



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings! My name is Stephanie Nold and I am the new principal at Ballard School District. I grew up in Montrose and graduated high school in 1990. I quickly went into the Army and spent four years on active duty traveling to South Carolina, Germany, Belgium, Turkey, and then back to the United States and stationed at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, NY. After my time in the Army I started college and worked a couple different jobs, then decided to get back into the military, and I joined the Air Force National Guard. Through twists and turns of college, working, and the military I began teaching in 2006. In the summer of 2011 I made my way back to Missouri and spent nine years teaching in Joplin before landing the principalship here in Ballard.

In my free time I enjoy being outside gardening, spending time with family, and cooking/baking. I enjoy baking desserts such as different types of cheesecakes, but my favorite food is French fries – really anything potato works! I love the festivities of Christmas, but Independence Day is a close second when it comes to celebrating holidays. The Royals are my favorite team and baseball in general is my favorite sport, however yellow is by far my favorite color!



For several years it has been my goal to move back to this area of Missouri and pursue becoming a principal. Lucky for me I have been able to accomplish both goals at nearly the same time. I hope to spend many years in Ballard as the principal helping teachers and students grow to their greatest potential. One of my all-time favorite things is to witness the success of others, to see the confidence build, and the joy of accomplishment. If you dream it, pursue it and along the way find wise people to help and support you!

In the six weeks that I have been at Ballard I have been welcomed by many and hope to visit and see more of the community as our season of sports gets under way. Thank you for this great opportunity, I look forward to many years of growth and prosperity for this community!

Written by: Stephanie Nold
Formatted by: Dylan

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Student of the Month

The Ballard R-2 School District is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Adrian Optimist Club to honor a Student of the Month for the 2020-21 school year.

Student of the Month is selected by the staff of the Ballard R-2 School District using the following criteria: attendance, attitude towards others and school, behavior, leadership, and improvement in or maintenance of good grades.

The Student of the Month for September is senior Dylan Tippie, son of Staci Greer and Jimmy Greer.

Business Teacher Cheryl Murchie says; "Dylan is a very dependable person. I can ask him to do anything and I know he will do his very best to do it and do it well." Language Arts Teacher Rachel Gregory states; "Dylan is proactive when getting his work done and strives to maintain an A average in all his classes and is likely to do any and all extra credit to reach even above an A." Math Teacher Micah Bergen says; "I worked with Dylan this summer, and I would say that we became closer than either one of us wanted to be, but I found out that he is a blast to work with and a great listener."

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



Pictured to the right: Dylan Tippie, and Principal Stephanie Nold

Formatted by: Dylan Tippie



Senior Spotlight

Wyatt Blair

Wyatt, 18, is the son of Pam and John Blair, and the brother of Derick Barr. Some of his favorites include; the color blue, anything that his mom makes, and the song "Sundy or Mundy" by Koe Wetzel. Wyatt's dream car is a Chevy 2500 HD. Some of Wyatt's hobbies are hunting and hanging out with friends and family. Wyatt's biggest pet peeve is when people start drama. Wyatt's famous last words are, "Calm down."

Wyatt's extracurricular activities are 4-H and baseball. Wyatt's plans for the future are to go to Missouri Welding Institute (MWI) and work for Pipeline. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?" Wyatt answered, "In 15 years I see myself living on my own farm with my wife and kids."

Written by: Sudie Callahan



2021 Class of 1

Preschool Pups Krazy Kindergarden

Ms. Clark

Mrs. Hathcock

The Preschool School year has kicked off to a fabulous start!! We have gained 3 new friends into our classroom, Darley Lovelace, Chevi Miller, and Curtis Selfridge. We have welcomed back Clarabella Bergman and Benjamin Fisher. So far we have focused on the letter "A" and "B", numbers "1" and "2", and multiple shapes and colors. Our favorite things to do thus far in Preschool has been playing with playdough, playing on the playground, and putting together puzzles. We are looking forward to a full school year of growth and lots of play! Hopefully COVID wont get in the way of things!



