



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
Fourth Edition, December 18, 2017

From the Superintendent's Desk...

Merry Christmas!

Wow! It is hard to believe that the first semester is over with and Christmas is nearly here. Where has the first half of this school year gone? It has been a great first half of year for me as Superintendent. I have had many learning experiences just as our students have. With the staff and students that we have, it makes things so much easier for everyone involved.

A portion of the following school closing information is repeated from my November article. 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 FM). A third location for Ballard School closing announcements is our school web site, which is www.ballardr2.net as well as the Ballard Facebook account. Also if you are included in the Remind account you will get a text stating the cancelation. 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 would like to thank everyone who made Grandparents' Day a success once again, especially the kitchen crew and, of course, the grandparents who were able to attend. It is very much appreciated. We had a great turn-out and a great meal. Here is a reminder of a few events coming soon. First, varsity basketball is well under way and we are grateful to those community members who come out and support the Bulldogs. Please continue to support the students of our district.

Another item of interest that I believe the community needs to be aware of is the filing dates for the next School Board election. The filing dates for any individuals interested in running for a Board position are from December 12, 2017 through January 16, 2018. The two seats that will be up for election are currently held by Chris Rotert and Nathaniel Wainscott. The election will be held on April 3, 2018. Filing information and paperwork can be acquired from and returned to Kerri Loyd during school hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) and up to 5:00 p.m. on January 16th. If interested, you may file during normal school business time. Feel free to contact me or Mrs. Loyd if you have any questions about this process.

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

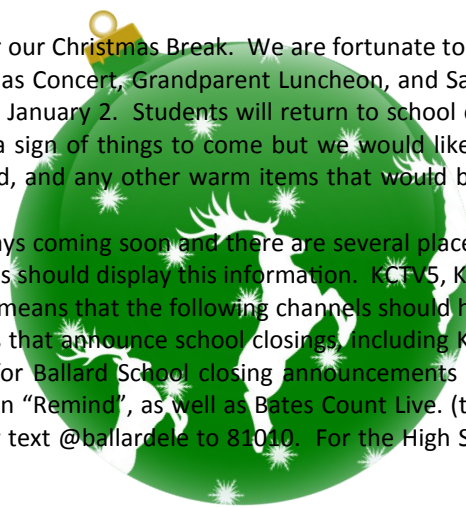
Written by Mr. Siebeneck
Formatted by Camryn East

Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

The students are very excited as we prepare for our Christmas Break. We are fortunate to have such a great group of students and staff members to help put on a great Christmas Concert, Grandparent Luncheon, and Santa's Workshop. Our break begins on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:05pm until Tuesday, January 2. Students will return to school on Thursday, January 4. We are hopeful that the recent blast of colder weather is not a sign of things to come but we would like to mention that outdoor gear should include: a warm jacket, mittens/gloves, hat/hood, and any other warm items that would be appropriate. If you send the gear, we will do our best to ensure that they wear it.

It is very possible that there will be snow/ice days coming soon and there are several places to find out if school has been canceled due to inclement weather. The local TV stations should display this information. KCTV5, KMBC-TV9, FOX4- WDAF-TV, and KSHB-TV are all included as well as their affiliates. That means that the following channels should have school closing information: 4, 5, 8, 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 website, which is www.ballardr2.net. Cancelations will also be sent out on "Remind", as well as Bates Count Live. (to enroll in "Remind" for the El-em. open a web browser and go to rmd.at/ballardele or text @ballardele to 81010. For the High School open a web browser and go to rmd.at/ballardhig or text @ballardhig to 81010.



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7 Ideas to Keep Your Kids Busy Over the Holidays

No Boredom Allowed!

Are you tired of hearing, "I'm bored" when your child is out of school for the holidays? Avoid the boredom by introducing your kids to fun and exciting activities they can do on their own or together as a family. Enjoy the activities below as a family!

1. Cook with Kids

Recruit the help of your children in baking delicious treats.

2. Have Some Kids Over

Bring some playmates into the picture for your kids.

3. Play Outside when you can

Get out and enjoy the winter weather.

4. Learning Can Be Fun

Just because school is out for a couple weeks doesn't mean the learning has to stop.

5. Indoor Creativity

Too chilly to go outside? Let them build a fort in the bedroom

or the living room. Collect all the sheets and blankets you can find and plot your fort with the kids.

6. Play Games

Host a family game night with your children. Serve the baked goods you made earlier and some hot apple cider or hot cocoa.

7. Get Crafty

When their holiday break begins, get your kids in the Christmas spirit by helping you decorate with Christmas or New Year's crafts made together.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. See you in 2018!

Written by Mr. Hon
Formatted by Camryn East



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Madelyne Mae Murray, 17, is the daughter of Josh and Jennifer Murray, and the sister of Mylan Murray. Her favorite class is lunch and her favorite colors are pink and leopard print. Maddy's dream car is a 1967 Volkswagen Bus, and her favorite song is *Where Do You Think You're Going?* By Shania Twain. Her hobbies and extracurricular activities include drinking Eggnog Frappes from Starbucks, painting her nails, doing her hair and makeup, eating, smiling, listening to music, playing Volleyball and Softball, and participating in Art and Pep Club. She says her biggest pet peeve is when she is telling a funny story and NO ONE laughs.

After graduation, Maddy plans to attend Entourage Institute of Beauty & Ethics in Lenexa, Kansas to obtain her license in cosmetology. When asking Maddy where she sees herself in 15 years, she stated that she hopes to be happily married to a great guy with a couple of kids and dogs, continuing her cosmetology career in her own salon, living in a nice neighborhood. For Maddy's famous last words, *insert a Maddy laugh.*



Camryn Grace East, 18, is the daughter of Kevin and Shamera East, and the sister of Coleson East. Some of her favorites include Publications class, Chinese, and iHop. Camryn's dream car is a Galaxy Lamborghini Aventador, and her favorite song is *1985* by Bowling for Soup. Camryn's hobbies and extracurricular activities include playing basketball and softball, hanging out with her friends, binge watching TV shows, blaring her music in her car, and participating in pepclub, BHS, and art club. Her biggest pet peeve is when people don't wave back to her when she's driving down the road. Camryn's famous last words are "That's a nice!"

After graduation, Camryn plans to attend MCC's Penn Valley campus in Kansas City where she will begin her education towards a degree in physical therapy. When asking Camryn where she sees herself in 15 years, she stated that "Living the dream, being happy, and doing whatever life has in store for me."



