



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL

First Edition, September 30th, 2021

From the Superintendent's Desk....

We have a new face in the superintendent's office. We sent out a questioner asking Dr. Derrick Hartley to tell us a little about himself.

Tell a little about your career leading up to moving to Ballard.

I taught K-8th grade, I was a principal in a K-6th grade building, and a 1st-3rd grade building.

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Star Wars or Harry Potter Movies

Food: Tacos and Cheeseburgers

Color: Black

Holiday: Halloween

Sport: Any outdoor adventure, such as hiking or jeeping.

What do you enjoy about being a Superintendent?

I enjoy getting to know my staff and students and hopefully being a positive influence in their lives.



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At the time of this reading, we already are 1 month into the 21-22 School Year. Students have gotten back into the groove of the school routine with lessons, extracurricular activities and the daily grind. Continue to encourage your child to try and get a good night's sleep so they are ready for each school day and prepared for learning.

The building projects from the bond are finishing up nicely with just a few more pieces to put in place. The students are noticing the positive changes throughout our facility.

We continue to monitor the isolation and quarantine levels of our staff and students. Our Covid policy requires that we implement masks if 10% of our staff and student population is quarantined. We have stayed below the 9% threshold for the first month of school. We will continue to watch numbers and will let families know if anything changes. Facebook and email will be our primary means to let families know of any changes or updates.

As always, we strive to make your child's educational experience the best we are capable to offer. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely, Dr. Hartley

From the Principal's Corner...

Dear Ballard Families and Community Members,

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start and it seems to have passed quickly. Students have settled into a solid routine throughout the day and our teachers both new and those who have been with us for a while have gotten off to a great start. High school sponsor teachers are working with students to plan fund raisers this year so be on the lookout for dinner tickets and raffle tickets. If you attend a game at the school grab a popcorn, soda, or other snack. The funds raised help our students pay for prom and their senior class trip.

Later this month the volleyball season will wrap up and on its heels basketball will soon start. Teambuilding and good sportsmanship have been a focus over the course of last year and into this year. As volleyball has started up this year it's evident that our coaches are working hard to help our athletes and students grow and develop into citizens that are supportive of one another and care about the team and their classmates. Additionally, at all grade levels teachers are working with students during community meeting time to encourage and help students with core behaviors of 'Greet one Another, Follow Instructions, Get Along, and Participate' as well as how to deal with social and emotional problems or dilemmas. With parent teacher conferences coming up in October, parents will have the opportunity to learn about how teachers are using the core behaviors in the classroom to help students grow and develop.

Upcoming Events:

October 18th – parent teacher conferences – 12:00-8:00 p.m.

October 29th – Title I and Parents and Teachers pumpkin fun in conjunction with Trunk or Treat

I am looking forward to the rest of the school year! Time will fly by, like it always seems to and with a little luck we will all have a healthy and successful year here at the "Best hidden gem in America"!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Nold, Principal

Student of the Month

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 2021-22 school year.

Student of the Month is selected by the staff of the Ballard R-2 School District using the following criteria: attendance, attitude towards others and school, behavior, leadership, and improvement in or maintenance of good grades, and this month, friendliness.

The Student of the Month for September is seventh grader, Olivia Porter, the daughter of Jacque and Gary Hill and Jesse Porter.

At school, Olivia enjoys being a part of the Junior High volleyball team.

Olivia's outside activities are; participating in the local 4-H, riding in the Semi, working her cattle, and swimming at her grandma's.

Olivia's plan for the future is to go to college at UCM to play volleyball.

The Ballard staff has said: "I have had the opportunity to see Olivia work and encourage her fellow classmates. The younger students look up to her for guidance and acceptance. She is a hard worker who always has a smile and shows kindness everyday".

"Olivia always comes in with a smile, positive attitude, and demonstrates a desire to learn. She is an excellent example of showing kindness to others and is a positive role model for her peers. She sets a good example for others and encourages others to do the right thing. Olivia is a joy to have in class".

Olivia's inspirational quote is; "Good job, great try, you are doing a good job"!

For Olivia'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 Stephanie Nold and Olivia Porter



Fabulous First

Mrs. Smith

It has been a great first month back! We are very excited to be in first grade and have learned a lot already! I asked each 1st grader what their favorite thing they have learned or have done in first grade so far, here are their responses.

Nolan Bogart- "I like playing our math games."

Kyle Carpenter- "My favorite thing we did was building our index card tower."

Bella Fisher- "My favorite thing was ABC boot camp."

Karson Gray- "I like playing our math games."

Lynn Pitts- "I like to read books."



Typed by: Mrs. Smith
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

Silly Second

Mrs. West



We are off and running in second grade this year! We are excited to have two new students in our classroom this year: Tapanga Eisenbeiss and Nicholas Boston. They are both great additions to an already fantastic group of learners.

