



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Students, Parents, Staff, and Community

Happy Thanksgiving! What a great time to reflect on what we are thankful for. I have listed a few wonderful reasons why I am thankful for the Ballard community and school.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work here at Ballard and to call it my home and also thankful for the opportunity to educate our youth. I can honestly say, as well as most of you could, that a child has earned a quality education in their time here at the Ballard R-2 School District.

I am thankful that Ballard can be unique in their education in that we can offer students that individualized help that most schools can not, mainly because of their size.

I am thankful for the Ballard R-2 School District and what it has done for our community and students. It is a great educational institution in which to receive an education and to become a knowing citizen in our society.

Christmas is not far away and we all know that marks the end of the first semester. Please help us emphasize to the students the importance of turning in all assignments, studying for tests, and putting forth maximum effort in order to be successful. After all, the semester grades are part of every student's permanent record. Grades, along with attendance, are what most employers ask about and colleges also look closely at ACT scores. Despite the various excuses, final grades are the responsibility of the students. Every teacher is more than willing to help students; however, the students have to be willing to take responsibility and put in the work necessary to learn the concepts. They also have to work even harder in subjects that don't come as easy to them. It takes hard work from students, high expectations from teachers, and support from parents to make it work. I assure you that the staff members here at Ballard have the best interests of the students in mind.

It is very possible that there will be snow days before the next newspaper article, so I want to remind everyone that there are several places to find out if school has been cancelled due to inclement weather. The local TV stations should display this information. KCTV5, KMBC-TV9, FOX4- WDAF-TV and KSHB-TV on channel 41 are all included, as well as their affiliates. That means the following channels should have school closing information: 4, 5, 9, 38, and 41. There are also several radio stations that announce school closings, including KDKD Radio (95.3 FM, 1280 AM, and 104.9 FM) and KMOE (92.1 FM). A third location for Ballard School closing announcements is our school web site, which is www.ballardr2.net. Cancellations will also be sent out on a "Remind" (Group text message), as well as

being put on Bates County Live. Please keep in mind that whether school is cancelled or not, there are always disagreements on the decision. My philosophy on school closings due to weather is quite simple: when in doubt, error on the side of safety, which means cancel. The last thing we want is to risk the safety of the students or staff members here at Ballard. If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact me at any time.

I want to end by thanking the veterans who attended the Veterans Day Program on November 10th. We appreciate the sacrifice that all veterans have made in the past and present. It definitely makes some of our "problems" seem trivial. The men and women of the armed forces deserve respect, gratitude, and support now and into the future. No matter what problems we have faced and will face, this is still the greatest country in the world. Thanks again for everything you have done for us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article and if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me here at the school.

John Siebeneck
Superintendent

A little added note: Four years ago we started our preschool here at Ballard. The preschool has been very beneficial for our community and students. Being that it is so beneficial and rewarding to the students that have attended and are currently attending, we need to make sure that we are able to sustain the preschool. For the past couple of years we have been doing a fundraiser for the preschool at the Grandparents luncheon that is held in December. I thought we would change the fundraiser that we do this year so that all students and staff can participate in it. The fundraiser will be a pajama day and/or hat day 1 day a month. If the student or staff member wants to wear pajamas or a hat they will have to contribute a dollar. All of the contributions will go towards funding the preschool. Hopefully all students will be able to take part in this opportunity. A note will be coming home to the parents to inform them of the dates of participation.

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Written by Mr. Siebeneck
Formatted by Camryn East

Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

Thanksgiving is a time for eating turkey and stuffing, spending time with your family, and reflecting on the successes of the past three months of school. We have so much to be thankful for and proud of at Ballard. Some of these include, but are not limited to the following: We have had an outstanding first quarter due to the combined efforts of our students, parents, faculty, and staff. Our students have been busy with a variety of events including: class projects, fundraising activities, and participating in sports and extracurricular activities. I stumbled upon the following article and felt there were some strong points.

Cultivating a Growth Mindset through Praise Roxanne Shumway

As parents and educators, we try hard to praise children when they successfully complete a task or learn a new skill. It's what we're supposed to do, right? Actually, not so much- or at least not in the way that we're used to. In her research, Dr. Carol Dweck found that there are two basic mindsets: growth and fixed. And the way children are praised impacts their mindset, and mindset is what will influence a child's willingness to try new and more difficult tasks.

