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# Ballard Dimensions

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

I hope your new year is off to a fantastic start!

January marks the start of the legislative session every year in Iowa. Because education funding makes up more than half of the State's General Fund budget, this is an issue those of us in education follow closely.

This week bills from both the House and Senate will be voted on that increases funding by approximately 1%. The Governor submitted a budget including a 2% increase for FY18 (next year) and 2% for FY19.

Including the current year, funding increases have averaged below 2% over the past seven years, while district costs increase annually between 2% and 3%. Ballard, like most districts throughout the state, has been forced to make budget adjustments over this period due to inadequate funding.


▶ From the Superintendent, General Health, Free Dental Care

▶ West Elementary Preschool, Vocal Concerts, PE, Marvelous Monday, Pet Supply Drive, Compound Word Day, Meatball Monday

▶ East Elementary 3rd Grade Science, 5th Grade Science, Penny War

▶ Middle School Seussical the Musical, Honor Roll

▶ High School Product Development, Government, Math

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▶ BEF Gala, Box Tops, Dollars for Scholars, Kiwanis Cares, Thank you, Slater Library

## From the Superintendent's Desk, cont.

As one who has navigated these challenges locally, I understand the situation facing our elected state officials. Despite steadily growing revenues at the state level, there doesn't ever seem to be enough to adequately fund education. Keep in mind, a 1% increase in state aid costs approximately $40 million. That said, there are two facts which cannot be ignored.

- State reserve funds are at their maximum
- In the last legislative session hundreds of millions in tax credits were approved

For Ballard, a 1% increase in funding would result in no new revenue next year, due to the District receiving the Budget Guarantee in the current year. A 2% increase will generate only $100,000 in additional funding. Neither, will be sufficient. However, it is clear just a 1% increase will create challenges.

Prioritizing education funding is a must for our future. Not only does it directly impact our students and staff today, it creates the right conditions for a positive tomorrow. We are approaching a decade of underfunding education in the state. Simply, it is wrong for kids, it will hurt our state, and we must do better.

Last week, I visited the Capitol and spoke with a couple of our legislators. They have difficult, thankless jobs, and I appreciate their service. Like every year, I'll continue advocating for the resources our students and teachers need. At some point, things will have to take a positive turn. I'm hoping it's sooner than later.

Turning to a more favorable note, thanks for your support of our staff and students. We are excited for all the good that is happening at Ballard, despite the challenges in Des Moines! Hope to see you soon and GO BOMBERS!

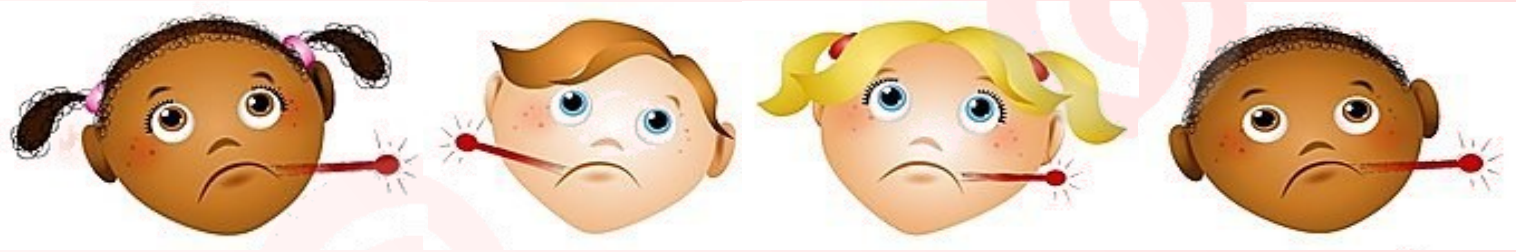
Ottie Maxey, Ballard Superintendent

# General Health, Well-being, and Safety Health Services

**If you have concerns about your child's health, we encourage you to contact your physician for their advice. Students should be kept home if he or she:**

- **Has a fever of 100 degrees or higher**
- **Has been vomiting within the last 24 hours**
- **Has diarrhea**
- **If they are complaining of a severe sore throat and you see white spots in their throat. This could indicate strep throat and should be kept home and seen by a doctor.**

**Before returning to school, we ask that these students be without the above symptoms and without the aid of fever reducing medication (such as Motrin) for 24 hours. This will help control passing the illness to other students. When your child has an illness for more than three consecutive days, a doctor's excuse will be needed when your child returns to school.**



# FREE DENTAL CARE

## *for kids ages 1-18!*

give kids a smile!
Children's Dental Access Program

On Give Kids a Smile Day, local dentists and their staff volunteer their time and materials to provide free dental care to children ages 1-18 from low-income families.

***Give Kids a Smile Day on February 3, 2017***

**Kimball & Beecher**

101 East Southridge Road
Marshalltown, IA 50158

call for your appointment at
641-753-3383

If you would like to learn more or need help making an appointment please contact:

**I-Smile Coordinator**
**Carlie Beem 641-752-7162, ext. 150**
**carlie.beem@micaonline.org.**

**Mid-Iowa Community Action**
*Helping People.*
*Changing Lives.*
*Building Communities.*

# West Elementary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March:**
* **6 - 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences**
* **10 No School**
* **13 - 17 Spring Break**

## Ballard Preschool Openings for Fall 2017

If you have a student who will be 4 years old on or before September 15, 2017 you are eligible for **FREE** preschool! Preschool is an important step in our student's education and we are proud to offer this free service to our community. This service is offered at Ballard West and any of our community partners listed below. Register now as spots fill quickly!

**Ballard West**: 228-3890

**Miss Hollie's Preschool**: 291-5604

**Whistlestop**: 597-3637

**Lily Pad:** 597-5437

**Ms. Wendy's Preschool**: 597-3478

## Vocal Music

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 3, 2017 for the Spring 2nd grade vocal concerts at West Elementary!

## Save the Date!

# Physical Education

## Upcoming Events:

February is Heart Month. We will again participate in Jump Rope For Heart during PE class in February. Students will be increasing their rope skills and learning about Heart Health.

