

# Student of the Month

Aimee Cummings



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 2020-21 school year.

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.

The Student of the Month for October is Freshman Aimee Cummings, the daughter of Yea and the late Dan Cummings. Aimee enjoys playing softball, often plays position as catcher.

One teacher says "She always completes her work on time and is always willing to help out in any way she can. She is a fantastic role model for her peers and for younger students as well!"

For Aimee'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: Aimee Cummings, and Principal Stephanie Nold**

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# Senior Spotlight

**Serenity Rose Morris**

Serenity, 18, is the daughter of Ashley Burrous, granddaughter of Terry Burrous, and the sister of Cash Anderson. Some of her favorites include; the color blue/purple, chocolate, and the movie *The Titanic* or *Matilda*. Serenity's dream car is a 2011/2012 two door red or yellow Mini Cooper. One of Serenity's hobbies is crafting. Serenity's biggest pet peeve is when people are lazy. Serenity's famous last words are, "Is it time to go home?"

Serenity's extracurricular activities include Volleyball, Basketball, FFA, Scholar Bowl, and Art Club. Serenity's plans for the future are to attend a 2-year college for Associate Business Management. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Serenity answered, "I plan to have my own apartment complex that I designed, also to have multiple real estate rental properties along with a few storage units. I plan to have started my own family and hope to be very happy."

Written by: Sudie Callahan

# 2021 Class of 1



# Preschool Pups

Ms. Clark

Due to Covid-19, we have only had a few friends with us during the month of October. That's okay though because that has given us the opportunity to work on things more individually.

We have started to learn all about fall and why the leaves change colors. We have also started to learn addition and how to use it in our day to day lives! Our favorite thing to do right now is playing outside on the playground! A few of us have started to learn how to swing without being pushed. It's been a struggle, but we've almost got it!



Oh, and we are so excited for Thanksgiving and pumpkin pie!

Here are a few things we are thankful for:

- Darley Lovelace is thankful for her parents, and the chicken they eat on Thanksgiving!
- Ben Fischer is thankful for yummy suckers, foods, drinks, and toys!

Written by: Ms. Clark  
Typed by: Macie Morris

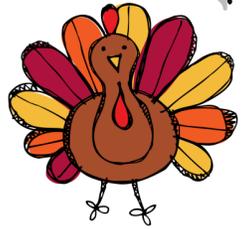
# Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

It is the month of being thankful, and in Kindergarten we have been talking and reading about what it means to be thankful for the things we have.

Here are some of the things Kindergarten is thankful for:

- Nolan Bogart is thankful for all his family.
- Kyle Carpenter is thankful for his tractors that help get our food.
- Arabella Fisher is thankful she has food to eat.
- Waylon Hufferd is thankful for the love his mom gives him.
- Lynn Pitts is thankful for her family.



I am very thankful we are able to be at school this year and am very thankful for my students to teach and that they are able to be here to learn and grow together.

For- Typed by: Mrs. Hathcock  
matted by: Alexis Hastings

# Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

On election day, the First grade class held their own little election. They were voting on which type of cookie is better, Oreo or chocolate chip. Each kid was given a "ballot" and marked which one they thought was better. Chocolate chip cookies were the winner!

Since Thanksgiving is coming up shortly, our First Graders told us what they were thankful for, here is what they said...

- Melody Bergen - My home
- Molly Burgin - My friends
- Dani Crump - My school
- Hailey Culver - My Mom
- Teddy Foster - My house
- McKenzie Hartzell - My Mom
- Nichole Luper - My family
- Zander Miller - My games
- Pinnett Quick - My wrestling team
- Navi Quiroz - My school
- Brynlee Wainscott - My friends

Written by: Mrs. Smith  
Typed by: Dylan Tippie



# Silly Second

Mrs. West

We have asked the Second Graders what they are thankful for and these are their responses.

Noah Meade said he is thankful for God and his family. He is also thankful for his friends, teachers, and his dogs and cats. Lastly, he is thankful for mother nature and everything.

Tucker Newkirk said he is thankful for his school, the Air Force, the Army, and the Navy. He is also thankful for his family, turkey, duck hunting and nature.

Keenan Engelhardt said he is thankful for school, his baby brother, and his sister. He is also thankful for his mom and dad.

Charlie Fisher says he is thankful for fun nature, and America.



