

Barks 'n' Growls



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

Parents, Students & Community

The first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year is now complete. It seems that this school year is going by fast. With the first quarter complete that also means that we are now nearing the end of the volleyball and junior high basketball seasons. I hope that everyone had the opportunity to come and watch the teams in action as they were exciting to watch. High School basketball practice starts on October 30, 2017. I encourage all high school students to take the opportunity to participate if they have any desire to do so.

On November 10, 2017 we will be having a Veterans Day Program at 1:30 p.m. to honor our veterans. This day is very important in that we honor our veterans who have served in our military. If you have the opportunity, please try to attend this special event.

I would also like to inform the school community and the school district of Ballard R-2 that we are here to provide any school age individual the opportunity for an education. If you know of any foster child or homeless child who is not receiving an education please inform the school liaison, (John Siebeneck) and we will be in contact with them. If you should have any questions about education for homeless or foster care students please contact John Siebeneck at 816-297-2656.

The education that our children receive here at Ballard

R-2 should be some of the most memorable experiences they will encounter. We also know that some these experiences will not always be enjoyable, as there are regulations they we must all abide by. Sometimes these put a damper on things. Our society is an ever changing society so therefore we are accustomed to adapting. I am sure that we will get through these changes as we have gotten through so many others.

I am also pleased to announce that we will still be doing a few senior citizens dinners throughout the school year. The first one is scheduled for November 7, 2017. All senior citizens are encouraged to attend and enjoy good food, socializing, and having the opportunity to spend time with friends.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be less than 2 months away. Time seems to be going by fast. With that said I encourage everyone to take an active part in the community. This is the community's school. Be proud of it and be part of it. If you should have any questions about the district please feel free to contact me at the school (816-297-2656).

October will soon be over. Start getting excited about the next 7 months of school. It will be a learning experience.

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Hollywood comes to Ballard!



On October 17, 2017, all the way from Hollywood, California, Retro Bill made a surprise visit to the small town of Ballard. Retro Bill is a revolutionizing children's entertainer, writer, producer, actor, artist, and motivational speaker who has put fun into safety, self-esteem and character counts education for Kindergarten through 12th graders. Retro has been a speaker for the past 13 years, and he is on the road 300 days a year! You may know of him from an episode of the popular children's cartoon "Sponge-Bob Square Pants". Retro voiced one particular episode and played as the "Guitar Lord". Working with the DARE program, Retro Bill came to talk to us kids about being confident in yourself. It was an amazing experience, to have such an amazing person come to talk to the small town of Ballard. It was definitely something we will never forget. Thanks, Retro Bill!



Written and Formatted by
Madelyne Murray

Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

Administrators and teachers everywhere recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's schooling. Parents model both a silent and spoken language in front of their children daily. One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. We had great participation in our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. There was 90% parent attendance in the Elementary, Grades K-6, and 59% parent attendance in the Junior High and High School, Grades 7-12.

With 1st quarter completed, we are finding teachers have established school standards and rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. This means giving the children a specific place to find and keep materials, a set schedule for classroom instruction, etc. These routines, blended with the teacher's consistent standards, form a smooth-running classroom where the children have the security of understanding their environment and are reinforced positively for their contributions.

Commitment on the part of parents, students and staff is the key to our success with the children we teach. It is the hope of the staff that all parents will help us fulfill this commitment to excellence on behalf of ALL children at Ballard. School and home can work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self-worth. We must invest our time and energies in our nation's most valuable resource - our children.

Throughout September and October, our students have been able to experience many opportunities. Smokey the Bear visited K-6 students; 4th Grade visited Frontier Village in Adrian; 7-8th grade students traveled to the NEVC to visit a Planetarium; PAW PRIDE students attended a Youth Leadership Summit in Sedalia; 4 students within the Sophomore-Senior class competed at Fort Scott Math Relays; Juniors and Seniors attend a College and Career day in Clinton; PINK OUT; along with many extracurricular activities: volleyball games, basketball games, trap meets, art club, and FFA Nationals.

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

With Great Gratitude,
Mr. Eric Hon

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Attention Bulldog Fans

We are now well into a new school year. With the new school year brings a sport's season. Here at Ballard we encourage everyone to be part of the extra-curricular activities. When your child decides to participate in athletics remember that athletics are learning experiences for them. Praise the student/athlete in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people. In this attempt it is the coach's responsibility to teach the student the game and the rules and strategies of the game. If the parent is trying to coach the student/athlete at the same time they are going away from what the coach is trying to get from the student and team. All parents want their child to shine, but please do not undermine what the coach is trying to get from them. Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach.

Attending a game is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious. It helps to learn the rules of the game so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.

Please also consider the thoughts that our children are bombarded with daily—that winning is considered everything. Help them realize that winning as a goal itself is failure-oriented, because at least half of the participants won't achieve it. Success is oriented in the development of a skill, and should make a person feel good about themselves—win or lose.

When things are not going well the easy response is to shift the blame. In particular, to shift it away from ourselves to our opponents, or, more often, to the officials. As teacher/coaches we feel it is essential that athletes maintain a positive approach to handling adversity. We need the support of our parent-body, as role models, if we are to accomplish this.

