



Barks 'n' Growls



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

It's beginning to feel a lot like fall. The fields are being harvested and the leaves are dropping regularly. As we get to the end of 1st quarter, it is a great time to reflect on our first quarter together. Volleyball is wrapping up and basketball is taking off. Students have been getting into the routine of school and are active participants in their education. We had parent teacher conferences on October 18th. While working through the 2nd quarter, please continue to talk to your child about regular attendance, maintaining their work and striving to get the most out of their education on a daily basis. Thank you for allowing us to spend time with your child daily.

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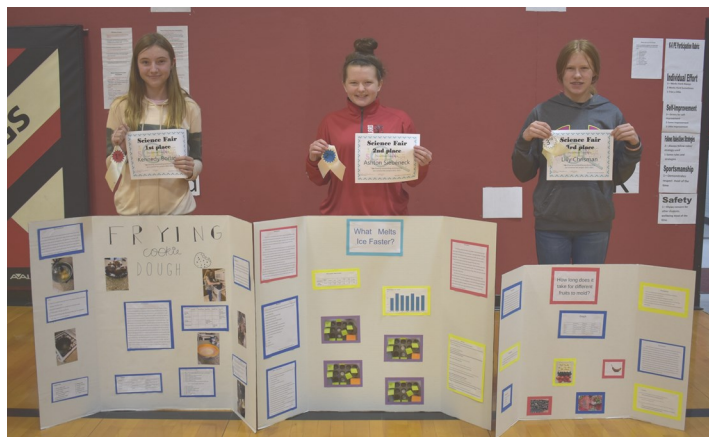
Science Fair



We have the results for the top high school and middle school winners!!! Thank you to everyone that helped make the science fair successful.



(L-R)- 1st: Aimee Cummings, 2nd: Katlin Blankenship, 3rd: Zoie Wheeler



(L-R)- 1st: Kennedy Borland, 2nd: Ashton Siebneck, 3rd: Lilly Chrismen

Senior Spotlight

Alexander Ramirez-Nunez, is the son of Adam and Norma Ramirez-Nunez. He is also the brother of his older sister Lizbeth, and younger brother Alexis. Alex's favorite color is black, and his favorite subject is English. His dream car is a Dodge Charger. One of Alex's favorite songs is called "Una Vez Mas." His favorite food is tamales and he does not have a favorite restaurant. Outside of school, Alex loves to listen to music, play basketball, and help out on his uncles ranch. His biggest pet peeves are noisy people, being interrupted while talking, and people who argue about everything. Alex's famous last words is "Meh... okay."

After graduating Alex wants to go to school to become a graphic designer. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Alex answered, "With all my family."

Class of 
2022

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Something to Shout About.

Student of the Month

Great job!

We would like to congratulate Brynlee Wainscott, second grade, and Callan Rotert, fourth grade, as our elementary Students of the Month for August/September. Our character focus for August/ September was friendship and being positive. Excellent job to both of these students!



Student
of the
Month



(L-R) Brynlee Wainscott and Principal Stephanie Nold

(L-R) Callan Rotert and Principal Stephanie Nold

Best Class Attendance



We would also like to congratulate Mrs. West's second grade class and Mr. Duncan's sixth grade class for winning the attendance award for the August/September.



First Row (L-R): Navi Quiroz, Nichole Luper, Melody Bergen, and Hailey Culver

Second Row (L-R): Mrs. West, Dani Crump, Brynlee Wainscott, McKenzie Claiborne, and Molly Burgin
Not Pictured: Nicholas Boston

First Row (L-R): Nathan Bales, Piper Goth, and Harry Greer

Second Row (L-R): Gavin Schliem, Jacob Eidson, Addilynn Engelhardt, Owen Meade, and Mr. Duncan

Claiborne visits UCM Future Teaching Program

On Tuesday, October 6, Mrs. Chambers and I went to a Future Teacher Program at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo. I had a blast during the time I was there, I learned so much about what it means to be a teacher! I learned that you're not only a teacher but sometimes you are a parent, coach, and therapist. Another thing that I learned is that teaching isn't just about teaching students, but how you interact with them.

