



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL

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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Now that February is nearly over, we can almost feel that Spring is just around the corner, and of course it is. Remember that we still have the month of March to get through. We could still get a lot of snow. (Hopefully not.)

Sickness has not been especially hard on us this year as it has been in some school other districts. It seems that it may have passed. Remember, just as the snow may still hit us, so may the sickness.

We have missed one day of school so far this school year. We will have to make that day up. That day will be made up on April 17, 2017.

As always, feel free to contact me or Mr. Hon if you have any questions, concerns, or comments to share. We are positive that we will remain professional in our line of work. We ask that you would please feel comfortable in presenting your concerns and issues to us, as educating children is our top priority. We appreciate everything you do for the district, along with the students, teachers, staff members, community members, and everyone else involved.

March is going to be another busy month for students, staff, and parents. Please take an active part in monitoring your child's grades and contacting teachers if you have any concerns or would like more information in relation to grades or behavior in class. I want to see everyone continuing to work together to help ensure student success. Below is an outline of information that speaks to the importance of parent involvement in student academic success. This information should be emphasized often because these actions can make a huge difference, in relation to improved learning and higher grades.

Set high expectations

Make sure students know it is important to YOU that they give school their best effort...and that you expect good results.

Talk about school every day

Ask your students about school every day; ask them about what they are learning and how they are getting along with teachers and friends.

Monitor school work and assignments

Check assignments every day. Ask to see planners, tests, and other work. Have students explain assignments to you...and ask if they know exactly what they need to do in order to get good grades on assignments. If grades drop or go below a C, enroll them in additional help at school (tutoring). Also, get involved if you see your child is not being challenged enough.

Make homework a daily habit

Time needs to be set aside for homework every day... whether there is an assignment that day or not. If there is no homework due the next day, a daily homework routine means work is started on a long-term assignment or time is spent reading or reviewing.

Be aware of test-taking schedules and preparation tips

Make sure students are well-rested and on time on test days. "Test" them yourself before subject tests. Go over test-taking tips for multiple choice and standardized tests.

Stay in contact with the teacher

Attend all conference opportunities. Ask to schedule a conference whenever you have a concern about your student's progress. Always talk to the teacher at the first sign of academic trouble-- don't wait. Conferences should give parents specific information on how their student is doing in each subject--- how they are performing in relation to grade-level expectations, academic standards, their own previous levels, strengths, and weaknesses.

Encourage your child to READ, READ, READ

No single activity is linked to academic success as much as reading. Students should read at home every day. Turn off the TV and encourage students to read to you and with you. It helps when children see their parents reading, too.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

With the second semester well under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school as we collectively strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day.

February has been super busy with a large amount of items that the students were involved in: Court warming festivities; K-6 Valentine's Day parties; Sophomore students' visit to Clinton for an informational meeting on the Clinton Technical School; Senior Night for Basketball; K-6 dental screenings by Dr. Binkley; 4-6th grade elementary travel league basketball games, Ballard NHS and Art Club field trips; Senior Class Pasta Dinner; Scholar Bowl and Math competitions; JH Sweetheart Dance; Ballard Spelling Bee; Spring High School sports beginning practice and games (Softball and Baseball); high school beginning play practice; and FFA week and farm show.

March will continue to be a busy month with FFA students competing in local contests to earn a spot to go to state, District vocal and instrumental music contest; and Conference Band. Ballard Spelling Bee winners will compete against conference schools at the Conference Spelling Bee at Miami; 7-12 Scholar Bowl will be here on March 16th. There will be 7-12 Con-

ference Math Relays; and third quarter ends and fourth quarter begins. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held March 17th from 1:15-7:30pm; we will have Spring Break Monday, March 20-Friday, March 24, along with other miscellaneous events throughout the month (such as Elementary Art Club).

In closing, we want to thank our families for your diligence in having your students at school on-time and well-prepared for learning each day. In addition, please continue to be mindful that our students' academic day continues until dismissal each afternoon, and it is very important that students are not dismissed early unless an unavoidable appointment or emergency is involved, as valuable instruction from the teacher can be missed in addition to required assignments. As a reminder, when you child is absent, please contact the school, and if you have a note from an appointment, please bring it as well. The more your child is at school, the more instruction they receive. As always, thank you for supporting the wonderful teaching and learning taking place here at Ballard!

