



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-2 SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk....

Dear Ballard Families,

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

Cultivating a Growth Mindset through Praise Roxanne Shumway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dustin L. Bridge

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

Senior Spotlight

Brice Eidson

Brice, 17, is the son of Tina and Rich Eidson. Some of his favorites include the color blue, Jose Peppers, and the song "Ghost" by Ryan Cauqueo. Brice's dream car is a 2018 Chevy Silverado. Some of his hobbies include riding dirt bikes and hanging out with friends and girlfriend. Brice's biggest pet peeve is Dylan talking. Brice's famous last words are, "Don't let other peoples criticism change you."

Brice's extracurricular activity is basketball. Brice's plans for the future are to get a job. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Brice answered, "In 15 years I see myself working and owning a house with my family."



Congratulations!

Written by: Brianna Pray

A Step Back Into The Past

On Tuesday, October 1, the Third and Fourth grade students went on a field trip to Frontier Village located in Adrian, Missouri. While there, the students were able to have a hands-on and visual experience of how our ancestors lived in the past. They were able to participate in many activities throughout the day including; making apple cider and apple butter and getting to taste it. The students explored the museum, the church, the school house, and the general store.

The Third and fourth graders were given a demonstration of making homemade corn meal. While at the corn



meal station, they were surprised to see one of their favorite staff members, Sonny Mahan. They were all excited to see a familiar face and couldn't wait to go see what he had to show them!

The highlights of the trip for the students was, being able to go across the suspension bridge to get on the train ride, and getting ice cream from the Ice Cream Shop right after!

Written By: Serenity Morris





Veterans Day

On Friday, November 8, the Ballard School hosted the annual Veterans Day assembly. It was so amazing to see a community pull together to celebrate our nation's heroes. Students also did their share to make the veterans feel appreciated and celebrated by the awesome artwork on the walls. To start off the festivities, our principal, Mr. Bridges, welcomed the veterans. The local Boy Scouts presented the flags as we all stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Moore lead us as we sang "The National Anthem."

Mr. Bridges gave a brief introduction then passed the microphone over to the Veterans so they could introduce themselves, give their name, rank, and years of service.

The Fifth grade students had an Essay contest, the theme being, how the song "Give it Away" relates to Veterans Day. The winners, 1st place – Maggie Foster and 2nd place - Kennedy Borland. Read their essays. Then the Fourth-Sixth grade students sang the song "Give it Away."

Sophomore Kayla Schmitt gave a presentation on American Flag Etiquette, followed by the Kindergarten-Third Grade students singing "Grand Old Flag."

Mr. Bridges introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Gary Hill, retired Army, who gave a heartwarming speech on patriotism. A PowerPoint presentation of our local Veterans and active service people accompanied by the song "American Soldier" by Toby Keith ended the assembly. Mr. Bridges closed the program and invited the Veterans and their families to the reception.

The Administration, Faculty, Staff, and students of Ballard School would like to thank all the Veterans, Active Duty Service People and their families for their service.



Veterans that attended:

First Row (L-R); Daryl Foster, Bob Foster, Andy Hon, and Richard Dickerson
Second Row (L-R): Bob Hon, Howard Swope, Curt Schliem, Don Ferguson, and Clifford Foster
Third Row (L-R); Gary Hill, Steve Atkins, Don Hill, Jerry Ferguson, and John Herrmann

Red Ribbon Week

The week of Tuesday, October 29 through Friday, November 1, was the annual Red Ribbon Week. We encouraged students to dress up for the different themes everyday of the week in support of drug abuse awareness month.

On Tuesday, the theme was; "We dream big, we don't do drugs," everyone was allowed to wear their comfy pajamas to school. On Wednesday; "Our future is too bright to do drugs," the whole school dressed up in all the neon attire that they had. Thursday was; "Say boo to drugs," so all of the jr. high and high school students were allowed to wear their Halloween costumes to school, and the elementary students wore red and later changed into their costumes for the Halloween parade. And lastly, Friday was; "Team up against drugs," all the students were allowed to wear their favorite team jerseys and team apparel.

Red Ribbon Week is for schools to promote drug awareness and to help show why kids shouldn't do drugs. This week was a week that all the students look forward to and enjoy participating in. We proudly participated in Red Ribbon Week to encourage everyone to stay drug free.



Written by: Dylan Tippie and Brianna Pray

Preschool Pups

Miss Clark

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

ClaraBella Bergman—I am thankful for my toys.

Kyle Carpenter—I am thankful for my momma and daddy.

Arabella Fisher—I am thankful for my family.

Benjamin Fisher—I am thankful for Delainey and Arabella.

Miss Clark—I am thankful for a job that I love coming to everyday, my kitties, and my supportive family and friends.



Written by: The Preschoolers

Typed by: Maecy Claiborne

Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

We asked the First Grade what they were thankful for, this is what they answered...

Jennifer Carpenter—I am thankful for our school.

