



# Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL

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## From the Superintendent's Desk...

Merry Christmas!

Wow! It is hard to believe that the first semester is over with and Christmas is nearly here. Where has the first half of this school year gone? It has been a great first half of year for me as Superintendent. I have had many learning experiences just as our students have. With the staff and students that we have, it makes things so much easier for everyone involved. A portion of the following school closing information is repeated from my November article. I want to remind everyone that there are several places to find out if school has been cancelled due to inclement weather. The local TV stations should display this information. KCTV5, KMBC-TV9, FOX4- WDAF-TV and KSHB-TV on channel 41 are all included, as well as their affiliates.

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If we should have school when there is snow on the ground and we would run the snow bus routes, it will be posted on the school's website and Facebook account. The Snow Bus Routes have been sent home with your student. We will only run snow routes if it is announced. It is also possible that we

may have a late start if needed to be because of weather. It will also be sent out to the contacts included in the Remind account. If you do not have access to any of these, please let the school know in the very near future and we will make sure that we contact you by phone.

I would like to thank everyone who made Grandparents' Day a success once again, especially the kitchen crew and, of course, the grandparents who were able to attend. It is very much appreciated. We had a great turn-out and a great meal.

Here is a reminder of a few events coming soon. First, varsity basketball is well under way and we are grateful to those community members who come out and support the Bulldogs. Please continue to support the students of our district.

Another item of interest that I believe the community needs to be aware of is the filing dates for the next School Board election. The filing dates for any individuals interested in running for a Board position are from December 13, 2016 through January 17, 2017. The three seats that will be up for election are currently held by Tina Oerke, Jacque Porter and Brian Hill. The election will be held on April 4, 2017. Filing information and paperwork can be acquired from and returned to Kerri Loyd during school hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) and up to 5:00 p.m. on January 17th. If interested, you may file during normal school business time. Feel free to contact me or Mrs. Loyd if you have any questions about this process.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Superintendent

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# Merry Christmas!



# Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

The students are very excited as we prepare for our Christmas Break. We are fortunate to have such a great group of students and staff members to help put on a great Christmas Concert, Grandparent Luncheon, Santa's Workshop, and a JH/HS Christmas Dance. Our break begins on Tuesday, December 20 at 1:05pm until Tuesday, January 3. Students will return to school on Wednesday, January 4. We are hopeful that the recent blast of colder weather is not a sign of things to come but we would like to mention that outdoor gear should include: a warm jacket, mittens/gloves, hat/hood, and any other warm items that would be appropriate. If you send the gear, we will do our best to ensure that they wear it.

It is very possible that there will be snow/ice days coming soon and there are several places to find out if school has been canceled due to inclement weather. The local TV stations should display this information. KCTV5, KMBC-TV9, FOX4- WDAF-TV, and KSHB-TV are all included as well as their affiliates. That means that the following channels should have school closing information: 4, 5, 9, 38, and 41. There are also several radio stations that announce school closings, including KDKD Radio (95.3 FM, 1280 AM, and 104.9 FM) and KMOE (92.1 FM). A third location for Ballard School closing announcements is our school website, which is [www.ballardr2.net](http://www.ballardr2.net). Cancellations will also be sent out on "Remind", as well as Bates County Live. (to enroll in "Remind" for the Elem. open a web browser and go to [rmd.at/ballardele](http://rmd.at/ballardele) or text [@ballardele](https://www.remind.com) to 81010. For the High School open a web browser and go to [rmd.at/ballardhig](http://rmd.at/ballardhig) or text [@ballardhig](https://www.remind.com) to 81010)

## Imagination in Action

This is a continuation of the story I shared last month.

Following the 1999 season in which we lost to the University of Connecticut in the National Championship game, several of our players decided to leave school early, either entering the NBA draft or transferring to another school. Shane Battier was one of the players who would return for two more seasons. Though he was a key player and starter on the team, Shane had averaged only about eight points a game and contributed to the team more as a role player than a star.

My staff and I knew that in order for us to be successful in the coming seasons, Shane was going to need to maximize his potential and become our star. The only problem was that he had never thought of himself as a star; he had never imagined it. He was much too humble. I told Shane after that 1999 season that he was going to have to spend the off-season imagining himself in a starring role.

That summer, as a follow-up to that conversation, I called Shane and asked him, "Shane, this morning while you were shaving, did you look at next year's conference player of the year?"

He chuckled and began to respond, "Coach, c'mon, I didn't...

Click. I hung up the phone.

The next day, I called him again and this time asked, "When you were on your way to your internship this morning, did you picture yourself going for 30 points against Virginia?"

Again, Shane responded with a cautious laugh.

I hung up on him again.

A few seconds later, my phone rang and it was Shane. "Coach, don't hang up on me!"

"I won't hang up on you if *you* won't hang up on you. We made a deal that you would imagine those things." Shane needed to imagine because, by doing so, when the time came and he actually found himself in those situations, he would feel as if he had already been there.

Allowing our students, you children, to imagine if they had already been there, gives them the opportunity to go into any situation with the confidence they need. I believe our goal is to give our students the ability and guidance to be successful in anything they would like to be.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. See you in 2017!

With Great Appreciation,  
Mr. Eric Hon, Principal

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# A "Grand" Day in Ballard

On Friday, December 9, 2016, the majority of the student's Grandparents came to eat a wonderful meal with their grandkids. Grandparents of elementary students, and high school students flooded into the school! They all seemed very happy to be able to eat lunch with their grandchildren! It is always nice seeing all of the families together on this day, and seeing how happy they are together. Who knew that just eating a meal together as a family could put the biggest smiles on some of these kid's faces. We hope that this tradition continues for years to come! We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Grandparents that came out and participated in this with their grandchildren! As the grandparents were eating lunch with their grandchildren, the seniors helped put on a "human sundae" fundraiser for the preschool. The elementary students had the opportunity to put toppings you would put on a sundae, like cherries, chocolate syrup, and whipped cream on Mrs. Bridges and Mr. Hon. The high school kids got to make human sundaes with Mr. Brewster and Ms. Murchie.

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Plenty of pictures were taken by the amused grandparents as they watched their grandchildren dump all sorts of sundae toppings on these teachers. If you stood close enough to the stage, you could smell all of the sweets being poured onto them. By the end of the event, the teachers were covered head to toe in whipped cream, chocolate syrup, cherries, and so much more! All of the profit went to the preschoolers and helped to buy supplies and snacks for their room. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to pour toppings on our teachers and administration! The preschoolers and Mrs. Meade are extremely grateful for all of the money they received. It was an overall great success!



Written by Camryn East and Adelyne Dowse  
Formatted by Camryn East



Students having a great time making sundaes. Mr. Hon and Mrs. Bridges on the left and Mr. Brewster and Ms. Murchie on the right.



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Aiyana Murchie, 18, is the daughter of Tara Murchie, granddaughter of Cheryl Murchie and is the sister of Emily Darnell.

Some of her favorites include the color purple, Publications, Science class, Mexican food, Los Compas and the songs "Life Itself" by Glass Animals and "Reverse" by SomeKindaWonderful. Aiyana's dream car is a 1969, Mustang Boss 302.

Her hobbies are hanging out with friends and family, working on the newspaper, being ornery with Morgan, photography, and reading. Aiyana's extracurricular activities include; Publications, Scholar Bowl, Art Club, Drama Club, and Pep Club. Aiyana's pet peeves are; Holly slapping her in the face, people talking back, and when things don't go her way.

Aiyana's plans for the future, are to attend one of the following colleges; North Dakota State University, Missouri State University, or Northwest Missouri State University while majoring in Business Management. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Aiyana answered "I see myself married with a beautiful family, having a great job, and being surrounded by the ones I love." Aiyana's famous last words are, "I literally hate you."



By Aiyana Murchie

# Ballard Banking on Books

On December 5, 2016, Ballard R2 set up a book fair. Many thanks to all who came out and made Ballard's first December book fair a great success! We raised over \$630 worth of books for the library! We were busy all week (Dec. 5-9), with terrific crowds for our family events after the music program and during Grandparent's Day. Students will be enjoying the new books that we earned very soon. Thank you, one and all!



