



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
Eighth edition, May 17, 2018

From the Superintendent's Desk....

Parents, Students & Community

The end of the school year is nearly here! The years seem to be going by faster and faster each year. We will have graduation ceremonies for the senior class and the 8th grade on Friday, May 11, 2018. I think this has been an excellent school year, and I expect next school year to be even better. We have a lot to be proud of here at Ballard, and it wouldn't be possible without an outstanding student body, parents, staff members, community members, and a School Board that wants the best for the children here. As we near the completion of the 2017-2018 school year, I would like to say a few thank you's to some individuals and organizations.

First, I would like to thank the PTO for all the teacher supplies and equipment that they have bought throughout the year. Also, thank you PTO for all the food and signs of encouragement and thanks to the teachers during teacher appreciation week. Your efforts throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

To the Booster Club, thank you for the supplies and equipment you have purchased throughout the year for both athletics and academics. Thank you also for all the support for the athletes by decorating the school, and for the food that you have contributed to the students who were participating in extra-curricular activities. The Booster Club also provided the meat for the awards banquet.

I would like to congratulate and wish Mrs. Raelyn Kershner the best as she retires after serving as the math teacher for the Ballard R-2 School District for 29 of the past 31 years. For two of those thirty-one years she took a sabbatical to teach in Indonesia. During her time here she also at one time served as the technology department, quiz bowl sponsor, bus driver and volleyball coach. I would also like to congratulate and wish Mrs. Linda Gulling the best as she retires after serving as the Title I teacher for the past 11 years. Both of these ladies have contributed to the success of all of the students who have passed through the doors of Ballard during their tenure. We are also losing Mr. Hon and Mrs. DesCombes. They are both moving on to new ventures in their lives. They all have done a great job for us. All will be missed. Thank you for being a part of the Ballard family.

In closing, I want to wish the graduates good luck in the future. I hope you accomplish all your dreams, and everyone here sincerely wishes you the best for you and your family.

I will continue to work hard for this district, and I look forward to seeing the students arrive in August to begin another successful school year. Thanks for your support and caring for the students here at Ballard. Enjoy the summer.

Principal's Corner

Written by Mr. Siebeneck
Typed and formatted by Camryn East

It does not seem possible that another school year has come and gone. I do hope your child has not only enjoyed the year, but has grown in many areas. Many of the goals established at the beginning of the school year have been accomplished. There have been numerous successes to celebrate.

Through the year, I have had so many opportunities to see how our students achieved goals, and I have been actively embraced by all staff, students and parents. During the next school year, you will continue to link the school with the homes and the community as we strive to continually improve student achievement.

Thank you for getting your children to school on time each day; for kind notes of encouragement- that means so much; for sending your children with healthy lunches and snacks; for making sure homework gets completed... and turned in. Thank you for providing rich, engaging, and well-rounded experiences for your children; and for knowing that education is about joy, wonder, and fostering curiosity, along with the development of the social skills so needed to succeed.

For these, and a million other things, we are truly grateful!

Some of the staff will be transitioning to new positions outside of the district or enjoying retirement. Undoubtedly the staff, both the current, added with the new, will continue to be outstanding educators to all students! Congratulations to our well-prepared and capable Seniors, who are moving on to a new state in their life journey! We wish them well and much success as they move on to their next step!

Lastly, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the principal this past year and getting to know each and every one of your children. Thank you to the teachers, staff, students, parents, and the community! Best wishes for a happy and safe summer! I would like to end with a quote from the great John Wooden, "Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable."

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Eric Hon, Principal

Typed and formatted by Camryn East

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Summer Birthdays

May

11	Drew Hon
12	Lane Meade
12	Victoria Snyder
14	Wyatt Blair
16	Karley Skaggs
18	Zachary Carpenter
19	Bradley Bergschneider
24	Leven Howard
25	Brad Dunkin
28	Alexis Britz
28	Ethan Kennedy
31	Miranda Bridges

June

2	Brooklyn Warren
8	Jon Setzer
8	Sam Setzer
15	Aspyn Eidson
16	Nathan Bales
16	Kelly West
18	Rachel Gregory
22	Mikayla Whitaker
27	Zayden Miller
27	Dale Dowse
28	Olivia Porter
29	Callan Rotert

July

7	<i>Summer Hastings</i>
8	<i>CeNedra Meade</i>
8	<i>Gavin Schliem</i>
11	<i>Sonny Mahan</i>
14	<i>Jim Hillman</i>
14	<i>Madison Gunter</i>
16	<i>Jake Light</i>
18	<i>Donna Dodds</i>
22	<i>Jill Hill</i>
22	<i>Kale Oerke</i>
25	<i>Jacob Kepner</i>
27	<i>Katelynne Skaggs</i>
27	<i>Madelyne Murray</i>

