



Barks 'n' Growls



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

Parents, Students & Community

Happy New Year! It's 2018, and with a new year come new opportunities. I sincerely hope that students, teachers, and parents are all ready to put forth tremendous effort and work together to ensure academic success. We will know we have reached a high level of achievement when all students reach their academic potential and are prepared to enter post-secondary training (college, military, vocational school, etc.) or the workforce. If we strive for excellence and keep expectations high, students will meet and exceed those expectations. It has to be a team effort, though. Please contact myself or Mr. Hon if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for making this an even better school district.

It is very important to check on progress and communicate any concerns or problems to the teacher. If you still have concerns, the next contact to make is with the principal. Next in the chain of command would be the superintendent, followed by the School Board. If you intend to present an issue to the school board you must obtain *Form 0412 Request to Appear before the Board* from the Superintendent's office and return this form 5 school days prior to the Board Of Education meeting you are requesting to attend. By working together we can solve just about any problem and improve any situation that you feel is an issue.

By now you and/or the students have had the opportunity to use the new drinking fountains that have been purchased and installed. The new fountains feature a water bottle filling station. These fountains were made possible by the former Summer Association. We thank you for your donation to make the purchase of the fountains possible.

As of this date (1-20-2017) we have missed 2 days of school because of weather. We will plan to use February 19, 2018 and May 17, 2018 as make-up days.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank our current school board members for the service they provide for our school district. These ladies and gentlemen provide leadership to our district because they care about the Ballard R-2 School District. With the week of January 22-28, 2018 being School Board Appreciation Week, I, on behalf of the entire district, thank you for your service.

If anyone has any concerns about our school please feel free to contact me. I am more than willing to discuss the concerns with you.

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February Birthdays



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15 Brice Eidson
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Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

Happy New Year to you and your family! Well, here it is-another year and I hope it is an outstanding one for all of you. Students arrived back on January 4th with smiles and excitement. We are so glad to have them back in the school building! Having survived the first semester, we stand ready to finish the school year with confidence. My hope is that you, too, will look forward to the challenges of the new semester. Build on your achievements and put away your past disappointments. A few achievements that occurred include a school wide increase in reading levels, FFA District Barnwarming, Area 7 Trap Team Championship, Christmas Concert, Scholar Bowl competitions, students being accepted to college, along with numerous class improvements and achievements!

Parents, please continue to reinforce good attendance habits with your son/daughter. Attendance is extremely important in school. Excessive absences may result in missing work which is difficult to make up, losing continuity in school work, an irresponsible attitude toward daily obligations, and failure in school.

A couple of reminders:

- * If you are a guest at visiting the school please check in and sign into the office and receive a visitor's badge. Please make sure you make prior arrangement with the school. This will limit the classroom interruptions.
- * If your child is absent from school please make sure you are notifying the school either by phone call or a note presented to the office by 3:00pm the day following the absence.
- * If school needs to start late or be canceled due to inclement weather, this information will be sent via text through the school notifications along with local television and radio stations.

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Eric Hon, Principal

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Trent Aaron Tate, 18, is the son of Troy Tate and Jana Tate, and the brother of Holly and Jamie Tate. Trent's favorite class is Machine Tool Technology, and his favorite color is red. Trent dreams of owning a Mustang, and his favorite song is *Rockstar* by Nickleback. While his favorite kind of food is Chinese, his favorite restaurant is Texas Road House. Trent's hobbies and extracurricular activities include Drama, bridge building, and playing video games. Trent's pet peeve is people who don't finish their sentences, and his famous last words are "okay."

Trent plans on becoming an engineer after high school. In 15 years, Trent sees himself doing something really cool in slow-motion with explosions in the back ground.



Typed by Adelyne Dowse

THANK YOU

Our thanks to ALL the Ballard Bulldog families for their prayers and kindness following Jaeden's accident on December 15. God heard the prayers and blessed us with a Christmas miracle! May God bless each of you.

Curt and Phyllis Schliem

Student of the Month

December



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 December is Junior, Jackson (Jack) Rotert, son of Chris and Michelle Rotert. History teacher, Mr. Dunkin, states "Jack is a positive role model who nearly always puts forth his full effort. Jack shows respect to students and staff, demonstrating his good character daily." Business/Technology teacher, Ms. Murchie, states, "He has really stepped up and has taken his responsibilities to his class very seriously. He does everything that is asked of him and more. I know I can count on him to do any task set in front of him to the best of his ability. He is a great role model for his classmates." Math teacher, Mrs. Kershner states, "Jack is helpful & courteous,

has a great sense of humor, and is always working to improve himself. When Jack is in the room, you never have to worry about getting a classroom discussion started!" Science teacher, Mr. Brewster, states "Jack has shown great leadership skill and strong willingness to learn in Chemistry. He's always willing to help a classmate understand the complex problems we face." Art teacher, Mrs. DesCombes, states "Jack has a positive outlook on life, works hard, and sets a good example."

