



Barks 'n' Growls



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

Parents, Students & Community

I would like to welcome everyone back for another school year and welcome to those of you who are new to the district. The school year is already in full swing and going well. We have a couple of new faces with our faculty this year. If you have not had a chance to meet them, please make it a point to do so. With the addition of the new members to our already wonderful staff this should be great year for all. The students should be filled with knowledge and a caring atmosphere.

Believe it or not, the first quarter will be ending soon. Being that we are well into the first quarter, activities are also under way. Please remember to show support for our student-athletes, and display the excellent sportsmanship that Ballard has been well known for in the past years. More importantly, please show an interest in your child's education and feel free to contact teachers to communicate concerns, or to get an update as to how well your students are doing. Each teacher has a plan time each day. You can contact the office to find out when those times are. Also, for those parents who have internet access, don't forget to look at the school's website at www.ballardr2.net.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Hon or me if you should ever have any questions or concerns you want to express. As a school community we all need to work together continually to improve and maintain a high level of excellence here at the Ballard R-2 School District. Everyone is important in the process of school improvement. Please participate by encouraging students, sharing ideas, attending school events, and communicating to people about our students, parents, staff members, and community members.

The education that our children receive here at Ballard R-2 should be some of the most memorable experiences they will encounter. We also know that some of these experiences will not always be enjoyable, as there are regulations they we must all abide by. Sometimes these put a damper on things. Our society is an ever changing society so therefore we are accustomed to adapting. I am sure that we will get through these changes as we have gotten through so many others.

On the fourth day of school this year we had the opportunity to experience a partial solar eclipse. It was a great educational opportunity for our students. I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Trent Callahan and the Bates County Veterinary Clinic for providing the glasses for this event.

Again, please feel free in contacting the school should you have any concerns or questions. We will work through the best that we can.

Have a great 2017-2018 school year.

Written by John Siebeneck
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Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2017-2018 school year! I am delighted to report that we have enjoyed a very positive start to the new academic school year. I am privileged to have the opportunity to return to this school as your principal this year. I feel honored to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful students, our supportive parents, and our active community members.

A child's educational years are critical times of development for students and families, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this school year successful. I am a lifelong educator, and I am committed to students and families, as well as a love for learning. My door is always open. I will listen to new ideas, any concerns that arise, and of course, any new opportunities that will allow our students to achieve.

Ballard has undergone a few changes! There are four new faces this year. Our new faces include: Amanda Kabir (3rd Grade), Kelsi Bergen (5th Grade), Rachel Gregory (9-12 English), Lacy Burgin (7&8 English/Librarian).

Together, with our families and the community, the staff and students will work toward academic, social, and emotional growth and development. Parents and community members are strongly encouraged to become involved in the school. We invite you to become an active participant through volunteering, joining our PTO and/or Booster Club, and attending/supporting school events. Research clearly states that when parents/guardians participate, and are involved in their child's

education, there is a greater likelihood of academic success for the child. We would love to have each of you in our building as a volunteer. Volunteering can include: reading to students, listening to students read, or lending a helping hand. If you have any time and would be interested, please let us know. We would also like to invite you to visit our school's website. This will serve as a resource tool for all upcoming events, student/parent handbook, important reminders, and our "Barks and Growls" newspaper.

We would like to thank you for the continued support that you give to your children and encourage you to continue to play a very active part in their learning by talking to them about their studies, encouraging them to read, making sure they complete their homework, and checking their planner (if available). We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure each child can achieve his or her highest potential. We recognize that, in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We thank you in advance for your continued support and guidance, and we look forward to seeing you throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Eric Hon

Typed by Mr. Hon
Formatted by Camryn East

↓ **Check it Out!!!** ↓

There is a variety of ways to keep informed on school happenings. We encourage you to utilize any or all of these:

The district website at www.ballardr2.net is a good place to start for many types of information. You'll find an activity calendar and menus for lunch and breakfast. The complete Board of Education Policy is there, as well as the Student Handbook. The Counselor page has a lot of good information, including ACT Testing; A+ Program; Jr. High / High School Class Schedule and Scholarship information. Each month, a color version of the school newspaper "Barks 'n' Growls" is posted. Be sure to visit the district website for all this and much more!

Also, on the website is a link to PowerSchool, our student information system. By utilizing this link, parents can access individual student information. A parent can check student attendance, current grades and lunch balances. If you have already been using this feature, your log-in information has not changed. If you need log-in information, just call the school and we'll give it to you.

The school has a Facebook page which is used for several types of announcements. There is a link to this page on the district website, or you can search on your Facebook page for Ballard R-II School District. We use the Facebook page to share reminders for upcoming events, announcements, fun things happening at school, etc. Click "Like" on the school's Facebook page to receive posts in your own news feed.

Finally, we have two text notification groups available for news such as closings, event changes, important dates, etc. With a smartphone, open your web browser and go to rmd.at/ballardele for the Elementary and/or rmd.at/ballardhig for the High School. If you do not have a smartphone, you may text @ballardele for the Elementary and/or @ballardhig for the High School to the number 81010 to receive messages.

As much as possible, urgent notifications are shared all three ways: www.ballardr2.net, Facebook, and text message. Less urgent items may be shared on the website and/or Facebook page, but not by text. The more options you utilize, the more informed you'll be!

