

Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
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Spring Capital Visit

On Monday, March 28 four CTA members, President Jennifer Chambers, Treasurer Lacy Burgin, and members Cheryl Murchie and Sarah Russell, along with Superintendent Dr. Derrick Hartley traveled to the state capital in Jefferson City to have lunch with State Representative Patricia Pike and tour the capital.

Mrs. Pike greeted us and gave us a personalized tour of the Senate and House of Representatives Chambers where we learned a little history of each chamber. Between her meetings she still took time to have lunch with us in her office, where we visited and discussed her views on the education issues.

A little fact about Mrs. Pike is she started her teaching career at Ballard as a Home Economics Teacher. And has stayed a firm supporter of our school for these many years.

This is Mrs. Pike's last term as our State Representative. We wish to thank her for her years that she represented our area and wish her the very best and a happy retirement.



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Senior Spotlight

Kale Oerke is the son of Neale and Tina Oerke. He is the brother of Lane, Weston, and Garrett Oerke. Kale's favorite color is purple and his favorite class is P.E. His dream truck is a GMC Denali. One of Kale's favorite songs is, "What do I Know," by Robert Counts. His favorite food is steak and his favorite restaurant is Texas Roadhouse. Kale's hobbies include hunting, hanging out with friends, and playing basketball. His biggest pet peeve is stupid people. Kale's famous last words are, "YOLO."

After graduating Kale plans to farm and work in construction with his brothers. When asked "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Kale answered, "Farming and making money."



Class of
2022
CONGRATS!

Senior Spotlight

Nathan Menken is the son of Tina Watters and Mathew Menken. He is the brother of Alicia, Seth, and Xander Menken. Nathan's favorite colors are blue and orange, and his favorite class is VoTech. His dream car's a 2004 Chevy Silverado crew cab with a 6.6 Duramax. One of Nathan's favorite songs is, "Radio Jam," by Ryan Upchurch. His favorite food is BBQ and his favorite restaurant is Firebirds. Nathan's hobbies include working on cars and building model cars. His biggest pet peeve is people who lie and hypocrites. Nathan's famous last words are, "It could always be better, but thank God it wasn't worse."

After graduating Nathan plans to get a full time job. When asked "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Nathan answered, "Driving my dream vehicle with my kids."



Class of 2022

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January Elementary Student of the Month and Attendance Award

“Jacob Eidson, a sixth grader, has shown courage and resilience on a nearly daily basis this year, let alone this month.”

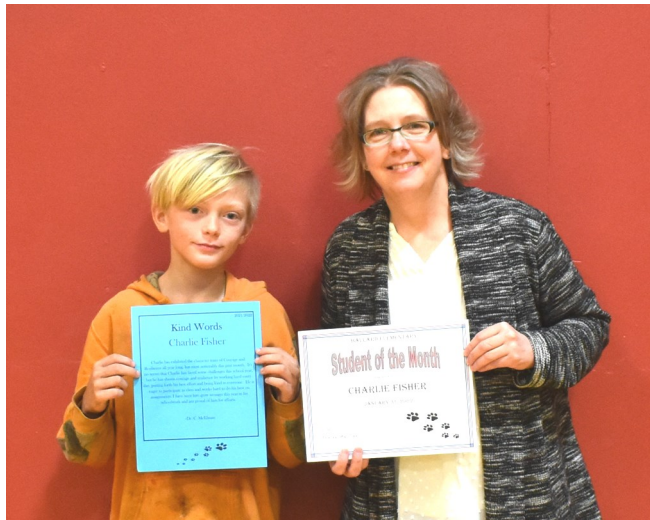
“Not every subject will come to him immediately, but he has shown extraordinary resilience to push through and come to understand the content matter. He also has the courage to speak up if he isn’t fully understanding something. These traits combined make Jacob into someone who is willing to work hard and truly learn the subjects. Jacob is one of the hardest working students I’ve ever had and truly shows the characteristics of courage and resilience.”



Jacob Edison and Principal Stephanie Nold

“Charlie Fisher, a third grader, has exhibited the character traits of Courage and Resilience all year long, but most noticeably this past month.”

“It’s no secret that Charlie has faced some challenges this school year, but he has shown courage and resilience by working hard every day, putting forth his best effort and being kind to everyone. He is eager to participate in class and works hard to do his best on assignments. I have seen him grow stronger this year in his schoolwork and am proud of him for efforts.”



