

Barks *N'* **Growls**

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From the Administrator's Desk

Dear Ballard R-2 School District Community,

I am so proud to be back as the Superintendent. The School year is off to a great start, and it is wonderful to see the smiling, excited student faces. The district is super excited to have all of its sports teams (other than Football) back under our roof. We have Volleyball, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls Basketball, Track, and Baseball. Our Volleyball team is 9-12-1; Football is 6-2 this year, and Cross Country, Lucas Crump continues to make strides to beat his personal best times with each race run. Our Junior High Basketball schedules are right around the corner. We will be looking for your feedback on many matters in our district. There is a CSIP meeting on November 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm. At the meeting, we will discuss student data, facilities, and Technology. Please come to the meeting and give your input.

Sincerely,

David Andrade

Superintendent, Ballard R-2 School District

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Dayne Greer

Dayne Greer, 18, is the son of Jimmy Greer and Staci Greer, and the brother of Dylan and Daxtyn. His favorite class is work study, and his favorite color is Blue. Dayne's dream truck is a 2015 Cummins, and his favorite song is whatever Lilly sings. His hobbies include hunting and working, and his favorite restaurant is Texas Roadhouse. He says his biggest pet peeve is Lilly showing pictures of babies. After graduation, Dayne plans to be a travel welder. When asking Dayne where he sees himself in 15 years, he stated that he is going to be living in a mansion. Famous last words are "I don't know how to read."



Elementary Student of the Month

Congratulations to our two elementary students, winners of the August/September Student of the Month. The elementary student for August was Blaise Wainscott. Mrs. Hathcock said, "Blaise is such a great student, and she is a little bit reserved, but I can tell she loves school. She is a good friend to her classmates and is always considerate. She is always positive in her work and behavior. She is always willing to help when the need arises. She works hard and is very conscious about her work. I enjoy having her in class, and she is a wonderful example of friendship and positivity." Mrs. West said, "She is always a great friend!" And Mrs. Sallee said, "She has a kind heart and is always willing to help others and displays a positive attitude toward schoolwork."



The elementary student for September was Urijah Jackson. Mrs. Strunk said, "Urijah has demonstrated tremendous growth in just the first few weeks of school. He follows instructions well, is always willing to lend a helping hand to his peers, and brings great energy to our lessons. His enthusiasm makes learning both engaging and enjoyable for those around him. Urijah has a wonderful sense of humor that keeps the classroom fun, yet he also shows a thoughtful, serious side when it comes to learning. He is especially knowledgeable about Pokémon and enjoys sharing his expertise with others. At the beginning of the year, Urijah wasn't particularly interested in paperwork, but he has quickly transitioned into an eager learner who takes pride in completing his work carefully and neatly. He is showing consistent growth academically, socially, and behaviorally, and I am very proud of the progress he is making."



HS/MS Student of the Month

Jay Hastings



This month, we are proud to recognize Jay as our Student of the Month. Jay has truly grown in the way she shows kindness and positivity each day. She has become a friend who encourages others, brings a smile to those around her, and makes people feel valued. Her positive spirit and compassion have not gone unnoticed, and she is a wonderful example of how hard work can make our school a better place. Congratulations, Jay!

She is one of my T.A.'s; she is so kind!

~Mrs. West

I am the senior sponsor for Jay. Although I do not have her in class anymore, she is well deserving of student of the month. She is a loyal friend and very determined to pursue her goals after high school. I know she will be successful in whatever she puts her mind to accomplishing.

~Mr. Bergen

Summer Hastings



This month, Summer is being recognized for the kindness and positivity she brings to our school each day. She is a true friend to her classmates, always ready to encourage others, lend a helping hand, and make everyone feel welcome. Her positive attitude not only brightens the classroom but also inspires those around her to do their best. By showing respect, compassion, and genuine care for others, Summer sets a wonderful example of what it means to be a supportive friend and a leader through kindness.

Summer has shown great leadership on the JHVB team. She is positive and cares about her teammates. She celebrates with them and encourages them. It has been great having her on the team.

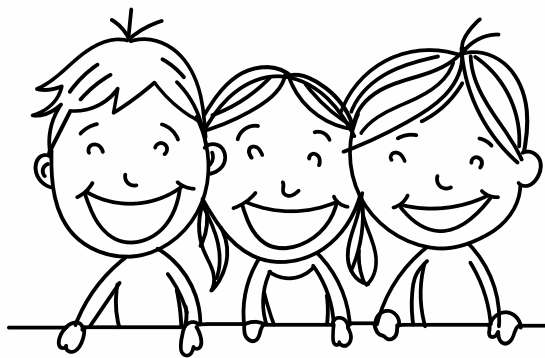
~Mr. Bergen

She is very engaging and friendly when I see her.

