



**PRINCIPAL:  
MEGHAN REDMOND**

# Homer Middle School



WE WANT TO CREATE A SCHOOL  
WHERE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND PARENTS  
ARE BEATING THE DOORS DOWN  
TO GET IN... NOT OUT!!



WHAT  
MAKES

Homer Middle  
School

PAW SPECIAL?



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## A.K. TO D.C.

### SAVANNAH'S SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Savannah's favorite thing about the AK to DC trip was shopping "because of all the different options other than what is near us." She also learned a lot about "New York City and its origins."



### TERRIFIC TRAVELS WITH TEMPERANCE

Temperance is an eighth-grade Husky traveler who hopped along on the 2026 A.K. to D.C. trip. "I enjoyed going to the Night Museum because I enjoy paintings, Greek statues and Egyptian artifacts," Temperance notes. On top of that, Temperance adds she was disappointed when she couldn't pick what she ate at specific locations. "I learned about supposed ghost sightings of Alexandra," Temperance states. "That was really cool." Temperance includes that she was very surprised when they got to go shopping a lot.



### COHEN CONQUERS THE CITIES

"Going up into the Empire State building and seeing all the buildings down below," was eighth-grade Cohen's most cherished memory of the A.K. to D.C. trip. Although Cohen had a great time on the trip, he was disappointed in his "somewhat lack of freedom." Furthermore, Cohen surprisingly "didn't see that many cool cars." If Cohen could go back to Washington D.C., he would pick the Washington Monument to revisit. Ultimately, throughout the entire spring break adventure, Cohen's take-away was that bagels in New York are called "bagels and spread."



### ROBERT'S MAGIC IN MANHATTAN

"One place I would revisit would be the Harry Potter store that's in New York," shares Robert, who also enjoyed shopping because of all the cool stuff. For Robert, the most unexpected part of the trip was the "statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial."



## MARCH MADNESS

### Layups with Langner



Langner is ready for some hoops! He looks forward to being able to do the bracket again as he notes "It's just fun and it's fun to talk about with kids who fill it out." Langner's favorite team is the Minnesota Golden Gophers. Unfortunately, the Gophers are not in the bracket so Langner's banking on Arizona beating Duke in the championship.

### William's Big Turnover



Eighth-grader William Wenner has come back to the top ten on Mr. Langner's March Madness basketball bracket. The higher he gets on the bracket the higher chance it is that his pick, Arizona, will win the NCAA title. His plan for celebrating if he wins is going to Alice's or Albi for food.

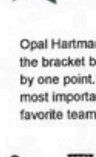


### Nothing But Net Newsted



Ms Newsted is a known fan of Michigan State, as that was the college she went to. She likes college basketball because when she was in college, she would get tickets and see the games. Ms. Newsted has the NCAA bracket up in her room because "I really like college basketball and it's exciting to watch." She also makes bets about the brackets that she never wins. Saddy, students of Ms. Newsted don't make their own bracket in her class.

### Opal on Offense



Opal Hartman has risen the ranks of Langner's NCAA bracket challenge. With her pick for winning the bracket being Duke, she was upset to learn that the University of Connecticut (UConn) beat Duke by one point. "Duke lost, and that upset me," she states. Picking out the teams for your bracket is the most important part of participation. Opal said her strategy was "using the stats of teams to pick." Her favorite team is "Ohio State because my dad went there."



### Top 5 teams most likely to win according to ESPN

- 1- Michigan Wolverines
- 2- Arizona Wildcats
- 3- Duke Blue Devils
- 4- Houston Cougars
- 5- Purdue Boilermakers

# PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP



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## CHOOSING JOY THIS SCHOOL YEAR



WIN THE DAY!  
Returning joy to our profession  
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BRINGING THE FUN  
Boosting engagement in middle school  
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# BRINGING THE FUN



Principal Meghan Redmond, left, and a student pose for a photo during an activity night.