Keenen Engelhardt— I am thankful for food.

Charles Fisher—I am thankful for the Army.

Noah Meade—I am thankful for our community.

Huntlee Myrtle—I am thankful for my brother.

Tucker Newkirk—I am thankful for the Air Force.

Ellee Scott—I am thankful for our Country.

Maxton Wainscott—I am thankful for our community.

Kyoko Smith—I am thankful for my family and friends.

Rylie Schmitt—I am thankful for my Family.

Mrs. Smith—I am thankful for my students, my family, and my wonderful Cadet.



Written by: The Class

Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Trendy Third

Ms. Kabir

We asked the Third graders what they were thankful for, and this is what they said...

Lily Bergen—I am thankful for my family.

Ian Campbell—I am thankful for my family.

Waylon Chrisman—I am thankful for food.

Aspyn Eidson—I am thankful for Ms Kabir.

Lane Meade—I am thankful for television.

Zayden Miller—I am thankful for being born.

Emmalee Scott—I am thankful for my family.

Braydon Siebeneck—I am thankful for the Earth.

Ms. Kabir—I am thankful for my family, my friends, my god daughter, my niece, and my 8 little weirdos.



Written by: The Class

Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

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



Melody Bergen—I am thankful for my brother Cooper and my family.

Molly Burgin—I am thankful for the army that keeps us safe.

Dani Crump—I am thankful for my brothers and my mom and dad.

Teddy Foster—I am thankful for my family, Jesus and God

McKenzie Claiborne—I am thankful for school, and getting to come to school.

Nichole Luper—I am thankful for my family and my kittens.

Zander Miller—I am thankful for my baby sister and my cats.

Pinnett Quick—I am thankful for my mom and my cat.

Navi Quiroz—I am thankful for my family and for school.

Brynlee Wainscott—I am thankful for my family and my dog.

Mrs. Hathcock—I am thankful for my family, my friends, and my job.

Written by: The Class

Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Sweet Second

Mrs. West

We asked the Second graders to write down what they were thankful for and here is what they wrote...

Nathaniel Fisher—I am thankful for my life, because I have a happy life.

Callan Rotert—I am thankful for my family and friends, because they're very nice. They also help me.

Summer Hastings—I am thankful for my family life. We have rough times and happy times, but we got through it all.

Chandler Borland—I am thankful for my family and my teacher. My family takes care of me and my teacher teaches me.

Sofia Porter—I am thankful for my family, my teacher, and my friends, because they are really kind to me.

Delainey Ferguson—I am thankful for having a baby cousin because when he sees me, he spits out his binky and his bottle to smile at me.

Ian Bergman—I am thankful for my family because they take care of me.

Vivian Greer—I am thankful for my family because they keep me safe, they love me, and they take good care of me.

Mrs. West—I am thankful that I get to work at Ballard with all the amazing people.

Written by: The Class

Typed by : Sierra Ferguson



Funky Fourth

Mrs. Moore

On Wednesday, November 13, six of the Fourth graders went out of their comfort zone and read a story to the Kindergarteners. Here are their thoughts about it...

Nathan Bales—"I wrote a Pooh journal. After that I read it to the Kindergarteners."

Jacob Eidson—"In our Pooh journal assignment we had to act like we were Pooh, and tell stories that fit with the pictures. After we were done, we had to read every single story to them."

Addilynn Engelhardt—"I pretended to be Pooh for Pooh's journal. After we got them done, we got to read them to the Kindergarteners."

Piper Goth—"We had to write a story about Pooh and his friends. We also had to read to the Kindergarteners. Now that was scary!"

Owen Meade—"My class and I had an assignment that took quite awhile to finish. Our assignment was to write stories like we were Winnie the Pooh. We wrote it like it was our journal."

Gavin Schliem—"We had an assignment to write about Pooh. We acted like we were in his life. We read to Kindergarteners."



Pictured above First row: (L-R): Molly Burgin, Brynlee Wainscott, Dani Crump, Zander Miller, Pinnett Quick, McKenzie Claiborne, Nichole Luper, Navi Quiroz, and Teddy Foster

Second row: (L-R): Piper Goth, Addilynn Engelhardt, Nathan Bales, Jacob Eidson, Gavin Schliem, and Owen Meade

Written by: The Class

Typed by: Maecy Claiborne

Fabulous Fifth

Mrs. Bergen

The Fifth grade students were challenged to create some form of poetry concerning the theme of Thanksgiving or what they are grateful for. This is what they wrote...

