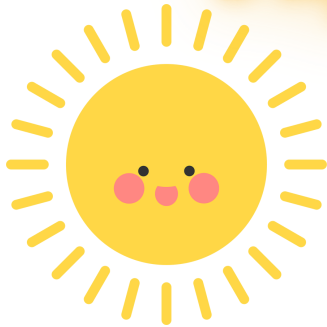


BARKS N' GROWLS

Congratulations Seniors!!

*The future looks
bright!*



*Katlin Blankenship
Zoie Wheeler
Ethan Kennedy
Kadi Kelly
Alexandrea Wareham*



SENIOR spotlight
alexandrea wareham

Alexandrea Wareham, is the daughter of Christy and Daniel Wareham. Her favorite class is Ag and favorite color is purple. Alexandria's favorite song is "Mad for what". Her hobbies and extracurricular activities include binge watching shows and she likes to cheer. Her favorite food is cheese and favorite restaurant is Whataburger. She says her biggest pet peeve is people touching her with their nasty feet. After graduation, Alexandria plans to attend Missouri State University and major in radiology. When asked where she sees herself in 15 years, she stated that she hopes to be married, living in Texas with two kids and making bank off of being a radiologist. Her famous last words are "Kadiiii."



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

March



**RYLIE
SCHMITT**



**VIOLET
HASTINGS**

Congratulations to our two elementary students, winners of March Student of the Month. Violet Hastings and Rylie Schmitt are excellent examples of students demonstrating our character traits of "Cooperation and Respect"! Their teachers had the following words of encouragement and kindness.

"This month's words were cooperation and respect. These are two things that Violet has worked hard on this year. I am so proud of her for the growth that she has shown in these areas! Violet has become very cooperative within the classroom, even if we are doing something that she does not enjoy. She shows respect by patiently waiting her turn to speak and by understanding that everyone needs a turn to answer questions. She works well with her classmates in group activities and is quick to offer a helping hand. We are so lucky to have Violet in our class! I look forward to seeing her continued growth. Keep up the good work!" Mrs. Hester

"Rylie's dedication and positive energy makes her truly deserving of Student of the Month! Her kindness and willingness to help others creates such a welcoming atmosphere in the classroom. Rylie's bubbly personality never fails to bring smiles to those around her, and her determination—both in academics and athletics—is truly inspiring. She is one of the few athletes I sometimes need to tell to back off the intensity. Rylie always gives her best effort, sometimes even more than needed, which shows your incredible work ethic and passion for growth. It has been a joy to have her in class this year, and I have no doubt that Rylie's bright spirit and drive will continue to take her far. Keep being the amazing person you are!"

-Mr. Duncan

This year, our winners for Student of the Month from the elementary grades will receive a \$15.00 gift card donated by a local parent. Thank you for the commitment to our community and the donation for our students.

Congratulations! The Student of the Month for March is Junior, Lilly Jo Chrisman, the daughter of Amy Jo Borland and Jason Chrisman. This month's special theme is "Cooperation and Respect". Lilly currently participates in Volleyball, Track, FFA, and FTA and in her free time she enjoys hanging out with friends. Her future plans are to work in something along the lines of daycare or preschool. Lilly's statement of inspiration is that she would like to say "I don't know."

The Ballard staff have said the following about Lilly:

"Lilly Chrisman demonstrates cooperation and respect. She has been a great help to the Pre-K teacher and in the classroom. Lilly is gifted in the area of caring for small children and assisting in their process of learning. She is trustworthy and reliable. Lilly enjoys laughing with her peers and brings joy into the hallways."

"Lilly is a kind young lady who always offers a helping hand and includes others. She has stepped up as a leader on her team and continues to put in the effort to make them better, along with herself."

"Lilly is a very sweet and kind person, and excellent at looking after her family and many of the small elementary kids. She is always a pleasure to be around."

"Lilly is simply a genuinely happy person. I like how she tries to make the best of any situation, even when it seems pretty bleak."

"Lilly is a bright young lady who shines wherever she goes. She is an excellent role model for others, and our elementary students absolutely love her. She shows respect to others and has a bright future ahead of her. Congratulations Lilly!"

For Lilly's hard work in school, she has received a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and a \$20.00 gift certificate to be used in Adrian. Presenting the certificate is Vice-President of the Board, Courtney Shriver.



