



# Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL  
Seventh edition, March 23, 2018

## From the Superintendent's Desk....

Parents, Students & Community

We are now well into the 4th quarter of the school year, which means MAP/EOC testing is almost here. Please make sure that students are completing all assignments, studying for tests, and getting a sufficient amount of sleep at night. Positive parental involvement is the biggest predictor of student academic success. Some studies have even concluded that simply having books in a home increases the probability of success. Simple things like requiring 15 minutes of reading every night, going over multiplication facts, or just asking a child how his or her day went can make a huge difference. Of course, students taking responsibility for their learning helps a great deal, too.

Currently the FFA teams are competing in contest. The baseball and softball teams are scheduled to begin play the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>. The high school and junior high quiz bowl teams have been competing throughout the school year and both teams will be competing in the conference tournament on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Bergen has the play cast practicing for the spring play which is to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to purchase a ticket to Dinner Theater and have not been asked please contact the school.

Many activities will be taking place from now to the end of the school year. Yes, there were many taking place before now as well. But, we are now in the fourth quarter of the 2017-2018 school year and we are busier than ever. Be sure to put education first and take part in as many activities as you can.

Also, a reminder that the remaining two days that we need to make up because of weather will be made up at the end of school. The two dates of make- up are scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Ballard 4-H for the community service they provided on March 10. They assisted in cleaning up the area around the baseball field as well as moving some of the mulch on the playground. Thank you very much for your service to the Ballard R-2 School District.

I hope that everyone enjoys this wonderful weather. While doing so also enjoy family, life and education.

Written by Mr. Siebeneck

Formatted and typed by Camryn East



## April Birthdays

**1 Jaeden Schliem**

**18 Savana Allen**

**2 Daxtyn Greer**

**20 Cash Anderson**

**8 Payton Inglis**

**23 Iris Hon**

**17 Donovan Hinrichs**

**28 Ashton Carullo**



# Principal's Corner

Dear Ballard Families,

Spring is almost here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning. As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of all as we support our students in successfully meeting the highest of standards set before them!

As we finish up the month of March, I would like to highlight some of the things our students have participated in. We had students go to Archie for a math contest, Elementary students went to the Conference Spelling Bee, there was the Conference Math Contest, we hosted a Scholar Bowl competition, had our spring parent/teacher conferences (thanks to all that came), 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades went to Jefferson City, Juniors attended an ACT Prep workshop, FFA went to Crowder College for contest, and the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades went to Sea Life at Crown Center.

As we enter the month of April, our teachers and staff continue to introduce and review rigorous academic skills and content across all grade levels. With a few weeks remaining before our district and state testing begins, it is imperative that our students are present each day and eager to actively participate in applying the purposeful teaching and learning taking place. In regards to testing timelines, grades 3-8 will be administered the MAP test and the High School will be taking the EOC's which will be starting Monday, April 24 and continue through Friday, April 27. During this testing window, please be sure to support your

students by having them at school on time each morning, having had a good, nutritious breakfast, and well-rested from the night before. We thank you in advance for your continued support as our students excel during testing!

In addition to testing, there are a few additional dates and events to highlight. Early Childhood and Kindergarten screening for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on Wednesday, April 4 from 1:00 to 7:00pm in the gym, the Senior Taco Dinner along with the Art Show and Science Fair will take place April 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30, there will be a project prom tip night on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Grill from 5:30-8:30, the Drama Club performance of "Charlotte's Web" is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 beginning at 7:30 with the Seniors putting on a dinner starting at 6:00pm. The Baseball team will be playing a game at Kauffman Stadium on April 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00pm (admission is FREE), FFA State Convention will be from Thursday, April 19-Saturday, April 21 and the Junior/Senior Prom will take place on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ballard Gym.

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of our students, our teachers and staff, and our mission here at Ballard. This year has been, and continues to be, a success due to the collective efforts of all in providing opportunities for our students to succeed and grow.