T hankful
H ope
A ppreciation
N ation
K indness
S iblings
G iving
I love my family
V isiting
I like turkey
N eatness
G oodness

Olivia Porter



T hankful
H opeful
A ppreciate
N ice Mom
K indness
S pread love
G reat
I love my family
V anilla yogurt
I ntelligent
N ice family
G ood

Maribel Arredondo

T ime to do things
H appy times
A ble to do things
N ever giving up
K indness in the world
F amily members and friends
U sing knowledge to do things
L oving people
N ot being mean
E mbers in the warm fire
S leeping soundly
S omewhere to live

Kennedy Borland

T urkey
H am
A ppetite
N ap
K inship
S weet potatoes
G iving
I dislike pie
V egetables
I ll
N oise
G ames

Daxtyn Greer



T hankful for life
H appiness for school
A super big dinner
N othing to be upset about
K illing the main course
S aving the left overs
G iving the poor the food
I ce in cups of punch
V egetables
I cing on a cake
N ew meals of course
G iving money to people

Crystal Evans



T urkey
H ome
A melia, my best friend
N ice people
K indness
S isters
G iving
I love my brothers
V anilla ice cream
I love family
N ice family
G od

Madison Gunter



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T aking care of family and friends
H aving thanks
A utumns leaves and color
N atures pretty colors in fall
K indness
F amily and friends
U nselfish
L oving and caring
Abigail Bergen

T urkey
H unting
A lways together
N ever alone
K ind
F amily
U nited
L ove
Ashton Siebeneck

T hinking of others
H aving fun
A utumn leaves
N ana's pumpkin pie
K indness towards others
F aith and family
U sing things to help others
L ove
Maggie Foster

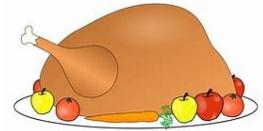
T hanksgiving
H appiness
A feast
N ice food
K illing turkeys
F un
U. S. A
L ove
Noah Bales

I am thankful for my **Dad**
And for my **Mom** too.
Without my **dog**
I don't know what I'd do.
I'm glad to have **cows**
In winter, spring, summer, and fall.
But it's the **bow**
That I'm thankful for most of all.
Luke Meade

I am thankful for my **Mom**
And for my **Dad** too.
Without my **sister**
I don't know what I'd do.
I'm glad to have **Colton**
In winter, spring, summer, and fall
But it's **Aunah Jean**
That I'm thankful for most of all.
Keslyn Page



T hankful for my family
H appy Thanksgiving to you and me
A happy time with your family members
N ever be mean to people that are not like you
K iwi is a fruit that you can eat on Thanksgiving
S ay nice things to everyone and yourself
G ive thanks to everyone and your animals
I ll be very kind to everyone
V egetables
I get to spend time with family
N othing except love and thanks
G iving food to one another
Macie Wainscott



W e are thankful
E very day

A bby and Ashton have
R eal friends like Madison
E ven Luke likes guys like Payson

T here's Noah and Bradley
H anging with Dax and Kennedy.
A lso Crystal and Maggie
N ear Olivia and Macie
K eslyn and Maribel round out our crew
F ull hearts? We have quite a few
U nited we go from class to class
L oving of friendships we hope will last.
Mrs. Bergen



I am thankful for my **cousins**
And for my **pets** too.
Without my **friends**
I don't know what I'd do.
I'm glad to have **shelter**
In winter, spring, summer, and fall
But it's my **family**
That I'm thankful for most of all.
Payson Hill



I am thankful for my **sister**
And for my **Dad** too.
Without my **dogs**
I don't know what I'd do.
I'm glad to have food
In winter, spring, summer, and fall
But it's my **Mother**
That I'm thankful for most of all.
Bradley Bergschneider



Written by: The Class
Typed by: Serenity Morris

Savage Sixth

Ms. Eidson



We asked the Sixth graders to write down what they were thankful for and here is what they wrote . . .

Cash Anderson-I am thankful for two things in this world: hunting and fishing. Because that is what I like to do best.

Dayne Greer-I am thankful for my family and friends. I am also thankful for hunting and fishing, my home, bed, clothes, food, and stuff to keep us alive.

Celia Campbell-I am thankful for my family and friends, because without my family I wouldn't be here, and also thankful for my friends because they are really nice to me.

Autumn Hastings-I am thankful for my house, because I have my own room. I am also thankful for my family and friends because they make my life more lively and joyful.

Valencia Landeros-I am thankful for my family and friends because I don't know what I would do without them. I am also thankful for the food that I have and everything I have. Lastly,

I'm thankful for the sports I play.

Haley Pray-I am thankful for all my friends and family and everyone I know. I am also thankful for sea turtles, they are so cute, for scrunches and leggings. And I am thankful for my room, and my teachers and school.

Lucas Crump-I am thankful for summer vacation because we don't have school and I can stay up late, sleep in and have fun.

Lilly Chrisman-I am thankful for my family and friends, for the food that is in front of me everyday. I am also Thankful for a lot of other things.

Ms. Eidson-I am thankful for my family because they are always supportive and willing to help me.

Written by : The Class
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Sassy Seventh

Ms. Murchie

The Seventh grade students are thankful for...

Kamryn Beachner-I am thankful for my cat Simba.

Nate Evans-I am thankful for having such kind and polite teachers.

Audrey Foster-I am thankful for a warm house to go to at night.