**LILLY
CHRISMAN**

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

April/May



Congratulations to our two elementary students, winners of April/May Student of the Month. Charley Winter and Cayson Hester are excellent examples of students demonstrating our character traits of "Cooperation and Respect"! Their teachers had the following words of encouragement and kindness.

"Charley is very deserving of being named student of the month. She consistently demonstrates her commitment to her responsibilities and classwork. She is loyal to her friends and classmates. Charley always has a positive attitude and puts forth her best effort into all that she does. She is an excellent role model and a joy to have in class. Great job Charley!" -Mrs. Hester

"I am very proud to celebrate one of our amazing fifth graders as Student of the Month! Cayson shows us what it means to stick with things, even when they're tricky – that's perseverance! He always tries his best to do what's right, which shows real integrity. Plus, he's a super loyal friend, always there for others. And you can always count on his honesty.

Cayson has really come out of his shell this year and makes our classroom a brighter place with his kind heart and strong character. He is a fantastic example of how to be a great friend and a wonderful learner. We're so lucky to have him in our school!" -Mrs. Bergen

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Congratulations! The Student of the Month for April/May is Senior, Kadi Kelly, the daughter of Kristy Diggs and Cole Gabriel. This month's special theme is "Perseverance and Integrity". Kadi currently participates in Track, and also Votech Health Occupations. Her future plans are to attend Missouri State University and major in psychology. Kadi's statement of inspiration is that she would like to say "Live your life how you want to, and don't let someone else control a life they are not living."



The Ballard staff have said the following about Kadi:

"Kadi Kelly has proven to be the epitome of perseverance and a class act example of "getting the job done". She demonstrates loyalty to her sisters and is a loyal friend, through and through. It has been a joy to watch Kadi find her confidence and speak up for herself. As she approaches leaving high school and taking on the world, I know she has what it takes to succeed."

"Kadi Kelly is resilient and determined. I am certain she will do whatever she has set her mind to accomplish. It was a joy having her in class."

"Kadi has demonstrated resilience and perseverance, especially in the most recent past. She has faced some hurdles and still found some humor in something tragic. From her experiences, I think she has learned what it means to be strong for someone else and to put someone else's needs before her own. I look forward to hearing about her successes as she starts a new chapter in her life later this fall. Keep up the hard work and persist even when things get tough."

"Kadi Kelly is strong, resilient, and dedicated. It has been an absolute pleasure watching her grow into the beautiful, confident young woman she is today. I look forward to seeing all the amazing accomplishments she is going to achieve in her future."

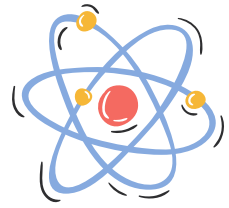
For Kadi's hard work in school, she has received a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and a \$20.00 gift certificate to be used in Adrian. Presenting the certificate is Senior Class Sponsor, Sarah Russell.



KADI
KELLY



science ROCKS!



From the Science Classroom:

As the year comes to an end, I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported me inside and outside the classroom. YOU have amazing young adults! I have enjoyed every moment I have gotten to spend with them- yes, even on the frustrating days. Each class has done exceptional work this year.

To end the year, junior high will have units about how we need to be good stewards of our land, resources, and respect nature. The high school will be learning how to reduce their ecological footprint and making better choices about their environment.

The 7th grade is going to wrap up with the "It's All Connected" unit. I like this unit because it gets us out of our comfort zones and into nature. Quick shout out to MDC for the resources to make this unit possible. The 8th grade will finish up with a "Water" unit. Within this unit, they will be exposed to how water is extremely important not only to us but also to our world. Both of these units will help support Park day on May 2nd because there will be a fishing contest. As of right now, Piper Goth still holds the record for the biggest fish caught.

The Biology group will spend the next week preparing for their EOC. Once test prep is done and the test is finished, we will move into the body system unit. Within this unit, students will be exposed to how the choices they make today will impact their tomorrow. The Physical Science group will wrap up with being exposed to how to reduce our ecological footprint when building a structure. This will help them understand why some decisions are made when there are no restrictions and with restrictions. - Mrs. Chambers



From the Athletic Department:

On July 31, 2025, at Ballard School District, you will have the opportunity to get your Sport Physical and yearly paperwork updated from 1 to 3 pm.