3 ways you can help:

1. Look for a JRFH packet to raise money for the American Heart Association.
2. Go to www.heart.org/jump
   - find our school – Ballard West
   -start your online donations.
3. Mobile app

Students at the "Ballard West Bowling Lanes"

During class we have played some great activities so far. Some examples are Toy Story Tag, Oscar's Trash, Parachute, Knights and Dragons, Castleball and Linetag. Team sports include Basketball, Floor Hockey, and Bowling. Some days it is just fun to get in the gym and move to music, hula hoop and RUN!!

Stay Active!
-Mr. Richardson
West Elementary
Physical Education
ajrichardson@ballard.k12.ia.us
515-228-3890 x 123

American Heart Association.
life is why

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

**Mobile app.**
**It is so easy! You can text your friends and family asking for their support, send emails, call, or send reminders. It is super fun! Just scan one of these QR codes to download the app and get started!**

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| iPhone | | Android |

We have PE class 2 times per week for 30 minutes each. Your child gets to participate in a variety of activities during the school year. The focus is activities that are Fun, Fair and Safe for all students. Students are expected to be good at listening to directions and show good sportsmanship. We spend time discussing how to be an active person as well as trying to find ways to exercise both your body and heart. Hopefully your child has shared some experiences with you about PE.

## SAVE THE DATE:

March 27-May 19 Mileage Club at Lunch Recess. Students will get the option to go to the Mileage Club course and earn prizes for the miles they accumulate during this time. Mary Greeley Medical Center sponsors this for all Story County schools. I will be in need of volunteers to help with marking cards and rewards as the kids finish up their cards. Please contact me if you are interesting in helping.

# Marvelous Monday

Ballard West Elementary celebrated "Marvelous Monday" by showing appreciation for businesses in the Slater community. Classrooms worked together to create cards, art projects, and a variety of items to spread joy to others. Many classrooms walked to deliver the appreciation gifts and sang carols to help spread the holiday cheer.

The students learned more about how the businesses help others; whether it is caring for our pets, delivering mail, being a community helper, taking care of our money, or providing a variety of services. Overall, Ballard West students felt this was a great way to give back and express our gratefulness.

*- Holly Johnson & Mallory Johnston, Kindergarten Teachers*

*Mrs. Astarita's EK & Mrs. Richardson's 2nd Graders created gingerbread crafts to share with Slater Laser Wash.*

*Mrs. Johnson's & Mrs. Johnston's Kindergarteners created cards & sang carols to the Ballard Vet.*

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*Mrs. Upah's & Mrs. Nosekabel's Kindergarteners created cards & sang carols to the Post Office.*

*Mrs. Dietrich's 1st graders & Mrs. Nobiling's 2nd graders created & delivered cards for Siever's Animal Hospital*

*Mrs. Schroeder's 1st Graders created & delivered a Christmas tree and wreath to South Story Bank.*

# Animal Shelter Pet Supply Drive

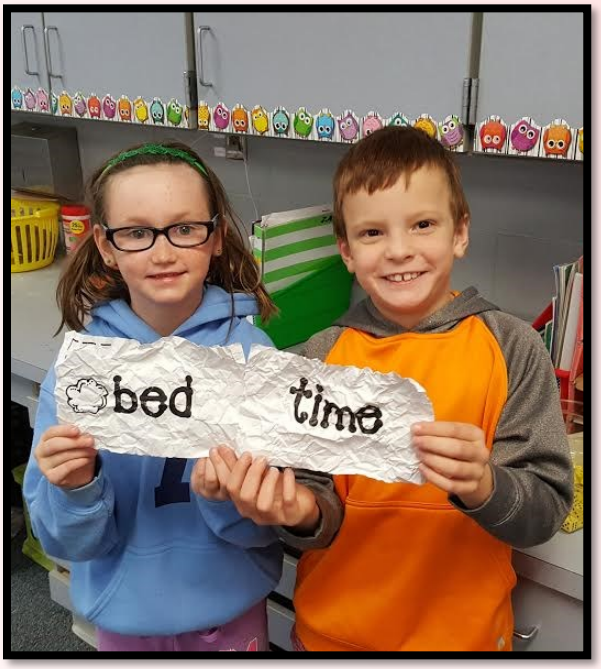
The virtue for the months of November and December at Ballard West Elementary was Caring. In order to demonstrate this virtue, every year in lieu of gifts for each other, 1st graders collect items for the animal shelter. They ask for items such as towels, blankets, bleach, dog treats, cat food, pet shampoo, and toys. On Thursday, December 8th staff from the Story County Animal Shelter visited our school and talked with our first graders. Students were able to learn about the kinds of animals the shelter helps, how many animals they take care of, as well as things we can do to help the shelter. They also let the students vote on a name for animals they bring for the students to see and pet. This year they named a little puppy Buddy, and a little cat Marshmallow. Thank you to all of the families that donated items to help make our project successful!

*- Lindsey Schroeder, 1st Grade*

# Compound Word Day

Before Christmas break, the second graders had their annual Compound Word Day. We studied compound words as part of our Reading Wonders Program. Compound words help us, as growing readers, find word parts to aid in understanding the meaning of unknown words. We spent the beginning of the week learning what a compound word is through games and activities. One of our favorite games was called Snowball Fight. Each student had part of a compound word on a piece of paper. When the teachers yelled "snowball fight," the students crumbled up their word and threw their snowball across the room. Then each student found a snowball, opened it up, moved around the room to find someone who had the other part of their compound word. We ended the week with a celebration of compound words. Students and teachers came to school wearing as many compound words as they could think of. This was a wonderful culminating event to celebrate our new learning.

*- Wendy Jensen & Gina Brown, 2nd Grade*



# FORECAST ALERT

## for

# February 6th, 2017

**With 100% Chance of MEATBALLS!**

**Where:**
Ballard Country Club

**Time:**
4pm – 8pm

**Prices:**
Adults: $8.00
Children: $6.00

**Come see your favorite Ballard West teachers as they wait tables for Meatball Monday hosted by the PTO.**

**All profits (20% of sales and all of tips) will be going towards the new playgrounds!**

# East Elementary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March:**

*** 6 - 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences**
*** 10 No School**
*** 13 - 17 No School**

# Science

3rd Grade - Water is the most important substance on Earth. Water dominates the surface of our planet, changes the face of the land, and defines life. These powerful pervasive ideas are introduced in our 3rd grade Water Unit. This unit provides students with experiences to explore the properties of water, changes in water, interactions between water and other earth materials, and how humans use water as a natural resource.

