



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
Sixth edition February 28, 2020

From the Principal's Desk....

Dear Ballard Families,

Spring is almost here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning. As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of all as we support our students in successfully meeting the highest of standards set before them!

As we enter the month of March, our teachers and staff continue to introduce and review rigorous academic skills and content across all grade levels. With state testing coming soon, it is imperative that our students are present each day and eager to actively participate in applying the purposeful teaching and learning taking place. Several activities will be happening this month including the Conference Spelling Bee and Math Relays to name a few. Please check the school calendar for dates and times.

It's hard to believe that third quarter ends on Friday, March 6. With that being said, a flyer has been inserted in this month's newspaper with several events that will be happening. Kindergarten screening for the 2020-2021 school year will be a little different this year, times have been changed, and the screening will take place on Monday, March 9 from 2:30 to 7:30 pm in the gym. Parent-Teacher Conference will be going on at the same time.

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of our students, our teachers and staff, and our mission here at Ballard. This year has been, and continues to be, a success due to the collective efforts of all in providing opportunities for our students to succeed and grow.

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Student of the Month

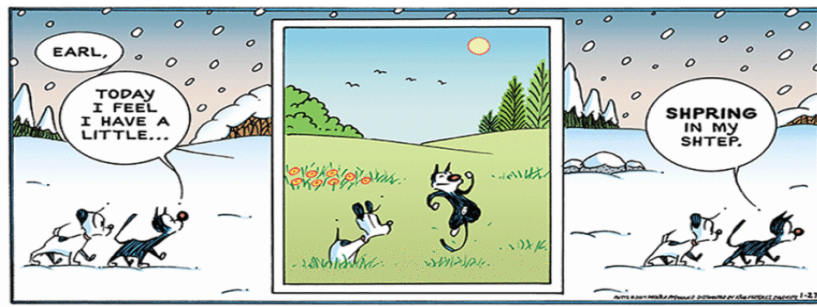
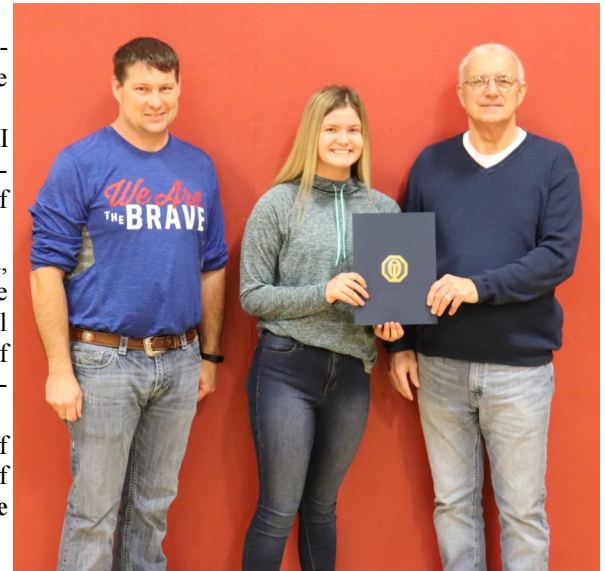
February

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 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 February is Freshman Lexie Ward, daughter of Beverly and Mike Ward. Mr. Dunkin states, "Lexie is a pleasure to have in class, she always asks relevant questions and is a good role model for other students." Librarian, Ms. Burgin states, "Lexie is much deserving of student of the month, she always has a respectful attitude toward fellow students and staff. She almost always has a smile."

For Lexie'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: Principal Dustin Bridges, Lexie Ward, and an Optimist Member**



Senior Spotlight

Jake Light

Jake, 17, is the son of Donald and Melinda Light and is the brother of Scott Baker. Some of his favorites include the color purple, any Mexican restaurant, and the song "Caught up in Country" by Rodney Atkins. Jake's dream car is a purple 1969 Dodge Charger. Some of his hobbies are hanging out with his friends. Jake's biggest pet peeve is people asking him what his pet peeve is. Jake's famous last words are, "Well that didn't work."

Jake's extracurricular activity is basketball. Jake's plans for the future are work and going to college or a trade school. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Jake answered, "In 15 years I see myself owning my own house with a steady well paying job. I may possibly have a wife and kids, we'll see what the future holds."