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Eric Hon, Principal

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Making After Prom Da Bomb



On Saturday, February 18, the Ballard Project Prom committee held a tip night at the Ballard Grill. The Juniors and Seniors got all cleaned up and worked the evening shifts to earn money for their after prom party. For those of you who don't know what Project Prom is, it is an organization of Parents and Community members who are providing a safe alternative for the students to attend after the prom festivities end. The money we earned will go to prizes and games for the kids. We would like to make a special thanks to Crystal Crump for allowing us to have this opportunity. Also a thanks to all the members of the community who came and supported us.

By Morgan Meade

Morgan's Matter of Facts

1. Fried chicken, pancakes, and oysters are not fruit.
2. Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.
3. Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.
4. Did you know, is three words.
5. Kanye West is not a direction.
6. Putting a phone in the microwave won't charge the battery.
7. Skrillex is not a mop.
8. You can drink lava, but only once.
9. Megan Fox isn't a fox.
10. 75% of the people in the world make up 3/4 of the worldwide population.



By Morgan Meade

Student of the Month

The Ballard R-II School District is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Adrian Optimist Club to honor a Student of the Month for the 2016-2017 School Year.

Student of the Month is selected by the staff of the Ballard R-II School District using the following criteria: attendance, attitude towards others and school, behavior, leadership, and improvement in or maintenance of good grades.

The Student of the Month for February is Freshman McKinley Brewster, daughter of Bobby and Krista Brewster. Keith Smith, English Teacher, states, "A great addition to the Freshmen class. Mac is a strong and excellent leader. Very polite, she is always willing to do whatever she can to help both teachers and other students." Vicki Lybarger, Music/Band Teacher states, "McKinley Brewster is a very self-motivated student. She works on her own to improve herself and is easily taught and inspired to learn. She wants to achieve at a high level and therefore she does. It is a pleasure to be her teacher." Brad Dunkin, Social Studies Teacher states, "McKinley is diligent, inquisitive, and respectful. She openly shares what she learns with others in class, and will prove to be a fine leader. Raelynn Kershner, Math Teacher states, "McKinley has goals and is working toward them! She is attentive and quick to take part in class discussions. McKinley takes responsibility for her learning by asking questions and completing work to the best of her ability."

McKinley is a member of the Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball teams. McKinley is also involved in Pep Club, Paw Pride, and Drama Club.

For McKinley's hard work in school, she is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks."



Pictured: Optimist Member, Brad Jennings, McKinley Brewster, and Principal Eric Hon

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Morgan Meade, 18, is the daughter of Jeramiah and CeNedra Meade, and is the sister of Levi, Owen, and Noah Meade.

Some of her favorites include the color blue, that one class with Murch, sea food, and anything mom cooks, Butler Chinese, and Taco Bell. Morgan's dream car is a 1969 Mustang Boss 429.

Her hobbies are hanging out with friends and enjoying life. Morgan's extracurricular activities include: publications, scholar bowl, and Ballard Honor Society. Morgan's pet peeve is the hiccups.

Morgan's plans for the future are undecided, but she is considering going into the workforce until she can join the Police Academy or run her own business after college. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Morgan answered, "Happy." Morgan's famous last words are, "Aiyana! Here! Now!", "Stepheeeen," "Guys, let's do it for the experience," and "Watch this."



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March Birthdays

6 Briana Arredondo
7 Keslyn Page
8 Cara Fields
13 Parker Hill

14 Braydon Siebeneck
14 Addie Dowse

16 Ian Campbell
19 Brenden Card
21 Lucas Whitaker

29 Merritt Roach
30 Jentry Bergman



Junior High and High School math at Ballard is rolling right along! Both Junior High classes recently completed units on difficult aspects of rational numbers. The Algebra 1 class is completing a unit on functions by comparing linear and exponential growth... think money! The Geometry students are about to embark on a study of triangle congruence, while the Algebra 2 class is neck deep in learning about nth roots. Finally, the integrated math class continues to solve lots of words problems, expanding their toolboxes of problem-solving strategies, but they're also learning pacing strategies and reviewing concepts of the ACT. March is coming! Math contests will be here soon!



Written by Mrs. Kershner
Formatted by Maddy Murray



Bulldog Puppies

Mrs. Meade

This month the preschoolers have been studying the letters B and P. Preschool has had several different visitors this month. Mr. Smith's speech class read a number of different stories which the preschoolers loved. Bates County Health Center also dropped in to say hello. While they were here they taught the students how to clean and properly care for their teeth to make sure everybody has happy, healthy smile!