With Great Appreciation,  
Mr. Eric Hon, Principal

Typed and formatted by  
Camryn East

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Merritt Ray Roach, 18, is the son of Rusty and Melody Roach, and the brother of Tucker Roach. Merritt's favorite classes are Ag and Civil War, and his favorite colors are black and camouflage. Merritt dreams of owning a hard top Geo Tracker, and his favorite song is "It's Hard to be Humble" by Mac Davis. His favorite kind of food is Mexican and steak, and his favorite restaurant is Mexican. Merritt's hobbies and extracurricular activities include hunting, trapping, shooting, fishing, bow fishing, riding horses, baseball, FFA, 4-H, Ballard Honor Society, and AHCA. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends, family, and Liz. Merritt's pet peeve is disrespectful people, and his famous last words are "Molon Labe."

Merritt plans on attending the College of the Ozarks and getting a degree in something he enjoys after high school. In 15 years, Merritt sees himself married to Liz with a couple of kids, owning a lot of land and a nice herd of cattle. He wants to be debt free and live a great life.



Typed by Adelyne Dowse

# Student of the Month

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 March is Senior Trent Tate, son of Troy Tate and Jana Tate. Mrs. Kershner, Math Teacher, states that "Trent is serious about learning and not afraid to take on hard tasks. He is inquisitive. He thinks beyond the minimum requirements of the lesson at hand." Ms. Murchie, Business Teacher states that "Trent is a very polite young man, he is always willing to help his fellow classmates." Mr. Hillman, Physical Education Teacher, states that "Trent is always respectful and willing to help out. He has a bright future."

Trent attends Vo-Tech and is a member of Drama Club.

For Trent'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 at right (L-R): Optimist Member Warren Earle, Trent Tate, and Eric Hon



## Frazzled First

Mrs. Ordal



First graders are the best! They have learned so much this year so far, and still have another quarter of learning ahead of them. Their reading is off the charts! Most of them are reading at a second-grade level or higher at this point. We took the STAR test this month and have done very well.

Earlier in March, we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with green eggs and ham, making Dr. Seuss hats to wear, reading a ton of Dr. Seuss books, and playing pin the egg on the plate, green eggs and ham tic-tac-toe, and a money matching game.

On March 23, the Kindergarten, first, and second grades are going to Sea Life in Kansas City at Crown Center. We are very excited!! The first grade has spent several days reading about and researching sea animals that we will get to see while we are there, such as the moray eels, hammerhead sharks, seahorses, stingrays, jellyfish, octopuses, and much more. Ask us about what we have learned!!

Written by Mrs. Ordal  
Typed by Caleb Morris

# Second to None

Mrs. West



March Madness is upon us in the second grade! This is a fun way for our class to practice their addition and subtraction facts. We have a small trash can that looks like a basketball goal in our room. Once they have said the correct fact, they have to make a "basket" in order to score a point. I am always so happy to see the competitive spirit my students display this time of year.

Recently we had Kenadee Allen, Owen Meade, and Jacob Eidson represent our class at the conference spelling bee. Our whole class was proud of our competitors. Jacob Eidson said, "It was a chance to meet other students that are great spellers like me!" It is this kind of attitude that makes my heart smile.

This month we were busy working on some fun "eggsperiments" in science. We began learning about plants and what they need to survive. After reading "The Tiny Seed", our class has a newfound respect for all of the seeds that actually survive to become full grown plants.

Written by Mrs. West

Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

# Fiesty Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

In fifth grade this month, it has been really busy! Samuel Setzer, Jonathan Setzer, and Zoie Wheeler went to their math contest where Samuel and Zoie got fourth in tangrams. During the classes' chess tournament, Isaiah Maggard won! Also, during their conference spelling bee, Samuel got third. The class as a whole made a hundred percent on their AR goals and celebrated by watching the new movie *Coco*! The fifth graders are looking forward to spring break.



Written by  
Mikayla Whitaker

# Spunky Sixth

Ms. Eidson

It's been a busy month for sixth grade! It started with the Archie math competition on March 1. Then, we had the conference spelling bee on March 6. We've had two math classes to prepare ourselves for MAP testing. We just finished talking about ancient Rome in Social Studies. We are reading "*White Fang*" by Jack London and are going to compare and contrast the movie with the book. Hope everyone has a great rest of the school year!



Written by Aimee Cummings  
Typed and formatted by Camryn East

# Sassy Seventh

This month has been great! We finally finished our third quarter and began our fourth! In Ag, we are learning about animals and we are going to make ice cream. In English, we are making Power Points over history. In Math, we are doing something that's confusing. Sadly, we missed National Nap Day which was Monday, March 12. The entire class is looking forward to our spring break!



