



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL

Fourth Edition, December 19, 2018

From the Superintendent's Desk

Merry Christmas!

Christmas break is here already! Where has the year gone? It has been a great first half of year for me as Superintendent. I have had many learning experiences just as our students have. With the staff and students that we have, it makes things so much easier for everyone involved.

A portion of the following school closing information is repeated from my November article. I want to remind everyone that there are several places to find out if school has been cancelled due to inclement weather. The local TV stations should display this information. KCTV5, KMBC-TV9, FOX4- WDAF-TV and KSHB-TV on channel 41 are all included, as well as their affiliates. That means the following channels should have school closing information: 4, 5, 9, 38, and 41. There are also several radio stations that announce school closings, including KDKD Radio (95.3 FM, 1280 AM, and 104.9 FM) and KMOE (92 FM). A third location for Ballard School closing announcements is our school web site, which is www.ballardr2.net as well as the Ballard Facebook account. Also if you are included in the Remind celly account you will get a text stating the cancellation. Please keep in mind that whether school is cancelled or not, there are always disagreements on the decision. My philosophy on school closings due to weather is quite simple: when in doubt, error on the side of safety, which means cancel. The last thing we want is to risk the safety of the students or staff members here at Ballard. If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact me at any time.

We have missed one day of school because of weather. We will use January 21, 2019 as a make up day for the day that was missed.

I would like to thank everyone who made Grandparents' Day a success once again, especially the kitchen crew and, of course, the grandparents who were able to attend. It is very much appreciated. We had a great turn-out and a great meal.

Here is a reminder of a few events coming soon. First, varsity basketball is well under way and we are grateful to those community members who come out and support the Bulldogs. Please continue to support the students of our district.

Another item of interest that I believe the community needs to be aware of is the filing dates for the next School Board election. The filing dates for any individuals interested in running for a Board position are from December 11, 2018 through January 15, 2019. The two seats that will be up for election are currently held by Bryan Borland and Katrina Bergman. The election will be held on April 2, 2019. Filing information and paperwork can be acquired from and returned to Lea Ann Sshulse during school hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) and up to 5:00 p.m. on January 15th. If interested, you may file during normal school business time. Feel free to contact me or Ms. Schulse if you have any questions about this process.

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Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

The students are very excited as we prepare for our Christmas Break. We are fortunate to have such a great group of students, staff members, and community to help put on a great Christmas Concert, Grandparent Luncheon, Santa's Workshop, and Breakfast with Santa. Our break begins on Thursday, December 20th at 1:05pm and school resumes on Thursday, January 3rd. We are hopeful that the recent blasts of cold weather and snow are not a sign of things to come but we would like to mention that outdoor gear should include: a warm jacket, mittens/gloves, hat/hood, and any other warm items that would be appropriate. If you send the gear,

we will do our best to ensure that they wear it.

It is very possible that there will be more snow/ice days coming soon and there are several places to find out if school has been cancelled due to inclement weather. The local TV stations should display this information. KCTV5, KMBC-TV9, FOX4- WDAF-TV, and KSHB-TV are all included as well as their affiliates. That means that the following channels should have school closing information: 4, 5, 8, 38, and 41. There are also several radio stations that announce school closings, including KDKD Radio (95.3 FM, 1280 AM, and 104.9 FM) and KMOE (92.1 FM). A third location for Ballard School closing announcements is our school website and Facebook page, which is www.ballardr2.net.

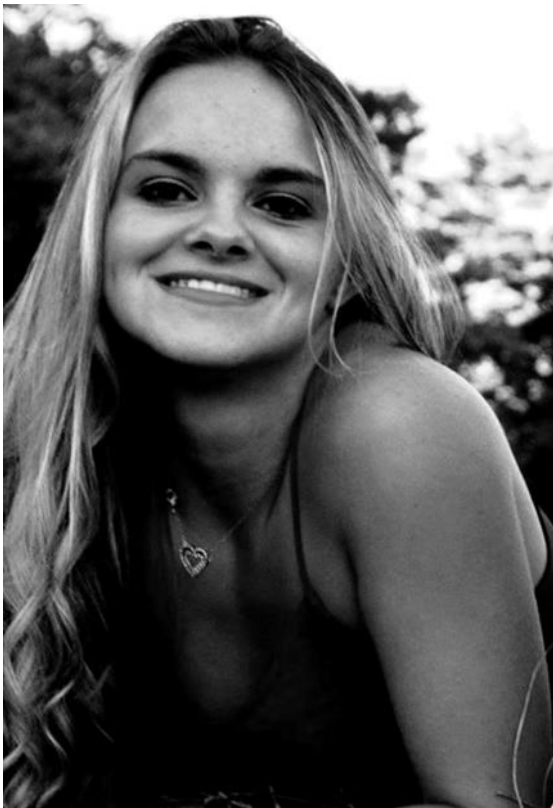
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Senior Spotlight

Morgan Wheeler

Morgan Lynn Wheeler, 18, is the daughter of JR and Rocky Wheeler, and the sister of Jailynn and Zoie Wheeler. Some of Morgan's favorites include her Art class, the colors turquoise and burgundy, stuffed peppers, the restaurant Olive Garden, and the song "Chaser" by Carrie Underwood. Morgan's dream car is a 2016 red Chevrolet Camaro. One of her hobbies include doing art. Morgan's extracurricular activities include volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Morgan's plans after graduation are undecided. When asked where do you see yourself in 15 years she replied with "Hopefully married with a loving family. Morgan's famous last words are "I don't know or No"



By: Amanda Teagarden



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WE WILL MISS YOU!



