## Barks 'N' Growls



## BALLARD R-II SCHOOL

Sixth edition, February 28, 2018

## From the Superintendent's Desk....

Parents, Students & Community

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

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

We have missed three days of school so far this school year. We will have to make them up. We made one day up on the 19th of February. The two remaining days will be made up on May 17 and 18, 2018.

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

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

#### 1. Set high expectations.

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

#### Talk about school every day.

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

#### 3. Monitor school work and assignments.

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

#### 4. Make homework a daily habit.

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

## 5. Be aware of test-taking schedules and preparation tips.

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

#### 6. Stay in contact with the teacher.

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

### 7. Encourage your child to READ, READ, READ.

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

Written by Mr. Siebeneck Formatted and typed by Camryn East



# Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

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

February has been super busy with a large amount of items that the students were involved in. Courtwarming festivities were successful, K-6 Valentine's Day parties, Sophomore students visited Clinton for an informational meeting on the Clinton Technical School, Senior Night for Basketball, K-6 dental screenings by Dr. Binkley, 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary travel league basketball games, Freshman Class Pasta Dinner, Scholar Bowl and Math competitions, JH Sweetheart Dance, Ballard Spelling Bee, Spring High School sports begin practice and games (Softball and Baseball), and FFA week and farm show.

March will continue to be a busy month with FFA students competing in local contests to earn a spot to go to State, District vocal and instrumental music contest, Conference band, Ballard Spelling Bee winners will compete against Conference schools at the Conference Spelling Bee at NEVC, 7-12 Scholar Bowl here on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7-12 Conference Math Relays, third quarter ends and fourth quarter begins, Parent Teacher Conferences will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:30pm, we will have Spring Break Monday, March 26-Friday, March 30, along with other miscellaneous events throughout the month.

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

With Great Appreciation, Mr. Eric Hon, Principal

Typed and formatted by Camryn East



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Lucerne (the same as her mom's). Jamie's hobbies and extracurricular activities include playing with her puppy and helping the preschoolers. Jamie's famous last words are "Mr. Hon, how long till go?" and "High five... Psych!"

Typed by Adelyne Dowse



Jamie Lee Tate, 18, is the

daughter of Jana Tate and Troy Tate,

and the sister of Holly and Trent Tate.

Some of her favorites include Mrs.

Scott's class, the color blue, tater tots,

and Sonic. Jamie's dream car is a Buick

# March Birthdays

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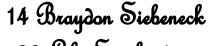
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# Student of the Month

## **February**

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 2017-2018 school year.

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

The Student of the Month for February is Senior, Camryn East, daughter of Kevin and Shamera East. Art teacher, Mrs. DesCombes said that "Camryn is a sweet and thoughtful person. She is consistently responsible, organized, and hard working."

Math teacher, Mrs. Kershner said that "Camryn sets high goals and then works hard to achieve them." Science teacher, Mr. Brewster said that "Camryn is a leader. She works very hard at getting better and also wants those around her to succeed. Cam has a great mix of the qualities of wanting to be the best and unselfishishness." JH English/Librarian teacher, Ms. Burgin states "This student is always smiling and is a great role model for others. This student displays a positive attitude and is friendly to all." Business/Tech teacher, Ms. Murchie said that "Camryn is very upbeat and helpful to classmates and underclassmen. She works hard to get her work done and makes sure it is her very best. She has a wonderful sense of humor, which helps in my classes."

Camryn is a member of the Basketball and Softball teams. Camryn is also involved in Drama, Ballard Honor Society, Paw Pride, Art Club, Publications and Pep Club.

For Camryn'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 above (L-R): Alvin Griffin, Camryn East, Eric Hon



Well, by the time you read this, we will have less than 50 days of school left. How miraculously fast this year has gone! February was filled with learning and fun. It started with Groundhog Day and our opinion writing about whether we would like six more weeks of winter, or an early spring. Most wanted six more weeks of winter in order to play in the snow if we could get some. Then, we moved on to Valentine's Day and President's Day. The students researched a president to present to other classes on. They did a fantastic job! Then we learned about taking care of our

teeth and why none of us want a cavity filled, yuck, shots! We also learned that February is Black History month. We are looking forward to the second of March and Dr. Seuss' birthday, with fun Seuss activities, including eating green eggs and ham. We are excited for Lane, Braydon and Lily to be going to the Spelling Bee in Shell City on March 6 as well!

