



Barks 'n' Growls



BALLARD R-II SCHOOL
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From the Principal's Desk....

Dear Ballard Families,

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2019-2020 school year! I am delighted to report that we have enjoyed a very positive start to the new academic school year. I feel honored to work with our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our wonderful students, our supportive parents, and our active community members.

A child's educational years are critical times of development for students and families, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this school year successful. I am a lifelong educator, and I am committed to students and families as well as a love for learning. My door is always open. I will listen to new ideas, any concerns that arise, and of course, any new opportunities that will allow our students to achieve.

Ballard has undergone a few changes. There are a few new faces this year. Our new faces include: Samantha Strodman (7-12 Agriculture), Jackie Harter (K-12 PE) and Donna Sallee (Title I). Our staff works diligently to meet the needs of all learners while supporting, guiding, and challenging them to be the best they can be.

Together with our families and the community, the staff and students will work toward academic, social, and emotional growth and development. Parents and community members are strongly encouraged to become involved in the school. We invite you to become an active participant through volunteering, joining our PTO and/or Booster Club, and attending/supporting school events. Research clearly states that when parents/guardians participate and are involved in their child's education, there is a greater likelihood of academic success for the child. We would love to have each of you in our building as a volunteer. Volunteering can include: reading to students, listening to students read, or lending a helping hand. If you have any time and would be interested, please let us know. We would also like to invite you to visit our school's website. This will serve as a resource tool for all upcoming events, student/parent handbook, important reminders, and our "Barks and Growls" newspaper.

We would like to thank you for the continued support that you give to your children and encourage you to continue to play a very active part in their learning by talking to them about their studies, encouraging them to read, and making sure they complete their homework. We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure each child can achieve his or her highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. We thank you in advance for your continued support and guidance, and we look forward to seeing you throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

With Great Appreciation,
Mr. Dustin Bridges

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Check it Out!!!

There is a variety of ways to keep informed on school happenings. We encourage you to utilize any or all of these: The district website at www.ballardr2.net is a good place to start for many types of information. You'll find an activity calendar and menus for lunch and breakfast. The complete Board of Education Policy is there, as well as the Student Handbook. The Counselor page has a lot of good information, including ACT Testing; A+ Program; Jr. High / High School Class Schedule and Scholarship information. Each month, a color version of the school newspaper "Barks 'n' Growls" is posted. Be sure to visit the district website for all this and much more!

Also, on the website is a link to PowerSchool, our student information system. By utilizing this link, parents can access individual student information. A parent can check student attendance, current grades and lunch balances. If you have already been using this feature, your log-in information has not changed. If you need log-in information, just call the school and we'll give it to you.

The school has a Facebook page which is used for several types of announcements. There is a link to this page on the district website, or you can search on your Facebook page for Ballard R-II School District. We use the Facebook page to share reminders for upcoming events, announcements, fun things hap-

pening at school, etc. Click "Like" on the school's Facebook page to receive posts in your own news feed.

Finally, we have two text notification groups available. To join the **Elementary Group** (school closings and other all-school info), text 81010 @ballardele and to join the **High School Group** text 81010 @ballardhig.. As much as possible, urgent notifications are shared all three ways: www.ballardr2.net, Facebook, and text message. Less urgent items may be shared on the website and/or Facebook page, but not by text. The more options you utilize, the more informed you'll be!

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Senior Spotlight

Is Maecy Claiborne

Maecy, 17, is the daughter of Rusty and Sandra Claiborne, and the sister of Sydney Claiborne, Averie Bales, Nathan Bales, Noah Bales, and Kenzie Claiborne. Some of her favorites include the color turquoise, Buffalo Wild Wings, the song "God's Country" by Blake Shelton and "Meanwhile Back at Mama's" by Tim McGraw. Maecy's dream car is a white angry-eyed Rubicon jeep. Some of her hobbies are horse riding, basketball, volleyball, softball, hunting, and cheerleading. Maecy's famous last words are, "That's a personal problem."

Maecy's plans for the future are to go to college and major in animal science as well as majoring in teaching. When asked, "Where do you see yourself in 15 years?"

Maecy answered, "In 15 years I see myself graduated from college and owning my own veterinary clinic with my dream house and a bunch of horses."