Also, if you or your family attends any Ballard Bulldogs activities, we encourage you to take a moment to talk to your children about the proper way to act as a Ballard Bulldog fan. Please stress to them that running around and horseplay are not acceptable. Expectations are that children watch the activity and be supervised by the adult in attendance. For the safety of all in attendance, games other than those taking place on the court and general play are not allowed.

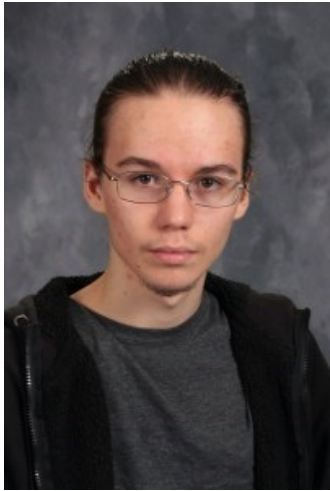
Please support our students as they do their best and they will accomplish many aspirations in their young lives.

Sincerely,
Ballard Staff and School Board

Written by John Siebeneck
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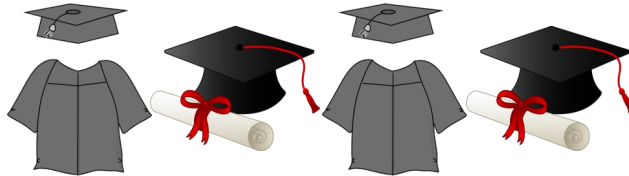


SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Austin James Carpenter, 18, is the son of Jill and Jimmy Holteen and Mathew Carpenter. Some of his favorites include music and Chinese food. Austin's dream car is a Ford Model T, and his favorite song is *Good Old Mountain Dew*. His hobbies and extracurricular activities include singing, playing the banjo and guitar, and choir. He says his biggest pet peeve is when people chew with their mouth open.

After graduation, Austin plans to move to Maryland to attend a university and, eventually, obtain a job in linguistics. When asking Austin where he sees himself in 15 years, he stated "I see myself married to a rich old man while living in Maui."



Caleb Wilson Morris, 17, is the son of Amanda and John Carullo and Chad and Sheralyn Morris. Caleb's favorite class is Ag Construction, and his favorite color is orange and blue. Caleb dreams of owning a red Dodge Hellcat, and his favorite songs are *You Should be Here* by Cole Swindell and *Losing Sleep* by Chris Young. His favorite kind of food is chicken alfredo, and his favorite restaurant is Chili's. Caleb's hobbies and extracurricular activities include fishing, bowling, trap shooting, hunting, shooting guns, and being the volleyball team's manager. Caleb's pet peeve is when people make the smacking noise while eating, and his famous last words are "Of course" and "YEET."

Caleb plans on going straight into the work force and becoming a heavy equipment operator. When I asked Caleb where he saw himself in 15 years, he stated that he sees himself "married to my beautiful wife with three kids and a beautiful home. I see myself running bull dozers, loaders, and skid steers. I also see myself driving my family and I around in my red Dodge Hellcat, still hunting, fishing, and shooting guns while living the American Dream."

Written by Adelyne Dowse

Student of the Month

October

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 October is Sophomore, Brice Eidson, son of Richard and Tina Eidson. History teacher, Mr. Dunkin states, "Brice has drive and is responsible for his education." Science teacher, Mr. Brewster, states, "Brice is a dedicated learner who works hard to master concepts in the classroom. Brice also cares about his peers and treats all students and district employees with respect." Physical Education teacher, Mr. Hillman, states, "Brice is courteous, kind, and hard working. He comes to class with a great attitude and is always willing to help when needed." Brice is a member of the FFA Trap team and Baseball team. Brice is also involved in FFA. For Brice'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 below (L-R): Jerry Ferguson, Brice Eidson, Eric Hon



Frazzled First

Mrs. Ordal



Second to None

Mrs. West

Second grade has gone batty during October! We have studied bats, read stories about bats, and written about bats! After studying these flying mammals, most of us have decided that bats are not really that scary. If you see a second grader, ask them if they know how many mosquitos a bat can eat in just one hour.

We also spent an afternoon working on a candy tower building challenge. The tallest structure was six and a half inches tall. It was built by Addilynn Engelhardt. After this challenge, Owen Meade mentioned, "If I would have known about the foundations, I might have done better!"

I read "The Legend of Sleepy Hallow" this month, and my students loved it! We discussed character traits and motives. They completed this book study by comparing and contrasting Brom Bones and Ichabod Crane.

Well, fall is here and so is second quarter! The students have been working hard to learn their addition math facts to 20. Two students are very close to completing their addition facts and moving on to their subtraction facts. We are learning about place value and how to count to 120 from any number. We have been doing a lot of writing. So far we have written personal narratives, but now we are moving into writing how-to sentences, and then into a short ghost story. We love our STEM activities on Fridays. We have planned and built tin foil boats to hold pennies. One boat held 200 pennies before taking on water! The students would like to thank Mr. Siebeneck for growing pumpkins for each one of them. We have been learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin, how to make our Jack-o-Lanterns last longer, and we will eventually see what happens when it decomposes. We are even going to plant some pumpkin seeds and see what happens. We can't wait to dress up for our Halloween party!!!