If I had to tell someone about my trip I would say that the experience wasn't just about teaching, but it was also about all the different ways you can show kindness to those around you. This program also showed how every person is different in their own and unique way. Not only did I get told the ins and outs of being a teacher, but also the impacts I will hold on the students! The most exciting part is that I got to meet the Missouri Teacher of the Year, which to me was the best part of my day! I had an amazing day and met lots of people.

Written by: Sydney Claiborne
Formatted by: Macie Morris



Krazy Kindergarten

Juli Schmedding

The Kindergarten students have continued learning the alphabet as well as sight words. There has been a lot of improvement since the first of the year! We have also learned about weather, the sun, and seasons during science with our Mystery Science series. Social Studies has us talking about maps, how they are used, and making maps of the school. This month's character traits are responsibility and self-control, both of which we are practicing daily. I am so proud of the students for having better control of their words and actions! They are a great group of people.



Typed by: Mrs. Schmedding
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Silly Second

Mrs. West

Big improvements are happening in 2nd grade! I am so pleased to share some super moments with you about our success so far this year. Every student met their 1st quarter AR goal. Our class has read 82 books on our AR program so far.

We are literally zooming through Rocket Math too. This is a timed test that helps us retain our addition and subtraction facts.

October brings in many opportunities to add some fun to our everyday learning routines. Molly Burgin says, "I love ghost writing my spelling words, Mrs. West!" Hailey Culver said, "I love playing the Kind Witch game!" This game uses a witch hat while we practice long and short vowel words.

We are working on our first informative essay. Yes. We are writing about bats! I can't wait to see their final copies.

Written by: Mrs. West
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Funky First

Mrs. Smith

I hope everyone has had a great month of October. I asked the first graders what their favorite thing about October was and here is what they say...



Nolan Bogart- "I like dressing up for Halloween."
Kyle Carpenter- "I like dressing spooky for Halloween."
Bella Fisher- "I like carving pumpkins."
Karson- "I like putting up Halloween decorations."
Lynn Pitts- "I like dressing up and going trick or treating."

Typed by: Mrs. Smith
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

THRILLING THIRD

Dr. McElwain

As I type this, Missouri Day is Wednesday, October 20th. We have received a lot of fun materials from Representative Patricia Pike, and will be looking at those materials and organizing our Missouri notebooks that day! In Science we have finished our plants unit and have started our animals unit. We will start by learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. In Math our focus has been on addition and fact fluency. We are all improving with our fact fluency during timed events! The theme in Reading for the next few weeks is "Let Freedom Ring." We receive a book from the Scholastic Book Order each month from a book sponsor.



Written by : Dr. McElwain
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Sizzling Sixth

Mr. Duncan

One of the projects we worked on in Science was learning how to create artistic interpretations of atoms of various elements.

Our class also earned the attendance award this month.

At the start of the month, we completed an escape room. The students had to find trivia questions around the room and used hints gained from correctly answering questions to eventually escape.

In Science we learned about plate tectonics, we used whipped cream and graham crackers to illustrate what plate boundaries look like.

At the start of the year we made stone age tools while talking about early humans.



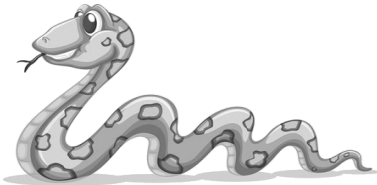
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Salty Sophomores

Mrs. Gregory

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What do you call a snake that is approximately 3.14 feet long?... A π thon... LOL get it?!?! Anywayssss, we have all been working hard to keep our grades up since the quarter is ending soon. That's pretty much it. Bye!



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Written by: Lilly Rotert
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Jolly Juniors



Mr. Bergan and Mrs. Chambers

We are finally juniors and very excited to start this school year. So far we haven't done much but concession stands. Lots and lots of concession stands! We are also getting excited to be one step closer to being Seniors.

Right now we are preparing for our chicken fry dinner that is coming up! It will be Saturday, November 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please come out and support the junior class. We have also slowly started talking about prom and getting more excited every day!

Written by: Sydney Claiborne
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Just Enough Seniors

Mrs. Murchie

We are excited to graduate and to see what the future brings. Our snack closet is doing great, thanks for your continued support.