Written by Mrs. Wiskur  
Type by Ray Cummings



## Santa's Workshop Comes To Town

On the last week before Christmas break the Ballard PTO members put on the annual Santa's Workshop for the Ballard R-2 students. The Workshop consisted of many different items to choose from. For adults, there was an assortment of things available like nail polish, towels, and tools. On the children's side of the workshop, a variety of toys covered the tables. A few students had to put some serious thought into which gift they got for their giftee. Other students knew exactly what they were going to get. The ladies who helped the students check out were incredibly busy wrapping and bagging all of the gifts so the kids could get back to their classrooms.

I would like to say thank you to the PTO for organizing the workshop and helping the students. This event helps make Christmas more interesting and is a great way for kids to give gifts to the people who matter most to them.

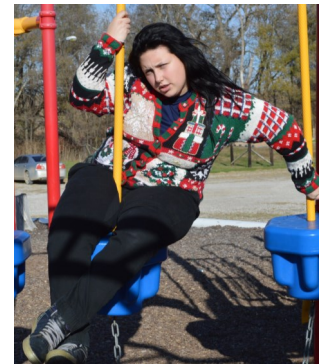


By Holly Tate

## Morgan's Matter of Facts

1. Donkey Kong isn't a real donkey.
2. The internet isn't a reliable safety net.
3. When I want to breath its easier above water.
4. Cutting your hair won't change your heritage.
5. If you eat a crayon, you won't turn that color.
6. The page number denotes the number of page you are on.
7. Running faster than everyone else in a race can help you win.
8. You can never see yourself in person just in pictures and reflections.
9. There are more people now than there were when there were fewer people.
10. In China watching tv for 120 seconds is the equivalent to watching tv for 2 minutes in America.

By Morgan Meade







The English classes this month have been awfully busy finishing up the semester. First, the Eighth grade class is closing their study of The Diary of Anne Frank. It is a little ironic that the class finished reading this story on December 7, the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Later, the class will be learning about grammar and reading short stories. The Freshmen are concluding The Odyssey and will also be starting on a grammar lesson after Christmas break.

Sophomores are starting to read short stories both non-fiction and fiction. During this time they also are having an in depth study of To Kill a Mockingbird and The Outsiders. Juniors are preparing for the plays Twelve Angry Men, and The Crucible. Before their preparations for the plays, the Juniors finished their lessons on grammar. In college prep, Seniors are reading several short stories. We may also be reading, on request of the Seniors, the Odyssey, if time allows. Finally, Career Prep is writing their final paper for the class, over what they have learned in the class.

By Holly Tate



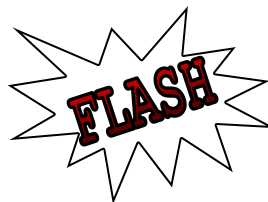
# Math Tweets

Mrs. Kershner

The Integrated math class has been working all semester to solve problems using many different strategies. Here are two logical problems to keep your mind sharp over Christmas break!

“Guess and Check” can be a powerful problem solving technique! You have 25 Christmas Ornaments of various shapes and sizes. All of these ornaments, except for one which is lighter, have the same weight. If you have a balance scale, how would you determine which Christmas ornament is the lighter one by weighing on the balance at most three times? Sudoku uses logic and strategy of eliminating possibilities. Fill in the matrix so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the letters **CHRISTMAS**, and **E**. This also means that no repetition of letters is allowed in any column, row, or 3x3 box.

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# Food Drive

By Aiyana Murchie

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Friday, December 9, Ballard School held a “Flash Food Drive.” This food drive was unlike normal ones, in the sense that it only lasted one day. Students, staff, and members of the community were asked to donate whatever food they could to help those in need. To say the food drive was a success is an understatement. Everyone’s generosity and support made it possible for multiple families to receive two boxes of food each. Students from the high school came to Mrs. Bridges office to help sort all the food Monday, December 12. The reporter stated, “I’m genuinely blown away by everyone’s support. I absolutely love seeing the community pull together to help out those in need.” The Ballard School would like to thank everyone who participated and made all of this possible.



Pictured above seniors Aiyana Murchie and Micah Patrick

# First Comes First

Mrs. Ordal

The first graders were given an assignment to write a letter to Christmas. We hope everyone has a great Christmas! Here are the letters.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a good flight to see Levi. I want new clothes. I want a good Christmas, and for Noah to be nice. I want a pet puppy, and a pet kitten. I want a camera, and I want a drone.

Love, Owen Meade



Dear Santa,

My name is Reese Shumate. For Christmas I want a pig, dog, puppy, house, dad, phone, doll house, and a door.

Love, Reese Shumate

Dear Santa,

My name is Kenadee Allen. For Christmas I want a new tablet, a new Christmas tree, and a baby kitten.

Love, Kenadee Allen



Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want an Xbox and an Xbox Minecraft game. I want a camera drone and hover board and my own iPad and phone.

Love, Jacob (Jake) Eidson



Dear Santa,

My name is Piper Goth. For Christmas I want a kitten, markers, to see my brother in Maine. I want a bouncy house.

Love, Piper Goth

Dear Santa,

My name is Harry Greer. For Christmas I want a Grave Digger and a remote River Rat monster truck.

Love, Harry Greer



Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a remote control car, a BB gun, and I would like to say thanks for being nice.

Love, Wyatt Fields

Dear Santa,

My name is Zoe Frederick. For Christmas I want a baby doll, Barbie's, and two unicorns.

Love, Zoe Frederick



Dear Santa,

My name is Addilynn Engelhardt. All that I want for Christmas is a puppy.

Love, Addilynn Engelhardt

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a phone and a iPad for Christmas.

Love, Nathan Bales

Written By the First Graders  
Typed By Morgan Meade

## CHRISTMAS STYLED BY THE SENIORS

On Tuesday, December 6, four of Ballard's Senior girls carried on the tradition of decorating the school's Christmas tree. Holly Tate, Aiyana Murchie, Tori Kiffer, and Morgan Meade had lots of laughs when setting up and putting decorations on the tree. Tori generously brought in some of her own decorations to spruce it up. Reporter, Aiyana Murchie stated, "It was such a great time with great people. I am happy that I got to experience this little tradition with some of my closest friends." Thank you ladies for bringing some festivity to the Ballard commons!



By Aiyana Murchie



# Second to None

Mrs. West



For the Christmas edition of the newspaper, the second grade class decided to write short stories, titled "If I Was Santa For A day..."

If I was Santa, I would keep some of the presents, and give the rest of them to the kids, and some to the dads and moms. I will eat all the cookies, and I will drink all the milk. I will wear what Mr. Clause wears. I think the elves are really helpful because all the kids were so good. Its is so fun to ride on a sleigh with deer. It's fun to give the kids presents, and it is fun to see the whole world.



By Maribel Arredondo

First I'd go to Dax's house. He woke up and he saw me. I said I need to get out of here. He hopped on my back. He wanted a piggy back ride. So I gave him one.

By Noah Bales

It would be fun. I would give a gift to my Mom and my Dad I would give my Mom a phone, and I would give my Dad a computer.

By Abby Bergen

I would give the people anything they wanted every year. Bradley Santa is nice and cool. I'm going to wear a red suit. I would ride in the sleigh.



By Bradley Bergschneider

I would take all the toys the elves made in the workshop. Then, I would put up all the Christmas ornaments in the whole building. Then, I would make 100 pumpkin pies. Then, I would dress up the reindeer and the sled. Then the night before Christmas I would fly my sleigh. Then, I would not give the kids presents I would give them many Christmas trees and they would get every color they wanted. Then, when I got home from delivering Christmas trees, I would take a long hot bath. This is what my night would be like if I was Santa for a night.

By Maggie Foster

I would be Santa on Christmas eve when the other Santa delivers toys. To be Santa, I would push the other Santa in a ditch that is really hard to get out of. Then, I would deliver toys and keep the others at the workshop. I would make Santa's outfit turquoise. I would want sugar cookies and I would let my puppy lead the sled. That is what I would do if I was Santa for a day.

By Kennedy Borland

I would give everyone their toys, that they want for Christmas. I would be nice. I would say good night to the people. They would be happy that they got their toys that they wanted. They would be happy that Santa is real; they love Santa because I give the children toys.

By Chrissy Evans

I would sit in my chair eating cookies and milk. Then, I would get my Greer suit on. Then, I would tell my elves to get the reindeer up. Last, I would go to people's homes.

