



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
Fourth Edition December 19, 2019

From the Principal's Desk....

Dear Ballard Families,

The students are very excited as we prepare for our Christmas Break. We are fortunate to have such a great group of students, staff members, and community to help put on a great Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Concert, Grandparents Luncheon, and Santa's Workshop. Our break begins on Friday, December 20, at 1:05pm and school resumes on Tuesday, January 7. We are hopeful that the recent blasts of cold weather and snow are not a sign of things to come but we would like to mention that outdoor gear should include: a warm jacket, mittens/gloves, hat/hood, and any other warm items that would be appropriate. If you send the gear, we will do our best to ensure that your student wears it.

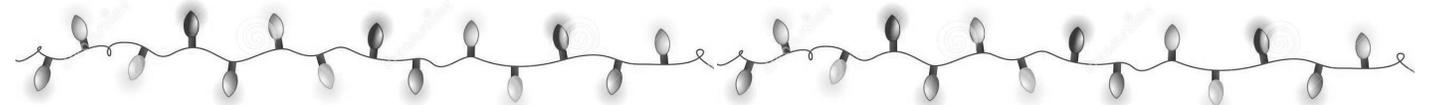
It is very possible that there will be more snow/ice days coming soon and there are several places to find out if school has been cancelled due to inclement weather. The local TV stations should display this information. KCTV5, KMBC-TV9, FOX4-, WDAF-TV, and KSHB-TV are all included as well as their affiliates. That means that the following channels should have school closing information: 4, 5, 8, 38, and 41. There are also several radio stations that announce school closings, including KDKD Radio (95.3 FM, 1280 AM, and 104.9 FM) and KMOE (92.1 FM). A third location for Ballard School closing announcements is our school website and Facebook page, which is www.ballardr2.net. Cancellations will also be sent out on "Remind", as well as Mid America Live. (to enroll in "Remind" for the high school remind messages please text @ballardhig to 81010, and for elementary reminds messages please text @ballardele to 81010)

Have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. See you in 2020!

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Dustin L. Bridges, Principal

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Student of the Month

November

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The Student of the Month for November is Senior Maecy Claiborne, daughter of Rusty and Sandra Claiborne. Ag Teacher Ms. Strodtman states, "Maecy always has a positive attitude and is a great role model." Technology teacher, Cheryl Murchie states, "Maecy is always willing to help her classmates and teachers. She works hard to achieve the goals she has set for herself. She has a great personality that shows in her actions with everyone around her."

For Maecy's hard work in school, she is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks" **Pictured: Principal Dustin Bridges, Maecy Claiborne, Optimist member Alvin Griffin**



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The Student of the Month for December is Senior Donovan Hinrichs, son of James and Teresa Hinrichs. Mr. Bergen states, "Donovan is sharp, respectful, and has a great sense of humor. I thoroughly enjoy having him in class.

Keep on!" Science teacher, Jennifer Chambers states, "Donovan is a very kind person." Mr. Bridges states, "Donovan has an amazing personality and continually strives to do his best. He is a great role model and a true pleasure to be around."

For Donovan's hard work in school, she is receiving a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 in Adrian Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks."

Pictured: Principal Dustin Bridges, Donovan Hinrichs, and Optimist Member Michael Cumpton



Senior Spotlight

Destiny Bramell

Destiny, 18, is the daughter of Ray and Beth Bramell, and the sister of Tommy, Russel, and Gretchen Bramell, Daryl and Stephanie Ferguson. Some of her favorites include the color blue, the restaurant Olive Garden, and the song "E" by Matt Mason. Destiny's dream car is a 2010 Ram 2500 SLT Mega cab 4WD. Some of her hobbies are reading, hanging out with friends, and spending time with family. Destiny's biggest pet peeve is when people scrape their silverware on their teeth. Destiny's famous last words are, "Are you kidding me?"

Destiny's extracurricular activities include, volleyball and FFA. Destiny's plans for the future are to go to State Fair Community college to be an EMT. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Destiny answered, "In 15 years I see myself fulfilling my dream job as an EMT. I hope to have a family started or working on starting a family.



Written by: Brianna Pray



“YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS”

Eight-year-old Virginia O’Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York’s *Sun*, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history’s most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says, ‘If you see it in THE SUN it’s so.’
Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?