This has been a different year starting out in kindergarden, but we are off to a great start. I have a great group of students and we have been busy sharing and learning together. So far we have been reviewing letters in reading and numbers to 5 in math, as well as learning about living and nonliving things in science.



This month we get to celebrate Johnny Applesseed day with fun activities involving lots of apples. I usually make applesauce but we're going to try to do something a little different this year. Overall, this year is going to be a great one. I am looking forward to watching the students learn and grow and am excited to learn from them!

Written by: Ms. Clark
Typed by: Macie Morris

Typed by: Mrs. Hathcock
Formatted by: Alexis Hastings

Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

It has been a great first month back! We are getting into the swing of our routines and having a lot of fun learning in 1st grade. We have been reviewing what we learned in Kindergarten and started our 1st grade curriculum. We have also started doing spelling tests, our first was on short A words. We've been practicing our handwriting and our number writing. Our first Math unit is all about single digit addition. In Science, we have been talking about animal habitats. We got to make a poster of animals that live in each habitat. In Social Studies, we are learning about communities and how we can be a good citizen of our community. I hope everyone has had a great month.



Written by: Mrs. Smith
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Silly Second

Mrs. West



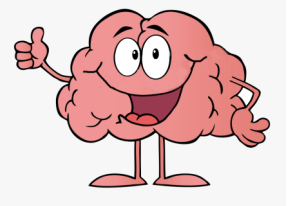
Second grade is off to a wonderful start! We are so excited to be back together learning and growing. The first couple of weeks have been filled with a little reviewing from last year, but we are already full swing into 2nd grade work.

Our unofficial motto this year is "We work hard so we can play hard!" We will be focusing on map skills along with reading, math, and handwriting practice. I am expecting great things this year. This group is a high energy group that is excited to grow!

Written by: Mrs. West
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

Thrilling Third

Mrs. Moore



These are some of our favorite thing for the beginning of the year.

The Third grade is great. We like the new grading system. We have good assignments we learn from.

COVID makes it hard to learn. We like to learn because we get smarter and smarter.

We all like to read.

This is the best school I've been to. (Nathaniel Fisher)

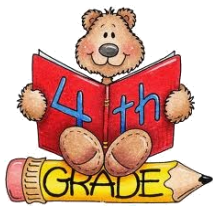
The more we learn our brains grow.

I like lunch.

By: Third grade class & Mrs. Moore
Typed by: Madi McArthur

Fantastic Fourth

Ms. McElwain



Fourth grade has been working super hard so far this year! We have been working on place value and counting change in math. We've learned about rocks, minerals, weathering, and erosion in science. We even started the year off choosing our own rocks and writing a story about them!

We have been working on our 6 traits of writing along with reading and understanding stories. In social studies we have been learning about all 6 regions of the U.S. and making a fun flip book to show our knowledge!

Written by: Ms. McElwain
Formatted by: Lexie Ward

Funky Fifth

Mrs. Bergen



This school year is off to a great start! I am so proud of how these fifth graders have adapted to all the changes. We haven't had any trouble with wearing our masks at the appropriate times or filling our water bottles.

We have started to dabble in Google classroom so we will be ready if we have to distance learn again. Everyone is learning it quickly!

I am excited to see how this year goes!

Written by: Mrs. Bergen
Typed by: Briana Arredondo

Sixth Grade Smarties

Mrs. Schmedding

The Sixth grade class has 18 students this year. Mrs. Juli Schmedding is the teacher. She is a resident of the Davis School District where she and her husband, Barry, raised their four children: Jackson, Jade, Jimmie, and Jordan.

The Sixth graders have enjoyed getting reacquainted after their five month break. They have jumped right back into their classes, studying ratios in math, narratives in ELA, ecosystems in science, and archeology in social studies. They enjoyed a mock archaeological dig where they found pieces of clay from pots and did their best to glue them back together. There may be a few future archaeologists in the making!

