



# Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL  
Fourth Edition, Friday, March 26, 2021

Dear Ballard Families,

Welcome to the fourth quarter of our school year! I am so excited that Spring has arrived and I am looking forward to the longer days and even warmer temperatures. With the extreme cold and snowy weather we experienced in February, we will have a few days to make up. Those make-up dates will be three consecutive Mondays; April 19, 26, and May 3, 2021.

Even with the cold and snowy weather, we were still able to get in Courtwarming in early February with the Junior class taking home the king and queen prize. Congratulations to Nathan Menken and Briana Arredondo! Color Wars was the theme for the float contest and the sophomores won first place for their colorful float.

A couple of events were postponed and then rescheduled due to the weather. Teachers and students continued to spread love well after the 14th with Valentine parties in the classroom. The sophomore trip to Clinton Technical School was also rescheduled and held on February 26th. I visited with several sophomores who discussed the possibility of attending CTS next school year. By the end of February, the weather began to behave a little better and students were able to celebrate FFA week. Students participated in the spirit of the week by dressing up each day and finished out the week celebrating Food for America on Friday.

Our parking lot and FFA building were full of educational opportunities for younger students regarding farming and agriculture. FFA students brought animals, a tractor, and other items to show and demonstrate the use of animals and products for farming purposes. The day was a huge success and I appreciate the hard work and effort of students and families to coordinate the event along with the great effort of Mrs. Trickey, our Ag teacher, and FFA advisor.

March 15, 2021 will be parent/teacher conferences with our book fair also being held that entire week. FFA students will continue to be busy with travel and contests. Some FFA events are being reduced due to COVID-related issues and regional and area events such as the spelling bee, scholar bowl, and math relays are also being impacted. I hope we are seeing the beginning of the end of this pandemic and things will very soon return to something that we recognize as normal.

School will be in session on Monday, March 29, 2021, as we will only have two days of school that week due to spring break/Easter weekend. We will be out of school for break on March 31, 2021-April 5, 2021, and return on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

I believe that Ballard is the best-hidden gem in America! I appreciate the support that is shown from our students' families, the community members, our teachers, and the support staff. Together we will all strive to evolve and improve so we can provide our students with the best education, experiences, and growth tools available.

Excellence begets Excellence!!  
We **WILL** strive for Excellence!

With Much Appreciation,  
Ms. Stephanie Nold  
Principal



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# Student of the Month

The Ballard R-2 School District is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Adrian Optimist Club to honor a Student of the Month for the 2020-21 school year.

Student of the Month is selected by the staff of the Ballard R-2 School District using the following criteria: attendance, attitude towards others and school, behavior, leadership, and improvement in or maintenance of good grades, and this month, respect.

The Student of the Month for February is Senior Rachel Evans, the daughter of Shawn Evans.

Rachel works at Casey's.

Rachel plans to attend UCM. Her major is undecided.

The Ballard staff has stated: "Rachel consistently acts according to her values, beliefs and principles." "I've never heard an ounce of negativity from her. She always has a positive attitude and works hard to make sure she completes her work on time. She is always pleasant to be around and brightens our day!" "Rachel always has a positive attitude and makes the very best out of every situation. When faced with a challenge she always looks for the positives and meets the challenge head on."

Rachel's advice to her classmates is "Be kind to everyone, you could save a life. #Suicide awareness."

For Rachel'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: Rachel Evans and Principal Stephanie Nold



## Senior Spotlight

Dylan Tippie

Dylan, 18, is the son of Staci and Jimmy Greer, and the brother of Dayne and Dax Greer. Some of his favorites include; the color yellow, lasagna, and he has too many favorite songs. Dylan's dream car is a yellow convertible Lexus LC500. Some of Dylan's hobbies are sleeping and hanging out with friends and family. Dylan's biggest pet peeve is when people continue doing something after he asks them to stop. Dylan's famous last words are, "Expect the worse, hope for the best."