Tremendous Third

Mrs. Kabir

In third grade Science, we recently finished a project on the habitats that animals live in and how they learn to adapt to those environments to survive. We also learned about some of the different traits that animals have that help them survive against predators. We then made our own animals by brainstorming what traits and adaptations our animal would need to live in the habitats that we chose. After determining the details of our animals, we drew out what we thought they should look like and worked with our partners to select the features of each animal that we wanted. The students then used a variety of recyclable materials to construct and build our animals. It was a great project and they did a great job with planning and thinking through their projects.



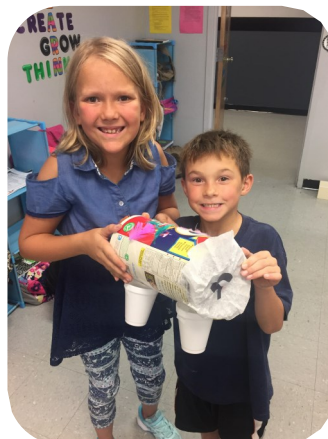
Pictured above (L-R): Kenadee Allen, Jacob Eidson, Gavin Schliem, and Owen Meade

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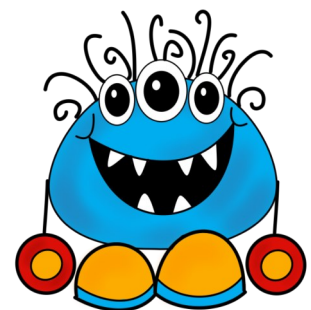


Written by Mrs. Kabir
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Pictured at left (L-R):
Maggie Foster and
Kennedy Borland



Pictured at left (L-R):
Olivia Porter and
Luke Meade

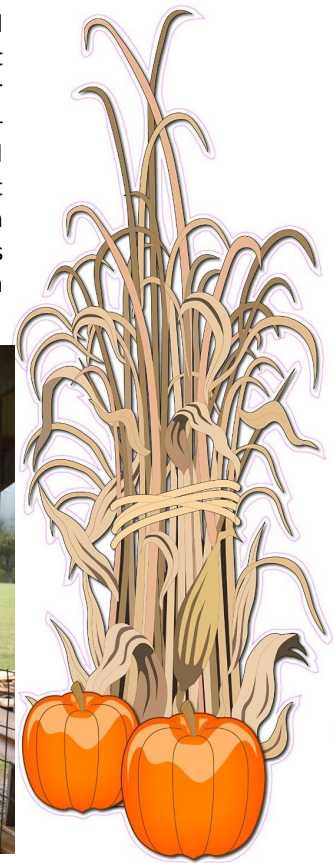


Fourth Graders Invade Frontier Village

On Tuesday, October 3, Mrs. Moore's fourth grade class went to Frontier Village in Adrian, Missouri.

At Frontier Village, the fourth graders learned about what the duties of the blacksmith, lumber jacks, and firefighters are. While they were in the blacksmith's shop, the blacksmith decided to make the fourth graders a hook to take back to school for their classroom. The lumber jacks were using a saw mill and a steam engine to cut slabs of lumber out of whole tree trunks. The steam engine had a long belt that was hooked up to the mill that turned the blade to cut through the trunk. The firefighters showed their special equipment that they use to retrieve people from a burning building, or if they responded to an accident. The special equipment that they showed for getting people out of a burning building was a special camera that detects heat. The special equipment that they use for accidents are hydraulic devices that they call "the jaws of life." They also use air bags to prop or to lift obstacles or vehicles. The kids were even shown how to make apple cider from peeling the apples to squeezing the shreds of cut up apple, which is then fit to drink. Along with the making of apple cider, they were shown how apple butter is made from the same process, except the apples aren't squeezed; they are cooked.

Some activities that they did were ride the train, went to the general store, museum, mill, and of course, the best place of all, the ice cream parlor. As the fourth graders were learning about steam engines, they saw someone they knew. A good friend of theirs named Sonny, our school custodian. He taught them the process of turning corn cobs into cornmeal.



Pictured above:

First row (L-R): Mrs. Moore, Katelynne Skaggs, Victoria Snyder, Celia Campbell, Haley Pray
Second row (L-R): Lucas Crump, Cash Anderson, Alexis Britz, Dayne Greer, Autumn Hastings

Fiesty Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

We have had so much fun this month! It's been very exciting and awesome! We reached our AR goals and earned a class party. Plus, a lot of us have earned, or are very close to getting, a hundred dojo points, and as a class we made it to a hundred points!



In math, we finished up learning about prime factorization and the distributive property. Now, we are learning different strategies for division. October was poetry month in our class. We learned all the different tools to write great poetry and worked on publishing a class book of our poems. In science, Mrs. Bergen turned the reins over to us and we got to teach each other about an ecosystem or biome.

