

BALLARD R-II SCHOOL Second Edition. December 16, 2022

From the Superintendent's & Principal....

As we finish up first semester and head into holiday break, I want to take a moment to send a few reminders out. When inclement weather hits, we try to make the call as early as possible. We push out information through the major news stations, local radio and Facebook. We contact KCTV 5, KMBC 9, WDAF 4, KSHB 41, KMOE 92.1 Butler and KDKD 95.3 Clinton. Please make sure you are able to check at least a few of these options as we have no control over how immediate the channels update their information. A similar request is that a child must be fever free for 24 hours in order to return to school if they have been ill. This will help to reduce the spread of anything that is contagious. Please make sure you have updated parent contact information with Sandra in the office in case we need to contact parents due to student illness or emergency. Have a safe and restful holiday break.

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Sincerely, Dr. Hartley and Mrs. Nold

Senior Spotlight

Sydney Claiborne is the daughter of Rusty and Sandra Claiborne. Sydney's favorite color is pink, and her favorite class is being a teacher's assistant for the 1st and 2nd Grade. Her dream vehicle is a 2016, all black, XL Tahoe. One of Sydney's favorite songs is "You Proof" by Morgan Wallen. Her favorite food is McDonald's chicken nuggets and honey mustard and her favorite restaurant' are Outback Steakhouse and 54th Street. Sydney's hobbies include hanging with friends and family, playing basketball, and dancing. Her biggest pet peeve is when someone is smacking with food in their mouth. Sydney's famous last words are, "be yourself cause everyone else is taken but you."

After graduating, Sydney's plans are to attend State Fair Community College for two years and then UCM for the last two years, then go into education to be an elementary teacher. When asked "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Sydney answered, "being a teacher, wife, mother, and owning my own house close to my hometown."



Senior Spotlight

Jacob Kepner is the son of Glynn and Anita Kepner. Jacob's favorite colors are sunset red, orange, blood red, and purple, and his favorite class is Vo-Tech and novels. His dream vehicle is a Charger or Mustang. One of Jacob's favorite songs is "After Dark" by Mr. Kitty Time. His favorite foods are wings and steak. Jacob's favorite restaurant is Fogo De Ciao, a Brazilian Steak House. Jacob's hobbies include running, writing, drawing, and lifting weights. Jacob's biggest pet peeve is when people talk over him. Jacob's famous last words are, "what does this button do?"

After graduating, Jacob's plans include going to college. When asked "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Jacob answered, "financially free, in shape, and to have a good job."

Senior Spotlight



Brice Miller is the son of Brandon and Casie Miller. Brice's favorite color is blue, and his favorite class is every class. His dream vehicle is a 1987 lifted Dodge. One of Brice's favorite songs is "Springsteen" by Eric Church. His favorite food is tacos. He doesn't have a favorite restaurant. Brice's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and working. He doesn't have a biggest pet peeve. Brice's famous last words are, "keep going no matter what even if people say you can't."

After graduating, Brice plans include serving for the military. When asked "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Brice answered, "I don't know."

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 2022-23 school year.

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The Student of the Month for October is Freshman, Cash Anderson, the son of Terry and Ashley Burrous. Cash participates in football, basketball, and track. In his free time, he also enjoys hunting, trapping, fishing and archery. His future plans are to play college football at the Division One level. Cash is inspired by retired U.S. Navy Seal, ultramarathon runner, ultradistance cyclist, and author, David Goggins.

The Ballard Staff has said: "When I think of self-control, Cash comes to mind. Cash has always shown great self-control in his personal life with training for sports and his diet. I am impressed with his drive. He has grown so much in responsibility over the years that I've known him. He is very deserving of student of the month" and, "I love how Cash demonstrates excellent self-control. He is a great example for others of any age with his dedication to his diet and training for sports."



For Cash's hard work in school, he is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks."

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The Student of the Month for November is Senior, Macie Morris, the daughter of Gene and Brandy Morris. Macie participates in volleyball and FFA. In her free time, she enjoys the rodeo. Her future plans are to attend Kansas State University, competing on the rodeo team, and majoring in Accounting.