VIRGINIA O’HANLON.
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe unless they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no

enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Preschool Pups

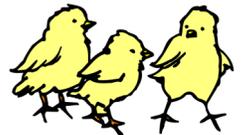
Miss Clark

We are getting so excited for Christmas and can’t wait for Santa to visit us. This year the Publications team came in and asked us what we wanted for Christmas and this is what we said...

Dear Santa,
This year I am 4 years old.
This year I tried really hard to be good.
What I would like to have most this Christmas is balloons and a pink hat.
I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Ben
P.S. Please say “Hi” to Mr. Clark for me!



Dear Santa,
This year I am 4 years old.
This year I tried really hard to be good.
What I would like to have most this Christmas is chicks and a chicken house.
I promise to leave out a check for you!
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, ClaraBella
P.S. Please say “Hi” to Ian for me!



Dear Santa,
This year I am 5 years old.
This year I have been good all of the time.
What I would like to have most this Christmas is a unicorn toy and a lion toy.
I promise to leave out my horse toy for you!
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Arabella.
P.S. Please say “Hi” to Ms. Clark for me!



Dear Santa,
This year I am 4 years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a new fire truck and a small Christmas tree. I promise to leave out a toy for you!
Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Kyle
P.S. Please say “Hi” to me for me!

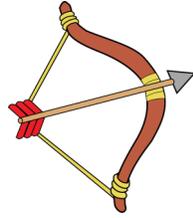
Written by: The Class
Typed by: Maecy Claiborne

Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

The Kindergarten class is getting really excited for Christmas, the Publications class came in and asked us what we wanted for Christmas, and this is what they answered...

Dear Santa,
This year I am 6 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a bow and arrow and an American Girl Doll. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!



Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Brynlee Wainscott
P.S. Please say "Hi" to McKenzie for me!

Dear Santa,
This year I am 6 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a sewing kit and a playskool. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Molly Burgin
P.S. Please say "Hi" to elves and reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,
This year I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a tent and a toy lighter. I promise to leave chocolate chip cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Pinnett Quick
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mom for me!



Dear Santa,
This year I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like for Christmas is a Barbie Dreamhouse and makeup. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!



Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, McKenzie Claiborne
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Clause for me!

Dear Santa,
This year I am 6 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like for Christmas is Dinosaur Hatchable and big toy car. I promise to leave out cookies, milk, and my list for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Zander Miller
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Clause for me!



Dear Santa,
This year I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is Barbie Camper and a Vetshop with stuffed animals. I promise to leave out cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Teddy Foster
P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,
This year I am 5 years old. This year I tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a bike and a princess doll. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Nichole Luper
P.S. Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me!

Dear Santa,
This year I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a talking Barbie Doll and a tablet. I promise to leave out chocolate chip cookies for you!

Merry Christmas!
Love, Dani Crump
P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Dear Santa,
This year I am 5 years old. This year I have tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a stuffed animal peacock and a toy unicorn. I promise to leave out stuffed animal for you!



Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Melody Bergen
P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Elves for me!

Dear Santa,
This year I am 6 years old. This year I tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is toy car and acrylics. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Navi Quiroz
P.S. Please say "Hi" to the Elves for me!

Written by: The Class
Typed by: Dylan Tippie



Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

With Christmas right around the corner the Publications class went in and helped the First graders write letters to Santa. Here is how they answered...

Dear Santa,

This year I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a mansion and candy. I promise to leave out cookies, milk, and carrots for you!



Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Noah Meade

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

Dear Santa,

This year I am 7 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a new makeup set and a Barbie set. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Kyoko Smith

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

Dear Santa,

This year I am 6 years old. This year I have tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a Baby Alive Doll and clothes and diapers for the baby doll. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Rylie Schmitt

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



Dear Santa

This year I am 6 years old. I have tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a real bow and a cross bow. I promise to leave out cookies for you!



Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Huntlee Myrtle

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

Dear Santa,

This year I am 6 years old. This year I have tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a Baby Alive Doll and a new water bottle. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Jennifer Carpenter

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

Dear Santa,

This year I am 7 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a big nerf gun and a doggie. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!



Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Tucker Newkirk

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

Dear Santa,

This year I am 7 years old. This year I have tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is toy tractors and dump trucks. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Maxton Wainscott

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

Dear Santa,

This year I am 8 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is bow and arrows. I promise to leave out milk and cookies for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Charlie Fisher

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

Dear Santa,

This year I am 6 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like to have most this Christmas is farm toys and Hot Wheels cars. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Keenen Engelhardt

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



Dear Santa,

This year I am 7 years old. This year I have tried really hard to be good. What I would like to have most this Christmas is a toy water volcano and chalk. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you!