Written by Kerri Loyd
Formatted by Camryn East

Student of the Month

September

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 September is Senior Merritt Roach, son of Rusty and Melody Roach. Math teacher, Raelynn Kershner states "Merritt is a leader in and out of class. He isn't afraid of challenging situations and tackles them to the best of his ability. He is willing to learn from mistakes instead of simply giving up." Social Studies teacher, Brad Dunkin states "Merritt is self-assured, yet open to new ideas, considerate, with a record of continual self-improvement, and a respect for teachers rarely matched."

Merritt is a member of the Baseball and FFA Trap teams. Merritt is also involved in FFA, and Ballard Honor Society. For Merritt'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."



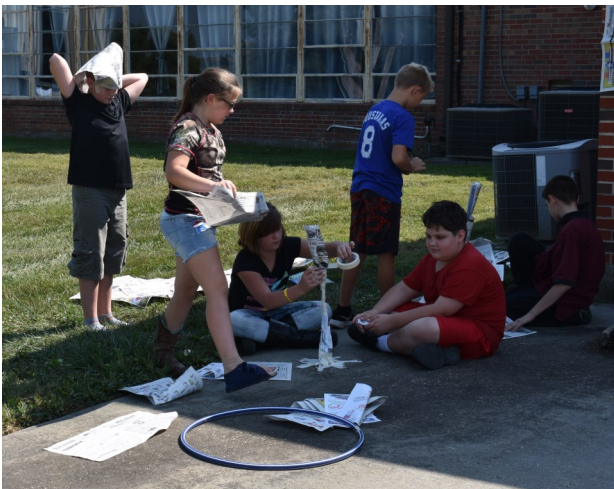
Pictured above (L-R): Principal Eric Hon, Billy Joe Cumpton, and Merritt Roach

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Bridges' Bulletin

Mrs. Bridges

In counseling this month, Mrs. Bridges asked the 5th and 6th graders if they were stranded on a desert island, what kind of shelter could they make. The students went outside, and using newspaper and tape, they created shelters that they thought would be suitable for a desert island!



Typed by Mrs. Bridges
Formatted by Camryn East

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Savana Rose Allen, 17, is the daughter of Destiny and Kenny Allen and the sister of Kenadee, Kori, Kolby, and Austin Allen. Some of her favorites include art, steak, baked potatoes, and the restaurant Olive Garden. Savana’s dream car is a Lamborghini, and her favorite song is *Praying* by Kesha. Savana’s hobbies and extracurricular activities include playing sports, doing art, watching TV, and eating. Her biggest pet peeve is when people slurp their drinks too loud. Savanas famous last words are “You’re such a dumb head.”

After graduation, Savana plans to attend Crowder College in Neosho and double major in business and dental hygiene. When asking Savana where she sees herself in 15 years, she stated that “I see myself graduated from Crowder College as a Dental Hygienist also with a degree in business, in a beautiful house with beautiful children, and working for a wonderful dental office.”



Colton James Page, 18, is the son of Kent and Lori Page, and the brother of Cheyenne and Keslyn Page. Colton’s favorite class is Ag, and his favorite color is blue. Colton dreams of owning a 1972 Chevelle SS, and his favorite song is *Dancing Her Home* by Cody Johnson. While his favorite kind of food is Mexican, his favorite restaurant is Texas Road House. Colton’s hobbies and extracurricular activities include riding horses, hunting, riding 4-wheelers, FFA, trap shooting, 4-H, basketball, and baseball. Colton’s pet peeve is ignorant people, and his famous last words are “who cares.”

Colton plans on going to college and then vet school after high school. In 15 years, Colton sees himself owning his very own vet clinic.

Written by Adelyne Dowse



Preschool



Mrs. Meade



The preschoolers were taught how to properly wash their hands. They had a specialist come from the Bates County Health Center. She brought some sanitizer and put it on their hands and it had a special “glitter” that got on their hands to represent the germs. She had a black light to show them the “germs” that were on their hands. They then had to go wash their hands to wash the germs away. After they washed up they came back to see if they washed their hands right and if they didn't, the “germs” would still show up on their hands under the black light.

Written and formatted by Caleb Morris

Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

It has been an exciting first month in Kindergarten. I have a great class this year, and I have so enjoyed getting to know them and learn more about their favorite things. I have been impressed with all the great work they have been doing. We have been talking about families and friends in both our reading and social studies. We have talked about how they celebrate through traditions and

how they work together. They have been learning several sight words, and are already starting to read. We have been practicing letters through writing and working on the sounds they make. We will be celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday by having a fun day of all things apples! This also goes with the letter of the week, which is letter A. I am looking forward to another great year with some great kids!



Written by Mrs. Hathcock
Formatted by Adelyne Dowse

Frazzled First

Mrs. Ordal

So far this year we have learned about the eclipse, the moon phases, the planets, and observed ants in a habitat in science. We love learning new things.

We have been writing up a storm and learning to add details, capitals and periods to every sentence we write that is a statement, and we are learning our how to write letters in a way that will transition into cursive easily.



We are wonderful Mathematicians! The children love learning their facts so much; they voted to do Rocket Math every day. Some of the students are already halfway through their addition facts.

We followed Hurricane Irma and saw the damage she caused; and on 9/11 we read books about what happened and how a steel beam from one of the towers became the bow of the USS New York.

Everyone has been doing spectacular on their spelling tests!

On Friday, September 22, we had a "bring your pet to school" and share day, and we celebrated Clifford's birthday. Johnny Appleseed's birthday was Tuesday, September 26, and we did an apple taste test and shared various apple foods with each other. We LOVE Mr. Siebeneck's apple cake!!!