We want to help cultivate a *growth mindset* in children. It is the very thing that will make a child believe that he or she can be successful in anything he or she chooses. **The growth mindset is the idea that "I can learn anything I want and there are no limits to my knowledge and skill."**

On the flipside, a *fixed mindset* is the idea that "I am only as smart as I'll ever be." And "I'm just not good at math." The idea here is that knowledge and skill are finite, and sadly, children with this mindset believe that their intelligence is capped.

We have grown accustomed to *Person Praise*, saying and hearing things like "You are so smart!" and "You're an awesome artist!" In reality, however, our brains will develop an immunity to this kind of praise and over time, will need stronger and stronger doses to be satisfied and will therefore diminish the desired behaviors.

Try *Process Praise* instead to help cultivate a growth mindset in children. Instead of praising attributes, praise effort and strategy. Instead, say something like: "Looks like you've come up with some excellent strategies to help you solve these math problems!" or "I really like how you organized your paper. It seems like you put great thought into what you are trying to say."

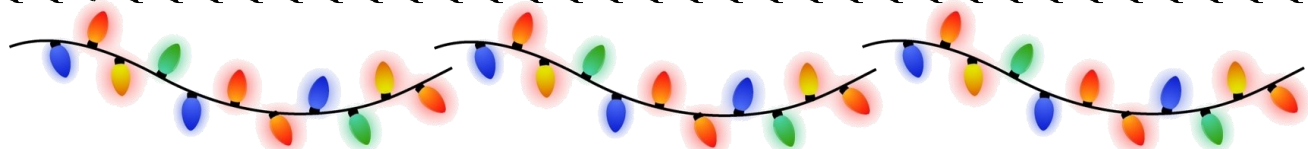
Try including process praise in your everyday interactions with your children, and with a little practice, you'll soon see the benefits!

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

Written by Mr. Hon
Formatted by Camryn East



Next month's newspaper is our Christmas Edition, and we will be featuring letters to Santa, cartoons, and winter poems. Each elementary class will write these articles at school, but we want to encourage kids of all ages to submit a letter to be published. The Preschoolers will have an opportunity to write a letter to Santa during the Early Childhood play group, in December. If you can't make it to the play group and would like your preschooler to participate, there are several ways to get the letter to the publications class. You can do one of the following: send your letter with a student; mail it to: Attention Publications Class, Ballard R-II School, 10247 NE State Rt. 18, Butler, MO 64730-9204; or e-mail Ms. Murchie. Her address is cdmballard@gmail.com, subject line letters to Santa. Letters to Santa need to be turned in by December 10. If you are in jr. high or high school, you can turn your letter in to one of the editors, Andrew Hon, Camryn East, or Ms. Murchie.



Honoring our Veterans

On Friday, November 10, the Ballard school hosted their Veterans Day assembly. To start off our festivities, our principal, Mr. Hon, welcomed the veterans. The boy scouts presented the flag as we all stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance. While we stood, the Ballard staff and student choir sang the national anthem. Mr. Hon introduced the veterans and Andrew Hon read a piece titled *Armistice Day*.

Mrs. Lybarger lead the kindergarten through third grade in a song and then the whole elementary stood and sang *On Veterans Day*. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders stood in front of everyone and performed the song "*Fifty Nifty United States*," led by Mrs. Moore. Jack Rotert and Kelsie Karo presented a PowerPoint presentation on how to respect the flag. They told us how a flag should be retired, how it should be folded, and other useful information.

Mr. Hon introduced our veteran guest speaker: Nicole Schmitt. Kelsie Karo, Madelyne Murray, and Colton Page presented a poem called "*They Did Their Share*", Amanda Teagarden and Jailynn Wheeler did "*Veterans Day*". Camryn East and Savana Allen also presented a separate poem "*Thank You For Your Sacrifice*." Mr. Hon closed the program and the veterans were invited to the cafeteria for the reception where the students, staff, and family could visit.

The Veterans Day Committee would like to thank all the Ballard staff and students who worked hard to put together a program that was not only enjoyable, but that would honor our local veterans. We would like to thank Nicole Schmitt for accepting our invitation to be guest speaker. Once again, the Veterans Day program was an outstanding success.

