



# Welcome Back

## VISION

Ballard empowers all learners.

## MISSION

The Ballard Community School District will educate the whole child, providing the essential knowledge and skills necessary to be a successful and responsible citizen in the 21st Century.

Dear East Staff, Parents and Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new and returning families, students and staff and share my excitement about the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. It is a sincere honor to be a part of such an outstanding school community. Ballard enjoys a rich history of academic success thanks to partnerships among staff, families, and the community. I look forward to working alongside you to continue the important work of giving our students an education that develops their academic, social, emotional, physical and artistic strengths.

In terms of programming, East will continue its collaborative efforts to create significant and authentic experiences for students. Grounded in our work as a professional learning community, staff will continue to refine practices that individualize instruction for students. We are incredibly enthusiastic to have our newest members of the East family join us on this journey and we are confident that their incredible educational experiences will help make us an even greater support for students and families.

Further, all East staff members are very excited to continue our commitment to the Ballard Community School District and intend to ensure that East continues its history of providing a supportive environment for every student. Please enjoy the last days of summer vacation with family and friends! Take note of the dates to remember and new staff listed within this document and feel free to view information as it is updated on the website: <http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us/>

Respectfully,  
Michael Manock  
Ballard East Elementary Principal



## Welcome to new staff at East!

Kate Wonders  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mackenzie Keleher  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Special Education

Megan Gingerich  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lindsey Spratt  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Emma Anderson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Dates to Remember:

Date	Time	Event	Intended Audience
August 22	5:30-7:30pm	Back to School Meet the Teacher Night <i>(informal meet and greet)</i>	PK-5 <sup>th</sup> parents and students
August 24	8:00am (doors open at 7:30, classes begin at 8:00)	First day of school (8:00-3:00)	K-5 students

## Regular Weekly School Hours

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*

Doors open at 7:30, school starts at 8:00 and dismisses at 3:00.

*Wednesday (Early Out – starts second week of school)*

Doors open at 7:30, school starts at 8:00 and dismisses at 1:30.

*\*Please do not drop students off prior to 7:30 because staff are not on contract and cannot supervise students but do plan ahead to have your student in his or her seat by 8:00. Thank you!*