Written by Mrs. Ordal
Formatted by Caleb Morris

Second to None

Mrs. West

This year in second grade things seem to be moving rapidly. We are learning to count change in Math and, after only a few days, it is obvious that this group loves money! They love Rocket Math and our Math relays. Gavin Schliem says, "This is my favorite part of the day!"

We read a book called "School Mouse". The children loved this book. It was about a mouse that lives in a school. The main character is a mouse that is a second grader as well. As we read this book together, the class loved to imagine a mouse living in our school. Zoe Fredrick said, "I bet Terry and Sonny don't want any mice living here!"

I am excited about spending the year teaching and learning with this group of children. I hope the students are as eager as I am to learn and laugh together.

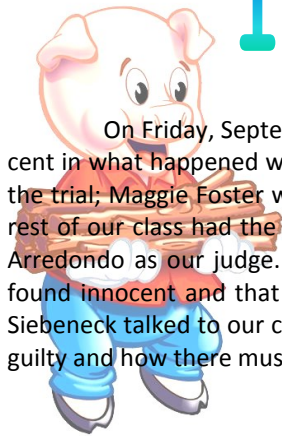


Written by Mrs. West
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Tremendous Third

Ms. Kabir

On Friday, September 8th, the third grade class held a trial for Mr. Alexander T. Wolf to determine if he was guilty or innocent in what happened with the Three Little Pigs. We had been learning to compare and contrast the two. We had two lawyers for the trial; Maggie Foster was the lawyer for the pigs and Payson Hill was the lawyer for Mr. Wolf. The rest of our class had the responsibility of being the jury to decide the truth in the trial, with Maribel Arredondo as our judge. The decision of the court was that Olivia Porter, who played the pig, was found innocent and that Nephi Hon, who played Mr. Wolf, was guilty. After the trial was over, Mr. Siebeneck talked to our class about how in America a person on trial is innocent until they are proven guilty and how there must be facts, or evidence, against them to prove them guilty.



Written by the third grade class
Formatted by Madelyne Murray



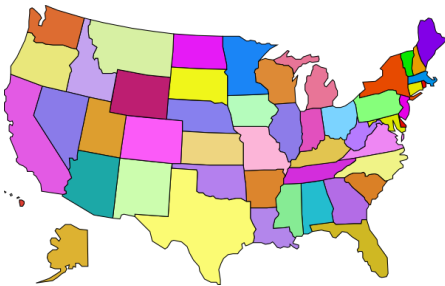
Fascinating Fourth

Mrs. Moore

Hi, this is Mrs. Moore. I love the variety of personalities in this year's fourth graders.

We have been working on addition and subtraction and, especially, estimation.

We need to learn our states and capitals, which is what we are working on now.



Proving we understand the science concepts is quite different from just learning the concept. The science standards have changed since I last taught science 3 years ago. Yeah! A challenge for everyone!

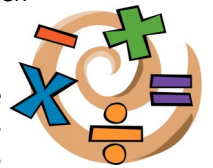
Written by Mrs. Moore
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Fiesty Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

This year has been great for the fifth grade! In Math, we just started Prime Factorization, which is multiplication and dividing. We will continue it next month, also. During History, we took a test over the first Americans, which were the Aztec, Inca, and the Mayans.

In English, we learned about complex sentences and conjunctions. Also, in Science, we learned about plants! During Reading, we finished Bridge to Terabithia and compared the book to the movie. Finally in Writing, we worked on our personal narratives. This year is going to be great!



Written and formatted by
Mikayla Whitaker

Sassy Seventh

First off, it's been a great start to a new year. Seventh grade is much better than Elementary, no doubt. We are loving it!

In Science, we learned how the planets formed. In Language Arts, we've been learning about the different parts of speech. In Math, we've been doing IXL (which is a math website). We are typing in Ms. Murchie's class. In History, we are learning about climate. We also do Acellus during seventh hour. Altogether, it has been a great start so far!

Written by Alexis Hastings, Lexie
Ward, and Brice Miller
Formatted by Mikayla Whitaker



Spunky Sixth



Ms. Eidson

This month is going good so far! In Science, we just finished learning about cells, and their parts. One of our assignments was to make a model of either a plant or an animal cell. Some of us made our cells out of Styrofoam balls, while others used different types of sweets to portray a cell! After we got done presenting our cells to Ms. Eidson and the fifth grade class, we got to eat the tasty cells! Now, we are learning about reproductive cells, mitosis, and meiosis! In Social Studies, we are learning about the Fertile Crescent, Moses, Judaism, and the Mesopotamians! In ELA, we are learning about personal narratives and we had to write a big fifteen paragraph essay! In Math, we are learning about ratio tables, equivalent ratios, and bar diagrams. We just started D.A.R.E. It's awesome! Our class is working on team building skills. We are also doing book club! One group is reading "Chasing Lincoln's Killer," and another group is reading "Loser." Ta ta for now!



Written by the Sixth Grade
Formatted by Camryn East

Pictured above: First Row (L-R): Aimee Cummings, Parker Hill, Cade Callahan, Lillian Rotert, Valentina Landeros-Quiroz
Second Row (L-R): Donovan Card, Zachary Carpenter, Jada Gains, Lindy Gunter

Keepin' it Fresh Freshmen

The Freshmen have been working very hard this year and getting into the groove with their crazy schedules. They are working very hard on their SAE projects for FFA. They have had a very good start so far in their Freshman year.

CLASS OF 2021

Written by Kailee Smith
Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Salty Sophomores

Mrs. Gregory

We salty sophomores are glad that school is back in session. We are having a Hog Roast on October 14th from 5pm to 8pm. We are currently selling tickets, so if you would like a ticket to our Hog Roast, please contact a sophomore!