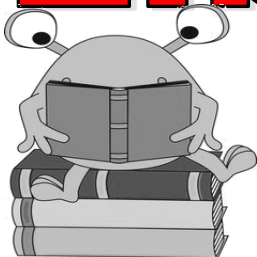
Written by: Briana Arredondo
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Thank you for
your support!

Library News

Ms. Burgin

The first and second grade are reading *Beezus and Ramona*. Third and fourth grade just finished reading *A Little Princess* and will begin watching the movie so we can compare similarities and differences between the book and movie. The fifth and sixth graders just finished reading *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and have begun watching the movie. I have booked the Scholastic Book Fair for two weeks this year to allow parents more time to shop for Christmas! The fair will run from December 7 until the 17.



Written by: Ms. Burgin
Formatted by: Macie Morris

Tales of the Gym

Mr. Mossman

Here is what we have been doing so far this month in the gym!

PE K-2:

We have been learning about pathways, levels, locomotor skills, and directions. We are becoming more proficient in each of these areas as we become more aware of our surroundings.

PE 3-6:

We have started a football unit focusing on how to catch and throw a football correctly. We have played relay games and other lead-up games to apply what we have learned through practice of these skills.

7/8 PE/Health:

We just finished up a two week health unit on Health and Wellness as well as the importance of physical activity. We have focused on the importance of good decision making, lifestyle factors that can impact the three areas of your health, and how each of these concepts can impact them at this present time and in the future.

9 PE and Lifetime Sports:

We started a volleyball unit focusing on basic skills such as bump passing, setting, and utilizing the push. I have also introduced students to the underhand, overhand, and jump serve. Last week the class worked on how to defend down angles in addition to the advanced skill of spiking. We plan on applying these developed skills into game-like situations.

Conditioning and Agility

We finished up the past few weeks of developing upper body, abdominal, and lower body strength through bodyweight exercises. Also, we spend two of the four days increasing our quickness through varied explosive movements. We are starting to use the weight room starting this week learning the proper way to lift and spot classmates with safety being the focus. We will max this week on a variety of lifts and then begin our weight training program.

The Junior High Volleyball team finished the season strong beating Lakeland in straight sets, as well as winning the "B" game set. All players showed tremendous improvement, and we were playing our best at the end of the year playing in the 3rd place game at the Rich Hill Tournament. The coaches are very proud of their efforts, coachability, and willingness to make themselves uncomfortable for individual and team benefits.

The High School Volleyball team is showing tremendous growth going five sets against NEVC,. They came up short, but played one of their better games thus far. They were also able to beat Kingsville at the pink-out game! We are planning to do well in the upcoming GVVC tournament and in district play.

Typed by: Mr. Mossman
Formatted by: Lexie Ward



Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Lovelace

During the elementary counseling portion of the specials rotation, the Kindergarten- Sixth graders have been talking about "WORDS- How they can build us up or tear us down."

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. October is also National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Ballard School District will be celebrating "Red Ribbon Week" for a hard and fast look at Drug & Bullying Prevention.



Typed by: Mrs. Lovelace
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Mrs. Russell Awarded Classroom Grant

The Missouri Nu chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, a local teacher sorority, awarded their annual classroom grant to Mrs. Sarah Russell, Social Studies teacher at the Ballard R-II School District. Mrs. Russell received a check for \$300.00 to purchase much needed supplies for her classroom. Representing the Missouri Nu chapter of ADK and presenting the award is Dr. Calee McElwain, fellow teacher at the Ballard R-II School District. Congratulations to Mrs. Russell on her award.



Parents as Teachers

This is a FREE program for district families with children younger than kindergarten entry. Mrs. Schmedding provides monthly visits that can be at your home or the school. Each visit will last about an hour, with an activity for the family and developmentally appropriate information.

Parents as Teachers will also have a booth at the Trunk or Treat on October 29th at school with Mrs. Sallee. Please stop by to see me or introduce yourself!



Typed by: Mrs. Schmedding
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

New Faces

What is your name?

Charlotte Hastings

What grade are you in?