We are doing all of the regular things that you would expect in 2nd grade. We are reading tons! Several students are already half way to their A.R. goal for the quarter!

In Math we are reviewing place value, and continuously working on our fluency with our addition and subtraction facts.

One of the kids' favorite things this year, is that they each have their "own" iPad. We can use the apps to track our growth in many areas. We also use the EPIC app to read so many books!

I am so excited to begin my 7th year at Ballard. Every year I am blessed with a brand new group of unique children that help me continue to grow as an educator. Thank you all for your continued support in our classroom. Let's make it the best year ever!!!

Written by: Mrs. West
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Thrilling Third

Dr. Calee McElwain

In 3rd grade we have been learning about plants and what they need to survive. We germinated seeds using plastic bags, paper towels, and water. We have been observing them for 2 weeks now. Some of them have really grown! We have discussed why some did better than others.



Typed by: Dr. Calee McElwain
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings



Salty Sophomores

Mrs. Gregory

Two years, two more years is what we all keep saying. We have been working hard in every class, keeping our grades up. Keep an eye out for our upcoming fundraisers. We hope to see you all at our upcoming events, fundraisers, and sports!



Written by: Lilly Rotert
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Tales of the Gym

Coach Mossman

In all of my Junior High and High School regular PE classes, we are playing football. Learning to focus on how to throw and catch the ball correctly. We have learned four different pass patterns, and are playing various football related games. We will ultimately get to playing both offense and defense in a football game setting.

In Strength and Agility class (3rd hour), we are spending two days a week increasing muscular strength and endurance through a variety of upper, lower, and abdominal exercises. The other two days, we are working on increasing our agility (how fast you can start and stop, as well as increase our explosivity).

In K-2 PE, we are learning about personal and general space as well as the importance of flexibility and getting sixty minutes of exercise daily. We are now playing various tag games that increase aerobic capacity.

In 3-6 PE, we are learning how to correctly perform our warm-up routine that is done on a daily basis. We are in the process of playing partner tag, high five freeze tag, and six Base.



Typed by: Coach Mossman
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Language Arts

Mrs. Gregory



What a great start to a new school year! Our new freshmen are jumping into the year by reading *The Giver*. Those crazy sophomores love to write, so we are enjoying spending every Friday with creative writing projects. The Advanced ELA class is learning about early Native American Creation myths and patriotic speeches from our great founding fathers. College Prep is already working on scholarships and plowing through Beowulf. Speech class is learning about confidence and listening and how important they are to public speaking. Novels is going on an adventure with Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*.

Typed by: Mrs. Gregory
Formatted by: Macie Morris

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers



In science we have been working on Science Fair projects. All projects need to be in the building NO LATER THAN October 8th so that the posters can be graded and judged. The science fair will be held October 18th. Student boards will be setup for viewing and the discovery of who the top three winners are for middle school and high school. Please come out and support your science students.

I have set up remind for all science classes, if you did not get a message from me please email me at jchambers@ballard.k12.mo.us.

Overall, we have started off on a great first month. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to email me.

Written by: Mrs. Chambers
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

New Faces

We have six new teachers in the building this year! We are happy you are here and hope you have a wonderful year.

What is your name? Sarah Russell

What grade/classes do you teach?

7th-12th Grade Social Studies

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: RED

Food: Yes please— I love it all!

Color: Yellow or Purple

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Sport: Does endurance reading count?

What do you enjoy about teaching?

Spending time with my students.

What is your name? Elizabeth “Biz” Boston

What grade/classes do you teach?

Art Kindergarten-12th grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Lord of the Rings

Food: Coffee

Color: Green

Holiday: Halloween

Sports: Baseball

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I love painting, drawing, and making any type of art. When I teach art I get to help others discover what they love to create.

What is your name? Jackson Duncan

What grade/classes do you teach?

6th Grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Scott Pilgrim vs. the World

Food: Pasta

Color: Blue

Holiday: Halloween

Sport: Track & Field

What do you enjoy about teaching?

Helping to mold the next generation.

What is your name? Robbie Mossman

What grade/classes do you teach?

K-12 P.E/Health

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Remember the Titans

Food: Steak

Color: Blue

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Baseball

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I enjoy the day to day interactions with students and teachers.
I want to make a positive difference in your child’s life!

What is your name? Dr. Calee McElwain

What grade/classes do you teach?

3rd Grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Yellowstone

Food: Pizza

Color: Red

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Golf

What do you enjoy about teaching?

I enjoy spending my day with kids and planning fun activities.

What is your name? Stephanie Michelle Lovelace

What grade/classes do you teach?