Written by McKinley Brewster
Formatted by Caleb Morris



Jittery Juniors

We are all so glad to be back in school and we can't believe we're already Juniors! This year, we have the Concessions Stand and we'd like to ask everyone to come out and support the junior class. Other than that, nothing much has been going on and we can already tell this year is going to be a good year.

Written by Kelsie Karo
Formatted by Madelyne Murray

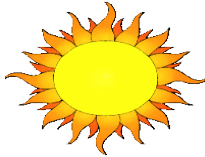
SAVAGE SENIORS



Welcome to school, everyone! We hope everyone is having a wonderful first quarter. We seniors haven't done much. In a couple of months, we will be having a chili dinner. But anyway, we hope that you all are having a great year so far.

Written by Savana Allen
Formatted by Andrew Hon

STELLAR SCIENCE



Mr. Brewster

Hey everyone! The start of this year has been very eventful. We started the year off with the Solar Eclipse, which happened to be perfect timing for the seventh graders going over astronomy. The eighth graders are going over Earth Science and the things the earth is made of. The freshmen are learning about matter and its changes, and the sophomores are learning about cell transports. The Physics class is learning about the rate of free fall and acceleration, which involves a lot of math! Chemistry is going over the Periodic Table and its trends. There has been a lot of learning going on so far this quarter and I can't wait to see the progress through the year.

Written and formatted by
Adelyne Dowse

Music Notes

The elementary music department has many new instruments for the children to play this year.

The high school is off and running, too. Austin Carpenter auditioned and was chosen to be a member of the West Central All District Choir. They will practice and perform at Oak Grove High School on October 14. The performance is at 5:30 PM.

Congratulations Austin for a job well done!



Written by Mrs. Lybarger
Formatted by Andrew Hon

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of the students in the elementary, junior high, and high school experienced their first total solar eclipse ever! The last total solar eclipse in the United States was in 1979. Everyone, including the teachers and staff, enjoyed the eclipse. Junior, Jack Rotert, said "It was fun and very educational. We got to see something that doesn't happen very often." Seventh grader, Alexis Hastings, stated "I thought it was really cool that the sky looked black and the moon looked orange through my glasses," and sixth grader, Lily Rotert, stated "I thought it was amazing. The bugs started to come out at the end. Every time you took your glasses off, it was already a lot darker."



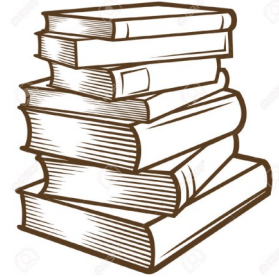
Pictured above: the kindergarteners ready for the show

Written and formatted by
Adelyne Dowse

Everything English

Mrs. Gregory

Welcome back! We have a new teacher this year, her name is Mrs. Gregory, and she has started out this year great! Here is a little bit of what each class did this month! The entire high school (ninth through twelfth) have been learning about nouns, pronouns, adjectives, and verbs. Ninth and tenth grade students worked on the unit *"Is Conflict Necessary?"*. Juniors wrote an essay that compared and contrasted Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death!" speech to Ben Franklin's "Speech in the Convention." The Seniors continue to read *"The Canterbury Tales"* by Geoffrey Chaucer and watched *The 13th Warrior* which is based off of the poem *Beowulf* (which the class read beforehand). I have a feeling this is going to be a great



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Mikayla Whitaker



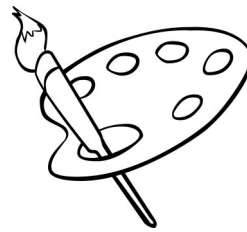
Ancient History

Mr. Dunkin

The 7th grade Geography class is looking at the human factors of geography. The 8th grade U.S. History class is studying the 13 colonies before the Revolution. The 9th grade U.S. History class is studying about the American Industrialization after the Civil War. The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade government classes are currently studying the Constitution. They are learning how it is set up and how you can change it. The 12th grade geography class is currently studying the World's religions.

Written and Formatted by Caleb Morris

Pictured below (L-R): Brianna Pray
and McKinley Brewster



Outstanding Art

Mrs. DesCombes

Welcome back to a brand new school year! To begin with, the Elementary this month is working on many different medias including weaving, sculptures, and painting landscapes. Eighth grade built unique clay sculptures. Advanced Art worked on the elements of art, by putting each element on a square to make a cube of art. In 3D Art, they worked on ceramics and their clay cube. In Art 1, they worked on perspective in their projects. All of the art classes are doing well and I hope they continue to create beautiful and unique art in the coming months.

Written and Formatted by
Mikayla Whitaker

Math Tweets

Mrs. Kershner

Math classes are off to a great start this year! The junior high classes have been addressing foundational skills needed for the year, while Algebra 1 took a look at the "big picture" for what topics they will be studying throughout the year. Algebra 2 is getting a grip on the basics of functions and Integrated Math is finding out that word problems can actually be enjoyable! The College Algebra students are adjusting to homework done via software interface while reviewing concepts studied in earlier math courses. Ballard's Geometry students started the year studying the very practical Pythagorean Theorem and got to go outside to apply the concept by staking out a perfect rectangle, with a known perimeter and required side length. Let's just say it was a learning experience!

Written by Raelynn Kershner
Formatted by Madelyne Murray

Ag/FFA

Mr. Bridges



On Wednesday, September 20, FFA freshmen and officers all went to Warrensburg! The officers went for Leadership training and the freshmen went for their Chapter Degree!