Dylan's extracurricular activities would be Ballard Honor Society. Dylan's plans for the future are to go to college. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Dylan answered, "In 15 years I see myself doing a job that I love and two kids."



## Class of 2021

Sudie Callahan

Sudie, 18, is the daughter of Trent and Melissa Callahan, and the sister of Cade Callahan. Some of her favorites include; the color peach orange, Mexican Chicken, and her favorite song depends on the day. Sudie's dream car is a teal blue 1958 Chevrolet Corvette convertible. Some of Sudie's hobbies are basketball, Honeybees, and FFA. Sudie's biggest pet peeve is when people don't try. Sudie's famous last words are, "I have a question."

Sudie's extracurricular activities would be volleyball, basketball, FFA, BHS, and Envirothon. Sudie's plans for the future are to go to college then go on to veterinary School. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Sudie answered, "In 15 years I see myself practicing veterinary medicine."

Typed by: Sudie Callahan

# Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

During the month of March we have been talking about ways to spread kindness. We have had several great discussions on ways it is important to be kind. We also did a kindness craft, that they had a lot of fun doing. Here are some of their responses on how they like to spread kindness.

Melody Bergen- "I like to be kind by helping people."

Molly Burgin- "I like to help people when they need it."

Dani Crump- "I like to be kind by helping my parents with chores."

Hailey Culver- "I spread kindness by hugging my mom."

Teddy Foster- "I like to be kind by sharing."

McKenzie Hartzell- "I like to help people up."

Nichole Luper- "I spread kindness by listening to people."

Pinnett Quick- "I spread kindness by being respectful."

Navi Quiroz- "I like to be kind by taking care of my dogs."

Brynlee Wainscott- "I like to be kind by sharing."



Typed by: Mrs. Smith  
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

# Silly Second

Mrs. West

We had an assignment where we wished on a four leaf clover. We all got to write what we would wish for. This is what we all wished for ourselves.

Kyoko Smith, "I wish I had a gold fish."

Noah Meade, "I wish for a ferret."

Maxton Wainscott, "I wish to get a Ford-F350 real truck and it will be a Dualy."

Jennifer Carpenter, "I wish to have a good birthday."

Keenan Englehardt, "I wish I had a tractor."

Ellee Scott, "I wish for a whole bunch of scrunchies."

Huntlee Myrtle, "I wish for all the farm toys."

Tucker Newkirk, "I wish I had a McLaren."

Charlie Fisher, "I wish for a new dirt bike."



Pictured to the right are the Leprechaun traps the class made to try to catch a Leprechaun.

Written by: Mrs. West  
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

# Thrilling Third

Mrs. Moore



The third graders are working on writing in cursive. We are still beginning to type.

We are finding multiplication a challenge. Memorizing is hard.

Our butterflies are in the chrysalis stage. In the 4th week they should emerge. We hope to release them before the end of March.

It was a relief to be able to go outside for recess.

We are writing about ourselves, learning about our heritage, addresses, and birthdays.

We are challenging ourselves to raise our AR scores.

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

# Fantastic Fourth

Ms. McElwain

We have been doing so well with our silent reading the past few months in fourth grade! All the kids love our Drop Everything And Read time every day. Sometimes, they even ask if we can read more! Each student picked their favorite book they have read this year and why they liked it so much.

Lily Bergen - *Land of Stories*; it was exciting and mysterious.

Ian Campbell - *I Survived the Joplin Tornado*; it was in Joplin and it was a long time ago.

Waylon Chrisman - *Who Was Sam Walton?*; he played a lot of sports.

Aspyn Eidson - *Harry Potter & The Prisoner of Azkaban*; it's exciting and it's my favorite book out of all of them so far.

Lane Meade - *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy*; it has dragons.

Emmalee Scott - *Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets*; there's a big serpent.

Braydon Siebeneck - *Wings of Fire: Darkness of Dragons*; they finally found the queen that's going to win.

Ms. McElwain - *We Were Liars*; I was so engrossed in it that I couldn't put it down! The end was so surprising and shocking and the mystery of what happened to the main character finally came together.