We were very excited to get a fresh start this quarter. We started off by cleaning out our desks and setting new AR goals. We also got some new flexible seating options in our room including stability balls, wobble stools, and bouncy bands for our desks!

Written by Caleb Morris and the fourth grade class

Typed by Caleb Morris



Written by the fifth grade class

Typed by Mikayla Whitaker



Spunky Sixth

Ms. Eidson



Hello everybody! In sixth grade, we just wrote back to a girl in Florida! When she wrote to us, she was super nice! In science, we are learning about matter and mass. In social studies, we just finished posters about Hatshepsut. We finished a book called "Class Dismissed" in reading, and we all got a very good grade on the test we took over it. Everybody got 100%! As a reward, we got to have a movie party on Friday, October 13! Finally, in writing, we're doing expository papers. Ta ta for now!

Written by the Sixth Grade
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Sassy Seventh

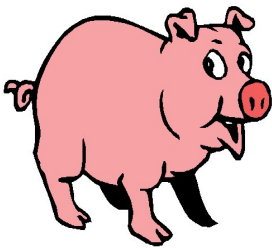
Our second month in school has been very good so far! We've been busy with sports and homework! In math, we did a very fun project. We worked on learning how to paint lines on the sidewalk! In science, we learned about the planets. We even took a trip to "Mars!" In history, we learned about the United States.

We are hoping for a good rest of the school year!

Written by Alexis Hastings and Lexie Ward
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

Salty Sophomores

The sophomores would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Sophomore Hog Roast on Saturday October 14. We came out with a good profit. We would like to thank the Oerkes, Eidsons, Prays, Brewsters, and Cathy Dowse for coming to help. A big thank you to Lori Wainscott for letting us use the kitchen.



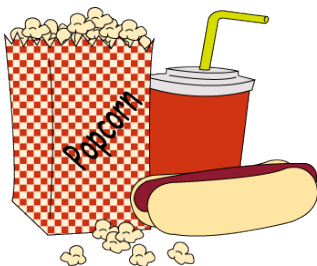
Written by McKinley Brewster
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SAVAGE SENIORS

The first quarter is over! We are a fourth of the way through our Senior year. On November third, our class is having a chili dinner, and everyone is invited! For adults, the dinner will cost eight dollars four dollars for children, and kids ages three and under get in for free! For those that have some room in there belly for more chili, you can buy an extra bowl for four extra dollars. Our senior year has been going by all too fast! We hope everyone has a great end of the quarter!



Written by Savana Allen
Typed by Andrew Hon



JITTERY JUNIORS

We can't believe how fast the school year is going; it needs to slow down! Nothing much has happened this past month, except for one thing. This year, the Juniors have the responsibility of doing to concession stand and, so far, it has been going excellent. We would like to thank everyone who has come out so far and supported the Junior class. Other than that, nothing else has happened and we

will talk to you guys next month!

Written by Kelsie Karo
Formatted by Maddy Murray



Math Tweets



Mrs. Kershner



Math competitions have begun! Four Ballard Mathletes participated in the Ft. Scott Community College Math Relay on Thursday, October 19. This large competition hosted 19 schools with about 25-45 students competing in each topic for each grade level. Congratulations to McKinley Brewster for placing fourth in tenth grade Probability and Statistics! On the same day four older students were competing at Ft. Scott, three brave seventh graders stepped into the world of international math competition via the online Caribou Math contest. Sponsored by a university in Canada, this month's competition was attended by 9,525 students worldwide! Averie Bales, Jentry Bergman, and Alexis Hastings made Ballard proud by scoring well into the top half of all US participants. Alexis Hastings took top honors for Ballard by scoring in the 81st percentile—which means she scored better than 81% of ALL seventh & eighth grade participants in the United States. Averie and Jentry were close behind scoring in the 77th & 63rd percentiles. The number of students who have been willing to compete in math has been small so far this year. Mrs. Kershner is extremely proud of these seven students who were willing to step out of their comfort zones this month and do some very challenging math in a competition environment.

It isn't necessary to bring home a first place award to be successful in a competition. Simply being willing to take the risk of doing something new should build confidence and the personal belief one can overcome any challenge. Mrs. Kershner wants every Ballard student to have that can-do spirit—the attitude that says "I will do my very best, regardless of what others do around me." That kind of attitude defines a champion. The next competition opportunity is another Caribou Math contest, November 15 or 16. It is open to any student in grades 3-12. Students, please see Mrs. Kershner to get involved! Parents, please encourage your students to participate, competing against themselves as well as classmates and people all across the world. Mrs. Kershner has online tools and will work with any student who would like to prepare. The Caribou Mathematics Competition is a worldwide online contest that is held six times throughout the school year. Every contest date has a competition aimed at grade levels 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12 and each one is offered in English, French and Persian.