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Ellee Scott

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



Written by: The Class
Typed by: Brianna Pray





Sweet Second

Mrs. West

The Second Grade was assigned to do My Wish and these were their answers:



My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is for my brother to be home. I wish to get a lot of gifts. I also wish to get a wolf caller. I wish to get a Nintendo switch from Santa. Merry Christmas everyone.

Callan Rotert

My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is I want my dad to be there and my family and friends. I also want to decorate the Christmas tree and the house. And I really hope that I get to build a gingerbread house this year.

Summer Hastings



My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is that my cousins get to come to my house for Christmas. I also wish I get the presents that I asked for. Merry Christmas!

Nathaniel Fisher

My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is my family being happy and every Christmas I hope this wish will come true. But every Christmas I want my friends to have a very good Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Chandler Borland

My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is that I want my aunt and my brother Gentry to come home. I also want to go to Cole Camp for the family Christmas. Also I want a Nintendo switch for Christmas.



Ian Bergman

My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is my family to be together for Christmas. I also wish for a gift from my family. I also wish for gifts and my friends to have a very happy Christmas.

Vivian Greer



My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is to see my cousins. For Christmas I want a Harry Potter Lego set and arts and craft stuff. I will go to granny's house and hope to see my friends and family. And I might have a fundraiser for people.

Delainey Ferguson

My Wish . . .

For this Christmas is that I want my family to come home for Christmas. I also want presents and also for my friends to come over for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Sofia Porter

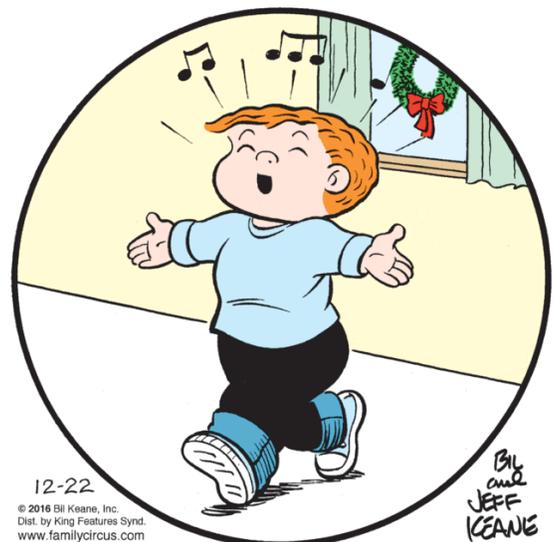


Written by: Mrs. West
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

New Faces



What is your name? Pinnett Quick
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Cars
Food: Grilled Cheese
Color: Green
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: T-ball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Farmer



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JEFF
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"Joy to the world,
the Lord has gum ..."



Written By: Serenity Morris

Trendy Third

Ms. Kabir

The third graders were asked what they would do if Santa Claus got stuck in their chimney, here's how they answered...



One night on Christmas, I heard a thud, bells jingling and clip clop, clip clop, clip clop. I put on my coat and boots and I went outside and looked up and saw a reindeer and a sleigh. I went inside and looked up the chimney and saw Santa. I hurried to help him but he was still stuck. I woke up Ellee, my sister, and we both pulled and pulled then all of a sudden Plop he came out. But he was not there! I checked in the chimney, but he was not there! I checked his sleigh, but it was gone too. I went to bed with my sister. We woke up and hurried to the living room. We saw a big present and on the card it said "thank you." But it did not say who it was from. We opened the present and it was a sleigh and scooter, and new coats. We went outside to play, my grandma was watching us. The End.

Emmalee Scott

If Santa got stuck in the chimney I would try to help. I would try to pull him out. But if I can't I'll ask the reindeer. And the reindeer should help. Maybe at one point he will slide out.

Zayden Miller



If Santa got stuck in the chimney I would grab his feet and pull. If that didn't work than I would get a reindeer to help get him out. He gave me a lot of presents for helping him.

Ian Campbell

If Santa got stuck in my chimney would help him to get out. And if that didn't work, I would go upon the roof and try to push him out instead. If that didn't work, I would go inside to pry him out, when I got him out we would be so happy, and he would give everyone presents.