Written by Mrs. Ordal Typed By Caleb Morris

## Second to None

Mrs. West

This month in second grade, we learned where each of the seven continents are located

on a map and a globe. Each student completed an informative activity on the continent of their choice. They will be on display outside our room. If you are in school, please take a minute to admire their hard work!

We began our Social Studies unit about famous landmarks. Most second graders really like learning about the many unique monuments that our great country has to offer.

Valentine's day gave us the opportunity to discuss love. It was an enlightening conversation. The three words that our class decided to describe

love were kindness, friendship, and loyalty. We, also, overwhelmingly decided that a good friend is someone who makes you feel better when you are sick, and helps you laugh when you are sad. These are valuable lessons that all of us need to remember.

Written by Mrs. West Typed by Mikayla Whitaker



The fifth graders have had a good month. In Science, the fifth grade class has been learning about the human body systems. There's a lot more to the inside than what you see on the outside. They did a robot hand challenge about the body, where they had three days to create it. It could be made from materials. It was held on Friday, February 2, 2018 during fifth hour.

The challenge was to pick up a cup with their robot hand and, if they were able to hold the cup, they would move to the next round. During each round, the officials would add a marble into the cup. The student who's robot hand could hold the most marbles would be the winner and earn the grand prize.

In Math, the fifth grade class learned to divide decimals. It's a lot easier than you think. In Social Studies, the fifth graders are learning about the reconstruction after the Civil War. We even watched a movie about it and it was amazing! We have had a blast this month!

Written by Samuel Setzer and Nate Evans Typed by Mikayla Whitaker





Sixth grade is awesome right now! In ELA, we are drawing conclusions and understanding irregular verbs. In Math, we are learning to compare and order.

It is way easier than we thought! Social Studies is really fun right now! We are learning about ancient Roman civilizations, how they fought, and where they lived. We are doing biomes in Science. Spelling is

the same as always, we're just adding suffixes now. We are getting ready to start reading a book called "<u>Escaping the Holocaust</u>" in Reading. The book is based off of a true story. In Music, the Fifth grade and we are learning about Valentines Day music and famous musicians. In Library, we are watching <u>Holes</u>, because we just finished the book. Art is really amazing! We are making a portrait of ourselves in our dream bedroom; painting on an easel. In P.E., we are playing fun games and doing core workouts. Thanks for listening!

# Salty Sophomores



In February, we went and took a trip to vo-tech and had a lot of fun. We had a lot of fun bonding and creating the posters for court warming!

Written by McKinley Brewster
Typed by Caleb Morris

# SAVAGE SENIORS

Hey everyone! We hope everyone's semester is going well. Court warming for the seniors went really well. We were awarded the spirit stick for our amount of school spirit! The seniors have a lot of events coming up in this next quarter. We have two dinners and also senior trip that we are really, really looking forward to! We hope that everyone has a great rest of their third quarter.



Written by Savanna Allen
Typed by Andrew Hon

## **Everything English**

This month in the English room, the freshmen read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. In College Prep, the seniors are reading through the play *Macbeth*, a tragedy written by Shakespeare. In Dramatics, they are reading through *Hamlet*, which is also by Shakespeare. The Juniors read *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Harper Lee while the Sophomores read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. In Creative Writing, they are working on their short stories and character outlines.

Written by Mikayla Whitaker



As basketball season is coming to a close, we are preparing to open up the concessions stand for the baseball and softball season. We would like to thank everyone once again for your continuous support this year. As the month of February is winding down, our class is starting to think about a prom theme. April will be here before we know it, and we can't wait to start decorating for prom. So far this year, things have been going very smoothly and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.

Written by Kelsie Karo Formatted by Madelyne Murray



Hope everyone enjoyed FFA Week!! It sure was a lot of fun!! Thanks to all that participated. Monday was fun, with the dress up as an animal day. The donuts that the staff and chapter had on Tuesday were delicious. Wednesday was a nice and comfy day when we wore our pajamas. The assembly we did during Wacky Wednesday was a lot of fun and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did as a chapter!! Thursday was a lot of fun being out of school!! Friday was amazing seeing all of that blue and gold all over the school!! It was a lot of fun!! We hope everyone had as much fun as the rest of us and another thanks to all that participated.