Written by Mrs. Kershner
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Ag/FFA

Mr. Bridges

On Friday, September 29, the Ballard FFA Chapter had its annual Barnwarming dance at Colton's house. At our Chapter Barnwarming, we had a King and Queen candidate from each class. The candidates were as follows; Seniors, Colton Page and Savana Allen, Juniors, Jailynn Wheeler and Jaeden Schliem, Sophomores, McKinley Brewster and Jake Light, Freshmen, Sudie Callahan and Wyatt Blair, and Eighth Graders, Kale Oerke and Ashton Carullo. The candidates competed in an assortment of games such as Chubby Bunny and Rope the Dummy. The King and Queen for the 2017-18 school year for the Ballard FFA were King, Senior, Colton Page and Queen, Junior, Jailynn Wheeler. On Saturday, September 30, the chapter loaded on a bus and went to the annual Area VII Barnwarming in Holden, Missouri. The Chapter nominated one King and one Queen candidate to compete. The Chapter nominated Senior Savana Allen and Freshmen Wyatt Blair.

An update on the trap teams: the Ballard A team is currently placed first, and the Ballard B team is placed fifteenth. The Chapter has two shooters in the top ten individual placings. Caleb Morris ranked seventh and Merritt Roach ranked tenth overall.

On Tuesday, October 24, the Chapter will be taking ten members to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Annual FFA National Convention.

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Ancient History

Mr. Dunkin

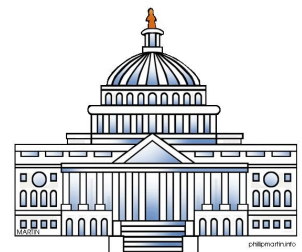
The 7th grade geography class is currently studying Canada.

The 8th grade class is studying U.S. History and the independence that the U.S. fought for.


The 9th grade U.S. history class is currently studying the Gilded Age.

The 10, 11, and 12th grade Government classes are currently studying Federalism and the Legislative Branch.


The 12th grade Geography class is working on Urban Origins. The Urban Origins that they are talking about are North Africa and the Middle East.



Written and formatted by Caleb Morris



In The Words of Ms. Burgin



The Kindergarten and First graders have enjoyed reading several books. Second and Third graders have been reading a Boxcar Children book and finished it a few days ago. The Fifth graders have finished one Goosebumps book and are now reading another. The Fifth and Sixth graders finished reading Treasure Island and are now reading Holes and plan to watch the movie after they finish the book. They are really excited about the movie!

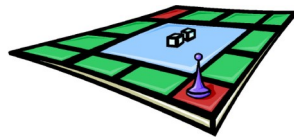
The Seventh and Eighth graders have been learning a lot about grammar and punctuation. They have also had a slight glimpse into figurative language. Also, they have all finished and turned in their first book reports. We will soon begin a literature unit, which I believe the students will really enjoy. First semester has gone very well!

Written by Ms. Burgin
Formatted by Adelyne Dowse

Outstanding Art

Mrs. DesCombes

So far this is a successful year. This month, the elementary are working on various Halloween themed projects. Eighth grade created their own board games, and Art 1 is working on color wheels. In Drawing, the students are working on their landscapes. In 3D Art, they are working on bookends, dog bowls, coaster sets, and glazing their own clay projects. I can't wait to see what else we can continue to make in the future!



Written by Mikayla Whitaker

Everything English


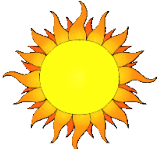
Mrs. Gregory

This month, the senior high finished their eight parts of speech. The Seniors started their renaissance literature. The Juniors worked on early American literature during the revolutionary war time period. The tenth graders are getting ready to read stories that deal with the kind of knowledge that change our minds. Finally, ninth grade is working on the "Is Knowledge the Same as Understanding?"



Written by Mikayla Whitaker

STELLAR SCIENCE



Mr. Brewster

Hey everyone! In the science room we have some fun things planned for this quarter. The seventh graders are currently learning about space, including planets, rockets, and people in space. We are even starting our planet project in just a few days! In Biology, they are learning about the cycle of the cell, and exactly how it works. Physics is learning about relative velocity, and they are about to go on a field trip to the bowling alley. The eighth graders are learning about earthquakes and how they impact society day today. The Freshmen are drawing atomic models and learning about the periodic table, and the Chemistry class is learning about covalent bonds. First semester went so well, I'm excited to experience this one as well!

Written and formatted
by Adelyne Dowse



We're Fire Ready!



On Monday, October 9, through Friday, the 13, the elementary observed fire prevention week. They did many activities, learning about ways to prevent fires and to keep each other safe during a fire.

Kindergarten, first, second, and third read the Fire Safety book, pretended to be firefighters, and practiced with a "ring of fire". Plus, fifth and sixth grade watched a video about fire escaping plans, drew their house, found two ways to escape out of every room in case of a fire, and went on a scavenger hunt for fire safety features. Sixth grade also practiced with a ring of fire. Fourth grade played "What would you do?" with different situations that they could run into that involve fires. They also did the scavenger hunt.

The Elementary had a treat that week also! Smokey the Bear came on Wednesday, October 11, and spoke to the children. They all had a blast and learned a lot from that week, and from Smokey. I hope they got a lot from this experience.