By Holly Tate

Spelling Bee

On February 22, 2017, Ballard held its annual Spelling Bee competition to determine who would move on to compete at the Conference Spelling Bee, which will be held at Miami on March 7th. The kids in First grade through Sixth grade were the only kids that were allowed to compete. Only three winners were chosen from each class. All the kids worked extremely hard and gave it their all!



Class	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
First Grade	Owen Meade	Addilynn Engelhardt	Reese Shumate
Second Grade	Kennedy Borland	Ashton Siebeneck	Nephi Hon
Third Grade	Victoria Snyder	Haley Pray	Autumn Hastings
Fourth Grade	Jonathan Setzer	Kamryn Beachner	Samuel Setzer
Fifth Grade	Aimee Cummings	Cade Callahan	Jada Gains
Sixth Grade	Alexis Hastings	Jentry Bergman	Tucker Roach

Pictured as shown in the table.



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Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock



February is almost gone, and we have been hard at work learning and having fun! The kindergarten class celebrated Groundhog Day and predicted whether the groundhog would see his shadow. The class made their own Valentine's boxes and had so much fun at the Valentine party. Thank you to those who helped make it a success. Coming up next month, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fun surprises in store! Next month also brings parent-teacher conferences, leading into spring break. It is hard to believe we are almost to the end of third quarter. The year has gone by so fast. We have been learning about rules and laws and how they are made in social studies. In science we are learning about how different landforms are made. In reading we are continuing to work on letters and their sounds, sounding out words, and working on reading books with more than one sentence on a page. In math we are starting beginning addition and subtraction. I am so impressed by the progress the students have made, and I enjoy seeing how they have grown throughout the year. I am looking forward to more fun and learning as the school year continues!

First Comes First

Mrs. Ordal

Written by Mrs. Hathcock
Typed by Adelyne Dowse

What a busy month February is! We have celebrated and written our opinions about the Ground Hog and his shadow. Then, we had our Valentine's Day party, and then on to Presidents' Day. We start March with Dr. Seuss' birthday, then St. Patrick's Day, and spring break. The students are starting a unit on Presidents of the United States. They will each be assigned a President to learn about, and fill out an organizer that will help them make a presentation to the older kids.

We are also writing our numbers to 500. When you join the "500 Club," you get to eat lunch with Mrs. Ordal and have a special baked treat. They are super stoked about this. A couple of the students have decided the "500 Club" isn't good enough, and they want to be in the "1,000 Club."

In 1st grade, we do Rocket Math daily to become fluent with our facts to 18. We start with addition and then go to subtraction. One student is on the downhill side of subtraction, and some are still working their way through addition. Our goal is to have everyone through both addition and subtraction by the end of the school year.

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America, we are going to work on reading as many books as we can by the end of the year. We will set our class goal on March 2nd to be reached by May 2nd. As Dr. Seuss says, "The more you read, the more things you will know; the more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"



Written by Mrs. Ordal
Typed by Morgan Meade

Second to None

Mrs. West



The second grade class is beginning to study the continents and oceans. They have been learning where the continents are located, as well as finding out some fun facts about each continent. We will be filling out passports as we "visit" countries located on each of the continents.

In math, we have been learning how to collect data, and then use that data to make pictographs, bar graphs, and line plots. We also worked every day in Rocket Math to learn our addition and subtraction facts. Maggie Foster, Macie Waincott, Ashton Siebeneck, Bradley Bergschneider, and Payson Hill are all working on their multiplication facts!

In our Reading, we read "Mice and Beans." Maribel Arredondo's mother brought beans and rice for us to sample after we had read the story. Most of the students were looking forward to trying her recipe, but some were also afraid they wouldn't like it, because they didn't like frijoles.



Written by Mrs. West
Formatted by Mikayla Whitaker

÷ Thrilling Third

Ms. Goucher

This month, third grade has started division, and the students are doing a fantastic job! Something very exciting has happened this month; all students have passed Math minute 20. If you're not familiar with Math minute, it is twenty multiplication problems the students have to solve in one minute. I am very proud of my students for completing this challenging task.

This month in Science, the Third grade class has started making their shadow predictions. They have also started measuring shadows at different times of the day to get an accurate reading. The students measure using the Scientific Method during Morning, Noon, and Afternoon to make their predictions accurate. Also, the Third grade has started studying plants and star patterns. My students have learned so much this month, and I can't wait to see what we achieve next month.

Written by: Ms. Goucher
Formatted by: Maddy Murray

Fantastic Fourth

Mrs. Moore

Where has the time gone? There is so much to accomplish in so little time!