By Daxtyn Greer

If I was Santa for a day I would steal Santa's suit, pretend to be Santa, eat all of the cookies, and drink all of the milk. I would steal the sled and take all of the presents.

By Madison Gunter

If I was Santa for a day, I would give the kids what they wanted. Instead of cookies, I would ask for tacos. I would probably make a robot to do my work.



By Payson Hill

I would have my elves be named the same name, Oliver the 3rd. I would wear green underwear with bells on them. My reindeers would have 12 bells on them. My dog would be named Mike, and he would have fake antlers.

By Nephi Hon

If I was Santa for a day, I would make all of the toys, and eat the cookies. I would eat cookies in my sled. My reindeer would be funny.

By Luke Meade

If I was Santa for a day, I would give toys to children like dolls, train tracks, an art box, and toy reindeer, I will watch out for the children and see if they are bad or good, so they can get some toys for Christmas.

By Olivia Porter



I would tell the elves what to make. I would make the naughty and nice list. Then, I would load up the sleigh. I would go from house to house, and eat a piece of cake and a milkshake. Then, I would go back home and go to bed.

By Ashton Siebeneck

If I was Santa for a day, I would give presents. I would ride in my sleigh and fill stockings.

By Keslyn Page

I will give all the kids all the toys and gifts they want. Then, I will give the elves a day off. Then, I will give all the parents all the gifts they want. Then, I will feed the reindeer. Then, I will name all the girls Emma. Then, I will name all the boys Mike.

By Macie Wainscott



Typed by Ray Cummings  
Reformatted by Murchie

# Merry Christmas From the Entire Library Staff

Every *Who*

Down in Ballard

Liked Christmas a lot...

But the Grinch,

Who lived just north of Ballard

Did NOT!

The Grinch *hated* Christmas! The whole Christmas season!

Now, please don't ask why. No one except the librarian quite knows the reason.

It *could* be his head wasn't screwed on just right.

It *could* be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.

But I think that the most likely reason of all

May have been that he hadn't checked out any books this fall!

And so the Grinch came to Ballard School

And met all of the wonderful first and second graders

And read some books in the library

With the kindergarteners too...

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,

Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How *could* it be so?"

*Then*, the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "*doesn't* come from a store."

"Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

And what happened *then*...?

Well... in Ballard they say

That the Grinch's small heart

Grew three sizes that day!

And the minute his heart didn't feel quite so tight,

He picked up some books in the bright morning light!

And he read with the children;

He read with them all!

He read every Christmas book,

The big and the small.

And laying his finger

Aside of his nose,

And giving a nod,

Up the chimney he rose;

But I heard him exclaim,

Ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all,

And to all a good night."



EDITOR'S NOTE: When we went to the library to get this month's report, the library personnel were quite distracted...watching the snow falling just outside the library windows...



Written by Mrs. Wiskur  
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

# Scientific Notation



The seventh graders are building paper roller coasters. By building paper roller coasters, it will help them with their lessons over motion of force. Eighth grade, is learning about matter and what it is. The Freshmen are currently studying solutions.

The Sophomores are dissecting animals, so they can see how other organisms bodies work. The Anatomy class is learning where all the bones in the body are and why we need them. Finally, the Chemistry class is finishing up enthalpy and energy transfer.

Written by Mr. Brewster

Typed by Andrew Hon

# Bulldog Puppies

Mrs. Meade

This month the bulldog puppies have been working very hard on their writing and cutting skills. We have also been working on the letter E; who knew so many words started with the letter E! In addition to decorating for Christmas the students had the opportunity to decorate their own Christmas tree. Finally, preschoolers have made a list of the thing that they would like most for Christmas...

Chandler Borland— a new kitten

Summer Hastings— a new dog

Vivian Greer— dinosaurs

Sofia Porter— a big Peppa Pig house

Morris Bergman— a giant robot

Noah Meade— a ninja suit

Lilyana Siegharter— bicycle

Huntlee Myrtle— a choo choo Train

By Holly Tate



# January Birthdays

13 Addilynn Engelhardt

15 Valencia Landeros

18 Victoria Kiffer

19 Macie Morris

19 Morgan Meade

20 Lily Bergen

22 Abigail Bergen

22 Nate Evans

22 Kamryn Beachner

29 Micah Patrick





# Thrilling Third

Ms. Goucher

This year, the third grade class was asked to write about Santa's brand new reindeer!



Santa's reindeer got so old he died. Then Rudolph's wife had a baby! Santa thought with a bit of training he could ride with the pack. Santa asked if the baby was a girl or a boy. Rudolph said, "A boy." His name is Rudolph Jr. His mother died when she had Rudolph Jr. They practiced until he got good at pulling the sleigh. On Christmas Eve Rudolph Jr. was very nervous and scared, but he was brave. So, they set off and he was a great leader.

Autumn Hastings

One night it was cold and Prancer went out to look for food. Then, out of no where, Prancer got shot! Santa was calling Prancer's name, but Prancer didn't come back. So, Santa calls Rudolph to ask if his dad could fly the sleigh tonight. Rudolph's dad said "Yes!" Then every kid got a present!

Dayne Greer

Christmas day was busy at the North Pole. The elves were making Christmas presents for all of Good boys and girls. All of a sudden, Rudolph came flying in with a broken leg! The Elves shouted, "Rudolph has a broken leg!" So Santa needed a new reindeer. Santa came back from the moon with a new reindeer! All of the other reindeer shouted, "What is your name?" She whispered, "My name is Rilly. My real owner is one of the elves. I am here to take the job of Santa's new reindeer." Rilly was very excited to be at the North Pole and to pull Santa's sleigh. She couldn't wait for night time.

Celia Campbell

Cold was the night; it was Christmas and someone was going hunting. The reindeer went to play in the snow and then something bad happened. Someone shot Prancer! All of the rest of the reindeer ran off. Another white tail deer heard what happened and he signed up for the opening job with Santa. Prancer's old job was putting in and taking out carpet.

Cash Anderson



It was Christmas Eve and there was trouble at the north pole. Dancer was sick and had to stay in bed for the rest of the year. Santa would need a brand new reindeer to replace Dancer. Dancer wanted his daughter to take his place so the family deer name continued on. Lily would be Santa's eighth reindeer to help pull the sleigh. Lily was excited. The other reindeer didn't like her because she was a girl. They changed their mind when they heard she was Dancer's daughter. Then, all the reindeer loved her and they shouted out with glee! Dancer's daughter will go down in history!

Valencia Landeros- Quiroz

One night Dasher went out on a cold night. A fox came out of no where and jumped on Dasher! Dasher disappeared! Santa had to get a new reindeer. It was a girl and her name was Lasher. She was Dasher's daughter. She had lots of make-up on and she was really pretty. She was happy to pull Santa's sleigh. It was a good night with her new friends.

Haley Pray

Christmas day something exciting happened. Santa's brand new reindeer Rudolph had a baby! Her name was Flower, because she was born by the first winter flower. Since Rudolph retired from flying, Flower would be taking her place. She was very nervous. She had a bright nose like her mother but the others teased her. Soon she was big and strong, and they didn't tease her anymore; instead they loved her.

Victoria Snyder

It was the best time of the year at the North Pole. Christmas was here at last, but there was a big change. Cupid was leaving! Cupid was the old reindeer. He was so famous, but he retired. On Christmas Eve, Cupid's wife had a baby. She was so shimmery so her parents named her Shimmer. Four years later, she tried out for pulling Santa's sleigh. It can't be pulled with seven reindeer. Shimmer's dad trained her and taught her all he knew. The competition was hard, but she got the job and was so happy Shimmer was Santa's.