**3rd Grade Students:**

- Conduct surface-tension experiments.
- Observe and explain the interaction between masses of water at different temperatures and masses of water in liquid and solid states.
- Construct a thermometer to observe that water expands as it warms and contracts as it cools.

# Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?

## Science Edition

5th graders at Ballard East are introduced to a variety of science topics throughout the year. These topics include: scientific investigations, human body systems, food & nutrition, vertebrates & invertebrates, and the solar system. Try to answer these questions!

1. To control variables means to
   a. Measure properly
   b. Repeat the experiment
   c. Change only one thing at a time
   d. Test things out yourself

2. What is the difference between veins and arteries?
   a. Arteries carry blood away from the heart. Veins carry blood to the heart.
   b. Arteries carry blood to the heart. Veins carry blood away from the heart.
   c. Veins are larger than arteries.
   d. Arteries have thin walls. Veins have the thickest walls of all the blood vessels.

3. Which of the following is NOT a main part of the digestive system?
   a. Stomach
   b. Large intestine
   c. Trachea
   d. Small intestine

4. Which of these is NOT a recommendation for healthy eating based on MyPlate?
   a. Vary the vegetables you eat
   b. Eat lean meats
   c. Make half the grains you eat whole grains
   d. Eat and drink a lot of dairy

5. Which lunch provides at least one item from ALL FIVE food groups?
   a. Chicken, bread roll, milk, mashed potatoes, green beans
   b. Ham and cheese sandwich with lettuce, apple, milk
   c. Peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, milk
   d. Vegetarian lasagna, bread, milk

6. True or False: Amphibians have dry, scaly skin and reptiles have smooth, moist skin.

7. A starfish is an example of
   a. A sponge
   b. A mollusk
   c. A stinging-celled animal.
   d. A spiny-bodied animal.

8. Which of the outer planets is the largest?
   a. Neptune
   b. Uranus
   c. Jupiter
   d. Saturn

9. Which of the following planets is known as an “inner planet?”
   a. Venus
   b. Jupiter
   c. Saturn
   d. Pluto

10. True or False? The Sun is not the brightest star in the sky.

Answers: 1)C 2)A 3)C 4)D 5)B 6)F 7)D 8)C 9)A 10)T

# Student Council - Penny War

Ballard East Student Council recently challenged the school to a penny war. On even days between December 5th and December 16th, each class had a bucket for pennies to be donated, earning the class one point per penny. However, if any silver coins were dropped in, the class would lose the points that coin was worth.

Students and staff enjoyed this friendly rivalry and raised an outstanding amount of money in a very short period of time. We were able to collect $915.37, which will be donated to United Way! We are so proud of our students and are grateful for everyone's contributions to our project.

# Middle School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

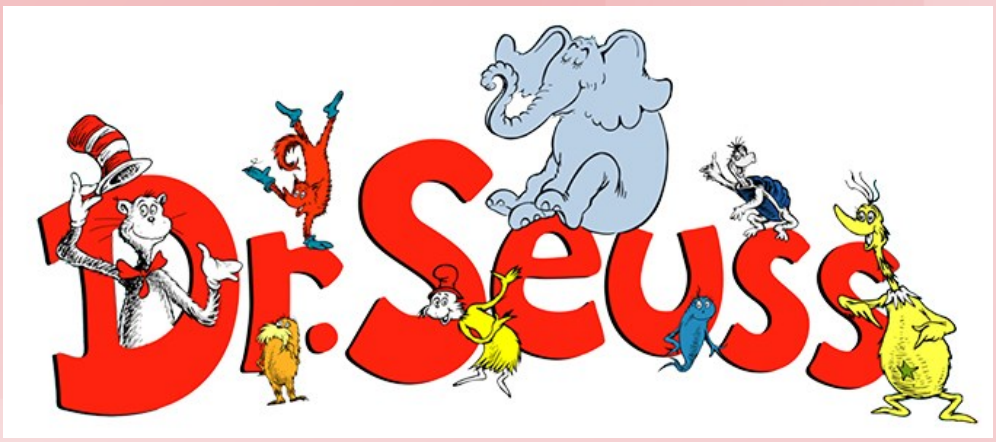
**February:**
* 18 Middle School Dance
* 24-25 Seussical the Musical

**March:**
* 6 - 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences
* 10 No School
* 13 - 17 Spring Break

# Seussical the Musical

Presented by: The Ballard 7th & 8th Graders
Friday, February 24 & Saturday, February 25
7PM - 9PM at the Middle School Auditorium

Seussical is a new musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss. It is a story that weaves together his most famous tales and characters in unexpected ways. This musical incorporates elements from at least 15 of his books!! Many of the characters have never met before but they will meet in our musical. They will fall in love, have desperate adventures and save the world in the course of one evening! Dr. Seuss believes in helping a friend, in not giving up, in keeping a promise. He believes in the value and dignity of others, in working to preserve the fragile sweetness of the natural world, and that peace is the ultimate ideal among nations and in every heart. He also believes in the pure power of the imagination. You will find all of these serious concerns at the heart of Seussical.



