



# Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL  
Second Edition, October 30, 2018

## From the Superintendent's Desk...

The first quarter of the 2018-2019 school year is now complete. It seems that this school year is going by fast. With the first quarter complete, that also means that we are now nearing the end of the volleyball and junior high basketball seasons. I hope that everyone had the opportunity to come and watch the teams in action, as they were exciting to watch. High School basketball practice starts on October 29, 2018. I encourage all high school students to take the opportunity to participate if they have any desire to do so.

On November 9, 2018 we will be having a Veterans Day Program at 1:30 p.m. to honor our veterans. This day is very important in that we honor our veterans who have served in our military. If you have the opportunity, please try to attend this special event.

I would also like to inform the school community and the school district of Ballard R-2 that we are here to provide any school age individual the opportunity for an education. If you know of any foster child or homeless child who is not receiving an education please inform the school liaison, (John Siebeneck) and we will be in contact with them. If you should have any questions about education for homeless or foster care students, please contact John Siebeneck at 816-297-2656.

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 so therefore we are accustomed to adapting. I am sure that we will get through these changes as we have gotten through so many others.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be less than 2 months away. Again, time seems to be going by fast. With that being said, I encourage everyone to take an active part in the community. This is the community's school. Be proud of it and be part of it. If you should have any questions about the district, please feel free to contact me at the school (816-297-2656).

October will soon be over. Start getting excited about the next 7 months of school. It will be a learning experience.

John Siebeneck,  
Superintendent, Ballard R-2 School District

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## Principal's Corner

Administrators and teachers everywhere recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily. One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. Our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 18th from 1:30-7:30.

With first quarter completed, we are finding teachers have established school standards and rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. This means giving the children a specific place to find and keep materials, a set schedule for classroom instruction, etc. These routines, blended with the teacher's consistent standards, form a smooth-running classroom where the children have the security of understanding their environment and are reinforced positively for their contributions.

At home, it is also important to provide routines. Many families build a daily "quiet time" when the television is turned off. This quiet time provides students the oppor-

tunity for completing schoolwork or for recreational reading if there is no homework. The routine of a daily quiet time provides an opportunity to develop self-discipline, stimulate imagination, and enhance reading skills. Teachers also rely on parents as an extension of their classroom by involving parents in a variety of ways: checking planners, looking through backpacks as a team (student and parent), listening to your child read, signing tests and grade reports, reviewing study guides, or providing guidance on projects.

Commitment to the best, for our children on the part of parents, students and staff is the key to our success with the children we teach. It is the hope of the staff that all parents will help us fulfill this commitment to excellence on behalf of ALL children at Ballard. School and home can work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self-worth. Working together allows us to provide the best opportunity for every student to be successful.

Thank you for your continued support! Please feel free to contact me at the school at any time if you have questions or ideas.

Dustin Bridges,  
Principal, Ballard R-2 School District

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# Mr. Siebeneck Wins Big

At the annual Missouri Association of Rural Education, (MARE), and Missouri K-8 Association fall conference six state awards were presented. This year Mr. Siebeneck was the recipient of the Outstanding Rural Administrator. Mr. Siebeneck was presented this award at the fall conference luncheon on Thursday, October 18 by the president of MARE Mr. Darryl Pannier.

John Siebeneck serves as the Superintendent of Schools for the Ballard R-II School District located in Butler, Missouri. He has been with the Ballard R-II School District since 1990. John Siebeneck was nominated by the following members of the Ballard community.

Tina Oerke, former Board member shares, "Mr. Siebeneck worked diligently to make sure that the district was in the best financial position possible. He strived to meet deadlines and maintain open communication with all Board members. He worked tirelessly to improve district facilities as well as to extend opportunities for the students of the district. John has touched many lives and the students of the Ballard R-II School District are truly better for having the opportunity to know him."