Typed by Adelyne Dowse

January Birthdays

7 Dorothy Smith

12 Vivian Greer

13 Addilynn Engelhardt

14 Raelynn Kershner

19 Macie Morris

20 Lily Bergen

22 Abigail Bergen

22 Nate Evans

22 Kamryn Beachner

23 Kelsi Bergen



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 2017-2018 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 Senior, Andrew (Drew) Hon, son of Eric and Heather Hon. Art teacher, Mrs. Descombes states "Drew is a hard worker and has a great attitude. He was very helpful as a manager for the volleyball team and pushes himself in his classwork." Math teacher Mrs. Kershner states "Drew is friendly and helpful to all! He enjoys a good competition. He knows how to buckle down & work, and he has learned the valuable lesson of doing just that before the situation is an emergency." Science teacher Mr. Brewster states "Drew works hard in physics class. He asks pertinent questions and applies the knowledge he gains to master complicated concepts. Drew also is a leader around the school and shows respect to all." Business teacher Ms. Murchie states "Drew has a wonderful disposition and is willing to help any of his classmates. He is a great role model for his classmates and the underclassmen. He is a hard worker and strives to do his very best on any assignment he is doing." Drew is a member of the Basketball, Baseball, and Scholar Bowl teams. Drew is also involved in Choir, Band, Drama Club, Art Club and Ballard Honor Society.

For Drew'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 above (L-R): J.L Jennings, Andrew Hon, and Eric Hon



Preschool Christmas List



Caleb Morris and his little elf Jack Rotert went and helped the preschool write letters to Santa.

Dear Santa,

My name is Melody Bergen and I'm 3 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Baby Doll and a Unicorn and a Barbie with a purple Brush and a pink one too. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Melody

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Keenen Englehardt and I'm 4 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas are trains and toy trucks and cars. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Keenan

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to the reindeer for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Silas Johnson and I'm 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is puzzles and a fishing pole. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for dipping for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Silas

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to me for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Tucker Newkirk and I'm 5 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Remote Control Nerf Gun and a Magic Track Rescue. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Tucker

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Zander Miller and I'm 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a turtle and an action figure. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Zander

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Mommy for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Anthony Sieghartner and I'm 3 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a firefighter hat and firefighter stuff. I promise to leave out crackers for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Anthony

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Grandma for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Ellee Scott and I'm 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a robot Hatchimal and a four wheeler. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Ellee

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Noah Meade and I'm 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a pair of walkie talkies and a watch. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Noah

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Mommy for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Dani Crump and I'm 3 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a baby doll and a horse. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Dani

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to Mommy for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Huntlee Myrtle and I'm 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Paw Patrol Boat and a Paw Patrol Lookout. I promise to leave out chocolate chip cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Huntlee

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to the reindeer for me!!

Dear Santa,

My name is Rylie Schmitt and I'm 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is Paw Patrol Smashems and a Paw Patrol Tower. I promise to leave out candy for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Rylie

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to my brother for me!!

Dear Santa,

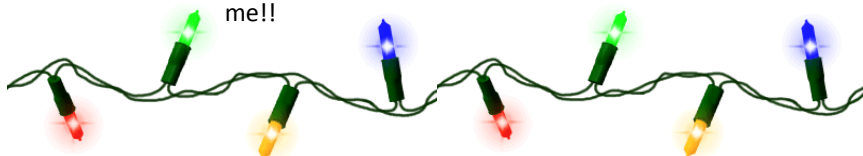
My name is Brynlee Wainscott and I'm 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Princess Jeep and a toy elf. I promise to leave out chips for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, Brynlee

P.S. Please Say "Hi" to the reindeer for me!!

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by Caleb Morris





Krazy Kindergarten



The Publications class went into the Kindergarten class room and helped the students write their letters to Santa. The following is what they said;

Dear Santa,
My name is Ian Bergman and I am 6 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a toy robot and a Wii U. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Ian

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
My name is Nathaniel Fisher and I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a skateboard and a remote Nerf gun. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!



Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Nathaniel

P.S. Please say "Hi" to me for me!

Dear Santa,
My name is Callan Rotert and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a toy dinosaur and a toy horsey. I promise to leave out a Christmas tree for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Callan

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me!

Dear Santa,
My name is Chandler Borland and I am 6 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a robot unicorn and a stuffed animal butterfly. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Chandler

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
My name is Vivian Greer and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a My Little Pony and dinosaurs. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Vivian

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!



Dear Santa,
My name is Lilyana Sieghartner and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a teddy bear and a toy chicken. I promise to leave out a present for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Lilyana

P.S. Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,
My name is Delainey Ferguson and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a tablet of my very own and a really tall Barbie. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Delainey

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,
My name is Summer Hastings and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a dog and a doll. I promise to leave out Christmas cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Summer

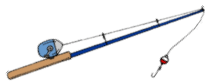
P.S. Please say "Hi" to your reindeer for me!



Dear Santa,
My name is Charles Fisher and I am 6 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a fishing pole and a new book. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Charles

P.S. Please say "Hi" to your Reindeer for me!



Dear Santa,
My name is Sofia Porter and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a train and a game. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Sofia

P.S. Please say "Hi" to your reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklynn Warren and I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is presents and toys. I promise to leave out candy for you!

Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Brooklynn

P.S. Please say "Hi" to Elsa for me!



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Frazzled First

Mrs. Ordal

The first graders wrote letters to Santa telling him what they want and so here they are...

Dear Santa,

I cleaned up my room. May I have a Lego Dinosaur?

Lane Meade
Age-6



Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy. I would like Legos, a remote control dinosaur, a Target gift card, a phone, a milking cow, Dr. Seuss books, a pool, a remote control train, a bike, and a rifle.

Brayden Siebeneck
Age-6



Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl, I've been picking up sticks. I want a unicorn stuffed animal, please, and a unicorn guitar, please. I also want a unicorn dress, please, and a kitten stuffed animal, please. I have even been cleaning my room.

Lily Bergen
Age-6



Dear Santa,

I've gone to bed on time, so will you give me a Hatchimal?

Aspen Eidson
Age-6

Dear Santa,

I helped with the Christmas Tree. I want to have a remote control airplane, and I want a remote control helicopter.



Ian Campbell
Age-7

Dear Santa,

I've done my chores. Can you please bring me a Lego Dinosaur set?

Zayden Miller
Age-6

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by Caleb Morris

Spunky Sixth

Ms. Eidson



Every year, we do a Christmas assignment called "If I were a gift." This year, everyone's letters were very meaningful, and sweet! As follows are our letters!

If I were a gift, I would be an emoji blanket. I would give it to everyone who has many emotions. I would be great, because I carry everyone's emotions.

By Jada Gains



If I were a gift, I would be a flower. I'd be a flower, because all people need to be grateful for what they get. Everyone wants what they want, but not what they need. Hopefully, everyone this year will understand to not take what they want, but what you need.