Ellee Scott says she is thankful for her life, her family, and her community. She is also thankful for Native Americans, school, and books.

Jennifer Carpenter is thankful for her niece, her teacher, and her wonderful mom and dad.

Kyoko Smith is thankful for her wonderful family and her wonderful teacher.

Huntlee Myrtle says he is thankful for big bucks, his teacher, big gobblers, and his mom and dad.

Maxton Wainscott is thankful for food, the Army, school, his friends and Branson. Some other stuff he is thankful for are the police, his mom, combines, and our country.

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

# Thrilling Third

Mrs. Moore

The Third Graders are thankful for..

I am thankful for my dog, Buddy, because he is always there for me when I am feeling blue. I am also thankful for my sister for getting me through rough days. Lastly, I am thankful for my parents for feeding me and helping me learn life skills.

Ian Bergman

I am thankful for Lilly, Jack, Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Grandpa. They are all so much fun. I am happy I am alive because then I wouldn't be born then I wouldn't have any friends. I am also very thankful for all those brave people risking their lives to protect us in the war.

Callan Rotert

I am thankful for Mom and Dad. Mom and Dad because they love me. I also am thankful that they farm, it is a lot of fun to help with the animals. Lastly, I am thankful for the pets. They are fun to play with them.

Delainey Ferguson

I am thankful for Mrs. Moore. She teaches us math and reading. Also I am thankful for Thanksgiving food and water. Lastly, I am thankful for books. They are so much fun!

Vivian Greer

Here are three things I am thankful for. My favorite one is all the memories I have. The second is my freedom. Next is school. That is the three things that I am thankful for.

Summer Hastings

I am thankful for my world, and I am thankful for my dogs, Hooch and Elsa. I am also thankful for my life.

Nathaniel Fisher

I am thankful for my family and how they are caring for me. I am also thankful for my pets. Their names are Boots, Stormy, Jet, and Rudy. They play with me. Finally, I am thankful for all my teachers. They teach me math and other stuff.

Chandler Borland

I am thankful for being alive because I am able to go to school. I am also thankful for having a family because at my Dads I get presents on my birthday. Lastly, I am thankful for having food and water because without them we would not be alive.

Seth Menken

I am thankful everyday for my students, I love being a teacher, and I love their ability to ask great questions and share answers.

Outside of school and home, I like to visit junk stores, I mean antique shops. Even if I don't like anything, it's fun to look.

Of course I would have to include my family. I have two kids, Al likes to cook and Jessie visits on the phone often. I'm thankful to have memories of my mom and dad and my husband. I miss them very much.

Mrs. Moore.



Written by: The Third Graders

Typed by: Lexie Ward

# Fantastic Fourth

Ms. McElwain

This year the Fourth Graders are thankful for...

Ms. McElwain - my students and my volleyball/basketball players

Zayden Miller - video games

Lane Meade - TikTok

Waylon Chrisman - YouTube

Lily Bergen - writing

Ian Campbell - iPhone

Aspyn Eidson - Harry Potter books/movies

Emmalee Scott - shelter

Braydon Siebeneck - breakfast



Written by: The Fourth Grade Class

Formatted by: Lexie Ward

# Funky Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

We asked the fifth grade what they were thankful for and this was what they said

Nathan Bales- Family

Jacob Eidson- The existence of the universe

Addilynn Engelhardt- Friends & Family

Piper Goth- Hunting & Fishing

Harry Greer- Friends & Monster trucks

Wyatt Maggard- Food

Owen Meade- Potatoes

Gavin Schliem- Shelter & Food

Mrs. Bergen- Time with my Family



Written by: Mrs. Bergen

Typed by: Briana Arredondo



# Sixth Grade Smarties



We asked the sixth grade what they were thankful for and this is what they said...

Maggie Foster- God, my family, and a free country

Noah Bales- food, animals to hunt, my family

Xander Menken- having a thankful loving family, having a life, and food

Macie Wainscott- loving family, friends, my pets

Kennedy Borland- God, my family and friends, a place to live

Abigail Bergen- family, clothes, and warm shelter

Ashton Siebeneck- family, friends, warm home

Payson Hill- family, school, and friends

Madison Gunter- friends, family, my cats

Jordyn Blankenship- this school, friends, my family

Chrystal Evans- life, friends, my family

Olivia Porter- my friends, family, resources

Bradley Bergschneider- family, friends, and food

Maribel Arredondo- family, friends, and my dogs

Daxtyn Greer- family, my dogs, and friends

Luke Meade- my family, my dogs and cat, and friends

Written by: Mrs. Schmedding

Typed by: Briana Arredondo

# Sassy Seventh

The seventh grade is a very thankful class, here are a few things they are thankful for..