Written by Mikayla Whitaker

Exploring Life on Mars

On Thursday, October 5, 2017, the junior high went to Walker, Missouri, to look at the planetarium they had there. I will be explaining what the seventh and eighth grade did during their time at NEVC.

First off, the students watched a documentary about the United State's plans to cultivate Mars, using domes which are "strong enough to survive Mars' climate." Next, they looked at the sixteen by ten foot Planetarium dome that the students of NEVC made. It was able to stand by itself and made from cardboard, cardboard rivets, and white film tape.

After they looked at the dome, the group moved across the hall to where the Seniors educated them about how the US would cultivate Mars and more about the domes. Then, they split up and one group went to look in the Planetarium and the other did an exercise of "communicating in Space". After each group was finished, we went home after a full day of exploring the life on Mars.



By Mikayla Whitaker

L - R: Lexie Ward, Macie Morris, Mr. Brewster, Alexis Hastings, Jacob Kepner, River Clark, Brice Miller, Payton Miller, and Jentry Bergman



State Fair
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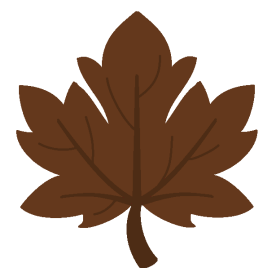
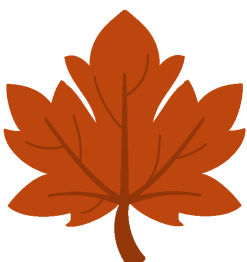


On Wednesday, October 11, 2017, a few of the Juniors and Seniors traveled to Clinton, Missouri to attend the College and Career Fair at the Clinton high school. Many colleges attended the fair, and it even helped a few students determine what their future careers might be. Along with the colleges, there were two beauty schools, multiple military personnel, and there was even a booth about paid internships. Every student got information about something that interested them, and it was an overall pleasant experience.

Written by Adelyne Dowse



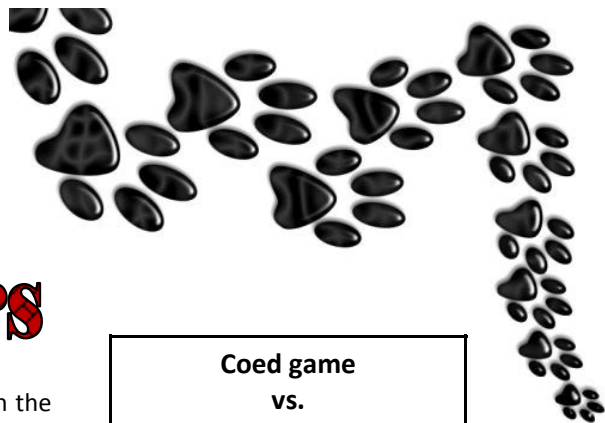
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What grade are you in? 9th
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Show or Movie: Identity Theft
Food: Lamb
Color: Purple and Teal
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Softball
What do you want to be when you grow up? Infant
massage therapist or a Pediatrician surgeon



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Battling the Panthers

On Friday, October 6, 2017, the Junior High Lady Bulldogs took on the Junior High Sheldon Lady Panthers on Ballard's home court. When asked how she thought the game went, seventh grader, Lexie Ward, responded, "The first half of the game wasn't the best, but after the pep talk we had in the locker room at halftime, we came out better for the last half. Green, the diamond and one defense that we run, worked very well for us. Our offense, however, could've been better. As a team, we played extremely well!" Seventh grader, Alexis Hastings, stated, "Although we won the game, we should've beaten them by more than just six points." The final score of the game was 16-10, with Lexie Ward being the leading scorer with a total of 12 points! Good performance, ladies!

Coed game vs. Calhoun	
Ballard	18
Calhoun	16

Growling at the Panthers

The Junior High Bulldogs went up against the Junior High Sheldon Panthers, following the girl's game on Friday, October 6, 2017. Our small group of boys were determined to take down the Panthers, and so they did! They played very well together, and executed their plays greatly. When asked about the game, seventh graders Tucker Roach and Jentry Bergman both said between laughs, "Execution.. Execution... Execution!" The final score of the game was 38-11. Congratulations on an amazing win, boys!

Pictured below is
Cade Callahan



Plucking the Eagles

Our Junior High Lady Bulldogs played an insanely intense game against the Junior High Lady Eagles on Thursday, October 12, 2017. Compared to their five players, we had nine dressed and ready to compete, with an injured player, Ashton Carullo, sitting on the sidelines cheering on her teammates. The girl's had been practicing hard, and were ready to put another win under their belt. They had a rough start at the beginning. Not a lot of either team's shots were falling. Once they came back out of the locker room from halftime, however, they were pumped and ready to finish the game. Throughout the second half, the lead kept getting juggled between both teams. Eventually, the scores were tied, which led to overtime! Every time the Eagles acquired the ball, our Bulldogs would foul them to get the ball back. Unfortunately, a member of Miami's team made most of her free throws, allowing them to take the lead in the last minute of overtime. The final score was 15-17. Head coach, Bobby Brewster, stated, "The girl's played hard and competed until the very end. It was definitely a tough loss." Fantastic effort, ladies! Keep on fighting!