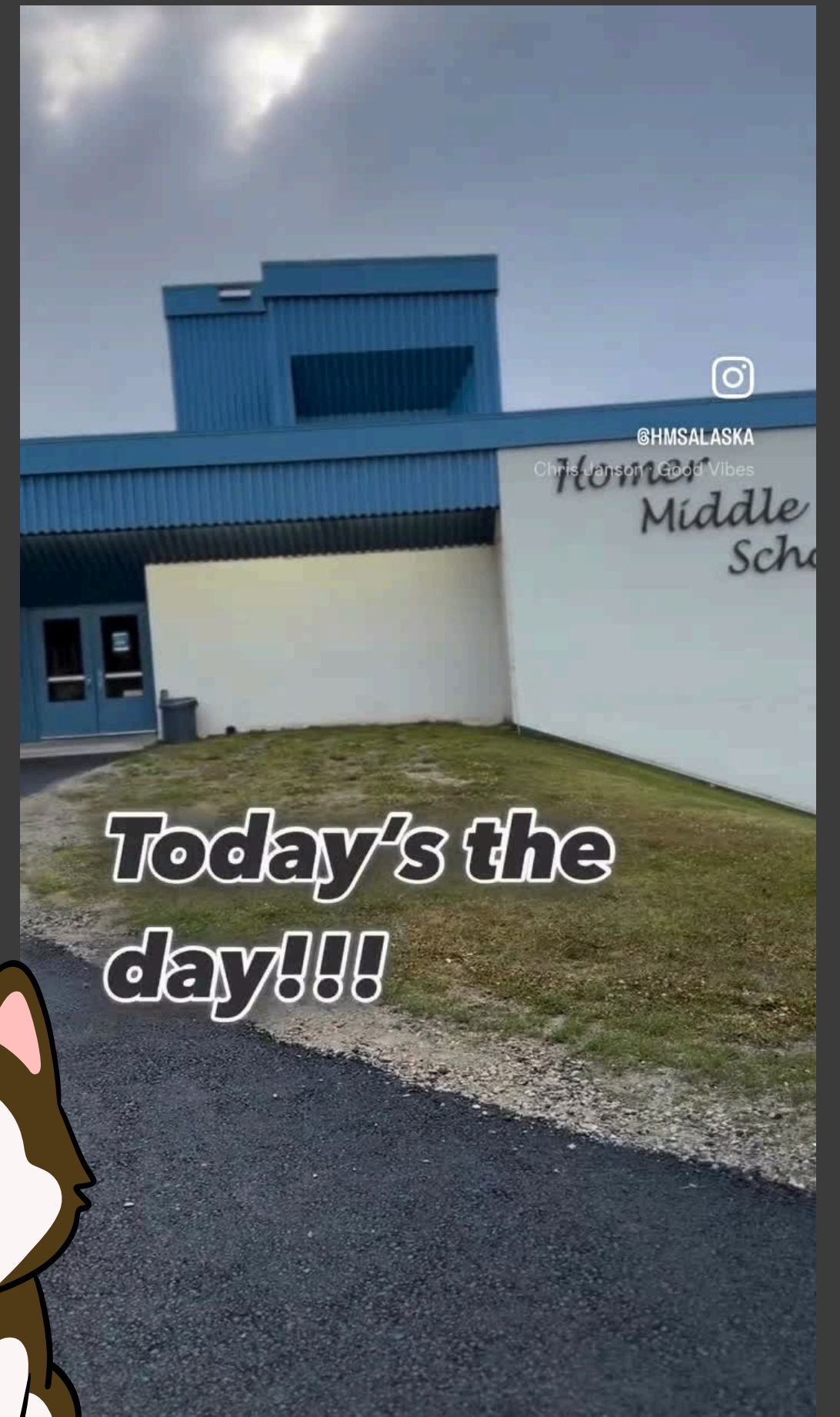
# The Most Amazing Staff!