School counselor

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Sister Act II

Food: Parmesan Chicken

Color: Purple Pink Pastels

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Sports: Sports ball!

What do you enjoy about teaching?

Giving away what has been so freely given to me.



Pictured in order of questioners

L-R:

Social Studies, Sarah Russell

Art, Elizabeth Boston

6th Grade, Jackson Duncan

P.E., Robbie Mossman

3rd Grade, Dr. Calee McElwain

Counselor, Stephanie Lovelace

New Faces Continued

What is your name?

Garrett Newkirk

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Woody the Woodpecker

Food: Carrots

Color: Blue

Holiday: Halloween

Sport: Soccer

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Farmer.



What is your name?

Killion "Curtis" Selfridge

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Paw Patrol

Food: Cheese

Color: Red

Holiday: Easter

Sport: Basketball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Basketball Player



What is your name?

Ellie Lovelace

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Peppa Pig

Food: Chicken

Color: Pink

Holiday: Christmas

Sports: I don't do sports, that's for boys.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Firefighter



What is your name?

Cody Fisher

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Go Dog Go

Food: Pizza Rolls

Color: Blue

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Baseball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Firefighter



What is your name?

Violet Hastings

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Octonauts

Food: Peaches

Color: Pink

Holiday: Easter

Sport: Volleyball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Firefighter



What is your name?

Chevi Miller

What Grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Unicorn Movies

Food: Pancakes

Color: Pink

Holiday: Halloween

Sport: Soccer

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Ballerina



What is your name?

Everlee Scott

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Harry Potter

Food: Applesauce

Color: Pink

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Basketball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Sister



What is your name?

Bristol Boreland

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Rapunzel

Food: Pizza

Color: Pink

Holiday: Easter

Sport: Volleyball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Teacher



WELCOME

New Faces Continued

When is your name?

Henry Crump

What grade are you in?

Kindergarten

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Power Rangers

Food: PB&J Sandwiches

Color: Green and Blue

Holiday: Halloween

Sport: Basketball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Racecar Driver



What is your name?

Makala Selfridge

What grade are you in?

Kindergarten

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Princesses

Food: Hamburgers

Color: Purple

Holiday: Halloween

Sport: Football

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Doctor



What is your name?

Clarabella Bergman

What grade are you in?

Kindergarten

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Paw Patrol

Food: Bananas

Color: Pink

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Soccer

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A doctor



What is your name?

Benjamin Fisher

What grade are you in?

Kindergarten

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Dinosaur Trucks

Food: Hotdogs and cheese and dip

Color: Brown

Holiday: All of them

Sport: Soccer

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Construction Worker



What is your name?

Augustus "Gus" Porter

What grade are you in?

Kindergarten

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Dino Trucks

Food: Spaghetti

Color: Red

Holiday: Halloween and Christmas

Sport: Baseball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Dinosaur



What is your name?

Darly Jo Lovelace

What grade are you in?

Kindergarten

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Peppa Pig

Food: Pizza

Color: Purple

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Sport: T-Ball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Doctor



What is your name?

Karson Gray

What grade are you in?

1st Grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Star Wars

Food: Chicken

Color: Blue

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Soccer

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Firefighter



What is your name?

Nicholas Boston

What grade are you in?

2nd Grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Star Wars

Food: McDonalds

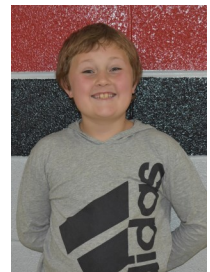
Color: Red

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Sport: Swimming

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Marine Biologist



New Faces Continued

What is your name?

Logan Feurst

What grade are you in?

3rd Grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Pokémon

Food: Pizza

Color: Blue

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Soccer

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Vet



What is your name?

Alexander Ramirez Nunez

What grade are you in?

12th Grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: The Amazing Spiderman

Food: Tamales

Color: Black

Holiday: Whatever

Sport: Basketball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Graphic Designer



What is your name?

Bonnie Davenport

What grade are you in?

9th Grade

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: All American

Food: Mac and Cheese

Color: Blue, Yellow, and Black

Holiday: My Birthday

Sport: Softball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Vet Tech



Typed and formatted by: Alexis Hastings

Gatorade Games Was an Ace



On Thursday, September 2, the annual Gatorade Games were held in the Ballard High School Gym! The Ballard Booster Club hosted this event to help support the Girls Volleyball team by asking spectators to donate Gatorade drinks for admittance. Several teams were invited to participate, they were the Ballard staff members, Alumni, and a boys high school team.

Each team played at least twice. The games gave the volleyball girls some extra practice time. Even though the teams came to win, it was a very positive and fun filled night! The Ballard Volleyball team would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting them!