Ethan Kennedy-I am thankful for every thing I have in my life.

Isaiah Maggard-I am thankful for my home, it is comfy.

Jonathan Setzer-I am thankful for Murchie having good days.

Samuel Setzer-I am thankful for the candy stashed in my room.

Zoie Wheeler-I am thankful for my family, they are so nice.

Ms. Murchie-My awesomely wonderful family.

Written By: The Class
Typed By: Sudie Callahan

Refreshing Freshman

Mrs. Larcom

We are very excited that Thanksgiving is right around the corner! Here is what we are thankful for...

Lucas Whitaker-I am thankful for food and clothing.

Sydney Claiborne-I am thankful for my family and our animals.

Averie Bales-I am thankful for my parents and my dogs.

Alexis Hastings-I am thankful for my mom and my friends.

Macie Morris-I am thankful for my family and horses.

Lexie Ward-I am thankful for my family and my dog.

Tucker Roach-I am thankful for my friends and my family.

Jacob Kepner-I am thankful for life and my girlfriend.

Brice Miller-I am thankful for football and my family.

Mrs. Larcom-I am thankful for my family, my puppy, the students that I have in class and the ones I just get to see in the hall, my job, and raspberry tea.



Written by: The Class and Sponsor
Typed by: Rachel Evans



Crazy Eighth Graders

Ms. Burgin

We asked the Eighth grade to write down what they were thankful for and here is what they wrote . . .

Cade Callahan-I am thankful for my family, animals, basketball, pasta, agriculture, and John Deere.

Zachary Carpenter-I am thankful for my family, my dog, soap, music, basketball, goats, and Ramen noodles.

Aimee Cummings-I am thankful for my family, house, and *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*.

Lindy Gunter-I am thankful for my baby brother's health, my family and friends, moving back to Ballard, and so much more! This year may have been a little rough, but it got a lot better, and for that I am grateful and very thankful.

Parker Hill-I am thankful for my family, friends and my dog Moose.

Valentina Landeros-I am thankful that I'm going to be an aunt! Because Tatiana is due to give birth the week of Thanksgiving to her son.

Lillian Rotert-I am thankful for my family, friends and all of my animals.

Ms. Burgin-I am thankful for my daughter, my family, good health, a job that I love, and all of my friends.

Written by: The Class and Sponsor
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Superior Sophomores

Mrs. Bridges

When asked what the Sophomores were thankful for, this is how they answered...

Briana Arredondo—I am thankful for my family and my dog.

Ashton Carullo—I am thankful for my friends and family.

River Clark—I am thankful for my family and friends.

Katlin Martin—I am thankful for Spotify.

Payton Miller—I am thankful for my family and for fishing poles.

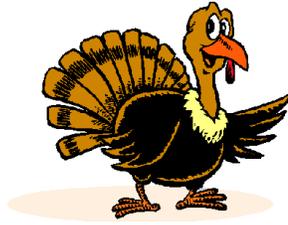
Kale Oerke—I am thankful for my family and friends.

Keith Schmitt—I am thankful for being able to spend time with family.

Mrs. Bridges—I am thankful for my family, Brianna Pray, Maecy Claiborne, and all of my other students.

Written by: The Class and Sponsor

Typed by: Brianna Pray



Jazzy Juniors

Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Chambers

The Junior class is very excited about Thanksgiving break, we can't wait to spend some quality time with our families! Here are some things that we are thankful for...

Kayla Schmitt—I am thankful for sports, my family, and Mrs. Gregory.

Sudie Callahan—I am thankful for my family and sports.

Serenity Morris—I am thankful for my family and the life they have provided for me.

Dylan Tippie—I am thankful for my mom.

Kailee Smith—I am thankful for my family and my friends.

Sierra Ferguson—I am thankful for my family and my friends.

Rachel Evans—I am thankful for my family, my friends, my classmates, and my teachers, Thank you all for your love and support!

Wyatt Blair—I am thankful for my friends and family.

Mr. Bergen—I am thankful to have a baby in the house again.

Mrs. Chambers—I am thankful for all of my students, my wonderful job, and my family.

Written by: The Class and Sponsors

Typed by: Rachel Evans

SARCASTIC SENIORS

Mr. Dunkin and Mrs. Gregory

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



Destiny Bramell—I am thankful for my friends and family.

Maecy Claiborne—I am thankful for my friends, family, teachers, counselors, and my grandma's noodles.

Dale Dowse—I am thankful for Thanksgiving break.

Brice Eidson—I am thankful for my family.

Donovan Hinrichs—I am thankful for my friends, family, and fishing.

Jake Light—I am thankful for my family and hunting.

Garrett Oerke—I am thankful for hunting, farming, family and friends.

Brianna Pray—I am thankful for sleep, friends, sports, family, and Cheez-its.

Mr. Dunkin—I am thankful for another day.

Mrs. Gregory—I am thankful for Mr. Gregory, my family, my students, Christmas vacation, and summer vacation.