By Lindy Gunter

If I were a gift, I would be a tractor and brush hog to give to my step dad, so he can use it. Also, he's always been wanting it, and we could use it to cut all of the grass and plant things.

By Zachary Carpenter



If I were a gift, I would be a dog, because I want to find my two dogs that are gone. I would give me to a police officer, so I could sniff out my owners.

By Lilly Rotert

If I were a gift, I would be the gift of a life time. I would give it to every unfortunate boy and girl. I would be that gift, so the world could be a better place for them.

By Cade Callahan

If I were a gift, I would be money, because my family needs it, or internet cards.

By Donovan Card



If I were a gift, I would be a tablet case for my mom, because she needs a new one really bad. Merry Christmas Mom.

By Parker Hill

If I were a gift, I would be a blessing of good health. I would give myself to my mom and dad. I would give myself to them, because I want them to be healthy and well. I would wrap myself in blue snowman paper and put a golden bow on top of me.

By Aimee Cummings

Written by the sixth grade class
Formatted by Camryn East

Second to None

Mrs. West

This month, the second graders were asked what they would do if they were Santa for a day. The following is what they said:

I would help the elderly. I would lose some fat. I would make a rule that nobody is too old to get a present. If kids had a loose tooth, they would get money. You know the old lady who swallowed things? She needs to swallow some snow!

By Piper Goth

I would give everyone in the world presents. I would give the elderly what they deserve. I would even give my elves a break to spend time with their families.

By Gavin Schliem

I would ride my reindeer to every house to give them presents. I would check the naughty and nice list. I would see the nice kids and I would also see the naughty kids.

By Kenadee Allen

I would try my best to help the elves make wonderful toys for good girls and boys. I would give both young and old the best Christmas day ever! I would ride house to house giving everyone presents. I would try to be just like normal Santa. It would be a wonderful Christmas!

By Owen Meade

I would put the Grinch on the naughty list. I would put real Santa on the good list and I would give him pre-

sents! I would also put Santa's pups on the good list. I would put the Grinch's dog on the good list. That is what I would do if I was Santa for a day.

By Jacob Eidson

I would say, "Ho, ho, ho!" Then I would give everyone gifts. Next, I would get Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comet, and all the reindeer. We would go flying around in the sleigh.

By Harry Greer

I would tell the elves to start making dolls, and bears, and a music box. Then, I would take a big nap. Then, I would tell the elves to start wrapping the presents. Next, when the elves were done, I would take the presents and jump on the sleigh. Then, the reindeer will take off!

By Karly Skaggs

I will eat and eat, and eat! Do you know what I will eat? I will yell at the naughty kids and hope the naughty kids are good.



By Zoe Frederick

If I was Santa, I would eat a lot of food to be just like the real Santa. I would check the naughty list and good list. If they were good, I would put them on the good list. The naughty kids will

get on the naughty list. When it is night, I will take the sleigh and go deliver the presents.

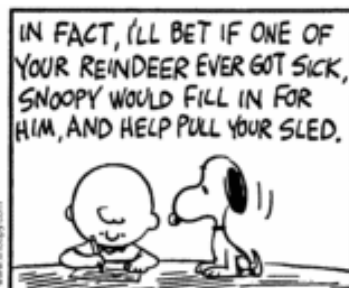
By Addilynn Engelhardt

I would try my best to give everyone gifts. I would clean my reindeer and then I would tell my elves to make toys too! Last, I would sit down and have some hot cocoa while I watch T.V.

By Nathan Bales



Typed by Mikayla Whitaker





Tremendous Third



Ms. Kabir

This year, for the Christmas edition of the newspaper, the third grade class decided to write "Things I wonder about Santa."

Something I wonder is how long it takes to make one million toys. Another thing I wonder is how many elves he has. I wonder how he gets in a house if they don't have a chimney. I wonder how he fits all of the toys in his bag. Last thing I wonder is how long it takes to deliver all the presents.

Sincerely,
Payson Hill

I wonder about Santa, if he likes Coke. The other things I wonder are does he like chocolate, cookies, does he have an elf to help, and how many elf's does he have?

Sincerely,
Daxtyn Greer

Something I wonder about Santa is how does he get so chubby? I mean he is really big. I wonder how many elves does he have? Because I am pretty sure the whole elementary has one and I have one at my house. I wonder does he drink pop so he can get so chubby? I wonder how does he go to every house in the world? I wonder what he eats to get so chubby. He must eat a lot of sugar.



Sincerely,
Ashton Siebeneck

Something I wonder about Santa is does he like Coca Cola? Another thing is does he like ketchup, ranch, wolves and TV.

Sincerely,
Bradley Bergschneider

Something I wonder is does Santa like pop and candy? I wonder how does he fit in my chimney. If Santa eats Barbeque sauce. I wonder if Santa eats ranch. Does Santa watch TV?

Sincerely,
Noah Bales

Something I wonder is what time do you come to our house? How many toys do you give out? I also wonder is what if they are naughty; do they get toys? Another thing is how many

elves you have. Do you give out chocolate and candy?

Sincerely,
Madison Gunter

Something I wonder is that Santa gets the Christmas tree. Then get the decorations. Then he says to the elves to make toys for the children. Then he and the elves get the sleigh ready. Then he drives the sleigh. Then he drops the toys off at the house. Then he gets back in his sleigh and then he gets to his house and then gets hot cocoa for the elves. Then the elves and Santa falls asleep.

Sincerely,
Macie Wainscott

Something I wonder is do you like Coca Cola and milk; also cookies. Another thing; how much elves do you have and what do you do all day and what do your elves do all day? Do you like the North Pole? How can you go down a chimney if you're big and fat?

Sincerely,
Maribel Arrendondo

Something I wonder is how does Santa give the elves their magic? I wonder if he likes chocolate chip cookies and frosting cookies too. I wonder how many elves he has. I wonder how he can go in people's house in one day. I wonder how neat he is.

Sincerely,
Abigail Bergen

Something I wonder is does he have elves to make Elf on the Shelf? I also wonder if he makes some toys too. Another thing I wonder, is he married? I also wonder if he goes all over the whole world. One more thing I wonder is how many books does he read in a year?

Sincerely,
Nephi Hon



Something I wonder is if Santa really lands his sleigh on our house. I

also wonder if you actually get coal in your stocking if you are naughty. Another thing I wonder is if the elves work all year long. Cause if they do that is a lot of work for tiny elves. I wonder how Santa does not get sick from eating all those delicious treats! The last thing I wonder is how Santa fits down our chimneys.

Sincerely,
Maggie Foster



I wonder how long it takes to write. I wonder how big his book is. I wonder if he likes milk and cookies. I wonder how many elves he has. I wonder how hard it is situated.