Lucas Crump- My dog and cats, my friends and family, and my dad paying me to work for him.

Lilly Chrisman- I am thankful for food, volleyball coaches, and shoes.

Haley Pray- I am thankful for my friends, basketball, and volleyball. Also my phone and internet.

Valencia Lanclerous- I am thankful for coach Marissa, my basketball team and my friends.

Dayne Greer- I'm thankful for my family, my friends, and the peacefulness of the woods.

Cash Anderson- I am thankful for guns that you can hunt with, and targets.

Written by: 7th grade class

Typed by: Macie Morris



# Elite Eighth

Ms. Murchie

This year the eighth graders are thankful for...

Katlin Blankenship- Family, doctors, and teammates.

Jon Setzer- Pets, sleep, and important people.

Zoie Wheeler- Family, Gunner (pet dog), and friends.

Sam Setzer- Murchie, Tinker (pet dog), and calculators.

Audrey Foster- My cows, the people who care for me, and tractors.

Isaiah Maggard- Music, my dog, and sleep.

Ethan Kennedy- Technology, books, and food.

Murchie- Family, friends, and a good community to live in.



Written by: The Eighth Grade Class

Typed by: Lexie Ward

Mrs. Gregory

What are three things the Freshman class is thankful for?

Gretchen Bramell- family, friends, and school.

Cade Callahan- green grass, favorable weather, and basketball.

Zach Carpenter- basketball, my family, and America.

Aimee Cummings- family, sports, and my dogs.

Lindy Gunter- friends, family, and them all being healthy.

Parker Hill- my family, deer hunting, and basketball.

Valentina Landeros- Lilly, my family, and that 2020 is almost over.

Lillian Rotert- Thanksgiving food, my sheep and cows, and my family.

Mrs. Gregory- Nathan Gregory, my family, and my doggies.



Written by: Aimee Cummings

Typed by: Sudie Callahan

# Salty Sophomores

Mrs. Larcom

We are so excited for thanksgiving. Here are some things we are thankful for.

Alexis Hastings is thankful for her bed, her family, and Madi.

Averie Bales is thankful for her family, her friends, and food.

Sydney Claiborne is also thankful for her family, her friends, and food.

Macie Morris is thankful for her family, rodeo, and her dog.

Lexie Ward is thankful for her family, Dr. Pepper, and her dogs.

Madi McArthur is thankful for sleeping, her family, and her dog Tucker.

Jake Crawford is thankful for Donald Trump, guns for hunting, and fried chicken.

Tucker Roach is thankful for Donald Trump, guns for hunting, and trucks.

Jacob Kepner is thankful for his mother, his computer, and hot wings.

Brice Miller is thankful for his family, his friends, and Mrs. Larcom.



Written by: Alexis Hastings

# Just Enough Juniors

Mrs. Bridges

The Juniors are ready for Thanksgiving break, so we decided to do what we are thankful for.



- Briana Arredondo: Ashton/Dylan, family, and sleep
- Ashton Carullo: Time, Briana/Jake, and family
- Kale Oerke: Friends, family, and summer
- River Clark: Buddies, fried chicken, and hunting/fishing
- Nathan Menken: Trucks, friends, and mashed potatoes
- Payton Miller: Family, fishing, pools, and trucks

We hope you all have a great Thanksgiving break.

Written & typed by: Ashton Carullo

# Ag/FFA

Mrs. Trickey



Amazing news, we matched our Missouri FFA \$300.00 grant by totaling our 300 food items in our 2 week food drive and raising \$100.00. Shop class is working hard on many projects, wood and metal. Eighth grade is finishing their unit on soil and creating a business plan for their craft fair and shop project.

In December the Ag 2 class will be creating barn quilts using their woodworking and measuring skills. Ag 1 is learning about the history of FFA and parliamentary procedure. Ag 1 will also start finding their SAE! Fish and Wildlife finished the white tail deer unit and learned how to score white tail bucks and the importance of hunting safety.

