

Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
First Edition, September 30, 2016

From the Superintendent's Desk...

Parents, Students & Community

I would like to welcome everyone back for another school year and welcome to those of you who are new to the district. The school year is already in full swing and going well. We have a couple of new faces with our faculty this year. If you have not had a chance to meet them, please make a point to do so. With the addition of the new members to our already wonderful staff, this should be great year for all. The students should be filled with knowledge and provided a caring atmosphere.

Believe it or not, the first quarter will be ending soon. Since we are well into the first quarter, activities are also under way. Please remember to show support for our student-athletes and display the excellent sportsmanship that Ballard has been well known for in the past years. More importantly, please show an interest in your child's education and feel free to contact teachers to communicate concerns or to get an update as to how well your students are doing. Each teacher has a plan time each day. You can contact the office to find out when those times are. Also, for those parents who have internet access, don't forget to look at the school's website at www.ballardr2.net.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Hon or me if you should ever have any questions or concerns you want to express. As a school community, we all need to work together continually to improve and maintain a high level of excellence here at the Ballard R-2 School District. Everyone is important in the process of school improvement. Please participate by encouraging students, sharing ideas, attending school events, and communicating to people about our students, parents, staff members, and community members.

There are some great things happening here at the school district. Recently we were awarded a USDA Grant in the amount of \$4,344.00. With this grant we were able to purchase some safety devices for the classrooms as well as Keyboards for the music room, iPads for the K-2 grades, and tables for the concrete area just outside of the cafeteria area.

Also the Ballard Pre-School is in operation again for the 2016-17 school year. The average daily attendance at this time is 8 students.

Since we are trying to provide the safest environment for our students throughout the school day, we have installed a Guardian Angel System in each classroom. This is a device that will secure the classroom doors in the case that there should be an intruder in the building.

The education that our children receive here at Ballard R-2 should be some of the most memorable experiences they will encounter. We also know that some of these experiences will not always be enjoyable, as there are regulations that we must all abide by. Sometimes these put a damper on things. Our society is an ever-changing society, therefore we are accustomed to adapting. I am sure that we will get through these changes as we have gotten through so many others.

Again, please feel free in contacting the school should you have any concerns or questions. We will work through the best that we can.

Have a great 2016-2017 school year.

Written by Mr. Siebeneck
Formatted by Aiyana Murchie

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Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2016-2017 school year! I am pleased to report we have enjoyed a positive start to the new academic year. I am honored to have the opportunity to return to Ballard and walk the halls as your new principal as I did 25 years ago as a student. It is a privilege to be able to work with a dedicated staff, your children, you as parents, and our active community members. I look forward to working with all of you to make this school year a successful one.

There are only two new faces this year at Ballard. Our new faces include: Miss Maggie Norton (5th grade) and myself Eric Hon (Principal). Miss Norton is a first-year teacher and comes to us from the University of Central Missouri (UCM) with a degree in Elementary Education. I am coming back to Ballard from the Concordia school districts where I served as the Special Service Coordinator for the past 2 years.

Together with our families and the community, the staff and students will work toward academic, social, and emotional growth and development. Parents and community members are strongly encouraged to become involved in the school.

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Principal's Corner

We invite you to become an active participant through volunteering, joining our PTO and/or Booster Club, and attending/supporting school events. Research clearly states that when parents/guardians participate and are involved in their child's education, there is a greater likelihood of academic success for the child. We would love to have each of you in our building as a volunteer. Volunteering can include: reading to students, listening to students read, or lending a helping hand. If you have any time and would be interested, please let us know. We would also like to invite you to visit our school's website. This will serve as a resource tool for all upcoming events, student/parent handbook, important reminders, and our "Barks and Growls" newspaper.

We would like to thank you for the continued support

that you give to your children and encourage you to continue to play a very active part in their learning by talking to them about their studies, encouraging them to read, making sure they complete their homework, and checking their planner (if available). We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure each child can achieve his or her highest potential. We recognize that, in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We thank you in advance for your continued support and guidance, and we look forward to seeing you throughout the 2016- 2017 school year.