The Ballard Staff has said: "Macie is polite when she asks for help and shows appreciation with verbal thanks. I have seen Macie help other students during (class). Macie seems to be happy with a smile and willing to learn with gratitude. I think Macie has Gratitude Attitude" and, "she has realized that she has a passion for Business/ Marketing and has become grateful to have a plan after high



school. Macie's newfound direction in life has given her clarity and appreciation. Macie is generous with her time and talents during (class), she provides inspiration and affirmation to our elementary students."

For Macie'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."



October Elementary Student of the Month and Attendance

Congratulations to our two elementary students, winners of October Student of the Month. Kyle Carpenter and Amora Briet are excellent examples of students demonstrating our character traits for October – Responsibility and Self-Control.

Their teachers had the following words of encouragement and kindness:

Kyle Carpenter is a 2nd grader in our school. If you know him, you know that he is kind, funny, and a curious, hand-on learner. If you have had the joy of having him in your classroom, then you probably also know that he demonstrates self-control and responsibility every day in class.

Kyle is able to remain in control of his behavior, even when his classmates might be struggling.

He not only demonstrates self-control, but he tries his best to help his friends 'do the right thing'. He shows self-control by completing his work in a timely matter, regardless of how long it takes him.

He is a mature, young boy that demonstrates responsibility daily. He takes care of so many things in our classroom! I can always count on Kyle to lend a helping hand. He takes his responsibilities concerning school seriously. Kyle is highly deserving of this recognition.

Amora Breit, 4th grade, is a wonderful example of a responsible student. She shows responsibility in the classroom by helping keep the classroom clean and organized. She is always caring, is a responsible friend, and takes responsibility of her actions. She doesn't blame others when she gets into trouble and she is very trustworthy and shows that in her character.

The definition of self-control is the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations. Amora exudes this quality especially in the classroom. When the rest of the class is talking she is usually the one who is sitting quietly at her seat. I can tell when she gets excited but she holds it in and lets out her emotions in an appropriate way for the classroom. She is a wonderful role model for others and I am proud to have her in my class.

This year, our winners for Student of the Month from the elementary grades will receive a \$20.00 gift card to Sonic donated



Pictured Above (L-R): Amora Breit and Principal Stephanie Nold

by Ian Meade in honor of his grandparents: Charles and Nadine Meade and Ellen Wry. Nadine served the Ballard School district from 1966-1990 as a secretary. Charles served the Ballard School district from 1966-1974 as a building custodian. Ellen served the Ballard School district from 1979-1981 as a teacher's aide. Thank you for the service to our community and the donation for our students. Great job! Keep up the fabulous work!





Pictured Above (L-R): Kyle Carpenter and Principal Stephanie Nold

Best Class Attendance

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Smith's third grade class and Mrs. Bergen's fifth grade class for winning the attendance award for October!





November Elementary Student of the Month and Attendance

Congratulations to our two elementary students, winners of November Student of the Month. Lynn and Vivian are excellent examples of students demonstrating our character traits for November – Gratitude and Generosity!

Their teachers had the following words of encouragement and kindness:

This month our character traits are gratitude and generosity. Lynn Pitts exhibits both of these traits throughout her day. Lynn is a kind, funny, generous friend. She is always bringing items to share with her classmates. Everything from pieces of gum to stickers. She seems to get a great deal of joy from simply giving things to her friends. She is always willing to share her school supplies and offers her help whenever possible. All of these actions show her true heart which is incredibly generous. For a young girl, Lynn also understands what it means to have gratitude. Recently, we wrote a paragraph about some things we are grateful for. Lynn was so detailed in her writing! She mentioned being grateful for the smallest of things that most take for granted. Lynn is grateful for her family, friends, and school. She makes our classroom a better place by continuously sharing and caring for us all.

When thinking about which student most embodies the attitudes of gratitude and generosity, it was unanimous that Vivian was our girl. Vivian has a sweet spirit and jumps at the opportunity to bless those around her. To show generosity she often brings in little treats for the class. She also freely gives her humor and time and is always willing to lend a hand when needed. She shows gratitude to others with appreciation and kindness. I have seen a lot of growth in Vivian this year as she works to overcome obstacles that are in her way. I am proud to name Vivian as student of the month.

Great job! Keep up the fabulous work!



Pictured Above (L-R): Lynn Pitts and Principal Stephanie Nold

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Pictured Above (L-R): Vivian Greer and Principal Stephanie Nold

Best Class Attendance

We would like to congratulate Mrs. West's first grade class and Mr. Duncan's sixth grade class for winning the attendance award for November!