Friday, November 30 was the official last workday for Kerri Loyd as Ballard RII's Bookkeeper. To honor her 26 years of service, the school hosted a Retirement Reception. Family, coworkers, former coworkers and community members came to wish Kerri well and celebrate her years of dedication to the school district. Everyone enjoyed each other's company over finger foods, cake, and punch while they watched a picture slideshow of Mrs. Loyd throughout the decades. In the days prior to the reception, students created cards and other mementos to show their appreciation for Kerri. The staff also put together a gift with the acronym RETIRE. Each letter stood for a different gift.

R: Relax- Gift certificate for a pedicure
E: Enjoy- A cup that said "Old Enough to Retire, Young Enough to ENJOY it."
T: Travel- Travel size accessories
I: Indulge- Chocolate!
R: Read- Amazon Giftcard
E: Eat out- Texas Roadhouse Giftcard

Kerri's dedication to our school district cannot go unnoticed. We all wish her the best of the best, as the adventure of retirement lays ahead of her.

Written by Carrie Scott and Rachel Gregory

January Birthdays

December 7 Happy Late Birthday Haley Pray!

Ballard Students Perform, Christmas from the Past

On Thursday, December 13, the elementary music and band classes and the high school band/chorus, gathered in the gym in front of their friends and family to put on a very enjoyable performance. The students performed a play about the celebration of a Christmas from the past.

Ballard was visited by jesters, musicians, huntsmen, and a special visit from the King and Queen.

The students played and sang many songs, including Good King Wenceslas, Silent Night, and Sing We Now of Christmas. The show was a success over all. Mrs. Lybarger was sure to thank everyone who helped with the program.



Grandparents Come to Ballard

On Friday, December 14, the Ballard School held their annual Grandparent's Luncheon. The lunch began with the dismissing of the elementary to go through the lunch line first with their grandparents. After the elementary finished eating, they were sent to their individual rooms to show their grandparents what they made for them. Then it was the High School student's turn to enjoy the lunch with their grandparents.

The lunch consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, a roll and cake. The sixth grade class was in charge of the drinks and clearing plates when they were finished. They did an amazing job!

The gym was filled with laughter. It was an afternoon of fun and excitement! Thank you for coming to this year's luncheon, the students had a lot of fun.

Fifth grade teacher Kelsi Bergen shared a fun fact with us. She stated that her Grandparents Carol and Wendell Teagarden have been coming to Grandparents lunch since 1992 when her brother Cody Loyd was in kindergarten. They continued coming throughout the years for her, Kyle and Amanda Teagarden. Now they come for Amanda Teagarden, Abby and Lily Bergen.

Amanda shared a special memory of a time when her grandpa had a Doctor's appointment and cancelled it to come to the lunch with her.



Preschool Pups

Miss Clark

This month the Preschoolers have been working really hard on counting so they can count down the days until Christmas. The Preschoolers have also learned their letters through "I". Finally the Preschoolers are so excited for Christmas, the Christmas movies, and their letters to Santa.



Dear Santa,

My name is Melody Bergen. This Christmas, I am 4 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Unicorn and a Mopsy Doll. I promise to leave out eggs for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Melody Bergen

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Nichole Luper. This Christmas, I am 4 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a PJ Mask toy and a Halloween toy. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Nichole Luper

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Silas Johnson. This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been naughty (but nice!). What I would like most this Christmas is a race car track and a hot wheel. I promise to leave out cookies and noodles for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Silas Johnson

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Elves for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Rylie Schmitt. This Christmas, I am 5 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas are some doll clothes and a puppy. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you and reindeer food for the reindeer!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Rylie Schmitt

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Elves for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Dani Crump. This Christmas, I am 4 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Barbie House and an American Girl Doll. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you, and carrots for the reindeer.

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Dani Crump

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!



Dear Santa,

My name is Mckenzie Claiborne. This Christmas, I am 4 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Barbie house and some Barbie clothes. I promise to leave out cookies, carrots and celery for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Mckenzie Claiborne

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Arabella Cason. This Christmas, I am 4 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is boots and shoes. I promise to leave out cereal for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Arabella Cason

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Written by Preschool Class

Typed by Jackson Rotert





Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

The publications class went and helped the kindergarteners write their letters to Santa. This is what they wrote.

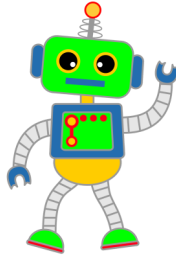
Dear Santa,

My name is Jennifer Carpenter and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a hatchimal and a baby doll. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Jennifer

P.S. please say "Hi" to herself for me!

Dear Santa,



My name is Zander Miller and I am 5 years old. This year I have been naughty (but nice!). What I would like most this Christmas is a remote control rocket ship that explodes and a robot that moves. I

promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Zander

P.S. please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Ellee Scott and I am 6 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is confetti pop and a flamingo floaty. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!



Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Ellee

P.S. please say "Hi" to Santa for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Keenen Engelhardt and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a trash truck and a firetruck. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!



Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Keenen

P.S. please say "Hi" to an elf for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Huntlee Myrtle and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a big combine and a real boat. I promise to leave out cookies, milk, and candy canes for you!



Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Huntlee

P.S. please say "Hi" to Huntlee for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Emily Smith and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is LOL dolls and Barbie dolls. I promise to leave out cookies for you!



Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Emily

P.S. please say "Hi" to the elves for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Charlie Fisher and I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a new fishing pole and a movie. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Charlie

P.S. please say "Hi" to a reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Tucker Newkirk and I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is magic tracks and 4-wheeler goggles. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Tucker

P.S. please say "Hi" to toys for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Maxton Wainscott and I am 6 years old. This year I have been naughty (but nice!). What I would like most this Christmas is toys and a fishing rod. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Maxton

P.S. please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Noah Meade and I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a nerf gun and a remote control car. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Noah

P.S. please say "Hi" to my mom for me!





Freaky First

Mrs. Smith



The publications class went to the First Grade room, and helped the First graders write their letters to Santa, here are their letters.