Jack is a member of the Basketball and Baseball teams. Jack is also involved in Ballard Honor Society.

For Jack'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:** Optimist Member Billy Joe Cumpton, Jack Rotert and Dustin Bridges.

January

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The Student of the Month for January is Freshman, Sudie Callahan, daughter of Trent and Missy Callahan. Jim Hillman, Physical Education Teacher, states that "Sudie has matured a lot over the last year. She is more focused. She has been a pleasure to teach so far in my class." Cheryl Murchie, Business Tech Teacher states "Sudie works hard and always tries to do her very best and will work until she accomplishes what she is assigned. She has a smile for everyone. Sudie will do what she can to help another student with a problem. She is not afraid to try new things." Bobby Brewster, Science Teacher states "Sudie sets goals and works hard to achieve them. She is self-motivated and gives her best in everything she does."



Sudie is a member of the Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and Scholar Bowl teams. Sudie is also involved in FFA and Art Club. For Sudie's hard work in school, she is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks." **Pictured:** Optimist Member Joe Bearden, Sudie Callahan, Eric Hon.

Mrs. Hathcock

It's been a great couple of weeks back! We are still working on getting back into the swing of things. It's hard to believe that we are already in second semester. The students had fun telling all about their Christmas break and I am very excited to be back with a fantastic group of kindergarteners.

At the end of this month, we will be celebrating the 100th day of school. We will be doing several fun activities to celebrate that we are 100 days smarter! Next month, we are going to have our valentines with friends.

In science, we have been learning about habitats and how different animals have adapted to live there. In math, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Reading has been progressing as well; we are continuing to learn letters and sounds, along with learning lots of new sight words and learning how to blend to put letters together to form words. We have been working hard on reading and some are starting to read books on their own. I am very proud of how hard the students work and participate in class. I am looking forward to another great month and lots of exciting things to come.

Written by Mrs. Hathcock

Typed by Adelyne Dowse



Mrs. Moore

Since we've come back from Christmas, there have been lots of new things in our classes.

In math, we're continuing multiplication (and reviewing addition and subtraction), as well as trying to improve our understanding of division. Circles and angles have been a challenge, but we use angles to make snowflakes.

We are reading "Extra Credit" by Andrew Clements. These are read aloud and discussed, and journal entries are written as well. It's a good book.

Spelling is... well, spelling. Next week we're doing calendar words with a poem and making a calendar.

We've planted our individual pet plants; now we'll watch them for the rest of the year.

In Social Studies, we're involved in a project which will end in a presidential timeline.

Written by Mrs. Moore

Typed by Caleb Morris

?! Frazzled First



Mrs. Ordal

January has been an interesting month for us with so many shortened weeks. We have learned why a snowflake is white, why we need light, how to communicate over a distance using light or sound, how vibrations make music and sound, why penguins have feathers, and why polar bears have white fur (or so it seems.)

We have learned that our ideas matter, and how to put them down on paper in the form of opinions. We have worked on making complete sentences, and remembered to put capitals and punctuation most of the time.

We are excited about 100 day that is coming up and the upcoming Spelling Bee. First grade is flying by!

Written by Mrs. Ordal

Typed by Caleb Morris

Second to None

Mrs. West

In second grade, we are learning about a big word: Onomatopoeia! This is a word that is used to imitate sounds like drip and drop. Karly Skaggs likes to use "thump" and "bonk" to make her writing more interesting. Nathan Bales likes to use "thud" and "plop." They are enjoying using onomatopoeias to enhance their writing.



In math, we are learning to subtract by re-grouping. We are getting comfortable with subtracting double digit numbers and will soon be moving on to subtracting three and four digit numbers.



We will begin using our interactive globe to study the continents and oceans. The globe was a gift from the PTO last year. We truly appreciate all the organization does for our school.

I think, after a rather cold start to second semester, many of the second grade students are eager to find out if the groundhog will see his shadow. Let's hope Spring is fast approaching!