# First Semester Honor Roll

6 Maximus Anderson
6 Riley Askelsen
6 Allison Baker
6 Reagan Bartlett
6 Lily Beall
6 Parker Becker
6 Zachary Bradfield
6 Mckenna Chada
6 Rylan Culp
6 Dalton Davies
6 Aiden Edgar
6 Taylor Engstler
6 Dylan Fobian
6 Ava Gibson
6 Katelyn Gingery
6 Ian Godbold
6 Eleah Haan
6 Delaney Halverson
6 Lily Hillebrand
6 Alexander Holmes
6 Garrison Hughes
6 Jadyn Hutson
6 Madalyn Kielsmeier
6 Claire Landmesser
6 Caleb Larsen
6 Christianne Ledet
6 Anastasia Leu
6 Owen Loudon
6 Jaxson Miller
6 Mylie Miller
6 Connor Moore
6 Paige Noe
6 Paityn Noe
6 Trent Payne
6 Jaden Peasley
6 Gunnar Peterson
6 Tristan Preston
6 Ashlyn Purcell
6 Caliegh Rhiner
6 Chayse Roecker
6 Gracie Ross
6 Jade Roush
6 Emma Sample
6 Austin Shoen
6 Aiden Stoltz
6 Troy Vasey
6 Delaney Walstrom
6 Katrina Wiech
6 Kathryn Wilken
6 Kiera Wolfe
6 Wyatt Wunder

7 Grant Anderson
7 Samuel Aponte
7 Hailey Battani
7 Natalye Bertrand
7 Riley Birdsall
7 Courtney Block
7 Katelyn Block
7 Kerrigan Boock
7 Chase Brekke
7 Alexandra Buban
7 Colby Calvert
7 Lindsay Carson
7 Morgan Catron
7 Annika Catus
7 Brooklyn Denger
7 Henry Easter
7 Mya Ehresman
7 Blake Fleischmann
7 Ellis Giles
7 Bryce Haessig
7 Sebastian Hammer
7 Thomsen Harrison
7 Sarah Hartman
7 Brooke Hennick
7 Ashton Hermann
7 Conner Hill
7 Alexander Hilleman
7 Sesley Holland
7 Allyssa Horvath
7 Kate Huisinga
7 Jacob Ihle
7 Kale Krogh
7 Christopher Lee
7 Abigail Leonard
7 Brooke Loewe
7 Margaret Matthews
7 Michaela Morgan
7 Ellee Mortensen
7 Logan Neel
7 Nora Nosekabel
7 Konnor Odden
7 Loretta Ostermeier
7 Max Paulin
7 Hannah Pearson
7 Adysen Pingel
7 Meg Rietz
7 Kylie Rigby
7 Jacob Ross
7 Spencer Salasek
7 Brendan Schulte
7 Ben Stocksleger
7 Blake Stover
7 Kian Thompson
7 Connor Utley
7 Britten Walther
7 Ashlynd Williams
7 Abigail Zielke
7 Jonathan Zugay

8 Jude Albrecht
8 Pierce Anderson
8 Grace Angell
8 Mason Askelsen
8 Maya Baker
8 Katherine Bollig
8 Kaydence Boock
8 Wyatt Borg
8 Sydney Briggs
8 Reese Broer
8 Ali Cockerham
8 Emily Connell
8 Maverick Davies
8 Sydney Deason
8 Tiernen Edgar
8 Brady Ehresman
8 Tristyn Epps
8 Kayla Evans
8 Joselyn Fleischmann
8 Elizabeth Fulk
8 Emma Gibson
8 Logan Harmeyer
8 Owen Harms
8 MacKenna Heggen
8 Mattison Hill
8 Molly Houge
8 Brynna Huen
8 Elizabeth Hyman
8 Molly Ihle
8 Audra Jahn
8 Gracie Jepsen
8 Brayton Jimenez
8 Morgan Johnson
8 Drew Jones
8 Taya Jones
8 Colby Kadner
8 Bethany Kallio
8 Emma Kielsmeier
8 Alexis Kluender
8 Kortasia Lee
8 Tomas Locker
8 Gage Long
8 Caitlin Maher
8 Natalie Maher
8 Kade Miller
8 Madeline Miller
8 Mia Moulden
8 Mason Murphy
8 Kathryn Murry
8 Hudson Nebbe
8 Austin Nelson
8 Keaton Noftsger
8 Jack Olsan

8 Aurora Olson
8 Mya Patterson
8 Abigail Penton
8 Samuel Petersen
8 Allie Pierson
8 Paige Pierson
8 Joy Przybyszewski
8 Isabelle Ramer
8 Ramkell Riak
8 Miles Rochford
8 Myah Rozinek
8 Reese Scherder
8 Nolan Schonhorst
8 Alec Sernett
8 Marshal Sheldahl
8 Gabrielle Shepherd
8 Brooke Smith
8 Isabella Smith
8 Rachel Stephany
8 Maria Stewart
8 Justice Sullivan
8 Cassidy Thompson
8 Quinn Thompson
8 Alexander Upah
8 Claire Uselding
8 Kaylee VanPelt
8 Thomas Wagner
8 Hailey Walzer
8 Benjamin Ward
8 Kyler Watson
8 Alex Wiech
8 Carley Wilson
8 Trevor Wilson
8 Gemma Wolfe
8 Ashley Wuestenberg

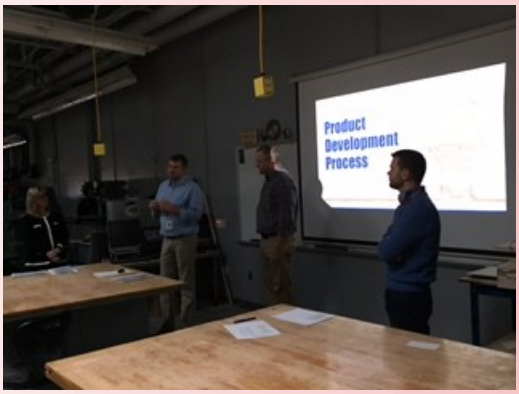
# Senior High School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February**
*** 11 Dance Marathon**

**March:**
*** Dollars for Scholars Application Deadline**
*** 7 & 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences**
*** 10 No School**
*** 13 - 17 Spring Break**

## Product Development

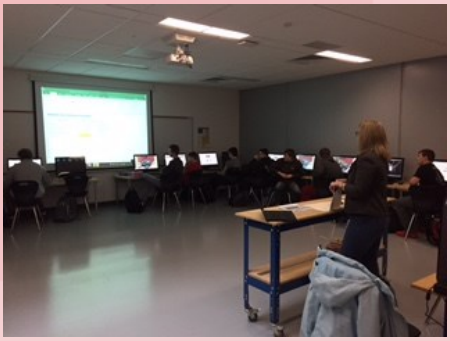



Students in the Product Development class at the high school are collaborating with the Kreg Tool Company. Kreg Tool has made a commitment to work with the students to help them through the class. The students will be designing, marketing, selling, and producing a product. Kreg Tool will be assisting them through this process by providing their professional expertise into the product development process. Employees within the product development team from Kreg will be coming to the high school at least once a week throughout the semester to check in with the students and guide them through the next step of the process. They will be providing tools and strategies they use every day in their company. Some class days will be spent at the Kreg Tool facility touring and working with other members of their various teams.