August

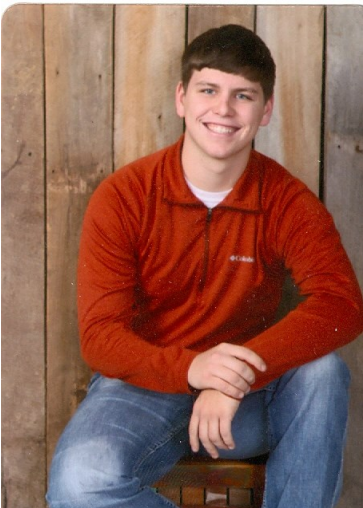
2	Maggie Foster
6	Camryn East
7	Maribel Arredondo
8	Kerri Loyd
8	Luke Meade
9	Ian Bergman
11	Kailee Smith
13	Owen Meade
13	Harry Greer
19	Averie Bales
20	Terry Wendel
21	Lindy Gunter
22	John Siebeneck
27	Colton Page
28	Piper Goth



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Adelyne Mary Dowse, 18, is the daughter of Catherine Dowse and the late Larry Dowse, and the sister of Dale Dowse. Some of her favorites include Health Occupations, refried beans, and IHOP. Adelyne's dream car is a lavender colored Bugatti, and her favorite song is *Youngblood* by 5 Seconds of Summer. Adelyne's hobbies and extracurricular activities include basketball, softball, volleyball, pepclub, drama club, Clinton Technical School NHS, and spending time with her friends, family, and boyfriend. Her biggest pet peeve is when people make obnoxious noises when they chew their food and drink their drinks. Adelyne's famous last words are "I'm ALWAYS right" and "You're not wrong."

After graduation, Adelyne plans to attend MCC's Longview campus in Kansas City where she will begin her education towards a degree in Applied Health. When asking Adelyne where she sees herself in 15 years, she stated that she will be finishing up the final years of her residency and fellowship and starting her career as a Sports Medicine Physician. She hopes to be married with at least on kid, living her best life.



Andrew Leonard Hon, 17, is the son of Heather and Eric Hon, and the brother of Austin and Nephi Hon, and Hannah Tucker. Andrew's favorite class is physical education, and his favorite color is orange. Andrew dreams of owning a Lamborghini, and his favorite song is *Me and God* by Josh Turner. His favorite kind of food is spaghetti and buffalo wings, and his favorite restaurant is Buffalo Wild Wings. Andrew's hobbies and extracurricular activities include baseball, basketball, swimming, spending time with his girl friend, playing video games, trap shooting, scholar bowl, Ballard Honor Society, and FFA. Andrews's pet peeve is when people don't agree with him because he is ALWAYS right, and his famous last words are *insert hand gesture* "BOOM!"

Andrew plans on going to college, collecting debt, getting a job, paying off all his debt, retire, and die. When I asked Andrew where he saw himself in 15 years, he stated that he sees himself simply paying off his debt.



Typed and formatted
by Adelyne Dowse

Student of the Month

April

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 April is Senior Colton Page, son of Kent and Lori Page. Ag teacher, Dustin Bridges states "Colton is a hardworking, dedicated, and driven individual that strives for success in everything he does. Over the last four years, I have watched him push himself to overcome obstacles to his success. He is a leader on the field and in the classroom where he is always willing to pitch in and help out where needed." Math teacher Raelynn Kershner states "Colton is responsible, focused, & sets realistic goals. He is always ready to help."

Colton is a member of the basketball, baseball and FFA trap teams. Colton is also involved in Paw Pride, FFA, and Ballard Honor Society.

For Colton'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 (L-R): Jerry Ferguson, Colton Page, Eric Hon



May

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The Student of the Month for May is Senior, Jamie Tate, daughter of Troy and Jana Tate. Mrs. Kershner, Math teacher, states that "Jamie is great help with the preschool and always ready with a high five!" Mr. Hillman, PE coach states, "I've spent every 6th hour of every school day with Jamie. She is always upbeat and positive. She helps whenever she can and loves to play and have fun. There has never been a better choice for student of the month than Jamie." Ms. Murchie, Business/Tech teacher states that "Jamie is always ready for a hug. She has a wonderful sense of humor. Jamie is always willing to help and she loves helping out with younger students." Ms. Burgin, JH English/Librarian, states that "Jamie demonstrates a positive attitude, enjoys helping others and is a joy to be around. Jamie brightens everyone's day." Mr. Brewster, Science teacher, states that "Jamie is a special person and student. She cares for all of her friends from kindergarten through seniors. Jamie makes me smile daily. I am going to miss Jamie!" Mr. Bridges, Agriculture teacher, states that "Jamie is the sweetest girl, always wanting to give hugs. We have been instant friends since I subbed for her in elementary and helped her go across the monkey bars. She has a heart of gold and can brighten any room. She is a true inspiration." Jamie participates in helping with the pre-school and P.E.