Written by: Mrs. Schmedding
Typed by: Briana Arredondo



Savage Seventh

Ms. Burgin

This year has been a bit different, but it's been fun. In Math we have been multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting integers and fractions. In Gym we are doing a unit on soccer. In Science class we have been talking about plants; we also started our Acellus and Edmodo. In History we are learning about geography and all the parts of the eEarth. In Computers we are doing typing lessons and games. In Language Arts we are working on our grammar and lately we have been learning about 9/11. So far this year has been fun but also a little stressful as new Junior High students.



Written by: Haley Pray
Typed by: Madi McArthur

Elite Eighth

Ms. Murchie



We are sad to end summer, but we are excited to be back at school. We have quickly figured out that we are not fans of wearing masks! Our first class is English and Ms. Burgin has explained all the rules of her classroom to us. We just finished our first pre-test and are ready to learn our next subject. In gym class, we are learning how to play soccer. Next in History, we are getting ready to do a review for our first test. Then in Math, we are just started to learn our first few lessons. In Ag, we are learning about crops. Lastly, in Science we just finished with our first pre-test. We just started learning our new vocab words and learning about the Scientific Method. We have had a fun and busy first month!

Written by: Zoie Wheeler
Typed by: Lexie Ward

Salty Sophomores

Mrs. Larcom

After five months of summer, we are finally back to school. We have added a new member to our crew, who is Jacob Crawford. School has started off to a weird start, but it is also somewhat normal. Everyone is glad to be here and can't wait to continue the rest of our sophomore year!



Written by: Sydney Claiborne
Typed by: Alexis Hastings

SASSY SENIORS

Mrs. Chambers & Mr. Bergen

The Seniors are off to a great start; beginning the last year of our high school career is bittersweet. We had our visit with Jostens to order our cap and gowns. At that moment it was setting in that we are actually going to be graduating in eight months. Everyone is starting to put the puzzle pieces together of an idea of what our future is going to look like after high school. We also had a new student join our class, Lizbeth Ramirez, and she couldn't be a better fit.

CLASS of 2021

Written and Typed by: Serenity Morris

Fickle Freshmen

Mrs. Gregory

We had a wild September! With some of our classmates quarantined, every day was different. Regardless, we've learned many new things this quarter. Thanks to the Gift of Blue, every new FFA member's jacket was funded, which includes some of us Freshman. Thank you to everyone who donated!



Written by: Aimee Cummings
Typed by: Sudie Callahan

Just Enough Juniors

Mrs. Bridges



The Juniors are glad to be back! The class has a new kid this year; his name is Nathan. We are trying our best to make our concession stand as safe and as clean as we can. Mrs. Bridges has done a great job of switching to mainly prepackaged and premade food items. You can find us in the cafeteria this year. Come out and support your Bulldogs and stop by and grab a snack!

Written & Typed by: Ashton Carullo

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers

The first month of school is going great. Almost all the classes are starting on their science fair projects. If they aren't doing the science fair they are doing some monitoring projects with plants and how they grow and how their root structures are affected. All science fair projects are due the 13th of October. We are currently going over the scientific method and some other information from last year, but all the kids are really getting the hang of things. Hoping for a great year!



Written by: Sudie Callahan

Ag/FFFA

Ag/FFFA is off to a great start! The trap team has completed their season. Thank you for supporting the FFA in our fruit, meat, and candy sales. We all greatly appreciate it and are thankful for all your donations and purchases. Here are some of the things your ag classes have been learning so far: FFA leadership, job opportunities, importance of conservation, what agriculture is and how it affects us. On September 23rd, the FFA met in the ag building for the area leadership conference on Zoom. Dinner was provided and it was a lot of fun! We are looking forward to all the many more opportunities we get to have this year.

L to R: Aimee Cummings, Cade Callahan, Lilly Rotert, Parker Hill, Tucker Roach and Sponsor Kyleigh Trickey

Written by: Lilly Rotert
Typed by: Macie Morris



Library News

Ms. Burgin

Library – Due to school ending early last school year, many students are still missing books. I will soon be sending out notices to those students. With COVID-19 changing things, books are now quarantined for 72 hours and disinfected when returned. Due to this quarantine, students are now only able to check out one book at a time.

Elementary Specials– Since we did not get to watch the movies to the books we read in each class last year, we began this school year by watching those movies and discussing how they compared to the books.

