

Barks 'n' Growls



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

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 7th 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 outstanding results on our AR reading program, Varsity Boys Appleton City Tournament Runner-up, and a successful Christmas Concert. We have also had students being accepted to college and numerous class improvements and achievements!

Parents, please continue to reinforce good attendance habits with your son/daughter. Attendance and accuracy of 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 coming into the school please check in at the office using the sliding window and receive a visitor's badge.
- ◆ If you need to contact the school about your student riding

the bus or being a car rider, it is best if you **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, along with local television and radio stations. If you want to be included on this system, please contact the school to get added.

We have lots of great things happening during school along with busy evenings and weekends with all of our activities. Parent teacher conferences for the spring fall on March 9th. Basketball Senior Night is February 4th against NEVC. Court warming will be on February 7th against Chilhowee. The theme for Court warming this year is "Disney."

With Great Appreciation,
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Student of the Month

January

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 2019-2020 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 January is Brianna Pray, daughter of Melody and Tony Pray. Math teacher Mr. Bergen states, "Brianna Pray is much deserving of student of the month for her kind and respectful attitude toward fellow students and staff." Technology teacher, Cheryl Murchie states, "Brianna works very hard to make sure she accomplishes the goals she has set for herself. She will help anyone that needs help. She is a great role model to her classmates. She has a great sense of humor. You've got to watch the smiles but she does have them."

For 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: Principal Dustin Bridges, Brianna Pray, and Optimist member Jerry Ferguson**



Senior Spotlight

Garrett Oerke

Garrett, 17, is the son of Tina and Neale Oerke, and the brother of Lane, Weston, and Kale. Some of his favorites include the color red, Olive Garden, and the song "Beer Never Broke my Heart" by Luke Combs. Garrett's dream car is a 2006 Cummins. Some of his hobbies are fishing, hunting, and riding motorized vehicles. Garrett's biggest pet peeve is disrespect. Garrett's famous last words are, "If you ain't first you're last."

Garrett's extracurricular activity is basketball. Garrett's plans for the future are farming. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Garrett answered, "Farming happily with my family."

Written by: Brianna Pray



Preschool Pups 1+2=3

Miss Clark

Christmas break was fun and all, but Preschool is ready for a new semester full of learning! We have started by learning about living and nonliving things, the letters "I" and "J", and numbers 7,8, and 9. We are working so hard right now on adding and subtracting numbers, and have mastered counting all the way up to 40! Bring it on 2020!

Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

Written by: Ms. Clark
Typed by: Maecy Claiborne

January is off to a great start and 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 get back for a fun filled rest of the year.

Soon 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 parties and exchange valentines with friends.

We are starting a fun peer reading program that will allow the older students to help the younger ones with reading



and sight words. I am excited to see how this will strengthen our student's reading habits. Also in Reading we have been learning several new sight words and are already reading small books on their own. In Math we are comparing numbers and are working on numbers to 20. In Science we have been learning how things grow and change.

I am proud of the students and how hard they have been working and I know it's going to be a fantastic rest of the year in Kindergarten.

Written by: Mrs. Hathcock
Typed by: Dylan Tippie



Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

It has been a great month back. In Language Arts, we have been doing lots of writing about winter. We wrote about our favorite things to do in the snow and how to build a snowman. In Math, we have been talking about subtraction. Also we have been learning about how to find a missing addend. Our next unit is place value. In Social Studies, we have been talking about jobs. I hope that everyone has had a great month.



Written by: Mrs. Smith
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Sweet Second

Mrs. West

Second semester is well underway in Second grade, and I want to take a moment to brag on my wonderful students. Often times after a break in school routines, the first week back in school can be a bit rough for students and teachers. However, that was not the case this year! My students did not miss a beat. They are quickly maturing into a great group of independent, hardworking students.



We are continuing to improve our reading and writing skills. In Math we are working hard to learn our addition and subtraction facts. This month we are learning about our seven continents. The Second grade is very enthusiastic as they learn more about our world. Soon they will have a display about each continent in our hall. Please take the time to view their work if you get the chance.

Written by: Mrs. West
Typed by: Brianna Pray

Trendy Third

Ms. Kabir

One exciting new thing in Third grade since we came back from Christmas break has been learning about growth mindset and how a positive attitude can help you reach your goals. Another exciting thing has been to start the Acellus intro to coding courses. We work at our own pace two days a week and do videos and quizzes to learn about coding and how it works. By the end of the year we hope to be able to use different computer commands to make a digital robot movie.