Written by Alexis Hastings and Macie Morris  
Typed by Mikayla Whitaker

# The Elite Eighth Grade

Hey there, people! The Eighth Grade class here! We don't have anything exciting going on right now, but we needed to write an article, so we are trying! Briana's birthday was in March, and Ashton's birthday is coming up in April. Kale Oerke, Ashton Carullo, Keith Schmitt, and Briana Arredondo went to the conference math competition at Bronaugh on Wednesday, March 7. We didn't win anything, but we tried our best! We are excited for spring break and we hope that you have a good one!

Written by Ashton Carullo  
and Kale Oerke  
Typed and formatted  
by Camryn East



# Salty Sophomores



The Sophomore Class is very excited for baseball and softball season to start and also for the end of the month for Spring Break.



Written by McKinley Brewster and  
Formatted by Caleb Morris

## SAVAGE SENIORS

## Jittery Juniors



This month, we are preparing the concessions stand for the baseball and softball season. We can't believe it is already time for baseball and softball games to be starting. With prom only one month away, we are also discussing the prom theme. We can't wait to start decorating the gym with all of the unique decorations we have chosen for prom. Hope everyone has a safe and fun spring break!



Written by Kelsie Karo  
Formatted by Madelyne Murray

Hey everyone, how is everyone? We hope everyone had a great Third Quarter. For us seniors we have one more quarter left and we are more than excited for the events coming up. We have two dinners in April. April 6 is our Taco Dinner along with the Art Show and Science Fair. April 14 is our Dinner Theater. If you would like a ticket the hit up a senior.



Written by Savanna Allen  
Typed by Andrew Hon

## Music Notes

The Music Department has been busy. We had two students who went to District Music Contest in Stockton on Monday, March 5. Dale Dowse, with a trumpet solo, and Austin Carpenter, with a vocal solo.

Austin will now be going on to state contest once again this year, because he received a I rating on his solo.

State is April 26, in Columbia, MO. We will now be preparing for All Conference Band, which is scheduled for April 3, at Cotty College, in Nevada. We hope to have 4 students attending this year.



Written by Mrs. Lybarger  
Formatted by Andrew Hon

## Ag/FFA

The Chapter sure is working hard on getting ready for contest. We have teams for meat, nursery landscape, horses, and dairy foods. Our first contest will be in Archie on Friday, the 16 of March. We have several competitions set up for this year and we are so excited! Wish us luck, and thanks in advance!!



Written and typed  
by Caleb Morris



# Everything English



This month in English, the students are filling their heads with various works in reading and writing! All of the high school classes are reading works from Shakespeare. In Creative Writing, both the juniors and seniors are writing about their utopias, which will correspond with their short stories.

Written by  
Mikayla Whitaker

## Outstanding Art



This month in art, each class group is doing something different! The kindergarten and first grade classes are making their own collaged lions. The second and third graders are making their own Doctor Seuss characters. The Fourth grade class are making paper mache piggy banks! Also, the fifth and sixth grade classes are making big, mixed media artwork. The seventh grade and Art One are working on their line drawings which are kind of like Zen tangles. In 3D Art they are finishing up their hula hoop rug weavings, also in Advanced Art they are still working on their collages. Remember, April sixth will be our yearly Art Show from 5:30 to 8:30 PM, we hope to see you there!



Written by  
Mikayla Whitaker



## Scholar Bowls



## Ancient History

The 7th grade History class is studying Australia and New Zealand. The 8th grade class is going over the road to the Civil War from 1820-1861. The 9th grade U.S. History class is learning about the Great Depression. The 10th grade Government class is studying Citizenship and Equal Justice. The 11th and 12th grade Civil War class is studying the Eastern Theater of 1862. The 12th grade Current Events class is going over the current political news.



Written by Mr. Dunkin and  
Formatted by Caleb Morris



On Thursday, March 8, 2018, the Ballard scholar bowl team went up against Sheldon, Bronaugh, and the Hume scholar bowl teams at Ballard. The high school and the junior high won one of three games. Although the meets didn't go as well as expected, the Bulldogs kept their heads up and will be even more ready for the next meet.