For Jamie'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 (L-R):** Billy Joe Cumpton, Jamie Tate, Eric Hon



Class of 2018 Graduates

On Friday, May 11, 2018, Commencement was held at the Ballard High School. The ceremony started with the graduates walking in to "Pomp & Circumstance," played by Mrs. Raelynn Kershner. Mr. Eric Hon gave an opening welcome speech and then introduced the eighth grade graduates of the Class of 2022. They were handed their certificates showing that they are ready to advance to the high school level by the President of the Board of Education, Ms. Jacque Porter.

Salutatorian Colton Page, son of Kent and Lori Page, gave a heartwarming speech about his memories with his classmates. He ended his speech by giving thanks and saying his good-byes. The Class of 2018 then honored their parents with a presentation of roses with the class's favorite songs playing and a PowerPoint presentation of the seniors, created by Mrs. Kerri Loyd.

After the graduates returned to their seats, Valedictorian Camryn East, daughter of Kevin and Shamera East, gave her touching speech that was filled with memories of her classmates and advice to the Class of 2022.

Awards and scholarships were then presented to the deserving seniors by Ballard's Counselor, Miranda Bridges. Mrs. Bridges had the senior's step forward as she told the audience of their plans as well as the awards and scholarships.

Superintendent, Mr. John Siebeneck, recognized the retiring

teachers and the Board members that have stepped down, as well as saying words of encouragement for the graduating class.

Principal, Mr. Eric Hon, presented the Class of 2018 to the President of the School Board, Ms. Jacque Porter, for the presentation of their diplomas. To end the ceremony, Senior President, Camryn East, led the class in the turning of their tassels.

The graduates made their way to the back of the gym where the hats were thrown. There was a receiving line in the commons for family and friends to congratulate the graduates.

We would like to wish the graduating class of 2018 good luck in everything they do!



First Row (L-R): Ray Cummings, Madelyn Murray, Mikayla Whitaker, Adelyne Dowse, Savana Allen, Camryn East, and Jamie Tate

Second Row (L-R): Trent Tate, Andrew Hon, Merritt Roach, Caleb Morris, Colton Page, and Austin Carpenter



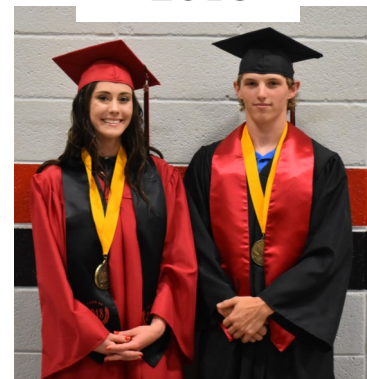
Class of 2022



First Row (L-R):
Payton Miller
Katlin Martin
Brianna Arredondo
Ashton Carullo
Second Row (L-R)
Brendan Moore
Kale Oerke
River Clark
Keith Schmitt



Class of 2018



Valedictorian Camryn East
Salutatorian Colton Page

Kindergarten Class of 2018 moving up!



On Tuesday May 15, after an exciting year of learning, 10 students from the Ballard R-2 kindergarten class graduated with much fanfare. Mrs. Hathcock had been getting the kindergarten class of 2018 ready for the ceremony with practicing their songs.

The kindergarteners had been saying the "The Pledge of Allegiance" all year and were ready to show the parents what they could do. The students had also been practicing sev-

eral songs that they performed the night of the graduation

The parents needed to bring their hankies to be ready for the rose ceremony. The students handed out their roses to their parents as the audience watched a slide show about each student as well as some memories of the year.

The ceremony ended with the class receiving their diplomas from Mr. Hon and Mrs. Hathcock. Congratulations to the Kindergarten Class of 2018!