Sincerely,
Chrissy Evans

Something I wonder about Santa is does he get the elves gifts for situating for Christmas? I wonder, is Santa checking the list twice? Another thing I wonder, does he make his own food? I wonder if Santa putting up Christmas lights, so he can decorate his house for Christmas. Does Santa wrap up presents for all of the children before Christmas? Santa probably has a barber cutting his hair right now. Where does Santa go to buy the candy canes? Where does Santa keep his list? The last thing that I wonder about Santa is what does his wife do while delivering presents?

Sincerely,
Olivia Porter

Something I wonder about is he ever tired of children's behavior? Like Tommy pulling hair or Lisa taking toys? I also wonder why does he use the chimney? Is it squished? Another thing I wonder is why is Santa so round? Is it because of all the milk and cookies? Where did Santa go to school?

Sincerely,
Kennedy Borland

Fantastic Fourth

Mrs. Moore

The fourth graders annual Christmas themed cartoons.



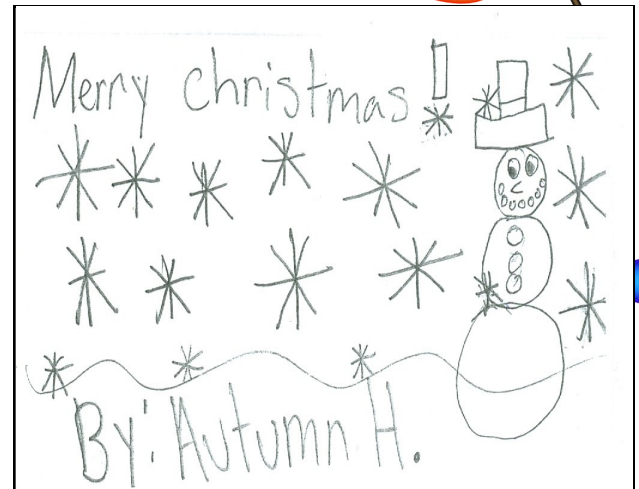
By Cash Anderson



By Victoria Snyder



By Alexis Britz



By Autumn Hastings

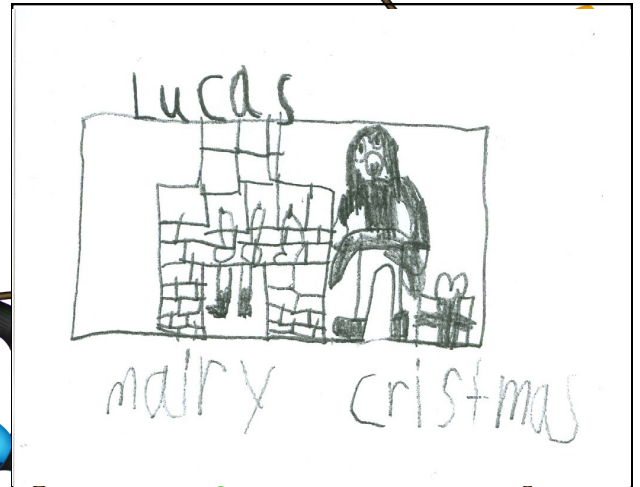


By Katelynne Skaggs

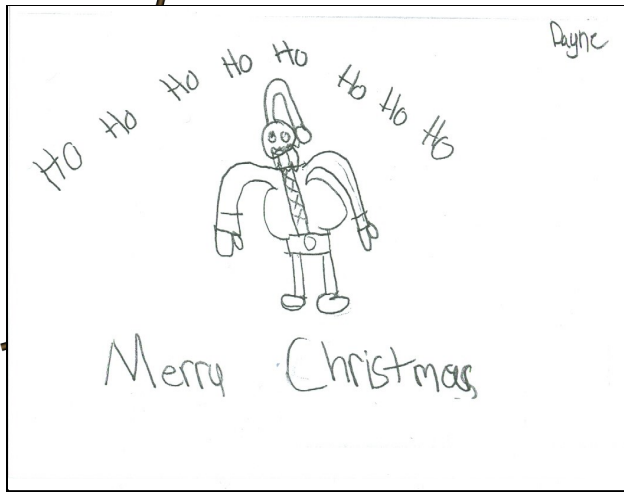
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By Celia Campbell



By Lucas Crump



By Dayne Greer



By Haley Pray



"I'm starting work on volume two of my Christmas list for Santa."

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Fiesty Fifth

Mrs. Bergen



This month, for the holiday season, the fifth grade decided to create sweaters and their description and mitch match them. Feel free to match the correct sweater!



My sweater has stripes and a light necklace. My sweater also has a holly and a candy cane pin.

By Kamryn Beachner



My sweater has presents and light bulbs. It has Christmas trees on it. It has a bunch of colors on it to love.

By Isaiah Maggard



My sweater, my sweater hanging in the weather,
Two lights on wire or am I a liar.
One deer in the rain.

By Brenden Card

My sweater is damaged and dirty. It also has a magnificent reindeer and hallow bells. Also, adorable Christmas trees.

By Jonathan Setzer

My sweater is puny yet it weighs 400 pounds. If you are skinny you will love this sweater because it is heavy and very warm. It has a word on it that starts with "L". It has a candy cane and a heart.

By Nate Evans

My ugly Christmas sweater is ugly. It has a mistle toe on it. It has a green patch and a cat scratch. It got struck by lightning. It has broken pockets.

By Samuel Setzer

Santa carries it house to house.
Glow bright at night.
Snow all around.

By Audrey Foster

Mine has a candy cane with a few lights. With, also, stripes all over it.

By Zoie Wheeler

My sweater will keep you cold in the winter. It is light, wet, tiny, skinny, ugly, and bad.

By Ethan Kennedy

The fifth grade hopes you have an amazing Christmas and New Years!



Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Sixth Grade Graduates DARE!

Our sixth grade class graduated DARE on Tuesday, December 5, 2017! It took place in the gym and we had visitors that wanted to watch us graduate. We started out singing the DARE song that Ms. Eidson did a great job of teaching us in a short period of time! Then, our DARE officer, Mrs. Fishbaugh, told us a little bit about herself and the DARE program. Zach read his DARE essay to everyone, because he won the essay contest. Our DARE officer presented us with our DARE certificates and we took a group picture. Finally, we got DARE goody bags, cake, and punch! Congratulations, sixth grade!