The goal of the collaboration is to provide a more authentic and realistic experience for the students. By working with the professionals from Kreg, the students will have a better opportunity to truly understand how a product goes from concept to the store shelves. The experience will hopefully be more beneficial to the students than other high school experiences. Students will learn skills it takes to be successful in the workplace.

In order for this experience to be possible, it takes a major commitment from Kreg Tool. A huge THANK YOU goes out to them and the employees that will be working with our students. They are a fantastic and an amazing resource to have in our community!

*- Nick Steenhagen, Technology Education Teacher*



# Government

## LOCAL STUDENT A FINALIST IN IOWA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

Kurt Sernett, a senior from Huxley, Iowa was selected as a finalist in The Iowa State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division "Know Your Constitution" Project. One hundred finalists were selected from the more than 1,000 students across the State of Iowa who participated in the "Know Your Constitution" Project. These finalists were honored at a luncheon held at the West Des Moines Marriott Hotel in West Des Moines on January 6, 2017. This year's Keynote Speaker was the Honorable Judge Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, Federal District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

The "Know Your Constitution" Project is designed to enrich students' understanding and appreciation of the Constitution. The students participating in the project were required to familiarize themselves with Constitution related issues. A quiz was completed by each participating student. An essay question accompanied the quiz.

This program is sponsored by The Iowa State Bar Association, with additional funding from the Iowa State Bar Foundation and many of the county Bar Associations across Iowa.

A copy of the exam can be found at http://www.iowabar.org/?page=KnowConstitution

*- Barb Baumgardner, Social Studies Teacher*

# Mathematics

## How Well Do You Know the High School Math Program?

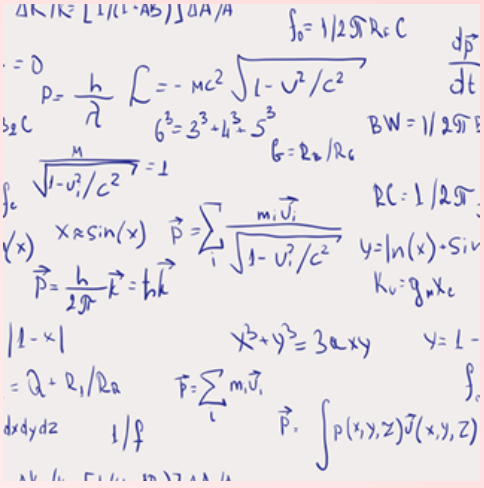
## By the numbers:

How many HS math teachers are there? _____
How many years of experience do those teachers have combined? _____
What is the ratio of male to female math teachers at Ballard? _____
How many students are at the HS? _____
What is the number of HS math courses offered at Ballard? _____
How many math credits does a student need to graduate? _____
What is the number of students enrolled in AP Stats or AP Calculus? _____
How many students are enrolled in college level math (at DMACC or ISU)? _____
How many students are "doubling up" (taking 2 math classes at the same time)? _____

## Planning ahead:

_____ 1. Which math class is required for entrance to 4 year colleges?
_____ 2. Which math class is recommended for those interested in engineering or the natural sciences?
_____ 3. Which math class is recommended for those interested in business or the social sciences?
_____ 4. Which math class is a combination of algebraic and geometric principles?
_____ 5. Which math class is foundational to math and science?
_____ 6. Which math class speaks to a variety of issues ranging from renting to taxes and investments?

A. Algebra
B. Advanced Algebra
C. Calculus
D. Money Sense
E. Statistics
F. Trigonometry



*- Melodi Jack, Mathematics Teacher*

## Answers:

By the Numbers: 1. 4 2. 81 3. 1:1 4. 524 5. 11 6. 6 7. 26 8. 9 9. 9

Planning Ahead: 1. B 2. C 3. E 4. F 5. A 6. D

# Please Come to
## MOVIE NIGHT

**FOR:** Ballard Families
Hosted by Ballard PTO

**WHEN:** February 3rd
Doors open at 6:30pm
and movie starts at 7:00pm

**WHERE:** Ballard East Gymnasium
Bring sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, chairs or anything comfortable to sit back and enjoy the show!

A snack, popcorn, and drink will be served!

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS

SIT. STAY. ENJOY.

# Order Your Valentine's Day Treats!

The High School Student Council will be selling Valentine's Day treats. If you would like to send one to a student at the High School, West Elementary, or East Elementary, orders are due by Friday, February 10th at 3:15. **Please turn in these orders to the High School's main office. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

The Middle School Student Council will be taking orders for the Middle School. **Please turn in orders for Middle School students at the Middle School's front office.**

Valentine's Day treats will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14th during advisor time or at the end of the school day. Please use the order form below and complete an order form for **each** student.