Pictured above is Averie Bales

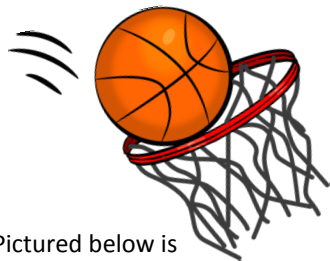
Drooling on the Eagles

The Junior High Ballard Bulldogs faced off against the Junior High Miami Eagles on their home court on Thursday, October 12, 2017. Right from the start, the boys were ready to play! Tons of people went out onto the court and made a tunnel for the Bulldogs to run out of. Lots of fans were in the stands ready to support their boys. The Bulldogs started off the game well and it looked like they would be taking home the win. Lots of their shots were falling and the defense they ran seemed to be quite effective. However, eventually, the Eagles stole the lead from them and we weren't able to get it back. The final score of the game was 26-31. Good effort, boys!

Lady Bulldogs vs. East Lynne October 19, 2017	
Ballard	29
East Lynne	26
The leading scorer was Briana Arredondo with 15 points	

Joasting with the Knights

On Friday, October 13, 2017, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs played against the NEVC Lady Knights in a close game! Both teams had a rough start. It wasn't until the last minute of the first quarter that our Lady Bulldogs put the first points up on the board. In the second quarter, the Lady Knights took ahold of the lead. Going into half time, the score was 5-6. In the last two quarters, our girls tried their best to get the lead back, but the Knights ended up taking home the win. The final score was 14-16. When asked about the game, Head Coach, Bobby Brewster stated, "We played so much better against the Knights this go around. They have really improved and are playing like a team! I'm very proud of each one of the girls!" Good job, ladies!



Pictured below is
Briana Arredondo



Bulldogs vs. East Lynne October 19, 2017	
Ballard	Win
East Lynne	Loss

Pictured below is Keith Schmitt



Fighting for the Victory!

Our Junior High Bulldogs faced off against the NEVC Knights on Friday, October 13, 2017, in one of the most intense games of the season! The stands were PACKED with fans ready to cheer! At the start of the game our boys put up a lot of shots, but none of them seemed to want to fall. The score at the end of the first quarter was 2-8, with the Knights in the lead. Throughout the second quarter, both teams began to get aggressive. With only five to play with, our Bulldogs had to be careful, because they didn't want anybody to foul out. Ballard went into half time with 9 points, falling short of the lead by 7 points. The crowd really wanted our Bulldogs to pull through and get the win, so after half time, they began cheering like crazy! People

were yelling, clapping, and just going nuts! The cheerleaders got into a cheer off, and I do believe that we won! All of the cheering must have worked, too, because the Bulldogs gained on the Knights and the game ended up going into overtime, with each team having 35 points! It ended up getting even more physical than before, which led to two of our players, Kale Oerke and Cade Callahan, fouling out. With only Jentry Bergman, Keith Schmitt, and Tucker Roach left on the court, it was hard for the boys to keep up. Our boys tried extremely hard, but couldn't guard everybody, and they lost by 5 points. The final score was 35-40. It was such a great game to watch, and the boys did awesome! Fantastic effort!

Pouncin' on the Panthers

Ballard vs. Calhoun October 5, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Calhoun
1	22	25
2	25	17
3	25	16

Once upon a time, on the date of October 6, 2017, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs went up against the Sheldon Lady Panthers to play on a Friday night. The Bulldogs started the game off well by winning the first set with a score of 25-16. With only having to win one more set, and going up against a team that was 0-16 coming into tonight's game, the Bulldogs had all the confidence in the world. Little did the Bulldogs know, the Panthers still had a little bit of fight left in them. The Bulldogs almost lost the second set, but pulled everything back together at the end of the game, winning the second, and final set by a score of 26-24. The End.



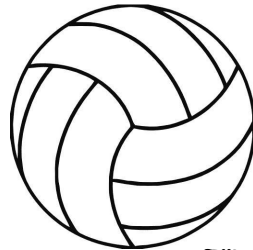
Pictured above is Sudie Callahan

Battling it out at Conference Tournamanet

First Game Ballard vs. Sheldon October 7, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Sheldon
1	25	16
2	26	24

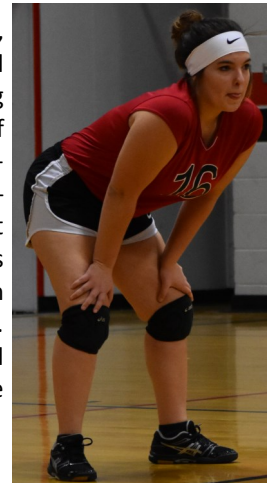
Second Game Ballard vs. Hume October 7, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Hume
1	25	20
2	12	25
3	14	25

Third Game Ballard vs. Bronaugh October 7, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Bronaugh
1	15	25
2	25	17
3	25	16



Cooking the Eagles

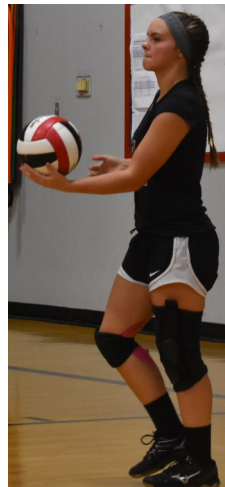
On Thursday, October 12, 2017, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs faced the Miami Lady Eagles. After beating Miami in two sets at the beginning of the season, the Bulldogs were confident in their ability to beat the Eagles. After the Bulldogs won the first set, the rest was history. The Eagles didn't even have a chance to win with the poise of the Lady Bulldogs. The Bulldogs easily won the second set and crushed any hopes that were left by the Eagles to win the game.