Written by: The Class and Sponsors

Typed by: Maecy Claiborne

Our staff are thankful for...

Lori Wainscott—I am thankful for my family and my new grandbaby.

Jill Hill—I am thankful for my family.

Sauna Inglis—I am thankful for the Lord, my family, a warm home, my health, and my job.

Terry Wendel—I am thankful for this school, my wife, kids, and my grandkids.

Sonny Mahan—I am thankful for life, and my family.

Mr. Bridges—I am thankful for my family.

Lea Ann Shulse—I am thankful that I still have my parents, and for my family.

Sandra Claiborne—I am thankful for my family, my job, good health, chocolate, and all the memories that I have.

Mr. Siebeneck—I am thankful for life, my family, and school.

Carrie Scott—I am thankful for sunshine.

Dorothy Smith—I am thankful for Maecy Claiborne, Brianna Pray, my family, good health, my friends, my job, and my husband.

Jackie Harter—I am thankful for my fiancée, my family, my friends, my dog, and athletics.

Mrs. Moore—I am thankful for coke zero and 31 students.

Written by: Ballard staff

Typed by: Brianna Pray

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers

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This month the kids have been working hard on their science fair projects. The Junior and Senior classes are about to start a unit on archery. The Ecology class has been doing several different projects with several different critters. The Earth Science class has been learning about water and how we abuse water and how water is polluted. In envirothon we are starting off good, we are doing a lot of work shops to get our IQ's up on envirothon.

Written By: Sudie Callahan

Exciting English

Mrs. Gregory



With the end of November looming and Thanksgiving fast on its way in ELA we have been working hard on our grammar, studying appositives, gerunds, and infinitive phrases. Specifically, the Freshmen are learning about making inferences and reading fun stories.

The Sophomores are working on finding the main idea. Advanced ELA is reading scary stories by Edgar Allen Poe, and College Prep has just finished reading "The Princess Bride" and filling out the FAFSA. Novels is finishing up "The Outsiders", and in Speech, Kayla helped out with the Veterans Day celebration by presenting a PowerPoint presentation about flags.

Written by: Mrs. Gregory
Formatted by: Brianna Pray

Art Class

Mrs. Larcom

In art this month, all of the art students completed projects to display for the Veterans Day assembly. They created Op Art flags and drew red, white and blue line designs. The Advance Art class also collaborated to create a large Flag display with solders and poppies placed on it. We are now getting ready for holiday projects with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming soon.



Written By: Mrs. Larcom
Typed By: Serenity Morris

Mr. Bergen's Math Corner

The two things that Mr. Bergen hears most in the math classroom:

1. I HATE Real-World Word Problems!
2. When am I ever going to use this in real life?

I am not going to stand on a soap box and say that every topic we cover in class is something that will be used in ordinary, day-to-day life; however, if nothing else, math is a mental exercise—you gotta pump the irons of algebra if you want to see those sweet, sweet gains. In general, I will say that critical thinking and problem solving IS something that everyone will use—daily.

In my feeble attempt to make math relevant, I plan on introducing problems in this article, each month, that will challenge the school to use their math abilities to solve.

I will give three levels: Elementary, Middle School, and High School—and reveal the answers in the next edition of Math Corner. Good luck!

Elementary (Grade K - 5): Mrs. Brown is going to purchase groceries for Thanksgiving dinner. She has found a turkey for \$22.75, 1 bag of potatoes for \$5, a tub of sour cream for \$3, four cans of green beans (for her famous casserole) for \$0.50/can, stuffing mix for \$3, and then she found some pies and des-

It's All History

Mr. Dunkin

So far my Eleventh and Twelfth grade Geography is going over the urbanization. The Eighth grade U.S History class is learning about the American Revolution. Seventh grade Geography class is talking about Mexico and Central America. The Ninth grade U.S. History class is talking about the Progressive presidents and the U.S. expansion over seas. World History class is learning about Rome. And the U.S. Government class is learning about the United States.



Written by: Sierra Ferguson

FACS

Mrs. Larcom



Our Foods Class is finally in the kitchen! We started the quarter off reviewing cooking terms, recipes, measuring, and kitchen and food safety. Students were required to pass the Kitchen Rules and Procedures test with a 100% before starting with the labs. Our first lab tested their measuring skills and they made Snickerdoodle Cookies. Later that week they repeated the lab making more Snickerdoodles for the Veterans Day assembly. Our next lab covers proteins and we will be making omelets.

Eighth grade FACS completed career assessments and are now working in groups to design their own restaurant. First they will develop a concept for their restaurant, a layout and a menu while learning about FACS related careers.

Written by: Mrs. Larcom
Typed by: Serenity Morris

But I don't want to...



serts for \$14.50. If she has \$50, does she have enough money? If not, what is something she can consider?

Middle School (Grade 6 - 8):

There are 147 days in a school year. If Mr.