The fourth grade has been working on division and fractions, as well as research writing, reading, genres, and skills. We have book clubs and centers with computer, tablet, and writing abilities. We are planning a pajama-fun day soon (math and writing are fun, right?).

I have enjoyed this class immensely and do not look forward to the end of the year. We all have redeeming traits that balance out the challenges. Look forward to news from the kids soon.

Written by Mrs. Moore
Formatted by Adelyne Dowse



Snazzy Sixth

Mrs. Eidson

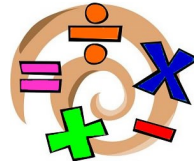
We have been busy at work this quarter. We are currently learning algebra in math; we just finished a chapter on algebraic expressions. In science, we are learning about climate and weather so we can create power points. We have been reading out of our Treasures book in English. We are learning about the Romans in social studies. Finally, we are researching Iditarod mushers in E.L.A!



Written by the 6th grade class
Formatted by Camryn East

Fiesty Fifth

Miss Norton



In math, we are adding and subtracting with decimals. During science, we have been working on a rock candy experiment to show physical and chemical changes. We have been learning about how the colonists broke ties with Great Britain in Social Studies class. In reading, we just finished the first book in the Harry Potter series. During English class, we have been working with pronouns, and, in writing, we have been comparing and contrasting people.

In art, we just finished our Valentine's Day boxes and will begin using clay soon. During music, we have been working with the key boards. Hockey has been the sport we have been playing in PE. During Library, we have been reading Wild Life. Also, during counseling, we have been learning about being kind!



Written by Jessie Pulliam
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Elite Fight



The eighth grade class has been planning their sweetheart's dance since they didn't get to do their Christmas dance. We hope you all come out to have a great time. Most of the eighth graders are managers for the HS Basketball team. Both boys and girls have had a great season!

Written by Serenity Morris
Typed by Holly Tate

3D Art

On Wednesday, February 15, the 3D Art Class travelled to Springfield, MO, to learn how to blow glass. We went to the Springfield Hot Glass Studio. Each student picked a color to work with and made an ornament. We all had a great time!

Written by Mrs. DesCombes
Typed by Andrew Hon

Funny Freshmen

The Freshman class would like to thank everyone that has supported us in our bake sale. We want you to continue in the support. We hit our goal of \$1,000. Again, the class thanks the parents and other supporters of the class. Our new goal is to reach \$2,000!



Written by McKinley Brewster
Typed by Andrew Hon

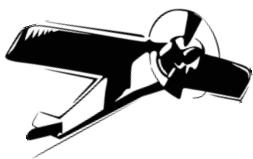
Jazzy Juniors

Hey, everyone! We hope everyone's second half of the school year is going well! Courtwarming went well for us. We got first place in the float contest, second place in the poster contest, and the loudest class contest. We had fun at the dance. We hope you guys did as well. Have a great rest of

the quarter!



Written by Savana Allen
Typed by Andrew Hon



Adventures in History

Mr. Dunkin

World History is very busy wrapping up the Protestant Reformation, and will soon be exploring absolutism in Europe and its influence on the future of the continent. Civil War class is currently reviewing the resources of both sides of the war and looking at the battles in the spring of 1862. Seventh grade geography is continuing to discover the unique traits of Antarctica, also known as the "dark continent."

U.S. History is now wrapping up their construction of model airplanes from WWI and will next look at the Jazz Era of American History. Eighth grade U.S. History is investigating Jacksonian democracy and how it affected the U.S.. Finally, the Geography class is making travel brochures for a country of their choice.

By Holly Tate



U.S. History class with their model airplanes.



Silly Sophomores



It's February, which means it is time for yet another class fundraiser. We are having a Chicken Fry on March 11th, If you could, please come out and support our class and enjoy some yummy fried chicken! If you would like to purchase tickets, contact any Sophomore and they will gladly hook you up with some! We hope that everyone had a fantastic Valentine's Day, and had a fantastic time spending time with their sweethearts. It's crazy to think that the school year is more than halfway over, and we are excited to see what the rest of the school year has in store for us!

Written by Kelsie Karo
Formatted by Maddy Murray

Sarcastic Seniors

Hey, everyone! A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support the senior class at our pasta dinner. We appreciate all the compliments we received! It wouldn't have been such a success without the amazing parents to help out in the kitchen and doing other various tasks, the class working as a team and helping out one another, and last, but not least, our amazing sponsor Mrs. Kershner for all the work she does and continues to do for class, so thank you! We would also like to thank Mr. Brewster for his support, even though he couldn't be at the dinner.