Aspyn Eidson

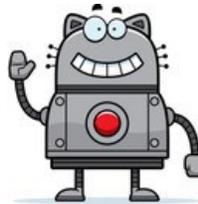
If Santa got stuck in my chimney, I would try to pull him out. First I would climb up on the roof and then I would tie a rope to his feet and I'd tie the other end to the reindeer and tell them to pull. Santa would pop right out, then he'll have to use my door. He'd be so happy that he'd let me ride along with him to deliver presents.

Waylon Chrisman



If Santa got stuck I would put water at the top of the chimney so it would loosen him from the chimney then I would get the thing that holds the reindeer then give it to Santa and tell them to pull so Santa would get out. That is what I would do if Santa got stuck.

Lane Meade



If Santa got stuck in the chimney I'd build a Robo-Cat that would grab Santa and my Robo-Cat would pull him out. Then it would breathe fire and it would melt the snow to make a runway. Then I would pick a present. Five months later I'm working on a chimney making it bigger so he could fit in the chimney. So the next Christmas I'd get extra presents.

Braydon Siebeneck

I would ask the reindeer to help pull Santa out, but if that didn't work, I would sneak into the sleigh and find the elves phone number and ask them for their help. If that didn't work then I would go and deliver the gifts myself, after that I'd help Santa Claus, I would get the elves, reindeer and me to help pull him out. After he was free I'd tell him to start eating healthy stuff.

Lily Bergen

Written by: The class
Typed by: The Publication class

FACS

Mrs. Larcom



FACS students have been very busy in the kitchen cooking various labs such as brownies, baked french-fries, cookies, blueberry pancakes, smoothies, mozzarella sticks, and chimichangas. We will finish the semester with some fun Christmas labs!

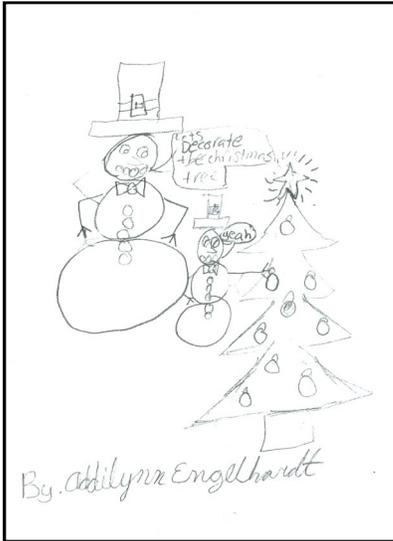
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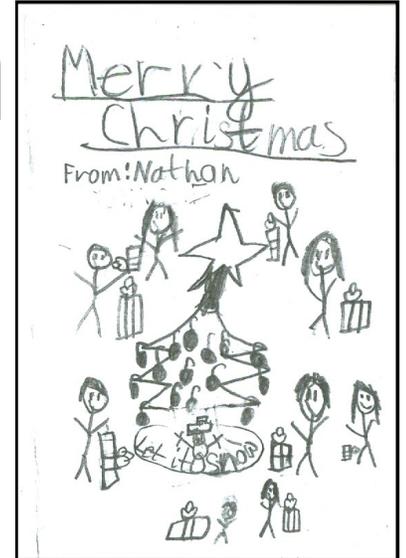
Funky Fourth

Mrs. Moore

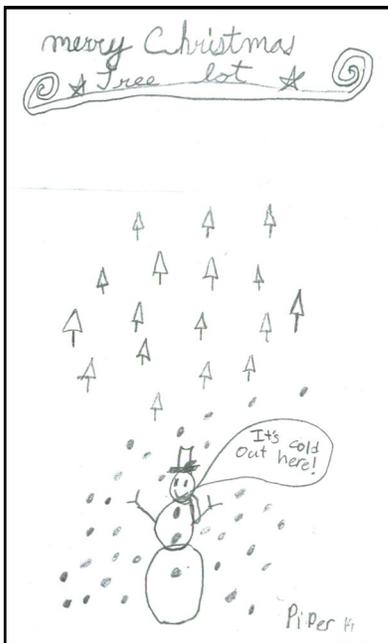
The Fourth grade class chose to make Christmas cards for their article for this edition. What a festive idea!