Charlie Fisher and Principal Stephanie Nold

Best Class Attendance

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Schmedding’s kindergarten class and Mr. Duncan’s sixth grade class for winning the attendance award for January.



First Row (L-R): McKala Selfridge, Darly Jo Lovelace, Gus Porter, Ben Fisher
Second Row (L-R): Henry Crump, Mrs. Schmedding, and Clarabella Bergman



First Row (L-R): Harry Greer, Piper Goth, Nathan Bales, and Owen Meade
Second Row (L-R): Mr Duncan, Addilynn Engelhardt, Jacob Eidson, and Gavin Schliem

February Elementary Student of the Month and Attendance

Congratulations to our two elementary student winners for February's Student of the Month. Melody and Lily Bergen are excellent examples of students demonstrating our character traits for February - Kindness and Dependability.

Their teachers had the following words of encouragement and kindness for these two students.

"Kindness & dependability are two traits that describes Melody. She demonstrates kindness daily in our classroom. Melody often goes out of her way to help everyone feel included. She shows kindness to her friends by helping them in a friendly manner. I've witnessed Melody choose kindness repeatedly even when it was difficult. Melody is also an incredibly dependable young lady. I can always count on her to do the right thing. Anytime I need assistance Melody is one of the first students I know I can depend on!"

"Anyone who knows Lily agrees that she is kind and dependable. I often hear 'Oh, Lily is such a sweetheart' from other adults. She goes out of her way to show kindness to not only her friends but even to those she does not know. Lily's kindness helps her to make friends everywhere she goes.

Lily is also dependable. I can't remember a time when she didn't have her work done on time, if not early. I can always count on her to get a task done and to help her friends who may be struggling. If you are looking for a role model of kindness and dependability, Lily is your girl!"
Keep up the great work ladies!



(L-R) Melody Bergen and Principal Stephanie Nold



(L-R) Principal Stephanie Nold and Lily Bergen



Best Class Attendance

We would like to congratulate Dr. McElwain's third grade class and Mr. Duncan's sixth grade class for winning the attendance award for February.



First Row (L-R): Jennifer Carpenter, Logan Fuerst, Huntlee Myrtle, Tucker Newkirk, and Keenen Engelhardt
Second Row (L-R): Kyoko Smith, Charles Fisher, Maxton Wainscott, Noah Meade, Ellee Scott, and Dr. McElwain



First Row (L-R): Piper Goth, Nathan Bales, and Harry Greer
Second Row (L-R): Gavin Schliem, Jacob Eidson, Addilynn Engelhardt, Owen Meade, and Mr. Duncan

Student of the Month

January Student of the Month

Parker Hill

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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, courage and resilience.

The Student of the Month for January is Sophomore Parker Hill, son of Brian and Jill Hill

At school, Parker enjoys being a member of FFA and participating in Trap and Archery.

Parker's activities outside of school are; Trap, hunting and fishing.

After graduation, Parker plans on going to Technology School to get certified as a welder.

The Ballard staff has said: "Parker has been putting extra effort and time in many different aspects and especially in the Ag Department from his SAE, classroom, and contest. He is showing resilience by continuing to show up regularly and getting better in many areas. Parker works to overcome struggles and he continually strives to become more respectful and understanding of others. He works to keep his grades in good standing and is looking forward to additional FFA events and participating in sports. Parker also continues to step up and show courage by trying new things and I want him to know that others do see his continued effort and growth."

For Parker'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."

Pictured: Parker Hill and Principal Stephanie Nold



February Student of the Month

Macie Wainscott

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The Student of the Month for February is Seventh Grader Macie Wainscott, daughter of Erin and Nathaniel Wainscott

At school, Macie enjoys being a member of Scholar Bowl. She also enjoys being on the Junior High Volleyball team.

Macie says she enjoys anything that has to do with art, especially drawing. She likes spending time with her friends and family.

After graduation, Macie is undecided about where she wants to go and what she wants to study. She thinks maybe go to Mizzou or UCM or an art school of some sort.

The Ballard staff has said: "Macie always shows up prepared for class, has a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom, is kind to her peers, and always strives to do her absolute best at all times. All of that coupled with straight A's in all of her classes demonstrates her excellence as a role model for her peers." Macie shows her kindness and dependability every day, by helping her classmates with assignments, she is always willing to help if she can. She always strives to have a positive attitude with her classes and her peers. Macie is an awesome role model.