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Eric Hon

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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 September is Senior Holly Tate, daughter of Troy and Jana Tate. Mrs. Bauman, Special Education Teacher, states, "I find Holly to be an extraordinary student. She works incredibly hard to keep her grades as high as possible. Holly is not ashamed to ask for help when it is needed. She goes to tutoring sessions after school and still participates in sports, while maintaining her grades. Holly is a loving and caring person. She helps others when she can. She is an excellent teacher's assistant. She is calm and patient with other students. I believe Holly is an extraordinary person. I admire all that she does, which would overwhelm many people. Holly is the type of person who will be able to achieve any goals she sets. I have worked with many students over the years, and while Holly is only in my class on Monday and Friday as a teaching assistant, I find her to be an impressive student and person. I have observed this behavior from her since I began teaching here. Holly does not waiver." Keith Smith, English Teacher, states, "Holly is ALWAYS willing to help any student with problems. Very respectful of teachers. Never derogatory and always compassionate." Brad Dunkin, History Teacher, states, "Holly is a dedicated, inquisitive, and reliable. Her contributions to our school are unmatched and highly valued."

Holly is a member of Ballard Honor Society, PAW PRIDE (Personal Responsibility Is Delivering Encouragement), a JH/HS Student Leadership Program that works with both elementary and high school age students, Art Club, High School Scholar Bowl, and a member of the volleyball team.

For Holly'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, Josh Nieder, Holly Tate, and Principal Eric Hon

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Check it Out!!!

There is a variety of ways to keep informed on school happenings. We encourage you to utilize any or all of these:

The district website at www.ballardr2.net is a good place to start for many types of information. You'll find an activity calendar and menus for lunch and breakfast. The complete Board of Education Policy is there, as well as the Student Handbook. The Counselor page has a lot of good information, including ACT Testing; A+ Program; Jr. High / High School Class Schedule and Scholarship information. Each month, a color version of the school newspaper "Barks 'n' Growls" is posted. Be sure to visit the district website for all this and much more!

Also, on the website is a link to PowerSchool, our student information system. By utilizing this link, parents can access individual student information. A parent can check student attendance, current grades and lunch balances. If you have already been using this feature, your login information has not changed. If you need login information, just call the school and we'll give it to you.

The school has a Facebook page which is used for several types of announcements. There is a link to this page on the district website, or you can search on your Facebook page for Ballard RII School District. We use the Facebook page to share

reminders for upcoming events, announcements, fun things happening at school, etc. Click "Like" on the school's Facebook page to receive posts in your own news feed.

We have two text notification groups available (Remind). To join the High School group with a smartphone (Open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/ballardhig; then follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.) If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications by Texting the message @ballardhig to the number 81010. (school closings and other allschool info). To join the Elementary School group with a smartphone (Open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/ballardele; then follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.) If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications by Texting the message @ballardele to the number 81010. Information provided by this service will include: school closings, activities, athletics, and other all-school info).

As much as possible, urgent notifications are shared all three ways: www.ballardr2.net, Facebook, and text message. Less urgent items may be shared on the website and/or Facebook page, but not by text. The more options you utilize, the more informed you'll be!

Morgan's Matter of Facts

By Morgan Meade

1. In Paris, France, people sneeze.
2. The forefathers aren't the only four fathers.
3. Fart is 75% art.
4. Most divorced men were once married.
5. Nineteen letters long is nineteen letters long.
6. Take your age, subtract two then add two, that is your age.
7. You were once the youngest person on earth.
8. Today is the day after yesterday.
9. If $x=y$, then $y=x$.
10. Eminem is the real slim shady.



September Birthdays October Birthdays

6 Taylor Wilcox
6 McKinley Brewster
7 Zoie Wheeler
10 Payson Hill
14 Holly Tate
20 Kayla Wainscott
23 River Clark

23 Austin Carpenter
26 Dayne Greer
29 Lexie Ward
30 Lilly Rotert
30 Amanda Teagarden

4 Serenity Morris
7 Zoe Fredrick
7 Jacob Eidson
8 Audrey Foster
12 Sudie Callahan

15 Kelsie Karo
17 Cade Callahan
17 Jailynn Wheeler
17 Morgan Wheeler



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Tori Kiffer, 17, is the daughter of Jim and Angie Kiffer, and is the sister of Nikki Skeens and Jimmy Kiffer.

Some of her favorites include the color magenta, tacos, Chipotle, and the songs "Turn the Page" by Bob Seger and "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Metallica. Tori's dream car is a 1970 SS454 Chevelle.

Her hobbies are hanging out with family, going to MoKan Dragway, riding her 2 stroke dirt bike, and, of course, shopping. Tori's extracurricular activities include: FFA, Pep Club, Art Club, and Trapshooting. Tori has too many pet peeves to count.

Tori's plans for the future, are to continue working on her nursing, hopefully finishing up LPN classes, and then possibly joining the Missouri Highway Patrol. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Tori answered, "I see myself married to the love of my life, having a somewhat large home with 2 kids, a decent amount of cattle and a '70 Chevelle in my driveway." Tori's famous last words are "Morgan, you're freak-ing me out!"