Addilynn Engelhardt



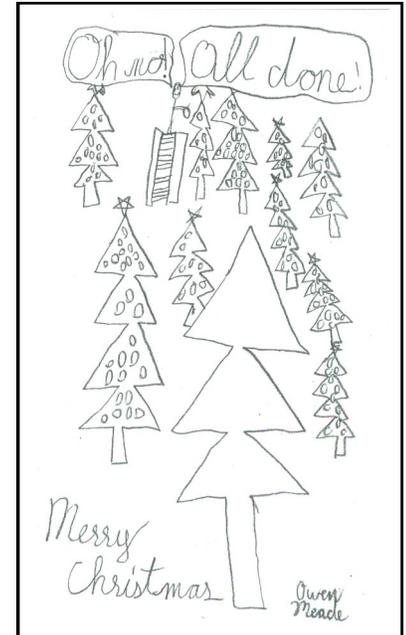
Nathan Bales



Piper Goth



Gavin Schliem



Owen Meade



Jacob Eidson



Harry Greer

Festive Fifth



The Fifth grade class was assigned to write a paragraph saying if they could give a perfect gift what would it be and who would you give it to.

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a quad-pod to my Dad.

I choose this because my dad likes them better than a tree stand or blind, and he would put a heater in it for hunting if it was cold.

Payson Hill



If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a huge hug to my Mom.

I choose this because she takes care of me all the time if I don't feel good, even if she has to work. She also takes me to the store when I need stuff for school and she is really nice to me.

Maribel Arredondo

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be one million stickers to Olivia.

I choose this because she is my best friend and she would do anything for me so I want that chance too.

Chrystal Evans

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a big hug to my Mom.

I choose this because she never gets a big hug.

Noah Bales

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a dog to my Dad.

I choose this because his dog ran away and I think he would really like that.

Madison Gunter



If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a drawing that I made to Mom.

I choose this because she likes it when I draw stuff for her and she's loving, caring, and helpful for me and I love her with all my heart.

Macie Wainscott

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be expensive necklaces to my sister.

I choose this because she is my only sister and because I love her.

Bradley Bergschneider

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be many Reese's Pieces to Crystal.

I choose this because she is one of my best friends. She also means a lot to me.

Olivia Porter

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be art supplies to Kendle.

I choose this because I barely get to see her and she loves to draw. She lives in Butler but when we are gone she is home and when we are home she is gone.

Ashton Siebeneck



If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a new coffee cup to Mom.

I choose this because I think she will like another cup.

Keslyn Page

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a home-made, hardback, 25 chapter book made by me with 346 pages to my Mom.

I choose this because it would be fun to make a book like that and also because I would love to surprise her like that.

Kennedy Borland

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be Pokémon to Luke.

I choose this because he loves Pokémon and no one wants to give him Pokémon.

Daxtyn Greer

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a box of beads and some art supplies to my friend Kylee.

I choose this because we are really great friends, we go to VBS together, and we were buddies for Kamp Keirsey.

Abigail Bergen

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a hug to Mom.

I choose this because she is awesome and she does so much for me. She does my laundry, she cooks for me, she gave me her old phone, she cleans the house, and she took me to the doctor when I broke my nose. She does all this for me and she only wants a hug.

Luke Meade

If I could give one perfect gift to someone it would be a new shop to my Dad.

I choose this because my dad works really hard, and we could use it and it would be great for bull sales. Also my Dad doesn't get appreciation over what he does. I love my Dad so much I don't know what I would do without him.

Maggie Foster



Savage Sixth

Ms. Eidson



The Sixth Grade class was assigned to do "If I Were a Gift" and this is what they said...



If I were a gift, I'd be a camera. I would be a camera because I could replay the funniest things that were caught on camera. I would see all of the pictures and videos.

Lilly Chrisman

If I were a gift, I would be a fiction book so I could give kids the joy of reading. I love reading so much. Reading is my favorite thing to do. That is why I would want to be a book.

Autumn Hastings



If I were a gift, I would be a bolt action 22 Marlin. I would be the 22 because I could make a 7-year-old happy by getting to shoot squirrels, rabbits, crows, and coyotes.

Cash Anderson

If I were a gift, I would be a book so that people can read me and so I can be in the story. I could see what's actually happening in the book.

Valencia Landeros

If I were a gift, I would be a diary because I would get to know everyone's deepest secrets.

Celia Campbell

If I were a gift, I would be a pump shotgun. I would be this so that the kid that got me for Christmas would have fun hunting.

Dayne Greer

If I were a gift, I'd be a shell necklace or a scrunchy. I think it would be fun to always have a friend to be with. It would be cool to be an awesome gift.

Haley Pray

If I were a gift, I would be kindness. I would be kindness because too many people feel they can be mean and people should just accept it. I would teach people how to treat others the way they want to be treated regardless of how the other people treat them.