Alexis Britz



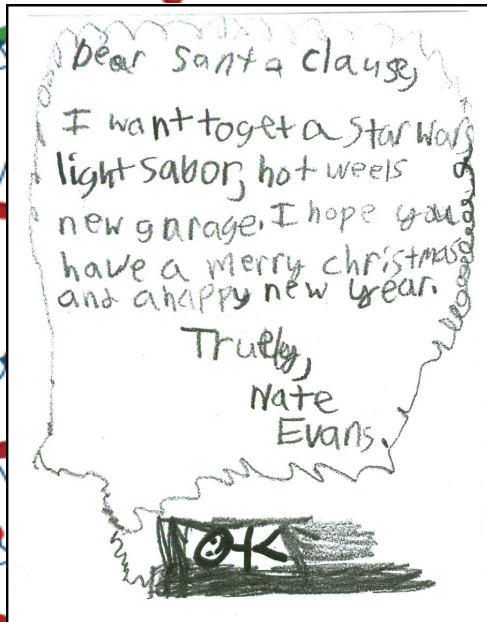
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# Fantastic Fourth

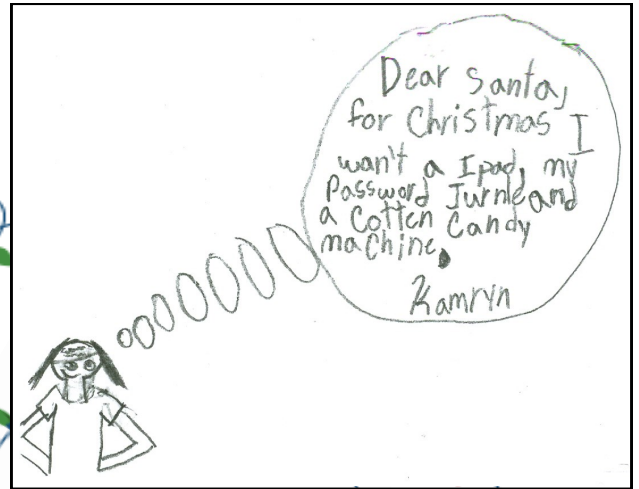
Mrs. Moore

## Artists at Work

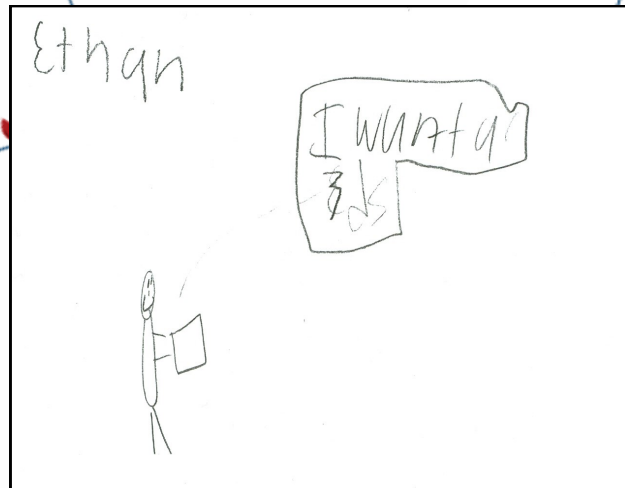
The fourth grade students were asked to create a one box cartoon featuring what they would like for Christmas. Do we have some budding artists at our school?



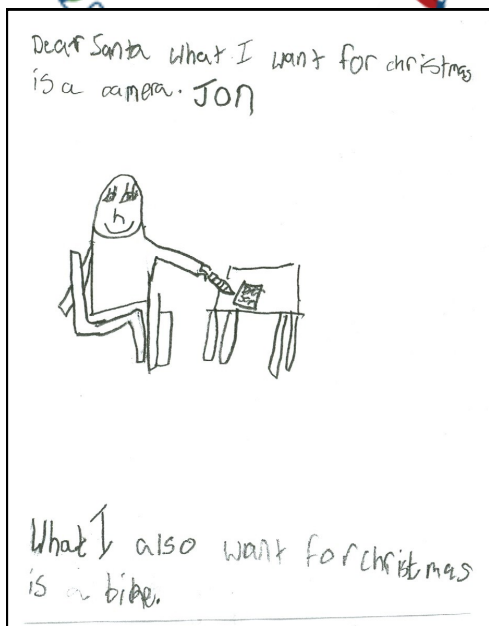
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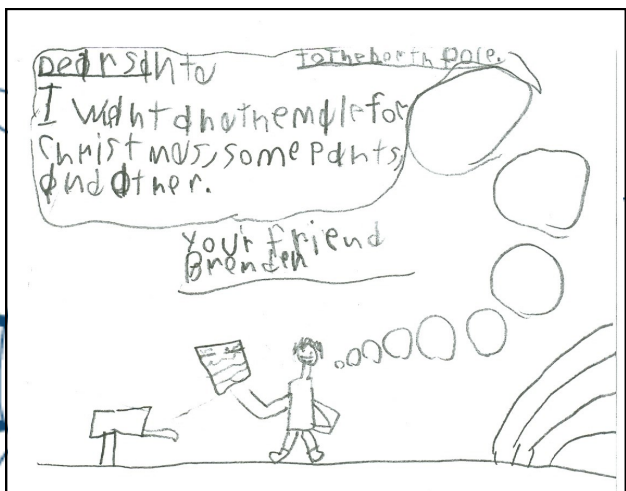
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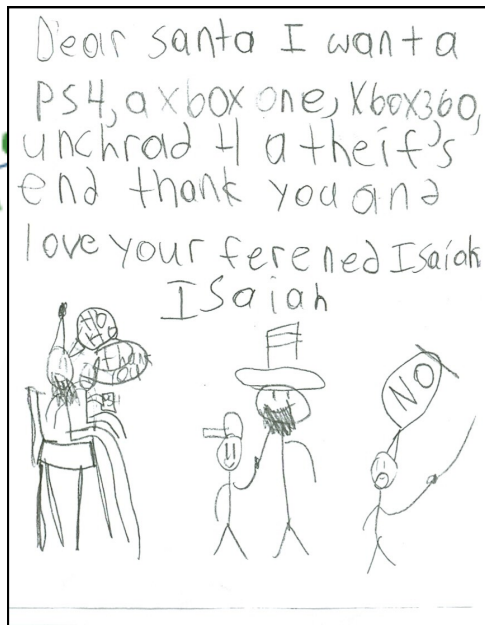
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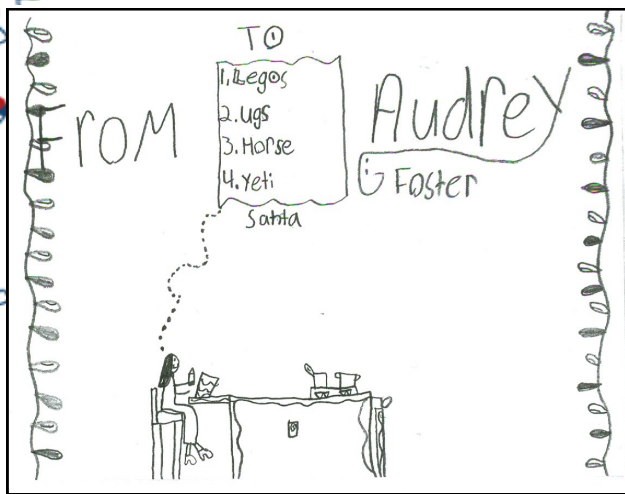




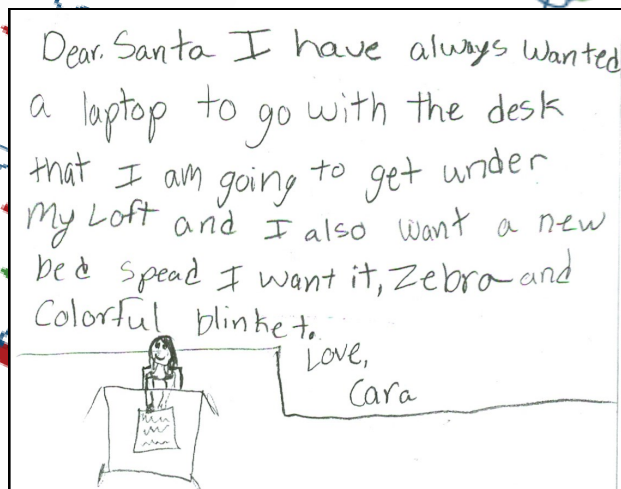
Brenden Card



Isaiah Maggard



Audrey Foster



Cara Fields



Samuel Setzer



# Fiesty Fifth

Miss Norton

For this edition of the newspaper, the fifth grade decided to write Christmas poems; this is what they came up with.

Christmas Day is nearly here,  
Can you feel the festive cheer?  
Can you hear Santa's cheer?  
But Christmas Day isn't here yet but still  
don't get in trouble, because we  
don't want to give you coal. But just  
remember, be nice.  
And always remember Santa is real!