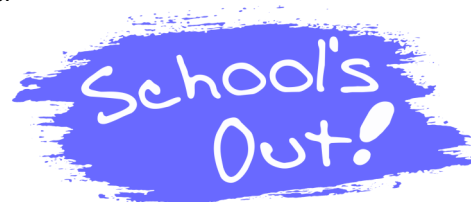
Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

As this school year comes to a close, the kindergarteners have been busy getting ready to move on to first grade. Since Kindergarten graduation is coming up quickly, I have asked my students what they are most looking forward to in first grade. Here is what each of them said:

- Ian Bergman— is looking forward to having a new teacher.
- Chandler Borland— is looking forward to getting to take more AR tests.
- Delainey Ferguson— is looking forward to learning to read more.
- Charlie Fisher— is looking forward to learning more stuff.
- Nathaniel Fisher— is looking forward to getting older.
- Vivian Greer— is looking forward to getting snacks after recess.
- Summer Hastings— is looking forward to our new teacher.
- Sofia Porter— is looking forward to learning a lot.
- Callan Rotert— is looking forward to having good days.
- Lilyana Sieghartner— is looking forward to having fun.
- Brooklyn Warren— is looking forward to having a new teacher.

It has been a great year and I have enjoyed having each one of these students. I have enjoyed watching each one learn and grow throughout the year and I wish each one the best in years to come.



Written by Mrs. Hathcock and typed by Adelyne Dowse

Frazzled First

Mrs. Ordal



The following quotes are from the first graders.

My favorite thing in first grade was learning about animals. I also like when we measured the tiles down the hall. - Braydon Siebeneck

My favorite thing in first grade was reading quietly. My other one was writing our letter about Sea Life. - Lily Bergen

My favorite parts of school were Sea Life and the pizza party and I also liked Christmas Around the World. - Lane Meade

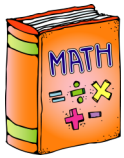
My favorite thing in first grade was that we went to Sea Life, and we did a plant study. - Ian Campbell

My favorite things in first grade were growing plants and going to Sea Life. - Zayden Miller

My favorite things in first grade were when I got my birthday pencil and I liked Sea Life because we got to have a class and I like when I am the leader of the day. - Aspyr Eidson

Written by The First Graders

Typed by Caleb Morris



Second to None

Mrs. West

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by! We have had such a great time learning this year. As a writing assignment, I asked my class to write about their favorite part of second grade.

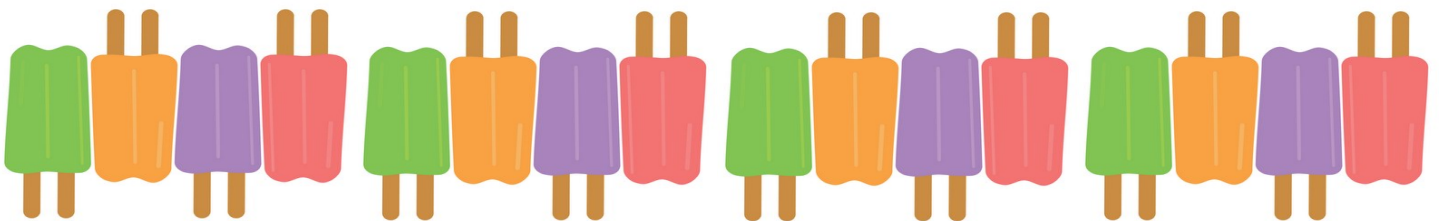
Jacob Eidson wrote, "My favorite part of the year was making catapults for our Peeps, and building a ramp when we were learning about motion in science. It was fun because we got to have toy cars." Nathan Bales wrote that he liked Rocket Math and that he liked learning about perimeter and area. Kenadee Allen also said that her favorite part was science and math. She said that she liked adding all the numbers in math and doing the experiments in science. Karly Skaggs said that her favorite part in second grade was math because it was easy for her and science because it is very, very fun! Addilynn Engelhardt said she liked science because we did catapults with Peeps. We went outside on the concrete. It was fun! Piper's Peep went the farthest.

Gavin Schliem said his favorite part was when they did an experiment with an egg and vinegar to see if it would bounce. Piper Goth said she had three favorite parts: science, math, and writing. "I like science because we do experiments. I like math because we learn how to do hard problems. Writing was fun because we got to write amazing stories." Zoe Frederick said she liked free time because she can play with her friends, and science because it's fun. Owen Meade said, "My favorite day of second grade is Friday when we take all our tests. I especially love the reading tests because we have to memorize the story. I also liked it because we get more free time on those days. I like to play on the tablets and read a lot of the time for A. R. points." Harry Greer said his favorite part was doing science and eating snacks. He likes his friends too!

We, in second grade, hope everyone has a fun summer!

Written by Mrs. West

Typed by Mikayla Whitaker



TREMENDOUS THIRD

Ms. Kabir



As the school year is winding down, I had some of my students write about their summer goals. The majority of my students didn't get finished with the assignment so here's only a few!

