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BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
Fourth Edition, January 29, 2021

Dear Ballard Families,

Happy New Year to all of you! I was so happy to see teacher, staff and student faces as we resumed classes on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The first week of school didn't go as smooth as we might have wished as we found ourselves with some students in quarantine. Happily, we can still report that our students and staff are recovering from COVID infections fairly well. Reported tiredness for several weeks has been fairly common. We all hope that every infection encountered with our families and community members continues to end with good news. Our teachers continue to support students who are on quarantine by making phone calls, sending email, and teaching virtually. As you see teachers in the community please let them know of your appreciation. They are working hard and spending extra time to ensure students stay on track with a connection to school.

I am optimistic as we get into second semester and we all can look forward to many upcoming events. Some events may not look exactly like they have in the past, but we will move forward and give it our best shot to provide safe and fun activities for our students, families, and community members. Plans are in the works for Courtwarming on Friday, February 5, 2021 with the basketball season wrapping up at the end of February. Plans are underway for a softball team and, perhaps, baseball. Prom plans are in the works and I am looking forward to participating in the fun and excitement with our students.

Parents, please encourage healthy attendance habits. I know many students have been quarantined during the school year, but as we have learned through the last year, there is no replacement for in-school learning. Our students need the socialization piece and face-to-face connection with their teachers.

A few of reminders:

- If you need to contact the school about your student riding the bus or being a car rider, **PLEASE CALL** the school by 3:00.
- 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 3:00 pm 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 Remind system and Facebook, along with local television and radio stations. If you want to be included on the Remind system, please contact the school for directions to be added.
- Parent conferences will be coming up on Monday, March 15, 2021. Teachers will be reaching out to make appointments.

I wish all of you great health and happiness this year. Look to the positive things in your life, practice gratitude to allow for new things in your life, and be supportive of your family, friends, and neighbors.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Nold
Ballard K-12 Principal

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Parents as Teachers: By Mrs. Schmedding



Parents as Teachers is available for families with a child birth to age three. I will be able to visit families with children ages 3 to Kindergarten entry at the end of March. Please contact me at my school email to schedule an appointment for this FREE program!!!
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Senior Spotlight

Kailee Smith

Kailee, 19, is the Daughter of Stephanie and Daryl Ferguson. She is also sister to Delainey Ferguson. Some of her favorites include; the color mint green, salad, and the song "Takin' Tennessee". Kailee's dream car is one that runs. Some of Kailee's hobbies are sports and reading. Kailee doesn't have a pet peeve. Her famous last words are, "Y'all are getting on my last nerve."

Kailee's extracurricular activities are: volleyball, basketball, cheer, FFA, and pep club. Her plans for after High School are to go to college and get her teaching degree for special education. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Kailee answered, "In 15 years I see myself married with 4 to 6 kids, living on the hay field and teaching here at Ballard."



Written by: Kailee Smith
Typed by: Sudie Callahan



Senior Spotlight

Sierra Ferguson



Sierra, 18, is the Daughter of Daryl and Stephanie Ferguson. She is also sister to Delainey Ferguson and Kailee Smith. Some of her favorites include; the color mint green, teriyaki chicken, and the song "Beautiful Crazy". Sierra's dream car is a Dodge. Some of Sierra's hobbies are building, reading, and listening to music. Sierra's biggest pet peeve is when people are tapping their pencil or their feet. Her famous last words are, "I don't care" or "cool."

Sierra's extracurricular activity is basketball. Her plans for after High School are to go to college. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Sierra answered, "In 15 years I see myself still living in Missouri."

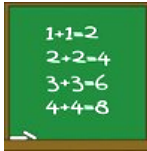


Written by: Seirra Ferguson
Typed by: Sudie Callahan

Preschool Pups

Ms. Clark

The little preschool pups are so happy to be back from holiday break and to finally get back into the groove of things! We started the year off learning how to add big numbers together, like 8 + 5 and 6+6! We have also started to master our mom or dad's telephone number and address. It is important to learn these things to keep us safe, in case we were to get in trouble or wonder away from home. Better safe than sorry! We hope everyone has a happy and safe new year!



