

# BARKS N' GROWLS

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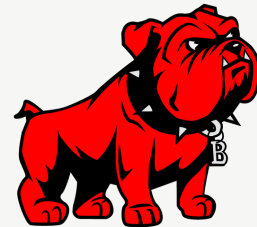
Dear Ballard R-2 School District Students and Community,

Happy Holidays! We hope you have a happy, safe, and fun holiday break. We had a fabulous turnout for Grandparents Day as well as the Christmas Concert. Students are working hard to finish up assignments for the end of quarter 2 which officially ends on January 10, 2025. As we move in the heart of winter please remember to check our Facebook page for weather-related closures as well as the local news outlets and KDKD on the radio. We also send out a Remind text. If you need to sign up for Remind, contact the school and we'll help you out. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday break and happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Nold  
Principal, Ballard R-2 School District

**ETHAN  
KENNEDY**

SENIOR  
SPOTLIGHT



Ethan Kennedy, is the son of Kellie Mayfield and Bobby Jeffries, and the brother of Jacob Crawford, Cameron and Jacksyn Hough. His favorite class is Cooking Chemistry and favorite color is lime green. Ethan's dream car is a 1962-1988 Cutlass 442 Supreme G-Body, and his favorite song is AC/DC's "Thunderstruck". His hobbies and extracurricular activities include exploring the outdoors and playing video games, and favorite restaurant is Taco Bell . He says his biggest pet peeve is when you are told to do something and you don't do it. After graduation, Ethan plans to work in construction after school is over. When asking Ethan where he sees himself in 15 years, he stated that he hopes to be living in the mountains near a lake with his family. Famous last words are "It was fun while it lasted."



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER



*Paisley Miller*



*Dani Crump*

**Congratulations** to our two elementary students, winners of October Student of the Month. Paisley Miller and Dani Crump are excellent examples of students demonstrating our character traits of "Self Control and Responsibility"! Their teachers had the following words of encouragement and kindness.

"Paisley is always ready to lend a hand, whether to me or to another student. Paisley is quiet, but very supportive! She is my shadow, my little side-kick. Paisley is eager to learn, and is always asking for extra worksheets. Paisley is always encouraging to her friends in class, and has a great sense of creativity. She loves to color, and write. She is always one of the first to raise her hand when I ask the class a question. Paisley marches to the beat of her own drum and does not care what anyone else thinks. It will be fun to watch her grow through the rest of this year, and throughout all of her school years." -Ms. Strunk

And regarding Dani, "Dani is very deserving of the student of the month award. She shows responsibility in her school work and self control in her actions. I can always count on Dani to do her school work without being asked multiple times. She keeps track of her supplies and is always prepared for class. She shows self control in her actions toward her peers and is a kind and respectful role model to the younger classes. I enjoy having Dani in class and I know she is going to do well at anything she puts her mind to." -Mrs. Bergen. Mrs. Sallee says "Dani is always upbeat and wears a smile. When she misses work due to an absence I know I can count on her to get it completed and back to me in a timely manner if not the next day. She comes in ready to learn and always tries her best. She is always ready to lend a hand if a classmate should need help that she can provide."

This year, our winners for Student of the Month from the elementary grades will receive a \$15.00 gift card donated by a local parent. Thank you for the commitment to our community and the donation for our students.

**Congratulations!** The Student of the Month for October is Freshman, Harry Greer, the son of Harold and the late Amanda Clark. This month's special theme is "Self Control and Responsibility". Harry currently participates in Basketball, and FFA and in his free time he enjoys watching "Dukes of Hazard" and monster trucks. His future plans are to be working on a farm. Harry's statement of inspiration is that he would like to say "Be nice."

The Ballard staff have said about Harry:

"I witnessed Harry cheering for his sister all through volleyball season. This is huge character development for Harry and I am proud of him!" and "I have seen Harry grow and change throughout the last several years. He is positive in his attitude and wants to do what is right. I look forward to Harry's continued growth over the next several years."

For Harry's hard work in school, he has received a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 gift certificate to be used in Adrian".