Written by: Mrs. Kabir
Typed by: Brianna Pray

Fabulous Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

The Fifth grade class is very excited to be back working hard in class. They all have created a New Years Resolution that they thought would fit them best in the year 2020.

Maribel Arredondo– To get better at basketball.
Noah Bales– To get better at going to sleep.
Abigail Bergen– To get 150-200 AR points.
Bradley Bergschneider– To have better grades.
Kennedy Borland– To read more books.
Chrystal Evans– To fill my dojo chart.
Maggie Foster– Read my whole Bible.

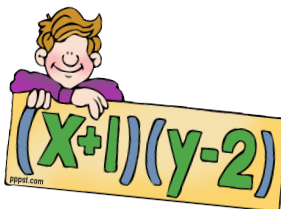
Daxtyn Greer– To read better.
Madison Gunter– To get good at volleyball.
Payson Hill– To shoot my first deer with a bow.
Luke Meade – To save up money for a bow.
Olivia Porter– To get more AR points.
Ashton Siebeneck– To do better on the MAP test.
Macie Wainscott– To get 100 AR points.

Written By: Mrs. Bergen
Typed By: Serenity Morris

Savage Sixth

Ms. Eidson

We are super excited for this semester and to learn everything we can learn before the end of the year. This month we are starting algebraic expressions in Math. In Science we are learning about pollinators. In Social Studies we are learning about China. We hope everyone has a great second semester.



Written by: Valencia Landeros
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Sassy Seventh

Ms. Murchie

Now that Christmas break is over we are ready for everything else we have going on this year. We only changed two classes so getting used to our schedule is pretty easy. We are very excited for Ag and Art this semester. In Ag we are learning about the different Ag careers. In Art we are learning about lines and how to use them in our projects. We are all ready to finish up this semester.



Typed by: Sudie Callahan

Crazy Eighth Graders

Ms. Burgin



Our class was slightly disappointed with returning to school. In Science class we are learning about ecology and aquaponics. In Math we are learning about triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem. In History we have been studying the Revolutionary War. We are reading the book *Fever 1793* in ELA. Currently in Health we are studying diseases and in P.E. we are starting a basketball unit. In Keyboarding class we are reviewing out typing skills.

Written By: Amiee Cummings
Typed By: Serenity Morris

Jazzy Juniors

Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Chambers

PROM

The Juniors are excited to be back to school after a wonderful winter break. We are ready to keep working towards that finish line so we can get on to our Senior year. Most of us have come to a decision on what we would like to pursue, and are already working with Mrs. Bridges to start a plan to reach our goals! We have also begun the process of planning for the 2020 Prom, which we would like to think is going pretty well.

Written by: Serenity Morris

Superior Sophomores

Mrs. Bridges



For this month, our class isn't the most excited about coming back, but hey, we're here. We hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and had a relaxing break. We'll be on summer break before you know it. We're learning about some new things in all of our classes. Have a great month!

Written by: Ashton Carullo
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

SARCASTIC SENIORS

Mr. Dunkin and Mrs. Gregory



As we start our last semester of high school, we only have five short months left. We are starting to buckle down on our Senior checklist; making Senior tiles, getting pictures for graduation, making final decisions on Senior trip, and planning out our futures. We have been filling out scholarships and applying for colleges and realizing that people are okay with giving us money. We have finally made our t-shirt designs. We have been thinking of some ideas for our last fundraiser and will have more information about it soon.

Written by: Maecy Claiborne

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers

We are starting off the year with a bang. As soon as we returned from break, the Eighth grade started an Aquatic Project. All of the kids brought in different things to help set up the aquarium. Everyone is very excited to see how it works out.

Fun Facts

- Jellyfish evaporate in the sun.
- The humans brain (when awake) produces enough electricity to power a 40 watt lightbulb for 24 hours.
- About 1000 Earths would fit inside of Jupiter.
- On Venus it snows metal and rains sulphuric acid.
- A chicken egg is a giant cell.
- There is enough DNA in one persons body to stretch from the sun to Pluto 17 times.