Dear Santa,

My name is Nathaniel Fisher.

This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is toys and candy. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Nathaniel

P.S. Please say "Hi" to me for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Vivian Greer.

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a puppy and dog collar for my puppy. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Vivian

P.S. Please say "Hi" to my family for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Callan Rotert.

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Pokémon cards and for everyone to have a good Christmas. I promise to leave out cookies and carrots for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Callan

P.S. Please say "Hi" to everyone for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Summer Hastings.

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is toys and my Christmas miracle is for my mom to be happier. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Summer

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the reindeer and elves for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Delainey Ferguson.

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Vampire set and hatchimals. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Delainey

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Nemo for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Chandler Borland.

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas are stuffed animals and dolls. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Chandler

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Santa for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Brooklynn Warren.

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is LOL dolls and hatchimals. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Brooklynn

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Kelsey Pray for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Sofia Porter.

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been naughty (but nice). What I would like most this Christmas is a toy horse and a toy wand. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Sofia

P.S. Please say "Hi" to my dad for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Ian Bergman.

This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Wii U and a Nintendo Switch. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa

Love, Ian

P.S. Please say "Hi" to me for me!

Written by First grade
Typed by Jailynn Wheeler





Sweet Second

Mrs. West

The publications class went to the Second Grade room, and helped the Second graders write their letters to Santa, here are their letters

Dear Santa,

My name is Lily Bergen. This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is peacock feathers and golden bars for my room. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Lily

P.S. please say "Hi" to Dancer for me!



Dear Santa,

My name is Lane Meade. This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Legos and action figures. And I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Lane

P.S. please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Emmalee Scott. This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Teepee and a lava lamp. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Emmalee

P.S. please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Ian Campbell. This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a mini bike and transformers. And I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Ian

P.S. please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Zayden Miller. This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a nerf gun and a fake bow. And I promise to leave out cookies and carrots for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Zayden

P.S. please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Braydon Siebenneck. This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is laser tag equipment and a classic Nintendo. And I promise to leave out nerf guns for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Braydon

P.S. please say "Hi" to nobody for me!

Dear Santa,

My name is Aspyn Eidson. This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a phone and a laptop. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Aspyn

P.S. please say "Hi" to cupcake my elf for me!



Written by Second grade
Typed by Morgan Wheeler



Talented Third

Ms. Kabir



What gifts do you think your teacher wants for Christmas and why?.....



I think my teacher wants an assistant 24-7. Because she has to do so much work. I think she also wants a Christmas elf named Jingle. Mostly because she seems to like him or her. I also think she might want a pay raise so she gets paid more. I also think she wants the screen above the smart board removed. She might want a new Christmas tree that's fake because her old one isn't well. Now that I think of it she might want a bigger desk because hers seems a bit crowded.

From: Owen Meade

I think my teacher would like a necklace so she can look nice. A bracelet so she can look pretty. Hair ties to keep her hair out of her eyes, a coke because she likes it. Chocolate because it is her favorite candy.

From : Harry Greer

I think Ms. Kabir needs a new Christmas tree. I think she needs more dry erase markers for the board. I think she needs more maps. I think she needs a new desk. I think she needs us to beat the reading record. I think she needs a star for the Christmas tree. I think she needs more space at her desk. I think she needs a new pair of scissors.



From: Nathan Bales

Ms. Kabir wants us to be good, because we don't do that very much. Ms. Kabir wants a new Christmas tree for her classroom for next year, because the tree right now, the branches are really bad. She also wants more lights for her Christmas tree, because she didn't put enough lights on her Christmas tree. Ms. Kabir wants new shoes, because she doesn't have a lot .That's a lie because she has a ton of them. She doesn't even wear them. Ms. Kabir wants more books for her house, because she doesn't have a lot at her house. She doesn't need any at school anyway because we have too many.

Form: Addilynn Engelhardt



I think my teacher wants a retirement for Christmas, because we get in trouble a lot. I also think she wants a Pepsi for Christmas, because I always see her drinking some. I also think she wants a new tree, because the one she has is getting really old it for sure has seen better days. Shell probably need an endless supply of books because she loves them. That what I think Ms. Kabir wants for Christmas.

From: Jacob Eidson

I think Ms. Kabir would want a cat for Christmas, a t-shirt with a cat on it. She wants to see her goddaughter for a gift, an ornament, some money, a surprise party, and a new plant.

From: Zoe Frederick



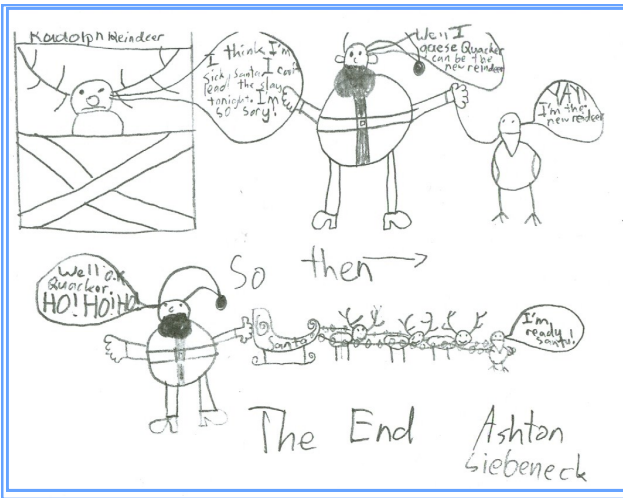
I think my teacher wants a big pack of Pepsi. I think she would like a new tree and some decorations for her room. I think she would love to get a new paint job, and a different theme. For a gift she would like a new fan, new books. I'm pretty sure she will also want a retirement before this year is over.