**HARRY GREER**

*awesome*  
**JOB!**



# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



*Amelia Bogart*

**NOLAN BOGART**

**Congratulations** to our two elementary students, winners of Nov./Dec. Student of the Month. Amelia Bogart and Nolan Bogart are excellent examples of students demonstrating our character traits of “Gratitude, Generosity, Empathy and Appreciation”! Their teachers had the following words of encouragement and kindness.

"Amelia is a prime example of generosity and empathy. She has a huge heart and is always one of the first to offer a helping hand or a shoulder to lean on. Amelia celebrates the successes of others with enthusiasm. She is an amazing friend to her classmates and a wonderful student. Amelia is an absolute joy to have in class!" -Mrs. Hester

And regarding Nolan, "I have had the privilege of teaching Nolan twice, once in kindergarten and again this year in 4th grade. He is a good student who is curious about everything and wants to know how things work. Nolan is a good friend who cares about his fellow students. The definition of empathy is the ability to understand and share another person's feelings, experiences, and emotions. This definition describes Nolan to a T. When his classmate is missing, he is always asking if they are okay and that he misses them. He does the same when I am feeling under the weather or he notices someone is hurt. He makes sure that they are okay before moving on. He is smart and is always asking questions to figure things out. Nolan is an all-around wonderful kid and he has such a creative mind. I know that he will do amazing things in the future." -Mrs. Hathcock

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**Congratulations!** The Student of the Month for Nov./Dec. is 8th Grader, Braydon Siebeneck, the son of John and Melody Siebeneck. This month's special theme is "Gratitude, Generosity, Empathy and Appreciation". Braydon currently participates in Basketball, football, track and field, and baseball and in his free time he enjoys hanging out with family. His future plans are to go to UCM, Mizzou, or Duke and eventually become a welder or get a degree in Nursing. Braydon's statement of inspiration is that he would like to say "Do your work first, games later."

The Ballard staff have said about Braydon:  
"Braydon is always willing to help his peers and his teacher, Mrs. Wainscott during FACS class. Braydon, you are greatly appreciated and your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Braydon is a great kid who is always willing to jump in and help. He doesn't care if it is for his benefit or not. He is reliable, courteous, and always smiles or makes funny comments at the right time. He is a joy to have in class and a positive leader for his classmates and FFA Members. You know when he shows up or does any work he will always be giving 100%.

Braydon is a smart young man who works hard to achieve his goals and succeeds in whatever he sets his mind to. He is a kind and caring soul who makes friends easily. He always shows respect to his teachers and his peers and helps in any way he can.

Braydon, shows exceptional dedication and outstanding performance in physical education by setting a high standard. His enthusiasm for every activity, coupled with his ability to motivate and lead his peers, exemplifies the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship. His hard work and commitment to improving not only his skills but also those of his teammates are commendable.

For Braydon's hard work in school, he has received a certificate of recognition from the Adrian Optimist Club and \$20.00 gift certificate to be used in Adrian. Presenting the certificate is Vice-President of the Board, Courtney Shriver.

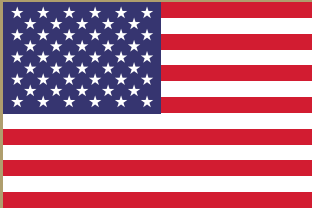


**BRAYDON SIEBENECK**

*awesome*  
**JOB!**



# HONORING OUR VETERANS



We are deeply grateful to all the Veterans who joined us on November 12th, giving us the chance to honor and thank them for their invaluable service to our country. The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by our local Boy Scouts, followed by an insightful speech on flag etiquette from Gavin Schliem. Mrs. Nold shared the heartfelt meaning behind the MIA table, reminding us of those still missing. Our guest speaker, Ballard alumnus and veteran Jason Morris, delivered a powerful presentation on the purpose and duty of service. Special thanks to our kitchen staff for preparing and serving refreshments afterward. Most of all, thank you to our local Veterans for your dedication and sacrifice. We are truly blessed because of you.







# Grandparents Day

On December 13th Ballard Elementary students welcomed Grandparents into school for an afternoon of fun games, activities, socializing, and refreshments. Nothing beats sharing the ones you love with your friends and teachers!





# Thank You P.T.O.

Ballard's Parent Teacher Organization knows how to celebrate the holidays! On December 7th, they held the "Grinchmas Breakfast" where kids were able to enjoy pancakes and take photos with Santa, as well as the Grinch! The event only lasted 2 hours, but our PTO put many more hours into making this event a reality! KUDOS!