Ashton Siebeneck: My summer goals are to read at least 3 books, visit 2 states, play outside for 3 hours a day and go without YouTube for 6 days.

Maggie Foster: My summer goals are to read 5 books, play outside on every nice day and to be a good listener.

Macie Wainscott: My summer goals are to play with my friends, read books and go to be Nana and Grandpop's house.

Kennedy Borland: My summer goals are to eat vitamins every morning, read 287 books I like, visit 2 different states and eat as many kiwi's as possible.

Madison Gunter: My summer goals are to see my dad at least 3 times, to read 5 chapter books, to spend the night at my cousins house at least 10 times and to see Tiffany's baby on

my birthday or at least 2 times.

Chrissy Evans: My summer goals are to swim on 6 days, read 2 hours a day, run for 6 minutes a day and sing on 6 days.

Bradley Bergschneider: My summer goals are to go swimming at Payson's house at least 2 times, to have a lot of fun on my birthday, to read every Friday and to write a letter to Nephi every day.

Abby Bergen: My summer goals are to read for 30 minutes a day, help my mom with chores for 20 minutes and try to keep my room clean for every week.

Daxtyn Greer: My summer goals are to do my chores every week, clean my room once a month, help clean the house once a month and keep the yard clean everyday.

Olivia Porter: My summer goals are to read a book every other day, do two chores every other day and write in my journal every Friday.

Written by Ms. Kabir
Formatted by Madelyne Murray

Ballard Drama Club Presents...

On Saturday, April 14, 2018, the Drama Club put on their play of Charlotte's Web. It was a hit! The cast consisted of seventh grader Lucas Whitaker (Uncle the Pig and the President of the Fair), Sophomores: Briana Pray (Sheep) and Dale Dowse (Avery and Uncle Homer), Juniors: Kayla Wainscott (Wilbur) and Mikayla Pray (Lights), and Seniors: Camryn East (Mrs. Arable, Charlotte, and Baby Spiders), Addie Dowse (Reporter and Gander), Trent Tate (Templeton), Caleb Morris (Mr. Arable and Lurvey), and Mikayla Whitaker (Goose and Fern). During the play, the rest of the seniors served dinner which was spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, and cake! Overall, the experience was eventful and fun. They portrayed Charlotte's Web extremely well!

Written by Mikayla Whitaker



Fantastic Fourth

Mrs. Moore

When this article was written, we had just gone on a field trip to Jefferson City. It was so awesome. I played tag on the stairs and saw so much! It was lots of fun!

We reviewed and practiced for the MAP Test. During a break, we put together some puzzles.

Written by Lucas Crump and Mrs. Moore
Typed by Caleb Morris

Fiesty Fifth

Mrs. Bergen



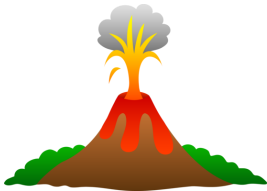
After we got back from spring break, we learned about fractions. We also read the book "Threads." After that, we did our MAP testing! We are so excited for the last day of school and summer! We hope everyone has a great summer also.

Written by Zoie Wheeler and Audrey Foster
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Spunky Sixth

Ms. Eidson

POOF! It's already May! We did reviewing for MAP testing... sadly. We did a severe weather PowerPoint; we're almost done reading White Fang; and we've had two math classes every day! We had MAP testing. Of course, no one liked it, but we did study for it and seventh grade all year. We did our volcanoes and they turned out amazing! I think the volcanoes were our all-time favorite project. We had different ecosystems and volcanoes. Ms. Eidson has been great, she's learned just as much as we have.



Written by Aimee and Lilly
Formatted by Camryn East

SAVAGE SENIORS

Well it is that time! End of the year and the seniors are heading off to Tybee Island, Georgia for a week of fun, bonds, and memories! Then we get back and it's our last full week of school! It's getting real fast and we are ready! Have a great rest of the year and have a great summer!



Written by Savana Allen
Typed by Andrew Hon

Ag/FFA

The FFA Chapter competed at districts in Warrensburg on Tuesday April 3. Everyone tried their hardest and had fun but no teams placed high enough to advance to state. We would like to thank everyone that helped us through the crazy contest season. We can get them next year!!

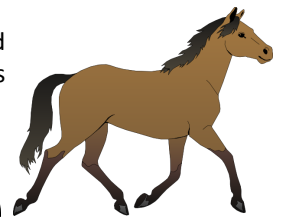
Written by Kailee Smith
Typed and formatted by Camryn East

Written and typed by Caleb Morris



Everything English

Mrs. Gregory



What a fabulous year! We have done everything from reviewing the parts of speech, to writing speeches, to reading some exciting short stories and books, to reading gory Shakespearean tragedies, to finally end up writing some excellent papers. I just wanted to thank all my brainy super smart students for making my first year of teaching one of the absolute best ever. I can't wait to get started on next year. Have a great summer and come back safe. To the Seniors; have a wonderful time being exceptional adults. I know you're going to be amazing.