Raelynn Kershner, former Math teacher at Ballard R-II had this to say, "It is difficult to encompass the breadth of influence that John Siebeneck has had on our school and community. His influence is best expressed by the lives of productive citizens, graduates of Ballard R-II over the past 29 years. John joined the Ballard school family in 1990 and quickly became a part of the community. As social studies teacher and an exceptionally talented coach, he worked to instill the values of hard work, excellence and balance in the lives of his student-athletes. In his role as K-12 Principal, he led the district to recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School. Now as Superintendent, Mr. Siebeneck continues to lead by example and to



serve the students, teachers and community selflessly."

Kerri Loyd, Ballard R-II District Bookkeeper, shares, "During his time at Ballard, John has served as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. Since becoming Superintendent, he has intentionally demonstrated his commitment to remain an active part of the day to day life of students. On any given day, you may see him helping a child with homework, participating in a class presentation, being the ice cream in a human

sundae or just listening if a student needs a sounding board. He helps with serving lunch, cleans up messes, shovels snow. He works hard to show staff how much they are appreciated."

Jim Kershner, former English teacher, notes, "John Siebeneck is a fine man. His integrity is beyond question. He lives by a standard of conduct that he will not violate. He conducts himself with courtesy and consideration to all people. The excellence of the Ballard R-II School District is due in large part to his leadership and personal commitment to our school and community for the past 29 years."

Carrie Scott shares, "Mr. Siebeneck has played a huge role in developing who I am today, not only as an educator, but also as an individual. I can only hope to serve this community as long and as faithfully as he has. I assure you that there is no better candidate for this award."

When this reporter interviewed Mr. Siebeneck about this award he stated, "I am honored to not only too have received this award but to be nominated and spoke of so highly of. I thank the Ballard community for making my job enjoyable and rewarding. Special thanks goes to Kerri Loyd, Jim Kershner, Raelynn Kershner, Tina Oerke, and Carrie Scott for the wonderful letters of recommendation."

Written and Formatted by Jackson Rotert

# Congratulations Mr. Siebeneck



# Student of the Month

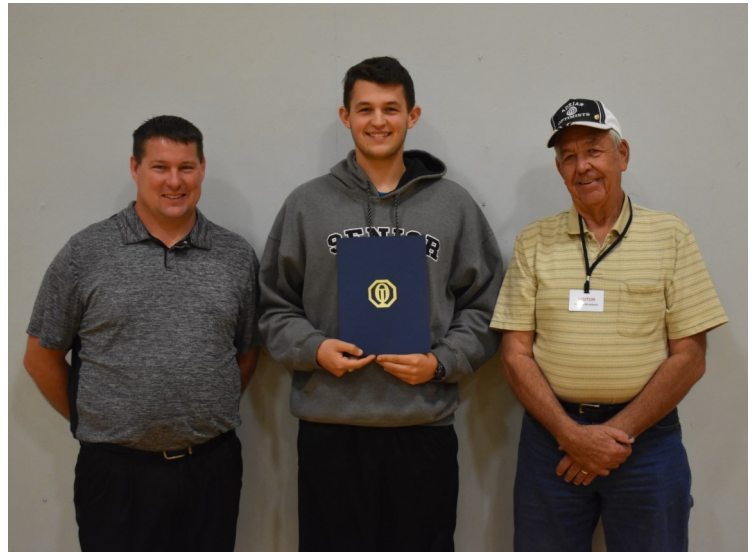
The Ballard R-II School District is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Adrian Optimist Club to honor a Student of the Month for the 2018-2019 school year.

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 October is senior Jackson Rotert, son of Chris and Michelle Rotert. Fifth grade teacher Kelsi Bergen states, "He is an excellent role model to the preschoolers and they absolutely adore him. He always makes a point to say hello to them when he sees them outside of class." Technology teacher Cheryl Murchie states, "Jackson is a student I can count on to do any task I give him. He makes sure he does the very best he can to see any goal he has set for himself completed. He has a great sense of humor and always tries to have a smile for everyone."