Our school will be hosting a Meet the Coaches /Fall Coaches. This meeting will start at 3:15 pm in the Gym. This fall our school will offer: Girls Volleyball for both JH & HS, Girls & Boys Cross Country for both JH & HS, Football for both JH & HS (co-op with Appleton City at Appleton City), and Softball for HS (co-op with Montrose at Montrose).

The meeting will cover the expectations of the program and any changes. Please plan to be there with your athlete to ensure that you and your athlete have everything they will need to start practice to get the minimum number of practice sessions before the first competition.

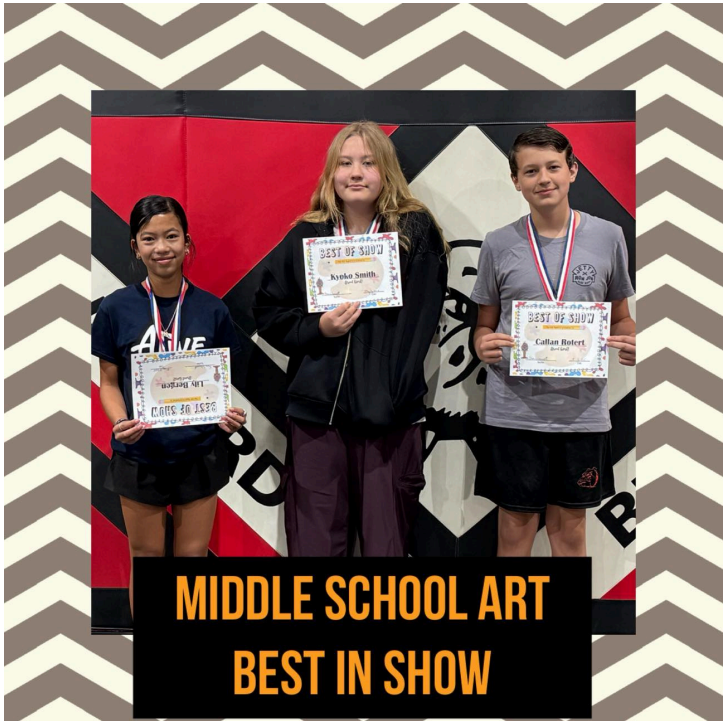
Friendly reminder, if these papers are not filled out before practices, per MSHSAA, they can not practice until all paperwork is completed, including a current physical and proof of insurance. - Mrs. Chambers



HIGH SCHOOL ART 2



HIGH SCHOOL ART 1



**MIDDLE SCHOOL ART
BEST IN SHOW**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL ART
1ST PLACE**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL ART
2ND PLACE**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL ART
3RD PLACE**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL ART
HONORABLE MENTION**



**BALLARD
ART SHOW
MAY 1, 2025**

Grade School





Missions-at-Hand works with individuals and families needing year round assistance with food and clothing. Contributors to this effort include the following: member of the community, churches (such as Cove Creek, Walnut Grove, Johnstown, and Fairview), Ballard Enterprise Club, Adrian Bank, and Adrian Optimist Club. Some activities include:

- Food drop offs currently assisting 10 families
- Backpack program at school (currently helping 10-12 students each week, with 27 when first started). Each Friday backpacks are sent home with students for use during the weekend.
- Donated coats, hats, and gloves are delivered to families in need.
- Emergency food and utilities needs on occasion.
- Assistance with registration for SNAP and LIHEAP energy programs.

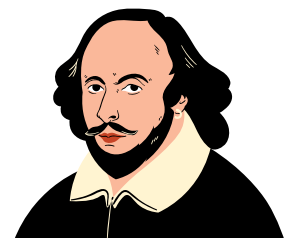
This program is not funded by the school or state/federal tax dollars. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact **Norma Jones** at **816-797-8335**.

Enchanted English

I would like to send a great big THANK YOU to the **Enterprise Club** for helping support our students. Through their generosity, I have been able to purchase several copies of The Hunger Games and The Maze Runner book sets. I have several students who are excited about the opportunity to read further in both of these series. We are blessed to have such excellent community support for our school. So THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Go Bulldogs!
Mrs. Gregory



Childcare Career Day!