Typed by: Ms. McElwain  
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

# Funky Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

This month we have been learning about space by doing lots of activities with Mystery Science. For Black History Month we researched famous civil rights leaders and made bottle buddies out of bottles and fabric. We also followed the Iditarod which is a dog mushing race. We were happy to end 3rd quarter on a good note and most of our class made well beyond our AR goals!

Written by: Fifth Grade Class  
Typed by: Serenity Morris



# Sixth Grade Smarties

Mrs. Schmedding

Students were crafty this month! They were able to show their skills by creating a poster regarding ancient Rome. Some chose Mt. Vesuvius, others Julius Caesar or the Birth of Christianity, plus a few more. Our science students have been reading animal and plant cells. Students created their own cell model (while on snow days) which turned out quite creative. Thanks to their families for the help and patience doing this project!



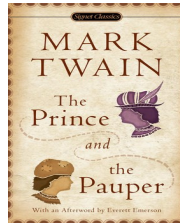
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# Spectacular Seventh

Ms. Burgin

This past few weeks we have been studying for the MAP test. We have also been trying to keep up with our AR points. In English we are writing a paper. Then we are going to start reading a book called *The Prince and the Pauper*. In math we are doing geometry. In history we are studying geography. In art we are starting FACS class.



Written by: Haley Pray  
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

# Fickle Freshmen

Mrs. Gregory

We've hit the ground running in 2021; third quarter has come to an end! Time has flown for the Freshmen. We took home second place for our court warming float in February. In English, we have been reading *Romeo and Juliet* by Shakespeare and learning about the play. In Algebra we have been learning about various methods to solve equations. In our Computer class, we have been learning how to format and create tables. In Ag, we have learned about record books and we are preparing for our LDE's and CDE's. In Physical Science, we have been hard at work creating balloon-powered cars to observe forces and motion. We have been learning about stress and the FFF (Fight, Flight, Freeze) response in our Health class. Finally, in our History class, we are learning about the Great Depression. We have an upcoming fundraiser in May, so be on the look out for more information! We appreciate everyone's support!



Written by: Freshman Class  
Typed by: Sudie Callahan

# Just Enough Juniors

Mrs. Bridges

The juniors are busy getting ready for PROM! We are all ready and very excited for spring break! Hope everyone has a great spring break!

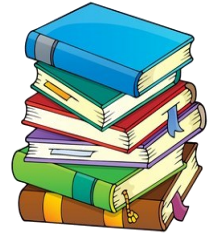


Written by: Briana Arredondo  
Typed by: Serenity Morris

# Elite Eighth

Ms. Murchie

Eighth grade is super excited for spring break! Meanwhile, in ELA, we are about to start a book called *To Right the Wrongs*. In P.E. we started our football unit. During History, we just learned about the United States acquiring Texas. In Math we just did our chapter seven test. Fifth hour, Murchie, we finished learning about tables and how to create a good table. In Study Skills, we have been working hard at reading. We also have all gotten our AR points. Finally, in seventh hour (science) we have been jumping all around the place including the periodic table and ecosystems.



Written by: Sam Setzer  
Typed by: Lexie Ward

# Salty Sophomores

Mrs. Larcom

We have ended the month of March! On March 13th we had our Sophomore Chicken Fry like we did last year. It went really well! We made almost 2,000 dollars. Third quarter is over and spring break is in one week, we are all really excited! Let's just hope we come back this year after spring break! Anyway, that's what's been going on in our sophomore class!



Written by: Sydney Claiborne  
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

# SASSY SENIORS

Mrs. Chambers & Mr. Bergen



This month the Seniors have been very busy planning for both our senior trip and fundraiser coming up in April. For our fundraiser we will be auctioning off gift baskets. The week of April 11, there will be an online bidding war located on the Ballard R-2 School District Facebook page. Those that do not have a way of bidding online, no worries, we will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our lovely baskets! We are very excited to see everyone there!