Mrs. Wainscott, our beloved Art Teacher, and her students got the gym looking lovely for Grandparent's Day and the "Old Fashioned Christmas" concert. Ballard's PTO came in for some additional decorations in the gym to make things oh so lovely!

**AND** as if that wasn't enough... our PTO put on a two day SANTA'S WORKSHOP event for students to have a chance to shop for their friends and family members! 'Tis the season to spread JOY and LOVE!



## Counselor's Corner



Mrs. Lovelace traveled with junior, Autumn Hastings, and senior, Alli Wareham to Crowder College in Nevada for the Nursing Open House. Alli and Autumn spent two hours hearing about the many ways they can achieve their LPN or RN degree. They also spent time touring the facility and practicing hands-on nursing skills.



# LIBRARY NEWS



I want to thank each and every one of you that supported the book fair. We did over \$1800 in sales and will get 40% of that back in Scholastic dollars to buy books for our library! I was previously told that I could not host a spring fair anymore because we do not make enough in a single fair. However, I have asked again and my consultant has booked a spring fair for us this spring and it will be a BOGO sale!!!! I am so excited to provide this opportunity again for our students and families! It will be held the week before and after Easter weekend, so please mark it on your calendars!! Thank you all again for your support!

# ELEMENTARY SCIENCE

In 4-6th grade Science the students had to create a theme park with attractions/parts based on the various systems of the human body. - Mr. Duncan



5TH GRADE



6TH GRADE

4TH GRADE



## Enchanted English



With Christmas break approaching so quickly and the wrapping up of the second semester of the 24/25 school year, we wanted to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here's a little Christmas grammar exercise to sharpen your grammar skills over the break. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## REVERSE Christmas Grammar

**Directions:** This activity challenges you to choose the best word that would not otherwise fit in each sentence. Your task is to select a word and **incorrectly** use that word in each of the sentences below. (Note: you have ~~two~~ three questions for questions with three word options.)

Incorrectly identify the usage of **their, there** and **they're**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ family was late for dinner!
- \_\_\_\_\_ turkey was overcooked.
- Please take a seat right over \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ will be a lot of leftovers.
- I saw Santa over \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ coming over for dinner at 5 PM.

Incorrectly identify the usage of **to, too** and **two**.

- I ate \_\_\_\_\_ much dinner.
- I'm going to buy an ornament; \_\_\_\_\_!
- I will bring the recipe \_\_\_\_\_ your house.
- We baked \_\_\_\_\_ different pies today.
- There were only \_\_\_\_\_ reindeer.
- Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ bring the baking.

Incorrectly identify the usage of **who's** and **whose**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ participating in secret Santa?
- \_\_\_\_\_ full from eating all those cookies?
- \_\_\_\_\_ going for seconds?
- \_\_\_\_\_ favorite holiday is Christmas?

Incorrectly identify the usage of **compliment** and **complement**.

- My ugly sweater received an instant \_\_\_\_\_.
- The decor was a nice \_\_\_\_\_ to the table.
- Always give the host a nice \_\_\_\_\_!
- The guest gave the host a \_\_\_\_\_.

Incorrectly identify the usage of **your** and **yours**.

- I hope \_\_\_\_\_ enjoying your candy cane.
- \_\_\_\_\_ going to need to cook that longer.
- Please pass me \_\_\_\_\_ stocking.
- \_\_\_\_\_ not going for Santa photos?.

Incorrectly identify the usage of **family's** and **families**.

- I'm going to my \_\_\_\_\_ house for Christmas.
- All of the \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated Christmas.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ got together for dinner.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ pet also received a Christmas dinner.

F T A



L-R: Macie Wainscott, Haley Pray, Lily Chrisman, Kennedy Borland, Ashton Siebeneck, Madison Gunter, Mr. Schroeder

Mrs. Lovelace and the Future Teachers of America members, as voted by the Ballard R-2 student body, have recognized Coach Vincent Schroeder as November Teacher of the Month.