Written by: Sudie Callahan

Language Arts

Mrs. Gregory



We are super excited about the start of this semester! All of the ELA classes have started to read different dramatic plays. ELA 1 is reading the tragic love story of *Romeo and Juliet*. ELA 2 is reading the comedic Shakespearian play *Taming of the Shrew*. ELA 3 is reading *The Crucible* written by Arthur Miller. In College Prep we are writing research papers of our choice. The Novels/Creative Writing class is going over different dystopian literature. The Dramatics class is learning about the history of drama and reading the Athenian tragedy *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles. It has been a great start to the second semester and we are ready to see where it goes.

Written by: Brianna Pray

Ag & FFA

Ms. Strotman

On Tuesday, January 7, the Freshman FFA students went to a Greenhand Conference in Sedalia Missouri. They had the privilege to meet more Freshman that share the same interest. Going to this conference they learned more about FFA and all the activities they can be involved in. They listened to speakers talk about how FFA has changed their lives and how it can impact not only people in FFA but every person on this planet. The Freshman enjoyed the conference and walked out of there with more knowledge about how broad this organization can be for an individual.

Written by: Maecy Claiborne



Pictured above: First Row: FFA State officers
Second Row (L-R): Tucker Roach, Macie Morris, Averie Bales, Sydney Claiborne, and Brice Miller.

Mr. Bergen's Math Corner

Mr. Bergen

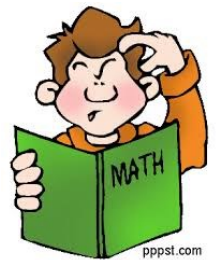
January Question: *This one is for everyone!*

Joey Chestnut set a new world record in the 2018 Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest by eating 74 hot dogs in 10 minutes (in a sweltering 91-degree heat). If he has a new year's resolution to eat 2,020 hotdogs in 2020, how many must he eat per week to complete this task? How many per day? How many per hour? If he eats at his world record setting pace for the entire year, how many hot dogs would he eat?



Answers for November Edition: Elementary:

Mrs. Brown's Total is \$50.25. She does not have enough money. Possible solution: Buy a different brand of green beans or put a can back.
Middle School: Answers vary depending on your interpretation of the problem. Am I asking how many total assignments for **EVERY CLASS** (Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Eidson combined) or **YOUR INDIVIDUAL CLASS**? In general, each class on average has 8-12 chapters. We will use 10 (the math is easier). If for every chapter there are two days for chapter tests, that is 20 days devoted to tests. If you then subtract that 20 from the 147 total days, you get 127 teaching days. Since Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Eidson give an assignment each day (mean math teachers), that is 127 assignments. On average, there are 8 lessons per chapter for a total of 80 lessons in an entire class. If this is true, why does Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Eidson freak out about not having enough time to teach everything before the MAP and EOC tests?
High School: Elaine is outside hitter and a Freshman, Kelly is the setter and a Junior, Shannon is middle blocker and a Sophomore.



Written By: Mr. Bergen
Formatted By: Serenity Morris

New Faces



What is your name? Wyatt Maggard
What grade are you in? Fourth Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: Westerns
Food: Pizza
Color: Red
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Game Designer

Written By: Serenity Morris



Sports Page

BULLDOGS TAKE ON THE BULLDOGS



On Friday, December 20, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs played the Leeton Lady Bulldogs. It was a great game and the ladies played very well and fought as hard as they could. It was an interesting game to watch and it had everyone on the edge of their seats. The girls were having a rough game and their shots just weren't going in, but they kept their heads up and kept fighting. The game ended with a final score of 18 to 74, Leeton.



Pictured above: Kayla Schmitt



Pictured to the right: Dylan Tippie



On Friday, December 20, after the Lady Bulldogs played the Ballard boys played the Leeton boys basketball team. It was an intense game and both teams gave it their all. There was an abundance of energy throughout the game that made it a very fun game to watch. Even with Leeton in the lead, the Ballard boys came out of the locker room after half time with their heads and spirits very high. They pushed through the last two quarters but fell short. The end score being 47-67, Leeton.

Written by: Brianna Pray

Weaubleau Tournament

The Lady Bulldogs started off the Weaubleau Tournament on Monday, December 23. The Lady Bulldogs played Lakeland the first round and ended with a score of 23-62. The second game was on Thursday, December 26, the Lady Bulldogs played Humansville. The Lady's played hard and put up a great fight and ended up on top with a score of 46-18. For the last game The Lady's played Dadeville on Saturday, December 28. The Lady's came out strong and worked hard but didn't quite make it with a score of 17-26.