~Mrs. West

Summer's very organized, always has a smile on her face, and goes above and beyond in class.

~Mrs. Trickey



NEW FACES



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? M*****

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 2nd

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Creature Cases

FOOD: Pizza

COLOR: Blue

HOLIDAY: Christmas

SPORT: Soccer

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

Soccer Player



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? B*****

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 3rd

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Spy

FOOD: Taco

COLOR: Green

HOLIDAY: Halloween

SPORT: Soccer

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

A Cop



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? LeAnne

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 4th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Friends

FOOD: Pizza

COLOR: Light Blue

HOLIDAY: Christmas

SPORT: Volleyball

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

Cosmetologist

WHAT IS YOUR NAME? Mrs. Bailey
WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? teaches 4th & 5th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Law & Order

FOOD: Spaghetti

COLOR: Pink & Green

HOLIDAY: Halloween

SPORT: Basketball

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?: A stay-at-home mom, grandma, and (teacher)



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? Kadin

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 7th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Stranger Things

FOOD: Pizza

COLOR: Purple

HOLIDAY: Halloween

SPORT: Football

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

A Banana



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? Jacksyn

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 7th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Home Alone

FOOD: Supreme Pizza

COLOR: Red

HOLIDAY: Christmas

SPORT: Football

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

Construction Worker



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? Bella

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 7th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Harry Potter

FOOD: Takis

COLOR: Green

HOLIDAY: Easter

SPORT: Basketball

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

A Therapist



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? Levi

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 9th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: A book of life

FOOD: Pizza

COLOR: Black

HOLIDAY: Halloween

SPORT: Basketball

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

A Trucker



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? Gracie - Marie

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? 12th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Speak

FOOD: Honeybun's

COLOR: Pink

HOLIDAY: Fourth of July

SPORT: Baseball

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:

A Mom



WHAT IS YOUR NAME? Mrs. Davis

WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN? Teaches 7th
- 12th

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE?

MOVIE: Steel Magnolias

FOOD: Pizza

COLOR: Green

HOLIDAY: St. Patrick's Day

SPORT: Baseball

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE WHEN
YOU GROW UP?:** History Teacher



Sports Pages



HS Volleyball: Meet the Lady Bulldogs



L-R (Front): Haley Pray, Macie Wainscott, Taylinn Hester, Gracie-Marie Prock, Emmalee Scott, Lily Bergen
L-R (Back): Assistant Coach Katrina Bergman, Ashton Siebeneck, Aspyn Edison, Abby Bergen, Kennedy Borland, Olivia Porter, Head Coach Vincent Schroeder (not pictured: Lilly Chrisman & Manager Maribel Arredondo)

The Lady Bulldogs had a great season! Our Season record was 9 wins and 11 losses.





JH Volleyball: Meet the Lady Bulldogs

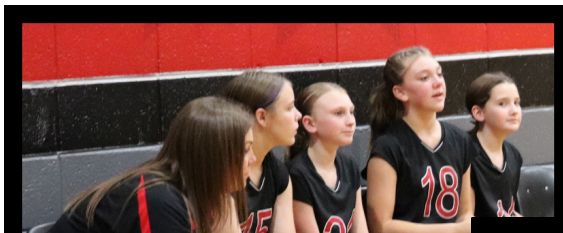


Sitting: Summer Hastings

L-R (Front): Brynlee Wainscott, Dani Crump, Delainey Ferguson, Melody Bergen

L-R (Back): Assistant Coach Carrie Scott, Kinzley Winter, Sofia Porter, Kyoko Smith, Ellee Scott, Chandler Borland, Head Coach Micah Bergen

The Lady JH Bulldogs had a great season!



JH & HS Cross Country:

Meet the Bulldogs



L-R: Kadin Thompson, Lucas Crump, Head Coach Jackson
Duncan

The JH & HS CC Team are having an amazing season so far!

Upcoming Events:

Oct 27 - Parent/Teacher Conference

Nov 8 - Fall Formal

Nov 13 - Pic Retakes & Winter Sports

Nov 17 - School in Session

Nov 24 - Nov 28 - Thanksgiving Break



Senior night



Literary Library

Kindergarten- has been learning the rules of the library. We have been reading short books, listening to Ms. Awnie's House read-a-loud books and getting our wiggles out on the playground!