Fifth and Sixth just finished watching *The Secret Garden*. Fourth grade just finished watching *Paddington* and will begin reading *Shiloh*. Second and Third grade are reading *The BFG*. Kindergarten and 1st are reading stories out of the *Disney/Pixar Storybook Collection*. Then we will choose one of the stories from the book and watch the movie.

Written by: Ms. Burgin
Typed by: Madi McArthur

Language Arts

Mrs. Gregory



We are off to a good start in this strange and crazy new year. The Freshman are reading “The Giver” and learning about dystopian literature. The Sophomores are learning about plot structure and characterization. The Juniors are learning about what makes American literature American. College Prep is reading “Beowulf” and working on scholarships. Novels is almost finished with “The Hobbit”, and the Speech class is leaning about speech organization. So, as you can see, we are off to a busy start to a great new year.

Written by: Mrs. Gregory
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Humbled History

Mr. Dunkin



Lots of different things are happening in the history room this year, but not all of it is history. In Geography and Current Events there are some studying of different countries and the latest on Covid-19, the California Wildfires, and Hurricane Laura. U.S History is exploring North America. Seventh grade Geography is talking about climate and weather events. Government is studying the U.S. Constitution. World History is looking at Egypt and the Middle East. Ninth grade U.S. History is learning about the Second Industrial Revolution. 2020 will definitely go down in history!

Written & typed by: Ashton Carullo

ART

Mrs. Larcom

Pictured below is Senior Kayla Schmitt.

This month in all art classes we are going over the basic art elements. All classes are doing a few easy starter projects to help remind them on how each element has a place in each creation.

The seniors have begun working on their senior tiles in hopes to get them done before the second semester, we are excited to see how they turn out!



Written and typed by: Serenity Morris



New Faces



Typed By: Serenity Morris

Kindergarten-12th



What is your name? Nolan Bogart
 What grade are you in? Kindergarten
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: SpongeBob
 Food: Waffles
 Color: Pink
 Holiday: Birthday
 Sport: Soccer
 What would you like to be when you grow up?
 I want to be a dad and take care of kids.



What is your name? Kyle Carpenter
 What grade are you in? Kindergarten
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: Paw Patrol
 Food: Oatmeal
 Color: Blue
 Holiday: Thanksgiving
 Sport: Basketball
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Farmer



What is your name? Arabella Fisher
 What grade are you in? Kindergarten
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: Monsters INC.
 Food: Spaghetti
 Color: Purple
 Holiday: Valentines Day
 Sport: Soccer
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Veterinarian



What is your name? Waylon Hufferd
 What grade are you in? Kindergarten
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: Chill and take a nap instead
 Food: Nachos and Fish Tacos
 Color: Green
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Football
 What would you like to be when you grow up?
 A Farmer or Conservation Officer



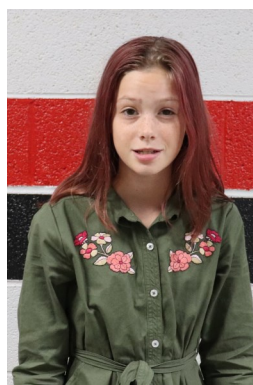
What is your name? McKala Selfridge
 What grade are you in? Kindergarten
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: Peppa Pig
 Food: Ramen
 Color: Pink
 Holiday: Birthday
 Sport: Baseball
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Dancer



What is your name? Hailey Culver
 What grade are you in? First Grade
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: Trolls
 Food: Chicken Nuggets
 Color: Pink
 Holiday: Valentines Day
 Sport: Baseball
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Doctor



What is your name? Seth Menken
 What grade are you in? Third Grade
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: King Titans Go
 Food: Pizza
 Color: Blue
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Soccer
 What would you like to be when you grow up? Bus Driver



What is your name? Jordyn Blankenship
 What grade are you in? Sixth Grade
 What is your favorite:
 Movie: SpongeBob
 Food: Spaghetti
 Color: Turquoise
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Basketball
 What would you like to be when you grow up?
 A Gymnastics Teacher

New Faces Continued...