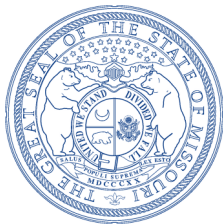
Jackson was recently chosen to be a member of PAW PRIDE (Personal Responsibility Is Delivering Encouragement), a JH/HS Student Leadership Program that works with both elementary and high school age students. Jackson is also a member of the BHS, basketball team, and baseball team

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



Pictured to the right (L-R): Principal Dustin Bridges, Jackson Rotert and Optimist Member Jerry Ferguson

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# Missouri Day



Did you know that we have an official day? It's true, our state has an official day! Missouri Day was observed through-out the state on Wednesday, October 17.

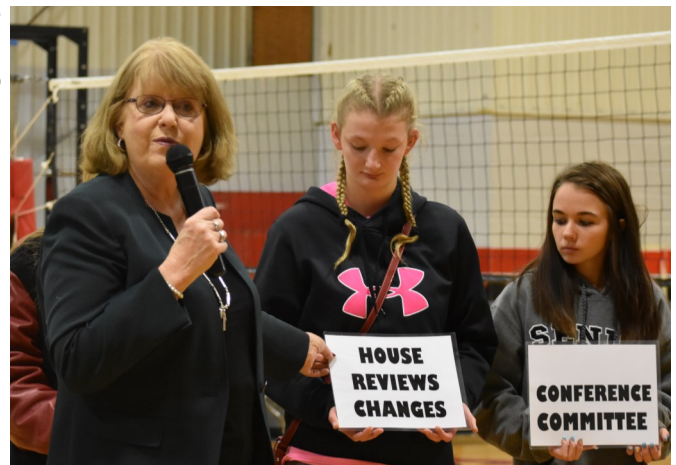
Missouri Day was first introduced to the Missouri legislature in 1915 by Anna Brosius Korn, a school teacher, writer, and historian. She wanted a day set aside to commemorate Missouri history and to be observed in all Missouri schools.

After several revisions through-out the years, the third Wednesday of October was chosen to be Missouri Day.

To celebrate the day with us, Patricia Pike, our state representative, came to Ballard and talked about the "Show Me State". She shared many interesting facts on how our state was founded and some key figures in the history of Missouri. Mrs. Pike also showed us pictures of our state symbols.

Did you know Missouri had a state dinosaur? Neither did we! It is called a Hypsibema Missouriensis.

The third grade class also gave an awesome presentation sharing facts about our state. Ballard gives a big thank you to Patricia Pike for coming to our school to share about Missouri!



By Ms. Murchie and Kelsi (Karo) Murray





# Freaky First

Mrs. Smith



# Sweet Second

Mrs. West



October has been an exciting month for first grade. In Math we have been working on counting to 120 from any number. We also have been working with addition and subtraction. In Social Studies we have been talking about our community and ended the unit with making a map of our classroom. In Language Arts we have been reviewing the parts of a sentence. We also have been talking about the difference between fiction and nonfiction. Since it is October, we are getting ready to start an informational unit on spiders. It will be loads of fun!

Spooky stories about creepy green hands, flying mammals, and a monster made by Dr. Frankenstein have kept the second grade class busy this October.

They have worked diligently on their writing skills this month. We are learning about how the perfect adjectives can make our writing pop! They are such a creative group of learners. We have displayed our writing outside our classroom, so please take the time to enjoy their writing if you are visiting.

Written by Mrs. Smith  
Typed by Jailynn Wheeler

Written by Mrs. West

# Talented Third

Ms. Kabir

On October 3, the third grade class took a field trip to Frontier Village to learn about life on the frontier. They participated in all activities ranging from learning about old teaching methods, riding the train, spraying a firehose, and traveling in a carriage like they did on the Frontier. Then they tasted apple sauce, apple cider, and ice-cream.