Written by: Brianna Pray



Preschool Pups

Miss Clark



This year has been busy. We just finished learning the letter L and having our Valentines Day party. We are only five marbles from having another pajama party! We love having snow but are ready for spring weather and having spring break. We are excited to finish the alphabet and counting higher than 10. Come on Spring!

Written by: Maecy Claiborne

Fearless First

Mrs. Smith



also had some more fun winter writing activities. I hope everyone has had a great month!

It has been a busy month in First grade. In Spelling and Reading, we have been working on long E words and long O words. In Math, we have been learning about place value. In Science, we have been learning about the weather and seasons. We

Written by: Mrs. Smith
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

February has been a busy month so far. Kindergarten had the opportunity to participate in Courtwarming week. We got to decorate our door to fit with the Disney Courtwarming theme. Our theme was Lilo and Stitch. In the movie, Lilo and Stitch celebrate the importance of family, so the students drew pictures of their family to display on our door. Our door ended up getting first place in the door decorating contest. We also celebrated Valentines Day with lots of fun activities including a Valentines Day party. They were so excited about giving each other treats and cards. They also got to paint on a canvas and make heart balloons with their thumbs. We will soon be doing lots of spring and St. Patrick's Day activities throughout the month of March. There is never a dull moment in our crazy Kindergarten classroom, learning, growing, and sharing what they learn with each other.

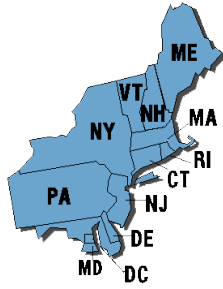


Written by: Mrs. Hathcock
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Funky Fourth Fabulous Fifth

Mrs. Moore

We had a good time at the Valentines Day party. We had lots of games and lots of fun. In Math we've been learning about fractions and mixed numbers. We learned mixtures and we have worked on our conservation posters. We've read lots of books and are learning about hyperboles. The northeast United States has been the topic in Social Studies. Next we'll be studying the midwestern states.



This month we have been doing research papers. Everyone has picked different things to research on. In Science we have learned about atoms, gases, electrons, solids, liquids, mixtures, compounds, and the periodic table. We had a Valentines Day party in our classroom. We raced tin foil boats, and passed out candy to each other.

In Math we have been learning about unlike and alike fractions. We also have been adding and subtracting fractions. In Social Studies we made hearts and wrote good things about ourselves. For Spelling class we have done spelling packets. In Grammar we have done possessive pronouns.



Written by: Mrs. Moore
Typed by: Brianna Pray

Written By: Madison Gunter and Bradley Bergschneider

Savage Sixth

Ms. Eidson



This month we have had a good time! In Math we are learning about the algebraic expressions. In Social Studies we are learning about the Greek Gods, we are so excited. In Science we are learning about atoms and the periodic tables. We are ready to learn lots of new stuff. We also had a really fun Valentines Day party.

Written by: Valencia Landeros
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Sassy Seventh

Ms. Murchie



In Math we are learning Geometry. In Health we are learning about the affects of smoking and what it can do to you. In English Language Arts we are reading *Fever 1793*. In Geography we are learning about Western Europe. In Science we are learning about Chemical and Physical change. In Ag we are learning about Ag business. And in Art we finished up with lines.

Written by: Seventh Grade
Typed by: Sudie Callahan

Crazy Eighth Graders

Ms. Burgin

February has been an exciting month for us Eighth graders! We took first place for our Court warming float. Our aquaponics system in Science is not going exactly as we expected, but we have learned a lot from it. In P.E. , we are in the middle of one of our favorite units, basketball. In History, we are learning about the United States after the Revolutionary War. In Math ,we are learning about translations, rotations, transformations, and dilations on a coordinate plane. In English, we are in the midst of the book *Fever 1793*. In our Keyboarding class, we are learning how to type letters in block format. We had a great Valentines Day and hope you had a great one too.



Written by: Aimee Cummings
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Refreshing Freshman

Mrs. Larcom

The Freshman class had a lot of fun with Courtwarming week. Our class also got a new student this month, Madi McArthur. We have been reading *Romeo and Juliet* in English. In History we learned the Charleston dance. The AG kids have started practicing for contests. We hope everyone has a fantastic month!



Written by: Macie Morris
Typed by: Brianna pray

Jazzy Juniors

Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Chambers



This month the Junior class has been very busy with concession stand responsibilities, sports, and Courtwarming. For the 2020 Courtwarming our Junior candidates were Wyatt Blair and Serenity Morris. They both ran a great campaign and Serenity won the Queen title. We would like to thank the community for all of your support to the Junior class during this year's basketball season.