By Aiyana Murchie



Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

FAMILY

It has been an exciting few months in Kindergarten. I have been so impressed with all the great work they have been doing. We have accomplished a lot of learning. Some of the big things happening in Kindergarten are that we have been talking about family and friends in both our reading and social studies. We have talked about how they celebrate through traditions and how they work together. We are learning several sight words and are already starting to read. We have been practicing letters through writing and working on the sounds they make. We will be celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday by having a fun day with all things apple. This also goes with the letter of the week which is letter 'A'. Some kindergarten favorites are recess, lunch, and art. Ian Campbell says his favorite thing about kindergarten is getting to learn. Aspyn Eidson's favorite thing about kindergarten is getting to go to specials.

Written by Mrs. Hathcock
Formatted by Aiyana Murchie

Second to None

Mrs. West

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you are as much fun as we are.

The Second grade has started the year by learning what a map is, how to use a compass and a map. The year has started great, and Mrs. West expects amazing things from her students this year. She hopes this will be a fun and enjoyable year for everyone— including herself.



By Mikayla Whitaker

Thrilling Third

Ms. Goucher



The first month of school is almost behind us, and third grade is off to a great start. We have been reviewing skills we may have forgotten over the summer and learning new skills. This month in science we reviewed the life cycle of a plant. We took a hands-on approach by planting seeds and watching them grow in the classroom. Students could plant sunflowers, pumpkins, squash or flowers. Both Cash and Troy's plants grew very quickly giving the class the opportunity to see the seed coat split and the roots grow. This was very exciting!

Third grade has also been working on goal-setting. Students have set personal goals for themselves in reading, trying hard to improve their reading level. Next month we will be investigating pumpkins and conducting an experiment over buoyancy. Will the pumpkin sink or float? Third grade will inform you about our findings in next month's article.

By Ms. Goucher
Formatted by Maddy Murray

Ballard R-2 Receives USDA-Rural Development Grant

On September 15, 2016, the USDA Rural Development State Director Janie Dunning announced a Community Facility (CF) Grant of \$4,344 to the Ballard R-II School District. The funds were used to purchase advanced technology equipment, quality educational support equipment and security equipment to provide a safe classroom environment for the new school year.

"Schools are where students learn the fundamentals needed to advance as they grow. As technology changes, it's important for schools to keep up with the equipment needed to continue providing great education," said Dunning. "The Ballard R-II School District does a great job of providing a classroom environment that is conducive to a healthy learning experience. Rural Development is proud to assist this school district in purchasing new classroom equipment."

With the Rural Development funding, in addition to

funding provided by the school district, Ballard was able to purchase iPads, printers, whiteboards, keyboard programs, 2-way radios and new door mechanisms.

Ballard R-II School District has been in existence for more than 95 years and serves 130 students and faculty.

The CF Loan and Grant program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. These facilities are dedicated to providing service to the local community for orderly development. Further information on additional programs is available by visiting the USDA Missouri Rural Development website at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/mo>. Interested parties may also contact the Clinton Area Office at (660) 885-5567, Ext 4.

Mr. Siebeneck stated in a note: "On behalf of the Ballard R-2 School District, I would like to thank the USDA-Rural Development for the grant that has been bestowed on the District. We would especially like to thank Melody Roach for informing us about this grant and the work that she has put in to help us secure this grant."

The grant would be used to install the Guardian Angel Security devices in each classroom. Grades K-2 will receive 3 iPads for each classroom for their use in learning technology. Electronic pianos in the music room will broaden the musical interest in students and help students learn how to play the piano. Two outdoor tables will be used for students at lunch as well as for an outdoor classroom. Hand-held radios were purchased to be used by the teachers for communicating with the offices when taking students outdoors. The kindergarten classroom will be getting a white board. A large fan for the gym has been ordered as well.

Information provided by The USDA

Typed by Adelyne Dowse



(L-R): Representative Patricia Pike, Melody Roach, Janie Dunning, John Siebeneck, Don Lucietta, Kelly Gregory, Steve Walsh

First Comes First

Mrs. Ordal

This year the first grade classroom has been transformed into Seussville. Everything is Dr. Seuss related. Please stop by and see our room when you are in the building. We are under the motto: "The more that you read, the more things you will know; the more that you learn, the more places you'll go!" We have already come so far in just four short weeks. Our handwriting has improved a lot, our math skills have improved; we are reading, reading, reading, and learning to spell. We have read and made maps, learned about rules, and why they are necessary; and we write every day in our journals. Next week we will be learning and reading about Johnny Appleseed. We are going to work with the Kindergarten class to make applesauce and decide what type of apples we like best. Due to our good line behavior in the hallway and at recess, we are having a reward party already. The entire class is anxiously awaiting Halloween!