From: Gavin Schliem



Written by: Third Grade
Typed By: Jailynn Wheeler

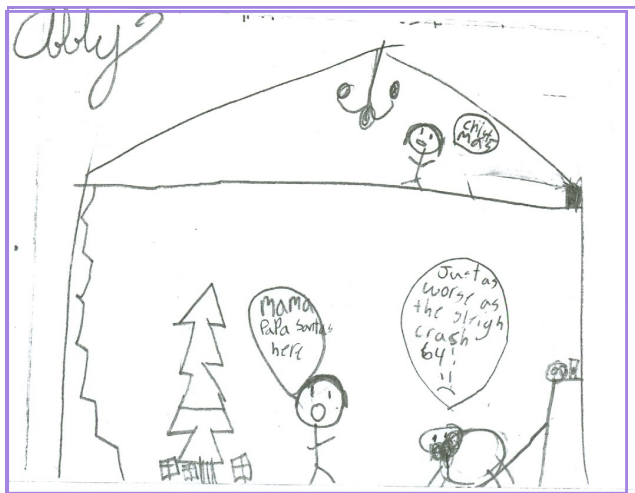
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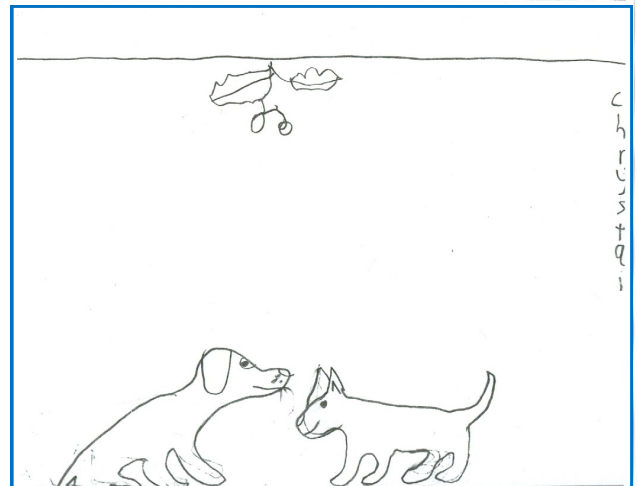
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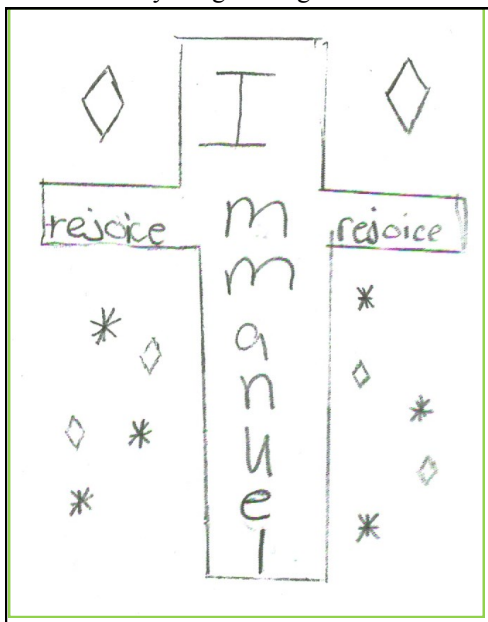
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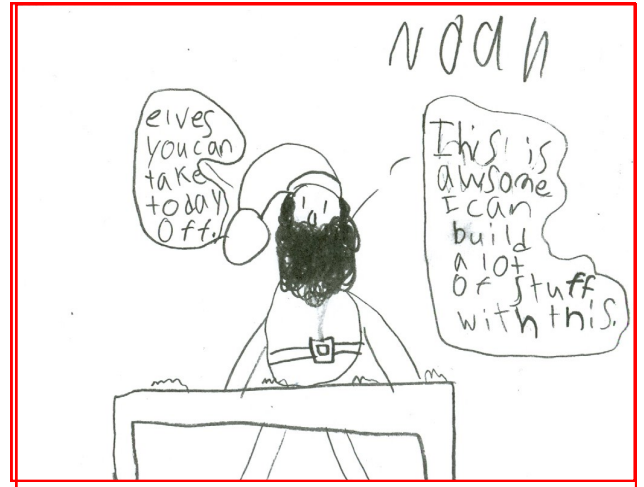
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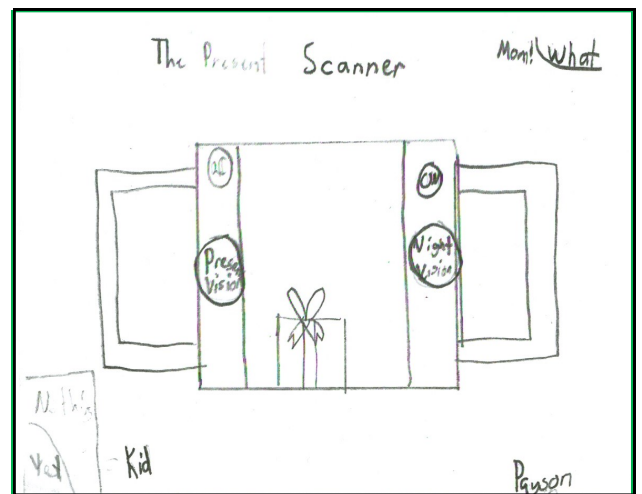
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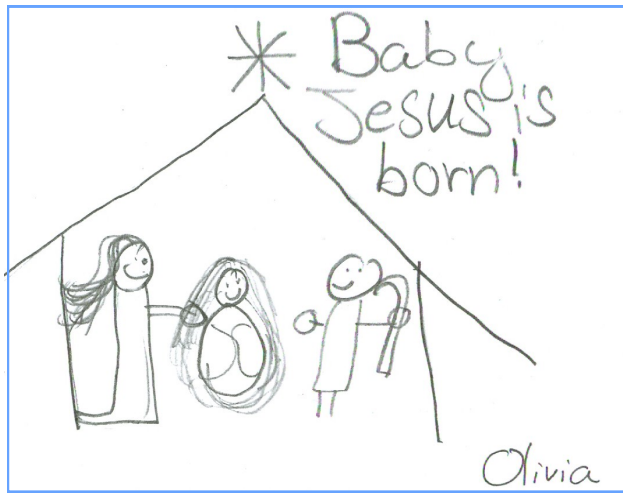
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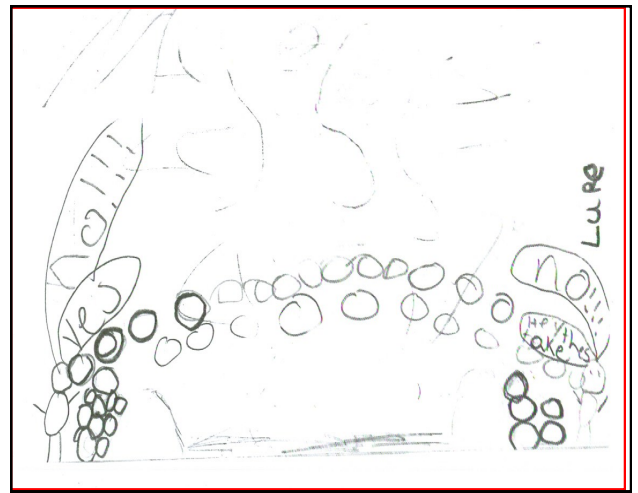
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Fourth Grade Continued