For the Fall speaking contest there was five contestants, Tucker Roach, Lilly Rotert, Macie Morris, Sydney Claiborne, and Averie Bales.

Written By: Lilly Rotert  
Typed By: Macie Morris

# Language Arts

Mrs. Gregory

This year just seems to be crawling on along! Its already Thanksgiving time, and we are ready for a break. This month the ELA classes have been focusing on writing. ELA 1, 2 and Advanced ELA have been working on the writing process and writing short story narratives. College Prep is learning about research papers. Speech is getting ready to give their informative speeches and Novels is reading *Fahrenheit 451*. Christmas time and the end of the semester are coming soon. I hope we will be ready for it!



Written by: Mrs. Gregory  
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

# SASSY SENIORS

Mrs. Chambers & Mr. Bergen

This month the Seniors have been focusing on turning in as many scholarships as we can, while wrapping up our plans for after high school. Everyone has officially started on their senior tile in hopes to get it done before Christmas break. We have asked each senior what they are thankful for and included it below.



- What are three things the Senior Class is grateful for...*
- Wyatt Blair*– Family, pit vipers, America
  - Sudie Callahan*– Family, JoJo and Opal (my dogs), and my cats
  - Rachel Evans*– Family, supporting school, friends
  - Sierra Ferguson*– Family, friends, school
  - Serenity Morris*– Family, my doggos, and my Job
  - Kayla Schmitt*– Place to stay, a job, a vehicle
  - Kailee Smith*– Family, teachers, Jake
  - Dylan Tippie*– Family, my Mom, Friends, and good times
  - Mr. Bergen*– That COVID-19 will not last forever.
  - Lizbeth Ramirez*–The schools help and kindness, my family

Typed By: Serenity Morris

# Library News

Ms. Burgin

Kindergarten and First grade are almost finished reading all the stories in *Disney/Pixar Storybook Collection*. After thanksgiving break we will choose our favorite story and watch the movie.

Second and Third grade just finished reading the *BFG*. After Thanksgiving break we will watch the movie.

Fourth grade just finished reading *Shiloh* and will watch the movie after Thanksgiving break. Fifth grade has finished reading *Journey to the Center of the Earth* and are watching the movie.

Sixth grade is reading *Where the Red Fern Grows*.

Before Thanksgiving break, we will watch *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* to get ready for the holiday!

We will be having a Book Fair December 8th-11th! Ms. Burgin will be staying until 6pm. Parents and grandparents are welcome anytime after school hours.

Written by: Ms. Burgin  
Typed by: Madi McArthur

# FACS

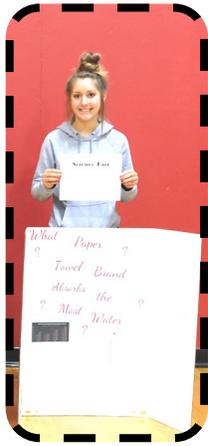
Mrs. Larcom

Junior High FACS is practicing kitchen math and learning how to grocery shop. High school FACS is practicing using sewing machines and our first project will be a mask!

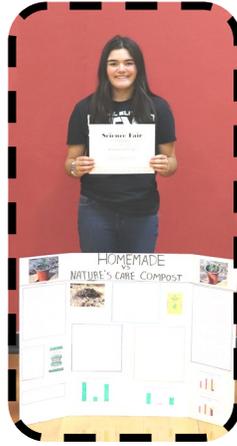
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# Science Department

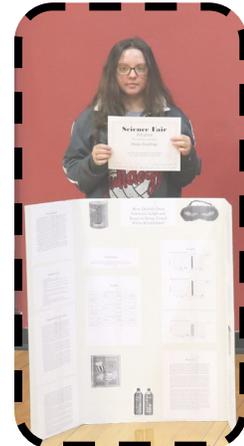
Mrs. Chambers



Macie Morris



Aimee Cummings



Alexis Hastings

The Science Fair was a huge success this year. Though there were many science projects to pick from, there was a series of judges that were selected to pick out the top three science projects. Our first place Science Fair winner was Macie Morris; her project was over “What Paper Towel Brand Picks Up the Most Liquid.” The second place winner was Aimee Cummings; her project was over “Homemade vs. Nature’s Care Compost.” The third place winner was Alexis Hastings, her project was on ‘How Do You React To Being Tested With Out Your Eye sight.’ Congratulations to all of the Science Fair winners this year.