Written by Dylan Tippie  
Typed by Andrew Hon

# Sports Page

Written and Formatted by Andrew Hon  
and Camryn East



## All-Conference



On March 3, 2018, Seniors Camryn East, Adelyne Dowse, Andrew Hon and Colton Page, Junior Jackson Rotert and Freshman Sudie Callahan were all awarded with All-Conference honors. Each one of these players, displayed maximum amounts of effort throughout the 2017-2018 Basketball season. These players definitely deserved the All-Conference honor. Congratulations, Camryn, Adelyne, Andrew, Colton, Jackson and Sudie!

Written and formatted  
by Madelyne Murray

Pictured at the left (L-R): Andrew Hon, Jackson Rotert, Adelyne Dowse, Sudie Callahan, Camryn East and Colton Page



On February 24, 2018, in Hume, Missouri, seniors Camryn East, Andrew Hon and Colton Page were awarded with first team All-District honors. The three seniors have played all four years of their high school career, and each one of them did an exceptional job throughout the season! Congratulations Camryn, Andrew and Colton!

Written and formatted  
by Madelyne Murray

## All-District



Pictured above (L-R): Colton Page,  
Camryn East and Andrew Hon





# Ballin' and Breaking Records!



On Thursday, February 22, 2018, the Ballard Lady Bulldogs played their first game of districts against the Hume Lady Hornets at Hume. To most of the team, this was an important game, but to the Seniors, it was the most important game of the season. Not only had they never beaten Hume during their four years of high school basketball, but that game could've potentially been the last one of their career. It was essential that they took down the Lady Hornets once and for all! Senior, Adelyne Dowse, *definitely* stepped up to the plate, and led our Lady Bulldogs to their first victory against Hume in several years! Being one of the tallest girls in our conference, she gives the high school basketball girl's team a huge advantage! Throughout her years of junior high and high school basketball, Adelyne has worked insanely hard on her blocking skills. Her freshman year, she had a very difficult time blocking girl's shots without dropping her hands and fouling them in the process, but over the years, she finally learned how to keep her arms straight up and stop the shot from getting to the rim! Not one game went by this season that she didn't block at least one shot! During the first district game, every time a Hume player went up for a shot, it seemed like Adelyne blocked it and threw it out to one of her teammates who was already running down the court. At first, she didn't think anything of it, but shortly after the game, Head Coach, Bobby Brewster, discovered something. Adelyne had achieved 21 blocks throughout the whole game, which tied the all-time state record, set by Tori Cole of Twin Rivers in 2012. Adelyne always put forth a great effort, in hopes to get a spot on the All-District or All-Conference teams, but after she found out that she had tied with the record holder for most blocks, Adelyne stated, "I wasn't even close to getting my 1000<sup>th</sup> point, but I'll take this accomplishment over anything else! I've worked so hard on improving my basketball skills over the years, and I couldn't be happier with how I ended my high school basketball career. My dad would've been so proud!" Congratulations, Adelyne, on such an amazing achievement!



Pictured above is Adelyne Dowse

Written and formatted by Camryn East

## Congrats, Camryn!

On January 26, 2018, senior Camryn East scored her 1,000th point in a basketball game against KC Lutheran in the Crestridge Tournament. "I have played with Camryn since fifth grade, and I couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this accomplishment. She has worked hard and put in many hours in the gym, all to better herself and her team." says teammate, Adelyne Dowse. Head Coach Bobby Brewster stated that "This was a well earned accomplishment for Cam. It was an exciting time for Cam, her family, and the entire team." On behalf of the all the students in Ballard, Congratulations Camryn!

Typed by Adelyne Dowse



Pictured at left is Camryn East





# Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, February 27, Ballard held its annual Spelling Bee competition to determine who would move on to compete at the Conference Spelling Bee at Shell City. Students, first grade through sixth grade had been practicing spelling words all year and competition was strong. Three winners were chosen from each class. All the kids worked extremely hard and gave it their all.

On Tuesday, March 6, the winners of Ballard's annual Spelling Bee traveled to Shell City to compete in the Conference Spelling Bee. The students did a fantastic job competing with other schools and spelled all the words they could.

Congratulations to sixth grader Aimee Cummings and fourth grader Victoria Snyder, who received 2nd place medals and Sam Setzer who received a 3rd place medal at the Conference Spelling Bee.

Everyone did an excellent job with competing, and hope to see everyone do just as good of a job next year!



Pictured as shown in the table.