Veterans Day



On November 11th, 2022, all students from 4th to 12th grade had the honor and privilege to visit with some of our community veterans. Our guests were greeted at the entrance along the commons corridor by many special creative displays from students' art classes, and a slide projection with photos of many area veterans and alumni. Superintendent, Dr. Hartley, started off with welcoming our visitors in recognition and appreciation of their service to this country. We were all delighted to hear individual essays read aloud by students Lily Bergen and Seth Menken, and a speech on flag etiquette from Gavin Schliem. The Boy Scouts from Troop 238 gave a live demonstration of properly folding the American flag. Veteran Mr. Jerry Ferguson, instructed us on when to retire a flag and how to properly dispose of one. Lastly, we heard a speech from veteran and PE teacher, Curtis Gwinn, about honoring our veterans, their sacrifices, and their service to this country. Afterwards, our kitchen staff prepared and served cake and refreshments for all to enjoy. Thank you to all who attended, and to all the veterans who have served and are currently serving to protect our freedom! We look forward to visiting with you next year!









THRILLING THIRD



Mrs. Smith

Melody Bergen's Christmas Wish List

- 1. Squishmellow
- 2. Squishies
- 3. Princess Doll

Dani Crump's Christmas Wish List

- 1. A tablet
- American Girl Doll
- 3. American Girl Doll clothes

Brynlee Wainscott's Christmas Wish List

- 1. American Doll clothes
 - 2. A big tub of slime
 - 3. A squish pillow

Hailey Culver's Christmas Wish List

- 1. Gabby's Doll House
- 2. A toy princess phone
 - 3. High heels

Mckenzie Claiborne's Christmas Wish

- **List** 1. Squishmellow
- 2. Big tub of slime
- 3. American Girl Doll

Tapanga Eisenbeiss's Christmas Wish List

- 1. V.R. headset
- 2. A puppy
- 3. To go see my cousins.

Nichole Luper's Christmas Wish List

- 1. A tablet
- 2. Cat plushies
- 3. Squishies



Written by: The Third Graders Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Fearless First & Smart Second

Mrs. West

The first and second graders wrote letters to Santa and wanted to share! (These are typed as written.)

Dear Santa,

When were your born? Also am on the naughty list? Can I have a big plastic army planes? Can I also have plastic army men? Can I also have plastic army tanks? What cookies do you like? Also the plastic army men stuff company's is Tim's toys.

Love, Nolan Bogart

Dear Santa,

My brother and sister a art/tablet. I would like a hunting toy. I also want a puppy.

Love, Henry

Crump

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph doing and the other deer's! May I have a tablet, may I please have a tablet? May I please have my brother a dinosaur set? Can Cody have a cow set? Can Gracie get a phone case that's purple? Can Gretchen get some makeup? Can Huntlynn have a snuggles buddy? Am I on the nice list?

Love, Bella Fisher

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? You are my favorite, my sister wants a unicorn for Christmas and I want a good Christmas and not a nightmare Christmas .

Love, DarleyJo Lovelace

Dear Santa,

I want a toy for my niece, her name is Huntlinn. My nice, I am really and I need a jacket it is for my puppy her name is Mango.

Love, Benjamin Fisher

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents. I love you Santa. Santa you are the best. I want a blanket.

Love, McKala Selfridge

Dear Santa,

Am I on the naughty list or nice. Betty wants a chew toy and I want a puppy and I love you.

Love, Bella Bergman

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Has it snowed up there yet? Can I get a watch and a gun case and my sister an American Girl Doll.

Love, Kyle Carpenter

Dear Santa,



I love you Santa. Santa I want a puppy please and a shot gun please and I want a now race car because my race car is broken and my family wants gifts.

Love, Gus Por-

Written by: The First and Second Graders Typed and Formatted by: Zoie Wheeler











Prompt: You will be home for two weeks. What are you most excited about?

Amelia Bogart: Making snowballs

Bristol Borland: Playing in the snow

Grace Doll: Christmas, opening presents

Violet Hastings: Opening presents

Chevi Miller: Staying at my uncle's

Garrett Newkirk: Opening presents and building a snowman

Everlee Scott: Playing with my dogs and wrestling with them

Curtis Selfridge: Going to Wal-Mart for toys

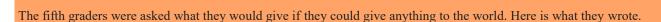
Blaise Wainscott: Being with my mom. I hope I get to snuggle

with her!