October 17th, which happened to be Missouri day, the third grade class shared some facts about Missouri. They taught the school about our state flag and other state symbols.

By: Jailynn Wheeler



Front row: Ms. Kabir

2nd row: Zoe Frederick, Harry Greer, Jacob Eidson

3rd row: Nathan Bales, Owen Meade, Addilynn Engelhardt, and Gavin Schliem



Pictured above: First row (L-R): Daxtyn Greer, Luke Meade  
Second row (L-R): Bradley Bergschneider, Maggie Foster, Olivia Porter, Abby Bergen

# Ferocious Fourth

Mrs. Moore

This month the Fourth Grade class was so happy to visit Frontier Village. They explored the museum, the old church, the school house and also learned about other houses and buildings from as early as the 1800s. They rode on a cool old train and had a blast on the swinging bridge. They also learned how to make apple cider and apple butter the way people used to make them back in the day. They really loved sitting in the firetruck and helping spray water out of the fire hose. And the ice cream definitely didn't hurt their feelings either!

By Kelsie Karo

# Fantastic Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

In Math we are finishing up prime factorization and we are starting division. During Social Studies we are studying the Nation and the Civil War through the 1920s.

We are also finishing up a book that we wrote and we are studying poetry.

In Reading we set new AR goals and we also had an AR party.



Written by: Celia Campbell  
and Autumn Hastings  
Typed by: Kelsey Pray

# Stubborn Sixth Grade

Ms. Eidson

Everyone in the sixth grade knows the schedule by now; it has gotten pretty easy working with the bell and our lockers. First, in Math we have been learning about presents of numbers. In Social Studies we just finished learning about the Indus Valley Civilization. In ELA we are learning how to make nouns; they are the easiest of them all. Computers is a really fun part of the day because we are doing Prodigy and Sumdog. Last, but not least, in our Science class we are learning about energy resources. These are all of the fun things we have been doing in class. So far it has been an amazing year.



Written by Samuel Setzer  
Formatted by Jailynn Wheeler

# Sassy Seventh



This year in seventh grade is "thrilling!" We are learning how to figure tax in Math. In English we are learning adverbs and adjectives. In History we are learning how governments organize imports and exports. In P.E. we are lifting weights and playing Lacrosse. In Science we are studying the layers of the atmosphere. In Keyboarding we are learning the proper typing technique.

The seventh and eighth graders are hosting a fall dance on November 9th from 7-10 pm. The cost will be \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. We hope to see you there! We would like to give a special thanks to the Ballard staff and to everyone who is contributing to the dance. We appreciate your hard work and all that you do for this school.

Written by: Cade Callahan  
Formatted by: Morgan Wheeler

# Elite Eighth

This month we are writing speeches in Ag over anything related to Agriculture. In English we are learning about figurative writing. We are learning about genetics and traits in Science. In Math we are going over graphing lines in Slope-Intercept Form. Our class is watching Coco in Art for our Day of the Dead project. In History we are learning about the Seven Year War.

Written by: Averie Bales  
Formatted by: Cameron Martin



# Frazzled Freshmen

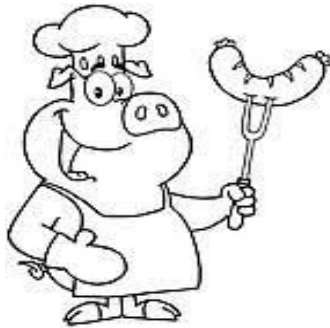
This year has been really fun so far! In Math we have been learning about linear functions. In Science we are learning about the Periodic Table of Elements. In Keyboarding we are making Power Points about our favorite celebrity. In History we are learning about populism. In English we just finished reading and watching the movie The Outsiders.