Pictured above (L-R): DARE officer Amy Fishbaugh, Lindy Gunter, Aimee Cummings, Lilly Rotert, Donovan Card, Cade Callahan, Parker Hill, Zachary Carpenter



Sassy Seventh



Written by Aimee Cummings
Formatted by Camryn East

Although we are ready for Christmas break, this past Thanksgiving was great for us seventh graders. The following are the things we want for Christmas:

Averie Bales: Softball bat and a telescope
Jentry Bergman: Kobe X Elite and NBA 2k18
Alexis Hastings: a trampoline and uneven bars
Jacob Kepner: Butterfingers and video games
Brice Miller: Dr. Pepper and Butterfingers
Macie Morris: Splint boots and Back on Trade stuff
Tucker Roach: Deer rifle and bullets
Lexie Ward: Apple watch and basketball shoes
Lucas Whitaker: roller blades and skateboard



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas
and Happy New Years!

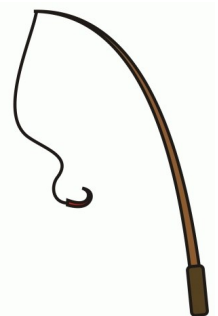
Written by the seventh grade class
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

The Elite Eighth Grade

We're all looking forward to Christmas and hope you are too! Here are some of the things on our Christmas lists!

River Clark— Jeans and socks
Kale Oerke— An Under Armour hoodie
Briana Arredondo— Camryn's basketball jersey, Netflix, and Wi-Fi
Keith Schmitt— Oxygen
Ashton Carullo— More food
Payton Miller— Fishing stuff

Written and Formatted
by Camryn East



Keepin' it Fresh Freshmen

The Freshmen class has not been doing much, but we are all ready for the end of the semester. I asked everyone in the class what they want for Christmas, and this is what they said.

Kayla Schmitt— Christmas socks
Sudie Callahan— Hairless cat
Wyatt Blair— Dime Camo Floyd mL for hunting
Dylan Tippie— New phone
Serenity Morris— I don't know
Sierra Ferguson— Laptop
Rachel Evens— Shoes
Kailee Smith— To spend time with my family



Written by Kailee Smith
Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Salty Sophomores

The Sophomore's Christmas wish list:

Briana Pray- Money
Brice Eidson— New dirt bike
Dale Dowse— Money
Donovan Hinrichs— Puppy
Garrett Oerke— A ride with Ronnie Mac & Money
Jake Light— Curry 4's
Shaun Carpenter— New house
McKinley Brewster— Twisted X's



Written by McKinley Brewster
Formatted by Caleb Morris



Jittery Juniors



We can't believe that Christmas is upon us already.
Here are some of the things we would like for Christmas.

Leven Howard — Teriyaki beef jerky
Payton Inglis— Revolver, dirt bike gear, and hunting clothes
Kelsie Karo— Hair and nail stuff, cute clothes, and Reba CD's
Kelsey Pray— Food, a kitten, and a TV
Mikayla Pray— Art supplies and books
Jack Rotert— An Island and tickets to a professional basketball game
Jaeden Schliem— Lift kit for a 1990 Chevy truck with 37" wheels
Amanda Teagarden— TV, and a heating blanket
Kayla Wainscott— Beanies, blankets and video games
Morgan Wheeler— Food and outfits
Jailynn Wheeler— A puppy and outfits for my pig
Cheryl Murchie— Rocker recliner

Formatted by Madelyne Murray

SAVAGE SENIORS

The Senior class would like to wish the Ballard community a Merry Christmas, and here are some things that the class wants for Christmas:

Camryn East— Scary movies and an all expenses paid shopping spree
Adelyne Dowse— Carhartt coat and a stethoscope
Mikayla Whitaker— Books and money
Andrew Hon— Hover board and full rights to Murchie's chair
Trent Tate— Helicopter and a mountain
Colton Page— New cleats and ball glove
Merritt Roach— 22 shells and traps
Ray Cummings— Giant stuffed animal fox and colorful pens
Savana Allen— New converse and fuzzy socks
Jamie Tate— Puppy and toys
Austin Carpenter— Banjo strings and a capo
Caleb Morris— FFA boots and a Dodge Hellcat
Madelyne Murray— Cheetah print stuff and custard



Written by Andrew Hon



Outstanding Art

Mrs. DesCombes

This month, the elementary classes are working on sculptures, and paper mache.

In eighth grade, Art 1, Advanced Art, 3D Art, and Drawing they are finishing up their final projects before the holidays and then all of the classes will help clean up, which Mrs. DesCombes is excited for. On another note, in 3D Art they are glazing and firing their finished projects, such as bookends and coaster sets. Have a great break and a Merry Christmas!

Written by Mrs. DesCombes
Formatted by Mikayla Whitaker

Everything English

Mrs. Gregory



This month in English, the Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors finished a unit on poetry. The Juniors finished reading *"The Fall of the House of Usher"* and are going to start reading *"The Raven."* College Prep will read a play called *"The Tragedy of Macbeth"* by William Shakespeare. In Novels, the class finished reading F. Scott Fitzgerald's *"The Great Gatsby"*. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Written by Mikayla Whitaker



Ag/FFA



The FFA just had their annual fruit sales fundraiser. The sales went really well and the FFA would like to thank those who helped and bought from the sales. The FFA will have their annual Christmas dinner and activity. We hope everyone has a safe and good break.

Written and Formatted by Caleb Morris



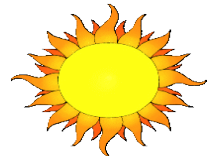
Ancient History



The 7th grade class is studying for their test. The 8th grade U.S. History class is studying the Industrial Revolution. The 9th grade U.S. History class is currently studying World War I. The 10th grade government class is going over congressional powers. The 11th and 12th grade government class just finished studying the electoral college and how it worked, and are now currently studying for the end of course exam. The 12th grade Geography class is currently predicting what Ballard would look like in the future.

Written and formatted
by Caleb Morris

STELLAR SCIENCE



Mr. Brewster

As the semester is coming to an end, all of the classes are finishing up on their designated assignments. The seventh and eighth graders just finished their projects for the conference science fair and did very well. Biology one and two just got done studying the kingdoms of life. Physics has been learning about collisions and momentum. Physical Science has learned about different sounds and light waves, and how they transmit to our ears and eyes. And finally, Chemistry has just got done with different kinds of matter and change.



First Row (L-R): Alexis Hastings
Second Row (L-R): Tucker Roach, Jacob Kepner, Lexi Ward,
and Macie Morris

Written by Mr. Brewster
Typed by Adelyne Dowse

Math Tweets

Mrs. Kershner



Pictured above: (L-R) Superintendent John Siebeneck, Raelynn Kershner, and Principal Eric Hon

The Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) held its annual Fall Conference on December 1-2, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. On Friday, December 1, Raelynn Kershner was recognized as the Outstanding Middle School Educator of 2017 for the state of Missouri. Mrs. Kershner has served the Ballard R-II School District since 1987 with a two-year break teaching in Indonesia. She is a member of multiple professional organizations, including Ballard Community Teachers Association, MTSA, Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She has given numerous presentations to improve teaching in the Ballard School District and surrounding areas. Raelynn continues to focus on her students. She states, "One thing I still do, that I've always done, is expect my students to go out and do great things. I've seen it happen over and over again. I don't expect it to change." Ballard is fortunate to have such an outstanding educator.