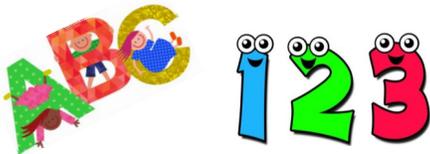


Written by: Brianna Pray



Preschool Pups

Miss Clark



The school year is off to a great start with only four in our class. We have ALMOST mastered in spelling our names all by ourselves, learning and recognizing our letters and numbers. The Bates County Health Center came in and taught us how and when to wash our hands properly and how to prevent from getting sick. We are so excited for a great year of learning and being part of the Bulldogs!

Written by: Maecy Claiborne

To the right is Navi Quiroz, Dani Crump, McKenzie Claiborne, Molly Burgin, Melody Bergen, and Zander Miller taking turns making Applesauce.

Krazy Kindergarten

Mrs. Hathcock

It has been a great start to the year so far. I have a great bunch of kiddos and I have enjoyed getting to know them and to learn more about their likes. I have been very impressed with all the great work they have been doing so far.

We have already begun reading and learning sight words (which are the words they memorize and are not able to sound out) along with letters and their sounds. In Math we have been working on numbers 1 through 5 and will be working on more than and equal to. This month we will also be celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday by having a fun day of all things apple. This also goes with the letters of the week which is letter A. I am looking forward to another great year with some great kids!



Written by: Mrs. Hathcock
Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Fearless First

Mrs. Smith

First grade has gotten off to a fantastic start! We have been working really hard at practicing our letters and our numbers. In Math, we have been working on addition. In Reading and Spelling we have been working on short A words. They all told me what their favorite part of first grade has been so far.

Maxton Wainscott– I like reading books.

Keenen Engelhardt– Spelling our spelling words.

Ellee Scott– Having a Puppet Center in our room.

Charlie Fisher– Getting to sit in scoop rockers while we read books.

Tucker Newkirk– Using the Puppet Center in our room.

Jennifer Carpenter– Getting to listen to books being read to me in the Listening Center.

Huntlee Myrtle– I like science.

Noah Meade– I like doing Writer’s Workshop.

Written by: Mrs. Smith

Typed by: Dylan Tippie

Funky Fourth

Mrs. Moore

The Fourth graders are very busy this year. They are taking a lot of tests and notes. In Science they are learning about cells and how they work. In Social Studies they are learning about southwestern America, latitude and longitude, and the equator. In Math they are adding and subtracting 6 digit numbers and will be moving on to subtraction and multiplication after their test on Wednesday, September 18th.

In Music they are learning about Native Americans and their music, and in Art they are doing Zen tangle doodles. In P.E. they are doing some cardio and muscular exercises, and in Counseling they are doing yoga.

We have found a birds’ egg and would like to know if any one knows what type of birds’ egg it is. The egg is a tan-white color with grey and black speckles, If you know what kind of egg it is please inform Mrs. Moore. We thank you so much for your help!

Written by: Mrs. Moore

Typed by: Rachel Evans

SASSY SEVENTH

Ms. Murchie



We have gotten used to all the teachers and switching classes. In Math it has been going fast. Health is challenging, really challenging. We like all of our classes for the most part. We like that there is more Junior high sports that most of us play. We also love the three day weekends.

Written by: Sam Setzer

Typed by: Sudie Callahan

Sweet Second

Mrs. West

Time is ticking away so quickly! We are off to a great start in Second grade this year. We are starting our unit on telling time in Math. The class works hard and they’re learning how to use an analog clock to tell time. In Reading we have been learning how to find the main idea of a story as well as the details. Our first project of the year has been completed. We made a map of “Barefoot Island” to show our knowledge of map skills. The students worked hard on their maps. If you have time, please take a stroll down our hallway to admire their maps. Time is really tricky with our 4 day week, but we are adjusting very well. Please continue to support our bulldog students by encouraging their hard work in the classroom.



Written by: Mrs. West

Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Savage Sixth

Ms. Eidson

This year we started with lockers and switching classes, Math, Science, and Social Studies. In Math we learned about rates and ratios and now we are starting on percentages, fractions and decimals. In Social Studies we learned about the world and its people, and now we are learning about the stone age. In Science we’ve learned about the organisms and also we are learning about our cells. So far, this year has been wonderful.