On Thursday, September 7, we had try-outs for trap shooting. We had enough people try out that we have two teams for the annual Area 7 trap shoot. The first team is Caleb Morris, Colton Page, Merritt Roach, Brice Eidson, and Donovan Hinrichs, with Garrett Oerke as the alternate. The second team is Payton Inglis, Jaeden Schliem, Jake Light, Wyatt Blair, and Kale Oerke, with Drew Hon as an alternate.

Written and Formatted
by Caleb Morris



Welcome Back!



Pictured to the right
is Lucas Crump



Pictured to the left is
Brian Boone



We would like to welcome back, Lucas Crump to Fourth grade and Brian Boone to Eighth grade. We've missed you two and we are thrilled to have you back!

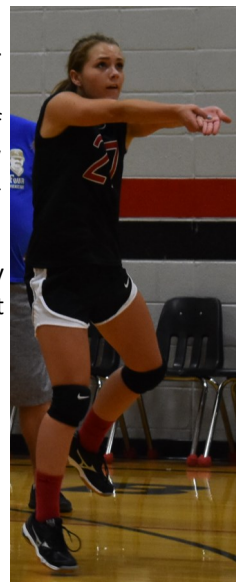
'GETTIN DOWN AT THE GATORADE GAMES!



Pictured above: First Row (L-R): Sheena Wainscott, Holly Tate, Tomi Pasteur
Second Row (L-R): Timber Wainscott, Shanda Steinhoff, Micah Patrick

On Friday, August 19, 2017, the Booster Club held their annual "Gatorade Games." The Lady Bulldog's volleyball team played against the staff, alumni, and each other! It was a ton of fun, and we would like to thank everyone for the Gatorade they provided us for the season, as well as the Booster Club for making this event possible! We can't wait until next year!

Written by Madelyne Murray
Typed by Camryn East



Pictured above Serenity Morris



New Faces



(L-R) Librarian, Lacy Burgin; Third grade teacher, Amanda Kabir; High School English teacher, Rachel Gregory; Fifth grade teacher, Kelsi Bergen.

What is your name? Lacy Burgin
What grade/ classes do you teach? Librarian/ Jr. High Language Arts
What is your favorite:
Movie: Last Man Standing and Leap Year
Food: Italian
Color: Blue and Green
Holiday: Christmas and Summer
Sport: ROYALS Baseball
What do you enjoy about teaching? The students

What is your name? Amanda Kabir
What grade/ classes do you teach? 3rd Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: Friends
Food: Chocolate
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What do you enjoy about teaching? Everything! I enjoy getting to know the students and finding exciting ways for them to learn new things.

What is your name? Rachel Gregory
What grade/ classes do you teach? Language Arts
What is your favorite:
Movie: Star Wars
Food: Crab legs and Steak
Color: Green
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Sport: Reading
What do you enjoy about teaching? Getting to interact with my students and read stories and books with them.

What is your name? Kelsi Bergen
What grade/ classes do you teach? 5th grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: Harry Potter
Food: Fajitas
Color: Teal
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Sport: Volleyball
What do you enjoy about teaching? I love the students.

Welcome!
We hope you have a great year!



New Faces



continued...



What is your name? Delainey Ferguson
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Barbie
Food: Pizza
Color: Red
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Soccer
What would you like to be when you grow up? Architect



What is your name? Vivian Greer
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Arthur on PBS kids
Food: Pears
Color: Pink, Purple and Orange
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Golf
What would you like to be when you grow up? Dinosaur bone finder.



What is your name? Chandler Borland
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: My Little Pony
Food: Pizza
Color: Pink
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? "I'm waiting until I'm older to decide."



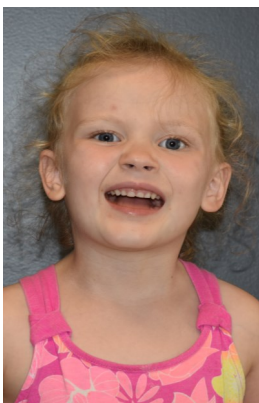
What is your name? Brooklynn Warren
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Kubo and the two strings
Food: Ice Cream
Color: Pink
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Elsa



What is your name? Sophia Porter
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Frozen
Food: Mac & Cheese
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Mom



What is your name? Nathaniel Fisher
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Fishing movies/shows
Food: Mac & Cheese
Color: Blue
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Shoot bows
What would you like to be when you grow up? Football player



What is your name? Lilyana Sieghartner
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Moana
Food: Apples
Color: Red
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Fetch
What would you like to be when you grow up? Doctor



What is your name? Charles Fisher
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Fishing shows/ movies
Food: Fish
Color: Blue
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Fisherman



New Faces



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What is your name? Ian Bergman
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Transformers
Food: Pop Tarts
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Police Officer



What is your name? Summer Hastings
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Trolls
Food: Pizza
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Veterinarian



What is your name? Callan Rotert
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Power Rangers
Food: Spaghetti
Color: Orange
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Spider



What is your name? Karly Skaggs
What grade are you in? Second
What is your favorite:
Movie: SpongeBob
Food: Pizza
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: T-Ball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A vet



What is your name? Katelynn Skaggs
What grade are you in? Fourth
What is your favorite:
Movie: Moana
Food: Tuna Helper
Color: Teal
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: T-ball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Chef



What is your name? Keith Schmitt
What grade are you in? Eighth
What is your favorite:
Movie: How It's Made
Food: Ribs
Color: Blue and Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? Military Personnel