Bergen/Mrs. Eidson each give a math assignment, every day--except two days per chapter for chapter tests--estimate how many total assignments will be given in a year. Assume all material is covered. Hint: Answers will vary and you may need to ask your teacher about number of lessons per chapter.

High School: Three friends—Elaine, Kelly, and Shannon—all start for their college volleyball team. Each plays a different position: setter, middle blocker, and outside hitter. Of the three, one is a Freshman, one a Sophomore, and the other a Junior. From the clues, determine each woman's position and year in school:

1. Elaine is not the setter.
2. Kelly has been in school longer than the middle blocker.
3. The middle blocker has been in school longer than the outside hitter.
4. Either Kelly is the setter OR Elaine is the middle blocker.

Written By: Mr. Bergen
Formatted By: Serenity Morris

New Faces



What is your name? Rylie Schmitt
What grade are you in? 1st Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: Smurfs
Food: Ramen Noodles
Color: Pink
Holiday: Summer
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Princess



What is your name? Kyoko Smith
What grade are you in? 1st Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: Goosebumps
Food: McDonalds
Color: Rainbow
Holiday: Valentines Day
Sport: Cheer



What is your name? Kamryn Beachner
What grade are you in? 7th Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Hunger Games
Food: Kiwi
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Basketball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Marine



What is your name? Shauna Inglis
What position do you work? I'm a Food Service Assistant
What is your favorite:
Movie: Twister
Food: BBQ
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Nascar
What is your favorite part about being apart of the Ballard Staff?



Ag & FFA

Ms. Strodman



On Tuesday October 28, 11 FFA kids were chosen to attend National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. They were joined by three other schools. With having an 8 hour ride from Sedalia to Indianapolis, the kids were very excited to get the experience of a life time getting to meet thousands of other kids who have the same passion about FFA as they did. The kids had a very busy week with tours, ceremonies, sessions and many fun activities throughout the week. The kids have made several friends and even more memories that they will always have to remember.

On Thursday October 31, the Ballard FFA and other schools went to a fancy dinner and theatre. The show production was *The Little House of Horrors* which all the kids enjoyed. On Friday November 1, everyone attended the National Degree ceremony and enjoyed listening to the National choir members sing. Everyone enjoyed the trip and was not ready to come home but were very excited to get off the bus and be back in their own beds. All the FFA kids can't wait to be able to attend National Convention again next year.

Pictured above: First Row (L-R): Averie Bales, River Clark, Macie Morris, Katlin Martin, Kayla Schmitt
Second Row (L-R): Sudie Callahan, Tucker Roach, Kale Oerke, Kailee Smith, Macey Claiborne, Keith Schmitt

Written by: Macey Claiborne

Distracted Driving Assembly



On Wednesday, November 6, Missouri Highway Patrol Officer, Bill Lowe gave a presentation over “Distracted Driving” and how dangerous it is. The presentation title was “If I could just go back...” Officer Lowe gave us several statistics that were frightening, one of which was the fact that the number one cause of death in our age group is car accidents. The amount of fatal car wrecks from 2009 – 2018 was approximately 851. The Missouri Highway patrol Officers work very hard to help prevent wrecks by providing education, enforcement, engineering and EMS. Last year the percentage of wrecks caused by impaired driving was 16%. Speeding increases the severity of a wreck by increasing the braking distance, also speeding has little to no effect on the length of your trip. Officer Lowe informed us that seat belts are our top defense against reckless driving, they reduce the amount of deaths by 40-50% and reduce injuries by 45-55%.

The students came away with these major points... Wear your seat belt, take your time, don't speed, and pay attention. Obey the laws, don't drive under the influence or when you haven't gotten enough sleep. If you do this, it shows that you care for your passengers, road mates and your own safety. And remember, TRAF-FIC SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Written by: Brianna Pray & Rachel Evans
Formatted by: Brianna Pray

A Note to the Spectators

Spectators:

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 on 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. If you are verbally aggressive towards officials, players, or other spectators, you may be asked to leave by the administrators. The game will probably not proceed until you have been removed.

In accordance with school board policy, depending on your actions, you may be suspended from attending any further school activities.

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 positive role models, if we are to accomplish this.

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

Thank you for attending and enjoying the games.
Ballard R-2 Administration

Formatted by: Brianna Pray

Conference District Awards



On Tuesday, November 12, it was announced that two juniors received awards for their volleyball season. Junior Serenity Morris made second team All-Conference and Junior Sudie Callahan made second team All-Conference and second team All-District. Each one of these players, displayed maximum amounts of effort throughout the 2019 volleyball season. These young ladies definitely deserved the honors. Congratulations, Serenity and Sudie!

Typed and Written By: Ms. Murchie

Pictured to the left (L-R): Sudie Callahan and Serenity Morris



LET'S GET FIRED UP!



On the morning of Saturday, November 9, there was a mini cheer camp. The mini cheer camp included grades Kindergarten through Fifth. There was approximately 30 elementary students working with the junior high and high school cheerleaders.