Typed by: Mrs. Schmedding Formatted by: Lexie Ward



Mrs. Bergen



Nathaniel Fisher - If I could give any gift to the world I would give a whole bunch of money to charity because they need it more than I do.

Vivian Greer - If I could give any gift to the world it would be food because so many people don't have food. A lot of people don't have much money to buy food. Some people don't notice that not everyone has something to eat. A lot of people starve because they don't have food. So food would be my gift to the world. So many people would not starve because they have food. My gift will end starving.

Seth Menken - If I could give any gift to the world it would be a genie that could do any wish possible because it would stop world hunger. It would stop the sun from exploding. It could also stop the zombie apocalypse.

Chandler Borland- I would give the world a certificate and it would say "Every person must pick up all the trash" because there is too much trash around the world and that could hurt animals.

Ian Bergman- If I could give any gift to the world it would be an endless container of everything to every person because then you could reach in and grab anything that fits in it. Then homeless people wouldn't be homeless. Rich people...would still be rich. But you get the point.

Delainey Ferguson - If I could give any gift to the world it would be a place where all the homeless people can live. So that they do not get picked on by other people like they do a lot. A place where they can have good food and a warm place to sleep. That will be what I give to the world.

Summer Hastings - I would give a potion that would bring anything back to life because when animals go extinct it is sad. My favorite animal is a panda and they are pretty close to extinction.

Callan Rotert - If I could give a gift to the world it would be to stop hunger because it could help people without money to buy food.

Sofia Porter - If I could give any gift to the world it would be an endless food basket so the homeless people will have food to eat. Also people won't spend so much money for lots of food when they already have a basket that has millions of foods inside.

Written by: the Fifth grade class Formatted by: Zoie Wheeler

Mr. Duncan

While studying human anatomy, the sixth graders created models of the Urinary System. They used water bottles and balloons to simulate kidneys and the bladder.



Publications Cla

The publications class is wishing you a safe and Merry Christmas! Enjoy the holidays and see you next year! -Lexie, Zoie, Katlin and Mr. Gregory



Welcome Bulldog Family! Come and see what's on display!

After three years and my first truly, the K-12 Ballard Art Program has installed a Veteran's Day Exhibition. Students from all grade levels took part in creating artwork based on a central theme to honor Veterans.

The Veteran's Day exhibition included:

Kindergarten created red poppies made of tissue paper.

1st-2nd grade made collages of red poppies.

3rd-4th grade made poppies with mix media.

5th-6th grade made poppies with line patterns and textured forms.

7th grade made four corners of patriotic red, white, and blue starts. 8th grade made a pieced together poppy mural with line patterns an

grade made a pieced together poppy mural with line patterns and vibrant color.

9-12th grade Art 1 made paintings with textured paint and tools without brushes and wrote poems to create meaningful expression through written word to connect with the artwork.

3D Art made realistic 3D sculptures of poppies.

During the month of November, the K-12 Ballard Artists have been experimenting with Color Theory. Students have been creating Candy Art inspired by the famous artist, Sarah Graham. Sweet! Art Students will be learning Native American History with artwork that celebrates Thanksgiving. Thank you for having me as your art teacher this year! It has been an honor to serve and a joy to create with my students!

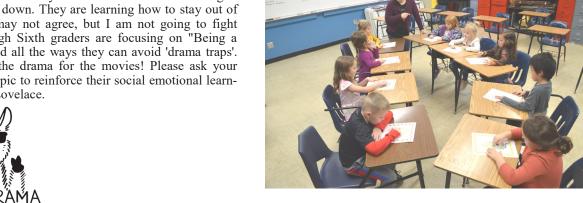




Typed by: Ms. Erickson Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Mrs. Lovelace

Kindergarten, First, and Second graders are practicing deep breathing exercises so they know what to do instead of getting upset and melting down. They are learning how to stay out of drama by saying, "I may not agree, but I am not going to fight about it." Third through Sixth graders are focusing on "Being a Drama-Free friend" and all the ways they can avoid 'drama traps'. We discussed saving the drama for the movies! Please ask your child(ren) about this topic to reinforce their social emotional learning. Thank you, Mrs. Lovelace.