"Four Ballard students, and Mrs. Lovelace, traveled to Clinton for a day of Childcare and Preschool Career Exploration. One senior, Katlin Blankenship, and three juniors: Lilly Chrisman; Lynn Landeros; and Haley Pray. We toured and spoke with staff at: Golden Valley Daycare; Seeds of Faith Preschool; Moreland Daycare; and the Clinton Early Childhood Center. Students were then presented with information on ways to move forward in this field through State Fair Community College and CMU Clinton Campus. Students were impressed with the facilities and opportunities, and several students picked up applications to begin summer jobs. Each place we went to become their "favorite" and by the end of the day each student could see themselves working in the field of early childhood development and education." - Mrs. Lovelace



ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP

THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH GRADERS WENT TO THE WW-I MEMORIAL AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK MONEY MUSEUM. AT THE MONEY MUSEUM THEY LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HOW MONEY IS MADE AND ABOUT WHERE THEY KEEP ALL THE MONEY STORED AT. THEY ALSO GOT TO PLAY A BUNCH OF GAMES THAT HAD TO DO WITH MONEY AND THEY HAD A BLAST. AFTER THIS THEY WENT TO THE WW-I MUSEUM AND GOT TO SEE MANY OF THE WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES THAT THEY USED TO USE AND WERE VERY INTERESTED TO SEE THE DIFFERENCES OF THINGS FROM THEN TO NOW. AT THE MUSEUM THEY GOT TO WATCH SHORT MOVIES ABOUT THE WAR AND WHAT IT DID TO PEOPLE. IN THE END I THINK ALL OF THE KIDS HAD A REALLY GOOD TIME AND WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO VISIT AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.



Literacy Night



I would like to extend a big thanks to some people who worked hard to make Ballard's second annual Literacy night a big success. Thank you to Ms. Strunk and Mrs. West for running the activities room for Kindergarten and first grade. A super big thank you to their helpers Ashton and Brayden Siebeneck and Abby Bergen. These students had not originally signed up to help out but when sports conflicts kept others from being able to help these three stepped forward and were happy to lend a hand. Thank you all for taking care of the littles.

I would also like to pass along buckets of kudos to Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Hester for running the activities room for the 2nd and 3rd grade students. I heard twister was a big hit ladies. Thank you for giving your time. In the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade activity room Mrs. Bergen, Mrs. Hathcock, and Mr. Duncan kept things organized and rolling along. Little birdies tell me that Guess Who was the hit in your room. Thank you guys so much for overseeing that room.

The crafts/face painting room was very popular and very busy as well. Face painting was by far the most popular activity of the evening and the high school students helping at that station stayed frantically busy all evening. Thank you Autumn Hastings and Alli Wareham for staying calm and cool under pressure and keeping things organized and moving along.

Thank you to Kennedy Borland, Taylinn Hester, Lilly Bergen, and Emmalee Scott for being extra sets of hands in the craft/face painting room. Again these students had not originally volunteered to help out but there was a need and they stepped in to lend a hand. Thank you so much ladies. They bounced around helping students make crafts and sometimes even picking up a brush or sponge to do some face painting. Thank you to all my teen helpers, you guys are awesome, rock on!

Thank you Mrs. Lovelace for being our story reader. Feedback from the exit surveys indicate that you are a very good reader....lots of expression I'm told! Mrs. Lovelace also drummed up some behind the scenes help for me and they were a very needed part of preparation. Haley Pray, Lilly Chrisman, Zoie Wheeler, and Katlin Blankenship were all in and out of my room throughout the day when they had time available to help cut out craft pieces, put craft kits together, and help sort out treats for game winners. Without your help guys crafts would not have been so successful. Actually there may not have been crafts to select from without you guys. Thanks for your help!

Ms. Nold, thank you for being our greeter and getting everyone signed in and for handing out exit survey slips. Your help was greatly appreciated.

I definitely do not want to forget to thank our parents and students. Parents, I appreciate that you gave up an evening to share a special time with your kids. These are the things they remember throughout their lives. And a special thank you for those of you who were able to complete the Exit Surveys. I enjoyed all your feedback and the ideas for making a great 3rd annual Literacy Night next year. I especially liked the suggestion of refreshments. I will see what we can do about that next year for sure. Watching interaction between parent and student made all the work worthwhile. I was confined to one area and unable to see other areas for myself. The feedback from teachers and others leads me to believe things went well and everyone was having a good time in the other areas as well.

My gratitude to everyone for all the hard work is heartfelt. We have a very special community and I love being a part of it. I think it's awesome when we all get together to celebrate our kids and the hard work they do throughout the year. Again, thank you teachers for your time and hard work and a special thank you to the high school students who stepped up to help when you probably would rather have been doing something else. Your efforts and work did not go unnoticed and were a treasure.