Written by: Valencia and Celia

Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Crazy Eighth Graders

Ms. Burgin



So far this year in Math, we have been going over the Scientific Notation. In Science we’ve gone over the functions of cells and their organelles. In U.S. history we are learning about how the Early Americas and their echoes, and also learning how the Americas were discovered by the Europeans and how it formed to what it is today. In English we have been working on root words a lot. In P.E we’ve been playing flag football and after flag football we will start doing health. In Ag class we are starting a poultry lesson. We are hoping that this year flies by pretty fast.

Written by: Cade Callahan

Typed by: Sierra Ferguson

Refreshing Freshman

Mrs. Larcom



So far we are well into our first month (and our first year!) as high schoolers. Although it's a lot more work, it's also fun. There is DEFINITELY a lot more homework this year. We are proud to say that Mrs. Laura Larcom is our class sponsor this year. We will be doing the freshman cake raffle during home games for both Volleyball and Basketball, we would greatly appreciate it if you would come out and support the freshman class. Thank you!

Written by: Macie Morris
Typed by: Rachel Evans

SARCASTIC SENIORS

Mrs. Gregory & Mr. Dunkin



We have started the year off great and are finalizing some of our biggest decisions for senior trip. We have decided to go to St. Augustine, Florida for the last trip of our high school lives.

Come out and support us for our first fundraiser of our Senior year. On Saturday, October 5 we will have our pasta dinner. You will get the choice of homemade chicken alfredo or spaghetti with meat sauce. We hope to see you there!

Written by: Maecy Claiborne

Art Class

Mrs. Larcom



We started the year off with learning and reviewing the elements and principles of Art. These are tools all artists use when creating Art! All of my classes created a 12x12 drawing which I later put together as one big collaborative art piece.

Kindergarten and First grade is studying Wassily Kandisky while practicing cutting circles to create a tree in the style of Kandisky. Second and Third grade studied Henry Matisse and his painting with scissors style before creating their own name collage. Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grades created zentagle name designs using lines and patterns.

Advanced Art and 3D art classes are using old books to create altered books and sculptures. Art 1 finished an Art Elements Book and also started a zentangle doodle design landscape. Eighth grade created a line design which they copied, cut, and rolled into small cylinders. Once prepping was done they glued them together to create an abstract sculpture.

We are off to a great start. I'm looking forward to a creative fun year!

Typed By: Serenity Morris

Jazzy Juniors

Mr. Bergen & Mrs. Chambers



We are excited for the new year. So far this year we have been running the concession stand at the home games and we want to thank everyone that has bought from our concession stand.

We have Wyatt Blair, Kayla Schmitt, Kailee Smith, and Sierra Ferguson going to Vo-Tech this year and they said they have been enjoying it so far this year. Kayla and Kailee are in the Health Occupations program and Wyatt and Sierra are in Building Trades.

Written by: Dylan Tippie

FACS

Mrs. Larcom

We are bringing FACS (Family and Consumer Science) back to Ballard! First semester we are focusing on foods and nutrition. We started the year talking about our food choices and what influences what we eat. We are now wrapping up a unit on crockery shopping and kitchen math. Students are excited to get in the kitchen and start cooking soon!



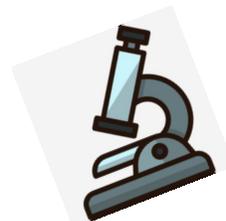
Written by: Mrs. Larcom
Typed by: Serenity Morris

Science Department

Mrs. Chambers

Science is almost in full swing. Our first month is all about revisiting all of last year's materials. Starting off with Seventh grade we are starting off with Astronomy and how the sun gives us light and can help make life. In Eighth grade we are working with cells and seeing how they work and doing a few labs with the kids. Next is Ninth grade where we are learning about force and motion. The Juniors and Seniors are separated, with some in Ecology where we are looking to go see the changes in a prairie over time, and with the other class being Earth Science and the process of tracking little critters.

The Envirothon team would like to say a big thanks to Sandra Claiborne and there will be competitions coming up soon. The Science fair is Friday, December 6 and ALL science fair projects are due Tuesday, November 26.