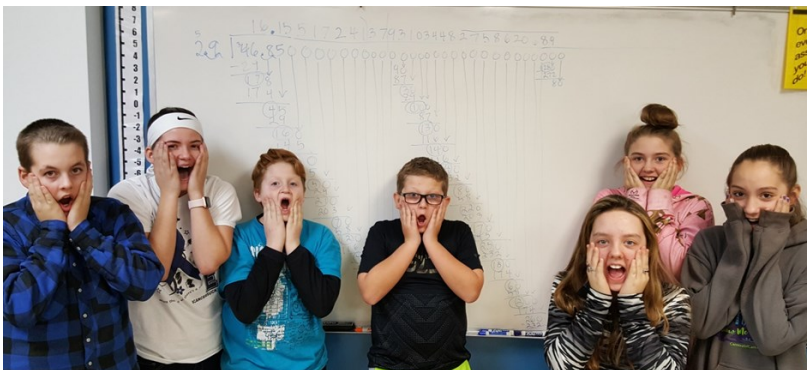
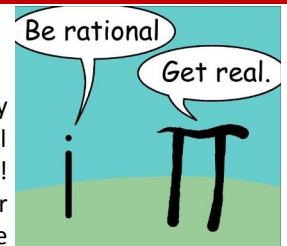
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Math is Rational!

Two habits mathematical thinkers possess are persistence and accuracy. The 7th grade recently experienced both while studying rational numbers. They discovered a rational expression that in decimal

form has 28 repeating digits! The lesson gave Mrs. Kershner the opportunity to help the students understand the limitations of a calculator--that it is simply a machine and cannot do all that our brains can do.

May the wonder and joy of Christmas be yours today and every day of the year!



Pictured above is the seventh grade class

Grandparents Come to Lunch



On Friday, December 8, the Ballard school held their annual Grandparent's Luncheon. The lunch began with the dismissing of the elementary to go through the lunch line first with their grandparents. The lunch contained roasted ham, green beans, baked potato, applesauce cake, and a roll! The sixth grade class was in charge of the drinks and picking up other's plates when they were done. They did an amazing job!

After the elementary finished eating, they were sent to their individual rooms to show their grandparents what they made for them. For example, the first grade wrote letters or poems, and the second grade played bingo with them. It was an afternoon of fun and excitement! Thank you for coming to this year's luncheon, the students had a lot of fun.



Pictured at left is Camryn East and her grandmother

Written by Mikayla Whitaker

Benefit for Dan Cummings

On Saturday, December 2, a benefit auction and dinner for Dan Cummings and his family was held at the Ballard school. Several ladies from the community worked very hard to put the benefit together and they were rewarded with their hard work by the large turnout.

The night started by the community coming in to enjoy the dinner provided, which consisted of chicken by Perryman, green beans, fried potatoes, coleslaw, and a roll. It was a free will donation. During the dinner, there was a surprise visit from Santa! The children got to speak to him while the parents went head to head at the auction. Several local businesses and families donated items to be auctioned.

The night went very well, and the people of the community were very generous! This reporter loved seeing the community together at the event, and hopes the Cummings family will be well, and that our community will continue to grow and care as always.

Written by Mikayla Whitaker

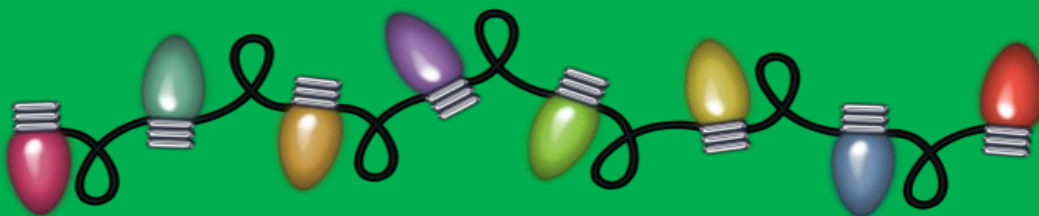


Caroling in Ballard

On December 7, 2017, the elementary classes and a few high schoolers gathered in the gym in front of their friends and family to put on a very enjoyable performance. They performed many things, including I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, and Mister Frosty Winter. Austin Carpenter even performed a very funny rendition of Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer, and it was a hit with the crowd. At the end of the performance, Austin Carpenter and Andrew Hon performed a duet and sang O Holy Night. The show was a big success over all. Mrs. Lybarger was sure to thank everyone who helped with practices, helped with the programs, and helped to arrange the music.



Pictured above are the Kindergarten through Sixth grade classes singing at the Christmas concert



Typed by Adelyne Dowse

The Barbers of Ballard

On Thursday afternoon, December 14, several Ballard students got to try out their barber skills. Three of Ballard's brave men allowed, on purpose, students to take electric clippers to their beards to raise money for cancer.

Superintendent John Siebeneck, Principal Eric Hon, and Social Studies teacher Brad Duncan decided to participate in "No Shave November" with the end result to be a competition to see which class could raise more money for the chance to shave off their beards.

The Junior class won the opportunity to shave Mr. Duncan. Mr. Duncan sat very still as the Junior class surrounded him and passed around the clippers. Several juniors even went back for another turn. There was a tie between the kindergarten and third grade classes to shave Mr. Hon. The students were really excited to go to work on Mr. Hon's beard. Finally, it was Mr. Siebeneck's turn. The first grade class won the honor of shaving his beard. The students took their time to make sure their turns counted.

The students had a great time participating in and watching their classmates take a "swipe" at the Ballard administration and teacher.



Written and Formatted
by Cheryl Murchie

Santa's Workshop



Pictured above
Maribel Arredondo

On December 12-14, 2017, the Ballard PTO members put on the annual Santa's Workshop for the Ballard R-II students. The Workshop consisted of many different items to choose from. For the adults, there was a variety of things available like towels, tools and nail polish. For the children, an assortment of toys covered the tables. A few students had to put some thought into the gift they got for their friend or parent. Other students knew exactly what they wanted. The ladies who helped the students check out their gifts were incredibly busy wrapping the gifts. I would like to say thank you to the PTO for organizing the workshop and helping the students. This event helps make Christmas more exciting and is a great way for kids to give gifts to the people who matter most to them.

Written and Formatted
by Madelyne Murray



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The Ballard community, once again, showed their kindness and generosity this Christmas season.