The day was full of practice and fun, all the mini cheerleaders enjoyed it! They even received T-shirts that were provided by the Booster Club. The mini cheerleaders were learning a dance to "Hey Mickie" for the bonfire later that night. After several hours of hard work, they were ready to perform at the bonfire.

All of the mini cheerleaders were nervous, but wanted to dance their little hearts out for everyone to see. They loved being able to sit with the cheerleaders and ride the trailer onto the softball field while saying little cheers as they entered. They were even excited to build a tunnel for the high school girl and boy basketball teams to run through when their names were announced. Even the elementary had their names announced! After they said some cheers and performed the dance, all the mini cheerleaders ran off to have some hot chocolate and s'mores.

WE ARE FIRED UP!!

On the same Saturday night, the Booster Club hosted its annual bonfire to kick off the high school basketball season. The basketball teams rode in on the trailers while the little cheer leaders said some encouraging cheers. After they ran through the tunnel and got recognized there was a special moment for the seniors. Afterwards there was some interesting, but fun games that even included the coaches. One of the fans favorite game was when the bulldogs and coaches stuck their heads into flour to get the piece of bubblegum. After the games, everyone gathered around the campfire and drank hot chocolate, ate s'mores, and roasted hotdogs.

The Juniors held a concession stand and they provided the hot chocolate, s'mores and hotdogs. The night consisted of pictures, games, fun, and music. Several people were caught dancing to the music and there was even some line dancing going on. It was definitely a night that everyone will remember!



Written by: Macey Claiborne

GVVC Junior High Conference Tournament

October, 20—November, 2

Lady Bulldogs vs. Montrose

Game 1	
Teams	Score
Ballard Bulldogs	17
St. Mary's	33

Game 2	
Teams	Score
Ballard Bulldogs	25
NEVC	23

Game 1	
Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	4
Hume	40

Game 2	
Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	Loss
Sheldon	Win

On Friday, November 9, the Montrose Blue Jays came to Ballard. The Lady Bulldogs never gave up once throughout the game. It was a really close game up until the last half and even then it was a close game with a score of 23-30, Montrose.



Pictured to the above: Lilly Rotert and Haley Pray running in to help.

Bulldogs vs. Montrose



On Friday, November 9, the Bulldogs played Montrose at home. The boys started off strong and they pulled ahead in the first half. They couldn't keep the lead for very long but never stopped fighting with an ending score of 18-32, Montrose.

Lady Bulldogs vs Chilhowee

On Thursday, November 14, the Lady Bulldogs played the Chilhowee Indians. The Lady Bulldogs put up a good fight and stayed strong through the first half. The second half the girls didn't give up and stayed tough but it wasn't enough, with a score of 16-33, Chilhowee.



Pictured above: Kamryn Beachner and Autumn Hastings headed back to defend.

Pictured above: Cash Anderson and Parker Hill defending the ball.



Bulldogs vs Applton City

On Monday, November 18, the Lady Bulldogs played Appleton City. The Lady Bulldogs started strong even though at half time they were down by 11 points. They built up some momentum in the second half but didn't quite get it with an end score of 13-29, Appleton City.

The Bulldogs boys came out on the court next, to play Appleton City. The boys came out ready to play they were down by 2 in the first half. After half time they had some spirit. When they played they were not going to lose this game and they didn't with an ending score 26-19, Ballard



Pictured above: Lucas Crump preparing for the game.



Meet The JR. High Bulldogs

Lady Bulldogs



This season has been a learning experience for everyone. Both teams played well and learned a lot along the way. We wish them luck in the next seasons to come.

First Row (L-R):
Autumn Hastings
Kamryn Beachner
Lilly Rotert
Valencia Landeros
Zoie Wheeler
Haley Pray
Second Row (L-R):
Coach Brad Dunkin.



Cheer Team



First Row (L-R):
Kamryn Beachner
Valencia Landeros
Autumn Hastings
Second Row (L-R):
Coach Sandra Claiborne
Audrey Foster
Zoie Wheeler
Lilly Rotert
Coach Miranda Bridges



Bulldogs



First Row (L-R):
Dayne Greer
Sam Setzer
Lucas Crump
Second Row (L-R):
Coach Brad Dunkin
Zach Carpenter
Jon Setzer
Cash Anderson
Cade Callahan
Parker Hill