By: Sudie Callahan

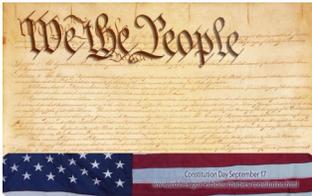
It's All History

Mr. Dunkin

Ag & FFA

Miss Strodman

So far this year my Geography class is starting to look at the world religions. In Eighth grade U.S history we're exploring North America with the Europeans. In World History we are about to start learning about Ancient Greece. The Government class is looking at the foundation of the U.S Constitution. The Ninth grade U.S History is learning about the Gilded Age. Seventh grade Geography class is learning about human geography.



Written by: Sierra Ferguson

In FFA the Freshmen had to learn and recite the FFA creed in front of Miss Strodman. The first student to recite the whole creed received a free FFA jacket. The Freshmen battled it out and Sydney Claiborne came out with the win. Sydney stated "Remembering the whole creed was a little difficult because I have a hard time with remembering things. The first two paragraphs took me a whole week to memorize and it took me a weekend to memorize the last three paragraphs. I was very determined to get this FFA jacket and I was super excited when I got it. Hard work pays off!"



Pictured above: Sydney Claiborne

Teachers New Faces

Written by: Maecy



What is your name? Jackie Harter
What classes do you teach?
K-12 PE & Health
What is your favorite:
Movie: Harry Potter
Food: Mashed Potatoes
Color: Purple
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball (to play) Basketball (to watch)
What do you enjoy about teaching?
Spending my day with awesome kiddos



What is your name? Donna Sallee
What classes do you teach? Title 1
What is your favorite:
Movie: Titanic
Food: Spaghetti or Pizza
Color: Red
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Is sewing a sport?
What do you enjoy about teaching?
The looks on faces when the light goes on and students understand, especially if it is a concept they have been struggling with.



What is your name? Sam Strodman
What classes do you teach? Ag 7-12
What is your favorite:
Movie: Greys Anatomy
Food: Pizza
Color: Blue
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Sport: Softball
What do you enjoy about teaching?
I enjoy working with great students, and teaching them about the agriculture industry. I really enjoy attending the FFA events, and watching my students compete in career development events.





New Faces



Preschool

Typed and Formatted by: Serenity Morris



What is your name? ClaraBella Bergman
What grade are you in? Preschool
What is your favorite:
Movie: Paw Patrol
Food: Strawberrys
Color: Rainbow
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Cook



What is your name? Kyle Carpenter
What grade are you in? Preschool
What is your favorite:
Movie: Winnie the Pooh
Food: Spaghetti
Color: Blue
Holiday: Easter
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Farmer



What is your name? Arabella Fisher
What grade are you in? Preschool
What is your favorite:
Movie: Shimmer and Shine
Food: Corndogs
Color: Purple
Holiday: Easter
Sport: Roller Skating
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Dishwasher



What is your name? Benjamin Fisher
What grade are you in? Preschool
What is your favorite:
Movie: Toy Story
Food: Chocolate Cereal
Color: Red
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up?
A Volleyball player

Kindergarten-12th



What is your name? Melody Bergen
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Little Mermaid
Food: Grapes
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Doctor



What is your name? Molly Burgin
What grade are you in? Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Great Mouse Detective
Food: Cheese sticks
Color: Red
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Baseball
What would you like to be when you grow up?
A First Grade Teacher



New Faces Continued...



What is your name? Dani Crump
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Alvin and the Chipmunks
Food: Apples
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? I don't know



What is your name? Tapanga Eisenbiess
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: My Little Pony
Food: Tomatoes
Color: Purple
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Cop



What is your name? Teddy Foster
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Greatest Showman
Food: Ice Cream
Color: Blue
Holiday: Spring
Sport: T-Ball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Cowgirl



What is your name? McKenzie Claiborne
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Cat in the Hat
Food: Pizza Rolls
Color: Hot Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Football
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Veterinarian



What is your name? Sabrina Jones
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Little Mermaid
Food: Mac & Cheese
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Basketball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Teacher



What is your name? Nichole Luper
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Puppy Dog Pals
Food: Green Beans
Color: Pink
Holiday: Christmas
Sport: Volleyball
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Ballerina



What is your name?
 Zander Miller
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: Benton
Food: Tacos
Color: Blue
Holiday: Halloween
Sport: Tag
What would you like to be when you grow up? A Fossil Keeper



What is your name? Navi Quiroz
What grade are you in?
 Kindergarten
What is your favorite:
Movie: The Cat in the Hat
Food: Apples
Color: Purple
Holiday: Valentines Day
Sport: Basketball
What would you like to be when you grow up? Save Animals



New Faces Continued...