Written by Briana Arredondo  
Typed by Amanda Teagarden



# Salty Sophomores

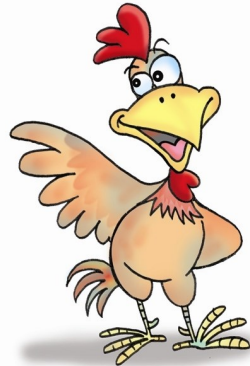
This month we are getting ready for our Hog Roast dinner on November 3. If you are wanting tickets for the sophomore Hog Roast, please ask a sophomore. A lot of us are getting ready for FFA National Convention. We are also trying to keep all our grades up so we are eligible for sports.



Written by: Kailee Smith  
Formatted by: Morgan Wheeler

# Jolly Juniors

The first quarter is already over and we are having a great year so far. We have been working very hard on concession stand and are looking for prom ideas. We are also currently selling chicken drop tickets so, if you would like to purchase any, please contact a Junior or one of our sponsors Mrs. Gregory, or Mr. Dunkin.



Written by: Brianna Pray  
Formatted by: Jailynn Wheeler

# SPUNKY SENIORS

Last month the senior class booked our house on Ponce Inlet beach and this month we have booked our plane tickets! We are so excited to be going on senior trip with each other and our sponsors. We wish everyone a Happy Halloween and to be safe out there trick-or-treating.



We are also getting ready for our second to last senior fundraiser. It is going to be the sale of fudge and nuts and everything will be back by Christmas. If you are interested, contact a senior or Ms. Murchie.

By Kelsie Karo

# Magical Math

Mr. Bergen

Geometry learned about Surface Area, Nets, and Orthographic Drawings with two hands-on activities. For Surface Area and Nets, they observed a figure and then attempted to draw the net for the figure. After drawing their net, they checked with others at their table and, when everyone had an answer, they revealed the actual net. For the Orthographic Drawings, I presented them with the drawing and they had to create the figure

Written by Mr. Bergen  
Formatted by Jackson Rotert



# Everything English

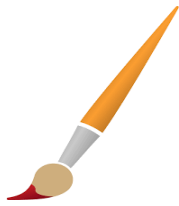
Mrs. Gregory

It has been a fabulous month in the English class room. In October the Novels class has finished Animal Farm and started Frankenstein, just in time for Halloween. Our Speech class has given their first two speeches, and the sophomore class is tackling figurative language. The juniors are learning about the Jazz age and are reading the quintessential book of that age, The Great Gatsby. College Prep has mastered Chaucer and The Canterbury Tales and are working on scholarships and applying to colleges. We are looking forward to November and Thanksgiving.

Written by: Mrs. Gregory  
Formatted by: Kelsey Pray







# outstanding art



Mrs. Larcom

We have already finished our first quarter and it's been awesome!

Advanced art has started working on a mural in the art room.

In 3D art we have been working on soft sculpture of a design of their choosing. We have also researched a famous artwork to carve into a pumpkin.

Art 1 completed a two point perspective maze drawing and are now working on a positive and negative space design.

Drawing class has been working on value scales and learning to shade still life drawings.

Kindergarten and First grade learned about fore ground and back-ground with fall landscapes and have now just finished creating an owl using patterns and texture.

Second and Third grade completed a fall landscape drawing and are now making Halloween silhouettes.

Fourth grade drew a haunted

house using a method of drawing using lines and shapes.

Fifth and Sixth grade learned about Op Art and created Halloween Op Art cubes.

Eighth grade completed their color wheels and created Op art cubes using Op Art designs and different color schemes.

Check out the artwork displayed in the library and outside the art room.

Written by: Mrs. Larcom

Typed by: Kelsey Pray

## Literary Library

Lacy Burgin



Thanks to a grant Mr. Siebeneck was able to get for our school, we have many new books in our library! I have been trying to get these books ready and available to be checked out. If you are interested in a certain book and we do not have it in our library, please let me know the title and the author and I will try my best to get it for our school.