Written by Mrs. West

Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Fiesty Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

This month our class read a book called The Guardians of Gahoole. In writing, we wrote about owls. Also, in math, we learned about decimals, commutative, associative, and identity properties.

In social studies, we learned about the Civil War. In science, we are learning about how much water the earth has. We are practicing for the spelling bee. This is what the fifth graders are learning this month.



Written by Audrey Foster
and Jonathan Setzer
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Sassy Seventh

We liked our break, along with our snow days! We are glad to be starting our second semester of seventh grade. We also switched sixth and seventh hour classes with the eighth grade! We hope to have a great rest of the year!



Written by Macie Morris and
Lexie Ward
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Jittery Juniors



Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Not much has been happening this month. We've had a couple of snow days earlier this month, which was very exciting! We only have a couple more home Basketball games and we would like to thank everyone who has been coming out and supporting the Junior class.

Written by Kelsie Karo
Formatted by Madelyne Murray



Spunky Sixth

Ms. Eidson



In Sixth Grade this month, we have learned a lot! In Math, we learned how to multiply fractions with a little bit of the "leave it, change it, flip it" technique! We are learning about Greek Mythology in Social Studies. In Science, we have been learning about the types of energy, and how they change! We learned about verb tenses in Language Art and, in Spelling, we have been learning new words. We just got our Spelling Bee packets, and we are all looking forward to the Spelling Bee that's coming up. We hope you're all having a good 2018 so far!



Written by the sixth grade class
Formatted by Camryn East

The Elite Eighth Grade

Hello there, people! This is the Eighth Grade class here! We got a new student this month! Her name is Katlin Martin and she has red hair. Now we have three girls in the class! We all enjoyed Christmas break, and now we're ready for summer break! We're all praying for River Clark to get better! He got hit by a cow, and fractured a few ribs.



Written by Ashton Carullo and
Briana Arredondo
Formatted by Camryn East

SAVAGE SENIORS

Hey, everyone! Welcome back to school! We are so excited for this second semester to begin all of the adventures and events coming up. We have finally decided where we are going for senior trip. We decided on Tybee Island, Georgia! We hope that everyone has a great second semester!

Written by Savana Allen
Typed and formatted by Andrew Hon



What is your name? Cameron Martin
What grade are you in? 11th
What is your favorite:
Show or Movie: Breaking Bad
Food: Wings
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Basketball
What so you want to be when you grow up? DEA Special Agent



What is your name? Destiny Bramell
What grade are you in? 10th
What is your favorite:
Show or Movie: Chicago Fire
Food: Lasagna
Color: Baby Blue
Holiday: 4th of July
Sport: Volleyball
What do you want to be when you grow up? A teacher



What is your name? Katlin Martin
What grade are you in? 8th
What is your favorite:
Show or Movie: The Simpsons
Food: Crab
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Basketball
What do you want to be when you grow up?
 A therapist of juveniles

Ballard Welcomes Student Teacher!

The Ballard students, teachers, administration and staff would like to welcome Mr. Michael Dawson to our school. Mr. Dawson will be student teaching with Mrs. Kershner in the math room this semester.

Mrs. Kershner stated that she believed there hasn't been a student teacher at Ballard in over 20 years, so this is an exciting event for Ballard.

Below is an interview with Mr. Dawson. We hope Mr. Dawson has a positive experience here.



What is your name? Michael Dawson
Who are you student teaching with? Mrs. Kershner
What made you decide you wanted to become a teacher? My mother is a teacher so I was inspired to teach because of her. I also love to inspire kids and it's an early retirement career.
What grade level/classes do you want teach? Middle School math
Do you have any idea of the size of school you would like to teach at? Small – Medium
What do you like to do when you are not studying to be a teacher? Spend time with family, cooking and taking vacations.
What are your plans after this? Start applying for jobs in the neighborhood.
What is your favorite:
Show or Movie: Princess Bride
Food: Anything with Bacon
Color: Purple
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Sport: Nascar

Formatted by Madelyne Murray

STELLAR SCIENCE

Mr. Brewster

This semester is off to a great beginning! The seventh graders, eighth graders, and the freshmen are learning about motion and force by making paper roller coasters, which will be shown off in the science fair. Biology One has been revisiting evolution, Biology Two is studying plants, and the Forensics class is learning about fingerprints and case two involving fiber samples. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for the science classes!

Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Everything English

Mrs. Gregory

This month in Creative Writing, the students are beginning to work on their portfolios of different works in writing. The Freshmen are reading *The Giver*. In Dramatics, they are reading *Oedipus Rex*, while the Juniors are reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The Sophomores are reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. This 2018 is going to be a fun one!