What is your name? Brynlee Wainscott
 What grade are you in? Kindergarten
 What is your favorite: Movie: Frozen
 Food: Hamburger and Fries
 Color: Purple
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Running
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Cheerleader



What is your name? Waylon Chrisman
 What grade are you in? 3rd Grade
 What is your favorite: Movie: Ben10
 Food: Biscuits and Gravy
 Color: Red
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Football
 What would you like to be when you grow up?
 A construction Worker



What is your name? Julia Jones
 What grade are you in? 4th Grade
 What is your favorite: Movie: The BFG
 Food: Spaghetti
 Color: Pink
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Basketball
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Veterinarian



What is your name? Madison Gunther
 What grade are you in? 5th Grade
 What is your favorite: Movie: High School Musical
 Food: Steak
 Color: Teal
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Softball
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Babysitter



What is your name? Lilly Jo Chrisman
 What grade are you in? 6th Grade
 What is your favorite: Movie: Full House
 Food: Mexican Style
 Color: Blue
 Holiday: Christmas
 Sport: Volleyball
 What would you like to be when you grow up?
 A Preschool or Daycare Teacher



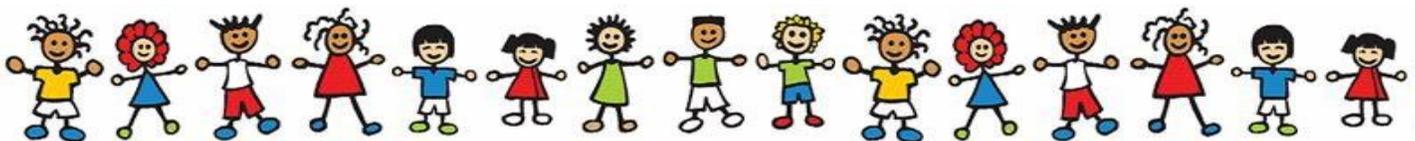
What is your name? Lindy Gunter
 What grade are you in? 8th Grade
 What is your favorite: Movie: Stranger Things
 Food: Lasagna
 Color: Blue
 Holiday: Valentines Day
 Sport: Volleyball
 What would you like to be when you grow up?
 An Orthotic Surgeon



What is your name? Sydney Claiborne
 What grade are you in? 9th Grade
 What is your favorite: Movie: Grown Ups
 Food: Popcorn
 Color: Pink
 Holiday: Thanksgiving
 Sport: Cheerleading
 What would you like to be when you grow up? A Teacher



What is your name? Macey Claiborne
 What grade are you in? Senior
 What is your favorite: Movie: Secretariat
 Food: Tacos
 Color: Turquoise
 Holiday: Halloween
 Sport: Basketball
 What would you like to be when you grow up?
 An Equine Veterinarian

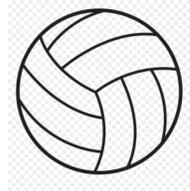


Sports Pages

By Sudie Callahan

Meet the Lady Bulldog Volleyball Team

Introducing the Lady Bulldogs. We wish the team good luck this year.



First Row (L-R):
Brianna Pray
Maecy Claiborne
Destiny Bramell
Second Row (L-R):
Sudie Callahan
Kailee Smith
Serenity Morris
Third Row (L-R):
Sierra Ferguson
Averie Bales
Ashton Carullo
Lexie Ward
Kayla Schmitt
Macie Morris
Briana Arredondo
Alexis Hastings
Coach Jackie Harter

BULLDOGS VS. VIKINGS

The Lady Bulldogs fought the Lakeland Vikings on Thursday, September 5. They came into their first games wanting to win.

The first game was played by the JV. They started strong but lost the first game set by 2. The final score was 23-25. The second set they were still fighting strong and did their very best but fell short with an end score of 20-25.

The varsity girls came in with power and played a fierce game but fell a little short the first set with a score of 20-25. After that, Coach Harter said some encouraging words and got the girls pumped back up, and they came out strong but ended the match with a score of 23-25. Coach Harter stated, "The girls did a great job allowing me to play around with a few different lineups and being able to be flexible with the differences. Even though the outcome wasn't what we hoped, I saw a lot of great things on our side of the net and the girls have made great strides from the first practice to now."