Written By Mrs. Ordal
Typed By Morgan Meade

Fiesty Fifth

Miss Norton

In the 5th Grade we have been working really hard. In math we are studying decimals and preparing for our first math test of the year. In social studies we have been working with our partner to discover interesting facts about different regions in the U.S. For science we have begun classifying animals into categories. We have read several stories in reading and are working hard on our vocabulary words. For English we are working on sentence structure and writing personal narratives.

During band time we are learning to read music. Library time is spent reading Matilda, or watching the movie that goes along with the book. It's really good! In art we are working on our 100-colors project. We enjoy PE class because we play a lot of games. We also stretch and work out our core muscles. Self-control is a skill we are working on in counseling class. Good luck to all the kids and teens this school year as you work hard in sports and in class. Keep those grades up!



Written by Lilly Rotert
Typed by Ray Cummings

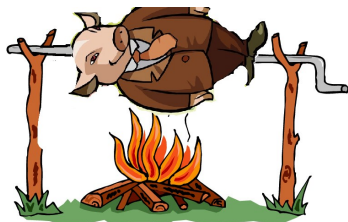
Fantastic Fourth

Mrs. Moore

The Fourth Graders are having a great start to the school year! Sam even stated that he had heard many people were doing well in math, and Nate said that they are learning a lot about place values. Zoie said that she has enjoyed learning about the constitution. They even celebrated Constitution Day! Jon said that learning cursive was "real amazing" and that he really likes the Guardian Angel Devices. Isaiah simply said, "We're happy!" They seem to be having a great time in the Fourth Grade room!



Typed by Mrs. Moore
Formatted by Adelyne Dowse



Well we are back in school, summer is ending, and fall is beginning. Our class is starting to cook up some ideas for the Sophomore Hog Roast in November. So tell your friends and family! We hope everyone has a great year!

Written by Megan Mantonya and Kelsie Karo
Typed by Maddy Murray

The Snake That Came to Visit



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The fifth grade class had an unexpected visitor, Monday afternoon, September 19.

Janitor, Sonny Mahan was called down to the room to remove the slithering visitor. According to Sonny, it was a baby Bull Snake, measuring around a foot long.

Once he had it secured in his gloved hand, the students were able to look and pet the snake if they chose to. Miss Norton was very glad to get back in her classroom and resume class after the excitement.

By Cheryl Murchie

Snazzy Sixth

Mrs. Eidson

It has been a great start to the school year! We are beginning to learn many new things. In math, we just took a test over rates and ratios. In science, we took another test over classification, and we are getting ready to start cells.



We have learned about ancient people, and the tools they used in social studies. In writing, we are all writing personal narratives. In reading, we are reading "The Bridge to Terabithia." To be continued!

By Macie, Lexie, and Alexis
Formatted by Camryn East

Silly Sophomores

Funny Freshmen

Let's start this year off right, and then go out with a bang. Don't forget to come out to the Ballard Volleyball games and Junior High Basketball games to support the teams and freshmen class with our bake sale/raffle.



Written by McKinley Brewster
Typed by Andrew Hon

Jazzy Juniors

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great summer. I hope everyone has a great year. Don't forget to come out and support the volleyball team and our Junior class concession stand.



Written by Savana Allen
Typed by Andrew Hon



Everlasting English

Mr. Smith

This month the eighth and Freshman English classes are continuing to work on weekly spelling and vocab. The sophomores are reading short stories of both fiction and non-fiction genres, and will soon be starting Julius Caesar. Junior English is currently reading short stories about Native American history, and have just finished reading the Declaration of Independence and Patrick Henry's Liberty or Death speech. They are also beginning to read early 1800's writing by Irving, Emerson, Thoreau, and more.

College Prep is currently reading writing during the Anglo/Saxon time period, and are getting ready to read Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer. The Career Prep class is currently working on finding themselves, and every Friday the students work with Mrs. Bridges to figure out what colleges they are interested in and discuss scholarships.

By Holly Tate



Scientific Notation

Mr. Brewster

The start of the year couldn't have gone better. The 7th graders have started studying Astronomy. In 8th grade, we are going over Geology. States of matter is currently being studied by the freshmen class. Biology 1 is going to continue studying the cells and their environment.