Written by Mrs. Gregory
Formatted by Mikayla Whitaker

Sassy Seventh

We can't wait for summer! Also, we are glad map testing is over! Overall, we've had a lot of fun and it's been a great year.

Written by Alexis Hastings
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker



The Elite Eighth Grade

We are really looking forward to school being over. Math has gotten easier and, yeah. In history, we are watching a movie about a war. In English, we are watching parodies to make our own. In Murchie's, we are typing a paper about some people. So, that's what we're doing in our classes. We are having a lot of fun (not really).



Written by The Eighth Graders
Typed and formatted by Camryn East

Keepin' it Fresh Freshmen

As the school year comes to an end, the Freshmen class is ready for summer. We are trying our best to stay on task and get our work done. I think we are just glad the school year is over.



Outstanding Art



Mrs. DesCombes

This month was full of exciting events for the art department. The Art Show was held on Friday, April 6, 2018. Maddy Murray and Kelsie Karo earned Honorable Mentions, Serenity Morris came in third, Kelsie Karo won second, and Ray Cummings took the “Best in Show” title. In the elementary, Nathan Bales took third place, Zoie Wheeler took second place, and Autumn Hasting won “Best in Show.”

The High School Art Club took a field trip to “The Art of the Brick” exhibit at Union Station. The exhibit featured artist Nathan Sawaya’s outstanding Lego Sculptures. Some depicted versions of famous art and others were complete originals. We had an awesome time!



Written by Mrs. DesCombes
Formatted by Mikayla Whitaker

Ancient History

The 7th grade Geography class is studying Sub Sahara Africa. The 8th grade US History class is studying one of the most important battles the Civil War and the Reconstruction. The 9th grade US History class is studying the importance of World War II. The 10th grade Government class is looking over voting rights during election season and what influences people to vote. The 11th and 12th grade Civil War class is concluding the eastern theatre and emphasizing the Confederate surrender. The 12th grade Current Events class is looking over current political events that are currently taking place.



Written by Mr. Dunkin
Typed by Caleb Morris



STELLAR SCIENCE




Mr. Brewster

As this year rolls to an end, we are starting to finish up all of our lesson plans and EOC testing. The freshmen have been balancing chemical equations and working on waves, and the forensics class took a trip to the KCMO PD Crime Lab. It was a very eye opening experience. The eighth graders and the sophomores have been finalizing their EOC testing. The seventh graders have been doing power points over the different body systems, and they all did a wonderful job. I am very proud of my students



and all the hard work they put in this year.

Typed by Adelyne Dowse



Math Tweets



Mrs. Kershner



Ballard's math students competed in the annual GVVC conference math relay held at Bronaugh, March 7, 2018. Each student participated in 1 individual competition and 1 team competition for the math class he/she currently studies at Ballard. Our students represented us well with the following students winning special recognition for top achievement. Tucker Roach, 3rd place individual Math 7; Colton Page, Kelsey Pray, Mikayla Pray, and Jack Rotert, 2nd place Algebra 2 team; and Camryn East, Andrew Hon, Merritt Roach, and Trent Tate, 3rd place Senior Math team.

Mrs. Kershner submits this final article for the 2017-2017 Barks & Growls with a personal note: "I would like to thank the Ballard community for allowing me to teach your children over the past 31 years. It has been a privilege to be a part of this school family, through thick and thin. I am so glad God brought me here in 1987 and made it possible for me to return in

1996 after teaching overseas for two years. I am excited for our students and their new teacher, and I expect to hear great things coming from the math department in years to come. Students, I challenge you to always give your very best- "What your hand finds to do, do it with your might"- and when you have done so, at the end of that day, rest well. If you miss the mark, get up the next morning and try again! Words are inadequate, but thank you again, Ballard family... "Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!"

Mrs. Kershner's final math adventure was to take several math students for a bike ride on the Katy Trail. She actually had the students use the math they had learned through-out the year.



Unlocking the Door to the Future!

Ballard has given much to me. You gave me this key in 1987. You gave it back to me when I returned from two years in Indonesia in 1996. You gave me a husband! You gave me hundreds of willing learners, memories to last a lifetime, and a few grey hairs. You have given me patience and respect.