Written and typed by: Serenity Morris

# Science Department

Mrs. Chambers

This quarter the freshmen have been working on forces and motion. Over the past few weeks we have been observing different types of forces and motions and performing many experiments. One of those experiments involved a jar, a card, and a playing chip. We placed the card over the opening of the jar, then placed the chip on top of the card. We then flicked the card to observe how it affected the playing chip. To finish out the forces and motion unit, we built a car. These cars were made of expired gift cards,



skewers, various bottle caps, various tapes, glue, straws, and balloons. The balloon was used to power the cars. With these materials we developed simple machines which then evolved into compound machines. Each of us ended up with very different builds at the end of our building period. During our race, Aimee Cummings placed 1st and Lindy Gunter 2nd. Their cars made it the farthest without contact to modify the car movement.

Written by: Lucas Whitaker  
Typed by: Sudie Callahan

# Its All History

Mr. Dunkin



In the History room this month we have been doing lots of different things. First up, in Current Events they are doing independent research on different news events. In eighth grade History they are learning about the Manliest Destiny and the Gold Rush in California. Seventh grade Geography students are traveling to Eastern Europe. The Government class is looking into the bureaucracy in the federal government and the judicial branch. World History is studying the Renaissance. Lastly, ninth grade History is learning about The New Deal and the 1930's.

Written by: Sudie Callahan

# Ag/FFA

Mrs. Trickey

FFA has had a busy month wrapping up FFA week with Food For America. Students were able to share their knowledge about their Ag project with the younger students about where their food comes from and the importance of agriculture in your everyday life. We haven't slowed down as we moved into March. Members participated in Republic LDE on March 9 with Lilly Rotert placing 2nd and Aimee Cummings placing 6th in their division. On Friday, March 12, twenty FFA members participated in the Archie contest. Two teams will be advancing into Districts, agronomy and food science. The livestock team came a few points short

to be an alternate team and learned some hard lessons in Scantrons. Mrs. Trickey is very proud of all their hard work and dedication to early morning and late evening practices. We will be competing for Area LDE on March 22 and District CDE Mach 29.

Averie Bales is also a new Area 7 Officer for the 2020-2021 school year. She is one out of eight officers representing area 7. She interviewed with her peers, took a knowledge test, and application along with her record book as part of the process to obtain the sentinel position.

Looking forward to spring, we WILL be holding our annual car show on Aug 10, 2021 in the school parking lot and selling raffle tickets for ¼ beef donated by 7 O Ranch, Rod and Blair Morris. For any questions regarding the car show or to purchase tickets please contact Mrs. Trickey.

Typed by: Macie Morris



# Mr. Bergen's Math Corner

Hello fellow mathematicians,

The answers to the last edition of Math Corner are at the end of this edition.

## Elementary Riddle (K-4):

Q. Susie went out to pick clovers. She found two four-leaf clovers, and sixteen three-leaf clovers. How many clovers did she find? How many leaves were on the clovers total?

## Middle School Riddle (5-8):

Q. Frederick is selling shamrock pins as a fundraiser for his school. It costs \$0.50 to make one shamrock pin and he is selling them for \$2.00. How many does he need to sell to make a \$400 to donate to school (hint: it's NOT 200)? If it takes him 30 minutes to make one, how many hours of work will it take to achieve the \$400 goal?

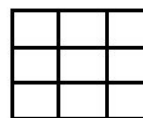
## High School Riddle (9-12):

Q. Susie went out to pick clovers. She picked ten times as many three leaf clovers as four leaf clovers. The total amount of leaves on the clovers were 408. How many of each did she pick?

## Answers from the last Edition

### Elementary Riddle (K-4):

Q. How many squares can you find in the following figure?



A. This question is kind of up to your perception; however, a 3x3 grid of squares has nine 1x1 squares, four 2x2 squares, and a single 3x3 square. So.... there are 14 total.