Pictured from (L-R): Samuel Setzer, Audrey Foster, and Zoie Wheeler

The Junior High Science Fair was also a huge success and they had their own set of judges. The first place winner was Samuel Setzer; his project was over “Which Paper Towel Brand Will Leave The Least Amount Of Streaks.” The second place winner was Audrey Foster; her project was over “Trash To Gas Biomass Energy.” The third place winner was Zoie Wheeler; her project was over “Which Evaporates Faster Flat Pop or New Pop?” Congratulations to the Junior High winners.

Written by: Sudie Callahan

# Mr. Bergen's Math Corner

Hello fellow mathematicians,

The answers to the last edition of Math Corner are at the end of this edition.

## Elementary Riddle (K-4):

**Q.** Imagine you are at Thanksgiving dinner with two other people. A fresh pie just came out of the oven, and you want to share it equally between the three of you. How can you cut it using straight across lines so that you all get equal amounts of pie?

## Middle School Riddle (5-8):

**Q.** You are traveling for Thanksgiving to visit your Gran Gran in Texas. On a map from your house to hers is 5cm. The map has a scale of 1cm = 135mi.

Part 1: How far is it to Gran Gran's house from your house?

Part 2: If you drive an average speed of 75mi/hr, and leave at 6:00AM, when will you arrive at her house?

## High School Riddle (9-12):

**Q.** Same question as Middle School, but I want to add: your car gets 20mpg and has an 18 gallon gas tank. If gasoline is \$1.72/gal and you are on empty, how much will it cost in gas to drive to Gran Gran's house and back?

## Elementary Riddle (K-4):

**Q.** When Billy Bob was 14 years old, his brother was half his age. Now that Billy Bob is 40, how old is his brother?

**A.** If his little brother is half his age when Billy Bob is 14, then his brother is 7 years old. Although his brother will not always be half his age, he will always be 7 years younger, so when Billy Bob is 40, his little brother will be 33.

## Middle School Riddle (5-8):

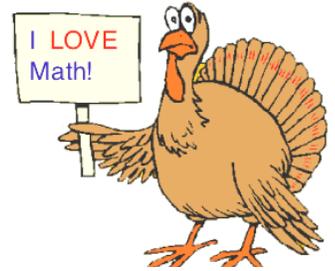
**Q.** We are two real numbers whose sum is greater than 10, but whose product is less than 10. What are we?

**A.** You can solve this problem using guess and check or by a system of inequalities. The explanation for systems of inequalities is too long for here, so I will say the key to this problem is that it has multiple correct answers and the numbers allowed are "Real" which is a set of numbers that includes rational numbers (fractions, decimals, etc...) So...  $12+0.5 = 12.5$  which is greater than 10 and  $12(0.5) = 6$  which is less than 10 would be one answer to this problem. What are the others?

## High School Riddle (9-12):

**Q.** Bring me your example, and I will share some of my favorites in the next edition of Math Corner.

**A.** No examples to share



Written by: Mr. Bergen  
Formatted by: Lexie Ward



Mrs. Larcom

Art students wrapped up their Halloween projects and have begun their fall Thanksgiving projects! Kindergarten and First grade are making clay turkeys, Second grade and Third grade are working on mixed media place settings. Fourth grade is working on a food sculpture and 5th and 6th grade are learning to draw barns.

3D Art class finally finished up their pumpkin sculptures! We are looking forward to starting a new project and learn about artist Frank Stella.

Art 1 is studying texture and will finish the semester working on the element form and construct a 3D project.

I am currently working on uploading pictures of all the students artwork to a Facebook page called Ballard Bulldog Art. Please check it out and share with family and friends so they can see all the amazing Bulldog artists here at Ballard!



Written by: Mrs. Larcom  
Typed by: Serenity Morris

## PAT Information

Parents as teachers (PAT) is now offered for Ballard School District citizens! Parents as Teachers is a FREE program that promotes early learning to your child. At this time, children from birth to age three are eligible to have a monthly meeting with Juli Schmedding, the PAT educator.

