



Barks 'n' Growls



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

Students, Parents, Staff, and Community

Happy Thanksgiving! What a great time to reflect what we are thankful for. I have listed a few wonderful reasons why I am thankful for the Ballard community and school.

I am thankful that Ballard can be unique in their education in that we can offer students that individualized help to students that most schools can not, mainly because of their size.

I am thankful for the Ballard R-2 School District and what it has done for our community and students. It is a great educational institution to receive an education and to become a knowing citizen in our society.

Christmas is not far away and we all know that marks the end of the first semester. Please help us emphasize to the students the importance of turning in all assignments, studying for tests, and putting forth maximum effort in order to be successful. After all, the semester grades are part of every student's permanent record. Grades, along with attendance, are what most employers ask about, and colleges also look closely at ACT scores. Despite the various excuses, final grades are the responsibility of the students. Every teacher is more than willing to help students; however, the students have to be willing to take responsibility and put in the work necessary to learn the concepts. They also have to work even harder in subjects that don't come as easy to them. It takes hard work from students, high expectations from teachers, and support from parents to make it work. I assure you that the staff members here at Ballard have the best interests of the students in mind.

Four years ago we started our preschool here at Ballard. The preschool has been very beneficial for our community and students. Being that it is so beneficial and rewarding to the students that have attended and are currently attending, we need to make sure that we are able to sustain the preschool. We will once again do a fundraiser for the preschool. The fundraiser will be a pajama day and/or hat day 1 day a month. If the student or staff member wants to wear pajamas or a hat they will have to contribute a dollar. All of the contributions will go towards funding the preschool. Hopefully all students will be able to take part in this opportunity. A note has gone home to the parents to inform them of the dates of participation.

Snow, Snow, Snow! We have now had 2 different snows before Thanksgiving. It is very possible that there will be snow days before the next newspaper article, so 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 (92.1 FM). A third location for Ballard School closing announcements is our school web site, which is www.ballardr2.net. Cancellations will also be sent out on a "Remind" (Group text message), as well as being put on Bates County Live. 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.

I want to end by thanking the veterans who attended the Veterans Day Program on November 9th. We appreciate the sacrifice that all veterans have made in the past and present. It definitely makes some of our "problems" seem trivial. The men and women of the armed forces deserve respect, gratitude, and support now and into the future. No matter what problems we have faced and will face, this is still the greatest country in the world. Thanks again for everything you have done for us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article and if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me here at the school.

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Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

Thanksgiving is a time for eating turkey and stuffing, spending time with your family, and reflecting on the successes of the past three months of school. We have so much to be thankful for and proud of at Ballard. Some of these include but are not limited to the following: We have had an outstanding first quarter due to the combined efforts of our students, parents, faculty, and staff. Our students have been busy with a variety of events including: class projects, fundraising activities, and participating in sports and extra-curricular activities. I stumbled upon the following article and felt there were some strong points.

Cultivating a Growth Mindset through Praise Roxanne Shumway

As parents and educators, we try hard to praise children when they successfully complete a task or learn a new skill. It's what we're supposed to do, right? Actually, not so much or at least not in the way that we're used to. In her research, Dr. Carol Dweck found that there are two basic mindsets: growth and fixed. And the way children are praised impacts their mindset, and mindset is what will influence a child's willingness to try new and more difficult tasks.

We want to help cultivate a growth mindset in children. It is the very thing that will make a child believe that he or she can be successful in anything he or she chooses. The growth mindset is the idea that "I can learn anything I want and there are no limits to my knowledge and skill."

On the flipside, a fixed mindset is the idea that "I am only as smart as I'll ever be." And "I'm just not good at math." The idea here is that knowledge and skill are finite, and sadly, children with this mindset believe that their intelligence is capped.

We have grown accustomed to Person Praise, saying and hearing things like "You are so smart!" and "You're an awesome artist!" In reality, however, our brains will develop an immunity to this kind of praise and over time, will need stronger and stronger doses to be satisfied and will, therefore, diminish the desired behaviors.

Try Process Praise instead to help cultivate a growth mindset in children. Instead of praising attributes, praise effort and strategy. Instead, say something like: "Looks like you've come up with some excellent strategies to help you solve these math problems!" or "I really like how you organized your paper. It seems like you put great thought into what you are trying to say."

Try including process praise in your everyday interactions with your children, and with a little practice, you'll soon see the benefits!

Thank you for your continued support! Please feel free to contact me at the school at any time if you have questions or ideas.