### Middle School Riddle (5-8):

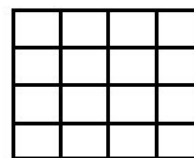
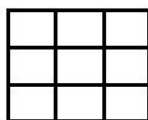
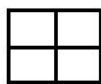
Q. Refer to the Elementary riddle, how many toothpicks would you need to recreate this figure if one side of the smaller squares is one toothpick long?

A. You can answer this question by counting the line segments... there are 12 on the outside and 12 on the inside... that's an interesting pattern! Do you think the pattern of same on outside as inside would be the same if we expanded this to a 4x4 grid? What about if we reduce it to a 2x2?

### High School Riddle (9-12):

Q. Refer to the Elementary and Middle School riddles, how can we generalize these numbers and expand the square to a 4x4, 5x5, or nxn?

A. Anytime we want to generalize something, we should look at a few examples and then try to find patterns. Let's look at a 1x1, 2x2, 3x3, and 4x4 grid and see if some pattern jumps out.



For the 1x1, there is one 1x1 square. 1 total squares.

For the 2x2, there are four 1x1 and one 2x2. 5 total squares.

For the 3x3, there are nine 1x1, four 2x2, one 3x3. 14 total squares.

For the 4x4, there are sixteen 1x1, nine 2x2, four 3x3, and one 4x4. 30 total squares.

Now let's look for a pattern.

1, 5, 14, 30, ... doesn't seem like much happening here, but let's find out how to get from one term to the next term. From 1 to 5 is +4, 5 to 14 is +9, and 14 to 30 is +16. Here is that sequence: 4, 9, 16, ... now that is a pattern I can get behind. These are all perfect squares! Which makes sense, because we are working with squares!

Do you notice the pattern in the amount of each type of square within the squares? With the 1x1 we have 1. Then 2x2 we have 4 then 1, then with 3x3 we have 9, 4, 1... and then 4x4 we have 16, 9, 4, 1... so with each square we are taking the side length and squaring it to get the amount of 1x1 squares, and then subtracting one and squaring again to find the next, etc... so if we say generally that  $n$  = length of side (and  $n > 0$ ), then  $n^2 + (n-1)^2 + (n-2)^2$  ...and that is the pattern. I would accept this for an answer, but the technical answer involves taking this infinite series and creating a function.

That function is  $s(n) = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$  where  $s(n)$  is number of unique squares based on side length.

For the number of toothpicks, I'll leave that to you ;) good luck!

Written by: Mr. Bergen  
Formatted by: Lexie Ward



# ART & FACS



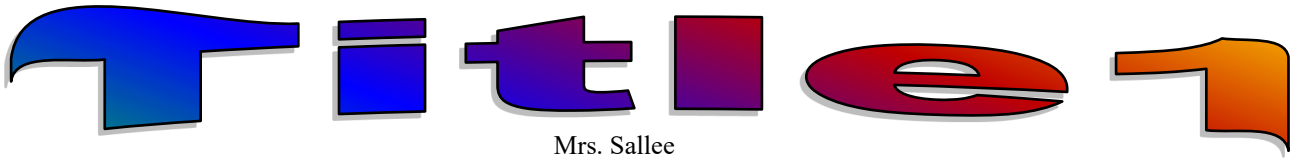
Elementary Art celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by creating Dr. Seuss characters, drawing the Cat in the Hat, Truffula tree landscapes and Dr. Seuss cities. We also looked at artist Romero Britto and created lucky clovers in Britto style just in time for St. Patrick's day. Next we will study artist Wayne Thiebaud and begin some fun food art projects.

Art I finished contour line, shading and still life drawings. They are working on their art journal and will be starting perspective drawing next week.

Ceramics students have completed their clay bootcamps, functional pieces, 3 of a kind and their animal inspired projects. Next we will work on carving designs into clay.

Junior high finished 3rd quarter Art and now will be ending the year with a quarter of FACS. We are looking forward to the culinary unit and getting into the kitchens to cook!