It's hard to believe there are only a few more months until we graduate! It's been such a fun year, so far!



By Aiyana Murchie

Court Warming 2017

On Friday, January 27, 2017, Ballard held their annual Court Warming ceremony after both of the games were concluded. The Mr. Bulldog candidates for 2017 were as follows: Freshman Dale Dowse, Sophomore Jack Rotert, Junior Merritt Roach, and Senior Jordan Hinrichs. Unlike previous years, instead of being awarded Mr. Bulldog at the Pep Assembly during the school day on Friday afternoon, the Mr. Bulldog candidates were also voted on this year. This made things a little more fun and intense. The 2017 queen candidates were Freshman Brianna Pray, Sophomore Kayla Wainscott, Junior Camryn East, and Senior Micah Patrick. Brianna Pray's candle lighter was McKinley Brewster, Kayla Wainscott's candle lighter was Morgan Wheeler, and Camryn East's candle lighter was Mikayla Whitaker.

Like tradition, some of the first grade students got to participate in the ceremony as well by carrying out the king's hat, the queen's crown, and the roses. Carrying the roses was Kenadee Allen, daughter of Kenneth and Destiny Allen. Her escort was Nathan Bales, son of Sandra Bales and Michael Bales. Carrying the king's hat was Addilynn Engelhardt, daughter of Boyd and Abbie Engelhardt. Her escort was Harry Greer, son of Harold Greer and Amanda Clark. Finally, carrying the queen's crown was Reese Shumate, daughter of Johna Goucher and Seth Shumate. Her escort was Owen Meade, son of Jeramiah and CeNedra Meade.

Another tradition was started this year. Instead of having opening and closing candle lighters for the ceremony, a member from both the girl's and boy's teams walked in together. The opening attendants were Juniors Adelyne Dowse and Colton Page. The closing attendants were Sophomore Amanda Teagarden and Junior Drew Hon.

The 2017 Mr. Bulldog title was awarded to Jack Rotert, and the 2017 Queen title was awarded to Camryn East! Congratulations to both of the winners, and thank you to all of those who came out to support the Bulldogs for the 2017 Court warming.



Pictured above, little helpers (L-R) Reese Shumate, Owen Meade, Addilynn Engelhardt, Harry Greer, Kenadee Allen, and Nathan Bales

Pictured below, Queen candidates (L-R) Brianna Pray, Kayla Wainscott, 2017 Queen Camryn East, and Micah Patrick
Pictured below, Mr. Bulldog candidates (L-R) Dale Dowse, 2017 Mr. Bulldog Jack Rotert, Merritt Roach, and Jordan Hinrichs



Pictured above, candle lighters (L-R) McKinley Brewster, Morgan Wheeler, and Mikayla Whitaker



Everlasting English

Mr. Smith

The English department has been awfully hectic this month. First off, eighth grade has returned to their exploration of fiction and non-fiction short stories, including authors like John Steinbeck, Maya Angelou, and many others. The Freshmen have just come to an end of their analysis of "Romeo and Juliet", and will next begin a grammar unit. The Sophomores have been studying "Antigone" by Sophocles and will later read "The Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller, followed by five mini lessons of multistage grammar.

The Juniors have completely finished their study of "The Crucible" and will be taking a short exit from literature to work with sentence structures and common problems with grammar. After they have accomplished all of this, their next task will be to read the "Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway. College Prep has concluded Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of Macbeth" and will soon begin a few short stories and an intense unit of writing. Finally, the speech class has finished their demonstrative speeches and have also finished their unit of storytelling, which they presented to some of the elementary classes and the preschoolers. They will be wrapping the month up with an expository speech of their choice.



Pictured above, Senior Jordan Hinrichs, reading to the Kindergarten class.

By Holly Tate

BHS Goes to New Theatre

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, Ballard Honor Society traveled to New Theatre in Overland Park to watch The Fabulous Lipitones. We left Ballard around ten o'clock in the morning and headed straight to the theatre. Once we finally arrived at our destination, our tickets were distributed and seats were located.

Before the play began, the lunch buffet opened with all sorts of delicious food, of which we had no trouble eating our fair share. An hour or so after the lunch buffet opened, the play began at twelve o'clock sharp. The Fabulous Lipitones is a comedy about three elderly barbershop members who struggle to complete their mission to make it to the national barbershop competition. In order to accomplish their goal, they must face obstacles that add a unique sense of humor to this production. This play was extremely funny and well worth the lengthy drive.