Lillian Rotert



Christmas.  
Holly.  
Rudolf.  
Is Real.  
Trust.  
Merry.  
Amazing.  
Snow.

Cade Callahan

Hip Hip Hooray!  
Christmas is here,  
It's time for family,  
And all good cheer.  
It's time for giving and  
Thanks and hugs,  
And hot cocoa in Christmas  
mugs.  
It's my favorite time of year,  
It's all so clear for a happy New Year.

Lindy Gunter

The wind night blows but every-  
one knows that Santa won't stay at  
home. And when he comes out he won't  
say or shout. Cause he will scurry, scurry.  
Cause he is in a hurry, hurry. Merry X-  
mas!

Jessie Pulliam

Christmas is a day with Candy  
Canes. It is also a day with Holly and Ru-  
dolph the Reindeer. I am not sure about  
Ingrid and Santa. Don't forget about the  
Tree and Mistletoe and my cat Alise and  
lots of smiles.

Donovan Card



The twenty-fifth is Christmas,  
it's a beautiful day. There is Mistletoes  
and Jingle bells. We have Santa Clause  
and elves, but don't forget his Reindeer  
Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet,  
Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph.

And if you don't believe in  
Santa, okay to you! Eat  
cookies!

Zachary Carpenter



Parker Hill

Santa, my friend, my pal. You  
guy or gal, hope you have a happy holi-  
day this year.

Jada Gains

Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

## Scholar Bowl Stings at Hume

On November 14, 2016 the scholar bowl teams traveled to Hume. The high school remains unde-  
feated! We tied with Bronaugh and the teams made a decision to play the overtime. Ballard answered the  
first three questions right, leading them to a victory. The Junior High won one and lost two. The team is  
young but shows great potential. They never go down without buzzing. Wish us luck in our next match!



By Morgan Meade



# Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

## Letters to Santa

The Publications class went in to help the Kindergarteners write letters to Santa. Below are what they wrote.

Dear Santa,

My name is Lily. This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Twilight Sparkle My Little Pony and a tiara, and I promise to leave out a note for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Lily Bergen

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!



Dear Santa,

My name is Ian. This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a remote control jeep and a candy, and I promise to leave out a note for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Ian Campbell

P.S. Please say "Hi" to mom for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Aspyn. This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a pony and a Minecraft game for Jacob, and I promise to leave out chocolate milk and chocolate cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Aspyn Eidson

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the reindeer, Mrs. Clause, and yourself for me!



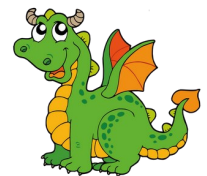
Dear Santa,

My name is Nathaniel. This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a toy monster truck and a remote control car, and I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Nathaniel Fisher

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Santa for me!



Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Dear Santa,

My name is Lane. This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a remote control dragon and a remote controlled deer, and I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Lane Meade

P.S. Please say "Hi" to dad for me!



Dear Santa,

My name is Zayden. This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a flying dragon and a remote control Lego train, and I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Zayden Miller

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the tooth fairy for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Braydon. This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Nerf gun and remote control dragon, and I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Braydon Siebeneck

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!

## Super Seventh

The seventh grade students are very excited about their first Christmas dance and they hope everyone has a great time.

They were asked to tell one thing they wanted for Christmas. Some had to think a while, but most knew exactly what they wanted.

Briana Arredondo - a basketball

Cody Bridges - a mini crossbow

Ashton Carullo - a drone

River Clark - a hunting rifle

Elisio Martinez-Quiroz - video games

Payton Miller - fishing pole

Kale Oerke - dirt bike parts



Written by Murchie



# Snazzy Sixth

Ms. Eidson



As in previous years before, the sixth graders wrote "If I Were a Gift" letters. Some are very caring, and others are kind of funny. Below are their letters!

If I were a gift, I would be a horse with a bow on it, so people would think that I am special. I would give people rides on my back, or I would dance for them. Maybe, I would even eat apples like a pig. If I got sold, I would end up being free, in hope that I would make the person that bought me happy! Maybe, just maybe, I could even be a .243 gun, to help someone shoot a deer.

Brice Miller

If I were a gift, I would be a bow to get lots of deer with, or lots of rewards on big board shots. I would also want to out shoot my brother, so I could beat him at counts. If I would get a bigger deer than him, I would brag just like he does.

Zachary Thomas

If I were a gift, I would be a pair of Curry basketball shoes. I would give them to myself. I need new basketball shoes. My other ones have a hole in them. Steph Curry is also my favorite basketball player.



Jentry Bergman

If I were a gift, I would be a dirt bike. I love riding dirt bikes, and I think that it would be cool to be one. My family could ride me on a track. I would do wheelies, and whips.

Clayton Bridges

If I were a gift, I would be a shelter. I would be for people who could not afford homes. Everyone deserves a home. Gifts are supposed to be thoughtful. What is more thoughtful than giving someone a home?

Alexis Hastings

If I were a gift, I would be a new four-wheeler for my brother Noah, because he has been wanting one since he was little. We don't get along, but I still care about him. He has been good all year. I have to get him something for Christmas, so he can have a new four-wheeler.

Averie Bales

If I were a gift, I would be a horse, because horses are awesome. Horses are the best thing in the world. People would never get bored with a horse. For example, you could ride them, or you could groom them. There are a lot more things you could do with a horse.



Macie Morris

If I were a gift, I would be a gelding horse for my brother. His other one is really old. Every time we go to camp, his horse wears out fast. He even has to get off, and walk with his horse.

Tucker Roach

If I were a gift, I would be a fold-out basketball court. I would be a fold-out basketball court, because I love basketball, and since I'm a fold-out basketball court, I can play anywhere, and I wouldn't have to drive anywhere to play basketball.

Lexie Ward

If I were a gift, I would be a teddy bear for all of the kids without toys, the ones who never got presents, the kids that have never celebrated Christmas, and the kids that don't know about Santa.



Lucas Whitaker

If I were a gift, I would want to be money to give to the homeless people, so they would have a house to keep them warm.

Daisy Fields



Written by the sixth graders  
Formatted by Camryn East

## Flite Fight

Below is a list of things the eight grade students would like. We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

Wyatt Blair- New A7X CD and a New Megadeth CD.  
Sudie Callahan- iTunes card and a kitten.  
Sierra Ferguson- A Fitbit and an iPod.

Megan Fields- iPod 5  
Serenity Morris- Laptop and a Fitbit.  
Kailee Smith- Puppy and a phone.  
Dylan Tippie- iTunes card and a smart watch.

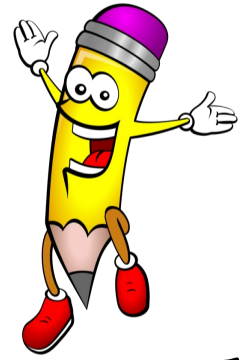


Written by Dylan Tippie  
Type by Ray Cummings



# Meet the Scholar Bowl Teams

By Morgan Meade



## High School



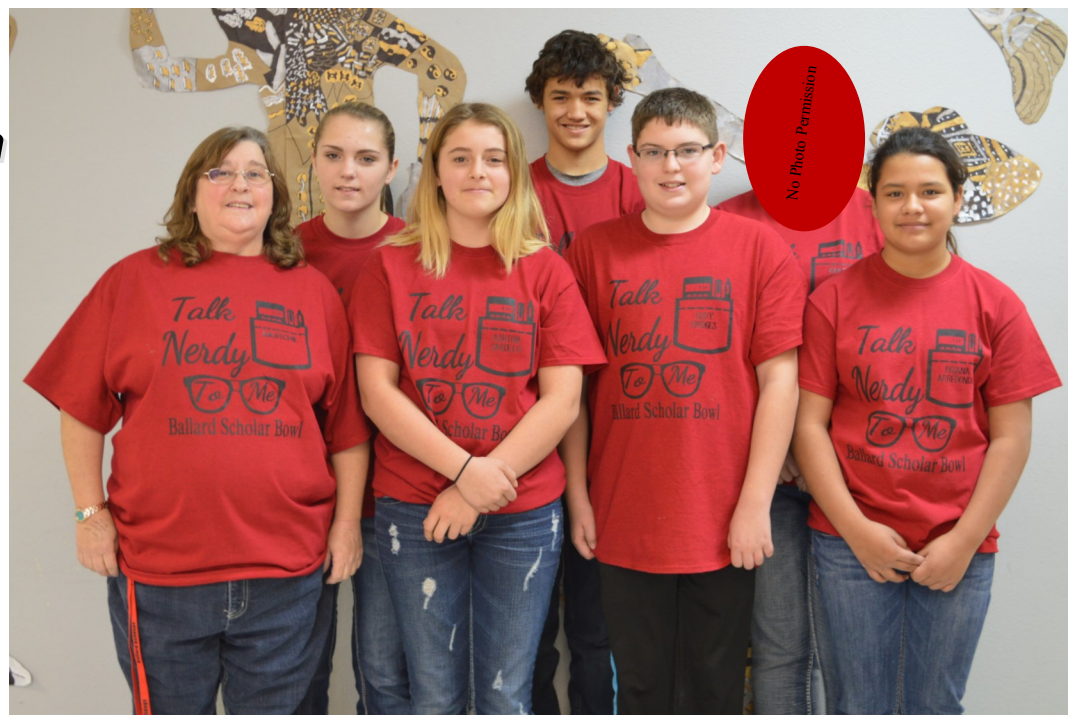
- First Row L-R**  
Holly Tate  
McKinley Brewster  
Aiyana Murchie  
Donovan Hinrichs  
Amanda Teagarden  
Coach Cheryl Murchie
- Second Row L-R**  
Jake Light  
Andrew Hon  
Stephen Jones  
Morgan Meade  
Shaun Carpenter