Written by: Ms. Clark
Typed by: Macie Morris



Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

It has been a great start to the New Year and the month has flown by. The kindergartners have been hard at work learning all kinds of new and exciting things. In math they are working hard with counting to 50 and then to 100 in preparation for the 100th day of school. In reading they have been working on blending sounds and are reading decodable readers. They are able to sound out simple words and are always working on sight words for each month.



We have been talking a little bit about winter and things that you can do during the winter such as building a snowman. We read a book called *Snowmen at Night* and the students got to come up with things that their snowmen do at night. One snowman drives a tractor, another said theirs would ride a bike, one would read a book and one would play the piano. The last snowman would make snow pancakes for their friends.

I love to hear the students' creative ideas and I know that they are building their creativity for the future! I can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring, and I am excited to teach and to learn from the kindergartners.

Typed by: Mrs. Hathcock
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

Happy New Year! This month we spent some time talking about what goals are and each first grader set a goal for the New Year. Here are all their goals...

- Melody Bergen- My goal is to keep my room clean.
- Molly Burgin- My goal is to keep my desk clean.
- Dani Crump- My goal is to listen to my teacher.
- Hailey Culver- My goal is to listen to my mom.
- Teddy Foster- My goal is to keep my room clean.
- McKenzie Hartzell- My goal is to be nice to everyone.
- Nichole Luper- My goal is to give a present to someone.
- Zander Miller- My goal is to keep my room clean.

- Pinnett Quick- My goal is to listen to my Mom and Dad.
- Navi Quiroz- My goal is to keep my room clean.
- Brynlee Wainscott- My goal is to help Dad do chores.



Typed by: Mrs. Smith
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

Silly Second

Mrs. West

After a short week to review, we are back in full swing in 2nd grade. So far this year, we have all met our A.R. goals. I am so proud of all their hard work! Our new goals have been set and we are already climbing towards our reading goals for 3rd quarter.

This month we are studying the Native American tribes. We will learn about the different regions and why they lived in different houses and ate different foods. This is such a fun unit for our class. Most have decided that the Inuit tribe that lived in the Arctic region had the hardest life so far, due to the weather and lack of vegetation.

We are continuing to build our math knowledge and learning to work independently.

This class is really excited about learning to add and subtract three and four digit numbers. "I can't wait to add millions!" is what Maxton Wainscott yelled out during our math lesson recently. It's this type of excitement that makes coming to learn and grow with this class each day so much fun.



Written by: Mrs. West
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Thrilling Third

Mrs. Moore

In third grade we built catapults. The Ballista was built by Seth, Delainey, and Nathaniel. An Onager was built by Ian, Summer, and Chandler. Sofia, Callan, and Vivian worked on the Trevuchet.

At the same time a group looked at our shells and researched Zen gardens. The third group learned how to make six sided snowflakes. We then made notes on our opinions of snow.

In social studies we have been learning about the regions of Missouri.

The new language thing we want you to know about is that while we are beginning to use cursive in spelling, we are also beginning to type (word processing) using a program called Dance Mat Typing.

Not as exciting is that we are also working on multiplication, which leads us to division.

We end the day with Mrs. Moore reading to us, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.



Written by: Third Grade Class and Mrs. Moore
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Fantastic Fourth

Ms. McElwain

Fourth grade has been working very hard on multiplication and division facts. They are doing so awesome! We've also been studying colonial life in social studies and plants in science. The 4th graders have also been working on an essay about their goals for the new year. I asked all of them what their favorite thing they have learned about or studied so far in fourth grade. Here is what they said:



- Lily Bergen - slavery in the colonies
- Ian Campbell - division
- Waylon Chrisman - how plants grow
- Aspyn Eidson - slavery
- Lane Meade - everything about plants
- Zayden Miller - slavery
- Emmalee Scott - slave trade
- Braydon Siebeneck - ecosystems and how they work

Written by: The Fourth Grade Class
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Funky Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

The second week of January we did Shark Tank. We had two judges and the students stood up in front of the class to read our speeches. We picked an invention from the 1800s. We did a foil boat to see how many marbles they would hold. Jacob Eidson's won!