Written and formatted by Caleb Morris



Outstanding Art
Mrs. DesCombes



This month, in art, each class has begun or have been a part of extremely diverse works of art! In elementary, they were working with clay while the seventh grade class were working on optical illusion drawings. In painting, the students worked on monochromatic paintings. In 3D art, they wove rugs and will start dying their fabric. In advanced art, they will be working on collages and then painting those same collages on different papers. Also in art 1, they worked on written by a series of line drawings.

Mikayla Whitaker

## Ancient History



The Seventh Grade history class is studying the Eastern Part of Europe. The Eighth Grade is studying the Antebellum years building up for the Civil War. The Ninth Grade U.S. History class is finishing up the roaring 1920s, with the Great Depression to follow. The Sophomore Government class is studying the Constitutional freedoms and civic responsibilities. The Senior Current Events class is going over the fall of the Soviet Union and looking at current news from the state and federal side of things. The Civil War class is talking about the eastern theatre and the effectiveness of the southern guerrillas.

Written and formatted by Caleb Morris

# WCouptwarming 2018



On February 16, 2018, after the boys basketball game, Senior Madelyne Murray, was crowned the 2018 Courtwarming Queen. Madelyne was escorted by the 2018 King, Senior Colton Page. The Freshman candidate was Kayla Schmitt, escorted by Wyatt Blair. The Sophomore candidate was Destiny Bramell, escorted by Keith Schmitt. The Junior candidate was Amanda Teagarden, escorted by Jaeden Schliem. Congratulations to the winners Madelyne and Colton!



On February 16, 2018, The seniors played their last home game of their high school career. They have put dedication and hard work into the last four years. Congratulations, seniors!



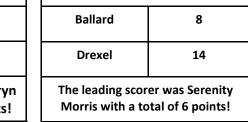
Pictured (L-R): Colton Page, Drew Hon, Jamie Tate, Camryn East, Adelyne Dowse, Savana Allen and their families.



Lady Bulldogs vs. Drexel January 18, 2018 **Ballard** 22 Drexel 42

The leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 14 points!

JV Lady Bulldogs vs. Drexel January 18, 2018	
Ballard	8
Drexel	14
The leading scorer was Serenity	





## Crest Ridge Tournament



Lady Bulldogs vs. Sherwood January 22, 2018	
Ballard	24
Sherwood	45

The leading scorer was Savana Allen with a total of 6 points!

Lady Bulldogs vs. Northwest January 24, 2018	
Ballard	35
Northwest	30
The leading scorer was Camryn East	

The leading scorer was Camryn East
with a total of 18 points!

Lady Bulldogs vs. KC Lutheran January 26, 2018	
Ballard	27
KC Lutheran	54
The leading scorer was Camryn East	

with a total of 9 points!

## **Barking at the Eagles**

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs went up against the Calhoun Lady Eagles for their 80's throwback night! This game had been planned for a very long time, and all of the players were super excited to participate in it! The Lady Bulldogs wore the old uniforms and warm ups during the game! It was definitely different seeing the girls in black jerseys compared to their normal white ones! Before the game, they got prepared by caking their faces with lots and lots of neon colored eyeshadow, and going crazy with their hair! All of the players looked totally righteous! The bleachers were packed with tons of excited family members and students ready to cheer on their home team. When asked about the game, Senior, Adelyne Dowse stated, "We showed a lot of teamwork out there on the floor. We ran through all of our offenses very well!" Head Coach, Bobby Brewster exclaimed, "The Lady Bulldogs played an excellent game! All eleven of the girls got to play quite a bit, and only two of them didn't score. The girls played extremely well together, and had a lot of enthusiasm." Our Lady Bulldogs definitely deserved that win! The final score of the game was 57-33, and the leading scorer of the night was Sudie Callahan, with a total of 14 points! Congratula-

tions, ladies! Keep up the good work!