Written By: Serenity Morris

SARCASTIC SENIORS

Mr. Dunkin and Mrs. Gregory



Pictured above (L-R): first row: Brice Eidson, Jake Light, Garrett Oerke
Brianna Pray, Maecy Claiborne
Second row: Rich and Tina Eidson, Donald and Lynn Light, Tony and
Melody Pray, Rusty and Sandra Claiborne

For most of us, we just played our last home basketball game on Monday, February 10. It's hard to think that we will never play another basketball game on our school floor with Ballard across our chests. With only months away we are getting down to the smallest things. Two months until senior trip and everyone is getting excited, including our sponsors. The board accepted our request and now we are counting down the days. Also having graduation around the corner, these Seniors are ready to explore the world!

Written by: Maecy Claiborne

Art Class

Mrs. Larcom



Wow! What an exciting 3rd Quarter! With all the snow-days we still managed to learn about the Chinese New Year and the year of the Rat. Elementary drew Cherry Blossom branches, and Chinese dragons.

We also made Heart Art to celebrate Valentines Day.

High School has been working very hard on a few different media types. Advanced Art is working on painting, 3D is working on ceramic projects, and Art I is drawing still life's and working on shading techniques.

Written By: Mrs. Larcom
Typed By: Serenity Morris

FACS

Mrs. Larcom



FACS Class wrapped up a unit on communication and stress. We are now learning about family dynamics. I think we are most excited about our Food Truck competition next

Written by: Mrs. Larcom
Typed by: Serenity Morris

It's All History

Mr. Dunkin

The Eighth Grade U.S. History class is learning about Jefferson and the War of 1812. In the Seventh Grade Geography class they are talking about Modern Europe. The Ninth Grade US History is talking about the Great Depression and the New Deal. In World History, we are talking about the Feudalism and the Middle Ages. In Government class, we are talking about the Presidency.



Written by: Sierra Ferguson



Ag & FFA

Ms. Strodman

On Thursday, February 6, Senior Maecy Claiborne and Junior Sudie Callahan qualified at Area 7 FFA proficiency selections to be state candidates at the State FFA Convention in Columbia, Missouri. Maecy qualified in Equine Entrepreneurship and Sudie qualified in Veterinary Science Placement. The Missouri State FFA Convention is held on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24.

Written by: Maecy Claiborne

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers



Winter is still hanging on; however, the science room is still warm and cozy, with tons of learning experience on the horizon.

Just a few things to make sure you go over with your young adult: 1. Make up/late work windows are getting shorter 2. Revisit notes, vocabulary, and any work (this

helps keep you ready for any pop quizzes) 3. Please make sure you are meeting your check points with Acellus.

I believe each young adult has the ability to achieve great success with each small step in the right direction. I know we are feeling testing season creeping up faster than we thought. This said, I would like to express the importance of good rest, balanced diet, and exercise. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact me.

Written by: Mrs. Chambers

Typed by: Sudie Callahan

TITLE 1 NEWS

Mrs. Sallee



PARENT-TEACHER Conference



It is hard to believe that the school year is half over already. Time is flying by far too fast. The kiddos are pouring on the steam and working hard, I am so proud of them all. At the end of January, Kindergarten through Sixth grade completed the mid-term DIBEL's testing to monitor progress made by each student. I am happy to report that progress is happening here at Ballard.

Parent/teacher conferences are just around the corner. On Monday, March 9 when you are at school visiting with your student(s) teacher(s), I encourage you to stop by the table outside of the teacher work room and pick up your copy of the DIBEL's results for your child. These results show where progress is being made and where a little extra work may be necessary to finish strong.

I will be happy to answer any questions for you and if I am unsure of the answer I will find out and get it for you. Keep encouraging your students to read, read, read. I look forward to chatting with everyone at parent/teacher conference.