Written by Mr. Brewster
Typed by Andrew Hon

Sarcastic Seniors

Welcome back everyone! We are so excited for our senior year. We have a couple more fundraisers before we go on senior trip. Speaking of fundraisers, we have a fish fry coming up October 1st that we invite you all out to enjoy! Additional details will be on a flyer inserted in the newspaper. We would appreciate your support. Contact a senior or class sponsor for tickets.

By Aiyana Murchie



Adventures in History

Mr. Dunkin

This month the history classes are doing a variety of studies. First, the seventh grade geography class is concluding their analyses on the physical characteristics of the globe. Later, they will begin to learn about the human aspects of geography, and will lead up to focusing on individual countries. Second, the eighth grade U.S. history class is delving into the meeting of the new world, the old world, and exploring the everyday life of the colonists. Ninth grade U.S. history is reviewing the Civil War in addition to the reconstruction period directly after, and will later move to the west and industrialization.

The world history class is beginning to examine the classical era, which includes both the Greek and Roman empires. Finally, the Government classes are currently learning about where the idea of government came from and how ours was established. They will also continue to pay close attention to the election going on.



By Holly Tate

FFA/Ag

Mr. Bridges

The FFA started the year off great! Just a couple days after school began, we started our fruit sales. The person who sells the most will get to attend National Convention! This year we will be taking 10 students to Indianapolis at the end of October. We also just finished doing concessions for the Kalee Chandler Scholarship Fund Rodeo. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us!



By Tori Kiffer
Formatted by Morgan Meade



Art

Mrs. DesCombes



Every month Mrs. DesCombes will pick a young artist from each grade, K-6, to be an "Artist of the Month." These students show artistic skill, leadership, and good behavior in the art room.

This month's winners are:

Kindergarten, Aspyn Eidson - Aspyn has a BIG imagination and a great attitude.

First Grade, Owen Meade - Owen has original ideas and is detail oriented. He gives his 100% effort every time.

Second Grade, Ashton Siebeneck - Ashton is a great leader in the classroom. No matter what art project we are working on I can count on Ashton to create something new!

Third Grade, Autumn Hastings - Autumn is very good at mixing colors! She also takes her time and does her best work possible.

Fourth Grade, Audrey Foster - Audrey is a natural artist. She puts her unique twist on all of her artwork.

Fifth Grade, Donovan Card - Donovan has an original way of creating artwork. He has ideas that only he could think of and executes them with skill.

Sixth Grade, Averie Bales - Averie takes her time and does her best work possible. She is excited about art and it shows in her work.

Written by Mrs. DesCombes
Formatted by Ray Cummings



Bulldog Puppies

Mrs. Meade



This month we have been reviewing letters, colors, and are beginning to learn the Pledge of Allegiance. The Preschoolers are struggling with the words to the Pledge of Allegiance, but are making great progress. We are also working on cutting skills and writing. We count up to the day of the month and talk about the current weather, and read at least one story every day.



(L-R) Huntlee Myrtle, Vivian Greer, Sofia Porter, Morris Bergman, Chandler Borland, and Charles Fisher

Math Tweets

Mrs. Kershner

Math at Ballard is off to a great start! Almost all of Mrs. Kershner's students started the year by practicing some problem solving strategies, while learning a little about how our brains work. Now, the classes are studying various things -- 7th graders are working on number skills, while the 8th grade is exploring exponent rules. The Algebra 1 class is previewing the 3 big ideas for the year at the same time as they learn to distinguish the relationships between changing quantities.

Algebra 2 is delving into absolute value equations and inequalities. The Geometry class has finished a review of symmetry, and the Integrated Math class has been solving word problems--lots of word problems! Our one College Algebra student is adjusting to working from a college syllabus and learning to roll with the punches where internet connectivity is concerned. All in all, it looks like a great start to another year of math.