Lady Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh February 6, 2018	
Ballard	20
Bronaugh	35
The leading scorer was Adelyne Dowse with a total of 17 points!	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume February 9, 2018	
Ballard	28
Hume	34
The leading scorer was Amanda Teagarden with a total of 10 points!	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Calhoun February 13, 2018	
Ballard	55
Calhoun	29
The leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 15 points!	



# Plucking the Eagles

Courtwarming/Senior Night 2018

Friday, February 16, 2018, was an extremely important game for all members of both basketball teams! Not only was it

Courtwarming, but it was also the night that all of the Seniors had been dreading, Senior Night. Many things were running through all of the girl's minds: Who would win Courtwarming king and queen? Will I

have enough time to do my hair and makeup before the ceremony starts? Am I going to trip and face plant in front of the whole crowd? However, the only thing on the Senior's minds was claiming the victory for the last time on their home court. Before the game started, you could tell that everyone was a little nervous, but very determined to play their hearts out! Head Coach, Bobby Brewster had asked Senior, Jamie Tate to be the Lady Bulldog's honorary co-captain for the night! When the team captains from both Miami and Ballard met with the officials, Jamie went along too, and got to shake hands with everyone. You could tell by the smile on her face that she was having a great time!

The game started off a little rough, with Miami in the lead at halftime. The score was 16-20. Our girls were giving pretty good effort, but they needed to work a little harder on their defense, because all of Miami's shots seemed to be falling. When they came out of the locker room at halftime, the Lady Bulldogs were ready to dominate! They started playing different defenses, trying to stop the Eagles in their tracks. It apparently worked, because they came out on top at the end of the third quarter, with the score being 34-29. The final push was the hardest part of the game for the Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Eagles kept catching up to them, but our girls wouldn't let them back in the game! With a minute left in the game, Coach Brewster subbed out the three Seniors, and let some of the younger girls go in. All of the fans stood up and cheered for the three Senior Lady Bulldogs, Savana Allen, Adelyne Dowse, and Camryn East. All three of them had a fantastic game! In the last half, our girls scored 21 points and claimed the victory! The leading scorer of the game was Camryn East, with a total of 21 points! When asked about the game, Coach Brewster stated, "This game was a very good way to honor our outgoing Seniors. The girls did what they had to do to win and I was very happy that Jamie Tate was honored as our honorary captain. We ran many different offenses and defenses during the Miami game. At one point, we were running our zone defense, and the next play we switched it up to man-to-man! Our goal was to get into Miami's head and shut them down! We didn't run any junk!" Congratulations to the Lady Bulldogs on a well deserved win!







Ballard	42
Montrose	57

The leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 10 points!







Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume February 22, 2018	
Ballard	40
Hume	34

The leading scorer was Sudie Callahan with a total of 13 points!





All of the players on the Lady Bulldogs Basketball team wanted to say a few final words to the three Seniors leaving the team, and they are as follows:

Sudie Callahan, "Good luck in life, girls! I had fun playing with you!"

Sierra Ferguson, "I'm really glad I got to play with you, and I'll miss you all a lot!"

**Serenity Morris**, "I will miss you! Thank you for encouraging me during the season and making sure that I always kept a positive attitude. I love you guys!"

Kayla Schmitt, "I'm glad I got to participate in basketball this year with you, and good luck with your life."

Kailee Smith, "I'm glad I got to play my Freshman year of basketball with you guys! I'll miss you all!"

McKinley Brewster, "Camryn, just keep on keeping on! Addie, don't be afraid to jump! Savana, stay off of the floor!"

Brianna Pray, "I know you all will do great things, never give up."

**Amanda Teagarden**, "I had a great time playing with you guys this year! Thank you for being supportive and always keeping my head up! I love you all!"

**Morgan Wheeler**, "I loved playing basketball with you guys for three years. I'm going to miss you all. Good luck in the future and make good choices!"