Written by: Mrs. Sallee

Typed by: Brianna Pray

Library News

Ms. Burgin

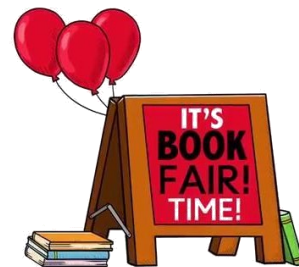
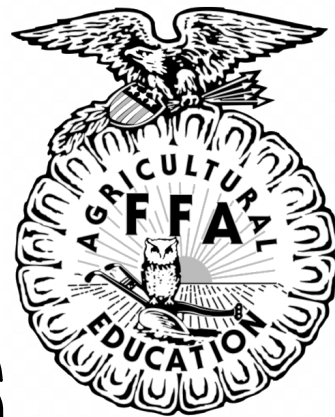
It has been a great second semester and we have been very busy in the Library. Students need to make sure that they get their books turned in on time or else they will be fined. Just a heads up, the Book Fair will be from Monday, March 9 through Friday, March 13. The Book Fair will be open for parent/teacher conferences on Monday, March 9. This Book Fair will be a BOGO sale! If you buy one book, get one of equal or lesser value for free! This applies to everything, including the little knick knacks and book marks. We hope to see you there!

Written by: Ms. Burgin

Typed by: Brianna Pray



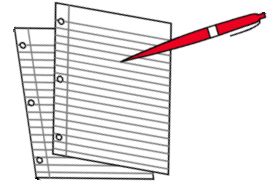
Pictured above: Maecy Claiborne and Sudie Callahan



Language Arts

Mrs. Gregory

As the end of third quarter is slowly approaching we have been cracking down on reading different plays by Shakespeare and writing different types of papers/essays. My ELA 1 class has been reading the Shakespearian tragedy known as *Romeo and Juliet*. The Sophomores in ELA 2 have been finishing the play *Taming of the Shrew* which was also written by William Shakespeare. In College Prep they are cracking down on scholarships and finding out which ones to fill out. They are also finishing up writing a research paper. In Creative Writing they are starting to write dystopian stories. And last but definitely not least, the Dramatics class is reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I hope everyone has a great rest of the month!



Written by: Mrs. Gregory

Typed by: Brianna Pray

Courtwarming 2020



On Friday February 7, after the boys basketball game, Junior Serenity Morris, and Senior Jake Light were crowned the 2020 Courtwarming Queen and King. The Senior candidates were Maecy Claiborne, and Jake Light. The Junior candidates were Serenity Morris, and Wyatt Blair. The Sophomore candidates were Ashton Carullo, and Keith Schmitt. The Freshman candidates were Sydney Claiborne, and Brice Miller. Congratulations to the 2020 Queen and King, Serenity and Jake!

The theme for this year was Disney. Throughout the week we had dress-up days were Disney themed so everyone could participate in Spirit Week.

Shortly after the Courtwarming ceremony there was a dance held by the Ballard Pep Club and their sponsors.

Written By: Serenity Morris

New Faces



What is your name? Madison McArthur

What grade are you in? Ninth Grade

What is your favorite:

Movie: The Fosters

Food: Chicken Alfredo

Color: Purple

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Softball

What would you like to be when you grow up? Undecided

Written By: Serenity Morris



Mr. Bergen's Math Corner

February Questions:

Elementary (K-5th grade):

Mr. Leprechaun needs help finding his gold. He wrote down directions to it, and wrote them in code so no one would steal it... unfortunately, he did so while he had a 104° fever, and now his directions make no sense at all. Can you determine the location of his gold?

Starting at the tnorf odor, face orthn. Walk 5+6 steps and turn outh. Walk 16-4 steps and then go duner the derbig. Follow the thap for 10+4 miles. BOOM! And there it is at the tobtom of the biranow!

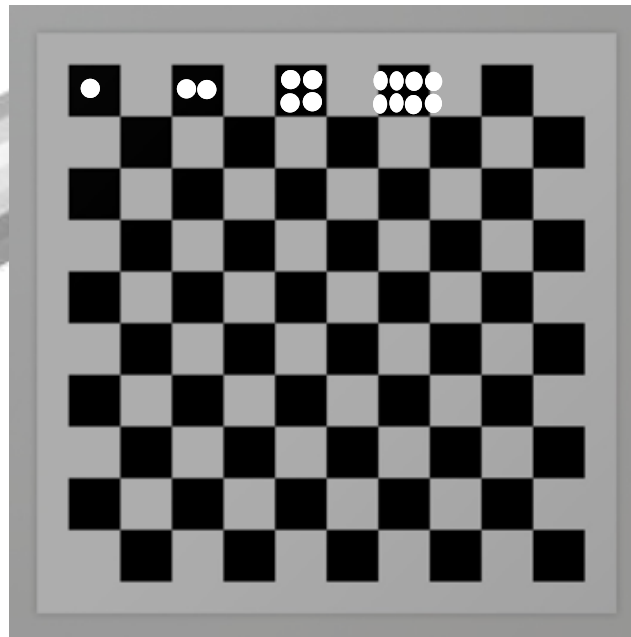
*The answer is the directions decoded

Middle School (6th – 8th grade):

