



Ballard *Dimensions*

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From the Superintendent's Desk

I hope you are enjoying the remaining days of the school year. I'm sure the seniors are moping around with the realization their school days are coming to an end...or not! Whether they want to admit it, I'm sure there are mixed feelings as they approach this milestone and look to what lies ahead. I wish them the best!

This time of year is always reflective for me. I think about staff, parents, and community members who have devoted so much of their lives to preparing our graduates, I think about the students who are leaving and how the time goes faster with every passing year, and I think about how fortunate we are to be a part of their lives. On behalf of everyone at Ballard, thank you for entrusting your children to us. It is a responsibility we take very seriously, and an opportunity for which we are deeply grateful.

Enjoy the summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon. Go Bombers!

Sincerely,
Ottie Maxey



▶ FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, SPRING WEATHER, NEW VACCINATION REQUIREMENT



▶ WEST ELEMENTARY PRESCHOOL, BOOK FAIR THANK YOU, OPERA THANK YOU



▶ EAST ELEMENTARY VOCAL CONCERTS, ART SHOW, DSM ARTS FESTIVAL, PE, OPERA THANK YOU



▶ MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL HISTORY DAY



▶ HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS, SENIOR DATES, ENGLISH, FCS, LIBRARY, FFA, MODEL UN, NASSP, STUDENT COUNCIL



▶ BALLARD SHARKS, SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION, BALLARD LUNCH PROGRAM & MENUS

▶ DFS, COMMUNITY GARDEN, SLATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SLATER LIBRARY, HUXLEY LIBRARY



Spring Weather is Upon Us

Keeping your child safe is very important as the weather changes. There are several things that parents can do to ensure your child's safety while having fun being outdoors.

Hydration - Please send a water bottle. It's important that children drink often on hot, dry, and windy days. Children should drink extra fluid before exercise begins and after finishing exercise. They should drink at regular intervals throughout the day. Children should drink water, even if they do not feel thirsty.

Staying Dry - Please send boots and an extra pair of pants. Children will play outside, and they will find the rain puddles and mud. Children may have to wear wet or muddy clothes if there are not extras available in the health office.

Skin Protection - Sunscreen should be applied at home. Sunscreen will not be applied at school. Light weight clothing such as a light jacket that covers the skin and a hat is recommended when outdoors.

Insect Bites - To avoid insect bites, don't use scented soaps, perfumes, or hairspray on your child.

New Immunization Requirements for the 2017-18 school year for incoming 7th - 12th graders

Meningococcal Secondary School Vaccine Requirement:

- For the 2017-2018 school year, and all future school years, all students entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade and born after September 15, 2004, will need proof of one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). All students entering, advancing, or transferring into 12th grade and born after September 15, 1999, will need proof of two doses of meningococcal (A, C W, Y) vaccine; or 1 dose if received when the student was 16 years of age or older.
- Meningitis vaccine protect against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W, and Y. Meningococcal disease caused by any serogroup is very serious, life-threatening illness. It is caused by bacteria that can infect the blood, brain, and spinal cord. Meningococcal bacteria are spread through upper respiratory droplets, such as saliva (kissing, living in close quarters). About 10 to 15% of people with meningococcal disease die even with appropriate treatment. Twenty percent of people recovering from meningococcal disease suffer from serious effects including permanent hearing loss, limb loss, or brain damage. Meningococcal vaccines are very safe and effective at preventing meningococcal disease. The meningococcal vaccine is 85 - 100 percent effective at preventing infection from the subtypes of meningococcus found in the vaccine.



Meningococcal ACWY Vaccines – MenACWY and MPSV4: *What You Need to Know*

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/viis

Hojas de Información Sobre Vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/viis

1 Why get vaccinated?

Meningococcal disease is a serious illness caused by a type of bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*. It can lead to meningitis (infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and infections of the blood. Meningococcal disease often occurs without warning—even among people who are otherwise healthy.

Meningococcal disease can spread from person to person through close contact (coughing or kissing) or lengthy contact, especially among people living in the same household.

There are at least 12 types of *N. meningitidis*, called “serogroups.” Serogroups A, B, C, W, and Y cause most meningococcal disease.

Anyone can get meningococcal disease but certain people are at increased risk, including:

- Infants younger than one year old
- Adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years old
- People with certain medical conditions that affect the immune system
- Microbiologists who routinely work with isolates of *N. meningitidis*
- People at risk because of an outbreak in their community

Even when it is treated, meningococcal disease kills 10 to 15 infected people out of 100. And of those who survive, about 10 to 20 out of every 100 will suffer disabilities such as hearing loss, brain damage, kidney damage, amputations, nervous system problems, or severe scars from skin grafts.

