetris world championship, and Jonas Neubauer received first place and won \$1,500.



Neubauer is a bartender to likes to play Tetris on the side. He currently holds the world record for points scored in a match with 1,245,200. He also streams Tetris for thousands of people on Twitch and posts YouTube videos to his 26.6K subscribers.

Tetris was created in 1984, but still thrives in Garretson High School. Administration seems to want it to die, but the students want the legacy of the legendary game to carry on.

NBA tip off

by **Hayden Olofson**
staff writer

Preseason just ended and finally the first week of the regular season has started and is already very exciting. Starting off the season on Tuesday night was what some people called the battle of LA. The Los Angeles Lakers with star player LeBron James squared off against the Los Angeles Clippers with new star player Kawhi Leonard. This game was close the majority of the time until the Clippers pulled away and won the game 112-102. Since Paul George could not play due to injuries, Leonard had to carry the Clippers with 30 points, 5 assists, and 6 rebounds.

Another big game of the week was the Brooklyn Nets opener against the Minnesota Timberwolves. A new member the of the Brooklyn Nets is point guard Kyrie Irving. Down by as many as 18 points to the Timberwolves in the first half, Brooklyn fought their way back in the game and in the final minutes the Nets had multiple leads but couldn't pull away losing by one point. The final score was Minnesota Timberwolves 127 and Brooklyn Nets 126. However, the bright spot for Brooklyn laid with new member Kyrie Irving, who went off for 50 points in his first game as a Net, but that was not enough for the win.

Last night the Houston Rockets faced the Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Milwaukee Bucks. This is also the first game Russel Westbrook and James Harden have been playing as teammates since 2012 when they used to play on the Oklahoma City Thunder together. But Harden and Westbrook weren't good enough for last year's MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo. Giannis had a triple double with 30 points, 11 assists, and 13 rebounds. The Bucks pulled ahead in the last couple minutes, finalizing a win over the Rockets, 117-111.

A notable absence from the opening week games was rookie sensation Zion Williamson. After dominating the college ranks, Williamson was drafted #1 by the New Orleans Pelicans. He played limited minutes in pre-season games but missed the start of the season due to knee issues. Pelicans dropped their season opener to the defending champion Toronto Raptors in overtime 122-130.



Journalism staff has successful state convention

The journalism staff traveled to Vermillion for the State Press Convention on Monday, October 21.

The day at USD opened with students listening to KELO digital reporter Michael Geheren, who emphasized the importance of quality information, immediate news, and using multiple mediums to reach an audience.

Students then went to breakout sessions that highlighted photography tips, digital storytelling, writing for the eye and the ear, and design.

The afternoon included a panel discussion featuring USD graduates: Sophie Heineman, KELO anchor, Elizabeth Pearson, USD Social Media Specialist, and Joe Sneve, Argus Leader reporter.

After the insight from industry professionals, students were given awards for their writing and photography. All of the entries were submitted at the beginning of September and due to the submission deadline some articles from last spring joined articles from this fall.

Garretson came away with multiple awards.

Photography:

Superior Ratings

- Noel Johnson (Sports)
- Mya Long (Sports)
- Malia Johnson (School Activity)
- Nadalie Johnson (Sports & School Activity)
- Mason Hofer (School Activity)
- Nobel Nothstine (Non-School Activity)

Newswriting:

Superior Ratings

- Jayden Clark (Editorial)
- Kylie Uhl (General News)
- Nobel Nothstine (Editorial)
- Sam Gonzalez (Editorial)



A majority of the *Blue Ink* staff traveled down to USD at the beginning of the week for the state press convention. The crew received over 20 awards for their work on the paper and yearbook. Pictured were the attendees: Preston Bohl, Hayden Olofson, Mason Hofer, Kylie Uhl, Nika Sapunar, Noel Johnson, and Grace Panning

- Mason Hofer (Sports)
 - Jayden Clark (General News)
 - Malia Johnson (Sports)
- #### Excellent Ratings
- Preston Bohl (Sports)
 - Riley Altman (General News & Feature)
 - Nika Sapunar (Feature)
 - Noel Johnson (Feature)
 - Oliviyah Thornton (Feature)
 - Sam Gonzalez (Sports)

Some students were also lucky coming away with a few door prizes as well. Kylie Uhl received a Yeti cup and Grace Panning won a brand new laptop computer.