This year the High School team (**pictured above**) consists of ten members. Some of them are Seniors who have been a part of the undefeated team all their Scholar Bowl career. The whole team is very well rounded with students interested in every subject. Wish us luck on the streak!

The Junior High team (**pictured below**) consists of six of Ballard's finest. This team never leaves a match without giving it their all. If you see this team wish them luck and congratulate them on endless effort. Good luck to both teams on their future matches!

## Junior High

- First Row L-R**  
Coach Cheryl Murchie  
Ashton Carullo  
Cody Bridges  
Briana Arredondo
- Second Row L-R**  
Serenity Morris  
Dylan Tippie  
Kailee Smith



# Funny Freshmen

The freshman class would like the following for Christmas...

- McKinley Brewster– A giant Christmas bag of candy
- Shaun Carpenter– Shoes (Curry 3's)
- Dale Dowse– Money
- Brice Eidson- Yoshimura exhaust
- Donovan Hinrichs– Custom fishing rod
- Jake Light– Shoes (Curry 2.5's) and a trail camera
- Garrett Oerke– Yoshimura exhaust
- Brianna Pray– Money



Written by McKinley Brewster  
Typed by Andrew Hon

# Silly Sophomores

This year, the Sophomore class was asked to write what they would each like for Christmas.

- Kayla Wainscott– Candy
- Payton Inglis– Hunting stuff
- Jack Rotert– Basketball shoes and very tall socks
- Kiara Valentine– My truck fixed and money
- Amanda Teagarden– Anything softball related, a car, and a baby calf
- Jailynn Wheeler– I don't know
- Kelsie Karo– Anything floral, car stuff, and anything nail and hair related
- Leven Howard– Beef Jerky, money, and a girlfriend
- Kelsey Pray– A car, and clothes
- Mikayla Pray– Anything art related
- Morgan Wheeler– Candy



Written by Amanda Teagarden  
Formatted by Maddy Murray

# Jazzy Juniors

We hope everyone has a great Christmas break. This is what the juniors want for Christmas.

- Savana Allen– clothes and shoes
- Adelyne Dowse– Keurig and infuser Bottle
- Andrew Hon– baseball glove and phone
- Caleb Morris– truck and money
- Colton Page– bridge truck and roping horses
- Camryn East– movies and blanket
- Ray Cummings– gold and silver pens and neon sharpies
- Trent Tate– helicopter, spaceship, and my own planet
- Jamie Tate– puppy, coloring books, and cats
- Madelyn Murray- gift cards and clothes
- Mikayla Whitaker– to go on senior trip now and a laptop
- Merritt Roach– ammo and guns
- Austin Carpenter– toe socks
- Mrs. DesCombes– coffee and candles
- Mr. Dunkin- running shoes and world peace

Written by Savana Allen  
Typed by Andrew Hon

# The Taco Dinner at Ballard

On the evening of Saturday, December 3, 2016, the Junior class held their taco dinner. The meal included a taco salad, with your choice of add ins, which were: guacamole, tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, and salsa. For dessert, the Juniors gave us two choices of cake; chocolate and vanilla. Finally, when the dinner came to an end, everyone who volunteered to help, including the Juniors, helped to put everything away, cleaned the commons area, cafeteria, and kitchen.

The dinner was very successful. Thank you for everyone who came out and supported the Junior class.



Written by Mikayla Whitaker

# Sarcastic Seniors

Merry Christmas! The seniors are excited about having a little break from school. Senioritis is a real thing, everybody. First semester flew by. We are happy to have our old classmate, Stephen Jones, join our class again.

Here are some of the things the seniors would like for Christmas:

- Jordan Hinrichs– Mr. Bridges' good looks.
- Stephen Jones– To get paid in Gatorade.
- Tori Kiffer– A new phone and 10 million dollars.
- Morgan Meade- A motorcycle and life-long happiness.
- Aiyana Murchie- Orange juice in the vending machine.
- Micah Patrick– A new car.
- Holly Tate – Money and a lamp for my desk.



By Aiyana Murchie

# FFA/Ag

Mr. Bridges

November 18 the fruit sales came in. Thanks again to everyone who supported us. Dylan Tippie was the leading salesman. It feels like we just got back from Thanksgiving break and we are already leaving again for Christmas! Happy Holidays!



Written By Tori Kiffer and Trent Tate  
Typed By Morgan Meade



# BHS Induction

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, Ballard Honor Society inducted three new members; Andrew Leonard Hon, Merritt Ray Roach, and Jackson Dalton Rotert. The night started promptly at seven o'clock with the entrance of the officers and elder members, followed by the inductees. After all members were seated, the qualifications for the Society were read by previous members.

The requirements for the Society are as follows. Scholarship is a student's dedication to academic achievement and knowledge acquired through study. Service, which is a student's will to enrich the lives of others through dedicating his or her own time to make a difference. Leadership the ability to act as a role-model and have a positive and constructive influence on his or her community. Lastly, character is an abstract evaluation of integrity, for it is the sum of one's qualities and actions. Character is not defined by what you did one time, but by what you do all the time and is therefore an essential manifestation of

who you are.

The new members then stood and were announced while they were pinned. Finally, all of the members, new and old, exited the gym ending the ceremony. When asked how the ceremony went, sponsor Mr. Dunkin, stated, "Induction for the Ballard Honor Society went well. We are looking forward to working with new members this year. Membership is a highly sought after honor and requires commitment to the ideals of the organization".



**First Row (L-R)** -Holly Tate, Morgan Meade, Camryn East, and Colton Page

**Second Row (L-R)** -Trent Tate , Caleb Morris, Jack Rotert, Merritt Roach, and Andrew Hon



 **Music Notes**   
Mrs. Lybarger

By Holly Tate

## Christmas Around the World



On Thursday, December 8, 2016, The elementary students and Mrs. Lybarger hosted the annual Christmas program at Ballard School. The night started with the elementary band performing three songs.

For the program this year, the students presented "Christmas Around the World". The program had a variety of narrators that helped transition each song and each country the elementary talked about. The students started in America with "Here comes Santa Claus", and traveled to different countries singing songs. Along the way they stopped in France with "Pat A Pan", Finland with "The Snow is High", and finished the night in Austria with "Silent Night"

Mrs. Lybarger stated that "The kids all looked nice and had loud voices. By the time you read this the music department will have already released a sigh of relief. While arranging a function like this is stressful, its worth it to see all the smiling children." The program was a hug success.

Mrs. Lybarger plans for the next few weeks before Christmas break to be spent on lessons at the keyboards, as well as familiarizing students with some of the season's classic musical productions such as the "Nutcracker Ballet", "Handel's Messiah", and the musical version of "A Christmas Carol". Good times and lots of fun will be had by all. Have a blessed holiday and great things in the New Year.

By Mikayla Whitaker and Morgan Meade



# Artistic Lines



Mrs. DesCombes

Each month Mrs. DesCombes will choose one student from each grade K-6 to be the Artist of the Month. This student exemplifies artistic skill, leadership, and good behavior.