Dustin L. Bridges

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New faces



What is your name?
Valentina Landeros-Quiroz
What grade are you in? 7th Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: I don't know
Food: Mexican
Color: Green
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? A doctor



What is your name?
Valencia Landeros-Quiroz
What grade are you in? 5th Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: I don't know
Food: Pizza
Color: Black
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Basketball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Baker



Student of the Month

November

The Ballard R-II School District is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Adrian Optimist Club to honor a Student of the Month for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

The Student of the Month for November is sophomore Sudie Callahan, daughter of Trent and Missy Callahan. Science teacher, Jennifer Chambers states, "She is always trying to keep the peace among her peers. I really like how she will ask questions when she needs more clarification on a topic. She is very helpful inside and outside the classroom." Librarian, Lacy Burgin states, "This student is a hard worker, will help anyone in any way possible, almost always has a smile to offer others, and if this student doesn't know the answer will continue until an answer is found or problem solved." Math teacher, Micah Bergen states, "Sudie is hardworking, devoted, trustworthy, and well deserving of being awarded student of the month." According to technology teacher, Cheryl Murchie, "Sudie is a very determined young lady, in everything she does, whether it is her studies or sports. She always makes sure she is doing her very best in reaching her goals. Sudie is a great role model to her classmates."

Sudie was recently chosen to be a member of PAW PRIDE (Personal Responsibility Is Delivering Encouragement), a JH/HS Student Leadership Program that works with both elementary and high school age students. Sudie also participates in FFA, Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball

For Sudie'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: Optimist member Greg Rapp, Sudie Callahan and Superintendent John Siebeneck



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Welcome our new Secretary!

What is your name? Sandra Claiborne

What do you do here at Ballard? I am the district Secretary

What is your favorite:

Movie: Heartland and The Notebook

Food: Tacos

Color: Hot Pink

Holiday: Christmas

Sport: Softball and horseback riding

What do you enjoy about being the secretary? I love that I work with cool people and I get to spend time with cool kids. Also, I get more time to spend with my kids.

What did you do before you came here? I was a bookkeeper at Price Cutter in Harrisonville.

Tell me a little bit about your family. I am married to Rusty Claiborne. I have 6 children, Emilie, Tyler, Averie, Noah, Nathan, and McKenzie. I also have 2 step-children, Maecy and Sydney, and Paislie is my granddaughter.

By Amanda Teagarden

Happy Retirement!

What is your name? Kerri Loyd

What do you do at the School? I am the bookkeeper and the board of education secretary.

When did you start working at the school? August of 1992

How many years have you been here? 26 years at the end of August

What is your family history? I grew up and graduated from Ballard. My mom and my grandma both graduated from Ballard and my dad graduated from Butler. I married David Loyd in 1984 and have 2 kids, Cody and Kelsi Loyd who both graduated from Ballard. When we were first married, we lived in Clinton for 4 years before moving back home to Ballard.

What did you do before you came to work at the school? I worked at a bank and I did bookwork at a nursing home. I also worked at Pizza Glen for a while.

What do you like the most about the years that you spent at Ballard? I like that the staff is a family, and that the students and staff can play together and have fun at school and community functions.

What is the funniest memory you had at Ballard? The time that my son, Cody and his classmates made Murchie think that every computer in the computer lab had viruses.

What will you miss most about working here at Ballard? I will miss seeing the kids all the time because they have all become "My kids".

What are your plans after retirement? I am going to spend some time babysitting my grandkids, and doing the bookwork at Loyd's Tire during the day and not in the evenings.

Do you have any last words to say to Ballard? I will miss being here on a day to day basis, but I am very excited to see what my future holds for me! I will be back to visit as often as I can.



Welcome to Ballard (Again)

What is your name? Lea Ann Shulse

What do you do at school? I am the District Bookkeeper

What is your favorite:

Show or movie? Wheel of Fortune

Food? Anything Mexican

Color? Hot Pink

Holiday? Christmas

Sport? Softball

What do you enjoy about being the Bookkeeper? I enjoy that there is a variety of things to do and getting to know the students and staff.

Tell me a little about your family. I live in East Lynne, MO with Mel Schroeder, along with Coconut (my long-haired Chihuahua). Together, we have four children and five grandchildren. My oldest son, Jared, and his wife, Amy and daughter, Maggie, along with their two dogs Gypsy and Moose live in Paris, MO. My youngest son, Matthew, and his fiancé, Martha and Zeb (their 3-legged cat) live in Roeland Park, KS. Mel's son, Shelby, and his wife, Kate, and their four children, Alex, Sophia, Charlotte, and Sawyer live in Harrisonville, Mo. Mel's daughter, Ashlee, and her husband, Josh and their dogs, Charlie and Benelli, also live in East Lynne MO.