What is your name? Ally Opel
What grade are you in? Eleventh
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Breakfast Club
Food: Steak
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? RN

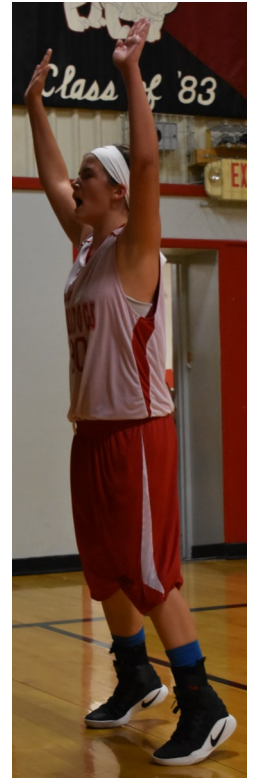
Sports Page

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Barking at the Wildcats!

On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, the Junior High Lady Bulldogs had their first home game of the season! They took on the Junior High Bronaugh Wildcats. The girls were quite nervous about playing in front of their home crowd but, once they got out on that court, all of the nerves went away, and they played their hearts out! When questioned about the game, Lillian Rotert responded with, "We played really well together as a team! Our defense worked great! However, we need to review the plays more and actually pay attention when we are going over them. Also, we really need to focus on boxing out when the shot is put up. If necessary, fart on them to get the point across!" Although the Lady Bulldogs put up a great fight, they ended the night with a loss. The final score was 14-24, and the leading scorer of the night was Lexie Ward, with a total of 7 points. Keep your heads up ladies!



Pictured above is
Lexie Ward

Clawing at the Wildcats

The Junior High Ballard Bulldogs played against the Junior High Bronaugh Wildcats, following the girls game on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. With only five boys on their team, the Bulldogs can only do so much without fouling out or getting too tired. This game proved that they have what it takes to go very far this season! From the start, the Bulldogs were ahead of the Wildcats and weren't going to let them gain the lead. Eighth grader, Kale Oerke, acquired the ball many times! Either he would go in for the lay-up, or look at the backside block and bounce pass the ball to another one of his teammates, who would make the jump shot! Their team worked very well together, and should be proud of how they performed! Ballard came out on top, with the final score being 36-28. Nice job, boys!



Pictured above is Tucker Roach



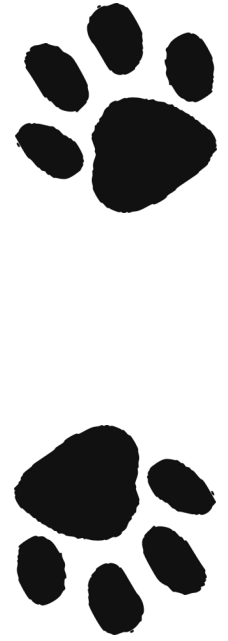
Lady Bulldogs vs. Kingsville September 18, 2017	
Ballard	31
Kingsville	11
The leading scorer was Lexie Ward with 23 points	

Bulldogs vs. Kingsville September 18, 2017	
Ballard	26
Kingsville	34

Lady Bulldogs vs. NEVC September 26, 2017	
Ballard	14
NEVC	26
The leading scorer was Lexie Ward with 6 points	

Bulldogs vs. NEVC September 26, 2017	
Ballard	32
NEVC	28

MEET THE JR. HIGH BULLDOGS!



Pictured above (L-R): Cade Callahan, Tucker Roach, Kale Oerke, Keith Schmitt, Jentry Bergman

MEET THE JR. HIGH LADY BULLDOGS!



Pictured above: First Row: Alexis Hastings
Second Row (L-R): Lindy Gunter, Averie Bales, Aimee Cummings, Jada Gains
Third Row (L-R): Coach, Bobby Brewster, Macie Morris, Ashton Carullo, Lexie Ward, Lillian Rotert, Briana Arredondo, Assistant Coach, Amanda Kabir

Swatting at the Hornets

The Ballard Junior High Lady Bulldogs basketball team took on the Hume Junior High Lady Hornets on Friday, September 22, 2017, at Ballard. Right from the get go, girls from both teams were very aggressive. It seemed like a minute didn't go by without one of the players being on the free-throw line shooting. Head Coach Bobby Brewster stated, "The girls played very hard. They are having some struggles learning man to man defense, but it is a tough transition. Each time they step foot on that floor, they get better. I am truly proud of their performance." With only a few seconds left of the game, eighth grader, Ashton Carullo, fouled out and the Lady Bulldogs fell short of the win. The ending score was 17-29, and the leading scorer was Briana Arredondo with a sum of 7 points. No matter what, just keep fighting, girls!



Biting at the Hornets

The Junior High Hume Hornets arrived at Ballard's court on Friday, September 22, 2017, to fight for the win against the Junior High Ballard Bulldogs! There was a *swarm* of players on Hume's team. Throughout the game, the opposing team kept subbing in fresh players for their worn down ones. Our boys, however, had to fight through the pain the whole time. All in all, the thing that beat them down the most was the fact that they couldn't rest during the game. Head Coach, Troy Engelhardt, stated, "We started the season as prepared as five guys could be. We still have some areas we need to improve on and we still need to make a few adjustments, but I am pleased with the progress the boys have made so far." Keep up the hard work, boys!