Counselor Miranda Bridges started putting angels on the tree at school the week before Thanksgiving and the angels quickly disappeared. There was also a food drive that was very successful. With the community's generosity five area families will receive presents for the children and the makings for a Christmas dinner.

On Tuesday, December 5, the Ballard Booster Club hosted a toy drive at the home basketball game against NEVC. Spectators were asked to bring a toy in place of admission. The items were donated to a local organization called Lily's House.

On Saturday, December 9, the community came together at The Grill to support the Juniors and Seniors on making money for project prom. It went very well and we hope to see everyone at the spring tip night!! All the tips that were earned will go towards expenses and prizes for the Juniors and Seniors that attend project prom.

Thank you to all the Ballard community for sharing with other Ballard community members. We hope you continue this generosity in years to come.

Written by Ms. Murchie and Caleb Morris and formatted by Caleb Morris

Sports Page

Written and Formatted by Andrew Hon
and Camryn East



Meet the Lady Bulldogs

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Pictured above (L-R): First Row: Savana Allen, Adelyne Dowse, Camryn East
Second Row (L-R): Manager, Lilly Rotert, Morgan Wheeler, Brianna Pray, Sierra Ferguson, McKinley Brewster, Manager, Lexie Ward
Third Row (L-R): Amanda Teagarden, Serenity Morris, Kailee Smith, Sudie Callahan, Kayla Schmitt

Meet the Bulldogs

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Pictured above (L-R): First Row: Manager, Kale Oerke, Jaeden Schliem, Colton Page, Andrew Hon,
Jake Light, Managers Cade Callahan and Hayden Engelhardt
Second Row (L-R): Head Coach, Troy Engelhardt, Dylan Tippie, Jack Rotert, Garrett Oerke, Assistant
Coach, Eric Hon

Swatting at the Hornets

The Ballard Lady Bulldogs started off their season on Friday, November 17, 2017, on their home court against the Hermitage Lady Hornets! This year, there are twelve girls going out for varsity basketball. The team consists of five freshmen, two sophomores, two juniors, and three seniors! The freshmen were very nervous about their first high school basketball game, but couldn't wait to get out there and play! There was an extremely large amount of Ballard fans in the stands excited to watch the girls! The starters for the game were Morgan Wheeler, Amanda Teagarden, Adelyne Dowse, Savana Allen, and Camryn East. At the start of the game, the girls were very confident. They ran blue, which is a two three defense, and they ran a spread offense. The first basket of the game was made by Camryn East in the first quarter. Our girls put up lots of shots, but sadly none of them seemed to fall. The Lady Bulldogs all said that it seemed like there was a lid on the basket! Unlike us, the Lady Hornets' shots were ALL falling. Number 10 on Hermitage's team, Sheridan Corum, made her 1000 points halfway through the game. Even though our Lady Bulldogs were really determined to win this game, they didn't end up pulling it together in the end, allowing Hermitage to take home the victory. When asked about the game, Coach Brewster stated, "Hermitage is a really good quality team.. Three of their players have reached their thousand points. It was definitely a good team to start off the season with, because now we see what we need to work on!" The final score was 18-59, and the leading scorer was Serenity Morris, with a total of 6 points. Although it was a hard game, our girls are still determined to have a great season, and can't wait to see what's in store for them! Good luck on your season, ladies, and good effort on your first game!

Stomping on the Tigers

On Tuesday, November 21, 2017, the Lady Bulldogs took on the Kingsville Lady Tigers! At the start, Adelyne Dowse tipped the ball to Amanda Teagarden, who passed it to Camryn East on the backside block, where she made the lay-up! The girls were off to a good start! Our Lady Bulldogs started out in a man-to-man defense, which they call red. Despite their efforts, red didn't stop the Lady Tigers from scoring, so they quickly changed to a zone defense instead. It was definitely more effective! By halftime, the Lady Tigers had taken the lead by 6 points, but were wearing down. The Lady Bulldogs didn't waste much time in the locker room, before heading back out onto the court to shoot around. Our shots were certainly on, and everybody's seemed to be falling! Throughout the second half of the game, our girls worked very well together! They were all sharing the ball, and looking to the open players. We were making the Lady Tigers work really hard to keep the lead. In the last quarter of the game, the suspense was insane! No one could tell who would be the victor. Unfortunately, time ran out before the Lady Bulldogs could claim the win. The final score was 59-62, and the leading scorer was Camryn East with a total of 35 points! It was one of the Lady Bulldogs' higher scoring games, and it was very fun to watch! The girls love having lots of fans attend the games to cheer them on! After the game, Coach Brewster said, "These girls competed in all four quarters. Last year, we lost to Kingsville by 31 points. Even though we didn't win, I'd say that we did extremely well this go around! If we can cut down on our turnovers, we will be a tough team to beat." Keep up the hard work, ladies!!

Varsity Girls GVVCC Tournament

Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon November 27, 2017	
Ballard	44
Sheldon	37
The leading scorers were Adelyne Dowse and Camryn East both with a total of 10 points!	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami November 30, 2017	
Ballard	38
Miami	29
The leading scorers were Adelyne Dowse and Camryn East both with a total of 10 points!	

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume December 2, 2017	
Ballard	27
Hume	49
The leading scorer was Sudie Callahan with a total of 15 points!	

Congratulations on your second place win, ladies!

ousting With the Knights

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs battled the NEVC Lady Knights! Our girls performed their defense GREATLY, allowing them to stop the Knights from scoring a lot, and they rotated the ball very well! Everyone got a chance to shoot the ball, which is very rare. The Lady Bulldogs ran their press break almost every possession, which gave them easy lay-ups! Our Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Knights and played an excellent game! It was extremely fun to watch! The final score was 42-32, and the leading scorer of the game was Savana Allen, with a total of 12 points! Coach Brewster stated, "The NEVC game was the best game that we've played as a team. We moved the ball up the floor very well. However,

we need to learn how to close out games in order to let some of the younger players on our team get out on the floor. We let the Knights back in the game at the end." McKinley Brewster said, "We played as a team! They were tough competition, but we overcame them as a family." Congratulations on your win, girls!



Pictured above is Junior, Morgan Wheeler

Lady Bulldogs vs. Appleton City December 8, 2017	
Ballard	37
Appleton City	32
The leading scorer was Adelyne Dowse with a total of 10 points!	