Preschool

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: PJ Masks

Food: Fruit

Color: Red

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Volleyball

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A lizard gecko



What is your name?

Loren Base

What is your position at Ballard?

Building maintenance and custodian

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: Young Guns

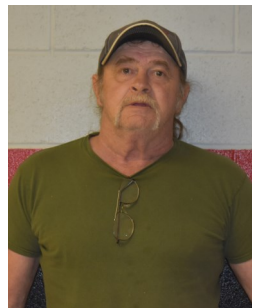
Food: Anything charcoal grilled

Color: Black

Sport: Watching: football, playing: baseball

What do you enjoy about being at Ballard?

Getting to know everyone.



What is your name?

Melinda "Lynn" Light

What is your position at Ballard?

Bookkeeper

What is your favorite:

Show or Movie: That 70's Show

Food: Potatoes fixed any way

Color: Green

Holiday: All of them

Sport: Basketball

What do you enjoy about being at Ballard?

The commute to work.



What is your name?

Cindy Nieder

What is your position at Ballard?

Bus Driver and Janitor

What is your favorite:

Food: Noodles, pizza, chocolate

"anything"

Color: Red

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Sport: Basketball

What do you enjoy about being at Ballard?

It's home and always will be. I graduated in 1981 after growing up in the Ballard community. We moved from Spruce to Ballard in 1968.



Typed by: Alexis Hastings
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HAPPY FALL y'all

Introducing the Junior High Basketball Team



First Row (L-R):

Payson Hill
Ashton Siebeneck
Luke Meade

Second Row (L-R):

Coach John Siebeneck
Lucas Crump
Cash Anderson
Bradley Bergschneider
Gavin Schliem
Assist. Coach Nathaniel Wain-
scott

Not Pictured: Haley Pray



Lady Bulldog Volleyball Takes Home Consolation

On Saturday, October 16, the High School Volleyball team traveled to Nevada to compete in the GVVC tournament. They fell short in the first game to the Hume Hornets losing in three very close sets. They then went on to face the Sheldon Panthers in the consolation game. The Lady Bulldogs came out strong, but fell just short in the first set. Ballard then came out even stronger than the Panthers and won the next two sets. The Lady Panthers won the fourth set, causing the Lady Bulldogs to have to go into five sets. The Bulldogs then came out and gave it their all to beat the Panthers in five sets to bring home consolation.

The Lady Bulldog Volleyball team also would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us on pink out night. It was a very successful night supporting breast cancer!

First Row (L-R):

Briana Arredondo
Ashton Carullo
Zoie Wheeler

Second Row (L-R):

Coach Marissa McElwain
Macie Morris
Lexie Ward
Lilly Rotert
Assist. Coach Robby Mossman



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Junior High Volleyball

Rich Hill Tournament



Lady Bulldogs vs. Rich Hill Tigers September 25, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Midway Vikings September 25, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Osceola Indians September 25, 2021		
	Ballard	Rich Hill		Ballard	Midway		Ballard	Osceola
Set 1	25	16	Set 1	25	11	Set 1	10	25
Set 2	23	25	Set 2	29	27	Set 2	12	25
Set 3			Set 3			Set 3		
Tie			Ballard Wins			Osceola Wins		

Lady Bulldogs vs. Jasper Eagles September 25, 2021		
	Ballard	Jasper
Set 1	25	23
Set 2	15	25
Set 3	7	15
Jasper Wins		



Lady Bulldogs vs. Lakeland Vikings September 25, 2021		
	Ballard	Lakeland
Set 1	25	13
Set 2	25	10
Set 3		
Ballard Wins		

High School Volleyball



Lady Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh Wildcats September 28, 2021		
	Ballard	Bronaugh
Set 1	25	17
Set 2	24	26
Set 3	25	13
Set 4	25	13
Set 5		
Ballard Wins		



Lady Bulldogs vs. NEVC Knights October 5, 2021		
	Ballard	NEVC
Set 1	25	17
Set 2	25	23
Set 3	14	25
Set 4	18	25
Set 5	4	15
NEVC Wins		

High School Volleyball Continued..