All Orders DueFebruary 10th

# Valentine's Day Treats

Crush Pop $1

**Circle One:**
Strawberry **OR** Grape **OR** Orange

Carna tion $2

**Circle One:**
Pink **OR** Red

Chocola te $2

**Circle One:**
Kisses **OR** Hugs & Kisses (Hershey's)

Fruit $1

**Circle One:**
Apple (of your eye) **OR** Banana(s for you) **OR** Orange (you glad I like you?)

*No Valentine's Day Treats are prepared/made in contact with peanuts.*

Recipient:_____

Advisor of Recipient **(Necessary for delivery!)**:_____

Sender:_____

Message: _____

The Ballard Student Council is hosting a **Dance Marathon** on **Feb. 11 from 2-5 pm in the HS Commons.** There will be games and dancing for all age groups. Families will also share about the Children's Miracle Network. Some snacks and water will be provided by local sponsors. **Cost is $5**

**All members of the Ballard Community are welcome!**

# HOME TRACK MEETS 2017

**PLEASE CHECK THE MEETS YOU CAN WORK.**

| | | |
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| _____APRIL 7, Fri. | HS Girls BOMBER RELAYS | 5:00 |
| _____APRIL 11, Tue. | 7/8 Girls Quad | 4:30 |
| _____APRIL 18, Tue. | HS Boys Classic | 5:00 |
| _____APRIL 25, Tue. | MS Boys RRC Conference | 4:15 |
| _____APRIL 27, Thur. | 7/8 Boys LITTLE BOMBER RELAYS | 4:30 |
| _____April 28, Fri. | HS Girls Invitational | 5:00 |
| _____MAY 1, Mon. | 7/8 Girls LITTLE BOMBER RELAYS | 4:30 |

**. . LIST THREE (3) JOBS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (1, 2, 3) . .**

**RUNNING EVENTS**

_____ CLERK OF COURSE

_____ TIMER

_____ PICKER

_____ INSPECTOR

_____ AUTOMATIC TIMER OPERATOR

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**PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017. THANK YOU!!!!**
**YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**Mail into: Ballard High School – PO Box 307 – Attn. Terri – Huxley IA 50124**

# Ballard Schools

## Breakfast Menu

February 2017

**MONDAY**

Breakfast Pizza

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Canned Fruit
Choice of Milk

**TUESDAY**

WG Biscuit and Gravy

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Apple Juice
Choice of Milk

**WEDNESDAY**

Granola
Topping Yogurt Parfait

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Fresh Fruit
Choice of Milk

**THURSDAY**

Breakfast Stick

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Orange Juice
Choice of Milk

**FRIDAY**

WG Cinnamon Roll

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Fresh Fruit
Choice of Milk

**EXTRA INFO**

Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
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# Ballard Elementary Lunch Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit Offered Daily

February 2017

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1<br>Homemade Chili<br>WG Cinnamon Roll<br><br>OR<br>Popeye Salad<br><br>Corn | 2<br>*National Kiwi Day*<br>Italian Meatball Sub<br><br>OR<br>Garden Vegetable Salad<br><br>Tri Tators<br>*Fresh Kiwi* | 3<br>Salisbury Steak with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and Roll<br><br>OR<br>Honey Mustard Ham Wrap<br><br>Green Beans |
| 6<br>*HOM ~ Blueberries*<br>Pancakes with Blueberry Topping, Scrambled Eggs<br><br>OR<br>7 Layer Salad<br><br>Breakfast Potatoes | 7<br>Roast Pork and Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Soft Pan Roll<br><br>OR<br>Deli Sub<br><br>Cinnamon Sweet Apples | 8<br>Tator Tot Casserole<br>Sliced Bread<br><br>OR<br>Taco Salad<br><br>Mixed Vegetables | 9<br>Cheeseburger on Bun<br><br>OR<br>Yogurt Pak<br><br>Baked Beans | 10<br>Cheesebread Dunkers<br><br>OR<br>Chicken Caesar Salad<br><br>Glazed Carrots |
| 13<br>Roasted Hot Dog<br><br>OR<br>Turkey Sub<br><br>Tri Tator | 14<br>Walking Taco with Lettuce and Tomato<br><br>OR<br>Garden Vegetable Salad<br><br>Pinto Beans | 15<br>Chicken Nuggets and Soft Pan Roll<br><br>OR<br>Popeye Salad<br><br>Cheesy Mashed Potatoes | 16<br>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce<br>Breadstick<br><br>OR<br>Ham and Cheese Sub<br><br>Garden Green Beans | 17<br>Pizza Parlor Pizza<br><br>OR<br>Honey Mustard Ham Wrap<br><br>Leafy Green Salad |
| 20<br>French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patty<br><br>OR<br>7 Layer Salad<br><br>Breakfast Potato | 21<br>Popcorn Chicken Bites<br>Soft Pan Roll<br><br>OR- Taco Salad<br><br>Peas<br>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy | 22<br>Chicken Patty on a WG Bun<br><br>OR<br>Chicken Caesar Salad<br><br>Creamy Coleslaw<br>**Brownie** | 23<br>Cheesebread Dunkers<br><br>OR<br>Deli Sub<br><br>Garden Salad with Dressing | 24<br>*Tortilla Chip Day*<br>Beefy Nachos with Homemade Cheese Sauce<br><br>OR<br>Yogurt Pak<br><br>Pinto Beans |
| 27<br>Meatballs & Gravy over Rice, Roll<br><br>OR<br>Turkey BLT Wrap<br><br>Glazed Carrots | 28<br>Tasty Chicken Tenders, French Bread Slice<br><br>OR<br>Chicken Salad Sand<br><br>Mashed Potatoes and Gravy | | | |

## PRICES

| | |
|---|---|
| Regular | $2.50 |
| Reduced | $0.40 |
| Adult | $3.60 |

## HARVEST OF THE MONTH

## EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll
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# Ballard Middle School Lunch Menu