Meningococcal ACWY vaccines can help prevent meningococcal disease caused by serogroups A, C, W, and Y. A different meningococcal vaccine is available to help protect against serogroup B.

2 Meningococcal ACWY Vaccines

There are two kinds of meningococcal vaccines licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for protection against serogroups A, C, W, and Y: meningococcal conjugate vaccine (**MenACWY**) and meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (**MPSV4**).

Two doses of MenACWY are routinely recommended for adolescents 11 through 18 years old: the first dose at 11 or 12 years old, with a booster dose at age 16. Some adolescents, including those with HIV, should get additional doses. Ask your health care provider for more information.

In addition to routine vaccination for adolescents, MenACWY vaccine is also recommended for certain groups of people:

- People at risk because of a serogroup A, C, W, or Y meningococcal disease outbreak
- Anyone whose spleen is damaged or has been removed
- Anyone with a rare immune system condition called “persistent complement component deficiency”
- Anyone taking a drug called eculizumab (also called Soliris®)
- Microbiologists who routinely work with isolates of *N. meningitidis*
- Anyone traveling to, or living in, a part of the world where meningococcal disease is common, such as parts of Africa
- College freshmen living in dormitories
- U.S. military recruits

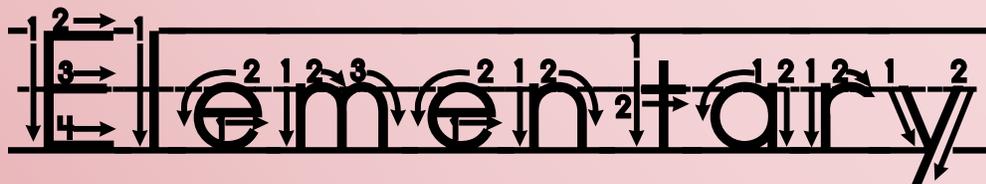
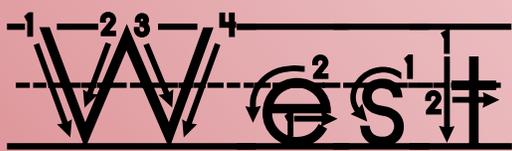
Children between 2 and 23 months old, and people with certain medical conditions need multiple doses for adequate protection. Ask your health care provider about the number and timing of doses, and the need for booster doses.

MenACWY is the preferred vaccine for people in these groups who are 2 months through 55 years old, have received MenACWY previously, or anticipate requiring multiple doses.

MPSV4 is recommended for adults older than 55 who anticipate requiring only a single dose (travelers, or during community outbreaks).



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Ballard Preschool

Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, Ballard West will now be offering TWO FREE 4 year-old preschool programs!! One classroom will serve 3 year-olds in the morning and a 4-year-old section in the afternoon. The second classroom will offer a 4-year-old program only in the afternoon as well.

- *Students must turn 4 on or before Sept. 15th to be eligible for the FREE 4-year-old preschool program.
- *Students must be fully potty-trained before the first day of class.
- *The 3-year-old Program is held Mon., Tues. and Thurs. from 8:15-11:15 and the cost is \$110/mo.
- *The 4-year-old Program is held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12:15-3:15 with NO cost.
- *Parents must provide transportation to and from preschool.



At Ballard West we promote the “I Can!”
Early Literacy and Cognitive Learning
and Development!!!

- I can look at books.
- I can try to read books.
- I can try to write.
- I can use some letters to show my writing.
- I can learn something from books.
- I can show others how I solve problems.
- I can tell how the sounds I make go with the words.
- I can count things in a group.
- I can use the words “more” and “less” to show the difference between two objects.
- I can remember the order of things that I have heard or things I have done.

BALLARD WEST BOOK FAIR

Thank You!



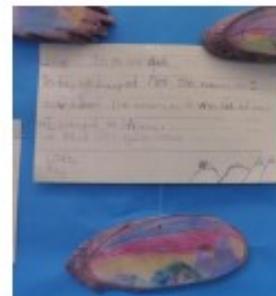
Sincere THANKS to students, families and staff for their great support of our Scholastic Book Fair held during parent-teacher conferences. Supporters purchased more than 1000 books and other merchandise, including dozens of books from teachers' "wish lists" that went directly into their classroom collections.



Support of the book fair enables the Media Center to purchase more books and supplies for the library.

A special thanks to Mrs. Hanson and her art students for all of their hard work in creating the "camping atmosphere" and also to all the volunteers who helped set up, run and close down the book fair. The book fair would not be possible without your help and support. THANK YOU!!!