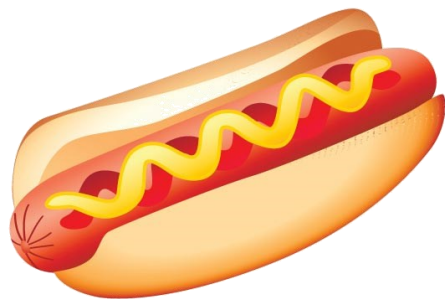
You search through 100 clovers in one field and find 2 that are four-leafed, and then search in another field with 300 clovers and find 5 that are four-leafed. Based on this, what is the probable amount of four-leafed clovers you would find in a field with 50 clovers?

High School (9th – 12th grade):

A Leprechaun offers to give you either his pot of gold or he will give you the amount of gold coins obtained following the pattern pictured below. Which do you choose?



Answer for January Edition:



For Joey to eat 2,020 hotdogs in one year, his rate per week is $2,020/52$ because there are 52 weeks in a year. Simplifying this we get ≈ 38.84615385 hot dogs per week, so Joey must eat 39 hotdogs a week to reach his goal—this comes to 2,028 hotdogs, but if he only ate 38 a week it would be 1,976. To find per day and per hour, we follow the same process of finding how many days per year and how many hours per year. Per day: $2,020/365 \approx 5.534246575$, or 6 hotdogs a day (which is actually $365(6) = 2,190$). Per hour: $2,020/8760 \approx 0.230593607$, or 1 hotdog per hour (which is actually $8,760(1) = 8,760$).

Now the fun bit: If Joey Chestnut ate at his 74 hotdogs per 10 minute rate for the whole year, how many would he eat? First, 74 hotdogs per 10 minutes is 7.4 hotdogs per minute. There are 60 minutes per hour and 8,760 hours per year, so 525,600 minutes in a year. If he eats 7.4 hotdogs per minute we just need to multiply 7.4 times 525,600 minutes which is 3,889,440 hotdogs. That's almost 4 million hotdogs!

Written By: Mr. Bergen
Formatted By: Serenity Morris

Sports page

Ballard vs Hermitage

On Thursday, January 30, the Lady Bulldogs played the Lady Hornets. The Bulldogs came out ready to win, they played hard but it was a close game for a good part of the fourth quarter. The Lady Bulldogs never let the Hornets get a lead. The ending score was 29-24.

The Bulldogs came out ready to play. They wanted a win. They had a very close game all up until the fourth quarter. The boys fell a little short with a score of 59-67, Hermitage.



Pictured above: Ashton Carullo

Ballard vs Green Ridge

On Monday, January 27, the Lady Bulldogs battled the Green Ridge Lady Tigers. The Lady Bulldogs got off to a good start in the first half but didn't keep the score in their favor and ended up a little short at the end of the game. The game ended with a final score of 25-58, Green Ridge.

The Bulldogs played the Green Ridge Tigers after the girls game. They started pretty good. The boys were playing hard and didn't let them get away with a lot. They played hard but couldn't quite make it with a score of 29-60, Green Ridge.



Pictured above: Lexie Ward

Ballard vs Chillhowee

On Friday, February 7, the Ballard Bulldogs played the Chillhowee Indians. The Lady Bulldogs started us off strong; they had the lead in the first half but by the second half it was a really close game. The Lady Bulldogs fell a few points short with a score of 32-41, Chillhowee.

The Bulldogs were next. The boys came out ready, they wanted a win. They had a close game all the way through but they never let the Indians get ahead. They ended with a score of 65-60.