Written by: Addilynn Engelhardt
Typed by: Madi McArthur



Sixth Grade Smarties

Mrs. Schmedding

Sixth grade has been busy!!! We just completed our unit on Greek Mythology and presented posters/ information on the god or goddess of our choice. Posters will be hung in the hallway for all to enjoy. We are being introduced to algebra in math and are trying to decipher the meaning of each variable. We continue to forge along in ELA and Science with writings or experiments along the way.



This is a great group of people and I thank you for letting me be a part of their day.

Written by: Mrs. Schmedding
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Elite Eighth

Ms. Murchie

We all enjoyed our Christmas break, but we are ready to be back. All of us enjoy being back because we get to see each other. In English, we are getting ready to start a new book that is the sequel to, *To Catch a Killer*. In P.E., we are getting ready to do the fitness gram tests, which I bet, will be fun. While in History, we just finished with chapter eight over the first ten years of our country's history. In Math, we just learned the Pythagorean Theorem and are getting ready to take a chapter test. In Keyboarding, we are typing out of the book and we love it because it helps us improve our typing a lot. Study skills, which is time well spent doing homework; we are mostly doing Acelus. What we have been doing in Science is watching *The Ice Age* and comparing it to what we have learned in class.



Written by: Sam Setzer
Typed by: Lexie Ward

Salty Sophomores

Mrs. Larcom



This semester started okay; half of our class was quarantined when we first came back from Christmas break. The week of the 19th everyone got out of quarantine and is back at school. Now that our class is complete, we can finally have our Christmas party! Our class is doing an archery unit in science and it is really fun! In government class we are learning about the electoral colleges. So far, this year has not been to bad. We are hoping to finish strong and make it all the way to the end this time.

Written by: Alexis Hastings

Spectacular Seventh

Ms. Burgin

This quarter we have been studying for the MAP test in English and in Science. We are learning about animals and plants in science also. In history we are talking about World War Two. We are going to take a test on Friday in Ag class. In art we are learning about different types of lines. This year is fun and we really hope none of us get quarantined.



Written by: Haley Pray
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Fickle Freshmen

Mrs. Gregory

2021 is here! We're excited to start the new year and the new semester. We've been working hard an various projects, such as in FFA CDE's/LDE's, in keyboarding we are typing up reports, and in science we are starting on our archery lesson. We can't wait to see what 2021 has in store for us!

Written by: Freshman class
Typed by: Sudie Callahan



Just Enough Juniors

Mrs. Bridges

The juniors are all back from being quarantined. Finally, we are all back together causing havoc again! The process of planning for the 2021 PROM is in motion and we are very excited. We are all excited for spring break even though it couldn't be farther away.



Written by: Briana Arredondo
Typed by: Serenity Morris

SASSY SENIORS

Mrs. Chambers & Mr. Bergen

This month the seniors have been hard at work filling out scholarships. We have started to plan our senior trip, we have agreed on the location of South Carolina and are in the process of booking a house and activities! We are all very excited to get to go on the trip we have been working so hard towards for so long!



Written and typed by: Serenity Morris

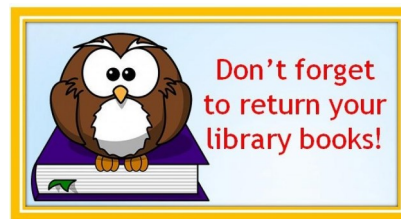


Library News

Ms. Burgin

I have scheduled our spring book fair for March 15-19, 2021. I thought this would fit well since we have parent teacher conferences on March 15th. I will send out a reminder letter before the fair. I am still waiting to find out if this fair will be a BOGO fair, so fingers crossed!