-Mrs. Sallee



For 2024 EOC/MAP testing, the following students placed “proficient” for their grade level for one or more of the categories in ELA, Math, Science, and Government: Lynn Pitts, Logan Fuerst, Kyoko Smith, Ian Bergman, Summer Hastings, Braydon Siebeneck, Jacob Eidson, Molly Burgin, Chandler Borland, Aliya Diggs, Nathaniel Fisher, Vivian Greer, Sofia Porter, Callan Rotert, Lily Bergen, Aspyn Eidson, Lane Meade, Emmalee Scott, Nathan Bales, Oliver Hon, Noah Bales, Payson Hill, Lucas Crump, Autumn Hastings. Each winner was awarded a \$5 Sonic gift card.



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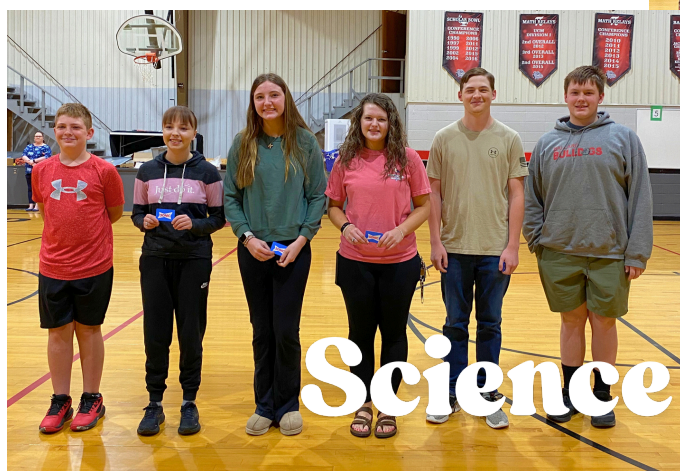
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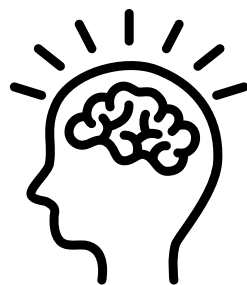
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Math



Science



Science

The following students placed “advanced” for their grade level for one or more of the categories in ELA, Math, and Science: Nolan Bogart, Dax Rolph, Vivian Greer, Lily Bergen, Oliver Hon, Owen Meade, Ian Bergman, Seth Menken, Xander Menken, Ashton Siebeneck, Macie Wainscott, Jacob Eidson. Each winner was awarded a \$10 Sonic gift card.

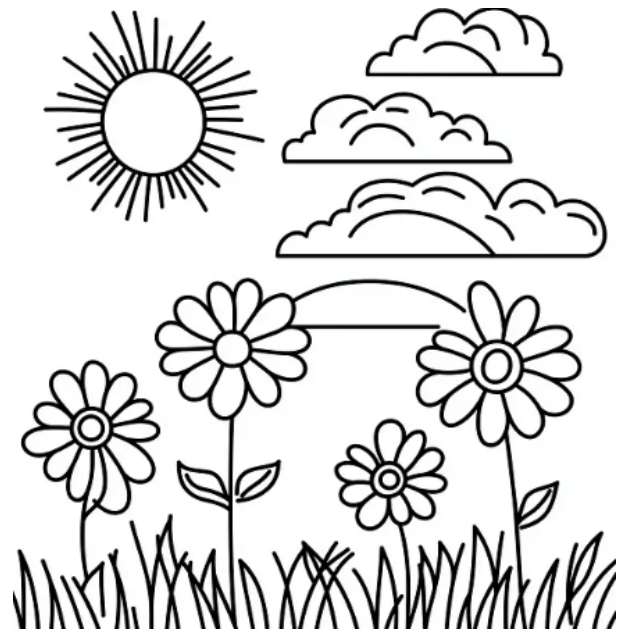


Math



ELA

Fun Page



SUMMER JOKES

What is brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?
A coconut on vacation.

What kind of tree fits in your hand?
A palm tree!

What animal is always at a baseball game?
A bat!

Where do math teachers like to go on vacation?
Times Square

How do we know that the ocean is friendly?
It waves!

What part of the fish weighs the most?
The scales.

What does a mermaid use to call her friends?
A shell phone, of course.

What's the best kind of sandwich for the beach?
Peanut butter and jellyfish.

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