Entree Salad or Fresh Made Sandwich Offered Daily

February 2017

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1<br>Salisbury Steak with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy<br>Roll<br>Panini Grilled Sandwich * | *National Kiwi Day* 2<br>Italian Meatball Sub<br>Tri Tators<br>**Fresh Kiwi**<br>Pizza Parlor * | 3<br>Orange Chicken with Noodles<br>Peas<br>Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin |
| *HOM ~ Blueberries* 6<br>Pancakes with Blueberry Topping, Scrambled Eggs<br>Breakfast Potatoes<br>Diner station- Chicken Sandwich | 7<br>Turkey and Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Soft Pan Roll<br>Cinnamon Sweet Apples<br>Pizza Parlor * | 8<br>Tator Tot Casserole<br>Sliced Bread<br>Leafy Green Salad<br>Build You Own Sub * | 9<br>Penne with Italian Meat Sauce w/Breadstick<br>Garden Green Beans<br>Pizza Parlor * | 10<br>Cheeseburger on Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin |
| 13<br>Turkey Nachos Supreme<br>Spiced Pinto Beans<br>Diner station- Chicken Sandwich | 14<br>Roasted Hot Dog<br>Sweet Potato Fries<br>Pizza Parlor * | 15<br>Chicken Leek and Penne Pasta w/Breadstick<br>Italian Vegetable Mix<br>Panini Grilled Sandwich * | 16<br>Chicken Nuggets and Soft Pan Roll<br>Cheesy Mashed Potatoes<br>Pizza Parlor * | 17<br>Sloppy Joe<br>Tater Tots<br>Garlic and Herb Broccoli<br>Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin |
| 20<br>French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patty<br>Breakfast Potato<br>Diner station- Chicken Sandwich | 21<br>Popcorn Chicken Bites<br>Soft Pan Roll<br>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy<br>**Brownie**<br>Pizza Parlor * | 22<br>Cheese Bread with Marinara Sauce<br>Garden Salad with Dressing<br>Chef's Display * | 23<br>BBQ Riblet Sand<br>Savory Baked Beans<br>Creamy Coleslaw<br>Pizza Parlor * | *Tortilla Chip Day* 24<br>Beefy Nachos with Homemade Cheese Sauce<br>Corn<br>Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin |
| 27<br>Meatballs & Gravy over Rice, Roll<br>Glazed Carrots<br>Diner station- Chicken Sandwich | 28<br>Tasty Chicken Tenders, French Bread Slice<br>Garlic Mashed Potatoes<br>Pizza Parlor * | | | |

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## HARVEST OF THE MONTH

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# Ballard High School Lunch Menu

February 2017

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1<br>Cheese and Pepperoni Flatbread<br>Corn<br>Bomber Grill- Cheeseburger<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 2<br>*National Kiwi Day*<br>Chicken Parmesan with Pasta and Garlic Toast<br>Chef's Display<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor<br>*Fresh Kiwi* | 3<br>Enchilada Bake<br>Lemon Garbanzo Bean Salad<br>Diner Station- Hot Dog<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor |
| 6<br>*HOM ~ Blueberries*<br>Pancakes with Blueberry Topping, Scrambled Eggs<br>Breakfast Potatoes<br>Diner Station-Chicken Tenders<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 7<br>Roast Pork and Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Soft Pan Roll<br>Diner Station- BBQ Chicken Sand<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 8<br>Tuna Melt<br>Sweet Peas<br>Bomber Grill- Pork Tenderloin<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 9<br>Cheeseburger Fry Bake<br>Baked Beans<br>Chef's Display<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 10<br>Tator Tot Casserole Roll<br>Roasted Cauliflower<br>Diner Station- Hot Dog<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor<br>**Cookie** |
| 13<br>New Orleans Fish Hoagie<br>Kettle Chips<br>Diner Station- Chicken Tenders<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 14<br>Beef Nachos Supreme<br>Corn Firenze Salad<br>Diner Station- BBQ Chicken Sand<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 15<br>Chicken Leek and Penne Pasta with Bread Stick<br>Garden Green Beans<br>Bomber Grill- Bomber Steak Sand<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 16<br>Philly Flatbread<br>Cheesy Mashed Potatoes<br>Chef's Display<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 17<br>Jalapeno Chicken Calzini<br>Broccoli Salad<br>Diner Station- Hot Dog<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor |
| 20<br>French Toast Sticks<br>Sausage Patty<br>Diner Station- Chicken Tenders<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 21<br>Macaroni and Cheese<br>Diner Station- BBQ Chicken Sand<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor<br>**Brownie** | 22<br>Pineapple Clove Glazed Ham w/ Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, WG Roll<br>Bomber Grill- Pizza Burger<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 23<br>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce<br>Leafy Greens & Bread Stick<br>Chef's Display<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 24<br>Chicken Fajitas<br>Mexican Rice<br>Diner Station-Hot Dog<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor |
| 27<br>King Ranch Cheesy Chicken over Rice, Roll<br>Glazed Carrots<br>Diner Station-Chicken Tenders<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | 28<br>Buffalo Chicken Fajita Wrap<br>Spiced Pinto Beans<br>Diner Station- BBQ Chicken Sand<br>Fresh Choice Salad Bar<br>Pizza Parlor | | | |

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# Organizations and Community News:

The school is always collecting Box Tops!

You can turn your collection into Mrs. Longnecker at the high school or at either of the elementary buildings. Each Box Top earns 10¢ for our school!

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**Enrichment Fund Donations:**

*** In memory of Robert Neubauer**
From the Ballard School Board & Superintendent Maxey
*** In memory of Ole Jones**
From Steve & Louella Larson

**Ballard Dollars for Scholars Meeting ** November 22, 2016**

The Ballard Dollars for Scholars met at 7:00 pm on November 22, 2016 in the Ballard High School Media Center. Present were: Brenda Brink, Doreen Blackmer, Julie Long, Sheila Norris, Kristine Purcell, Anne Quick and Jean Saveraid.

DeAnn Thompson joined us to provide an annual report on our investments.

Brenda Brink provided us with a summary from the Homecoming meal and the meal took in about $1680.00. We will order 10 more pounds of meat next year as we ran out near the end of the serving time.

The T43 fundraiser T-shirts are printed and ready to be thrown into the crowd after 3-point shots are scored at home basketball games. A 3-point contest will be held at three different varsity basketball games on December 6, January 6, and January 24. The first person to make a 3-point shot will be awarded a $15 certificate to the Bomber Shop. There will also be some consolation prizes of Subway certificates.

The committee discussed potential new scholarship donors as the class sizes are getting larger.

There were two more scholarships from the 2016 class that were recently disbursed.

Anne Quick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jean Saveraid. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Norris

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**ATTENTION BALLARD SENIORS!**

**We want you**

**to apply for a scholarship!**

**The Ballard Dollars for Scholars committee reminds seniors that this is the time to be working on your on-line application for a local scholarship.**

**Deadline: MARCH 1st**

**To apply: go to the Ballard Community Schools website and click on the Dollars for Scholars tab. For assistance, pick up the handout from Jill in the office, see Ms. Doland, or email the Dollars for Scholars committee at: ballarddfs@gmail.com**

# Kiwanis® Cares

NO ONE IN OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD GO HUNGRY.