What is your name? Xander Menken
What grade are you in? Sixth Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: Henry Danger
Food: Pizza
Color: Purple
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Soccer
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Cop



What is your name? Katlin Blankenship
What grade are you in? Eighth Grade
What is your favorite:
Movie: Wonder
Food: Sonic
Color: Teal
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up?
A College Volleyball Player



What is your name? Gretchen Bramell
What grade are you in? Freshmen
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Kissing Booth
Food: Pizza
Color: Teal
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up?
A Kindergarten Teacher



What is your name? Jacob Crawford
What grade are you in? Sophomore
What is your favorite:
Movie: The 100
Food: Pizza
Color: Blue
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up?
A Pro Sports Player



What is your name? Nathan Menken
What grade are you in? Junior
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Walking Dead
Food: Chinese
Color: Blue
Holiday: The 4th of July
Sport: None
What would you like to be when you grow up? Auto Mechanic



What is your name? Lizbeth Ramirez
What grade are you in? Senior
What is your favorite:
Movie: Greys Anatomy
Food: Hamburgers
Color: Red or Blue
Holiday: Christmas and Halloween
Sport: Soccer and Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Unsure



Sports Page



Pictured above: First row (L-R)- Serenity Morris, Kayla Schmitt, Sudie Callahan, Kailee Smith
 Second row (L-R)- Alexis Hastings, Averie Bales, Gretchen Bramell, Briana Arredondo
 Third row (L-R)- Coach Jackie Burasco, Ashton Carullo, Lilly Rotert , Lexie Ward, Macie Morris, Manager Sydney Claiborne

Ballard vs Lakeland

September 3, 2020

Ballard Bulldogs vs Lakeland Vikings			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	22	16	10
Lakeland	25	25	25



Drexel Tri Meet

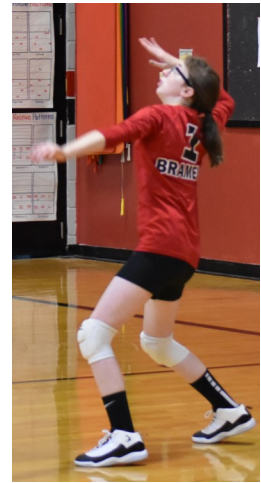
September 8, 2020

Ballard Bulldogs vs Drexel Bobcats			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	16	4	11
Drexel	25	25	25

Ballard Bulldogs vs Miami Eagles				
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4
Ballard	17	16	25	24
Miami	25	25	21	26

Hume Tri Meet

September 17, 2020



Ballard Bulldogs vs Appleton City Bulldogs			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	7	15	14
Appleton City	25	25	25

Ballard Bulldogs vs Hume Hornets			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	22	11	18
Hume	25	25	25

Ballard vs Osceola

Ballad Bulldogs vs Osceola Indians			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	25	17	9
Osceola	23	25	15

Ballard vs Clinton

Ballard Bulldogs vs Clinton		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	25	25
Clinton	15	16

Ballard vs Chilhowee

September 22, 2020

Ballard Bulldogs vs Chilhowee Indians				
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4
Ballard	27	25	26	25
Chilhowee	25	16	28	17



Ballard vs Green Ridge

Ballard Bulldogs vs Green Ridge Lady Tigers		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	25	25
Green Ridge	13	13

Ballard vs Skyline

Ballard Bulldogs vs Skyline Lady Tigers		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	6	7
Skyline	25	25



Fun Page

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH By: Macie Morris

Z R H A L L O W E E N N G H O M
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- October
- Ghost
- Costume
- Halloween
- Pumpkin
- Treat
- Monster
- Witches
- Goblin
- Fun
- Trick
- Mummy



HALLOWEEN Word Scramble

- knumpip _____
- eaolewhnl _____
- dirpse _____
- ktcir _____
- mearpvi _____
- opykos _____
- retta _____
- chwti _____
- uhdanet _____
- oteucms _____
- sothg _____
- ayncd _____
- oknltese _____
- emntros _____
- acysr _____