Typed by: Mrs. Lovelace Formatted by: Lexie Ward





Mrs. Trickey

As a chapter, we have been pretty busy since the school year started. We had our Thanksgiving dinner and it was really nice to get together as a chapter, talk, and hang out. As well as the 8th graders seeing in person how chapter meetings and gatherings are held. We held a food drive to help out local families for Thanksgiving. We are extremely thankful for our community support in supplying meals for those in need.

For our second service project of the year, we will be holding a food drive until Dec. 16, 2022 for ALL different items to share with local families over Christmas break. We have already have donations of hams for those boxes.

As the year wraps up and we look to next semester, our chapter is starting to look at contests for the spring. We are getting really excited for FFA week and everything the officers have planned for everyone! Time is moving faster than we think, but we are prepared for the busy time that is coming up in a couple of months!

> Typed by: Sydney Claiborne Formatted by: Lexie Ward



The students have been learning different agilities to do after stretching. We have incorporated some new agilities or renamed them like "Bulldog Run". We have been in the weight room to introduce, not just the name of the exercise, but the muscle(s) that a specific exercise is working. For our elementary kids, we have shown them a few stretches and the agilities. We alter them as needed like instead of high knees, we do walking high knees. We have learned about personal space. We have played games like ghost busters, pacman, and four corners.

The JH class, the biggest class I have, also does health once a week! They have started learning about social emotional health. They have watched clips on the documentary "Super Size ME", which we will be watching more later.

> Typed by: Coach Gwinn Formatted by: Zoie Wheeler



Junior High Basketball



We would like to congratulate our Junior High Basketball team on a very successful season. They finished the season with a 10-4 record and a second place finish in the GVVC Tournament! We are so proud of you!

Montrose-Ballard Co-op

Our High School Ballard Girls had the opportunity to Co-Op with the Montrose Lady 'Jays for basketball. This year three of our girls took up this opportunity. Good luck Zoie, Aimee, and Lexie!



Pictured above (L-R): Zoie Wheeler, Aimee Cummings, Lexie Ward

Football Awards

Freshman, Cash Anderson, took up the opportunity to play with Appleton City for football this year. Cash had a very successful season and we would like to recognize him!

Cash rushed 151 carries for 1,319 yards and 22 total touchdowns! He received 2nd Team All-Conference running back, Missouri 8-Man Freshman of the Year, and has been voted for offensive MVP. Cash has also been nominated for All-District Running Back. Appleton City says "Cash is an incredible athlete but an even better teammate with his peers. We are very glad to have him!" Congratulations Cash!







Volleyball Awards

We would like to congratulate three Lady Bulldogs on their conference and district awards for volleyball. Lexie Ward, Lilly Rotert and Zoie Wheeler were selected for All-Conference Honorable Mention. Lilly Rotert was selected for Second Team All-District. Congratulations ladies!







Softball Awards

Senior, Aimee Cummings had the opportunity to play fall softball with the Montrose Lady 'Jays. She took up this opportunity, and had a very successful season. The Lady 'Jays ere 10-12 on the season!

Aimee Cummings received 1st Team All-District. We would like to congratulate Aimee on all her accomplishments throughout her career!







Boys Basketball

Ballard Bulldogs vs. Osceola Indians November 21, 2022

Ballard	Osceola
28	56

Osceola Wins

Ballard Bulldogs vs. Golden City Eagles November 22, 2022

Ballard	Golden City					
35	71					
Golden City Wins						

Ballard Bulldogs vs. Drexel Bobcats December 6 , 2022						
Ballard	Drexel					
16 56						
Drexel Wins						

GVVC Tournament

Ballard Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles November 29, 2022]	dogs vs. Chihowee Indians aber 30, 2022	Ballard Bulldogs vs. Montrose Bluejays December 2, 2022		
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Girls Basketball Conference Tournament

GVVC Tournament

Montrose Lady 'Jays vs. Bronaugh Wildcats November 29, 2022

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45	39

Montrose Wins

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On Saturday, December 3rd, the Montrose Lady 'Jays competed in the conference tournament championship game. Our girls fell just short, but came home with second place! Congratulations ladies!

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