Class	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
First Grade	Braydon Siebeneck	Lily Bergen (NS)	Lane Meade
Second Grade	Owen Meade	Addilynn Engelhardt	Jacob Eidson
Third Grade	Chrissy Evans (NS)	Olivia Porter	Maribel Arredonda
Fourth Grade	Victoria Snyder	Autumn Hastings	Katelynne Skaggs
Fifth Grade	Samuel Setzer	Kamryn Beachner	Zoei Wheeler
Sixth Grade	Aimee Cummings	Jada Gains	Zachary Carpenter

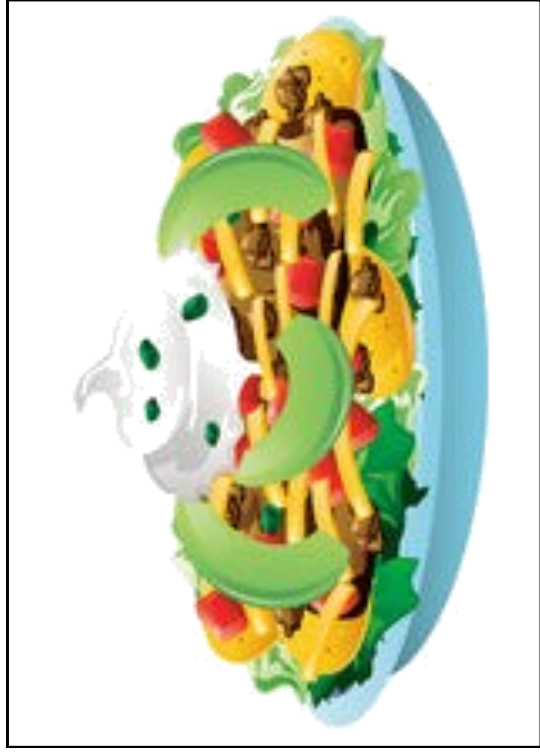
# A+ Students Help the Community

On March 10, 2018 two Ballard A+ students, Adelyne Dowse and Jaeden Schliem, went to Adrian, Missouri, along with three students from the University of Missouri, and did a lot of work around the community. They started off at Lilly's House and spread a large load of mulch around the playground, making a safer and better looking place for the children to play. They then went to the recycling center and sorted the recyclable items from the trash and made it look nice and neat. Once they were done there, they moved to Frontier Village and helped Jerry Ferguson rake leaves, clear sticks from the train track, and helped start a burn pile. Although it was cold, they were happy to help the community all they could.



Typed by Adelyne Dowse

# Senior Taco Salad Dinner



Time: 5:30-7:30

Date: April 6, 2018

Where: Ballard School

To purchase tickets: Contact a Senior or Mrs.

DesCombes or Mr. Dunkin by calling the school at (816) 297-2656.

### Prices

13 & Up \$8.00

5-12 \$4.00

4 & Under Free

The Ballard Drama  
Club presents

# Craves Dinner Theater

**Saturday Evening, April 14, 2018**

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

Play begins at 7:30 p.m.

(Tickets to the play only can be purchased at the door at 7:15 p.m.)

Ballard High School Gymnasium

To purchase tickets contact: A senior, a Drama student or call the school at 816-297-2656.