Pictured above is Maddy Murry

Fighting Against the Knights

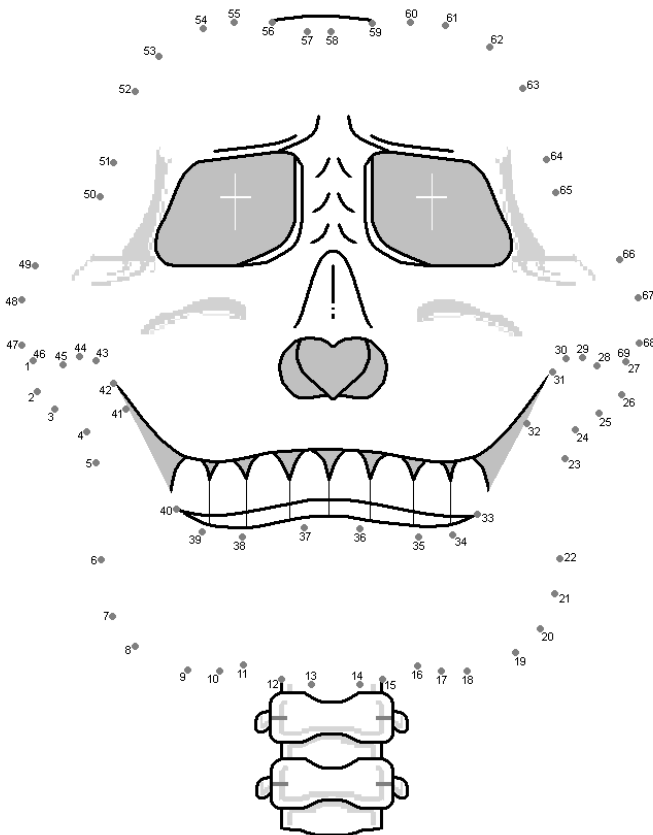
On Friday, October 13, the Lady Bulldogs faced the NEVC Lady Knights for Senior Night and the Pink Out game. After losing to the Knights in the third set by two points the last time these two teams faced, the Bulldogs had something to prove. Sadly, the Knights proved to the Bulldogs that they were a better team that day, beating the Bulldogs in two sets. After the game, the Lady Bulldogs announced is Senior student athletes. The Seniors are as listed: Adelyne Dowse, Savana Allen, and Madelyne Murray.



Pictured to the right is Morgan Wheeler

District Tournament Ballard vs. Archie October 16, 2017		
Set	Ballard	Archie
1	25	23
2	15	25
3	10	25

Fun Page



Q: What do ghosts eat for supper?

A: Spooketi

Q: What is the most important subject a witch learns in school?

A: Spelling.

Q: Why did the skeleton cross the road?

A: To get to the body shop.

Q: What do you call a fat pumpkin?

A: A plumpkin.

Q: What room does a ghost not need?

A: A living room!

Q: Why are ghosts so bad at lying?

A: Because you can see right through them!

Q: What do ghosts use to wash their hair?

A: Shamboo!

Q: What kind of dessert does a ghost like?

A: I scream!

Q: What do moms dress up as on Halloween?

A: Mummies!

Q: What does a skeleton say before dinner?

A: Bone appetit!

Q: What kind of pants do ghosts wear?

A: Boo-Jeans.

Q: What do vampires take when they are sick?

A: Coffin drops!

Q: What is a ghost's favorite pie?

A: Booberry pie!

















Q: Where do ghosts buy their food?

A: At the ghost-ery store!



November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4-H 6/7 pm 	2	3 2018 Senior Class Chili Dinner 5:30- 	4  4-H Hunter's Breakfast 7-9 am
5 	6 No Vo-Tech	7 Senior Citizens Dinner 5-7 pm	8 Picture Re-takes Winter Sports Pictures 	9	10  Veteran's Day Assembly 1:30pm	11  4-H Hunter's Breakfast 7-9 am
12 	13	14 VBB Jamboree @ Leeton 5pm Board Meeting 7:30pm 	15 <u>Mid Quarter</u> Booster Club Meeting 6pm 	16 Bonfire VBB Kickoff 6pm 	17 VBB vs Heritage 	18
19	20 	21 VBB vs Kingsville 5:30pm 	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	23	24	25 ↓
26 VBB Conference Tournament @ Miami this week 	27 Scholar Bowl @ Hume 4:30pm	28	29	30		