Written by Mikayla Whitaker



Veterans that attended:

First Row (L-R): Jim Kershner, Gary Fitzgerald, Isaac Whitaker, Bob Brewster, Nicole Schmitt, and Don Arndt

Second Row (L-R): Jessie Porter, Curt Schliem, Millard Baker, Bob Hon, Ronnie Koehn, and Tim Hummel

Third Row (L-R): Glenn Hess, Jerry Ferguson, Steve Atkin, Jimmy Holteen, and Andy Hon

Fourth Row (L-R): John Siebeneck, John Herrmann, Richard Dickerson, Charles Morris, Clifford Foster, and Don Ferguson

Thank you for your service!

Happy belated birthday to...

Kenadee Allen
Payton Miller
Brianna Pray

The Publications staff would like to apologize for forgetting to mention these three wonderful Ballard students in the September edition of the Barks 'N' Growls. We all would like to wish you a happy belated birthday, and we hope that your day was fantastic!

November Birthdays



3 Autumn Hastings
9 Charles Fisher
11 Bobby Brewster



1 Aimee Cummings
1 Troy Engelhardt
3 Ashton Siebeneck



16 Sierra Ferguson
28 Isaiah Maggard
28 Garrett Oerke

December Birthdays

2 Nathaniel Fischer
3 Tucker Roach
5 Donovan Card
5 Larry Bergschneider
7 Haley Pray
7 Jada Gains

9 Tori DesCombes
10 Alexis Hastings
12 Delainey Ferguson
12 Mary Bauman
14 Caleb Morris
18 Celia Campbell
19 Macie Wainscott

21 Jamie Tate
21 Trent Tate
27 Rachel Evans
29 Noah Bales
30 Chrissy Evans
30 Dylan Tippie





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Mikayla Madison Whitaker, 17, is the daughter of Isaac "Ike" and Anna Whitaker. Some of her favorites include English and dark purple. Mikayla's dream car is any car that works well, and her favorite song is *Worth it (Perfect)* by Superfruit. Her hobbies and extracurricular activities include swimming, reading, writing, taking pictures, and creating short films. She says her biggest pet peeve is when "people just stand there and don't do anything productive."

After graduation, Mikayla plans to attend MCC in Penn Valley and go into graphic design. When asking Mikayla where she sees herself in 15 years, she stated that she hopes to be married with two kids. She wants to be doing something she loves, like swimming or performing as a professional mermaid, but any paying job is better than none. And for Mikayla's famous last words, "My heart!"



Ray Cummings, 17, is the daughter of Dan and Yea Cummings, the granddaughter of Susan Cummings, and the sister of Aimee Cummings and Buddy the Pug. Ray's favorite class is Art, and her favorite color is black. Her favorite kind of food is sushi, and her favorite restaurant is Legend of Asia. Ray's hobby and extracurricular activity is Art. Ray's pet peeve is anything that is even slightly annoying, and her famous last words are "I don't care."

After graduation, Ray plans on staying home to help her family. When I asked Ray where she saw herself in 15 years, she stated that she sees herself working in a good paying job.

Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Frazzled First

Mrs. Ordal



The Kindergarten– 3rd grades will be enjoying a Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday the 21st. All of the children are bringing in finger foods to share. Mrs. Ordal dressed up with her students to be pilgrims, and she told the story of the pilgrims to the K-3 classes. Kindergarten also dressed as pilgrims and the 2nd and 3rd grade dressed as Native Americans.

In first grade, we have worked hard to write Veterans Day thank you notes and how Veterans are our heroes. We included the parents in this writing by asking them to write about a Veteran that means a lot to them. We hung these up in the commons area during the Veterans Day program to be read by all.



Since October, we have planted and watched as our pumpkin seeds sprouted and turned into vines. The students took these home to try to nurture through the winter. Our pumpkin that was carved in our classroom became very rotten and we decided that there was no way Mouskin would have survived living in his golden house during the winter, because the inside of our golden house was black, furry and smelled very bad. We laid him to rest out in the brush north of the playground.

We have become quite the mathematicians this year already, some mastering their addition facts to 20, and starting on their subtraction facts. We are all experts at number bond dashes. In December, we look forward to traveling all over the world to learn about how different countries and cultures celebrate Christmas.