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."

Pictured: Macie Wainscott and Principal Stephanie Nold



Spelling Bee

On March 15, our local spelling bee was held in the gymnasium. We would like to congratulate our winners below!

1st Grade– 1st Nolan Bogart, 2nd Kyle Carpenter, 3rd Karson Gray.
2nd Grade– 1st Molly Burgin, 2nd Nicholas Boston, 3rd McKenzie Claiborne.
3rd Grade– 1st Ellee Scott, 2nd Keenen Engelhardt, 3rd Logan Fuerst.
4th Grade– 1st Ian Bergman, 2nd Sofia Porter, 3rd Callan Rotert.
5th Grade– 1st Braydon Siebeneck, 2nd Lane Meade, 3rd Lily Bergen.
6th Grade– 1st Owen Meade, 2nd Addilynn Engelhardt, 3rd Piper Goth.



Math Relays

On March 9, the math relay teams went to Hume to compete in the conference math relay. Ballard placed second overall in conference with a few individual awards given out listed below.

1st Place- Advanced Math Group: Kale Oerke, Ashton Carullo, Aimee Cummings, Alexis Hastings.
1st Place– Individual Advanced Math Test: Aimee Cummings, Alexis Hastings.
2nd Place– Algebra 2 Group: Tucker Roach, Macie Morris, Lexie Ward, Lucas Whitaker.
2nd Place-8th Grade Individual Math Test: Lucas Crump.
2nd Place– 7th Grade Math Group: Macie Wainscott, Ashton Siebeneck, Payson Hill, Xander Menken.
3rd Place– 8th Grade Math Group– Cash Anderson, Brenden Card, Lucas Crump, Valencia Landeros.



Preschool Pups

Mrs. Cumpton

Pre-K has been practicing Kindness!

Mrs. Cumpton does an AMAZING job of teaching our tiny ones positive character traits! They have been practicing taking turns and using their manners!



Typed by: Mrs. Lovelace
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings



Krazy Kindergarten and Fabulous First

Mrs. Schmedding

Kindergarten and First grade have enjoyed their time together in a combined classroom. We have studied weather in science while keeping a weather journal through the month of January. The weather was not the same! We also learned about extreme weather events such as tornadoes and hurricanes. For Valentine's Day, we made salt dough hearts to give to our grown up and also learned the history of Valentine's Day.

Of course we've kept up on our math and reading. Kindergarten is improving each day with their sight words and are becoming readers. It's nice for them to hear First Grade read, so they can hear how they can be.

Our Valentine's Party was a success! Thank you Parents!



Written by: Mrs. Schmedding
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Silly Second

Mrs. West

The Second Grade class is learning about how to be a good friend. They were all asked to write three ways to be a good friend. These were their answers.

Nicholas Boston: Be nice to your friend, share with your friend, and helping your friend.

Molly Bergen: Make some friends, say, "Can I play with you," and say, "would you like to be my friend?"

Melody Burgin: Filling people's buckets, making people feel better, and being kind to people even when they are mean to you

Navi Quiroz: I love my teacher, when someone does not like you I am your friend, and I love my school.

McKenzie Claiborne: Always be kind, let people play with you, and always be respectful.

Nichole Luper: You can talk to them, when they fall help them up, and be nice.

Brynlee Wainescott: First give them toys to play with, talk to them, and be respectful to your family and friends.

Dani Crump: I will go to my friends and help them, you need to them how you want to be treated, and you need to listen to God.

Topanga Eisenbeiss: You have to make a friend, and you can hug them if you want, and tell your best friends I am happy for you.



Written by: The Second Grade Class
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

THRILLING THIRD

Dr. McElwain

In 3rd grade, we have been working hard on multiplication facts, studying energy, and learning about modern Missouri. We have started using our chrome books for reading quizzes and spelling activities. Students wrote thank you notes to our February book sponsor for the book that they received this month (see picture). The Valentine's Day party was so much fun! I think both parents and students had a wonderful time!