The BHS students and two drivers had a wonderful time and had the opportunity to spend quality time together. BHS would also like to thank Mrs. Wiskur for driving and helping us arrange the tickets for the dinner theatre.



First Row (L-R) Holly Tate, Morgan Meade, Camryn East, and Trent Tate
Back Row (L-R) Colton Page, Caleb Morris, Jack Rotert, Merritt Roach, Andrew Hon, and Sponsor Mr. Dunkin

By Holly Tate

SENIOR *Night!*

Senior, Micah Patrick, had her last home game of her high school career on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Although she was unable to play in the game due to an unfortunate injury, she was able to sit with her team and be a great team player. She has put in a lot of sweat and tears to help contribute to her team. Coach Brewster stated, "Micah showed steady improvement throughout the season. She's a great teammate and I feel fortunate to have been able to coach her." The team would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to her team and for always supporting them. Congratulations, Micah!



Pictured above (L-R) Mike Patrick, Micah Patrick, Mary Patrick

Written by Adelyne Dowse

Spirit Week

Pictured below, queen candidates



The week of January 23-27 was Ballard's Spirit Week! The theme of this year's spirit week was Animated Movies. Monday, January 23, was Toy Story Day; Tuesday, January 24, was Disney Royalty Day; Wednesday, January 25, was Frozen Day; Thursday, January 26, was Favorite Animated Character Day; and Friday, January 27, was Red and Black Day! We would like to thank all of elementary, junior high, and high school students that participated in dressing up, as well as teachers and staff. It is really great to see everybody dressed up in their different attire (some people get very creative)!

The annual pep assembly was held Friday, January 27, during the school day. The king and queen candidates participated in many events, as well as the individual classes. First off, the king and queen candidates had to perform a dance together. However, there was a catch. The boys were required to dress up like girls, and the girls as boys! It was quite funny, and everyone got a kick out of it. The winners of the dance competition were Sophomores Jack Rotert and Kayla Wainscott! The candidates also participated in an obstacle course that was organized by Junior Pep Club members Drew Hon and Colton Page. They made it quite difficult, but the Juniors, Camryn East and Merritt Roach, were able to figure it out and get themselves the win! After the obstacle course, the king candidates had to do the queen candidate's make-up blindfolded. Everybody loved it, especially the elementary students, who cheered like crazy! Kayla Wainscott and Camryn East tied for 1st, so a tie-breaker was needed. Drew Hon put his hand over each candidates head, and asked the crowd to cheer for who they thought looked the "most beautiful." They each got lots of cheers, but Camryn brought home the win!

At the end of the assembly, the cheerleaders, Adelyne Dowse and McKinley Brewster, led everybody in a cheer, and Mr. Hon announced Spirit Week awards. The awards consisted of Loudest Class, Best Float, Best Poster, and Most Class Spirit. The class with the most spirit was awarded the spirit stick! The Juniors were awarded Loudest Class for the high-school, and the Sixth Grade Class got it for the elementary. For the floats, Juniors took 1st, Seniors won 2nd, and the Seventh Graders got 3rd. The Sophomores secured 1st place for their poster, the Juniors earned 2nd place for their poster, and the Seniors took 3rd for their poster. The Seniors were awarded the spirit stick for having the most class spirit! The Second Grade class won the K-2 poster contest, and the Sixth Grade class won the 3-6 poster contest! Congratulations to everyone who won! Overall, it was a successful Spirit Week!



Pictured above, Aiyana Murchie, Jordan Hinrichs, and Morgan Meade holding the spirit stick

Written and Formatted
by Camryn East

BHS Courtwarming

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hermitage January 24, 2017	
Ballard	21
Hermitage	58
Leading scorer Camryn East with 9 points	



Pictured above Morgan Wheeler

Friday, January 27, 2017, was the night of Ballard's Courtwarming! All of the Lady Bulldogs were pretty psyched to take on the Miami Lady Eagles. The stands were packed full of excited parents and younger siblings, its being Courtwarming and all. Post player Adelyne Dowse got the tip and handed it off to point-guard, Camryn East, to start off the game. The Lady Bulldogs came out a little sluggish, but by second quarter their heads were in the game. The Lady Eagles had taken a pretty large lead over us, 12 points to be exact, but our girls were determined to catch up. Before long, we started scoring more, but the Eagles would respond by doing the same. At the end of the fourth quarter, we were down by 10 points, and before the Lady Bulldogs could concoct some sort of winning scheme, the clock ran out. If our girls had played the first half as hard as they had the last two quarters, they could've easily taken the win, but all of the sugar consumed throughout the week slowed them down a bit (bribing Courtwarming candidates handed out a bunch of candy and soda to the players). The leading scorer of the game was Camryn East with 13 points, and the final score was 26-36. Good effort, girls!