This month's winners are...

**Kindergarten: Ian Campbell** – Ian has a big imagination. He puts his unique spin on all of his artwork.

**First Grade: Addilynn Engelhardt** – Addilynn has a lot of natural talent. She creates beautiful pieces of art and makes it look easy!

**Second Grade: Madison Gunter** – Madison is detail oriented and has a great eye for color and pattern. She always surprises me.

**Third Grade: Dayne Greer** - Dayne is a hard worker. He pays attention to directions, is kind to everyone, and always creates beautiful artwork.

**Fourth Grade: Sam Setzer**, – Sam is a meticulous artist. He works until the finished product is absolutely perfect. This determination makes his artwork special.

**Fifth Grade: Lindy Gunter** – Lindy is patient with her artwork. She takes her time to create her best possible artwork. The result is always fantastic!

**Sixth Grade: Lexie Ward** - Lexie uses every second of her time in art class to her advantage. It is because of determination that her artwork is so well-crafted.



**First Row (L-R):** Ian Campbell, Addilynn Engelhardt

**Second Row (L-R):** Madison Gunter, Dayne Greer, Sam Setzer

**Third Row (L-R):** Lindy Gunter, Lexie Ward

Formatted by Ms. Murchie



# Adventures in History

Mr. Dunkin

History this month has been tremendously busy wrapping up the first half of the year. Seventh grade geography is finishing up their adventures in South America, ending with the countries on the western side of the continent, and later they will explore Europe and its culture. Eighth grade U.S. history is concluding the semester with the American Revolution and will then move to Europe after the first of the year.

The ninth grade U.S. history class is focusing on Theodore Roosevelt and his life, centering mostly around his presidency, which will lead to the progressive era after the new year. World history is ending their study of early Islam and will touch on the Mongolians and how they affected the area's development, compared to other nations that were not affected by this group of people. Last, but not least, the government class will have successfully taken their EOC by the time this paper is published and, they will also be taking the Missouri and Constitution test if time allows.

By Holly Tate



## Fun facts about Christmas



- \* All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.
- \* According to the Guinness world records, the tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas Fir that was displayed in 1950 at the Northgate Shopping Center in Seattle, Washington.
- \* Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.
- \* Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.
- \* Christmas wasn't declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870.
- \* Oklahoma was the last U.S. state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1907.
- \* It is estimated that the single "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best-selling single of all time, with over 100 million sales worldwide.
- \* In 1962, the first Christmas postage stamp was issued in the United States.







# New Faces



**What is your name?** Lily Bergen  
**What grade are you in?**  
 Kindergarten  
**What is your favorite:**  
**Movie:** Princess Sofia  
**Food:** Chicken  
**Color:** Blue  
**Holiday:** Christmas and Halloween  
**Sport:** N/A  
**What would you like to be when you grow up?** N/A



**What is your name?** Abby Bergen  
**What grade are you in?**  
 Second  
**What is your favorite:**  
**Movie:** Mickey Mouse Christmas  
**Food:** Hot Dogs and Macaroni and Cheese  
**Color:** Blue  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Sport:** Basketball  
**What would you like to be when you grow up?** Dancer



**What is your name?** Wyatt Fields  
**What grade are you in?**  
 First  
**What is your favorite:**  
**Movie:** Scary Movies  
**Food:** Pizza  
**Color:** Red  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Sport:** Hockey  
**What would you like to be when you grow up?** Firefighter



**What is your name?** Cara Fields  
**What grade are you in?**  
 Fourth  
**What is your favorite:**  
**Movie:** Full House  
**Food:** Pizza  
**Color:** Blue  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Sport:** Soccer  
**What would you like to be when you grow up?** Singer



**What is your name?** Daisy Fields  
**What grade are you in?**  
 Sixth  
**What is your favorite:**  
**Movie:** Twilight  
**Food:** Pizza  
**Color:** Blue  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Sport:** Volleyball  
**What would you like to be when you grow up?** Horse trainer



**What is your name?** Megan Fields  
**What grade are you in?**  
 Eighth  
**What is your favorite:**  
**Movie:** The Fault in our stars  
**Food:** Pizza  
**Color:** Blue  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**Sport:** Basketball  
**What would you like to be when you grow up?** Doctor

# Welcome Back!



Senior Stephen Jones. Stephen left for awhile, but we're all overjoyed with his return home to Ballard!



# The Bulldog Bonfire

The Ballard Booster Club held a bonfire for our Varsity basketball teams and cheerleaders on Friday, November 18, 2016, at the baseball field. The festivities started at 7 o'clock that evening and lasted until 11 o'clock. First off, the Adrian Fire Department brought their fire truck to the school, and allowed the basketball teams to ride up to the ball field on top of it. It was a very exciting experience, even though it was extremely cold that night! Shortly after the players arrived to the field, Larry Bergschneider introduced them and wished the two teams a grand season!

Following the announcements, Michelle Rotert had several different activities for the kids to participate in. The first game required them to push a sweet potato across the baseball field with only a spoon that was in their mouth. Michelle Rotert didn't expect it to be too difficult, but it was! The players had to crawl on the ground, and got dirt all over themselves. It was a pretty funny site! They also played a game that involved the players carrying a ping-pong ball across the field on a paper plate. There was a lot of cheating going on! All in all, it was a great time and we would like to thank everybody that helped put it on. Also, thank you to the Juniors for selling candy, soda, hot dogs, S'mores kits, and hot chocolate from their concession stand! The hot chocolate was definitely a success!



Written by Camryn East



## MIDNIGHT MADNESS

On Friday, November 4, at 11p.m., the Ballard Bulldogs scrimmaged the alumni in an exhilarating game of basketball. The current Ballard Bulldogs worked together and fought hard, but couldn't rise above the former basketball players. 2002 graduate, Brian Hill, first stated his excitement that he beat the Ballard Boys, but then he went on to say that he loved playing against the students, and that they are a good group of kids. He was also delighted to get to play basketball with his former teammates that he hadn't played with since high school. He loved the way that the Midnight Madness game was set up, and he wouldn't have changed a thing about it. He was also ecstatic about how the community got involved and made the game fun for everyone. We appreciated everyone that attended and we hope this can become a new Ballard tradition.



Pictured above the alumni and Ballard boys basketball team  
Picture provided by alumna Lacie Friesz

By Andrew Hon



# Sports Page

By Camryn East and Adelyne Dowse

## Cats vs. Dogs

The Ballard Lady Bulldogs played the Bronaugh Lady Wildcats on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at Ballard. I interviewed some members of the team to get their opinion of the game. Assistant Coach, Tina Eidson, said, "The girls need to work on not being so nervous, because when they get rid of the nerves, they play well as a team." Junior player, Savana Allen, stated, "We came out strong, but in the end, it just didn't work out for us." Finally, Head Coach, Bobby Brewster, expressed his honest opinion. "The girls gave great effort from start to finish of the Bronaugh game. The result, however, wasn't what we wanted, but it made us better, and it was a great learning experience." It was a difficult game to play in, but playing against harder teams is important. They make you better, and show what needs to be worked on individually, and as a team. Keep on giving it your all, ladies!

Pictured below Amanda Teagarden



Lady Bulldogs vs. Kingsville November 22, 2016	
Ballard	13
Kingsville	44
Leading scorer Savana Allen with 5 points	

Lady Bulldogs vs. NEVC December 2, 2016	
Ballard	40
NEVC	41
Leading scorer Camryn East with 14 points	

## Hanging With the Hornets

On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs battled the Hume Lady Hornets on their home court. As it was their first home game, they were very pumped to play! The stands were packed, and the fans were ready to watch their Lady Bulldogs fight for a win! Right off the bat, the Bulldogs started pressing the Hornets. That tactic worked extremely well, and as a result, the Hornets turned over the ball several times. At first Ballard was ahead but, soon, Hume was only trailing behind them by a few points. As the game went on, the Hornets started gaining on them, and eventually took the



Pictured above McKinley Brewster

lead. Though the Bulldogs kept scoring, so did the Hornets, and the Hornets eventually won, 30-45. The leading scorer was Morgan Wheeler with 9 points! Before the game even started, Camryn East told Morgan that she would make three 3-pointers, and that is precisely what she did! Although the Lady Bulldogs lost, they still had a great game. Get em' next time, girls!