- **HIGHLY TRAINED**
- **SUBJECT AREA EXPERTS**
- **DEDICATED**
- **CONSISTENT**
- **CARING**
- **INSPIRING**
- **ENERGETIC**
- **FUN**



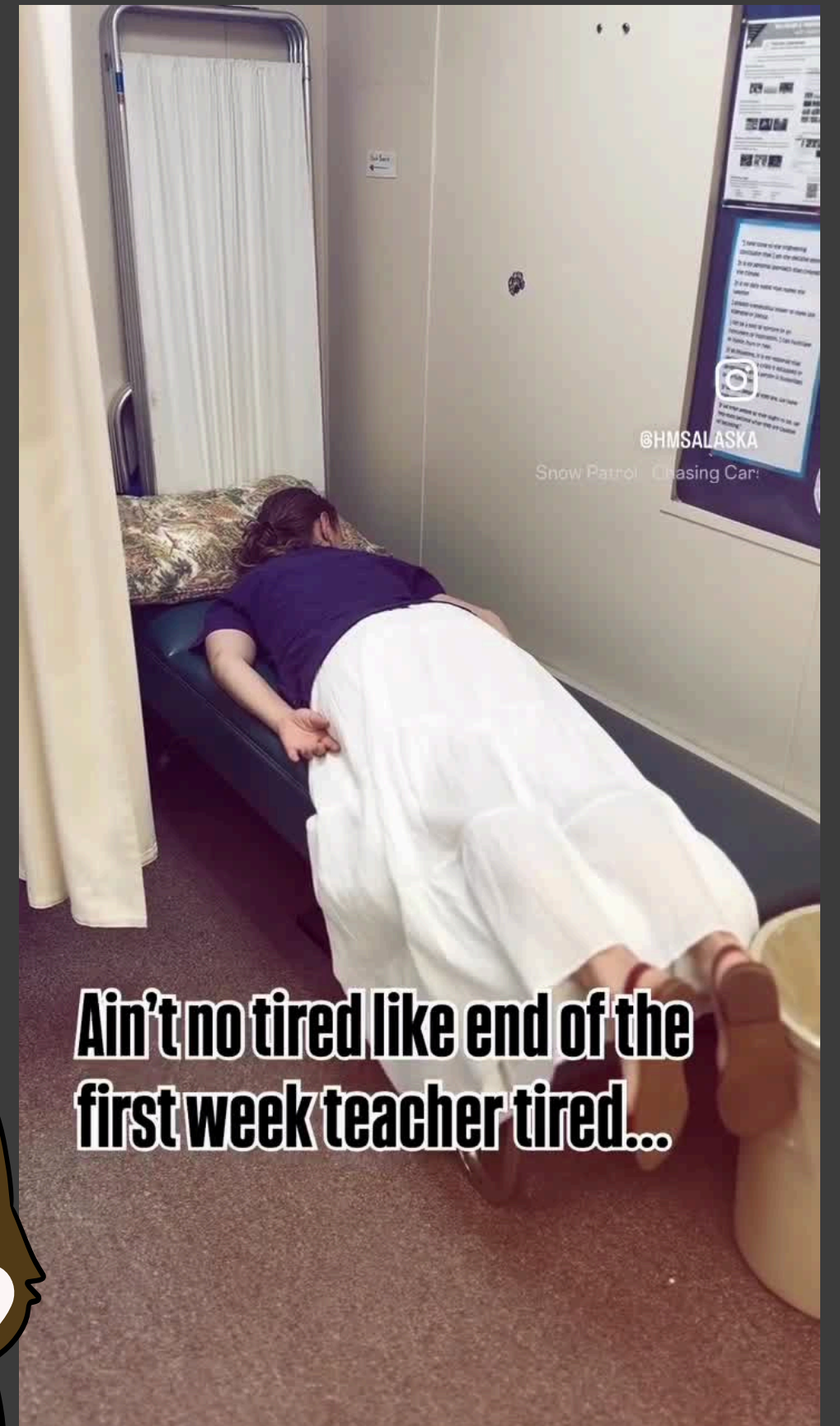
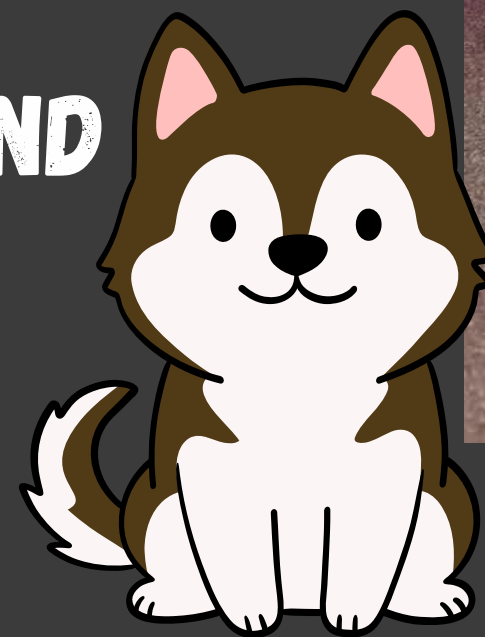
# The Most Amazing Students!