Joseph Dwayne Constanney



By Olivia Porter



By Luke Meade



Stubborn Sixth

Ms. Eidson

If I were a gift.....

If I were a gift, I would be a cure for cancer. I would give myself to anyone fighting the disease so they could conquer their fight and go back to living a normal life.

Ms. Eidson

If I were a gift, I would be \$1 Billion. I would give it to everyone who needed it and I would be wrapped purple and green.

Brenden Card

If I were a gift, I would be a cure to diabetes type I. I would donate to St. Jude's cancer treatment hospitals, because it would save lives forever.

Nate Evans

If I were a gift, I would be food. I would be food for the hungry, because they could die of starvation.

Audrey Foster

If I were a gift, I would be a cure for diabetes so they could eat sugar and sweet food. I would give it to people who have diabetes.

Isaiah Maggard

If I were a gift, I would be \$1 million. I would give myself to Ms. Eidson. She needs money and she could get clothes and food, so she could get people like her son Brice the best life she can.

Ethan Kennedy

If I were a gift, I would be a dog toy. I would give it to the dog shelter. I would give it to the shelter because the dogs need to play with toys.

Jon Setzer

If I were a gift, I would be a Google play card. I would give it to Ethan because he wants one. He wants one for his game so he could play on the game as me. It would be fun.

Samuel Setzer

If I were a gift, I would be a toy for all of the Homeless and kids. I would get them a toy because they can't afford anything. So, I would buy them toys.

Zoie Wheeler



Fantastic Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

The Fifth Grade class was assigned to write their Christmas shopping list. After careful consideration, this is what they decided on.

Mrs. Bergen

Cash: Time to sleep in class.
Celia: A day without boys.
Lucas: A week of no homework.
Dayne: A day off to go hunting.
Autumn: A day of reading in the Library.
Valencia: A day in the gym to do gymnastics.
Haley: All of the Dork Diary Books.
Tory: A big fluffy coat.

Dayne Greer

Mom: Cooking supplies.
Dad: Money.
Dylan: Coal.
Dax: Coal.
Cash: Bass fishing pole and lures.
Lucas: Nerf gun.
Grandpa: Guns.
Grandma: Day off from Walmart

Tory Snyder

Autumn: upside down magic.
Zoe: Hatchimals
Valencia: Phone.
Haley: Pug.
Mom: Clean house.
Dad: Clean house.
Celia: Cruise.
Mrs. Bergen: Peace and quiet.

Autumn Hastings

Cash: A real life race track for the car Valencia got him.
Celia: A LOL bigger surprise and craft stuff.
Lucas: Legos and Lego people.
Dayne: Giant Hershey's bar and a giant Reese's.
Valencia: A new phone with case with a built in screen protector.
Haley: Makeup and makeup brushes.
Tory: A surprise and a giant fluffy blanket.
Mrs. Bergen: A girls -only day.
Jailynn- Candy and the last two books of Everfrost.

Lucas Crump

Cash: A Barbie house and pink case and Barbie's.
Dayne: PS4 and Red Dead online.
Dany: Barbie house and new tablet.
Henry: \$1 dinosaur.
Mom: New bed.
Dad: Red Dead online.

Valencia Landeros

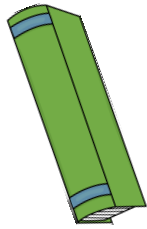
Cash: Ferrari, a Lambo, and a million dollars.
Celia: A bunch of jewelry , millions of dollars, and fashion books.
Lucas: Legos, a million dollars, and a fart preventer.
Dayne: Three hundred homework passes.
Autumn: What she wants, a new phone, and the last book of Everlost.
Haley: Ferrari, a Lambo, a million dollars, a phone, no school, and everything that she wants.
Tory: A new trumpet and new books.
Mrs. Bergen: Everything that she wants, to yell at kids all day, and dark chocolate.
Becca: Gymnastics and gym stuff.
Jailynn: Another pig and Christmas all year long.

Cash Anderson

Dayne: A spinner bait, some rubber worms, 22 bullets, and \$5.
Lucas: A doll and \$5.
Sister: Coal.
Mom: Hair brush and watch.
Grandpa: spinner bait, new bass boat, a bass bait, rubber worms, keeper hooks, and a new bait caster.