1st & 2nd - are reading Pinocchio and then will watch the movie and compare the book to the movie.

3rd & 4th - are reading Matilda. This class likes trying to act out the story as we read. We will compare the book to the movie after we finish the book.

5th & 6th - are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



Counselors Corner

In elementary specials, we've been focusing on understanding emotions and learning the important difference between tattling and bullying. Students are practicing how to recognize their feelings, communicate them in healthy ways, and handle conflicts with kindness and confidence.

At the high school level, I've been working closely with our seniors to help them get all their "ducks in a row" as they prepare for life after graduation. During Launch Week, seniors were encouraged to apply to colleges, trade schools, and apprenticeships. It's been inspiring to see their goals take shape! Be sure to check out the wall in the commons area to see where our seniors have applied—it's a great celebration of their hard work and bright futures ahead!

~Kelsi Bergen School Counselor in Training
Ballard R-II

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 27-31

Tuesday:

Don't Let Vaping Cloud the Picture

Stay bright, don't let vaping dull your shine.

Dress-up: Wear tie-dye or bright/neon colors

Wednesday:

Piece It Together—Team Up Against Drugs

Life fits better when you're drug free.

Dress-up: Twin Day (dress like a friend or match outfits)

Thursday:

No Missing Pieces, Just Sweet Dreams

Rest easy knowing your choices make all the right connection

Dress-up: PJ day!

Friday:

Drugs Are a Trick,
Being Drug-Free is a Treat

Scare away drugs—choose treats, not tricks.

Dress-up: Costumes (school-appropriate)

Spectacular Science

With the first quarter ending, science fair winners for 8th, 9th, and 10th will be announced on the 27th. Cooking Chem got a case of apples donated to them for their course. Physical Science had been doing archery, and they have been excelling very well. Ecology is currently building a compost bin in hopes of getting soil.

Archery and Scholar Bowl practice have started, so talk to Mrs. Chambers if you are thinking about joining.

PRE-SCHOOL PUPS

Preschool has really taken off! We are really enjoying our time here in the Preschool classroom. We are learning how to share, communicate with one another, and be good friends.

We are working on building our fine motor skills using all different types of tools while doing different activities: scissors cutting, coloring, using tweezers to color sort, playing in shaving cream, and our favorite, our different sensory bins. The Preschoolers have learned a poem, "The Little Turtle", we are working on recognizing the letter "Aa", and we are working on counting. They are loving the farmer's market we have set up in the classroom, and they really enjoy getting to go to Specials on Fridays. We are excited here in Preschool and are enjoying our time together.



Krazy Kindergarten

Paisley Miller

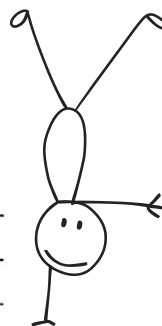


I will be a vampire
for Halloween.



Khloe Vinton

I will be a
dancer
for Halloween.



Graysen Mayfield

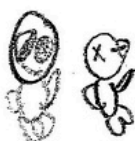


I will be a
spider



Jayden Luper

I will be the
grim reaper



Charlotte Hastings

I will be the
marshmallow for Halloween.



Otto Doll

I will be a
Minecraft player

Funky Fourth

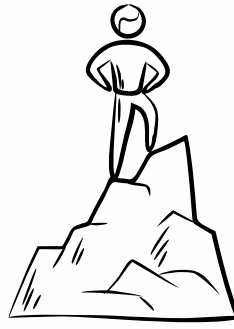
This year in fourth grade, we are learning so much! In math, students are moving on to learn about estimating, while in science, they are diving into life science. In reading, they are exploring the five senses, and in writing, they are working together to create a class book titled "What It's Like to Be in a Combined Classroom." In social studies, students are discovering the rich history and culture of Native Americans.

Each day, these eager learners walk into the classroom excited to ask, "What are we learning today?" and it fills my heart to see their curiosity and enthusiasm grow. They are gaining more and more knowledge every day, and I couldn't be a happier teacher!