- K & 1st are reading short stories from a Disney collection book.
- 2nd grade is reading *Paddington*.
- 3rd grade is reading *Treasure Island*
- 4th grade is getting ready to begin reading *The Prince and the Pauper*
- 5th grade is reading *Around the World in 80 Days*
- 6th grade is still reading *Where the Red Fern Grows*



Written by Ms. Bergan
Formatted by: Macie Morris

Language Arts

Mrs. Gregory

Even though we had many students quarantined at the beginning of the semester we are determined to make it a great one. We have started reading some short stories and writing descriptive and informative essays in ELA I. The figurative language that we learned about last semester, we are putting into practice by starting out the semester with poetry in ELA II. Advanced ELA is reading short stories by Ray Bradbury and College Prep is starting out by reading *The Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad. Creative Writing is working hard on short writing assignments and brain storming for their novellas and Dramatics is learning about the beginnings of ancient Greek drama by reading *Oedipus Rex*. We are working on some interesting things this semester already and can't wait to see what is next.



Written by: Mrs. Gregory
Typed by: Macie Morris

ART

Mrs. Larcom

Kindergarten through third grade are learning about cool colors and are drawing snowmen. Fourth through sixth grades are learning about posture and negative spaces using their names to create snowflake designs.



Ceramics class is starting their clay boot camp by making pinch pots. Drawing class is starting with exercises to learn to use the right side of their brain. They are creating upside down drawings as well as visual journals.

Written by: Mrs. Larcom
Typed by: Serenity Morris

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers

This month in biology the sophomore class has been learning about cells, cell theory, and archery. We learned about the organelles in cells. Organelles are small structures that provide specific functions in the cell. We learned some history about cells and that they were discovered by Robert Hooke. Cell theory says that all living things are composed of cells, cells are the basic building blocks of life and all cells come from existing cells. In archery, we have made string bows to practice our stance, range set-up, and we have even begun practicing our techniques.



Written by: Lucas Whitaker
Typed by: Sudie Callahan

Its All History

Mr. Dunkin

We are starting off the new year with a blast. First hour is Current Events, the students are watching the news each week and they have a group discussion over the events that happened. Third hour is U.S. History for eighth grade, currently the students are studying the Jeffersonian Era, including the Louisiana Purchase and the War of 1812. Fourth hour is Geography, they are currently studying the history of modern Europe. Fifth hour Government is currently studying the Executive branch of the government. Sixth hour is World History and they are going over the growth of Islam. Seventh hour is U.S. History for ninth grade, they are going over the roaring 20s, Jazz Age and a coming crash.



Written by: Sudie Callahan

Ag/FFA

Mrs. Trickey

FFA is gearing up for a busy spring semester with contest season and FFA Week upon us. FFA week is Feb 20-27. The chapter is planning on having some exciting dress up days and rounding out the week with Food For America to share Agriculture knowledge with our peers and elementary students. We are planning to have our chapter meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Ag room. This has been a challenge with Covid and the quarantine of many of our students. The annual car show is attentively scheduled for April 10, 2021.

Within the classroom, we are diving into animal science with the freshmen class and finishing up the Sophomores barn quilts before exploring crop science. We are wishing for warmer days in greenhouse, learning about the different types of greenhouses and how they work. As a class, students will plan on starting seeds in March and transplant them come spring. The shop class, will have 2 more bale rings for sale, please contact Mrs. Trickey for more information on those. Student's in Ag Construction are still continuing to work on their own projects. This semester is the 7th graders' turn in the Ag room. They have been exploring different careers Agriculture has to offer and their job outlook. They will begin a livestock unit in the next couple of weeks covering breeding and nutrition.



High School Basketball



Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	37
Drexel Bobcats	47

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	24
Drexel Bobcats	27

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	39
Kingsville Tigers	38

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	33
Kingsville Tigers	66

The Bulldogs kicked the season off with a long week of hard fought games! The Lady Bulldogs came out with a thrilling win against Kingsville, winning by one point! The boys fought hard and showed great effort but came up a little short. Both teams are excited to continue with the season.