Kickin' it at Courtwarming!

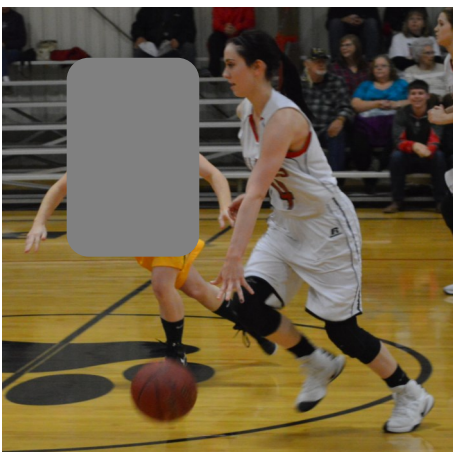
The Ballard Bulldogs took on the Miami Eagles in an intense Court warming game on January 27, 2017. The game started out very well. Jack Rotert won the jump and the Bulldogs were off and running. They were up through the whole game and kept their heads in the game. Colton Page stated, "We played extremely well as a team. We got into foul trouble towards half time, but we found a way to pull through and get a much needed victory." The crowd was into the game the whole time, and the win helped the boys gain a lot of much-needed confidence in themselves. And to top it off, it was a win on Court warming night! The final score was 57-30.



Pictured above Colton Page

Plucking the Eagles

Pictured below Camryn East



Ballard held its annual Senior Night game on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. The Lady Bulldogs played against the visiting Lady Eagles from Calhoun. Sadly, due to an injury, the only senior, Micah Patrick, was unable to participate in the game, but she cheered from the sidelines the whole time. As soon as the game started, The Lady Bulldogs could identify that the Lady Eagles were in a box and one, guarding Camryn East man-to-man. To break their defense, our girls ran a play that consisted of a player throwing the ball from the corner to Adelyne Dowse, who ran from the free-throw line to the post, making the lay-up. This method was extremely effective, and helped Adelyne become the leading scorer of the game, with a total of 20 points! All of the girls worked well together during the game. They played very good team ball, and everyone scored! Each of our players had a chance to take a break and get a drink as well, since they had such a large lead on the visiting players. The final score was 62-28. Congratulations on a triumphant win, and an amazing last home game, Lady Bulldogs!

Ballard vs. Calhoun Thursday, January 31, 2017	
Bulldogs	57
Calhoun	30

Hunting the Eagles

Lady Bulldogs vs. Calhoun January 31, 2017	
Ballard	53
Calhoun	26
Leading scorer Camryn East with 19 points	



Pictured above Andrew Hon

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, the Ballard Bulldogs took on the Calhoun Eagles in a very intense game. The Bulldogs' prior record with the Eagles was 1-0. The Eagles won the jump, and the Bulldogs went all out from there. By the end of the quarter, Ballard was up 17-8. They started the game hot and kept that fire going through the whole game. You could tell Calhoun was doing their best to show the Bulldogs up, but they weren't going to let that happen. Jack Rotert stated, "In the third quarter they came out and started throwing up threes, and most of them fell in somehow." When the Eagles started getting on a roll, one kid was ejected with two technicals and another fouled out. This left us in a 4-5 match up. Although we had some issues in the third quarter, we came back in the fourth and dominated. The final score was 75-44.

Girl's Conference

Lady Bulldogs vs. Montrose February 7, 2017	
Ballard	13
Montrose	40
Leading scorer Camryn East with 6 points	

Boy's Conference

Ballard vs. Miami Thursday, February 7, 2017	
Bulldogs	41
Miami	47

Ballard vs. Hume Thursday, February 10, 2017	
Bulldogs	55
Hume	18

Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami February 8, 2017	
Ballard	49
Miami	38
Leading scorer Camryn East with 18 points	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon February 10, 2017	
Ballard	37
Sheldon	44
Leading scorer Camryn East with 19 points	

Girl's Districts

Lady Bulldogs vs. Montrose February 16, 2017	
Ballard	31
Montrose	38
Leading scorer Camryn East with 20 points	