Pictured above is Freshman, Serenity Morris



Shooting

at the Indians



The Ballard Lady Bulldogs faced off against the Chilhowee Lady Indians on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, on Ballard's home court! The Lady Bulldogs had been practicing some new plays that they wanted to try out during this game, so they were really excited! They ran out of the locker room ready to play and so they did! Right from the start, our girls started out in orange, their full court, man-to-man press! It was very effective and wore the Indians down quickly! However, the Indians were still getting some shots up. Soon, the Lady Bulldogs switched it up and got into blue, which is their two three defense. It stopped the Lady Indians from catching up to us, and it gave us a chance to take the lead for good! After halftime, Coach Brewster started calling out different defenses for the girls to try. Most of them worked well, even though the Lady Bulldogs had only run them during practice. In the third quarter the Lady Bulldogs were up by 19 points, so Coach Brewster put in some of the Junior Varsity players to let them give it a go. Kayla Schmitt was exceptionally aggressive when it came to getting ahold of the ball. Any time it got loose from any of the player's hands, she was chasing after it! At the end of the game Brianna Pray put up a nice shot, but it just fell short of the basket! The Lady Bulldogs took down the Indians, and played hard! The final score of the game was 49-30, and the leading scorer of the game was Camryn East with a total of 22 points! I interviewed the Freshmen players, and this is what they had to say about the game! Kailee Smith stated, "We played as a team, and it was pretty fun to watch! You could tell that the girls were a little off in the first quarter, but by the second quarter they were doing great!" Kayla Schmitt exclaimed, "We played great, until I decided to trip Camryn!" Sudie Callahan said, "It wasn't the best game we have ever played this season, but we pulled it together in the end." Both Serenity Morris and Sierra Ferguson agreed that "It was fun, we played really well, and we hustled!" Congratulations on another excellent win, ladies!

Pictured at right is Senior, Savana Allen



Stomping on the Hornets

On Friday, November 17, the Ballard Bulldogs squared off against the Hermitage Hornets for their first game of the season. The Bulldogs came right out of the gate running, and they never slowed down. The Bulldogs won by 36 with a score of 77-41. When Andrew Hon was asked about what his thoughts were about the game, he stated that "We were mentally more prepared than they were. As soon as we got an 8 point lead, they just shut down and started throwing up terrible shots." The Bulldogs Record is 1 -0 after the win.



Pictured above is Jaeden Schliem

Bulldogs Bite The Tigers

On Tuesday, November 21, the Ballard Bulldogs suited up to square off against the Kingsville Tigers. Right out of the gate the Bulldogs were pumped and ready go out and play in front of our home crowd. In the first quarter we were riding high and started the game with a 19-4 run against the Tigers. The Bulldogs got a little too confident and started to get on the struggle bus in the second quarter. During halftime though, the Bulldogs had a little heart to heart meeting in the locker room and came out in the third quarter with our heads held high. From there on we had about everything going our way. The Bulldogs won the game with a final score of 59-39, playing with the motto of "believe and love."



Pictured above is Colton Page

GVVCC Tournament

Tuesday, November 28 Bulldogs vs. NEVC	
Ballard	57
NEVC	46

Thursday, November 30 Bulldogs vs. Sheldon	
Ballard	36
Sheldon	42

Saturday, December 2 Bulldogs vs. Miami	
Ballard	51
Miami	45

Cornering the Knights

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Pictured above is Dylan Tippie

Tuesday, December 5, the Ballard Bulldogs battled the NEVC Knights. The Bulldogs just couldn't be stopped from the very beginning. A few people in the crowd were asked about how they thought the game went. An anonymous person stated "The Bulldogs look really great from the very beginning and they kept their pace through the whole game. They also got a lot of help from the NEVC because they looked like they didn't even want to be there." The Bulldogs won by a score of 55-36.

Beating NEVC by 19 is only the third largest victory of the season, and only six games have been played so far! Keep it up Bulldogs!

Aiming at the Indians

On Tuesday, December 12, the Ballard Bulldogs threw stones at the Chilhowee Indians. The Bulldogs trailed at the end of the first quarter by a score of 13-10, but by the end of the second quarter the Bulldogs were down by 10 with a score of 24-14. Only scoring 4 points in a quarter can really hurt a teams moral, and it showed during the third and fourth quarter. The Bulldogs lost by a score of 63-35. The Bulldogs gave up 39 points in the third and fourth quarters combined. That's the most that they have given up in any half so far this year, and that more points the Bulldogs gave up in the whole game against NEVC on December 5.



Pictured above is Jake Light

Friday, December 8 Bulldogs vs. Appleton City	
Ballard	40
Appleton City	50

Fun Page

Christmas Secret Shape

Find all the listed words in this grid - they can run in any direction, even backwards or diagonally, but always in a straight line. Then colour in the left-over letter squares to discover a hidden shape!

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CANDY CANE	POST
CARD	PRESENT
CRIB	RITE
DECEMBER	ROBE
DOVES	SANTA
DRUM	SHEEP
ELVES	SILVER
EVE	SING
FAIR	SLED
FIR	STARS
FUN	SUN
GRINCH	TOP
HARK	TOYS
HOLIDAY	TRAYS
ICE	TREE
JINGLE	WISH
LIST	WRAP
MANGER	XMAS
MERCY	YULE
NIGHT	

- Q. Who is Santa's favorite singer?
A. Elf-is Presley
- Q. Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
A. So he can ho-ho-ho
- Q. What do you get if Santa goes down the chimney when a fire is lit?
A. Crisp Kringle
- Q. What's as big as Santa but weighs nothing?
A. Santa's shadow
- Q. Why does Santa have elves in his workshop?
A. Because the Seven Dwarfs were busy
- Q. What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa Claus when she looked up in the sky?
A. Looks like rain, dear.
- Q. What do you call a person who doesn't believe in Santa Claus?
A. Claustrophobic
- Q. What do you get when you combine Christmas trees with an iPad?
A. A pineapple



By Andrew Hon



You are Invited

4th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

*12:30 at Ballard School
Christmas day*



*As always, this is a free hot meal for anyone that would like to come.
No one should have to spend Christmas alone, so please join us!!*



*Food donations welcome
Help is appreciated
Participation is cherished*

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A Very Merry Christmas!*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day NO SCHOOL	2 Teacher in Service NO SCHOOL	3 Vo-Tech starts back ↔ Teacher in Service -Conference PD Day @ Ballard 4-H 6/7pm 	4 Back to School!!! Start of 3rd Quarter	5  VBB @ Sheldon 5:30pm	6
7  Lakeland Tournament This week	8 Pre-school back in session  FFA Greenhand Conference 9am	9 Pre-school back in session  FFA Greenhand Conference 9am	10	11	12	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL	16  VBB @ Montrose 5:30pm	17 PJ/Hat Day	18  VBB @ Drexel 5:30pm	19	20 PTO/Cattlemen's
21  Crestridge Tournament This week	22	23  VBB vs Calhoun 5:30pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			