Mrs. Grim
Book Fair Chairperson



Thank You!

EAST ELEMENTARY

Des Moines Art Festival

Four students from East Elementary will have their artwork on display this summer during the Des Moines Arts Festival, June 23rd - 25th.

These students are:

Jaxon Hermann (5th)

Rylee Scherder (5th)

Tony Horness (4th)

Reagan Swanson (3rd)



Spring Vocal Concert

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2017

LOCATION: Ballard High School Auditorium

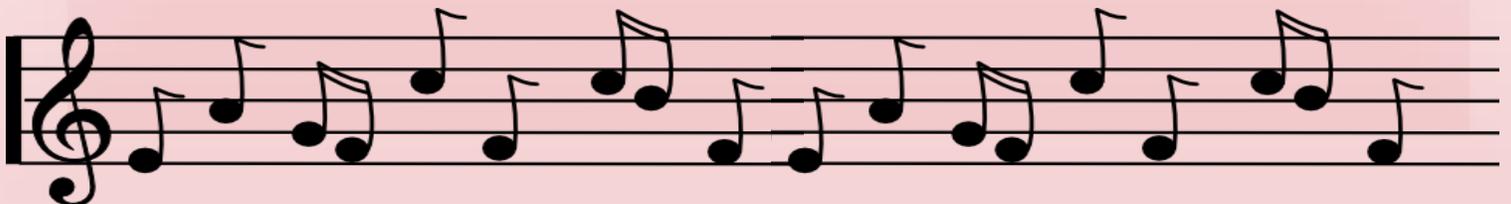
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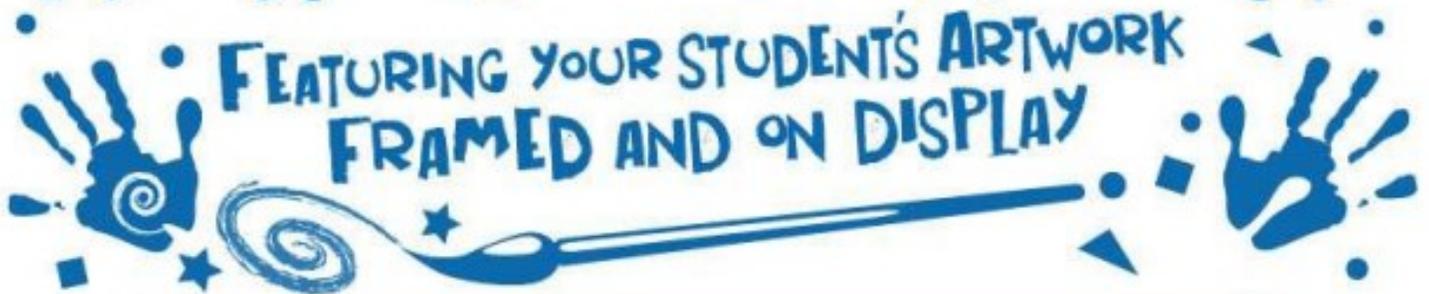
5:30 PM - 3rd Grade "On the Radio"

6:30PM - 4th Grade "Rock and Roll Forever"

7:30PM - 5th Grade "Broadway Beat!"

*All students are to meet in the chorus room 15 minutes prior to their concert start time.





Ballard East Elementary School Art Show

Thursday, May 11th • 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

at Ballard High School in the Cafeteria

with 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Music Concerts throughout the evening

Framed Artwork \$ 20.00 payable by Cash or Check



You're Invited!

The students of Ballard East Elementary School have come together to create Artwork for a spectacular Art Show celebration. Every student has their own masterpiece framed and on display. You don't want to miss this!



Take Home Your Framed Art

Purchase the framing package to proudly display your child's Art in your home or office. All un-framed work will be returned to its original artist later on.



Gifts for the Family

You may also order color reproductions at the Art Show. A framed reproduction of your child's Art is an amazing, personalized gift for friends, grandparents, or other family members.



Ways to Purchase

Attend the school's Art Show and purchase the framing package for your child's Art. If you cannot attend the Show, you may prepay by sending cash or a check to your student's homeroom teacher, made payable to the school.



BALLARD EAST PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mission Statement: The goal of the Ballard East Physical Education program is to develop physically literate individuals who have the knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of healthful physical activity.

To pursue a lifetime of healthful physical activity, a physically literate individual:

- Has learned the skills necessary to participate in a variety of physical activities.
- Knows the implications and the benefits of involvement in various types of physical activities.
- Participates regularly in physical activity.
- Is physically fit.
- Values physical activity and its contributions to healthy lifestyles.
- Finds enjoyment and fulfillment in being physical active and fit.