Written by Amanda Teagarden



Veterans Day

On Friday, November 9, we had veterans of many different ages come to our school's Veterans Day assembly. It was so amazing to see a community pull together to celebrate our nation's heroes. Students also did their share to make the veterans feel appreciated and celebrated. To start off the festivities, our principal, Mr. Bridges, welcomed the veterans. The boy scouts presented the flag as we all stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance. While we stood we also sang the National Anthem led by Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Bridges gave a brief introduction and let the veterans pass around the microphone to give their name, rank, and years of service. The Kindergarteners sang "See the Veteran" and then 1st and 2nd grade joined them to sing "Grand Ole Flag" all together. The music students also sang the "Armed Forces Anthem" led by Mrs. Lybarger. The Third Grade gave a Harry Truman Presentation. The Fourth Grade presented the "American Alphabet" and the Fifth Grade performed a Readers Theater explaining what veterans day was all about. Jackson Rotert and Sudie Callahan gave a power point presentation on memories of wars throughout the years. Following them, Dale Dowse gave a speech on Flander's Field and why it happened, and to add to Dale's Speech, Kayla Wainscott recited a poem called "Flander's Field".

Mr. Bridges then introduced our guest speaker, Allyson Hargis a 2013 Ballard graduate. She gave a brief background on Veterans Day and gave a slide show presentation on some pictures from her journey in the military. The Ballard School would like to thank anyone who took part in making this year's Veterans Day assembly not only very enjoyable but honorable to our local veterans.

Written by Kelsie Murray



Veterans that attended:

First Row (L-R); Andy Hon, Allyson Hargis, Andy Green, Bob Hon, and Jerry Ferguson
Second Row (L-R): John Siebeneck, Don Ferguson, Jessie Porter, Josh Hargis, and Robert McFarland
Third Row (L-R); Don Hill, Richard Dickerson, Rodger Sims, John Herrman, and Curt Schliem

Thank you for your service!

Senior Spotlight

Jailynn Wheeler

Jailynn Sue Wheeler, 18, is the daughter of JR and Rocky Wheeler, the sister of Morgan, Zoie, Gunner (Dog), and Dexter (Pig). Some of Jailynn's favorites include her Art class, the colors coral and hot pink, shrimp and crab legs, the restaurant Dave & Busters, and the song "Traveling Soldier" by The Dixie Chicks. Jailynn's dream car is a Black Mustang. Some of her hobbies include hanging out with people and loving on my animals. One of Jailynn's pet peeves is when people smack their food. Jailynn's extracurricular activities include volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Jailynn's plans after graduation are undecided about where she is going to college but she is planning on becoming a labor and delivery nurse. When asked where you see yourself in 15 years she replied with "Hopefully married with a loving family and working my dream job". Jailynn's famous last words are "Whoa Nelly"!

By Amanda Teagarden



December Birthdays

Dec 2– Nathaniel Fisher
Dec 3– Tucker Roach
Dec 5– Donovan Card
Dec 7– Emily Smith
Dec 7– Jada Gains
Dec 10– Alexis Hastings
Dec 12– Delainey Ferguson
Dec 18– Celia Campbell

Dec 19– Macie Wainscott
Dec 27– Rachel Evans
Dec 29– Noah Bales
Dec 30– Chrystal Evans
Dec 30– Dylan Tippie



Next month's newspaper is our Christmas Edition, and we will be featuring letters to Santa, cartoons, and winter poems. Each elementary class will write these articles at school, but we want to encourage kids of all ages to submit a letter to be published. The Preschoolers will have an opportunity to write a letter to Santa during the Early Childhood play group, in December. If you can't make it to the play group and would like your preschooler to participate, there are several ways to get the letter to the publications class. You can do one of the following: send your letter with a student; mail it to: Attention Publications Class, Ballard R-II School, 10247 NE State Rt. 18, Butler, MO 64730-9204; or e-mail Ms. Murchie, her address is cdmballard@gmail.com, subject line; Letters to Santa. Letters to Santa need to be turned in by December 10. If you are in jr. high or high school, you can turn your letter in to one of the editors, Jackson Rotert, Kelsi Murray, or Ms. Murchie.

Halloween

On Wednesday, October 31, the high school and elementary had their annual Halloween parade. The elementary hosted their classroom parties where they dressed up as Ghouls and Goblins. During the parade the teachers and their students sauntered in and presented their costumes to the audience.