Written by : Third Grade Class
Formatted by: Macie Morris



Elite Eighth

Mrs. Boston

8th-grade successfully completed their Valentine fundraiser. They were able to earn over \$150 toward their senior trip and other class events during high school. Also, as a reminder, students have \$10.00 dues for each quarter. 8th-grade students should be very proud of themselves and how hard they worked putting together the fundraiser. They worked on posters, wrapping candygrams, and passing out hundreds of flowers and candies through the school.



Typed by: Mrs. Boston
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Tales of the Gym

Coach Mossman

7/8th PE/Health-We did fitness testing and will start our final two weeks of health starting February 15. We will be studying communicable and non-communicable diseases. We are working on muscle specific exercises in Conditioning. We will work our way up to 45 consecutive minutes per work-out as we improve our physical condition. K-2 is taking a break from catching and throwing skills playing ASAP's (movement activities that increase cardio-vascular endurance and develop basic motor skills.) 3rd-6th will be fitness testing in the next couple of weeks to measure improvement in the following areas: flexibility, cardiovascular endurance, upper body strength, and abdominal strength. We hope to improve our fitness scores from earlier this year. In Lifetime sports we are wrapping up European Handball then moving into racquet sports.



Typed by: Coach Mossman
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Counselors Corner

Mrs. Lovelace

During the Counseling Special, the Kindergarten through Sixth grade classes have been focused on KINDNESS! Students practice giving and receiving compliments. Students are beginning conversations about being thankful, helping others, sharing, and doing/ saying things that let others know they care. Mrs. Lovelace got all HANDS on deck to create this rainbow of kindness. Each elementary student had a HAND in creating this bulletin board.



Written by: Mrs. Lovelace
Formatted by: Macie Morris



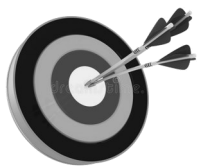
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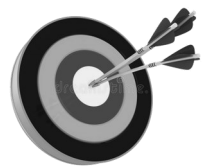
February 20th through the 26th the Ballard FFA celebrated FFA week! We kicked it off strong by attending the Adrian Christian Church together on Sunday, February 20th in our official dress. On Tuesday February 22nd all the FFA members wore their official dress all day at school, and the rest of the students joined in decking out in blue and gold. Wednesday the 23rd was the FFA members favorite day, it was drive your tractor to school day! Wednesday was also dress like a farmer and we had many students joined in on that. Thursday the 24th the kids brought anything but a backpack, it was very interesting seeing all the different things throughout the halls. This was also patriotic day, therefore the whole school dressed in red, white, and blue. Friday February 25th the FFA members took off to attend the farm show at the American Royal. It was a great day for all of them and they learned many new things! Throughout the week FFA trivia questions were asked everyday at lunch for a prize! It was an amazing week for all the FFA members and the rest of the school that joined. A big thank you to everyone who supports us!



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Ballard Archery

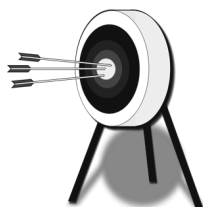


The Ballard archery team had the pleasure of being able to compete in different competitions this year along with going to state. Below the archery team wrote about their experiences this year.

Parker Hill- This year's archery team was a great experience. Because of us not having a full team, we were scored as individuals and it was a great learning experience for me.

Zachary Carpenter- When I started archery I could barely even hit in the blue. I didn't even think that I'd be able to do well in competition, let alone go to state. But I did, and it was a great experience for my first year with the little experience I had. I know next year I will only do better. I'm excited to see how I will do and where I will go with archery over the next two years.

Payson Hill- The experience of archery this year was fun traveling to different schools and places. Also watching everyone compete to be the best archer there was fun. Another thing that I liked about archery was watching our team shoot and get better as it went on. It was also nice to get to meet new people as the audience and as an archer.



Written by: Zachary Carpenter, Parker Hill, and Payson Hill.
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Pictured Above (L-R): Parker Hill, Zachary Carpenter, and Mrs. Chambers

Sports Page



Lady Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh Wildcats December 13, 2021		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Bronaugh Wildcats December 13, 2021	
Ballard	Bronaugh	Ballard	Bronaugh
34	44	63	66
Bronaugh Wins		Bronaugh Wins	



Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles December 17, 2021		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles December 17, 2021	
Ballard	Miami	Ballard	Miami
41	40	32	54
Ballard Wins		Miami Wins	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Northwest Mustangs January 1, 2022		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Northwest Mustangs January 1, 2022	
Ballard	Northwest	Ballard	Northwest
29	46	30	71
Northwest Wins		Northwest Wins	



Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers January 7, 2022		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers January 1, 2022	
Ballard	Sheldon	Ballard	Sheldon
20	38	41	52
Sheldon Wins		Sheldon Wins	



Appleton City Tournament

Lady Bulldogs vs. Appleton City Bulldogs January 10, 2022		Lady Bulldogs vs. Montrose Bluejays January 12, 2022		Lady Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee Indians January 14, 2022	
Ballard	AC	Ballard	Montrose	Ballard	Chilhowee
23	44	50	30	19	38
AC Wins		Ballard Wins		Chilhowee Wins	

Ballard Bulldogs vs. Rich Hill Tigers January 11, 2022	
Ballard	Rich Hill
34	48
Rich Hill Wins	



Ballard Bulldogs vs. Green Ridge Tigers January 24 ,2022	
Ballard	Green Ridge
20	56
Green Ridge Wins	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hermitage Hornets January 27,2022		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Hermitage Hornets January 27,2022	
Ballard	Hermitage	Ballard	Hermitage
25	30	23	58
Hermitage Wins		Hermitage Wins	



Lady Bulldogs vs. NEVC Knights February 1 ,2022		Ballard Bulldogs vs. NEVC Knights February 1 ,2022	
Ballard	NEVC	Ballard	NEVC
14	42	47	38
NEVC Wins		Ballard Wins	



Midway Tournament

Lady Bulldogs vs. Sherwood Marksmen February 7, 2022	
Ballard	Sherwood
16	57
Sherwood Wins	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Lone Jack Mules February 8, 2022	
Ballard	Lone Jack
6	57
Lone Jack Wins	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Midway Vikings February 11 ,2022	
Ballard	Midway
10	56
Midway Wins	

Ballard Bulldogs vs. KC East January 7,2022	
Ballard	KC East
19	79
KC East Wins	

Ballard Bulldogs vs. Midway Vikings January 9, 2022	
Ballard	Midway
48	52
Midway Wins	



Lady Bulldogs vs. Montrose Blue Jays February 14, 2022		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Montrose Blue Jays February 14, 2022	
Ballard	Montrose	Ballard	Montrose
21	40	39	32
Montrose Wins		Montrose Wins	



Lady Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee Indians February 15, 2022		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Chilhowee Indians February 15, 2022	
Ballard	Chilhowee	Ballard	Chilhowee
20	43	45	51
Chilhowee Wins		Chilhowee Wins	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles February 16, 2022		Ballard Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles February 16, 2022	
Ballard	Miami	Ballard	Miami
29	36	64	29
Miami Wins		Miami Wins	



Districts

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume Hornets February 19, 2022	
Ballard	Hume
20	51
Hume Wins	

Ballard Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles February 21, 2022	
Ballard	Miami
52	41
Miami Wins	

Senior Night



Pictured above: Nathan Menken, son of Tina Watters and Mathew Menken. Payton Miller, son of Brandon and Cassie Miller. Kale Oerke, son of Neale and Tina Oerke. Alexander Ramirez-Nunez, son of Norma Nunez -Luna and Adan Ramirez-Valladares.

The Ballard R-2 School would like to take this time to recognize and congratulate them for their hard work and dedication throughout their basketball career!

Courtwarding

On February 16, the Ballard Bulldogs took on the Miami Eagles on Courtwarding night. Both the teams fought very hard, but both came up short. After the games, we crowned our 2022 Courtwarding king and queen. Congratulations to Senior King, Kale Oerke, and Junior Queen, Lexie Ward.



Basketball Awards

Congratulations to the following athletes for receiving district and conference basketball awards.

Lexie Ward: Honorable Mention All-Conference
Kale Oerke: Second Team All-Conference and Second Team All-District



Fun Page



1. How did the tree feel in the spring?
2. How do you know flowers are friendly?
3. Why couldn't the flower ride a bike?
4. Why did the farmer bury all his money?
5. Does February like March?

1. Released!
2. They always make new buds!
3. It lost its petals!
4. To make his soil rich!
5. No, but April May!

April
April Fool's Day
bloom
bud
Buddha's Birthday
cherry blossom
crops

Easter
farmer
flower
grow
June
May
melt



By: Macie Morris