Lady Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee December 13, 2016	
Ballard	44
Chilhowee	21
Leading scorer Camryn East with 21 points	

## Dog Fight

On Friday, December 9, 2016, the Appleton City Lady Bulldogs came to visit the Ballard Lady Bulldogs. Like most encounters of a group of dogs, there was a fight! A fight for the win of course. Before the game even started, the Ballard girls had a pretty good feeling. They were more than ready for a win. As soon as the game began, the girls started out in a man-to-man defense, aiming to prevent Appleton's best players from getting the ball, and going to the hoop. At first, it was successful, but after a while, our girls started wearing down, and their girls began to score. From then on out, Coach Brewster started switching up the defense, allowing our girls to rest

some. The offense they played, logo, was quite simple. The main goal of the offense was to get the ball to our own Adelyne Dowse at the free throw line, and she would score. It was quite effective, considering that she was the leading scorer, with 16 points! The game was super intense! At some points, our girls would be ahead, and at others, Appleton would manage to gain a point, or two on us. By the time the end of the fourth quarter rolled around, the game was tied up, and we were forced to go into overtime. Our girls never gave up, and by doing so, they won their first game! The final score was 37-40! It was extremely fun to be a part of. Great job ladies!



# Ballin' at the Shoot-Out

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, the Ballard Bulldogs and Ballard Lady Bulldogs went to compete at a shoot-out put on by Leeton. They competed against Leeton and Wableau and had a great time. Both teams found out a lot of valuable information that will help them to succeed in future games. The Bulldogs went 0-1-1 at the Shoot-Out while the girls went 0-2. We can already see improvements in both teams and we can't wait to see what the future hold for both of our teams!

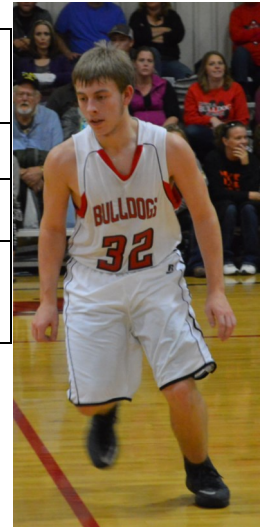


Ballard vs. Kingsville Tuesday, November 22, 2016	
Bulldogs	29
Kingsville	37
Leading Scorer: Andrew Hon With 18 points	

# Swattin' at the Hornets

On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, the Ballard Bulldogs went head to head with the Hume Hornets. They started the game ready to battle and came out with a big win. The final score was 51-8. Andrew Hon was the leading scorer with a total of 16 points. The boys played very hard and we couldn't be any more proud. Keep up the good work!

Ballard vs. NEVC Friday, December 2, 2016	
Bulldogs	57
NEVC	37
Leading Scorer: Garrett Oerke with 21 points	



Pictured above is Jaeden Schliem

# Wildcats in Our House

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, the Ballard Bulldogs took on the Bronaugh Wildcats. It was a very close game, with the Bulldogs in the lead at the beginning, but they unfortunately didn't come out with a win. In a close score of 45-39, Andrew Hon was the leading scorer with a total of 19 points. It was a very good game over all and we are very proud of the hard work the boys put in during this game.



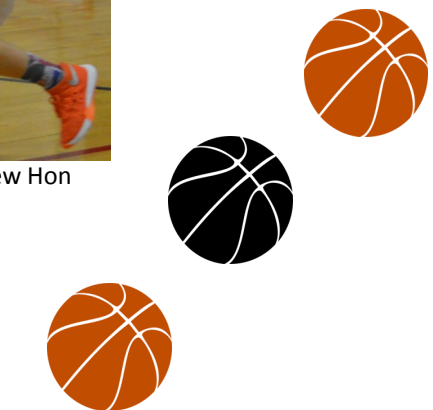
Pictured above is Andrew Hon

# Dog Fight

The Ballard Bulldogs and the Appleton City Bulldogs went head to head on Friday, December 9, 2016. They ran onto the court with their game faces on, ready to go. The fans were pumped up and excited. The energy in the gym helped them to fight all through the whole game and to not give up. The leading scorer was Andrew Hon with 14 points. Although our Bulldogs didn't win the game, they played very hard. The final score was 57-27.

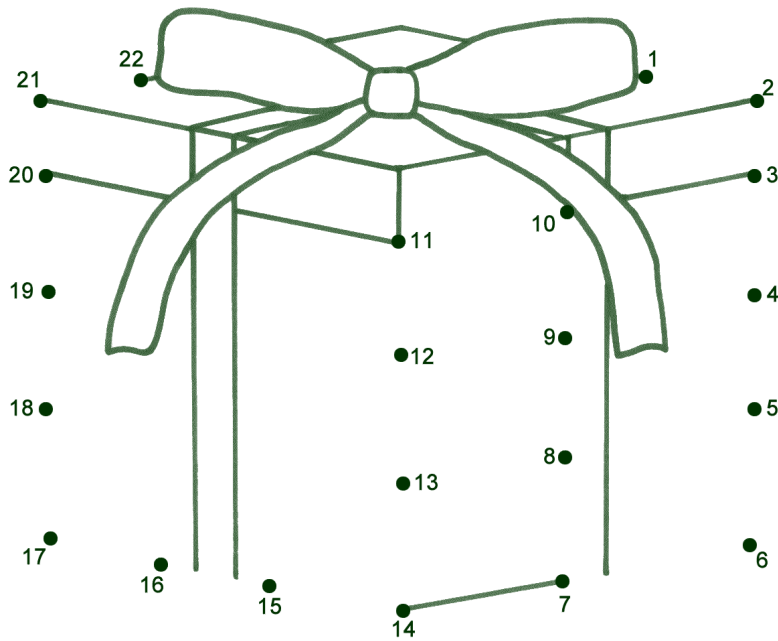


Pictured to the above is Jack Rotert

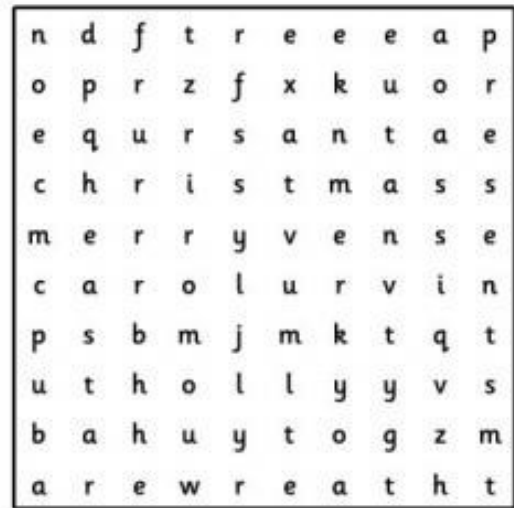


Ballard vs. Chilhowee Tuesday, December 13, 2016	
Bulldogs	45
Chilhowee	53
Leading Scorer: Andrew Hon With 28 points	

# Fun Page



## Christmas Word Search



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merry	presents	Santa
star	tree	wreath

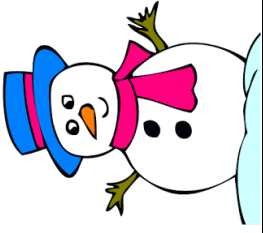
## Top 15 Christmas Movies










1. Elf
2. Home Alone
3. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
4. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
5. A Charlie Brown Christmas
6. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
7. It's a Wonderful Life
8. Frosty the Snowman
9. The Santa Clause
10. Miracle on 34th Street
11. A Christmas Story
12. A Christmas Carol
13. White Christmas
14. Scrooged
15. The Nightmare Before Christmas





# January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Christmas Break	2 Teacher in Service	3 Teacher in Service @ Miami	4 <u>Back to School</u> Start of 3rd	5	6	7
8 Lakeland Tournament 	9	10 FFA to UCM Greenhand 12pm 	11 4-H 6/7pm 	12	13 VBB vs Sheldon 6pm 	14
15	16 <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	17 	18 Board meeting 7:30	19 PTO Meeting 6:30pm	20	21
22	23	24 VBB vs Montrose 6pm 	25	26  VBB vs Drexel 6pm	27 	28
29	30	31  VBB @ Calhoun 6pm			<u>COURT WARMING</u> VBB vs Miami 6pm	