L-R: Lily Bergen, Braydon Siebeneck, Emmalee Scott
By: Jailyyn Wheeler

Red Ribbon Week

On Monday, October 22, was the start of Red Ribbon Week and continued for a whole week; On Monday we dressed up as our favorite movie characters. On Tuesday it was wear your gym clothes, sweatpants, or workout gear. Then Wednesday was wear mismatched clothes and be wacky. But on Thursday we got to wear our favorite pajamas. Finally on Friday, the last day of Red Ribbon Week we were to wear as much red as we could.

During the week the elementary had a poster contest and the third grade took first place. The High school and Junior high had a door decorating contest and the Sophomores worked hard to get first place. Mrs. Bridges also had a drawing contest for the elementary and the winners of K-2nd was Delainey Ferguson and the winner of 3rd-6th was Audrey Foster. We have Red Ribbon Week to encourage everyone to be drug free.



Senior Citizen Dinner

On Thursday, November 8, the senior citizens braved the weather to come to the school and enjoy a warm meal. The members of the Ballard Honor Society was there to help serve the members of the community. Considering the weather, we had a great turnout and everyone loved the meal. The leader of National Honor Society, Brad Dunkin, stated that "Even through the weather the great members of this community still come to events at the school." It was a great time and we can't wait for next one.



Written by Jackson Rotert

Crazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

It has been a great year so far in kindergarten and we are already over halfway to the 100th day of school. The kindergarteners have been learning so much over the last few months and have done some fun activities along the way. We honored Veterans with our Veterans day assembly and the kindergarteners participated in singing a couple of the songs. We have been talking and reading about what it means to be thankful and they got to participate in a thanksgiving feast. Here are some of the things kindergarten is thankful for:

Jennifer Carpenter—Is thankful for her brother, grandparents and her mom and dad.

Keenen Engelhardt— Is thankful for food, his bed and water.

Charlie Fisher— Is thankful for his parents, his brother and his dog.

Noah Meade— Is thankful for his siblings, his mom and dad, and his dog.

Zander Miller— Is thankful for his life, neighbors, and his grandparents.

Huntlee Myrtle— Is thankful for his brother, toys, and his meme.

Tucker Newkirk— Is thankful for his house, his family, and his toys.

Ellee Scott— Is thankful for her sisters, her mom and dad, her cat, and her dog.

Emily Smith— Is thankful for her mom, baby sister, and her dad.

Maxton Wainscott— Is thankful for his mom and dad, his sister, his cat, and his dog.

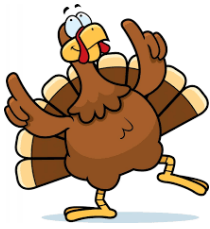
By: Morgan Wheeler



Typed by Amanda Teagarden

Freaky First

Mrs. Smith



This month the first graders illustrated a book about the first Thanksgiving. Each student was assigned a page to illustrate. It was fun to put together! We also have been talking about what we are thankful for. Each student put a lot of thought into their response.

- Ian Bergman**- I am thankful for my parents.
- Chandler Borland**- I am thankful for my family.
- Delainey Ferguson**- I am thankful for my mom and dad.
- Vivian Greer**- I am thankful for my family and my teacher.
- Summer Hastings**- I am thankful for my family and my teacher.
- Sofia Porter**- I am thankful for my family.
- Callan Rotert**- I am thankful for my mom and dad.
- Brooklyn Warren**- I am thankful for toys and my family. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Typed By: Mrs. Smith
Formatted By: Jailynn Wheeler

Talented Third

Ms. Kabir

Wow! It is already almost Thanksgiving break. Where has the time gone? All of the third graders have written down what they are thankful for. We are thankful for

- Zoe Fredrick**- I am thankful for my family.
- Gavin Schliem**- I am thankful for family and school and my family.

- Nathan Bales**- I am thankful for a roof over my head.
- Addilynn Engelhardt**- I am thankful for food, clothes, a roof over my head, mom, dad, my brother, and family.
- Jacob Eidson**- I am thankful for life and the fun in life.
- Owen Meade**- I am thankful for my family and my friends.
- Harry Greer**- I am thankful for my class mates and free time.
- Ms. Kabir**- I am thankful for the opportunities I have had during my time as a bulldog to live my best life! I am grateful for the happiness I have found at home in Missouri.



Written By: Third Grade
Typed By: Jailynn Wheeler



Preschool Pups

Miss Clark

This month the preschoolers are learning about fall, the leaves, the color, and the weather. The preschoolers took a trip to the baseball field to see how the leaves on the trees change colors. Then they collected the prettiest leaves and made a picture out of them in the classroom where it was a little warmer. Finally, they have learned the letters through H and the numbers through 8 and they all have learned how to write their names.