Meet the Lady Bulldogs



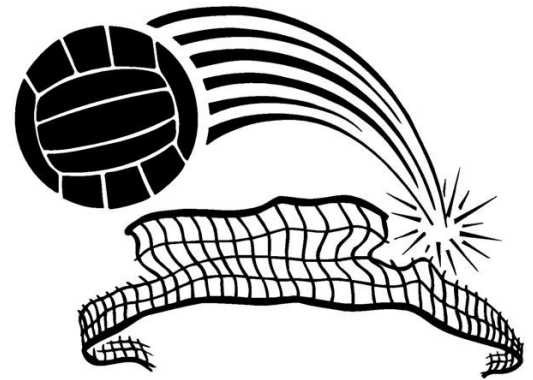
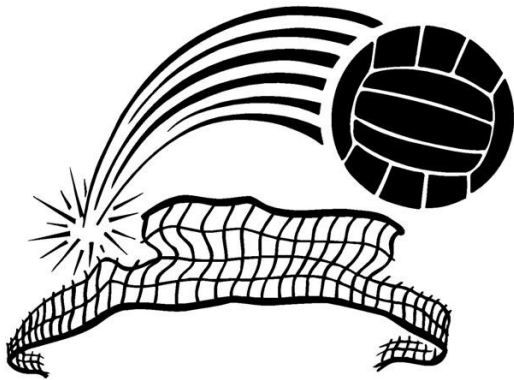
Pictured above: First Row (L-R): Sierra Ferguson, Morgan Wheeler, Madelyne Murray, Jailynn Wheeler, McKinley Brewster

Second Row (L-R): Manager, Ashton Carullo, Kelsie Karo, Savana Allen, Serenity Morris, Amanda Teagarden, Coach, Tori DesCombes

Third Row (L-R): Manager, Andrew Hon, Kelsey Pray, Kayla Wainscott, Adelyne Dowse, Kailee Smith, Sudie Callahan, Manager, Caleb Morris

Dog Vs. Cat

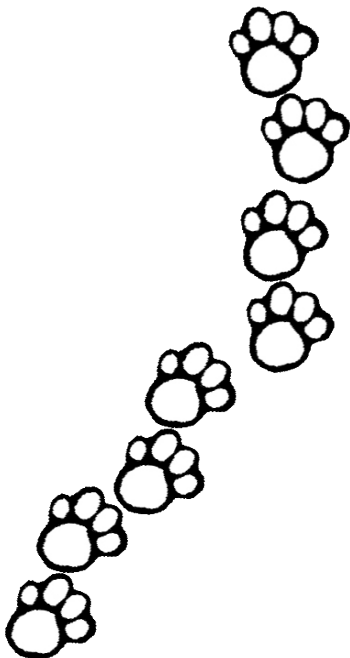
On Tuesday, September 19, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs volleyball team went up against the Bronaugh Lady Wildcats. In the first set, the Bulldogs fell to the Wildcats by a score of 19-25, but the Bulldogs weren't going to go down without a fight. By losing the first set, the Bulldogs had to win two sets in a row to win. In the second set, the Bulldogs won by a score of 25-20. Maddy Murray stated, "I felt very pumped and motivated after we won the second set... all the girls want to do is win." Going into the third set with the motivation and desire to win, the Bulldogs won with a score of 25-17 to cap off a victory for your Ballard Lady Bulldogs. At the end of the game, Maddy Murray exclaimed, "We were all super excited to win our first home game, and we can't wait to win our next game!"



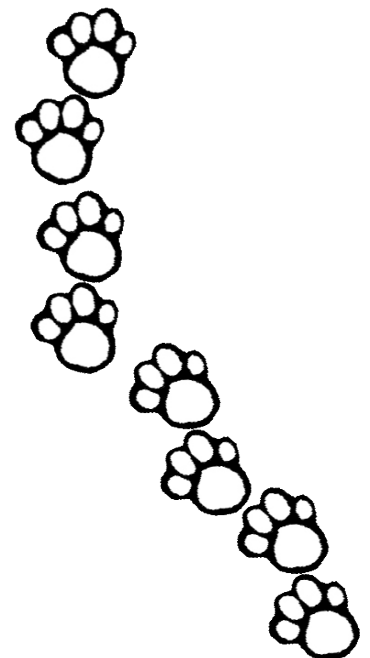
Pictured above is Adelyne Dowse

Spiking at the Hornets

The Ballard Lady Bulldogs took on the Hume Lady Hornets on September 22. After losing to the Hornets earlier in the season, the Bulldogs had something to prove on this Friday night game. The Bulldogs fought hard but couldn't quite pull off the set one victory, losing by 2 points for a score of 25-23. Even though the Bulldogs lost the first set, they still had in mind the previous game, when they lost the first set then came back and won it all. The Bulldogs refused to go down without a fight. In second set, the Bulldogs and Hornets were neck and neck until the very end when the Hornets took the lead for good, ending the set and game with a score of 25-20. Even though the Bulldogs lost, they put up a tremendous fight.