Pictured above: Junior Serenity Morris sets up for a serve.

Lady Bulldogs Travel to Drexel for a Quad Meet

Lady Bulldogs vs. Drexel Wildcats September 10			
TEAMS	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	29	14	8
Drexel	27	25	25

Lady Bulldogs vs. Hume Hornets September 10		
TEAMS	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	21	8
Hume	25	25

Lady Bulldogs vs. Miami Eagles September 10		
TEAMS	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	22	14
Miami	25	25

Ballard vs. Sheldon

On Thursday, September 12, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Sheldon to play the Lady Panthers. After the game Coach Harter stated: "I know we hate losing, but keep thinking about how much better we are getting each and every day. Remind yourself that our end goals are the conference and district tournaments and we'll get there by small steps just one at a time."

Lady Bulldogs vs. Sheldon Panthers September 12		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	13	21
Sheldon	25	25



JV Lady Bulldogs vs. JV Sheldon Panthers September 12		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	19	21
Sheldon	25	25

Ballard vs Lincoln

On Monday, September 16, the Lady Bulldogs played the Lady Cardinals. The Girls really wanted to come out with a win but they couldn't quite reach their goal. They had a few good rounds of bump, set, kill. They kept their heads up the hole game. The first set was 9-25, the second set was 13-25. In JV they fought hard but didn't quite make it, the first set of their game was 11-25 and the second set was 12-25.

Picture to the left : Juniors Sudie Callahan and Kailee Smith, and Sophomore Briana Arredondo are ready to play.



Appleton City Tri-Meet

On Thursday, September 19 the lady bulldogs played the Hume Hornets. The ladies fought hard and came out with a win on the first set. The second set they put up a great battle but fell short. They went into a third set and came out with their first win of the season.

Lady Bulldogs vs Appleton Bulldogs September 19		
Teams	Set 1	Set 2
Ballard	15	2
Appleton	25	25

Lady Bulldogs vs Hume Hornets September 19			
Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Ballard	25	22	25
Hume	17	25	16

Fun Page

JOKES

What always sleeps with its shoes on?

Answer

A Horse.

What animal is always moaning?

Answer

A WHINEoceros!

What are the two strongest days?

Answer

Saturday and Sunday. The rest are week days.

What are two things you cannot have for breakfast?

Answer

Lunch and dinner.

What are vampires?

Answer

A pain in the neck.

What bank never has any money?

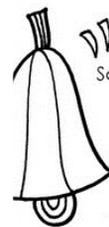
Answer

The riverbank

What bet can never be won?

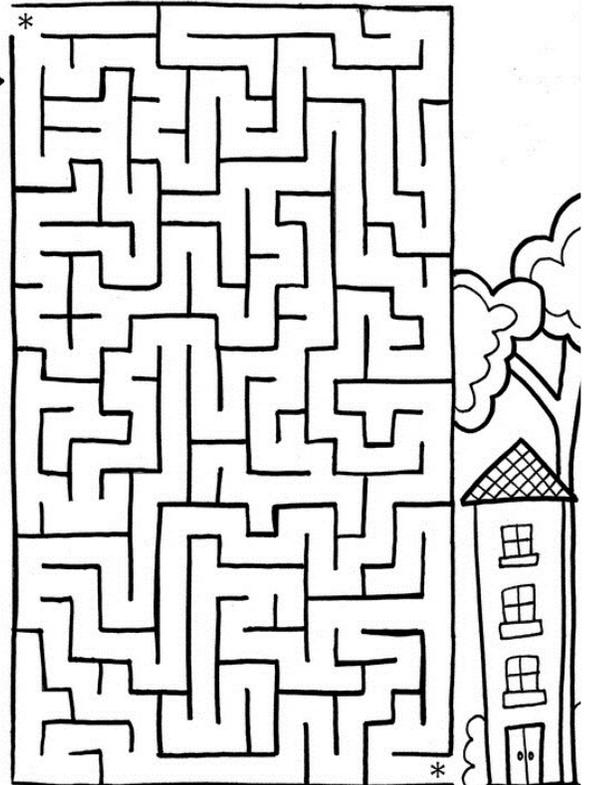
Answer

The Alphabet.



School Maze

School's out for the day. Can you find your way home?



By Sudie Callahan