Written by Jackson Rotert

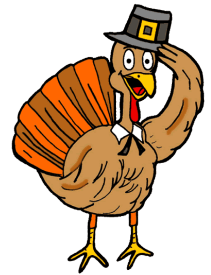


Sweet Second

Mrs. West

This month the 2nd grade class got to do an assignment to write about what they were thankful for:

- Zander Miller**- I am thankful for my life because I get a family.
- Braydon Siebneck**- I am thankful for everything in the world.
- Aspyn Eidson**- I am thankful for getting to have family time and getting to meet friends.
- Lily Bergen**- I am thankful for my family and my pets.
- Lane Meade**- I am thankful for Mom, Dad, snow, and even school.
- Ian Campbell**- I am thankful for Curly, my kitten, my family, for hunting, and my dog, Chester.
- Emmalee Scott**- I am thankful for my family.



By: Morgan Wheeler

Ferocious Fourth

Mrs. Moore

The last month has been very busy for the fourth grade.

In math we are working on geometry as well as multiplication and learning division.

We have written about Native Americans after reading about them in each of the six regions of the United States. We have also written about field trips, what we are thankful for, and about five journal entries.

The body systems have been a challenge. There are so many new words to learn.

Spelling hasn't been so bad. Mrs. Moore says the words are about to get harder, we'll see.

Written by the fourth grade class and Mrs. Moore
Formatted by Kelsie Murray



Fantastic Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

The fifth grade class made a thankful tree. Every day they put up a leaf with something that they are thankful for written on it.



Picture above: (L-R): Cash Anderson, Dayne Greer, Lucas Crump, Valencia Landeros, Haley Pray, Tory Snyder, Celia Campbell, Autumn Hastings.

Written by: Kelsey Pray

Stubborn Sixth Grade

Ms. Eidson

Audrey Foster– I am thankful for my horse because I love riding her through the pasture.

Ethan Kennedy– I'm thankful for my friends. I have someone to play with me so I'm not lonely.

Brenden Card– I am thankful for my family because at least I have one.

Nate Evans– I'm thankful for Greek Mythology because I get to study Ares.

Jon Setzer– I am thankful for school because I get to learn.

Zoie Wheeler– I'm thankful for my family because they do everything for me and I love them.

Sam Setzer– I am thankful for food in many ways. Every time I am stressed, mad, or anything I eat.

Isaiah Maggard– I'm thankful for my parents getting a job, because we get money so we can do stuff and go out more. I'm also thankful for food so we get to eat. We can live longer and have a life. Lastly, I'm thankful for video games, so we have fun, also, it is a time passer.

Ms. Eidson– I'm very thankful for my son being healthy, enjoying his life, and having a good girlfriend.



Written By : Sixth Grade
Typed By: Jailynn Wheeler

sassy Seventh Fancy Freshmen

This month the 7th grade class is learning figurative language and word play in Language Arts. They have also been learning new words and their definitions, and are eagerly anticipating writing papers. They are currently researching scientists who have made an impact for a project in Science. They have made posters and poppies for the Veterans in Social Studies. They've been learning to play whiffle ball in P.E. In Keyboarding they are learning the proper typing technique. In Math, they are learning how to use fractions. They are working on the Acellus program during 7th hour. Finally, in lunch they have learned excellent eating positions. The 7th grade class would like to give a huge thank you to the Ballard faculty for all that you do. We would also like to thank everyone who came to the Jr. High dance. What the students are thankful for:



Cade Callahan - John Deere, Family and basketball

Donovan Card– Family, pets and food

Zachary Carpenter- America and our freedom

Aimee Cummings– My mother and food

Jada Gains– Country music and boots

Parker Hill– My dog, Moose and my family

Valentina Landeros– That the dance was a success

Lilly Rotert -My family, Violet and my other sheep, and my cows.

Written by: Cade Callahan
Formatted by: Morgan Wheeler

Hello there! Freshmen class here, school is going great. We're ready for the holidays, but first we want to say what we are thankful for!

Mrs. Bridges: My family

Briana Arredondo: Idk, my heart? And Mexico

Ashton J. Carullo: My momma and family

Kale D. Oerke: Family, dirt bikes, and deer season

Brendan A. Moore: Music

River W. Clark: Family, deer season, and great friends like Kale and Ashton

Keith W. Schmitt: Oxygen, so we don't die

Payton L. Miller: My sister



Written by: Ashton Carullo
Formatted by: Destiny Bramell

JOLLY JUNIORS

I am thankful for.....

Destiny Bramell– Friends, family, and school.

Dale Dowse– My friends, Morgan Freeman, and the oxford comma.