Written by Mrs. Ordal
Formatted by Caleb Morris



Second to None

Mrs. West



The Second grade would like to share what we are thankful for, in honor of the holiday. Kenadee Allen said she is thankful for food, water, friends, her parents, school books, and clothes. Nathan Bales is thankful for shelter, food, books, and water. Jacob Eidson is thankful for food, water, shelter, clocks, cars, buses, and turkeys! Addilynn Engelhardt is thankful for her dogs, water, and a roof over her head. Zoe Frederick is thankful for food, like ham, cheese, and crackers. Piper Goth is thankful for food, water, shelter, and veterans! Harry Greer said he is thankful for books and school. Owen Meade is thankful for books, family, food, water, his home and education. He is also thankful for turkey, stuffing, chicken, and steak. Gavin Schliem is thankful for cupcakes and trees because they give us air. And finally, Karly Skaggs is thankful for clothes, hair, and food.

Written by Mikayla Whitaker

Tremendous Third

Ms. Kabir

In the month of November our third grade class has been focusing on spreading kindness through our classroom, our school, and our families. Several times each week we will have a Kindness Challenge to complete to help bring a smile to people all around us. So far we have "sent a hug" to a loved one through the mail, read stories to kindergarten and first graders, and made some compliment bookmarks that we hid in random books in the library!



Pictured above (L-R): Kennedy Borland and Chandler Borland

Written by Ms. Kabir

Formatted by Madelyne Murray

Fiesty Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

To begin with, happy Thanksgiving everyone! This month, the fifth grade will tell you what they are thankful for. Kamryn Beacher and Isaiah Maggard are thankful for their family. Brenden Card is thankful for life. Nate Evans is thankful for math. Audrey Foster and Jonathan Setzer are thankful for food. Ethan Kennedy is thankful for everything! Samuel Setzer is thankful for his home. Zoie Wheeler is thankful for her friends. And finally, Mrs. Bergen is thankful for her fantabulous class of fifth graders. Have a great break!



Written by Mikayla Whitaker

Fascinating Fourth

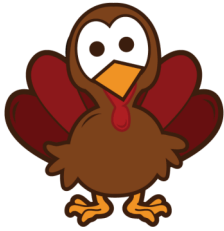
Mrs. Moore



- T**– Thanks– You give thanks.– Victoria Snyder
- H**– Hug– Because you get to hug friends and family you don't see very often. -Haley Pray
- A**- Angels– Have to do with holidays. God is an angel and I am giving thanks to God and His Son Jesus. -Katlynn Skaggs
- N**– Nice– You have nice food. -Lucas Crump
- K**– Kind– It's kind to give people food. -Celia Campbell
- S**– Secrets- I sneak turkey secretly. –Lucas Crump
- G**– Giving– You're giving food to people for thanksgiving. You're giving love and being kind. –Dayne Greer
- I**– Isolated– The pilgrims were isolated. –Autumn Hastings
- V**– Veterans– Saved our nation and it is in November they gave us freedom. –Alexis Britz
- I**– Inseparable– From your family and friends and food. –Alexis Britz
- N**– New– Thanksgiving is new every year. –Celia Campbell
- G**– Grandparents– Are nice, old, good, good cooks, and wrinkly. –Cash Anderson

Written by the Fourth Grade Class
Formatted by Caleb Morris





Spunky Sixth

Ms. Eidson



For this month's article, Ms. Eidson had each of the sixth graders make "thankful" acronyms! They are as follows:



T-urkey
H-ot potatoes
A-dventure
N-uggets
K-ing
F-ull of chicken
U-nlucky
L-iquid

By
Cade Callahan



T-ea
H-eat
A-pples
N-avy
K-idney pie
F-amily
U-nkle
L-ife

By
Zachary Carpenter

T-hanksgiving
H-ominy
A-corn
N-orway
K-nnowledge
F-ull
U-seful
L-aughter

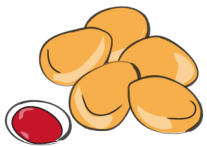
By
Donovan Card

T-urkey
H-appy for family
A-ppreciation
N-oodles
K-ind people
F-ull bellies
U-seful inventions
L-oud laughter

By
Aimee Cummings

T-ravelers
H-ats
A-pple pie
N-apkins
K-in
F-ood
U-nsad
L-ove

By
Jada Gains



T-urkey
H-oliday
A-mazing
N-eat
K-ind
F-un
U-nusual
L-ife

By
Lindy Gunter

T-urkey
H-am
A-pple cider
N-ice
K-indergarten
F-amily
U-nsweetened
L-oving family