Miami Tournament

By: Lexie Ward

Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles October 2, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Kingsville Tigers October 2, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Adrian Blackhawks October 2, 2021		
	Ballard	Miami		Ballard	Kingsville		Ballard	Adrian
Set 1	20	25	Set 1	23	25	Set 1	25	11
Set 2	13	25	Set 2	22	25	Set 2	25	15
Miami Wins			Kingsville Wins			Set 3	25	10
						Set 4		
						Set 5		
						Ballard Wins		



Lady Bulldogs vs. Kingsville Tigers October 7, 2021		
	Ballard	Kingsville
Set 1	25	20
Set 2	25	13
Set 3	22	25
Set 4	25	22
Set 5		
Ballard Wins		



Miami Tri-Meet

Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers October 11, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles October 11, 2021		
	Ballard	Sheldon		Ballard	Miami
Set 1	23	25	Set 1	11	25
Set 2	25	20	Set 2	14	25
Set 3	25	13	Set 3	25	23
Set 4	25	16	Set 4	8	25
Set 5			Set 5		
Ballard Wins			Miami Wins		

Lady Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee Indians October 14, 2021		
	Ballard	Chilhowee
Set 1	23	25
Set 2	17	25
Set 3	26	24
Set 4	14	25
Set 5		
Chilhowee Wins		

High School Volleyball Continued..

GVVC Conference Tournament

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume Hornets October 16, 2021			Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers October 16, 2021		
	Ballard	Hume		Ballard	Sheldon
Set 1	25	18	Set 1	18	25
Set 2	22	25	Set 2	25	22
Set 3	11	15	Set 3	25	21
Hume Wins			Set 4	21	25
			Set 5	15	9
			Ballard Wins		

Lady Bulldogs vs. Archie Whirlwinds October 23, 2021		
	Ballard	Archie
Set 1	9	25
Set 2	4	25
Set 3	7	25
Set 4		
Set 5		
Archie Wins		

Bulldog
Pride

Junior High Basketball

Ballard Bulldogs vs. NEVC Knights October 14, 2021	
Ballard	NEVC
8	39
NEVC Wins	



Ballard Bulldogs vs. Hume Hornets October 15, 2021	
Ballard	Hume
24	11
Ballard Wins	



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BULLDOG
ALWAYS A
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Ballard Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers October 19, 2021	
Ballard	Sheldon
24	9
Ballard Wins	

Fun Page

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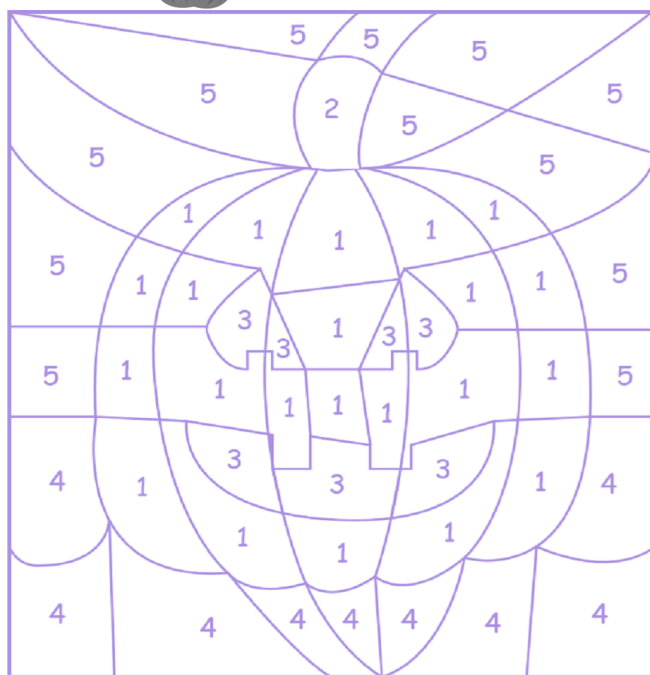
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Spiders _____

Pumpkins _____



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1 = orange

2 = green

3 = black

4 = brown

5 = blue

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GAMES
HALLOWEEN
PARTY
SPOOKY
WITCH

CANDY
GHOSTS
MASK
PUMPKINS
TRICK

COSTUMES
GOBLIN
MUMMY
SKELETON
TREAT