Written by Mikayla Whitaker



History

Mr. Dunkin

The 9th grade U.S. History class is building model airplanes and then will be studying the Jazz period. The 8th grade history class is studying the Manifest Destiny and will then go on to the Mexican-American War. The 7th grade history class is studying the Western European countries, such as France and Italy. The 11th and 12th grade Civil War class is looking at the Westward Expansion and the slavery that went along with it. The 12th grade Current Events class is studying the Cold War, while keeping up on current affairs. The 10th grade Government class is looking over the bureaucracy.

Written and typed by Caleb Morris

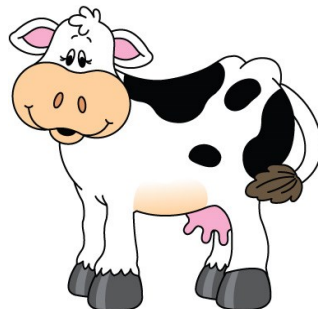
Ag/FFA

We hope everyone had a good break!! Over break, we as a chapter took a trip to the Longview Campgrounds for the Christmas In the Park light show. There were so many lights and awesome displays!!

The chapter will soon be selling Sonic cards that will give you discounts to food and drinks. The Sonic cards are one of the fundraisers that the chapter is doing this year. Thank you in advance for your support.

Soon, the chapter will be

putting teams together to compete at the area contest that is held annually in Archie. We hope that we will have some teams advance to State.



Written and typed by Caleb Morris

Outstanding Art



Mrs. DesCombes



This month, the students are having a lot of fun with their projects. In Advanced Art, they are creating projects based on Kehinde Wiley's portraits. The elementary and seventh grades are working on Valentine's Day boxes.

In Art 1, they are working on bowls and cups made from rolled magazines. In Painting, they are painting portraits inspired by the artist Chuck Close. Also, in 3D Art they are still glazing their projects and are getting ready to work on weaving and tie dyeing.

Written by Mikayla Whitaker

Sports Page

Written and Formatted by Andrew Hon
and Camryn East



Dog Fight!

On Friday, December 15, 2017, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs faced off against the Leeton Lady Bulldogs on our home court! Leeton's team is ranked third in the whole state, so our girls knew that they would have to work really hard to keep up with them. Our girls pushed themselves enough to get some of the opposing team's players worked up. That caused the Leeton Lady Bulldogs to turn over the ball a couple of times, which allowed us to get a few break away lay-ups! Even though they gave it their best shot, our Lady Bulldogs fell short, and lost the game 23-52. The leading scorer of the game was Camryn East with a total of 7 points. When asked about the game, Head Coach, Bobby Brewster stated, "Our effort was very good. We just have to learn to compete against teams like that." Good effort, ladies! Keep on fighting!

Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami December 18, 2017	
Ballard	38
Miami	32
The leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 12 points!	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Otterville December 27, 2017	
Ballard	31
Otterville	45
The leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 14 points!	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon January 5, 2018	
Ballard	38
Sheldon	36
The leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 17 points!	

The Leeton Tournament



Pictured above is
Camryn East

Lady Bulldogs vs. Lakeland January 8, 2018	
Ballard	17
Lakeland	59
The leading scorer was Savana Allen with a total of 6 points!	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Fair Play January 10, 2018	
Ballard	43
Fair Play	36
The leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 19 points!	



Lady Bulldogs vs. Humansville January 13, 2018	
Ballard	31
Humansville	55
The leading scorers were Camryn East, Morgan Wheeler, and Amanda Teagarden with a total of 6 points!	



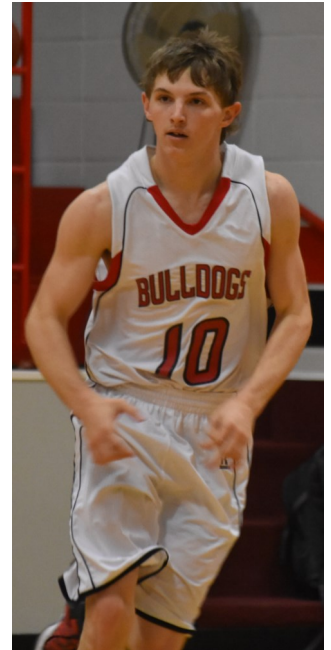
"Ruffing" up the Bulldogs



Pictured above is Garrett Oerke

On Friday, December 15, 2017, the Ballard Bulldogs faced off against the Leeton Bulldogs. This game was very important for us. We were playing for more then just the win. We were also playing for Jaeden Schliem, who had just gotten in a car accident that day. Also, Jake Light found out he broke his leg on the same day. So, the Bulldogs started out the day with seven players and ended the day with five.