The hour long visit can take place at your home or at the school. Visits will include an activity for the parent and child to do together as well as resources for proper child development.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Juli Schmedding at 816-297-2656 ext. 123 or [jschmedding@ballard.k12.mo.us](mailto:jschmedding@ballard.k12.mo.us)

# Senior Night Volleyball



Pictured to the left are the Senior girls and their parents.

**First Row (L-R)**

Kailee Smith  
Sudie Callahan  
Serenity Morris  
Kayla Schmitt

**Second Row (L-R)**

Ray Bramell  
Beth Bramell  
Trent Callahan  
Missy Callahan  
Debra Younce  
Terry Burros  
Mark Eagleson  
Nicole Schmitt  
JD Wooster

On Thursday, October 15 we played Chilhowee for Senior Night. The girls played very well and fought hard till the very end. In the first set the girls played really hard and came out with a win, with a score of 27-25. In the second set the girls kept their spirit up and won with a score of 25-16. In the third set the girls were very determined to finish it out in three sets, but fell short with a score of 26-28. Then in the fourth set the girls worked very hard and were determined to win and came out on top with a score of 25-17.

Due to corona over half of the seniors were not able to play their senior night game but they were very much appreciated with their cheering and intensity on the bench. They were still recognized for their dedication and hard work through out their high school career.

Congratulations Senior volleyball players.

# Volleyball Awards



Pictured above (L-R): Alexis Hastings, Sudie Callahan, Lexie Ward, Macie Morris, and Serenity Morris

Congrats to the following volleyball players on post season awards!!

All Conference:

1st- Sudie Callahan

2nd- Lexie Ward

HM- Serenity Morris, Macie Morris

All District:

1st- Sudie Callahan

HM- Lexie Ward, Serenity Morris, Alexis Hastings

# Ballard Bulldogs 2020

**First Row: (L-R)**

Zachary Carpenter  
Cade Callahan  
Payton Miller

**Second Row: (L-R)**

Russell Bergman  
Jacob Crawford  
Kale Oerke  
Tucker Roach  
Juli Schmedding



## BASKETBALL



**First Row: (L-R)**

Briana Arredondo  
Sierra Ferguson  
Aimee Cummings

**Second Row (L-R)**

Serenity Morris  
Sudie Callahan  
Ashton Carullo  
Avery Bales

**Third Row (L-R)**

Coach Russell Bergman  
Lexie Ward  
Kayla Schmitt  
Kailee Smith  
Lillian Rotert  
Sydney Claiborne  
Coach Juli Schmedding

Typed by: Briana Arredondo

# Red Ribbon Week

During the week of October 27th we celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Each day had a different theme so that the students and staff could dress up. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. It began as a tribute to fallen DEA special agent Enrique Camarena in 1985. We had lots of fun and school spirit, these were the dress up days!



**Tuesday:** "We dream big, we don't do drugs!"

Wear your most comfortable pajamas

**Wednesday:** "Our future is too BRIGHT to do drugs"

Wear neon colors and sunglasses

**Thursday:** "TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS!"

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM'S JERSEY AND OTHER ATTIRE!

**Friday:** "Say 'BOO' to drugs"

K-12 Wear your Halloween costume to school.



Pictured Above: The Second Grade

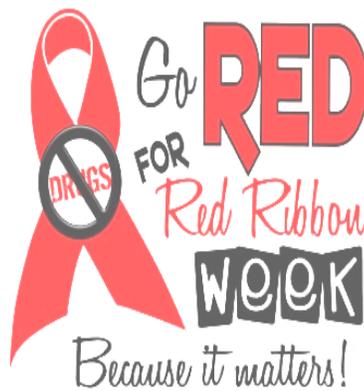
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Pictured Above: Mrs. Gregory



Pictured Above: L-R Kayla Schmitt, Lily Rotert

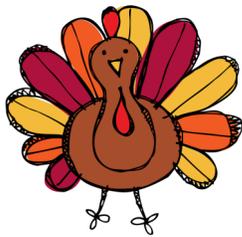


Pictured Above: Bob Ross and His Happy Little Tree.

# Fun Page

By: Macie Morris

Happy  
Thanksgiving



## Thanksgiving Riddles

1. Which part of a turkey is most musical?
2. Why do turkeys lay eggs?
3. Why did the turkey cross the road?
4. Why can a turkey jump higher than a 10 story building?