Ms. Eidson



If I were a gift, I would be a Samsung Galaxy 8. I would be a Samsung Galaxy 8 because it is a good reliable phone that I could use.

Lucas Crump

Written by: The Class
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Sassy Seventh

Ms. Murchie

Crazy Eighth Graders

Ms. Burgin

Now that the first semester is almost over we know that we can survive Junior High. For this paper we were asked to make a list of what we want for Christmas.

Sam Setzer– Laptop and endless money.

Audrey Foster– New softball bat and shoes.

Zoie Wheeler– I want a trampoline and shoes.

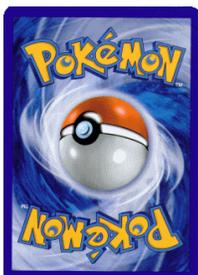
Ethan Kennedy– Google Play gift card

Isaiah Maggard– Xbox one game and Gamestop gift card.

Jon Setzer– I want my tooth back and more clothes.

Nate Evans– I want Poke'mon cards and a 12 pack of Rootbeer.

Ms.Murchie– A new bedroom set and Chocolate



Aimee Cummings - What I want for Christmas is canvases and oil paint.

Lilly Rotert– What I want for Christmas is sheep and clothes.

Lindy Gunter - What I want for Christmas is lip gloss and paint.

Valentina Landeros - What I want for Christmas

is hair ties.

Cade Callahan - What I want for Christmas is a Blaster Lazer and gloves.

Parker Hill - What I want for Christmas is shotgun shells and a deer hunting rifle.

Zach Carpenter– What I want for Christmas is Sprite Cranberry and Rocket Sticks.



Written by: The Class
Typed By: Sudie Callahan



Written by: The Class
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Refreshing Freshman

Mrs. Larcom

We know we just got off of Thanksgiving break, but we just can't wait for Christmas break to roll around! Since we are so excited, here is what we would like for Christmas...

Lucas Whitaker— I'd like a mini kitchen.

Macie Morris— Can someone get me fuzzy socks...oooh and some money too!

Sydney Claiborne— Fuzzy socks and leggings please.

Brice Miller— I want a truck and a boat, just don't get me a Ford!

Alexis Hastings— I need shoes, and I want some money.

Tucker Roach— I need ammo and some cash would be nice. Thanks.

Lexie Ward — I want money and I want shoes, please.

Averie Bales— I would like some Twisted X shoes.

Jacob Kepner— I want a Graphics card.



Superior Sophomores

Mrs. Bridges

Here is what the Sophomores wrote for their Christmas list:

Ashton Carullo—A MacBook.

Kale Oerke—Deer hunting stuff.

River Clark—New deer hunting clothes and a 12 gauge shotgun.

Payton Miller—New fishing poles.

Briana Arredondo—An apple watch and a new phone

Katlin Martin—A new pair of crocs.

Keith Schmitt—A new phone and money.



Written by: The Class
Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Joyful Juniors

Mr. Bergen and Mrs. Chambers

This month the Juniors are very excited for Christmas break, we are working very hard on our studies to end the semester with our best efforts. We also had a Junior Chili Dinner fundraiser on Thursday, December 12, right before the Elementary Christmas Concert and we would like to thank everyone that stopped by and supported us! Below we have also included a list of items each of the Juniors and our sponsors would like for Christmas.

Wyatt Blair—I want a \$10 Spotify Gift Card.

Sudie Callahan—I want an Apple Mouse

Rachel Evans—I want Christmas popcorn, coloring pencils, and adult coloring books.

Sierra Ferguson—I want reading books.

Serenity Morris—I want new clothes and shoes.

Kayla Schmitt—I want fuzzy socks, lotion, perfume, and bath bombs.

Kailee Smith—I want a new car.

Dylan Tippie—I want a new car, an iPhone 11, and money.

Mr. Bergen—I want all of my projects to be done.

Mrs. Chambers—I want a new computer.



SARCASTIC SENIORS

Mr. Dunkin and Mrs. Gregory

The Senior class was asked what they wanted for Christmas and this is how they answered...

Maecy Claiborne—A slinky.

Dale Dowse—Swimming Stuff.

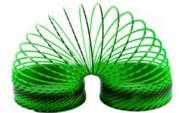
Brice Eidson—A puppy.

Donovan Hinrichs—Fishing stuff.

Jake Light—Hunting stuff

Garrett Oerke—A brand new bass boat.

Brianna Pray—A water bottle.