Written by Mrs. Kershner
Formatted by Holly Tate



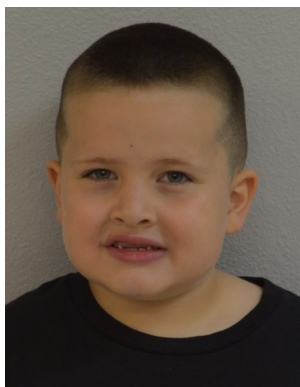
New Faces



What is your name? Ian Campbell
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Fantastic Four
Food: Apples
Color: Orange
Holiday: Easter
Sport: Basketball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Farmer



What is your name? Nathaniel Fischer
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Transformers
Food: Pizza
Color: Red
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Soccer
What would you like to be when you grow up? Nathaniel



What is your name? Braydon Siebeneck
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Power Rangers
Food: Corn Dogs
Color: Blue
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Police Officer



What is your name? Lane Meade
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Jurassic Park
Food: Broccoli
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Bull rider



What is your name? Zayden Miller
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Paw Patrol
Food: Bananas
Color: Red and Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Swimming
What would you like to be when you grow up? Police



What is your name? Aspyn Edison
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Frozen
Food: Cottage Cheese
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Teacher



What is your name? Nathan Bales
What grade are you in? 1st
What is your favorite:
Movie: Kung Fu Panda
Food: Pizza
Color: Red and Blue
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Basketball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Cop



What is your name? Gavin Schliem
What grade are you in? 1st
What is your favorite:
Movie: Amazing World of Gumball
Food: Taco Salad
Color: Green
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Soccer
What would you like to be when you grow up? A coach

New Faces continued



What is your name? Noah Bales
What grade are you in? 2nd
What is your favorite:
Movie:
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Food: Pizza
Color: Blue
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: None
What would you like to be when you grow up?
In the Airforce



What is your name? Nephi Hon
What grade are you in? 2nd
What is your favorite:
Movie: Goosebumps
Food: Mac and Cheese
Color: Orange
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Cop



What is your name? Autumn Hastings
What grade are you in? 3rd
What is your favorite:
Movie: Pokémon
Food: Pizza
Color: Pink
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Sport: Soccer
What would you like to be when you grow up? Vet



What is your name?
Alexis Nicole Elaine Hastings
What grade are you in? 6th
What is your favorite:
Movie: Full Out and Cowgirls and Angels
Food: Fried deer tenderloin
Color: Blue and Purple
Holiday: Christmas
Sport:
Cheer, Volleyball and Soccer
What would you like to be when you grow up? Engineer



What is your name?
Averie Bales
What grade are you in? 6th
What is your favorite:
Movie: Girl Meets World
Food: Bacon
Color: Midnight Blue
Holiday: My Birthday
Sport: Softball, Volleyball and Basketball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Artist, Chef or a Singer

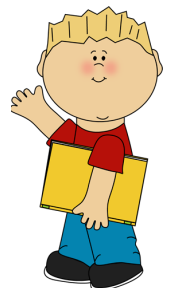


What is your name? McKinley Brewster
What grade are you in?
Freshman
What is your favorite:
Movie: Finding Nemo
Food: Pizza Rolls
Color: Green
Holiday: New Years
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Scientific Engineer



What is your name? Andrew Hon
What grade are you in? Junior
What is your favorite:
Movie: Harry Potter Series
Food: Spaghetti
Color: Orange
Holiday: My Birthday
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? MLB player

Welcome to Ballard!



New Faces continued



Meet our new Principal and Teacher!



What is your name? Eric Hon

What class do you teach? Principal

What is your favorite:

Movie or Show? Any Star Wars Movie

Food? Any type of Chicken

Color? Royal Blue

Holiday? Christmas

Sport? Basketball

What do you enjoy about being Principal? I enjoy working with the students and staff to make Ballard the best it can be.



What is your name? Maggie Mae Norton

What class do you teach? 5th grade & 6th grade Social Studies and reading

What is your favorite:

Movie or Show? Aladdin

Food? Pizza or Tacos

Color? Purple

Holiday? Christmas

Sport? Softball

What do you enjoy about teaching? I love teaching history! I think it is interesting learning about the history, traditions, geography and culture of different places. I also enjoy getting to know my students and helping them learn to succeed.

By Maddy Murray

The Librarianiferous Report

Greetings from the library! Welcome to a new school year!

Here in the Library, the entire staff is as busy as Santa's elves, getting new books ready for the shelf. When students come into the library, new books are displayed on top of the shelves. Those new books are so anxious to go home with somebody! Please come in and see for yourself!

We do have some big news, too. Jean Harris, a REAL WRITER from our area has given our library a copy of her new book Biscuit the Cat, and she will be coming to read it for the elementary as soon as we can make the arrangements. This will be the first time (at least in the last 19 years) that we have a writer visit our library.

The second bit of news is that BOOK FAIR will be later than it usually is. This year it will be DECEMBER 5-9. Our Scholastic representative tells me there was some kind of mix-up. This is the week of the music concert and Grandparent's Day.