The true key to Ballard is family. You took a 22-year-old farm girl that knew only how to work hard and made her a part of this community. You gave me love and support while I loved and did my best to support your children in the midst of their learning a sometimes difficult subject. I am incapable of adequately expressing my gratitude to this school and community we call Ballard.

As the last assignment I want to give you, I ask that you welcome and support your new math teacher in the same manner you did a new teacher 31 years ago. He brings enthusiasm & fine teaching skills. I look forward to hearing good things in the coming years. But don't give him this key... the only door in the building it opens now is a closet!



Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog...

Written by Raelynn Kershner
Typed and formatted by Camryn East

In The Words of Ms. Burgin



Carpenter Receives Highest Honors

7th and 8th Graders have completed MAP testing. They have worked very hard before MAP testing on writing argumentative papers and presenting them in front of their classes.

LIBRARY

This year we had a book fair in December and another in the April. Both book fairs were successful and I want to thank all the students, parents and community for their support in making both book fairs a success. We will have two again next year, but the spring fair will be a BOGO fair!

I had the privilege to get to go to my first Librarian conference held at Tan-Tar-A resort in Osage Beach, MO. I learned a lot and had the opportunity to meet author, April Henry. I am looking forward to next year.

Written by Ms. Burgin
Typed by Adelyne Dowse



Congratulations to Austin Carpenter on his musical accomplishments during this school year.

In September, Austin auditioned and was selected as a part of the West Central All-District Choir, where he performed on October 14. This was quite an honor.

He also participated in GVVC All-Conference Choir on November 15.

In March, Austin received a gold medal, or 1 rating, for his vocal solo at District Music Contest in Stockton. This earned the right to compete at the State level at the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he, once again, earned a gold medal.



'Kickin it Old School!

On Thursday, May 15, 2018, the Ballard Music Department held its annual spring music concert.

To start off the night, the BB Howlers string band, made up of high school music classes and a sixth grade music student, entertained the audience as they were being seated with a variety of songs. The sixth grade band played two songs. The audience enjoyed the singing talents of Austin Carpenter and Dale Dowse.

The Elementary Students performed several songs to round out the evening including several students playing bucket drums.

To the end the evening, the BB Howlers string band played a few more songs. Included was one song that was written by our very own music director and her husband. The spring music concert was a wonderful success!



Sports Page

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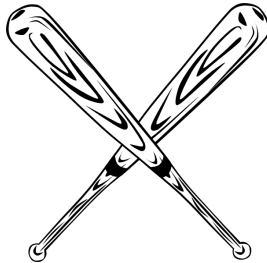
March 23, 2018 Lady Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh	
Ballard	12
Bronaugh	2

April 4, 2018 Lady Bulldogs vs. NEVC	
Ballard	10
NEVC	9

Punching at the Panthers

On April 10, 2018, the Lady Panthers of Sheldon traveled to Ballard. It was our first home game of the season and it was a victorious one for the Lady Bulldogs! With a good defense behind her, Jailynn Wheeler allowed 2 runs in 5 innings, and with Camryn East and Savana Allen each adding a home run, we scored 12 runs. The final score was 12-2. Congratulations, girls!

Written by Larry Bergshneider
Typed and formatted
by Camryn East



April 13, 2018 Lady Bulldogs vs. Green Ridge	
Ballard	4
Green Ridge	5



Pictured above is Jailynn Wheeler



Pictured above is
Savana Allen

Barking at the Hornets

On April 17, 2018, the Lady Hornets of Hume came to town for a double header. The first game was a very hard fought battle, but we came up on the short end of the scoreboard, with the final score being 8-0. We could never quite catch up to their pitcher, and in the fourth inning, Adelyne Dowse went down with what was later found out to be a concussion.

The second game was never in doubt as the Lady Hornets scored 17 runs and won 17-2. Our only offensive play came in the fourth inning on a single by Savana Allen, being driven in by a home run by Amanda Teagarden.

Written by Larry Bergshneider
Typed and formatted by Camryn East

April 24, 2018 Lady Bulldogs vs. Butler	
Ballard	0
Butler	15



Districts

May 1, 2018 Lady Bulldogs vs. Butler	
Ballard	0
Butler	10

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, the Ballard Bulldogs attacked the Miami Eagles. After the first inning, the Bulldogs were down by two runs after the first three Miami runners scored and only one Bulldog runner scored. After the fourth inning, the game was tied with a score of 7-7. In the fifth and sixth innings, the Bulldogs put up two runs in each inning. From the fifth inning on, the Bulldogs didn't give up another run. At the end of the game, the Bulldogs won their season opener by four, with a final score of 11-7.