Chilhowee



Monday, January 6	
Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	17
Lady Indians	26

Monday, January 6	
Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	53
Indians	45

Written by: Sudie Callahan

Appleton City Tournament

The Bulldogs played in the Appleton City Tournament Monday, January, 14–18. The Lady Bulldogs didn't make it as far as the boys but they didn't give up they where places 7th witch is where they where seated.

The Bulldogs started at 7th but ended up playing for first. There first place game was hectic and very rough but the boys played through it and did pretty well against Montrose.

Tuesday, January 14	
Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	14
Osceola	60

Wednesday, January 15	
Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	16
Chilhowee	30

Tuesday, January 14	
Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	54
Rich Hill	43

Thursday, January 16	
Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	58
Hume	45

Saturday, January 18	
Team	Scores
Bulldogs	55
Montrose	63



Pictured above: River Clark

Ballard vs Sheldon

Wednesday, January 22	
Team	Score
Lady Bulldogs	30
Sheldon	40

Wednesday, January 22	
Team	Score
Bulldogs	44
Sheldon	42



Ballard vs Appleton City

Thursday, January 23



Pictured above: Briana Arredondo

Thursday, January 23	
Team	Score
Lady Bulldogs	30
Appleton City	56



Thursday, January 23	
Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	44
Appleton City	68



Written By: Sudie Callahan

Fun Page

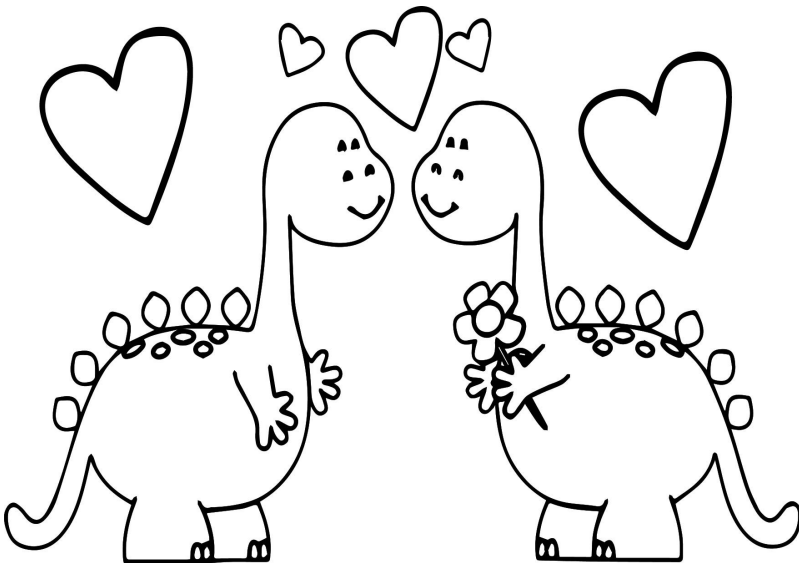
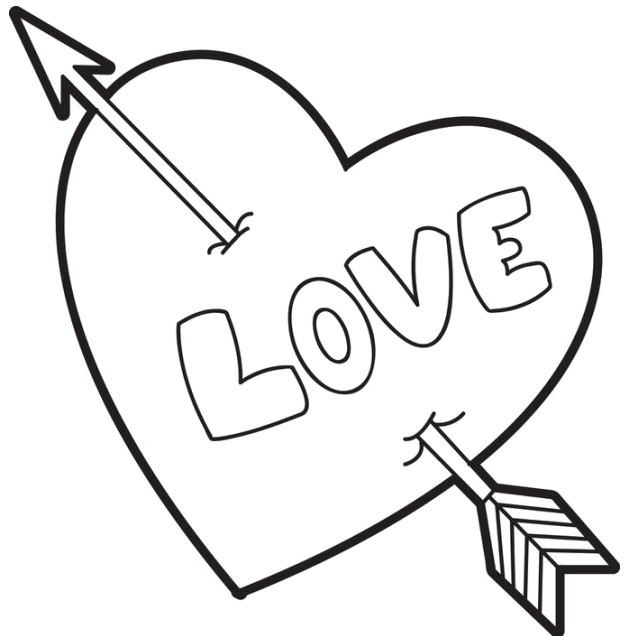
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Presidents Day