Finally, our library snoops tell us that the Drama Club has started preparations for the fall play. Those loyal thespians are already in rehearsal for an OCTOBER 29 performance of fall comedies: Lucy Has A Baby and Money to Burn. Please save the date for us!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful school year— — — — Mrs. Wiskur and the entire library staff.

P.S. Big News! Big, BIG news: A local organization, the Enterprise Club, which consists of members who are mostly Ballard alumni, has donated money for some library books. The club members all signed a page in the front of each book and listed their graduation year. We are so happy and grateful for their generous donation! These gifts will touch so many lives.

Written by Mrs. Wiskur
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Sports Page

By Camryn East and Adelyne Dowse

Volleyball Toughing It Out With the Tigers

Bulldogs Withstood The Whirlwinds

The Bulldogs played a very intense game against the Archie Whirlwinds. We struggled temporarily but we kept our heads in the game and kept with them. We didn't put up a win, but we played our hearts out and put up a good fight.



Pictured above: Amanda Teagarden

On September 20, 2016, the Bulldogs had a tough battle against the Kingsville Tigers. They had a lot of good passes and had quite a few good kills. Holly Tate and Morgan Wheeler were our top passers and Addie Dowse had a total of two blocks. They didn't come out with a win, but they put up a very good fight and kept their heads up the whole time.



Pictured above: Megan Mantonya

Dog Fight!

Our Ballard Bulldogs fought the Appleton City Bulldogs on August 25, 2016. They played two sets and fought the whole way through. Even though they didn't pull out a win, they learned a lot from the game and have been working to fix their mistakes.



Meet the Lady Bulldogs



- First Row (L-R):**
 Jailynn Wheeler
 Morgan Wheeler
 Holly Tate
 McKinley Brewster
 Maddy Murray
- Second Row (L-R):**
 Megan Mantonya
 Amanda Teagarden
 Kayla Wainscott
 Adelyne Dowse
 Micah Patrick
 Kelsie Karo
 Savana Allen

Junior Lady Bulldogs

September 19, 2016 was the first home game, and the Junior High Lady Bulldogs dominated over the Kingsville Lady Tigers! The girls worked very well together for it being their first game of the season. Before the game even started, they were extremely pumped up, and ready to win. The stands were packed with tons of excited fans. We all enjoyed watching them fight for an outstanding victory!

Lady Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh
September 20, 2016

Ballard	26
Bronaugh	12

Boys Tame the Tigers



The Junior High boys played the Kingsville Tigers after the girls on September 19, 2016. They were a little nervous at first, but once they got out on the court, the nerves were gone. Dylan Tippie was the leading scorer with 14 points. The boys played hard, but in the end, they fell short. Keep working hard, boys!



Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh September 20, 2016	
Ballard	9
Bronaugh	20



Gatorade Games

The Gatorade Games went well! We had teams of staff members, Alumni, and we split our Ballard volleyball team into two teams. Each team played each other at least once, if not twice. The staff and alumni weren't making it easy for our volleyball teams. It was a fun night! We want to thank everyone for coming out and supporting us!



Pictured above: **First Row (L-R):** Sheena Wainscott, Timber Wainscott, Samantha Walsh, Tomi Pasteur, **Second Row (L-R):** Charity Engelhardt, Jacque Porter, Heather Hon, Katrina Bergman, Tara Vermillion

Written by Savana Allen
Formatted by Camryn East

Meet the Bulldogs

Meet our Junior High basketball teams! They have been working really hard at practice, and are very excited to start playing in games. We wish them good luck in their upcoming basketball season!

Junior High Girls

First Row (L-R): Ashton Carullo, Lexie Ward, Serenity Morris, Averie Bales
Second Row (L-R): Coach Bobby Brewster, Briana Arredondo, Taylor Wilcox, Kailee Smith, Sudie Callahan, Sierra Ferguson, Manager Lily Rotert



Junior High Boys



First Row (L-R): Cody Bridges, Wyatt Blair, Dylan Tippie, Kale Oerke, Clayton Bridges
Second Row (L-R): Payton Miller, River Clark, Jentry Bergman