By
Parker Hill

T-hank
H-ome
A-dvanced
N-ibble
K-ebab
F-ood
U-nquiet
L-emonade

By
Lilly Rotert



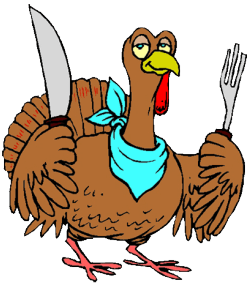
T-urkey
H-ugs
A-ppreciative
N-aps
K-indness
F-amily
U-nwinding
L-ove

By
Ms. Eidson



Sassy Seventh

Written by sixth grade class
Formatted by Camryn East



This month, the seventh grade told us what they're thankful for. To begin with, Averie Bales is thankful for softball. Jentry Bergman is thankful for Dr. Pepper, basketball, dirt bikes, and Tucker Roach. Alexis Hastings is thankful for cheer, basketball, and food. Jacob Kepner is thankful for life. Brice Miller is thankful for Dr. Pepper and pretty girls. Macie Morris is thankful for horses and food. Tucker is thankful for God. Lexie Ward is thankful for basketball, goldfish, and candy canes. Lucas Whitaker is also thankful for reading, the 80's and God as well. We all hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Written by Alexis Hastings
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

The Elite Eighth Grade

In honor of Thanksgiving, we decided to write what we are thankful for!



Keith Schmitt is thankful for family and school, so he can learn.
Payton Miller is thankful for family, fishing, and hunting.
Ashton Carullo is thankful for food, basketball, and TV.
Briana Arredondo is thankful for food, basketball, and friends.
River Clark is thankful for family, four wheelers, and hunting.
Kale Oerke is thankful for family and dirt bikes.

Written by Briana Arredondo
Formatted by Camryn East

Keepin' it Fresh Freshmen

The freshmen class is having a wonderful year so far! Since it is November, we have decided to tell you what we are thankful for.

Wyatt Blair— my loving family
 Sudie Callahan— animals
 Rachel Evans— books
 Sierra Ferguson— family
 Serenity Morris— family and friends
 Kailee Smith— everything I have
 Dylan Tippie— family



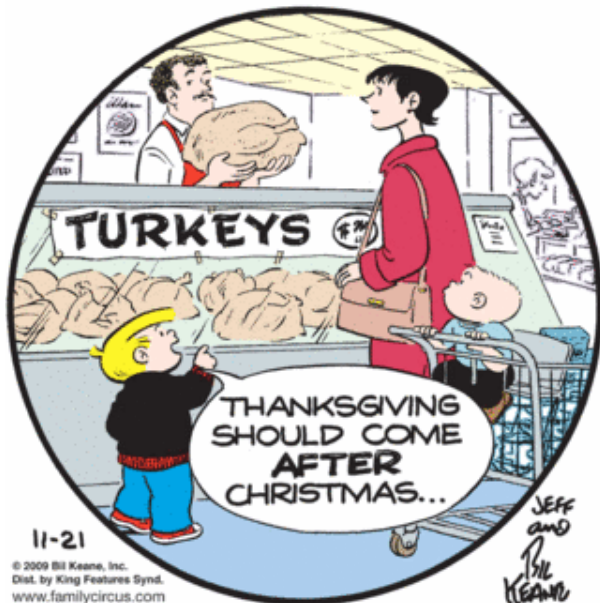
Written by Kailee Smith
 Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Jittery Juniors

We can't believe that it's already November! The school year is going by extremely fast and we don't like it. Nothing much is happening this month, except Thanksgiving break is approaching us and we can't wait to eat all of that yummy food! Thanks again for everyone coming out and supporting our concession stand! Everyone have a safe and fun Thanksgiving Break!



Written by Kelsie Karo
 Formatted by Madelyne Murray



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“...then we'd have more things to be thankful for.”

Salty Sophomores

The Sophomore class is thankful for:
 Brianna Pray-Friends and Family
 McKinley Brewster— Friends and Family
 Shaun Carpenter— Nothing
 Brice Eidson— Dirt bikes
 Jake Light— Family and Sports
 Garrett Oerke— Dirt bikes
 Donovan Hinrichs— Guns and Family

Written by McKinley Brewster
 Formatted by Caleb Morris



SAVAGE SENIORS

Well, first semester is almost over. It is getting really exciting for us seniors. We hope that everything is going well for everyone else.

We had the senior Chili Dinner Friday, November 3. It went very well and we want to thank everyone that helped us pull it off. We couldn't have done this without you. We would also like to thank all who supported our class.