Written by: Lacy Burgin  
Typed by: Cameron Martin

## Majestic Music

Vicki Lybarger

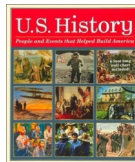
Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third grades are working on basic music reading using music from the medieval/renaissance era. The students are also reviewing the pirate culture which they learned last year. Fourth grade is learning how to play the recorders. Fifth and Sixth grades are practicing bucket drumming. The Christmas Program is on December 13th. Students can wear their own costumes if they choose, but it is not required.



By: Cameron Martin

## It's All History

Mr. Dunkin



In first hour World History is learning about Rome and the Roman Empire. Second hour U.S. History is talking about U.S. imperialism. In third hour the seventh grade Geography students is going over North America. In fourth hour eighth grade U.S. History is learning and talking about American Evolution. In sixth hour, tenth grade Government, is looking at Federalism. In seventh hour Junior/Senior Geography is learning about Urbanization.

By: Destiny Bramell

## Spectacular Science

Mrs. Chambers

There have been a lot of exciting things happening in Science this year. Seventh graders are working on layers of the atmosphere and how earth is the only planet suitable for life. Biology students are working on ecosystems. In Physics they are still exploring force and motion. The Eighth graders are learning hereditary genetic topics. People working on the periodic table are in Physical Science and Chemistry. The first quarter is ending on a great note!



By: Brianna Pray





# Bulldog Sports Pages

By Brianna Pray

## Meet the Jr. High Boys Basketball Team



First Row: Samuel Setzer

Second Row (L-R) Coach Troy Engelhardt, Cade Callahan, Tucker Roach, Jonathan Setzer, and Manager Jackson Rotert

## Meet the Jr. High Girls Basketball Team



Pictured above: (L-R): First Row: Kamryn Beachner, Alexis Hastings, Zoie Wheeler  
Second Row: Manager Sudie Callahan, Averie Bales, Lexie Ward, Coach Troy Engelhardt, Lilly Rotert, Macie Morris, and Manager Morgan Wheeler

# Destroying the Indians

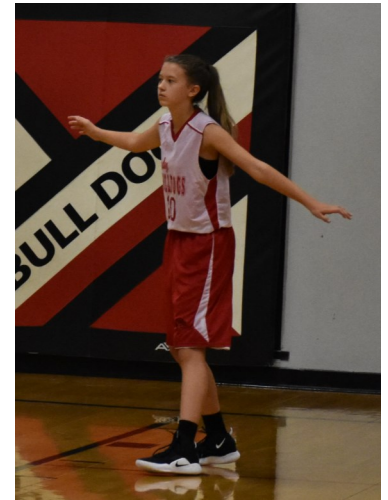
On Tuesday, September 18, the volleyball team played Chilhowie's volleyball team. We played very well, but fell short a couple points in first set, 22 to 25, then came back to win the second set, 25 to 15. We finished up the night winning the third set, 25 to 21. It was a great game and the girls played very well. They struggled a little in the first set but fought hard to come back and win the last two sets.



Pictured Above: Amanda Teagarden

# Hunting the Tigers

There was an exiting match versus Kingsville on Monday, September 24. The lady's played very well but needed to move their feet. Senior Morgan Wheeler said "They played pretty good the first set but quit moving their feet and fell behind in the second set." The first set was Kingsville 25 and Ballard 19. The second set Ballard was 13 and Kingsville was 25.