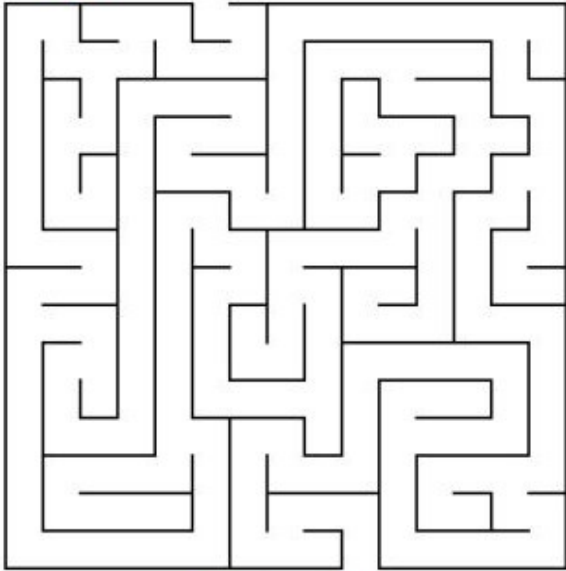


Fun Page



Back to School Maze

Help the boy find his way through the maze to the school bus.



What do you get if you cross a cat with a bottle of vinegar? A sourpuss!

What did the cowboy say when the bear ate Lassie? "Well, doggone!"

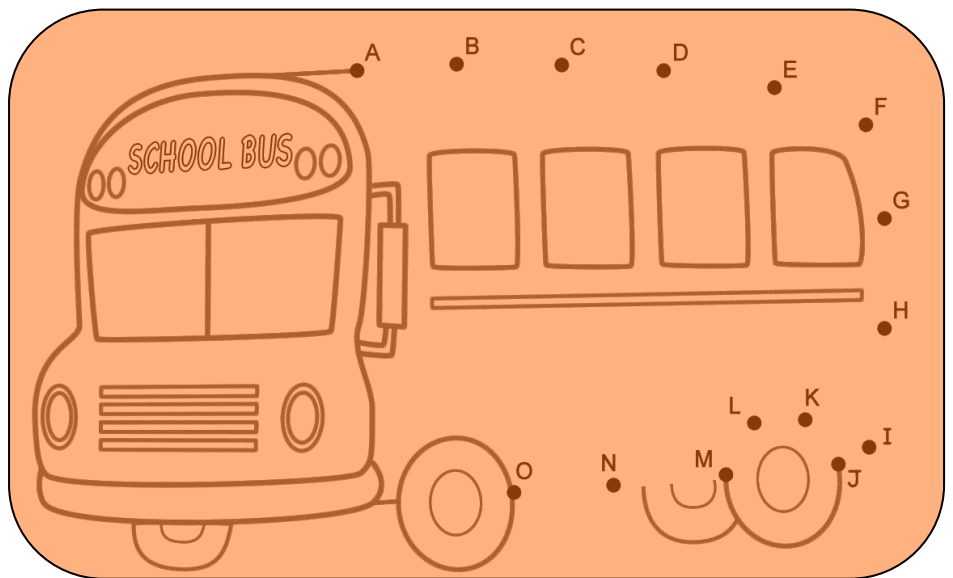
Why did the cookie go to the hospital? Because he felt crummy!

What do you call a crate of ducks? A box of quackers!

Why did everyone at the party like Mr. Mushroom? Because he was a fungi!

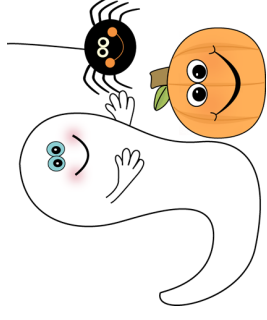
What do you call an artic cow? An eskimoo!

What is a teachers favorite nation? Expla-nation!





OCTOBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Youth Volleyball games 1pm 	3	4	5 FFA Trap 4:10pm 4-H 6/7pm 	6 VB/JHBB vs Calhoun 5pm 	7 VB/JHBB @ Sheldon 5pm 	1 Senior Class Fish Fry 5-8pm
9	10	11 VB vs Chillhowee 5:30 **Senior Night** Scholar Bowl @ Bronaugh	12 FFA Trap 4:10pm 	13 Ft Scott Math Relays VB/JHBB @ Miami 5pm 	14 End of Otr 1 Pep Assembly VB/JHBB @ NEVC 5pm 	8 GVVC Conf VB Tournament @ Hume
16	17 Start Otr 2 VB Districts @ Drexel 	18 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	19 FFA National Convention 	20 Clinton College/Career Fair 6pm PTO Meeting 6:00pm JHBB vs East Lynne 6pm	21 	15 PTO Fall Festival 2-5pm
23	24 JHBB Conf Tournament @ NEVC 	25	26	27	28 No Vo Tech GVVC Conf Choir @ Cottey College 11:30am-3pm	22 PTO Fall Festival 2-5pm
30	31 HALLOWEEN EARLY OUT 1:05PM					29 Fall Play 7pm