In November we always like to say what we are thankful for; here are some things that we are thankful for:

Savana Allen— Family, Friends, Food
 Austin Carpenter— Not crippled, Can't smell, Still has all fingers
 Ray Cummings— Breathing, Art, Being alive
 Adelyne Dowse- Family, Friends, Pancakes
 Camryn East— Family, Friends, Food
 Andrew Hon-Baseball, Food, Family
 Caleb Morris-Family, Home, Car
 Madelyne Murray-Family, Friend, Starbucks
 Colton Page-Girlfriend, Family, Food
 Merritt Roach-Wonderful Family, Girlfriend, Guns
 Jamie Tate-Puppy's, Family, Candy
 Trent Tate-Fossil Fuels, Air, Gravity
 Mikayla Whitaker-Family, Friends, Considerate people

Written by Savana Allen
 Typed by Andrew Hon



Everything English

Mrs. Gregory

This month in Novels, they are finishing up watching the Hobbit and will begin reading The Great Gatsby. In College Prep, the Seniors finished reading portions of the King James version of the Bible including some of the Psalms and are starting poetry. The Sophomores are starting poetry and finished a series on sight. Juniors finished reading The Devil and Tom Walker and are also starting poetry. And finally, in Speech, they are working on persuasive speeches. Until next month, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

STELLAR SCIENCE

Mr. Brewster

Written by
Mikayla Whitaker



It has been an exciting time for all of the science classrooms in the GVVC conference. All schools are moving to the next generation science standards and implementing more ‘hands on,’ student driven lessons.

Seventh, eighth, and ninth grades are working in groups on a science fair project that teaches them the scientific method. These projects are due on November 28 and the top three Junior High projects will present at the conference science fair on December 7.

Biology has started working on ecosystems and how all populations depend on one another. Physics has moved into Newton’s law and recently enjoyed a trip to Adrian Lanes to test velocity and trajectory on bowling balls. Chemistry is balancing chemical equations and understanding what was meant by “You’ll end up using this math down the road.”

Written by Mr. Brewster
Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Math Tweets

Mrs. Kershner



Pictured above is
Lucas Whitaker

Amidst all the various math the junior high and high school students are doing, the 7th grade has been tracking a real world problem with several math skills. “How do we get Ballard constituents to utilize the front row parking spaces to maximize capacity?” An answer to the problem has involved using measurement skills with precision, calculating areas and rates, using spray paint, and learning to be the foreman a crew of classmates! Next time you’re in the parking lot, check out the parking spaces marked on the concrete sidewalk. The class and Mrs. Kershner really appreciate it when drivers use newly marked spaces. The project is still in progress, as the work is slowed by weather and other important math tasks.

Written by Mrs. Kershner
Formatted by Madelyne Murray

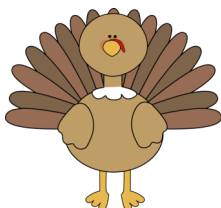


Pictured above is
Mrs. Kershner

Outstanding Art

Mrs. DesCombes

Happy Thanksgiving! In art everything is going extremely well. The elementary classes are working on various fall and Thanksgiving projects. Eighth grade finished their game boards and made pop up Christmas cards. Art one is working on print making with linoleum blocks. In drawing, they are working on portraiture. In advanced art, they are working on various personal projects. Let’s continue to make beautiful outstanding art!



Written by
Mikayla Whitaker



FFA National Convention

Mr. Bridges



On Tuesday, October 24, the FFA Chapter sent nine members to Indianapolis for the annual FFA Convention. The members that got the pleasure of going were Caleb Morris, Savana Allen, Colton Page, McKinley Brewster, Garrett Oerke, Wyatt Blair, River Clark, Donovan Hinrichs, and Jaeden Schliem. While the members were at Convention, they attended leadership sessions, speeches, the FFA Rodeo, and also volunteered. The chapter volunteered, along with a few other chapters, by joining with a group



of people called "Make Indianapolis Beautiful." While with this group, they planted trees all around downtown Indianapolis. They had a goal of fifty trees to plant in three hours. Even though they didn't meet their goal, they all worked together to get forty trees planted. Overall, everybody had a good time, met new people, learned a little more about FFA, and achieved some leadership skills.