Brice Eidson– Family, everything.

Donovan Hinrichs– Family.

Jake Light– Family.

Garrett Oerke– My girlfriend.

Brianna Pray– Friends and family.

Mrs. Gregory– J.r.r. Tolkien, Mary Shelley, Thomas Hardy, Oscar Wilde, and Shakespeare.

Mr. Dunkin– Life, liberty, and power points.

Written by: Junior Class
Formatted by: Jailynn Wheeler

SPUNKY SENIORS

Well, it is now November, and we've got snow! As it is getting colder, you might be craving some comfort food. If you are, the Senior Class is selling fudge and nuts until December 3rd. Everything will be in before Christmas if you were planning to give some sweet gifts. If you are interested, please contact a senior or our sponsor, Ms. Murchie. And in the Thanksgiving spirit, here is what the senior class is thankful for!

- Kelsey Pray**– Family and friends
- Morgan Wheeler**– Family
- Amanda Teagarden**–Friends, family and food
- Ms. Murchie**– My Family
- Jailynn Wheeler**– The beach, and having a good life
- Cameron Martin**– Fast cars
- Kelsie Murray**– God, good health, food, and loved ones
- Jackson Rotert**– Sports
- Payton Inglis**– Lord, family, friends, my ole lady
- Kayla Wainscott**– Everything
- Jaeden Schliem**– Life
- Mikayla Pray**– Family

Written by Kelsie Murray

Majestic Music

Vicki Lybarger

This month in music, Mikayla Pray and Kayla Wainscott went to all conference for Choir. They were recognized by Professor Teresa Spencer in Fort Scott. NEVC and Miami competed with Ballard. The Cottey Girls Choir also sang with Kayla and Mikayla. Finally The Christmas Program is on December 13th at 7:00 pm, grades K-12.

Written By: Cameron Martin

Everything English

Mrs. Gregory



November seems to have flown by! The Novels class finished *Frankenstein* and has moved onto the *Hobbit*. The Speech class is working on speeches to persuade. In the ELA classes we have been working on sentences and sentence parts. College prep is working on research for their first research paper. Mid quarter has come and gone and we are quickly moving to the end of the semester. Happy and full from Thanksgiving, we are looking forward to Christmas break.

Written by: Mrs. Gregory
Formatted by: Kelsey Pray

spectacular science

Mrs. Chambers



Since it is November and nearing Thanksgiving time Mrs. Chambers would like to tell you what she is thankful for. Mrs. Chambers is thankful for, health, coffee, students, helpful and supportive staff and districts, parent involvement, students who turn their stuff in on time, all the blessings she has had, and she doesn't

want to get ahead of herself but she thinks she has found a home here in the Ballard school.

By: Brianna Pray

It's All History

Mr. Dunkin



This month the Seventh grade Geography class is looking at Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. The eighth grade U.S. History class have finished the U.S. Revolution and they are starting to look at the Constitution. Also, the Junior high classes made red poppies for the Veterans Day assembly. The ninth grade American History class is learning about the progressive era and World War One. The World History class is about done with Rome and is moving on to the foundations of Islam. The Government class is working on figuring out Congress. Finally, the Junior and Senior Geography class is learning about urban studies with a focus on the U.S.

Pictured in the front: (L-R) Jada Gains, Zachary Carpenter, and Valentina Landeros.
Pictured in the back: (L-R) Cade Callahan, Lilly Rotert, Parker Hill, and Donovan Card.

By: Amanda Teagarden

AG/FFA

Miss LeRosen

Small engines is reassembling engines. Ag Structures are working on their wood projects. Ag Science has been working on career skills and developing SAE projects. Ag Science 2 are doing small wood projects. In Exploratory Ag, they are learning food processing. In Landscape Design, we are learning design concepts and creating a landscape design.

The FFA Chapter left on Wednesday, October, 24. That evening they went to the Garth Brooks concert. Thursday, they spent the day at the Convention Center. Students went to student workshops and explored the career expo. On Friday, they went to the International Children's Museum and toured Tuddle Apple Orchard. Saturday, they went to the American Degree Ceremony and returned home that night at 7 p.m.



Pictured in front row (L-R): Miss LeRosen, Jaeden Schliem, River Clark, Kayla Schmitt, Serenity Morris, and Jake Light.

Pictured in back row (L-R): Kailee Smith, Kale Oerke, Dylan Tippie, Garrett Oerke, and Donovan Hinrichs.