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	21
Bronaugh Wildcats	54

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	11
Bronaugh Wildcats	68

Typed and Formatted By: Serenity Morris

BALLARD BULLDOGS HOME GAME



Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	42
Appleton City Bulldogs	48

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	27
Appleton City Bulldogs	47



Pictured Above: Very sad, now quarantined, basketball players. :(

I'm Cleaning out my Yearbook Closet!!

I have several years that need to go!

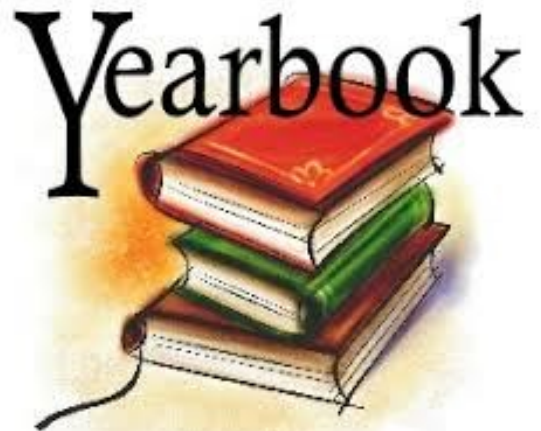
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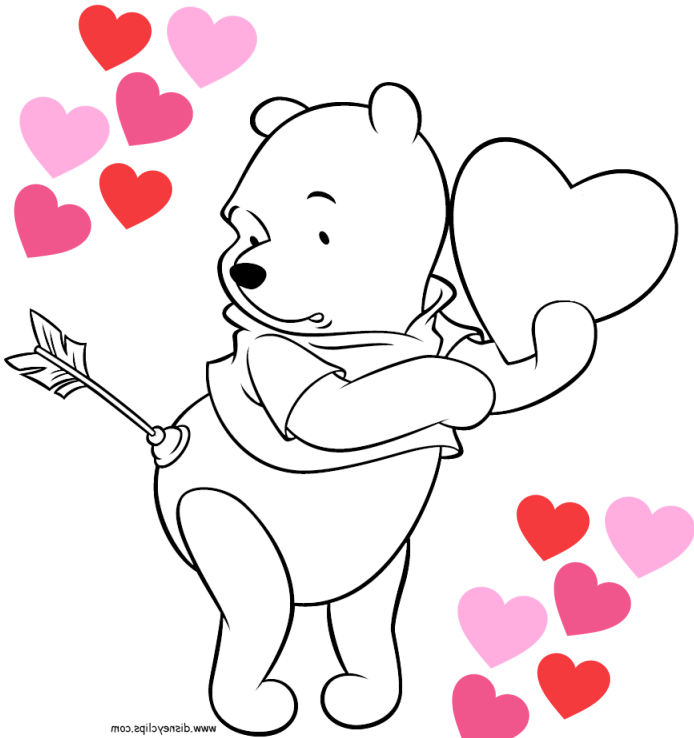
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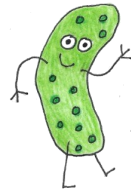
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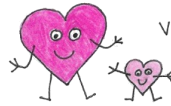


What did the boy
pickle say to the
girl pickle on
Valentine's Day?
You mean a great
DILL to me!

Do skunks celebrate
Valentine's
Day?
Sure,
they are
very
scentimenta!!



What do you call a very
small Valentine?



A
ValenTINY!

Where do hamburgers take
their girlfriends on
Valentine's
Day?



To the
meatball!



Why did the
banana go out
with the prune?
Because it
couldn't get a
date!

What do farmers give
their wives on
Valentine's Day?

Hogs
and
Kisses!



What did one
lightbulb say
to the other?
I love you a
whole watt!

How did the phone
propose to his
girlfriend?



He gave
her a
ring!

happy home fairy
HELPING HOME BUILD HAPPY HOMES

- | | |
|--|--|
|  = love |  = away |
|  = hug |  = and |
|  = said |  = the |