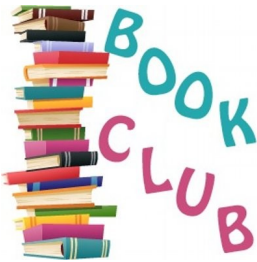
Written by: Mrs. Larcom  
Typed By: Serenity Morris



Mrs. Sallee

Hello to all from the Title 1 room. Students have been working so hard this year. I know it has been a struggle with COVID restrictions, quarantine, and snow days, but we have been making progress in spite of it all. Students have also been working hard to fulfill their AR goals so that they will be able to attend this quarter's AR parties.

I would like to give special recognition to a few of our students who have really shown their Paw Pride and put their best foot forward. Ballard began the AR program just a few short years ago, but since joining the program some of our students have read at least a 100 books. The following students have read at least 100 books so far, and are now members of the 100 book club.



Autumn Hastings  
Abby Bergen  
Kennedy Borland  
Ashton Siebeneck  
Macie Wainscott  
Jacob Eidson  
Addilynn Engelhardt  
Owen Meade

Gavin Schliem  
Lily Bergen  
Ian Campbell  
Aspyn Eidson  
Lane Meade  
Emmalee Scott  
Ian Bergman  
Chandler Borland

Vivian Greer  
Summer Hastings  
Sofia Porter  
Callan Rotert  
Braydon Siebeneck

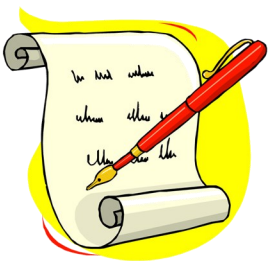
Congratulations, students, for being the first members of the 100 Book Club, but wait, there's more! Not only are Lily Bergen and Braydon Siebeneck members of the 100 Book Club, they are also the first two members of the 200 Book Club. FABULOUS WORK!

Don't forget to read, read, read and remember that author Jim Rohn said about reading, "Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary."

Written by: Mrs. Sallee  
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

# Language Arts

Mrs. Gregory



February and March are drama months in ELA. The freshman are steadily and carefully reading "Romeo and Juliet", learning "Wisely and slow, they stumble that run fast". The sophomores are dreamily reading "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and the juniors are learning about the Puritans and reading *The Crucible*. College Prep has just finished the Scottish play, "MacBeth." Dramatics enjoyed reading and watching "Taming of the Shrew," and are getting ready for "The Importance of Being Earnest". The creative writing class have been writing short stories and working on their novellas. Only one more quarter; we hope it doesn't fly by as fast as the rest of the year has.

Written by: Mrs. Gregory  
Typed by: Macie Morris





# Sports Page



By Sudie Callahan

Sorry if we have missed some games with COVID, it has been a very unusual year.

## Ballard vs NEVC

February 2

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	35
NEVC Knights	26

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	11
NEVC Knights	59



## BALLARD VS CHILHOWEE

On Friday, February 5, the Lady Bulldogs played the Chilhowee Indians. In the first half the Lady Bulldogs were a little bit behind, but after half time the girls were ready to play. They came out strong and ended the game with a score of 34-29.

After the girls game it was time for the boys to play. They started the first half out strong and kept their heads up. After half time they came out ready to win but, sadly, they fell short with a score of 33-51.

Pictured left: Serenity Morris

# Midway Tournament

February 10th to February 13th

We were not able to play in the first round of the tournament due to weather.

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	31
Lone Jack	49



Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	37
KC Lutheran	40



Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	14
Midway	85

Pictured above: Nathan Menken

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	10
KC Lutheran	81

Sports continued....

# Bulldogs vs the Eagles



Pictured above: Briana Arredondo

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	36
Miami Eagles	31

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	24
Miami Eagles	62

Pictured to the right:  
Tucker Roach



## BULLDOGS

## Districts LADY BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs started off districts at Drexel against Drexel on February 22. In the first half the boys came out working hard and wanting to win, but at the half they were behind.