Outstanding Art

Mrs. Larcom

Kindergarten and first grade just completed an apple basket still life project.
Second and third grade are working on texture turkeys using oil pastels and water color wash.
The fourth grade finished their sugar skull drawings and will be starting a small weaving project soon.
Fifth and sixth grade are working on a pumpkin still life.
Eighth grade have started a unit on clay and are working on making a signature stamp that they can use with future clay projects.
Art 1 has started a color study unit and are working on a motif color wheel.
Advanced art class is working on their senior tiles.
3D art has begun a clay unit which will include coil, slab, and a sculpture project.
Drawing class is using a grid to draw a picture of their choice.
As always, stop by and check out all the amazing artwork the students are doing!



Written by: Mrs. Larcom
Typed by: Kelsey Pray

Literary Library

Lacy Burgin

We will have the Scholastic Book Fair here December 10 through the 14. I hope you all are as excited as I am to see what new books will be available at this fair.

The eighth graders wanted to write down what they were thankful for and here is what they came up with.

Alexis Hastings– I am thankful for food, basketball, family, and friends.

Jacob Kepner– I am thankful for my family, friends, and the wonderful food that is given.

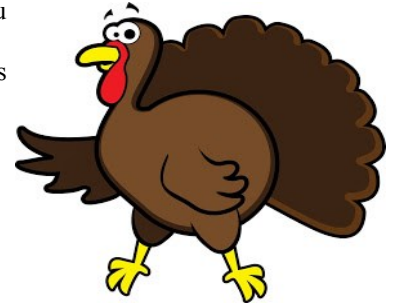
Lucas Whitaker– I am thankful for books, games, and people.

Tucker Roach– I am thankful for family, friends, and guns.

Averie Bales– I am thankful for my friends, family, and my animals.

Lexie Ward– I am thankful for basketball, food, family, and my dog, Gus.

Macie Morris– I am thankful for my family, food, and horses.



Written By: Lacy Burgin

Typed By: Cameron Martin

Meet the Ballard Cheerleaders



BULLDOGS
cheerleading



Pictured above: (L-R): First row: Kayla Schmitt, Destiny Bramell, Kailee Smith

Second row: (L-R) Coach, Lacy Burgin

Shoot out at Leeton

On Tuesday, November 13, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs and the Ballard Bulldogs went to Leeton to play in a preseason shootout. The girls played Leeton first and had a long hard fight but when the game ended the score was 30-3 Leeton. The second game, the girls played Miami. The girls played very well and managed a win with the score being 11-9 Ballard. The boys also played Leeton. It was a good game and the boys played very well. The score for the Leeton game was 11-9 Leeton. And the score for the Miami game was 25-7 Ballard. Overall it was a very good night. Thank you to all who came out and supported us.

MEET THE BALLARD BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



Pictured above: (L-R): Jake Light, Kale Oerke, Dylan Tippie, Jackson Rotert, Garrett Oerke, Brice Eidson, Keith Schmitt

MEET THE BALLARD GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



Pictured above: (L-R): First row; Serenity Morris, Sierra Ferguson, Brianna Pray, Briana Arredondo, Kaitlin Martin, Destiny Bramell
Second row: (L-R) Morgan Wheeler, Sudie Callahan, Kailee Smith, Kayla Schmitt, JaiLYnn Wheeler

PTO Notes

The Ballard PTO is always looking for new and interesting ways to raise money to help out our students, teachers and staff. The PTO uses the proceeds from the fundraisers though-out the year, whether it is to cover the expenses for field trips that the elementary students take, purchasing the AR reading computer program, or granting wishes for the teachers, the service is a vital part of our school. Last year the PTO was able to contribute over \$3,000.00 to our school. The PTO need our continued support to be able to help our students, teachers and staff.

Here are a few things going on in the coming months.

Santa's Workshop

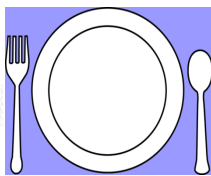
The PTO are looking for donations for the Santa's Workshop this year. Monday, December 17 to Wednesday, December 19. A schedule will be sent home closer to the dates.

This is not a fundraiser, this is just a way to help the students shop for their families.

If you are interested in helping the donations can be dropped off in the school office by Friday, December 14. For more information, please contact Katrina Bergman 660-424-0802 or Libby Foster 660-679-1194

Things needed...

- Money to purchase gift items
- Gift items to sale
- Tissue Paper for wrapping
- Small paper sacks
- Ribbon
- Gift tags
- Tape



Be looking for more information for the ...

PTO Dinner and Silent Auction Saturday January 26, 2019

Every year, with the generous donations by the Bates County Cattlemen's Association, who donate and smoke the beef bottom round, businesses and people of our community (food supplies), the PTO hosts a fundraising dinner and silent auction. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to the PTO. The PTO would like to thank, in advance, the Bates County Cattlemen's Association, for the gift of the beef and their time.