Some reasons why students chose Coach Schroeder as November Teacher of the Month: "Coach, because he is always making sure nobody gets hurt and is safe and he's always respectful...I think the teacher of the month should be Coach Schroeder, because he is kind and encouraging and is always smiling and has a positive attitude... The teacher I picked is Coach Schroeder because he is a respectful teacher and always sees the good in people. He helps you with things you say you can't do. He always makes sure you can... He is always there for people when they need someone to talk to or when you're feeling stressed about anything... Coach is always there for people and always has a good attitude every day." Congratulations!



### Mrs. Chambers

To my young adults, over the holidays break read a book, get caught up on Acellus, and get some sleep. Remember all of Dec late/ missing work is due Dec 20th by midnight.

Thank you to all my science Parents/ Guardian for a great start to an awesome sauce year. I am looking forward to next semester.

To all my athletes practice your sport at least 20 minutes a day, stretch for at least 10 minutes a day, and get some sleep.

In closing, remember to be in the moment this holiday season and put your phone down to appreciate your group.

Happy Holidays!



PRIDE  
BULLDOG



Thank you **Payson Hill** for your hard work in completing your Eagle Scout project, for Troop 242, by sanding, priming, and painting the playground equipment at school. We all appreciate your dedication and school pride!



# BALLARD BULLDOGS

# Sports Pages



## Meet the Ballard Bulldogs Junior High BB Team



L-R: (Back) Asst. Coach Nathaniel Wainscott, Callan Rotert, Mason Buckman, Waylon Chrisman, Brayden Siebeneck, Bentley Winter, Coach John Siebeneck, (Middle) Manager Charlie Fisher, Ethan Hester, Seth Menken, Ian Campbell, Maxton Wainscott, Manager Ian Bergman, (Front) Huntlee Myrtle, Nathaniel Fisher, Manager Dax Rolph, Noah Meade, Lane Meade

The Bulldogs have been making their mark this season. They took home victories of 13 wins to 1 loss! Congratulations gentlemen!!





# Meet the Lady Bulldogs JH Basketball Team



L-R (Back) Asst. Coach Carrie Scott, Ellee Scott, Aspyn Eidson, Emmallee Scott, Manager Everlee Scott, Coach  
(Front) Rylie Schmitt, Vivian Greer, Aliya Diggs, Lily Bergen



GO  
BULLDOGS!!

The Junior High Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs would like to recognize and thank our **Booster Club**. They provided our teams with meals for away games, endless support in the form of locker decor and facebook posts, as well as some new, good-lookin uniforms! Thank you, thank you! You're dedication to our athletes does not go unnoticed. - Mrs. Scott



# Meet the Bulldogs HS Basketball Co-op Teams



Ballard students - #33 - Ashton Siebeneck, #11 - Zoie Wheeler, and #10 Katlin Blankenship (front right)



The Lady Ballard Bulldogs/Montrose Blue Jays took home 3rd place in the GVVC conference, and the boys teams were the conference champs!



**Upcoming**  
*Events*

- Dec 23-Jan 6 - Winter Break
- Jan 10 - End of Semester
- Jan 11 - Snow Ball (Winter Formal)
- Jan 20 - MLK/Inauguration Day



Ballard students - #12 - Noah Bales, #44 - Bradley Bergschneider, #21 - Payson Hill - Lucas Crump (back left)



WORD SEARCH  
**CHRISTMAS**



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|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| ANGEL      | COOKIES     | LIGHTS   | SANTA    |
| BOW        | EGG NOG     | MERRY    | SLEIGH   |
| CANDY CANE | ELVES       | ORNAMENT | STAR     |
| CAROLS     | GINGERBREAD | PRESENTS | STOCKING |
| CHRISTMAS  | HOLLY       | REINDEER | TREE     |

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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE

**FUN**

Q: What is a cow's favorite day?  
A: Moo-years Day!

Q: What do Santa's helpers learn in school?  
A: The elf-abet!

Q: How do snowmen shop online?  
A: They use the winter-net!

Q: What's green, prickly and flies through the air?  
A: A holly-copter!

Q: What type of photos do elves take?  
A: Elf-ies!

Q: What falls but never gets hurt?  
A: Snow!

Q: Why do reindeer wear bells?  
A: Because their horns don't work!

**Merry Christmas**



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Now match the words and pictures. Write the correct numbers in the boxes.