That day was a test for all of us. The Ballard Bulldogs kept the game close in the first half against the very good Leeton team. In the third quarter the Leeton Bulldogs picked up their game and only missed one shot the whole quarter. In the forth quarter, the Ballard Bulldogs started to catch back up a little bit, but the deficit was just a little too much to come back from. The Ballard Bulldogs lost 49 to 64.



Pictured above is Colton Page



Away Games

Monday, December 18 Bulldogs vs. Miami	
Ballard	58
Miami	60

Wednesday, December 27 Bulldogs vs. Otterville	
Ballard	41
Otterville	49

Friday, January 5 Bulldogs vs. Sheldon	
Ballard	29
Sheldon	46

Lakeland Tournament

Monday, January 8 Bulldogs vs. Fair Play	
Ballard	39
Fair Play	70

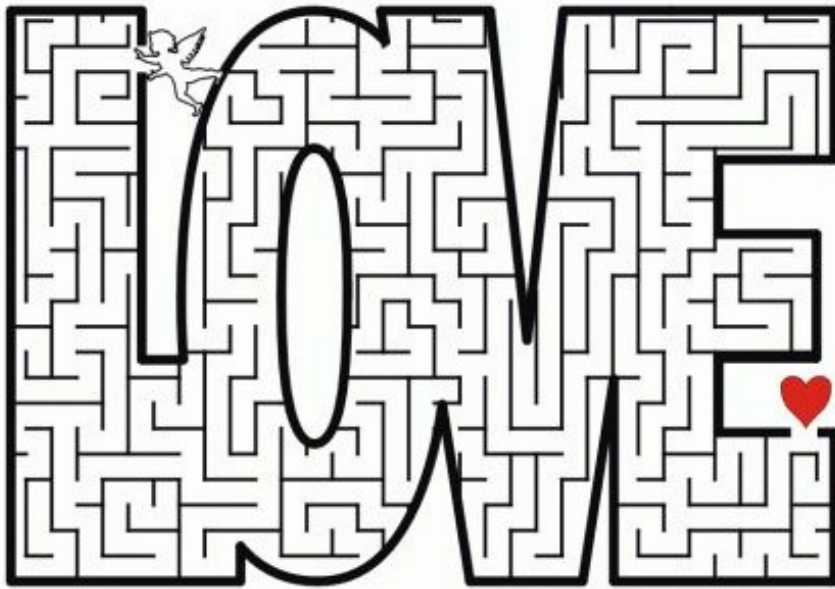
Wednesday, January 10 Bulldogs vs. Hermitage	
Ballard	67
Hermitage	41

Saturday, January 13 Bulldogs vs. Sheldon	
Ballard	44
Sheldon	50



Thursday, January 18 Bulldogs vs. Drexel	
Ballard	36
Drexel	45

Fun Page



Q. What do single people call Valentine's Day?
A. Happy Independence Day

Q. What's the best part about Valentine's Day?
A. The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale.

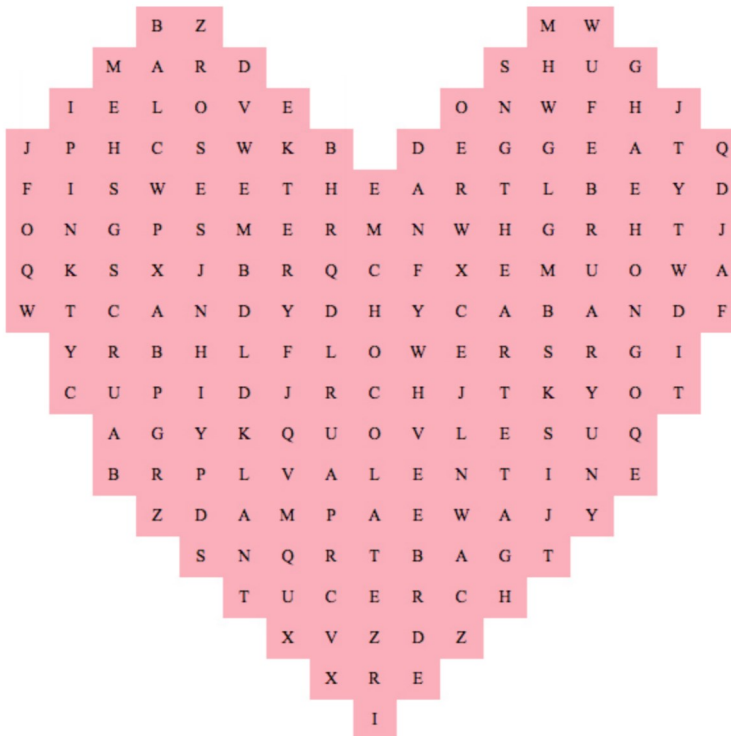
Q. What is another way of saying Happy Valentine's day!
A. Singles Awareness Day!