Haley Pray

Mom: Candles and oils.
Dad: Tools, Reese's, and Mahomes jersey.
Kelsey: Paint brushes and perfume.
Mikayla: Baby shoe and pencils.
Brianna: Mahomes jersey.
Valencia: Matching gymnastics leotards.
Celia: Fashion books.
Mrs. Bergen: Dark chocolate.
Tory: Squishy.
Autumn: Bath bombs and a TV for her room.
Jailynn: Candy, pop, and Christmas pants.
Princess: Cat house and ice cream.
Becca: Everything.
Isabelle: Pineapple stuff.



Celia Campbell

Haley: Nail polish.
Autumn: Earrings.
Valencia: Nail polish.
Tory: Candy.
Mom: Candle.
Dad: Tools.
Ian: Car.
Brian: Tools.
Nick: Tools.
Grandma: Kitchen towel.
Great Grandma: Candle.
Kamryn: Earrings.
Aunt Angie: Nail polish.
Uncle Dave: Tools.

Written by: Fifth grade class
Formatted by: Kelsey Pray

Sassy Seventh

For this month the Seventh grade was asked what they would like for Christmas this year and this is what they would like;

Cade Callahan– Warm Jimmie Dean sandwich with a cold glass of orange juice.

Donovan Card– A sabnautica game.

Zachary Carpenter– Kawasaki 95 two-stroke, and money.

Aimee Cummings– Blue jeans.

Jada Gains– Imagine Dragons CD.

Parker Hill– Traxxas-Rustler 4x4 RC car.

Lilly Rotert– Food socks, food, sheep food and shirts.

Valentina Landeros– Lots of M & M's and animals socks.



Written By: Lilly Rotert and Aimee Cummings
Formatted By: Morgan Wheeler

Frazzled Freshman

We were asked what we wanted for Christmas, here is our list:

Kale Oerke– Hunting gear and dirt bike stuff

Briana Arredondo– A French Bulldog, and a basketball.

Ashton Carullo– A passport.

Brendan Moore– 7 string black Ibanez guitar.

River Clark– Hunting gear, dirt bike gear, and a 243.

Keith Schmitt– A 30-30 hunting rifle.

Katlin Martin– A boyfriend.

Payton Miller– Fishing rod, fishing lines, and a snow suit.

This is what we want for Christmas and IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BUY ME A FRENCH BULLDOG, that would be GREAT! Thank you!

Written by Briana Arredondo
Formatted by Destiny Bramell

Elite Eighth

Mrs. Laura Larcom

The Eighth Grade is doing great so far this year, we are really excited for Christmas. We are making clay mugs in Art, and we have put together a Christmas list for all of you to see.

Alexis Hastings: Money.

Tucker Roach: A compound bow and money.

Macie Morris: Money.

Lexie Ward: Basketball shoes and Beats wireless headphones.

Lucas Whitaker: To go ice skating.

Jacob Kepner: A trip to Hawaii.

Averie Bales: A Hooey sweatshirt.

Mary Miller: Shoes and hoodies that are black.



Written By: Averie Bales
Typed By: Cameron Martin

Salty Sophomores

This month the Sophomore class was asked what they would like for Christmas -here is what we want:

Wyatt Blair– Drums.

Sudie Callahan– A MacBook pro.

Rachel Evans– Dr. Pepper and Reese's.

Sierra Ferguson– A dog.

Serenity Morris– A Samsung watch.

Kayla Schmitt– Clothes.

Kailee Smith– A new car.

Dylan Tippie– Two hundred dollars.



Written By: Kailee Smith
Formatted By: Morgan Wheeler



Thanksgiving break was a blast! And we are all super excited for the end of semester along with Christmas break. Here are a few things we would love for Christmas.....



Destiny Bramell: Anything. I am not picky.

Dale Dowse: Swimming stuff.

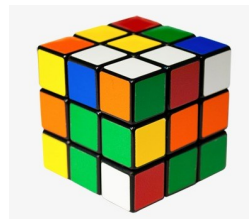
Brice Eidson: A monkey so Jailynn can't have one.

Donovan Hinrichs: Money.

Jake Light: Clothes, hunting stuff, and basketball stuff.

Garrett Oerke: New radio for my truck.

Brianna Pray: A new Rubik's cube.



Mrs. Gregory: Books and snow.

Mr. Dunkin: Peace, love, understanding, and a Happy New Year.

Written By: Juniors
Typed By: Jailynn Wheeler

Spunky Seniors

This month the seniors had a very successful fudge and nut sale! We would like to thank everyone who bought, and supported our class. With Christmas coming up, here are some things the seniors want for Christmas. Hint, hint!

- Cameron Martin- I don't know
- Jailynn Wheeler-A chimp just because Brice said no, and Carrie Underwood tickets
- Morgan Wheeler-Shoes
- Kelsie Murray- A jeep wrangler (White)
- Ms. Murchie- A new car
- Jaeden Schliem-Nothing
- Kelsey Pray- A laptop
- Amanda Teagarden- Hover board
- Leven Howard-Beef Jerky
- Jackson Rotert-iPhone adapter
- Payton Inglis-pistol
- Mikayla Pray- books
- Kayla Wainscott-gift cards



By Kelsie Murray

Everything English

Mrs. Gregory



Merry Christmas! This, was the last month of both the Novels and Speech classes. We have had a great time reading fun books and nerve-racking time giving speeches. Now we have Creative Writing and Dramatics to look forward to. The Freshman are writing an argumentative essay. The Sophomores have finished up *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Advanced English is having a great time studying poetry. Our college prep class has taken a field trip to the James C. Kirkpatrick library at UCM. It has been a busy month and we are looking forward to Christmas break.