Written by: The Class
Typed by: Maecy Claiborne

It's All History

Mr. Dunkin



Written By: The Class
Typed by: Serenity Morris

This month Mr. Dunkin's Eleventh and Twelfth grade Geography class is doing a Ballard 2039 Project, Urban planning project. In the Eighth grade US History class is learning about the American Revolution and about the Early Republic. The Seventh grade Geography class is going over South America. Mr. Dunkin's Ninth Grade US History class is learning about World War I and what happened in the 1920s. The World History class is talking about the Roman Empire. Mr. Dunkin's Government class is taking a US Civics test.

Written by: Sierra Ferguson

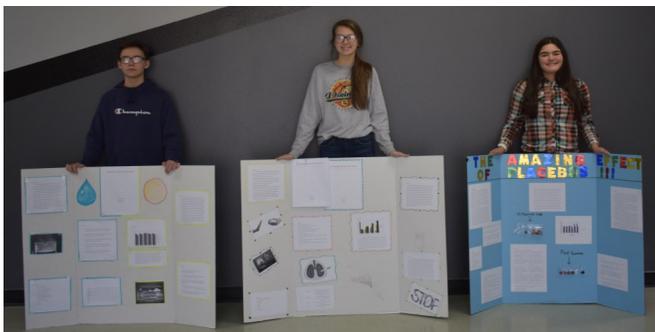
Merry
Christmas

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers



The Science Fair was a big success. There were three students that were selected from our school to go to the Conference Science Fair that was held at Ballard. Though none of the Ballard students were in the top three, Aimee Cummings placed fourth. The three students that were selected was Aimee Cummings, Zack Carpenter, and Lilly Rotert.

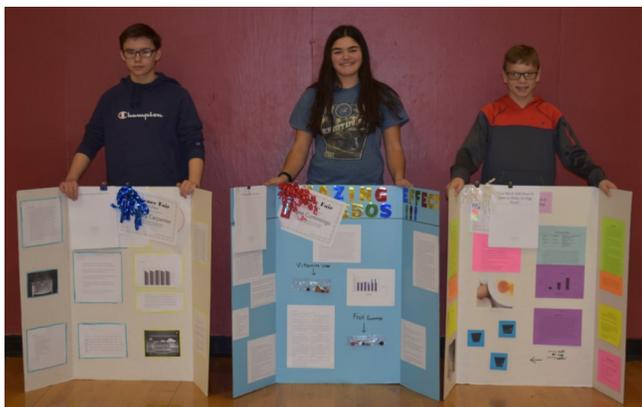


Pictured above: (L-R) Zack Carpenter, Lilly Rotert, Aimee Cummings

The District Science Fair was held on Monday, December 9. There were two groups of posters being judged. The first set was Middle School. The winners for this group were First place Zack Carpenter, Second place Aimee Cummings, and Third place Sam Setzer. The second set was High School. The winners from the High School group were First place Alexis Hastings, Second place Lexie Ward, and Third place Macie Morris.



Pictured to the right (L-R): Alexis Hastings, Lexie Ward, Macie Morris



Pictured to the left (L-R): Zack Carpenter, Aimee Cummings, Sam Setzer

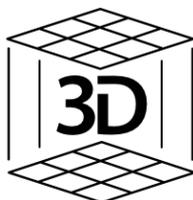
Written by: Sudie Callahan

Art Class

Mrs. Larcom

All Art classes have been busy working on the table decorations for the Grandparents lunch. I love to see the creative touches the students put on their projects.

The High School Art students took a field trip to the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art where they learned about 3D printing and the software program called Tinkercad that is used to create the pieces of art made with the printer. After walking throughout the museum to find inspiration, they were able to design their own mask using the Tinkercad program. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Written By: Mrs. Larcom
Typed By: Serenity Morris

Grandparents Come to Ballard

On Friday, December 13, the Ballard School held their annual Grandparent's Luncheon. The lunch began with the dismissing of the elementary to go through the lunch line first with their grandparents. After the elementary finished eating, they were sent to their individual rooms to show their grandparents what they made for them. Then it was the High School student's turn to enjoy the lunch with their grandparents.

The lunch consisted of ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, and for desert, brownies and ice-cream. The sixth grade class was in charge of the drinks and clearing plates when the grandparents finished. They did an amazing job!

The gym was filled with laughter. It was an afternoon of fun and excitement! Thank you for coming to this year's luncheon, the students had a lot of fun.