- **KIND**
- **THOUGHTFUL**
- **HELPFUL**
- **SMART**
- **RESILIENT**
- **STRONG**
- **INVOLVED**



# We work really hard....

- 100% AKSTAR PARTICIPATION LAST YEAR
- 99% AKSTAR PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR
- STUDENTS SET GOALS AND TRACK THEIR ASSESSMENT DATA
- TEACHERS SET GOALS FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR PLCS AND THE SCHOOL AND MONITOR THEM WITH DATA THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- UNIQUE AND HIGH INTEREST ELECTIVES AND BAND AND CHOIR
- AMPLIFYING STUDENT VOICE



# We get involved....

- **ATHLETICS**
- **CHESS**
- **CLUBS DURING ADVISORY**
- **STUDENT COUNCIL**
- **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**
- **HUSKY SHACK**
- **STUDENT PLANNED DANCES AND ACTIVITY NIGHTS**
- **SERVICE PROJECTS**
- **SPELLING BEE CHAMP!**



# Fun is not optional!

- **ADVISORY**
- **ASSEMBLIES**
- **STUDENT VS. STAFF GAMES**
- **DANCES AND ACTIVITY NIGHTS**
- **ENRICHMENT**



And a million more things...

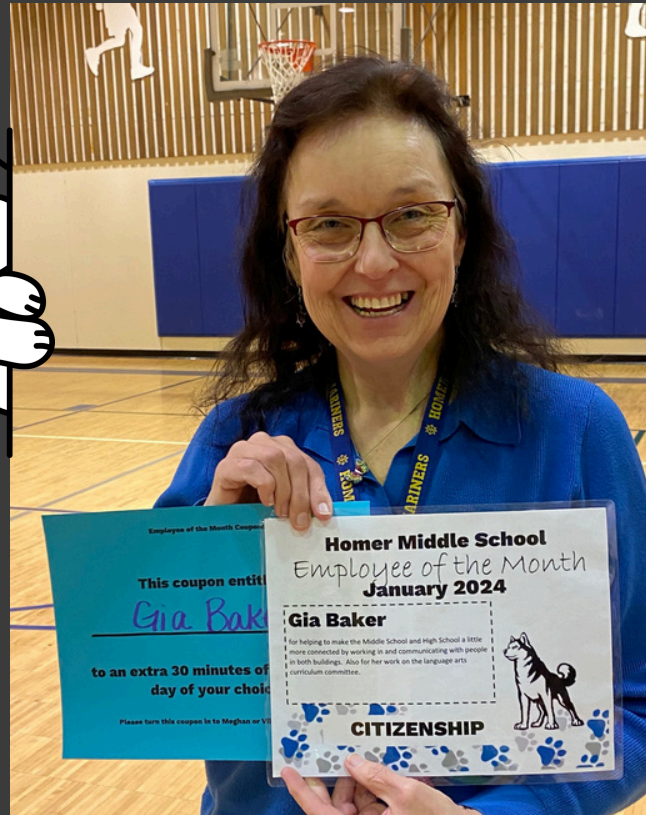
...but I'll just share one more.



# Thank you for your dedication!

## Gia Baker

### 10 YEARS



## Margi Blanding

### 32 YEARS