Written and formatted by Caleb Morris

Pictured above:
First Row (L-R): Donovan Hinrichs, Savana Allen, McKinley Brewster and Jaeden Schliem
Second Row (L-R): Colton Page, and River Clark
Third Row (L-R): Garrett Oerke, Wyatt Blair, and Caleb Morris



FFA Trap



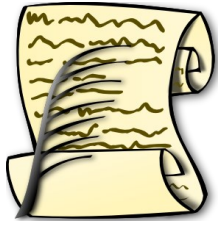
The Ballard A Team finished first in their District and is going to participate in the FFA State Trap shoot in April. There were two shooters from the A Team that placed in the top ten. Caleb Morris placed



8th and Merritt Roach placed 10th. The boys will be participating in more shoots in the upcoming spring. The teams appreciated all the support that they received during the season.

Pictured above:
First row (L-R): Donovan Hinrichs, Jake Light, Jaeden Schliem, Kale Oerke, Brice Eidson, and Wyatt Blair
Second row (L-R): Coach Dustin Bridges, Colton Page, Drew Hon, Merritt Roach, Garrett Oerke, Payton Inglis and Caleb Morris

Formatted and Written by Caleb Morris



Ancient History

Mr. Dunkin



The 7th Grade Geography class is studying South America. 8th Grade U.S. History is learning about the Early Republic. The 9th grade U.S. History class is learning about the Progressive Era. The 11th and 12th grade government classes are watching the movie called "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" to learn more about the government and how it works. The 12th grade geography class is studying urbanization.



Senior Citizens Dinner

On Tuesday, November 7, the Ballard Honor Society, along with Superintendent, John Siebeneck, hosted a senior citizens dinner, at the Ballard School. The dinner turned out very well and we hope the senior citizens that came out enjoyed themselves. We look forward to seeing you next time.

Written and formatted by Caleb Morris



Written and formatted by Caleb Morris



Senior Chili Dinner

On November 3, 2017 the Senior class had their first fundraiser of the year. It went really well, and we would like to thank Lori Wainscott for helping us get some of our food items for the dinner. Also, a special thanks to Shamera East for making all of the chili and to all of the parents who helped us out and made that night go very smoothly. It was definitely a success and we can't wait for our next fundraiser!

Written and formatted by Madelyne Murray

Sports Page

Written and Formatted by Andrew Hon and Camryn East



Jr. High GVVE Girl's Conference Tournament

Jr. High GVVE Boy's Conference Tournament

Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon October 24, 2017	
Ballard	16
Sheldon	10

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume October 26, 2017	
Ballard	17
Hume	20

Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh October 25, 2017	
Ballard	Win
Bronaugh	Loss



Lady Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh October 28, 2017	
Ballard	12
Bronaugh	20

Bulldogs vs. Miami October 27, 2017	
Ballard	Loss
Miami	Win

Bulldogs vs. Montrose October 28, 2017	
Ballard	Loss
Montrose	Win



Fun Page



Happy Turkey Day!

- Apple
- Blessings
- Cornucopia
- Cranberry Sauce
- Family
- Feather
- Give Thanks
- Gobble
- Greatful
- November
- Pumpkin
- Scarecrow
- Thanksgiving
- Tradition
- Turkey



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 C I O V Y G C G W G N F P K C
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Q If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A Pilgrims

Q Why can't you take a turkey to church?

A They use FOWL language.

Q What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

Q What sound does a space turkey make?

A Hubble, Hubble, Hubble!

Q What do you call a running turkey?

A Fast food.

Q Why did the turkey sit on the tomahawk?

A To hatchet.

Q Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

A To prove he wasn't a chicken.








Q Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?

A It had 24 carrots.



December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Conference Tournament 	1 8 Grandparents Luncheon ES: 10:50/ HS: 11:45 VBB @ Appleton City 5:30pm 	2 Benefit for Dan Cummings Dinner 4:30-7:30pm Auction 7:30pm
3	4	5 Toy Drive VBB vs NEVC 5:30pm 	6 4-H 6/7pm 	7 Christmas Concert 7pm	9 Project Prom Tip Night @ Grill 5-8pm	
10	11	12 Santa's Workshop VBB vs Chilhowee 5:30pm 	13 Pajama/ hat day (Preschool fundraiser)	14 Board Meeting 7:30pm	15 PBIS Party	16
17	18 VBB @ Miami 5:30pm 	19 End of 2 Quarter / 1st Semester No Vo-Tech EARLY OUT 1:05pm FFA Winter Activity	20 Christmas Break	21	22	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 VBB vs Otterville @ 4:30pm & 6pm at State-Fair Community College, Sedalia 	28	29	30
31						3rd Qtr/2nd Semester starts January 4th