Written by: Mrs. Gregory
Formatted by: Kelsey Pray

FFA / Ag

Miss LeRosen



The Ballard FFA chapter went to the Shatto Dairy on November 15, 2018. They got to tour the farm and learned the milking process. The students also learned how the milk gets pasteurized, flavored, bottled, and sold. On November 20, 2018 the FFA chapter had a Thanksgiving lunch, all the members brought a dish and they ate together.

In Ag the small engines class is taking apart a weed eater and a chainsaw then reassembling them. Ag Structures is still working on their individual wood projects. Ag Science One is finishing up their SAE unit and building bird houses. Ag Science Two is also still working on their wood projects. Exploratory Ag is finishing up their food processing unit and will start food production and marketing. In Landscape Design the students are creating their own design.

By: Destiny Bramell

It's All History

Mr. Dunkin



World History will be looking at 400-1300 AD, the Byzantine Empire, and Europe. U.S. History with the Ninth graders, are looking at World War 1. Geography with the Seventh graders, are wrapping up Central America and Caribbean countries. U.S. History with the Eighth graders, are learning about the U.S. Constitution. The Government class students will be taking a citizenship test. Geography with the Juniors and Seniors, is working on their Ballard 2038 Urban Planning Project.

By: Destiny Bramell

Spectacular Science

Mrs. Chambers



Our eighth grade had the privilege of competing with the other schools in our conference this past week to test their science brains. Over the last eight weeks, they have been testing an experiment of their choice using the scientific inquiry process. Students were judged November 30th by members of our community and staff to see which of our eighth graders would go to the next step. Our three winners this year were: Tucker Roach, Lexi Ward, and Alexis Hastings. We reported to Sheldon School on December 7th where the conference Science Fair took place this year. After being interviewed by four judges, the scores were added up to see which of the 24 participants would get the top four spots. Tucker Roach received fourth place!

Written and formatted by: Brianna Pray

Title One News

Thanks to the Ballard BOE and PTO, we have the Accelerated Reader program. With this program the teachers can monitor student progress, set goals, and encourage students to read and take comprehension quizzes over the books they have read. Mrs. Ordal, the Title 1 teacher, tracks the number of books read and number of words read for each class. The numbers are posted outside the classrooms of the elementary grades, and the school total of books read is posted at the north entrance of the building. Mrs. Ordal changes these numbers every Friday afternoon. There are two classes that need to be recognized for their progress so far this year. Mrs. West's 2nd grade class has read the most books to date, and that is 244 books. Mrs. Bergen's 5th grade class has read the most words to date, and that is 3,303,474 words. The class with the highest percent of quizzes passed is Ms. Kabir's 3rd grade class with 97%.

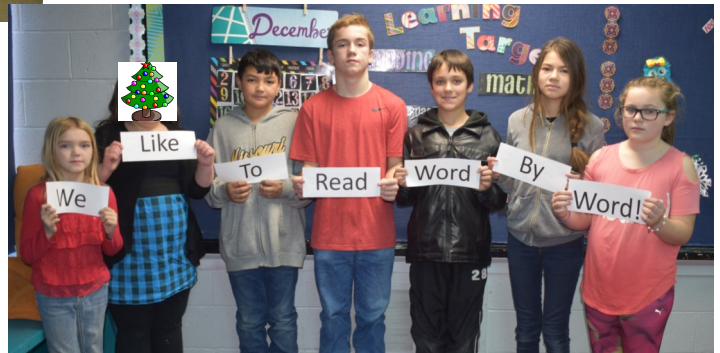


Congratulations to Mrs. West's 2nd grade class for being the class with the most books read since school started.-244 books

Pictures to the left (L-R): Emmalee Scott, Aspyn Eidson, Lily Bergen, Lane Meade, Ian Campbell, Zayden Miller, Braydon Siebeneck.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bergen's 5th grade class for being the class with the most words read this year so far with 3,303,474 words

Pictured to the right (L-R): Victoria Snyder, Autumn Hastings, Dayne Greer, Cash Anderson, Lucas Crump, Valencia Landeros, Haley Pray.



Written by Mrs. Ordal
Formatted by Kelsey Pray and Morgan Wheeler

Sports Pages

Indians take the Win

On November 19th the girls played the Osceola Indians. It was a great game and we fought very hard but were short a few points of the victory. The score was 45-28, Osceola. After the varsity game, the JV played a very good game with many good plays. Unfortunately, we weren't as tough as they were. The score ended up being 23-12, Osceola.



Pictured: Senior Jailynn Wheeler

gve Girls Tournament

On Tuesday, November 27, the Lady Bulldogs played Bronaugh in the Golden Valley Varsity Conference. They fought very hard and played well, but the game ended with score 45-23, Bronaugh. Then on Friday, the 30th, they played Miami. We pulled out a win against Miami with the score being 27-23. On Saturday, December 1 the Ballard Lady Bulldogs played Hume. It was a very intense game. We went into over-time with the score being tied at 32, everyone was on the edge of their seats as the game continued on. We went into double over-time with the score tied at 34. We had many injuries and a couple people fouled out. At the end of the game the score was 40-36, Hume. It was a long, hard fight but we went home with one win throughout the week. Congratulations girls for the tough fight.

By Briana Pray

GVVC Conference Champs!



The Ballard Boys Basketball team started the GVVC Tournament on November 27 at 8:30 squaring off against the Montrose Blue Jays and Ballard was successful in the first match outscoring Montrose 54 to 45. The next match up for the Bulldogs was against the NEVC Knights, where the Bulldogs conquered the Knights 49-23.



Finally what everyone was waiting for... the Championship against the Sheldon Panthers. The Championship was a rematch of the semi-final game last year where Sheldon came out on top.