# Fun Page

## Spring



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snail



bee



frog



caterpillar



lamb



ladybug



butterfly

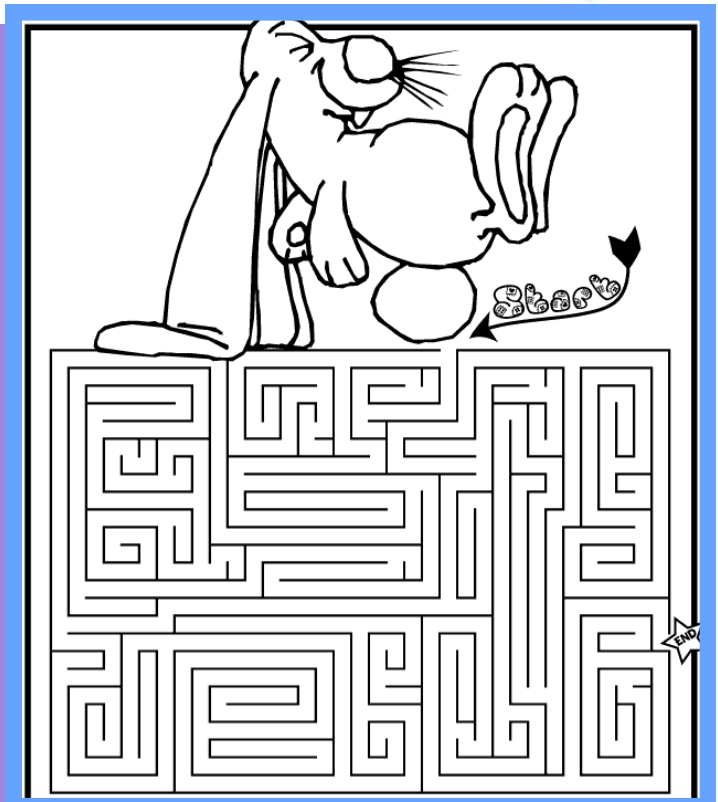
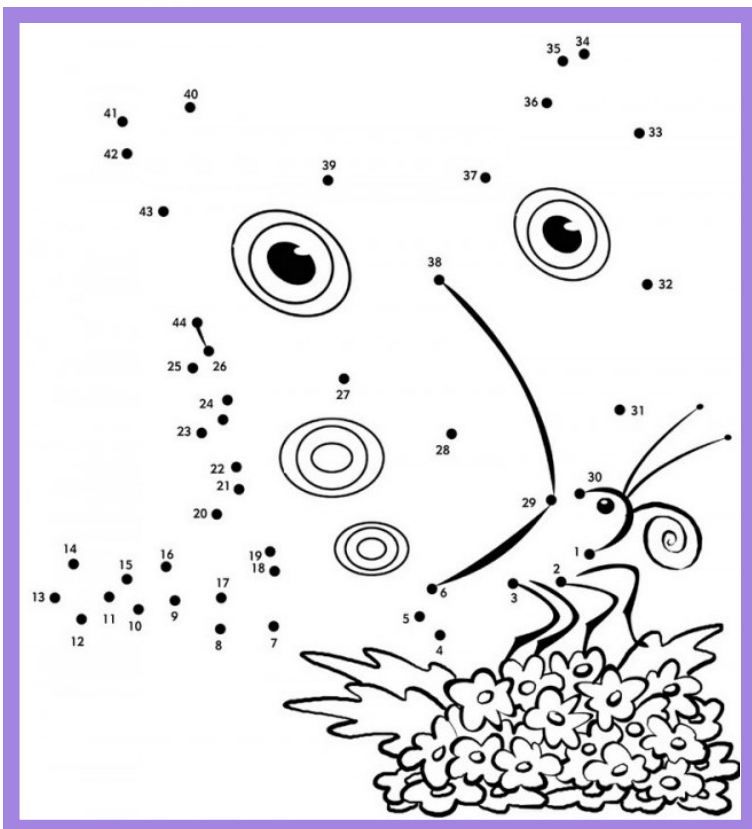


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# April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 FFA UCM District Contest All Conf. Band @ NEVC 5:30	4 Early Childhood/ Kindergarten-Screening SR/IR Drunk Driving Stimulation @ Butler BB/SB @ NEVC 4:30 4-H 6/7pm	5 SB @ Butler 4:30 Conference Scholar Bowl @ Hume	6 Senior Taco Dinner 5:30-8pm Art/Science Fair	7 Project Prom Tip Night! 5:30-8:30 Ballard Grill
8	9	10 BB/SB vs Sheldon 4:30	11 PJ / Hat Day BB @ Concordia 5pm	12	13 Mid Quarter No Vo-Tech	14 Drama Dinner Theater Meal begins at 6:00pm Play starts at 7:30pm
15	16 BB vs Montrose 4:30	17 SB vs Hume 4:30	18 Wacky Wed. BB @ Montrose 4:30	19 State FFA Convention Ballard vs Kingsville 4pm @ Royals Stadium	20 ↑	21  Promenade 5:30pm Prom 7:00
22  Earth Day	23 NO SCHOOL Teacher in Service	24 MAP/EOC Testing Begins BB vs Leeton 4:30 pm	25 BB/SB vs NEVC 4:30	26 SB @ Kingsville 4:30 BB vs Butler 4:30	27 SB @ Hume 4:30	28
29 Baccalaureate 7pm	30 MAP/EOC Testing BB vs Miami 4:30pm	