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A Tale to Remember for Second Graders at Woodland Elementary School

Kimberly, Wis. – July 26, 2018 – Second grade students at [Woodland Elementary School](#) became authors of their own story this school year. Students in Stephanie Twombly’s class wrote “The Wolfie Wednesday Disaster: Lost Principal” after being inspired by a mystery book featuring Bucky Badger.

It all started when classmate Carter Rosen picked out the “The Big Bucky Badger Mystery” at their school’s book fair. He worked hard to read the book and enjoyed it so much that he asked his teacher, Stephanie Twombly, if there were more books in the series. These questions led the students in Carter’s class to connect with the author of the beloved Bucky book – Chris Newbold.



Second graders at Woodland Elementary School had a special visit from author Chris Newbold.

Newbold is a University of Wisconsin-Madison alumni who now lives in Missoula, Montana. He was excited to get a call from the students and went out of his way to connect with them. As a result, he added a visit to their school to his itinerary for a February trip to Wisconsin that he already had planned.

During his visit at the school, Newbold shared how he came to be an author and his philosophy about following your dreams. Students learned that Chris’ wife Jennifer wrote “The Great Monte Mystery” based on her alma

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mater (the University of Montana), and that the couple co-authored a third book called “The Wild Wolf Pack Mystery” about the University of Nevada.

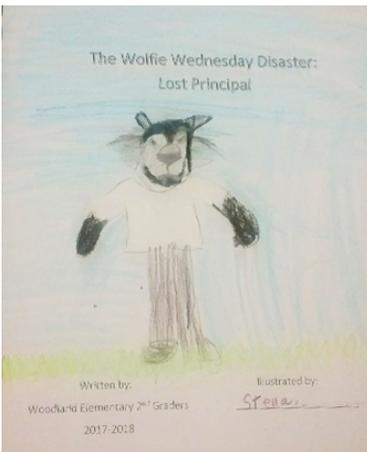
The Newbold’s books are mysteries about missing footballs or basketballs. The school mascot travels around the featured community and its landmarks in search of the missing items. The books also have a theme around honesty, which is one of the [community values](#) of the Kimberly Area School District.

With help from Newbold and their teacher, the second graders began work on a book about their school’s mascot, Wolfie. In their brainstorm session, the students decided they were going to be missing their principal, Dr. Timothy Doleysh, and that Wolfie would be the hero who finds him.



Chris Newbold, author of “The Big Bucky Badger Mystery,” helped second graders at Woodland Elementary School write a book about Wolfie, their mascot.

With their story concept set, the students created a book club to continue crafting their mystery. The club met once a week during lunch recess. Each club member had a role in the creation of their mystery book.



Stella, a second grader at Woodland, illustrated this cover for “The Wolfie Wednesday Disaster: Lost Principal.”

Students went into the community to research different community landmarks to be featured in their story. The students settled on five well-known local landmarks: Lamers Dairy, Timber Rattler Stadium, High Cliff State Park, Tom’s Drive In and Papermaker Stadium.

After they had their ideas, they polled other second graders to help shape the plot. Their final concept was, “The Wolfie Wednesday Disaster: Lost Principal.”

When the book was completed, over 40 students had participated in its creation along with more than a dozen parent volunteers. Each student received a printed and bound copy of the story with space to create the illustrations in their own

personal edition.

At their final book club meeting, they had a “Share and Celebrate Day.” Students shared their illustrated version of the book with fellow club members and had a small celebration for their accomplishment. The final books are a tale to remember for these young authors.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,100 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.