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# BALLARD

Food collection drop site, serving the needs of the Ballard area youth. ALL donations go directly to the **BALLARD SCHOOLS**.

## FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

- GRANOLA BARS
- NUTS
- GATORADE
- BOTTLED WATER
- POP TARTS
- CANNED TUNA
- CRACKERS
- SOUPS
- PASTA/SAUCE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- MICROWAVE MEALS
- VELVEETA
- RICE CAKES

## Donation cart located at Fareway in Huxley

# Wishing Tree Project and Shop With a Cop

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Wishing Tree Project such a success. We were able to assist over 80 families and children in the Ballard School District with Christmas Wishes. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of students, teachers, local businesses, families and anonymous donors, the pantry helped provide gifts for nearly 200 students in the Ballard District this year. A special thank you to Michel's Corporation for their generosity at Christmas to assist with the Wishing Tree and their generosity to provide school supplies to students throughout the school year as well.

Another thank you goes out to the local Kiwanis Club for sponsoring the first Shop With A Cop here at Ballard. Ten students in the mentoring program, along with their mentors and local law enforcement, spent a Saturday morning shopping for their parents/guardians. Each student was given $50 to purchase the gifts. They were treated to pizza before they shopped and then met back at the high school to wrap gifts!

Continued thanks go out to those in civic groups and community members who support our local families and students through monetary donations and volunteering throughout the year.

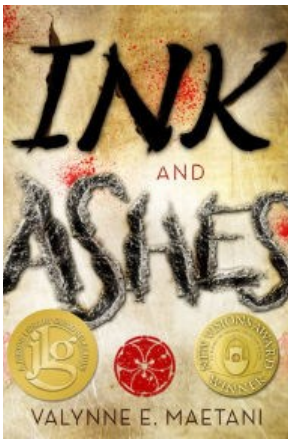
Ballard Community Schools Clothes Pantry is open to the public and hours are Wednesdays 4 – 6PM, Saturdays 10 -12 AM, Sundays 1 – 3PM. Appointments to the pantry can be made by contacting Jeriann McLaughlin, Ballard High School, 597-2971 ex: 2190, or 291-3543 evenings. Email is jmclaughlin@ballard.k12.ia.us

# SLATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

**105 N Tama 515-228-3558**
**Hours: M-TH 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.**

## Book Club

The book club selection for February is *Ink and Ashes* by Valynne E. Maetani. Discussion will be on **Thursday, February 16 at 10 a.m.**




*Overview:* Claire Takata has never known much about her father, who passed away ten years ago. But on the anniversary of his death, she finds a letter from her deceased father to her stepfather. Before now, Claire never had a reason to believe they even knew each other. Struggling to understand why her parents kept this surprising history hidden, Claire combs through anything that might give her information about her father . . . until she discovers that he was a member of the yakuza, a Japanese organized crime syndicate. The discovery opens a door that should have been left closed. The race to outrun her father's legacy reveals secrets of his past that cast ominous shadows, threatening Claire, her friends and family, her newfound love, and ultimately her life. Winner of Tu Books' New Visions Award, Ink and Ashes is a fascinating debut novel packed with romance, intrigue, and heart-stopping action. *-barnesandnoble.com*

**We will have a movie showing of "The Light Between Oceans" at 7p.m. Thursday, February 16. Rated PG13. Open to the public.**

## Soup and Sound Lunch

Our next Soup and Sound Lunch is scheduled for Friday, February 3. The Ballard High School Speech Department will have students performing selections from their large group speech contests. A free-will lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with performances from 12 - 12:30 p.m.

BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL

Next Month: Students from the Musical: Into the Woods

## Free Programs

**Soup and Sound Lunch- First Fridays**
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**
**Yoga - Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.**
**Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**
**Early-Out Program - Wednesdays from 1:30-3 p.m.**
**Book Club – Thursday, February 16 at 10 a.m.**
**Movie night - Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m.**
**Coffee – Fridays at 10 a.m.**

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# Ballard School District Phone Numbers

## Ballard West Elementary (Grades EK-2)

*105 E. Main, Slater, Iowa*

| | |
|---|---|
| Attendance Reporting | 228-3890 |
| Attendance Email | attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us |
| Office | 228-3890 |
| Fax | 228-3892 |
| Bus Riding Changes | 597-2979 |
| West Kitchen | 228-3890 (ext. 5261) |

## Ballard East Elementary (Grades 3-5)

*505 W. 4th, Cambridge, Iowa*

| | |
|---|---|
| Attendance Reporting | 220-4306 |
| Attendance Email | attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us |
| Office | 220-4306 |
| Fax | 220-4310 |
| Bus Riding Changes | 597-2979 |
| East Kitchen | 220-4306 (ext. 4108) |

## Ballard Middle School (Grades 6-8)

*509 N. Main, Huxley, Iowa*

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|---|---|
| Attendance Reporting | 597-2815 (follow prompt) |
| Attendance Email | attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us |
| Office | 597-2815 |
| Fax | 597-2818 |
| Principal's Secretary | 597-2815 (ext. 3200) |
| Activities Secretary | 597-2971 (ext. 2138) |
| Middle School Kitchen | 597-2815 (ext. 3214) |

## Administration Office

*509 N. Main Ave, Huxley, Iowa*

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| Superintendent | 597-2811 |
| Business Manager | 597-2811 |
| Fax | 597-2965 |
| Taher Food Service Office | 597-2750 (ext. 1010 or 1013) |

## Ballard High School

*701 Ballard Drive, Huxley IA*

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|---|---|
| Attendance Reporting | 597-2971 (follow prompt) |
| Attendance Email | attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us |
| Office | 597-2971 |
| Fax | 597-2964 |
| Principal's Secretary | 597-2971 (ext. 2170) |
| Activities Secretary | 597-2971 (ext. 2138) |
| High School Kitchen | 597-2971 (ext. 2102) |

**Ballard Bus Barn — 515-597-2979**
**Ballard Website — www.ballard.k12.ia.us**
**District Attendance/Transportation e-mail — attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us**

# Follow the Ballard Twitter Feed

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# @BHSbombers

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