— Mrs. Bailey, Fourth Grade Teacher



Fearless First



Emmett - Batman

Cooper - Darth Vader

Ruby - Witch

Emma - Princess

Dylan - Wolverine

Urijah - Venon

Asher - Ninja

Fantastic Fifth

This year in fifth grade, we are learning so much! In math, students are moving on to learn about expressions, while in science, they are diving into life science. In reading, they are exploring different genres, and in writing, they are collaborating to create a class book titled "What It's Like to Be in a Combined Classroom." In social studies, students are studying the fascinating history and culture of Native Americans.

Each day, these students come into class eager and excited, asking, "What are we learning today?" Their enthusiasm for learning continues to grow, and I am so proud of all the progress they are making.

I couldn't be a happier teacher!



The 7th-grade class has been experiencing the new expectations of middle school with new and unique projects for them. They have recently been working on their science fair in science and in their English classes. They have been working on an AG review since Trickey has come back from maternity leave, while also preparing for some upcoming tests.

Frazzled **Freshmen**



The Freshmen are having a great year so far with the Bake Sale. In one game, they made \$200. They do the Bake Sale every Jr. High and High School home game. They will also be having a silent auction on baked goods at Courtwarming. Their motto for this year is "Betting on our Future". Braydon Siebeneck is President, Lily Bergen is Vice President, Asypn Eidson is Secretary, and Lane Meade is Treasurer.



Ablaze Of Art

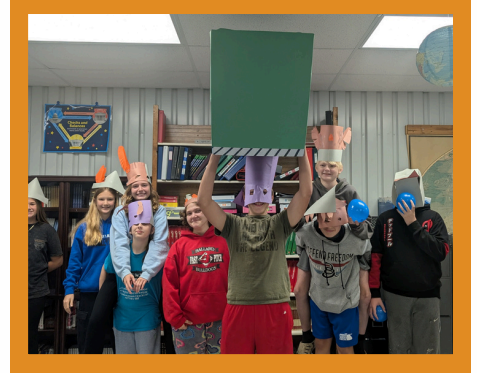
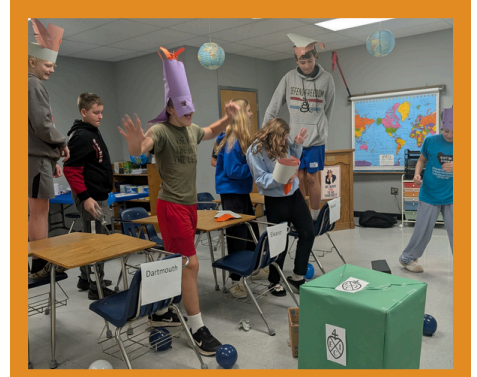


Kindergarten students took a trip to outer space and became astronauts for a day, creating their own planets. They have recently been working on lines as an element of art. The 3rd and 4th graders have been putting in hard work designing their lighthouse and beach painting. 7th graders spent a lot of time learning about color theory and how it applies to artwork. The High School Art students have begun a new unit on Illustrated Word Art and how it can be utilized to show a new way to perceive an art piece.



Its all history!

In history class, we don't just read about the past, we experience it! We explore Geography, American History, World History, the World Wars, and Government through fun projects, discussions, and activities. From mapping the world to debating laws and recreating major events, students get to see how people and places have shaped the world we live in today.



Salty Sophomores

The sophomore class has been working hard in academics. Science Fair has been a big part of our time recently, working hard for Mrs Chambers in and out of class. In government class, we've been slowly working through each three branches of the government, learning what each branch does. We have also been working hard for Mr Bergen, learning the shapes and angles and everything there is to know about geometry class. and some of us have been working hard at academic sports. For example; volleyball practices and games and some of us have been working hard at basketball conditioning.



Jaw-Dropping Juniors

The 11th-grade class have been working very diligently on many things. We have figured out our prom theme for this year. We are still trying to figure out where we are going for our senior trip. Our concession stand has been doing great. We have made a bunch of money! The president is Ashton Siebeneck, the vice president is Kennedy Borland, we have one secretary: Olivia Porter, and Abigail Bergen as Co-Secretary, and the treasurer is Macie Wainscott.



Slaying Seniors

Seniors are working on planning their senior trip and working on selling from their snack closet. We are planning many fun things for senior year! Our chicken fry was a success, with Lucas winning cutest baby!



FUN PAGE



Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?
He had no body to go with.

How did the skeleton know it was going to rain?
He could feel it in his bones.

Why are graveyards so noisy?
Because of all the coffin.

What does a skeleton say before dinner?
"Bone appetit!"

What's a skeleton's favorite instrument?
The trom-bone.