This year is what the Bulldogs were waiting for, both teams came out hot and wanting to beat the opponent. At half time the Panthers were up 22 to 20, we went in the locker room and listened to coach who said, "Look we are no where near out of this game, but if we want to come out on top then we are going to have to tighten up defense and move the ball better on offense." After a few more words of encouragement the team was ready to play. After a hard fought second half Ballard came out on top 45 to 41, successfully avenging last years' early exit.

Photo provided by Tina Eidson

Fighting the Knights

Ballard Lady Bulldogs vs N.E.V.C. Lady Knights December, 4	
Ballard	18
Knights	44

Ballard Bulldogs vs N.E.V.C. Knights December, 4	
Ballard	42
Knights	30

Beating the Tigers



Ballard Bulldogs vs Green Ridge Tigers December, 6	
Ballard	38
Knights	55



Catching the Hornets

Ballard Bulldogs vs Hermitage Hornets December, 6	
Ballard	82
Hornets	60

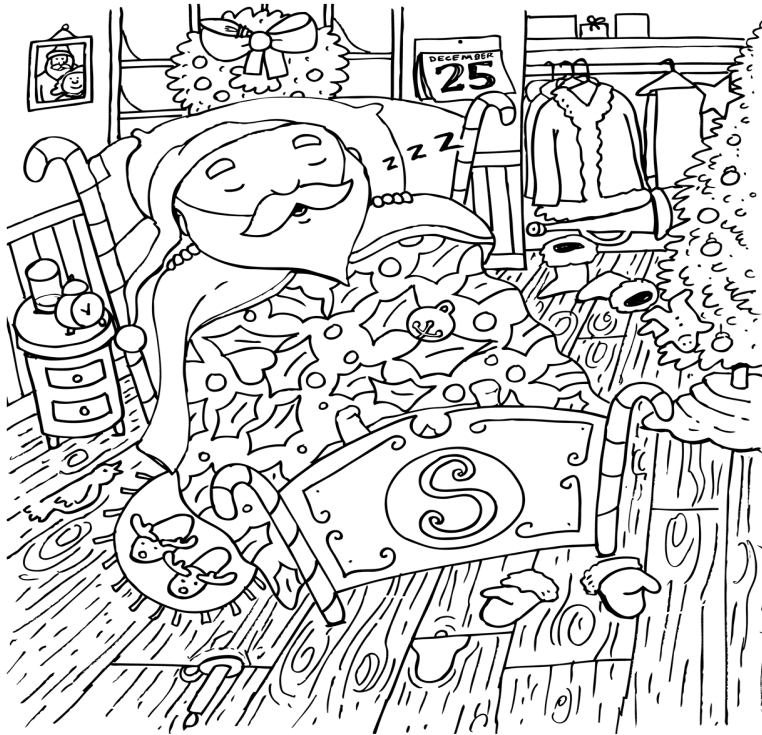
Ballard Lady Bulldogs vs Hermitage Lady Hornets December, 6	
Ballard	34
Hornets	16

By Brianna Pray

Fun Page!

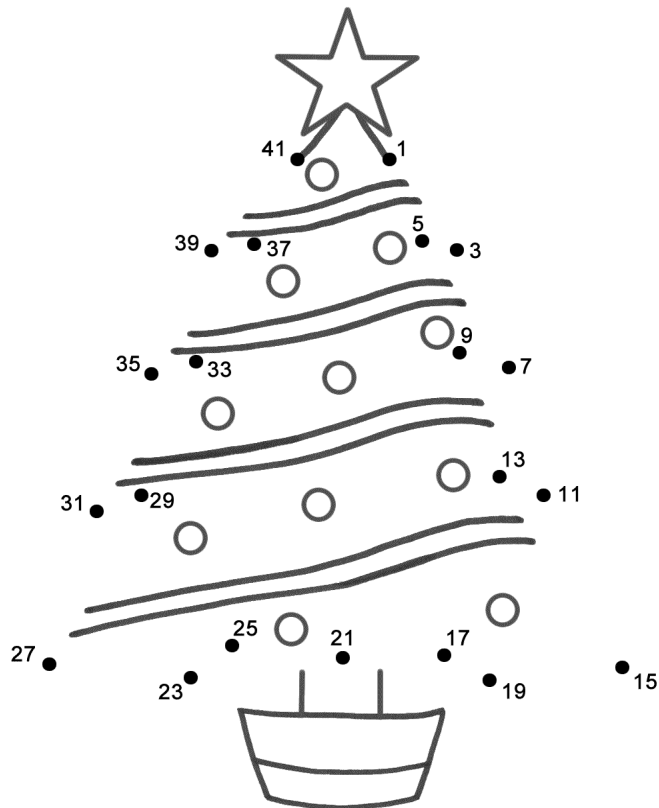
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Merry Christmas!

1. Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee?

A: Because they are Santa's Star Bucks!

2. Why didn't Rudolph get a good report card?

A: because he went down in history!

3. Why did Santa bring 22 bucks to Walmart?

A: Because what he wanted to buy cost around 20 bucks, but just in case it was more, he brought some extra doe.

4. What do you get when you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?



A: A Pineapple

By: Amanda Teagarden



January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 	7 Lakeland Tournament 7-12	8 1 Christmas Vacation No School HAPPY NEW YEAR	9 2 Teacher In Service No School	10 3 School Resumes Start of 3rd Quarter	11 4 VBB vs Sheldon 5:30pm	12 Lakeland Tournament 7-12
13	14	15 VBB vs Montrose 5:30 pm	16 P/J/Hat Day 	17 VBB vs Appleton City 5:30 pm	18	19
20	21 School In Session Make Up Day	22	23 Board Meeting @7:00	24 VBB @ Kingsville 5:30 pm	25 Girls VBB @ Calhoun 6:00 pm	26 PTO/Cattlemen's Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction
27	28	29	30			