Pictured to the right: Lilly Rotert

# Tackling the Tigers

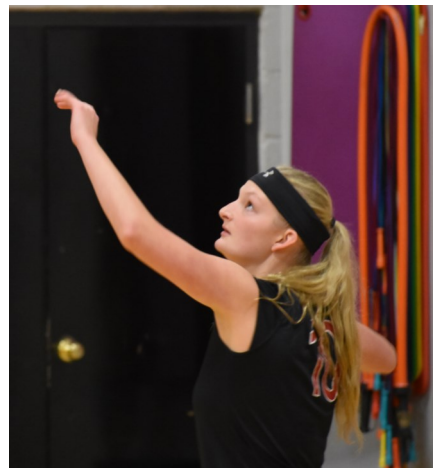
On Monday, September 24, the jr. high girls basketball team played the Kingsville Tigers. Lilly Rotert said "We gave up at the end of the first quarter and need to work together more. At the start of the second half we started to catch up and work together." It was a very exciting game. The girls played very well but they were down 10 points of the victory. The score at the end of the game was 18-28.

## Ballard Ladies Travel to Bronaugh September 25

Lady Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh Wildcats			
TEAMS	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	25	20	25
Bronaugh	22	25	15

# Fighting the Knight's

The Lady Bulldogs played N.E.V.C. on Tuesday, October 2. It was a very exciting game. The girls played very well and were energetic. They were short 5 points the first set with the score being 20-25, but came back the second set to win 25-18. The last set was a nail-biter to the end and was a very close game. Though they didn't quite make enough points, they did very well and the score for the final set was 22-25. Senior Kelsey Pray stated, "We worked together as a team and we fought till the very end."



Pictured Above: Kayla Wainscott



Pictured Above: Sudie Callahan

# Ballard Pink Out

On Thursday, October 4, the Lady Bulldogs played the Calhoun Eagles for our "Pink Out" night. It was also a very exciting game and we fought very hard. The girls played very well and didn't give up, but sadly, they fell short of the victory by only a few points giving Calhoun the win. We won the first set with the score being 17-25. The score for the second set was Calhoun 25 and Ballard 20. We came back to win it all in the third set with the score being 25-21.



# Volleyball Tri-meet at Sheldon



Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles				Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers			
TEAMS	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	TEAMS	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	25	20	25	Ballard	25	20	25
Miami	22	25	15	Sheldon	22	25	15

# Senior Night Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee

On Thursday, October 11, the Lady Bulldogs played Chilhowee for senior night. The girls played very well and fought hard till the very end. Since it was senior night they gave Morgan Wheeler an opportunity to serve. Though it did not make it over the net it was very close and she was very thankful to be able to serve one last time in a high school volleyball game. In the first set they were playing very hard but fell short of the victory by a few points with the score being 25-18. In the second set the girls realized that they were failing to move their feet and started working harder on that. They finally pulled out a win in the second set with the score being 11-25. The third set was a little rough. The score was super close and it was a very good game. The score for the third and final set was Chilhowee 25 Ballard 21.



Pictured Above: Morgan Wheeler

On Thursday, October 11, the Ballard senior volleyball players and manager were recognized for their dedication and hard work throughout their high school career.

Congratulations, senior volleyball players and manager.

Pictured to the right are the senior girls with their parents.

First Row- Mikayla Pray, Kelsey Pray, Amanda Teagarden, Kayla Wainscott, Jailynn Wheeler, Morgan Wheeler  
 Second Row- Melody Pray, Joni Teagarden, Cindy Wainscott, Rocky Wheeler  
 Third Row- Tony Pray, Keith Teagarden, Paul Wainscott, JR Wheeler



## Ballard Vs. NEVC

Lady Bulldogs vs. N.E.V.C. Knights October 19		
TEAMS	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	9	25
N.E.V.C.	25	27