Q. What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine's Day?
A. You can always count on me.

If you were a triangle you would be acute one!



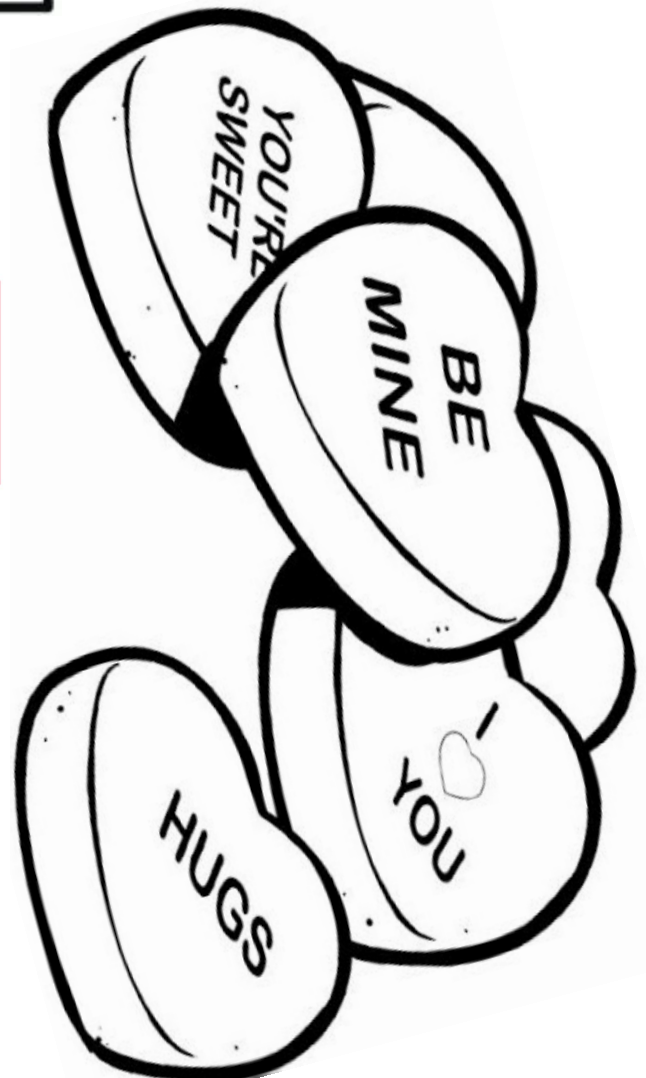
Valentine's Day Word Search



LOVE
CHOCOLATE
PINK
VALENTINE
ROSES

CUPID
FEBRUARY
RED
HUG
FLOWERS

CANDY
HEART
SWEETHEART
CARD
SWEET



Freshman Pasta Dinner

Saturday, February 17

5:30 - 8:00

At Ballard R-II School



Spaghetti

or

Alfredo

Walk-ins Welcome!

Ages 3 and up meal \$8.00

Ages 5-12 meal: \$6.00

Ages 4-under: Free



February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Mid Quarter	3
4	5 VBB @ Montrose 5:30pm	6 VBB @ Bronaugh 5:30pm	7 Picture Day Class/ Group/Sports/ Spring Sports 4-H 6/7pm	8	9 VBB @ Hume	10
11	12	13 VBB @ Calhoun 6pm	14 Valentine Parties	15 Sophomore Vo Tech trip Board Meeting 7:30pm	16 No Vo-Tech VBB vs Miami 5:30pm **Senior Night** **Court warming**	17 Freshmen Italian Dinner 5-8 pm
18 FFA Week begins 	19 School WILL BE in session today VBB Districts	20	21 PJ/Hat Day	22	23	24
25	26 Spring Sports Practice begins	27 Scholar Bowl @ Miami 5pm 	28			