If you would like to donate to the dinner or the auction please contact Katrina Bergman 660-424-0802 or Libby Foster 660-679-1194.

**SILENT
AUCTION**

Fun Page!

Q: Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?

A: Because he was outstanding in his field!

Q: How do you keep a turkey in suspense?

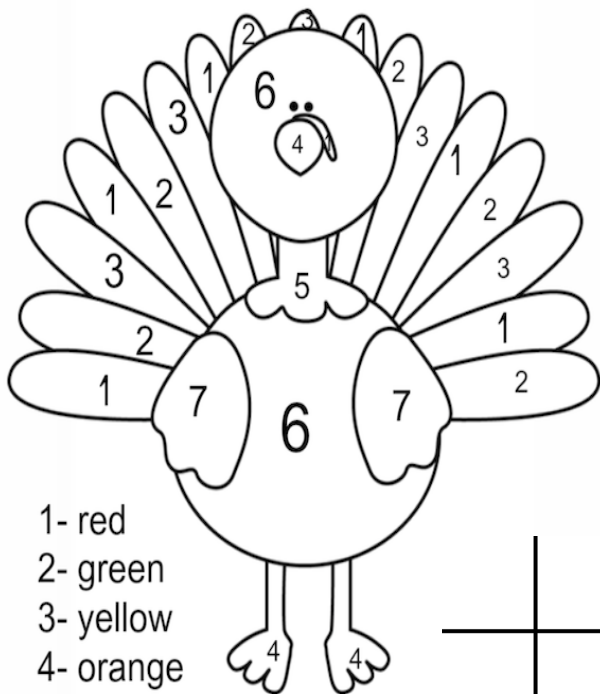
A: Ill tell you later...

Q: What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?

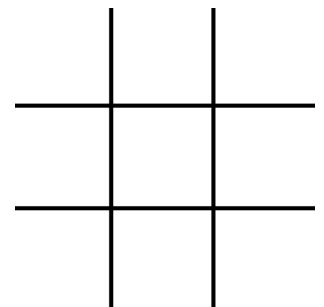
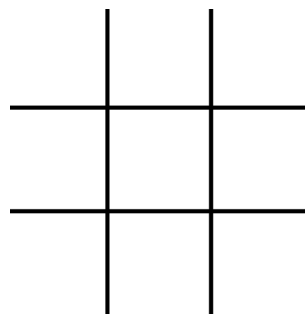
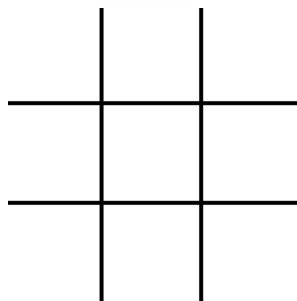
A: The letter G!

Q: What is a scarecrows favorite fruit?

A: Straw-berries!



- 1- red
- 2- green
- 3- yellow
- 4- orange
- 5- white
- 6- dark brown
- 7- light brown



Thanksgiving Mad Libs

Today we are celebrating _____ dinner with the whole family
(HOLIDAY)
 at _____'s House. Earlier today we all _____
(PERSON) (VERB PAST TENSE)
 into the _____ and drove over the
(ADJECTIVE) (MODE OF TRANSPORTATION)
 _____ and through the _____ to get here. Once we arrived,
(PLURAL NOUN) (PLURAL NOUN NATURE RELATED)
 my _____ greeted us with a big _____
(FAMILY RELATION) (ADJECTIVE)
 _____. _____ is also here and really made sure
(TYPE OF GREETING) (PERSON)
 things were looking _____. They had decorated the _____
(ADJECTIVE) (OBJECT IN HOUSE)
 with _____. It was all so very festive! Now we are just
(NUMBER) (PLURAL NOUN)
 waiting for the _____ to come out of the oven. I always eat my
(ANIMAL)
 _____ with a side of mashed _____.
(ANIMAL) (PLURAL NOUN)
 My _____ is watching _____ on TV. They
(FAMILY RELATION) (SPORT)
 always shout _____ when their team scores a _____.
(EXCLAMATION) (NOUN)
 Hooray! Only _____ more minutes until the _____ will be
(NUMBER) (FOOD)
 ready to eat. Don't forget to save room for dessert. My grandma makes the best
 _____ pies. They smell like _____. I'm so full now I
(NOUN) (NOUN)
 feel like a _____! Happy _____!
(ADJECTIVE) (ANIMAL) (HOLIDAY)

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