Pictured above is Serenity Morris



Lady Bulldog Away Games

Ballard vs. Appleton City August 24, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Appleton City
1	9	25
2	25	27

Ballard vs. Hume August 29, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Hume
1	22	25
2	25	19
3	18	25

Ballard vs. Drexel August 29, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Drexel
1	10	25
2	25	23
3	11	25

Ballard vs. Miami August 29, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Miami
1	25	22
2	28	26

Ballard JV vs. Hume JV August 29, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Hume
1	25	21

Ballard JV vs. Drexel JV August 29, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Hume
1	21	25

Ballard JV vs. Miami JV August 29, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Miami
1	19	25

Ballard JV vs. Adrian JV September 7, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Adrian
1	23	25
2	15	25

Ballard JV vs. Miami JV September 7, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Miami
1	23	25
2	15	25

Ballard vs. Vanhorn September 9, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Vanhorn
1	19	25
2	16	25

Ballard vs. Sweet Springs September 9, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Sweet Springs
1	19	25
2	16	25

Ballard vs. Wellington JV September 9, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Wellington
1	19	25
2	16	25

Ballard vs. KC Christians September 9, 2017		
Set	Ballard	KC Christians
1	26	24
2	25	23

Ballard vs. Lakeland September 12, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Lakeland
1	22	25
2	24	26

Ballard vs. Chilhowee September 12, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Chilhowee
1	25	22
2	25	17

Ballard vs. Kingsville September 18, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Kingsville
1	10	25
2	9	25

Fun Page



Q. Why are trees very forgiving?
 A. Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf"!

Q. How do leaves get from place to place?
 A. With autumn-mobiles!

Q. What did a tree fighting with autumn say?
 A. That's it, I'm leaving!

Q. What do you call a tree that doubts autumn?
 A. Disbe-leaf!

Q. What did the tree say to autumn?
 A. Leaf me alone!

Q. What did one autumn leaf say to another?
 A. I'm falling for you!

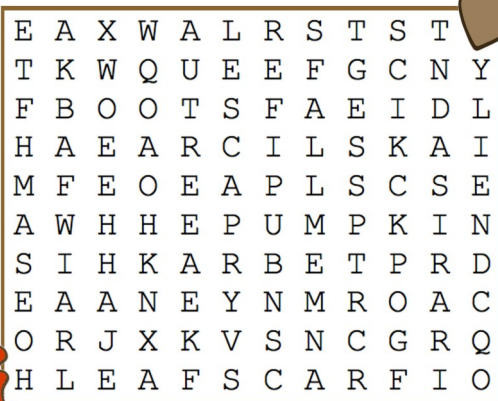
If money did grow on trees, autumn would be the best season ever!

It's so strange that autumn is so beautiful, but everything is really dying.

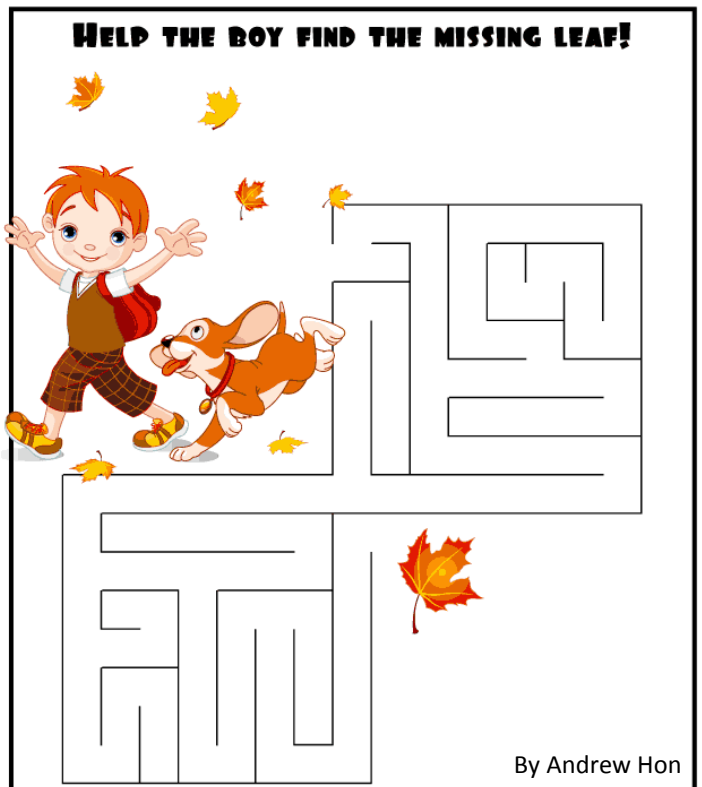
Autumn



WORD SEARCH



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| SCARF | APPLE | BOOTS |
| TREE | FALL | RAKE |
| ACORN | PUMPKIN | PIE |
| HAY | SWEATER | LEAF |





OCTOBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth VB @ 1pm @ Ballard	2 After Prom Meeting 7pm	3 Frontier Village 4th grade	4 FFA Trap Meet 4:50pm 4-H 7pm	5 VB/JHBB @ Calhoun 5pm	6 VB/JHBB vs Sheldon 5pm	7 GVVC Conference VB Tournament @ Shel-
8 Youth VB @ 1pm @ Ballard	9 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK	10 VB @ Chillhowee 5:30pm	11 JR/SR Clinton Career Fair 1-3pm FFA Trap Meet 4:10/4:50pm	12 VB/JHBB vs Miami 5pm	13 End of Quarter 1 *Senior Night* *Pink Out* VB/JHBB vs NEVC 5pm	14 Sophomore HOG ROAST 5-8pm
15	16 Start of Quarter 2 VB Districts @ Archie	17 Board Meeting 7:30pm	18 FFA Trap Meet 4:10/4:50pm	19 Fort Scott Math	20 No Vo-Tech	21
22	23 JHBB Conference Tournament @ Montrose	24 Board Meeting 7:30pm	25 FFA National Convention	26 JHBB @ East Lynne 6pm	27 Fall Harvest Dance 7-10pm	28
29 Red Ribbon Week	30 VBB Practice Starts	31 Happy Halloween EARLY OUT 1:05pm				