# Crest Ridge Tournament

Tuesday, January 23 Ballard vs. Lone Jack	
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Lone Jack	58

Thursday, January 25 Ballard vs. Holden	
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Holden	46

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Ballard	46
KC Lutheran	68

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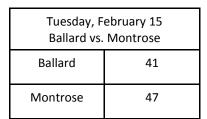
# Stalking the Eagles

On Friday, February 16, the Ballard Bulldogs attacked the Miami Eagles on senior night and court warming. The Bulldogs won the first quarter 11-9 with a buzzer beater at the end by Colton Page, and the same thing happened at the end of the half with Colton Page making another buzzer beater to increase the lead 24-19. The end of the third quarter ended in a lot less spectacular fashion, but none the less the Bulldogs

increased the lead by 15 and ended the quarter with a score of 47-27. At the end of the game the Bulldogs struggled a little bit, but they kept it together enough to win by 12 with a final score of 55-43.

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Pictured above is Jack Rotert





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NEVC	32

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Ballard	41
Drexel	43



Pictured above is Jaeden Schliem

# Fun Pagt

## MARCH MADNESS WORD SEARCH





- Basketball
- 2. Team
- Jersey
- 4. Hoop
- Player
- 6. Coach
- 7. Dunk
- 8. Timeout
- 9. Points
- 10.Score
- 11.Win
- 12.Sports



What do you call a piece of cheese that likes to shoot hoops?... Swiss!!!

Why do basketball players love cookies?... Because they can dunk them!

Why is a baby good at basketball?... Because they're always dribbling.

What do you call a pig playing basketball?... A ball hog.

Why was Cinderella thrown off the basketball team?... She ran away from the ball.

What do you call an unbelievable story about a basketball player?... A tall tale.

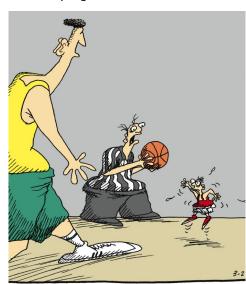
Why couldn't the basketball player listen to his music?... Because he broke a record!

Why are frogs so good at basketball?... Because they always make jump shots.

Why is a referee like an angry chicken?... They both have foul mouths.

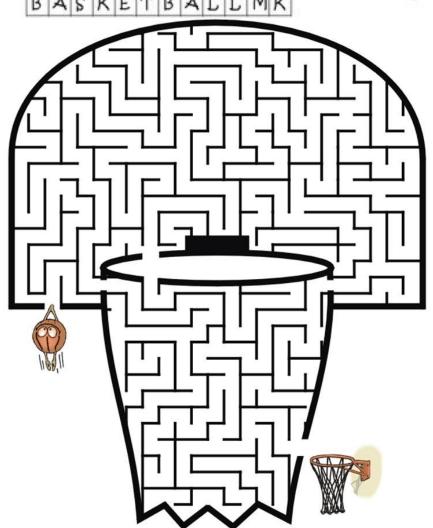
What is the difference between Allen Iverson and time?... Time passes.

What does a basketball player do when he loses his eyesight?.. Become a referee.



"Hey, hey, hey! Wait until I toss up the ball.
I want a fair jump."

By Andrew Hon





Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018

Time: 5:00-8:00 P.M.

<u>Where:</u> Ballard School Hyw 18 @ Ballard, MO

Chicken by Robert Perrymann Kickin' Chicken

Due to extraordinary chicken ticket sales, walk-ins may be limited!

## <u>Prices</u>

4 piece Chicken meal: \$10.00

2 piece Chicken meal: \$6.00

1 piece Chicken meal: \$4.00

Children 3 & Under: Free

## To purchase tickets:

Contact a Junior or Ms. Murchie by calling the school at 816-297-2656 ext. 106.



# March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				FFA Area 7 Contest Workshop 4-6pm		Jr's Chicken Fry 5-8pm
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II	12 Start of 4th Qtr	13 Board meeting 7:30 pm	I.	15 Spring Parent/ Teacher Conferences 3:30- 7:30pm	<ul><li>16 No Vo-Tech</li><li>Early Out 1:05pm</li><li>FFA Archie Contest</li><li>8am</li></ul>	17 Booster Ball  Kickoff  Ball Day with the  Bulldogs!
18	19	20 CPR#NG Grades 3 & 4 Jeff City Field Trip BB/SB vs Drexel TBA	21 Wacky Wed. Junior ACT Prep @ Osceola BB/SB @ Miami 4:30 pm	22	23 Grades K—2 Sea life Field Trip BB/SB @ Bronaugh 4:30pm	24
25	26 SPRING BREAK —	27	28	29	30	31