Meet the High School Teams

Lady Bulldogs



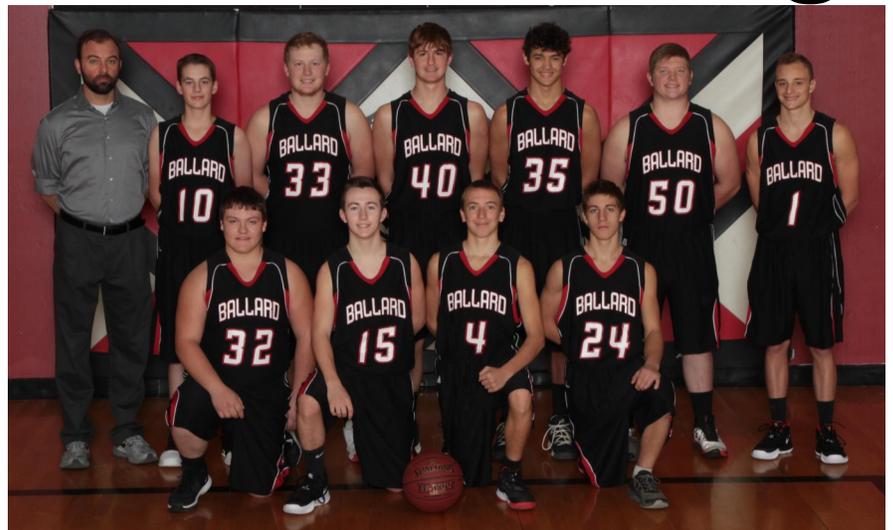
First Row (L-R):
 Sierra Ferguson
 Briana Arredondo
Second Row (L-R):
 Brianna Pray
 Macie Morris
 Ashton Carullo
 Serenity Morris
Third Row (L-R):
 Asst. Coach Katrina Clark
 Kayla Schmitt
 Lexie Ward
 Kailee Smith
 Maecy Claiborne
 Sudie Callahan
 Coach Jackie Harter



Bulldogs



First Row (L-R):
 River Clark
 Jake Light
 Keith Schmitt
 Payton Miller
Second Row (L-R):
 Coach Brad Dunkin
 Tucker Roach
 Garrett Oerke
 Kale Oerke
 Dylan Tippie
 Wyatt Blair
 Brice Eidson
Not pictured:
 Asst. coach Russ Bergman



Cheer Team

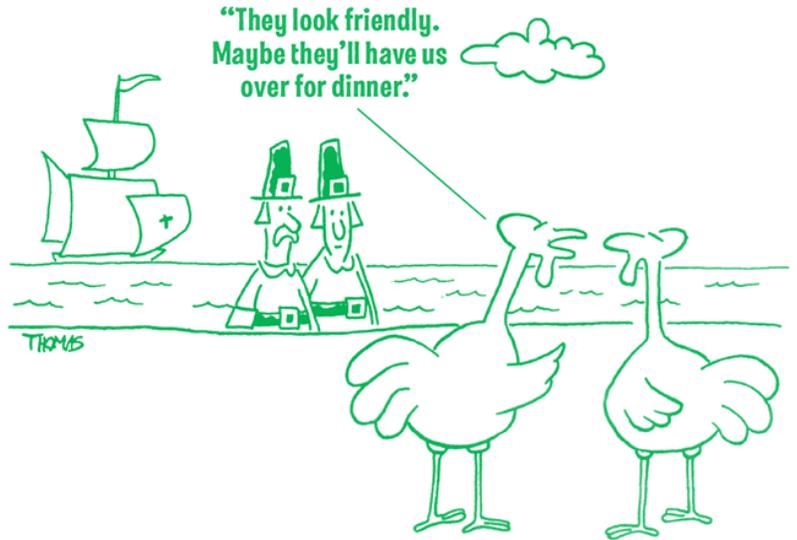


First Row (L-R):
 Sydney Claiborne
 Averie Bales
Second Row (L-R):
 Coach Sandra Claiborne
 Kailee Smith
 Kayla Schmitt
 Maecy Claiborne
 Coach Miranda Bridges



Written By: Sudie Callahan

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December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO SCHOOL ON MONDAYS	2 TIS BB GVC Tournament @ Nevada TBD	3 ↑	4	5 ASYAB 8:30 am	6 Conference Science Fair @ Ballard 	7
8 	9 TIS District Science Fair @ Ballard BB vs Drexel 5:30 pm	10	11 	12 Chili Supper 5:00 pm Christmas Concert 7:00 pm Hot Cocoa Bar	13 Grandparent's Day Lunch BB vs Kingsville 5:30 pm	14
15	16 BB @ Northwest 5:30 pm	17 Ecology Field Trip FFA Christmas Party Board Meeting 7:00 pm	18 4H Meeting 6:00 pm	19 	20 Early Dismissal 1:05 pm End of 1st Semester BB vs Leeton 5:30 pm	21 Weaubleau BB Tournament
22 	23 Weaubleau BB Tournament NO SCHOOL	24	25 	26 	27	28 Weaubleau BB Tournament
30 	31 NO SCHOOL	↑	↑	↑	↑	

Grandparents Day Lunch



*Grandparents, you are invited to enjoy lunch
with your grandchildren on
Friday, December 13, 2019.*

Elementary students will eat at 10:50.

Grades 7-12 will begin eating at approximately 11:45.

Your lunch Cost will be \$4.00.

Hope to see you then!!