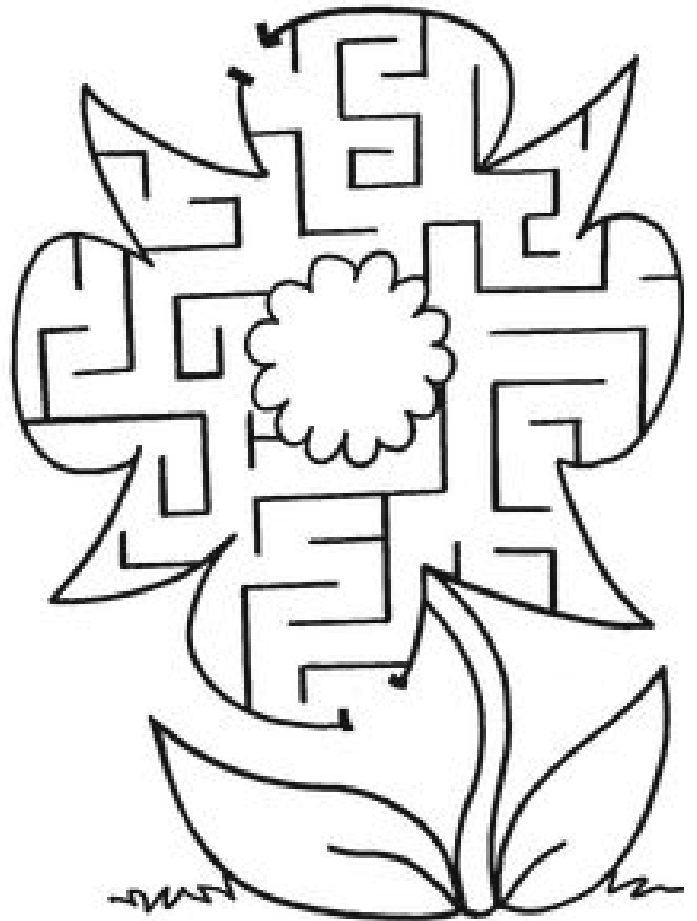


Lady Bulldogs vs. Montrose February 20, 2017	
Ballard	36
Montrose	57
Leading scorer Camryn East with 11 points	

Fun Page

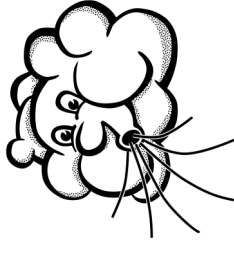
























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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  4-H 6/7pm	2  FFA Area Workshop 4-6pm  ESBB Boys @ Montrose 6pm	3 End of 3rd Qtr  ESBB @ NEVC 6pm	4  Sophomore Chicken Fry 5-8pm
5	6 NO SCHOOL Teacher in Service Music Districts @ Stockton 	7  GVVC Conference Band @ Cottey College @ 1pm GVVC Conf Spelling Bee @ Miami 4:30pm 	8 GVVC Conference Math @ Sheldon   15 4,5 and 6th Grades Field Trip	9  JH/HS Scholar Bowl @ Ballard 4:30pm ESBB @ Hume 6pm PTO 6:30pm	10  ESBB @ NEVC 6pm	11  Ballard Alumni Basketball Tournament 5pm
12	13 4th Qtr begins Board Meeting 7:30pm	14  ESBB vs Rich Hill 6pm 21 ESBB vs Bronaugh 6pm FFA Area Banquet 6:30pm Clinton 	22 ESBB vs Bronaugh 6pm	16  ESBB vs Sheldon 6pm	17  NO VO TECH FFA Archie Con-test 8am EARLY OUT 1:05pm Spring P/T Conf 1:15-7:30pm	18 Ballard Alumni Basketball Tournament 5pm
19	20 Spring Break 	21 ESBB vs Bronaugh 6pm FFA Area Banquet 6:30pm Clinton 	22 ESBB vs Bronaugh 6pm	23 ESBB vs Sheldon 6pm	24 Spring P/T Conf 1:15-7:30pm	25 Ballard Alumni Basketball Tournament 5pm
26	27 BB only vs Miami 4:30pm ESBB Calhoun Tournament 	28 FFA District Contest 	29 BB/SB vs NEVC 4:30pm Civil War Field Trip	30 BB/SB vs Bronaugh 4:30pm 	31 BB/SB vs Bronaugh 4:30pm 