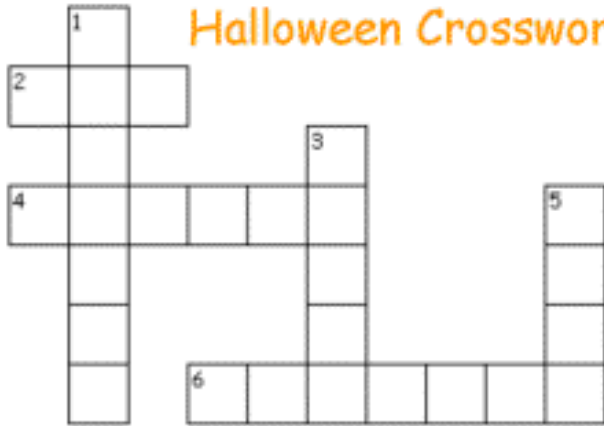
# Volleyball Districts

On Tuesday, October 23, the Lady Bulldogs played their very last game of the year. It was a sad game for some of the players who will be graduating and won't be here next year. The girls played very hard and fought till the end but just didn't quite make it. They played Hume for their first game in districts and, sadly, will not be moving on. The score for the first set was 19-25. The second set was 7-25. Thank you all for coming out and supporting the team. We had a great season and hope to see you all at the games next year.



# Fun Page!

## Halloween Crossword



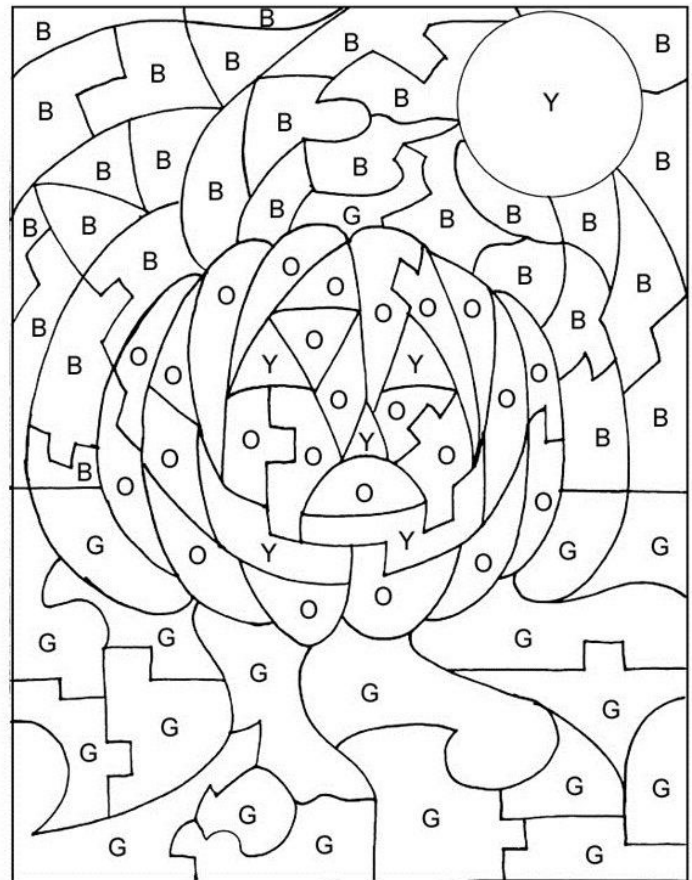
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## COLOR BY LETTER



B = Black O = Orange Y = Yellow G = Green

Which of the Witch's friends was good at baseball?

A: The bat

What do they teach in witching school?

A: Spell-ing

What type of monster likes to dance?

A: The boogieman

How do you fix a broken Jack-o-lantern?

A: With a pumpkin patch

# Sophomore Class of 2021



**HOG ROAST**

**&**



**Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018**

**Time: 5:00-8:00 PM.**

**Location: Ballard School**

## **Prices**

**Ages 13 & up meal.....\$10**  
**Ages 5-12 meal.....\$6**  
**Ages 4 & Under.....Free**

**\*Walk-ins Welcome\***

## **Provided with Meal**

**Pulled Pork Sandwich**  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
**Green Beans**  
**Roll**  
**Dessert & Drinks**

**To purchase tickets: Contact a Sophomore or Mr. Bergen**

**Phone: 816-297-2656 ext:114 OR Email: mbergenballard@gmail.com**

**\*Availability for walk-ins based on surplus after ticket holders have been served.**