Say Hello to the 2021 Volleyball Teams

Introducing the Lady Bulldogs High school and junior high volleyball teams. We wish both teams all the luck this season.

High School



First Row (L-R):
Ashton Carrullo
Briana Arredondo
Second Row (L-R):
Alexis Hastings
Gretchen Bramell
Zoie Wheeler
Third Row (L-R):
Coach Marissa McElwain
Averie Bales
Macie Morris
Lilly Rotert
Lexie Ward
Assist. Coach Robbie Mossman

Junior High



First Row (L-R):
Piper Goth
Keslyn Page
Abigail Bergen
Second Row (L-R):
Assist. Coach Sarah Russell
Macie Wainscott
Valencia Landeros
Olivia Porter
Ashton Siebeneck
Haley Pray
Coach Robbie Mossman
Not Pictured:
Kennedy Borland
Lilly Chrisman



BULLDOGS



High School



Drexel Tri-Meet

Lady Bulldogs vs. Lakeland Vikings September 2, 2021		
	Ballard	Lakeland
Set 1	15	25
Set 2	25	27
Set 3	25	23
Set 4	12	25
Set 5		
Lakeland Wins		

Lady Bulldogs vs. Drexel Bobcats September 7, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles September 7, 2021		
	Ballard	Drexel		Ballard	Miami
Set 1	12	25	Set 1	12	25
Set 2	2	25	Set 2	5	25
Set 3	17	25	Set 3	21	25
Set 4			Set 4		
Set 5			Set 5		
Drexel Wins			Miami Wins		

Ballard Tri-Meet

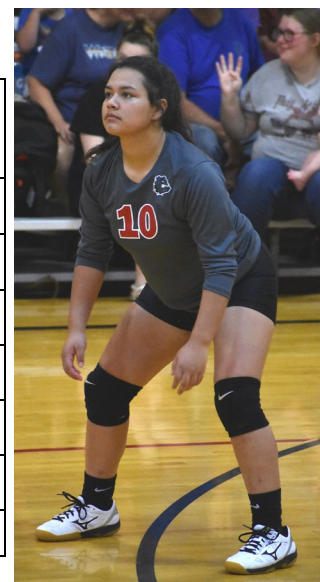
Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers September 13, 2021		
	Ballard	Sheldon
Set 1	23	25
Set 2	25	23
Set 3	16	25
Set 4	25	27
Set 5		
Sheldon Wins		

Lady Bulldogs vs. Appleton City Bulldogs September 16, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume Hornets September 16, 2021		
	Ballard	Appleton City		Ballard	Hume
Set 1	9	25	Set 1	22	25
Set 2	12	25	Set 2	22	25
Set 3	16	25	Set 3	25	19
Set 4			Set 4	18	25
Set 5			Set 5		
Appleton City Wins			Hume Wins		



Lady Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee Indians September 21, 2021		
	Ballard	Chilhowee
Set 1	22	25
Set 2	21	25
Set 3	25	22
Set 4	25	22
Set 5	15	9
Ballard Wins		

Lady Bulldogs vs. NEVC Knights September 23, 2021		
	Ballard	NEVC
Set 1	11	25
Set 2	25	21
Set 3	21	25
Set 4	24	26
Set 5		
NEVC Wins		



Junior High

Ballard Tri-Meet

Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles September 9, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee Indians September 9, 2021		
	Ballard	Miami		Ballard	Chilhowee
Set 1	20	25	Set 1	25	9
Set 2	22	25	Set 2	25	16
Set 3			Set 3		
Miami Wins			Ballard Wins		



Kingsville Tri-Meet

Lady Bulldogs vs. Kingsville Tigers September 14 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Strasburg Eagles September 9, 2021		
	Ballard	Kingsville		Ballard	Strasburg
Set 1	25	17	Set 1	25	7
Set 2	25	8	Set 2	25	8
Set 3			Set 3		
Ballard Wins			Ballard Wins		

Drexel Tri-Meet

Lady Bulldogs vs. Drexel Bobcats September 23, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Osceola Indians September 23, 2021		
	Ballard	Drexel		Ballard	Osceola
Set 1	21	25	Set 1	8	25
Set 2	25	16	Set 2	5	25
Set 3	13	15	Set 3		
Drexel Wins			Osceola Wins		



Fun Page



1. How do fall leaves get from place to place?
2. How do bees get to school?
3. Why do bananas use sunscreen?
4. What reads and lives in an apple?

ACORN
APPLE
FALL
JACKET

LEAF
PUMPKIN
RAKE
SCHOOL



1. In autumn-mobles!
2. On a school buzzzz!
3. Because they peel!
4. A bookworm!