March 23, 2018 Ballard vs. Bronaugh	
Ballard	17
Bronaugh	0

April 4, 2018 Ballard vs. NEVC	
Ballard	1
NEVC	0

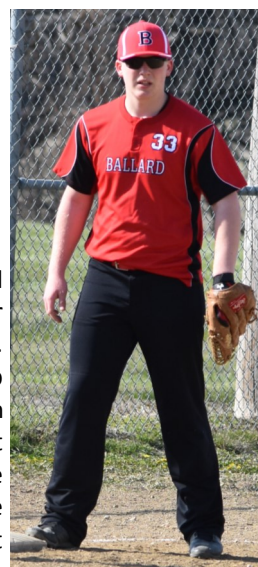
On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, the Ballard Bulldogs clashed against the Sheldon Panthers for their second home game of the season. To start off the game, the Panthers put one run on the board and the Bulldogs couldn't answer back right away. In the third inning, the Panthers added two more to their score, but the Bulldogs came back with 2 runs in the same inning to keep the deficit still at one. In the fifth inning, the Bulldogs tied the game at three apiece, by two stolen bases and a single to bring in the run. In the seventh, the Bulldogs walked off the game with a stolen base and a bad throw by the Panthers catcher to bring in the run. The Bulldogs won the game in walk off fashion by a score of 4-3.



On Monday, April 16, 2018, the Ballard Bulldogs ganged up on the Montrose Bluejays. The game started off slowly for both teams through the first two innings, with the score still at zero. In the third inning, both teams scored one run to keep the game tied at one apiece. In the fourth inning, the Bulldogs allowed three runs to the Bluejays, but added one run to the score to make the game 4-2 in the Bluejays favor. After the fourth inning though, the game got out of hand for the Bulldogs giving up seven runs in the fifth inning and three runs in the seventh inning, while only scoring three runs in the same amount of innings. The Bulldogs lost the game by a score of 14-5.



April 11, 2018 Ballard vs. Concordia	
Ballard	6
Concordia	19



On Tuesday, April 24, 2018, the Ballard Bulldogs growled at the Leeton Bulldogs for their last home game of the regular season. In the first inning, Ballard and Leeton both scored one run. In the second, Leeton scored one run, but Ballard followed it up by scoring two runs, putting Ballard ahead with a score of 3-2. In the third, Leeton put five runs on the board and Ballard didn't score any runs till the fifth inning when they scored one run. The sixth inning was not good for either pitching rotation. Ballard gave up four runs, but Leeton gave up six runs, which put the score at 10-11. Ballard had a chance to win the game in the seventh inning, but stranded runners on second and third to end the game. The final score was 10-11.

April 18, 2018 Ballard vs. Montrose	
Ballard	3
Montrose	12



April 26, 2018 Ballard vs. Butler	
Ballard	1
Butler	15

April 19, 2018 Ballard vs. Kingsville	
Ballard	4
Kingsville	7

April 30, 2018 Ballard vs. Miami	
Ballard	9
Miami	8

Fun Page

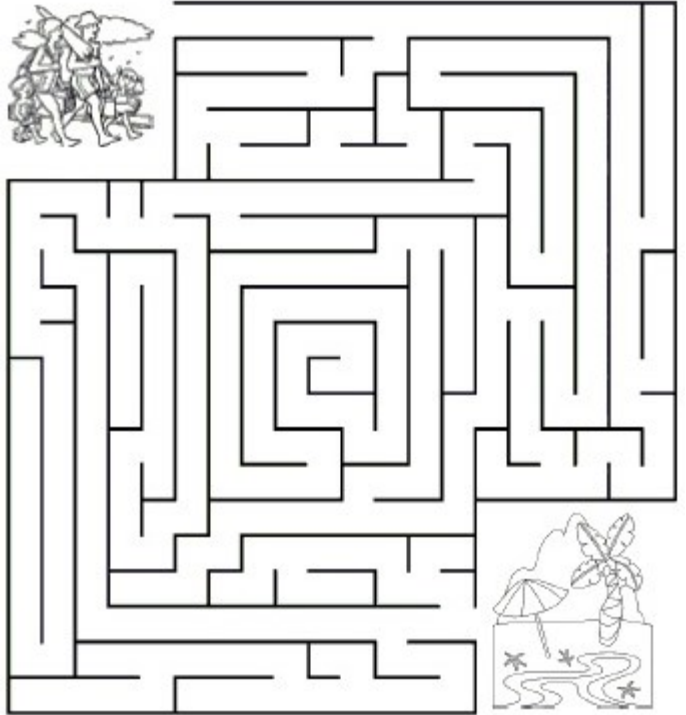
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