After half time the boys came out with a fight but they didn't have enough strength to get ahead; they fell short with a score of 15-57.

The Lady Bulldogs started Districts at home playing against Chilhowee on February 20. The Ladies came out ready to play and finished first quarter ahead by 4. They came out second quarter wanting to win and at the half were ahead by 10.

After half time the ladies were ready to put this game away. At the end of third quarter they were ahead by 25 points. The Lady Bulldogs were able to put the game away with a score of 50-13.

The last game was played at Montrose on February 23.

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	40
Montrose Blue Jays	61

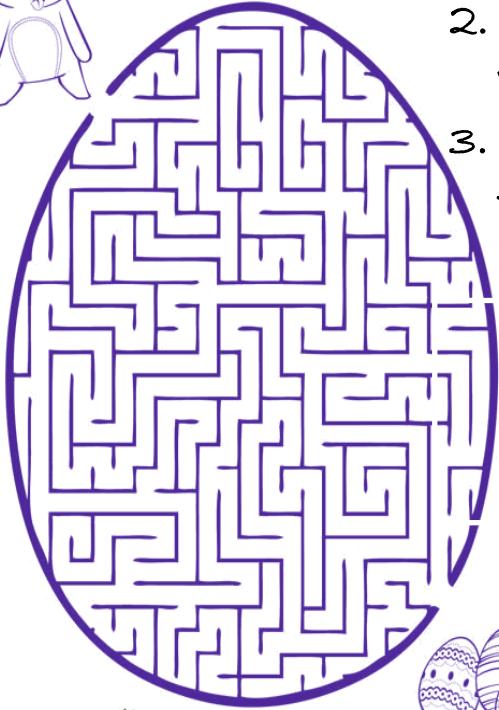
## Ballard Students Receive Awards in Basketball



Four students received awards in the basketball. They are pictured to the left (L-R):  
 Sophomore Tucker Roach received Honorable Mention All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-District.  
 Sophomore Lexie Ward received Honorable Mention All-District  
 Senior Serenity Morris received Honorable Mention All-Conference and Honorable Mention All-District  
 Senior Sudie Callahan received Second Team All-Conference, and First Team All-District

Congratulations to these students for their hard work in basketball.

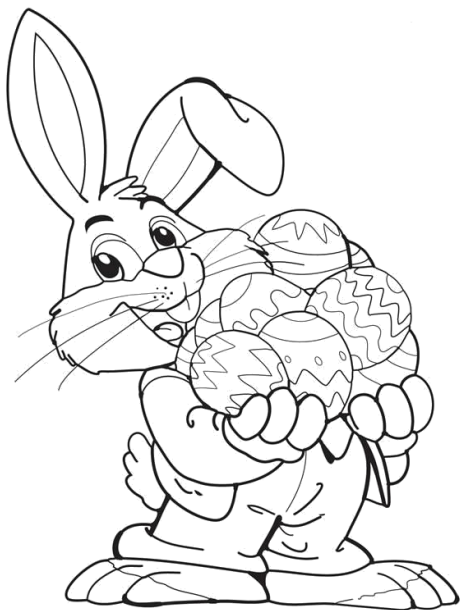
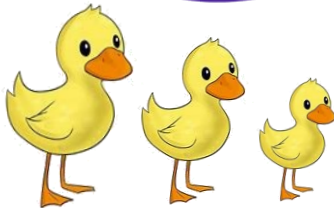
# Fun Page



1. How does the Easter bunny travel?
2. What happened to the egg after it was told a funny joke?
3. Why did the Easter bunny have to fire the duck?



1. By bare plane!
2. It cracked up!
3. Because he quacked all the eggs!



By: Macie Morris

Happy Easter

# I'm Cleaning out my Yearbook Closet!!

I have several years that need to go!

Variety of years — 1999 \$5.00

(Supplies are limited for yearbooks before 1990)

2000 — 2009 \$10.00

2010 — 2016 \$20.00

2017 — present \$36.00

**To order or for questions on  
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