Ballard vs Bronaugh

BALLARD VS HUME

Tuesday, February 11	
Lady Bulldogs	26
Lady Wildcats	45

Tuesday, February 11	
Bulldogs	41
Wildcats	58

Friday, February 14	
Lady Bulldogs	16
Lady Hornets	28

Friday, February 14	
Bulldogs	49
Hornets	42



Ballard vs Northwest

Monday, February 17	
Lady Bulldogs	27
Lady Mustangs	17

Monday, February 17	
Bulldogs	50
Mustangs	57



Senior Night Game



Pictured above: Brianna Pray

On Monday, February 10, the Lady Bulldogs played the NEVC Lady Knights for the Senior Night game. It was a good game and the girls fought hard. It was a fun game to watch and they played with a lot of intensity. The girls gave it their all and pushed hard all the way until the end. They didn't quite take the win but it was a very good game. Senior Maecy Claiborne states, "It was the best loss we have had all season." The final score was 42-54, NEVC.

SENIOR NIGHT



Pictured to the right: Garrett Oerke



After the girls game on Monday, the Ballard Boys played the NEVC boys basketball team. The boys had a rough night trying to put shots in but they played very well. They kept their heads up high and gave it their all. The final score of the boys game was 42-63, NEVC.

Senior Night Ceremony

Congratulations Seniors and good luck after high school.



Pictured above (L-R): First Row: Brice Eidson, Jake Light, Garrett Oerke, Brianna Pray, Maecy Claiborne
Second Row: Richie Eidson, Tina Eidson, Donald Light, Linda Light, Neale Oerke, Tina Oerke, Tony Pray, Melody Pray, Rusty Claiborne, Sandra Claiborne

Introducing the Elementary Basketball Teams



First Row :
 Macie Wainscott
 Second Row (L-R):
 Keslyn Page
 Madison Gunter,
 Autumn Hastings
 Addilynn Englehardt
 Third Row: (L-R):
 Maribel Arredondo
 Valentina Landerous
 Kennedy Borland
 Olivia Porter
 Ashton Siebeneck
 Not pictured: Coaches
 John Siebeneck
 Nathaniel Wainscott



First Row (L-R):
 Luke Meade
 Daxtyn Greer
 Wyatt Maggard
 Second Row (L-R):
 Payson Hill
 Dayne Greer
 Cash Anderson
 Lucas Crump
 Gavin Schliem
 Not pictured: coaches
 Russ Bergman
 Katrina Bergman




Fun Page

L D N H V T V R E V O L C H D
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Why do frogs like St. Paddy's Day?

Because they're always wearing green.



What did one Irish Ghost say to the other?

Top o' the Mornin'.

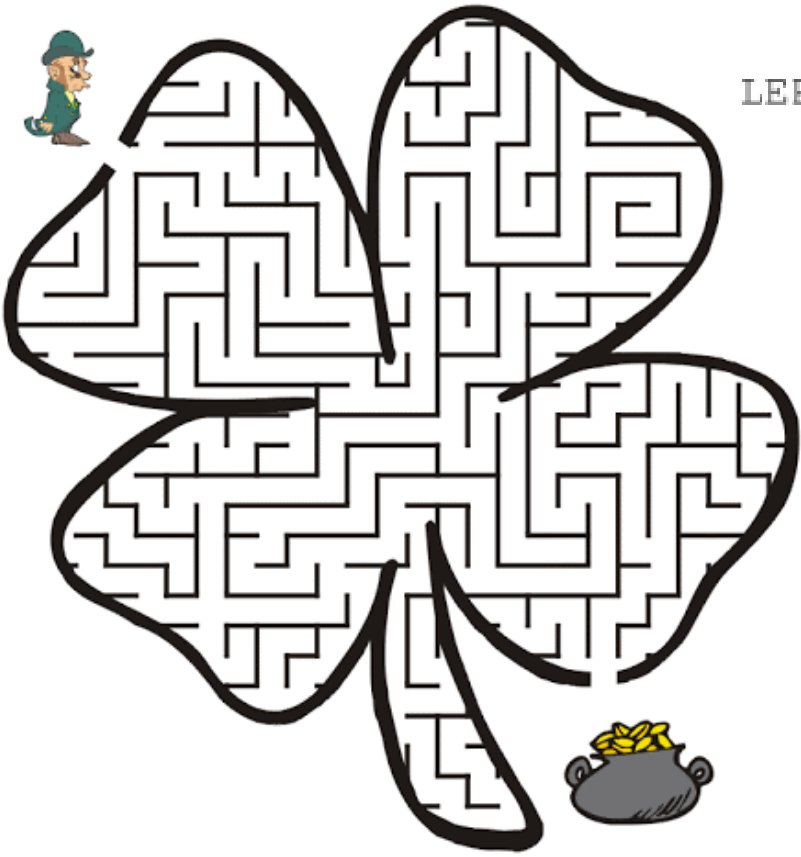


Knock Knock. Who's There?