Pictured above left side front to back: Averie Bales, grandparent Dorothy Smith, Kayla Schmitt, Sierra Ferguson
Right side front to back: Sydney Claiborne, Maecy Claiborne, Kailee Smith



Pictured Above: Pinnett Quick, Navi Quiroz, and grandparents

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Ballard Students Put On a Show

On Thursday, December 12, the elementary music and band classes plus the high school band gathered in the gym in front of their friends and family to put on a very enjoyable performance. The students performed a play about Christmas travelers that got stuck at an airport. They decided to make good out of bad and tell each other stories about their Christmas traditions.

The show was a success over all. Mrs. Lybarger was sure to thank everyone who helped with the program. We thank everyone that came to the Christmas concert and hope to see you all again next year!



Cast of Characters:

Jacob Eidson: Passenger 6: Jewish Cantor
Lucas Crump: Passenger 3: An Elvis Impersonator
Kennedy Borland: Passenger 1: Average American house wife.
Piper Goth: Passenger 2: A college Student
Madison Gunter: Passenger 5: College student
Owen Meade: Passenger 7: A sort of new age hippy type
Gavin Schliem: Passenger 4: A business man
Autumn Hastings: Airport Attendant
Chrissy Evans: Airport Attendant
Lilly Chrisman: Airport Attendant and Announcer
Noah Meade: Boy with plane

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Osceola

November 22, 2019

GVVC Tournament

December 2– December 7

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	19
Osceola	55

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	40
Osceola	52

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	25
Hume	32

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	52
Sheldon	47

Lady Bulldogs vs Drexel

On Monday, December 9, the Lady Bulldogs played Drexel. In the first half the Bulldogs put up a good fight, they stayed strong and didn't stop fighting.

The second half they were so close. Drexel had fear in their eyes at the end of third quarter. The Lady's were two points behind. They came out at fourth quarter ready to win but they couldn't quite get there. The end score was 36-38.

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	53
Miami	35

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	19
Montrose	58

Teams	Scores
Lady Bulldogs	21
NEVC	29

Teams	Scores
Bulldogs	42
Hume	49

Bulldogs vs Drexel

The JV game was first on Monday, December 9, the JV only had two quarters and they gave it their all. They worked really hard but fell a little short with a score of 9-11.

The Varsity boys played after the Varsity girls. They came out ready to play, the crowd was just as pumped as the boys. At half time they were down a few points but their spirits were bright. They knew they could come back. After the third quarter the boys were tied and they didn't want to go into overtime, because they couldn't risk it. During fourth quarter the tired Ballard boys gave it their all but they let the win slip out of their fingers with a score of 47-52.



Pictured above: Maecy Claiborne

Pictured to the right: Holding the ball Jake Light, on the floor Garrett Oerke, and to the very right Dylan Tippie



Pictured above: Jake Light

Lady Bulldogs vs Kingsville

The Lady Bulldogs played Kingsville Friday, December 13. The first quarter was not as smooth as the Lady Bulldogs thought by the end of the second quarter the Lady Bulldogs were 30 points behind. The second half the Lady's were determined to come back they were going to half to fight for this one. At third quarter the girls were moving up on points their defense was strong and their offence was just great. By fourth quarter they were so close but the ending score was not what they hoped with a score of 52-54.



Pictured above: Brice Eidson

Ballard vs Kingsville

The JV Bulldogs played before the girls on Friday, December 13. There was no score for the JV game but the boys played hard and fought through the first game of the night.

The Varsity Bulldogs Played after the girls game and they were ready to play. They came out fighting by the end of the first half, the boys were winning. At third quarter they weren't going to let Kingsville pull ahead, but by the end of third quarter Kingsville was ahead and they stayed ahead the rest of the game. The boys played hard and never gave up. The ending score was 46-56.

Written By: Sudie Callahan



January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NO SCHOOL ON MONDAYS			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 TIS BB @ Chilhowee 6:00 pm	7 FFA Greenhouse Conference	8 Scholar Bowl @ Miami 4:30 pm Clover Kids 5:00 pm 4-H Meeting 6:00 pm	9	10 BB @ Sheldon 5:30 pm	11
12	13 BB Appleton City Invitational Tournament Board Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 BB @ Montrose 5:30 pm	25 PTO Cattlemen's Dinner & Silent Auction TBD
26	27 TIS BB vs Greenridge 5:30 pm	28	29	30 BB vs Hermitage 5:30 pm	31	