Irish. Irish Who?


Irish You a Happy St. Paddy's Day

- CLOVER
- GOLD
- GREEN
- IRISH
- LEPRECHAUN
- LUCK
- MARCH
- POT
- RAINBOW
- SHAMROCK




What do you call a fake rock in Ireland?

A Sham-Rock

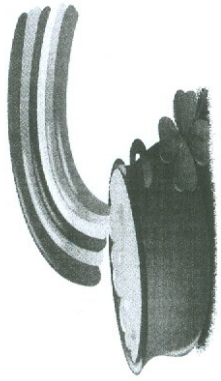














Why did the leprechaun cross the road?

To reach the pot of gold Easter.



March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO SCHOOL ON MONDAYS EBB Bronaugh Tournament	2	3 Conference Spelling Bee @ Sheldon 	4 Conference Math Relays	5	6 End Of 3rd Quarter	7
8 EBB Chilhowee Tournament	9 TIS 2:30—7:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences Kindergarten Screenings	10 	11  Scholar Bowl 4:30 pm	12	13	14 Freshman Chicken Fry TBD
15	16 	17 	18	19	20	21 
22 	23 SB @ NEVC 4:30 pm EBB vs Hume 6:00 pm 	24 FFA Area Career Development Event & Awards Clinton	25	26	27  SB @ Bronaugh 5:00 pm	28 Project Prom Tip Night @ The Grill 5:00—8:00 pm
29 FFA Car Show 	30 SB vs Greenridge 5:00 pm 	31 FFA District Career Development @ UCM EBB vs Sheldon 6:00 pm 				



Kindergarten Screening

Monday, March 9, 2020

2:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please call the school to set up

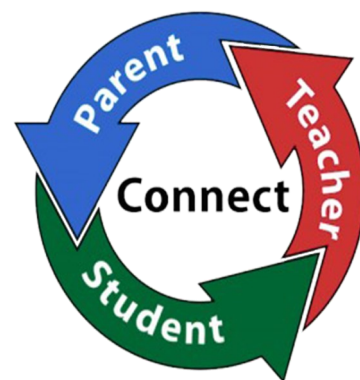
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Parent-Teacher Conference

Monday, March 9, 2020

2:30 - 7:30 p.m.

No appointment needed



BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE
BOOK FAIR!

STOCK UP FOR SUMMER READING!

Monday, March 9 - Friday 13, 2020

Open During Parent/Teacher Conference

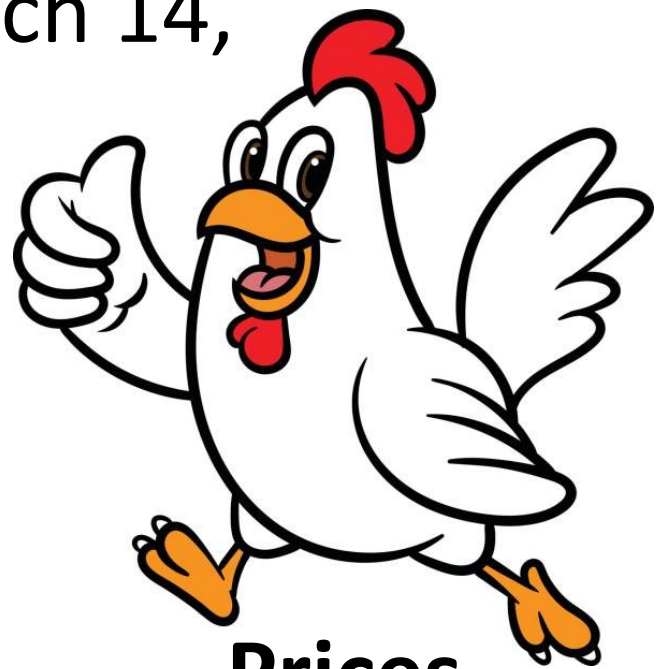
Freshmen Chicken Fry

Chicken fried by Robert Perry-

Date: Saturday, March 14,

Time: 5:00-8:00

Where: Ballard
School



Prices

2 piece Chicken meal:
\$10.00



Meal includes: mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, brownie/ice cream and a drink.

To purchase tickets: Contact a Freshman or Mrs. Larcom by calling the school at 816-297-2656 ext. 125.