The students at Ballard East have had a fantastic year in P.E. During the month of April the fourth and fifth grade students completed their physical fitness testing. At East, we use the FitnessGram (<http://www.fitnessgram.net/>) to assess a student's overall physical fitness. Each student completes the curl-up (sit-up) test, push-up test, sit & reach test and pacer test.

During the first part of April, the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders participated in a fun and fast paced game that incorporates the skills/rules from soccer and football, called GATORBALL. Gatorball is also a great way for students to get into their target heart rate zones and work on teamwork/cooperation.

If you would like to stay up to date on what is happening at Ballard East in Physical Education check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BallardEastPE.

Note: Ballard East Field Day will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Times will be as follows:

4th grade- 8:15-10:00

5th grade- 10:15-12:00

3rd grade- 1:00-2:45

The Kona Ice Truck will be back again at East during Field Day selling ice cold drinks!



Thank you the Ballard Music Boosters & Ballard Elementary PTO!

“A picture says a thousand words,” but a HUGE thank you to our sponsors for Opera Iowa this year! Our students at East and West Elementary learned about different styles of music, composers, live theater, and a good story with a message of inclusion and compassion. We are grateful for the support and opportunity to share this with our students.

Musically yours,
Mrs. DeVries, East Elementary Music Teacher
Mrs. Licht, West Elementary Music Teacher



Middle School

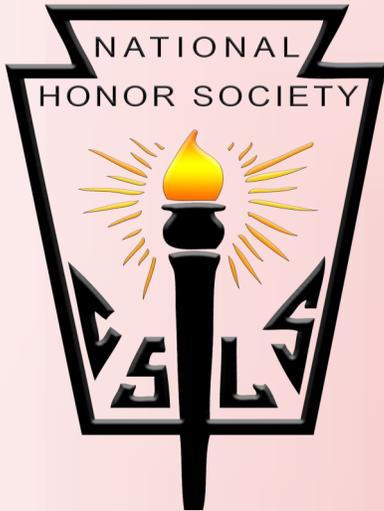
National History Day

On March 29, eighteen 8th graders competed in the National History Day competition at Central College in Pella. The students researched a topic that related to the theme, Taking a Stand. At Pella, students presented documentaries, performances, papers, and exhibits to judges and were interviewed over their project. Out of the 15 projects from Ballard Middle School, 6 projects will advance to the state competition on May 8. These students are Nolan Schonhorst, Caitlin Maher, Audra Jahn, Alec Sernett, Alex Upah, and Rachel Stephany. Congratulations to all the students who participated!



Senior High School

News from the Guidance Office



Reminder for Sophomores & Juniors - NHS Applications Due

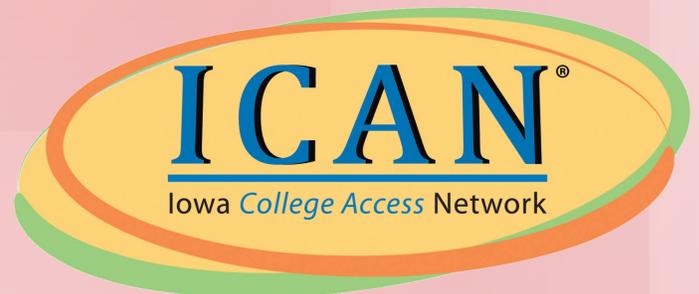
National Honor Society application surveys were handed out to all sophomores and juniors who met the academic criteria for becoming NHS members. NHS membership is based upon Scholarship, Citizenship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Students with at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average and 20 hours of verified service are eligible to complete the application process. The surveys must be completed online by Friday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m to be considered by the NHS Faculty Council. Students who are invited to membership will be notified by mail in August.

FREE FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION FOR JUNIORS AND PARENTS

The high school counseling office has invited a representative from the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) to provide a free presentation on **financial aid** for juniors and their parents on **Tuesday, May 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Topics will include:

- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA Application Review
- Understanding FAFSA Results
- Understanding Costs - College Comparisons
- Financial Aid Options
- Scholarships Process
- Where to Go for Help



For more information, contact Lisa Doland at (515) 597-2971 ext. 2181



May 1 - Monday

- 7:15 - Check in with Ms. Doland in the commons.
- 7:30 - Dollars for Scholars Night in the HS Auditorium

(If you are receiving a scholarship you MUST be present to get your scholarship.)

May 7 - Sunday

- 7:00 - Ballard Athletic Booster Club Senior Recognition Night in the HS Auditorium

May 8 - Monday

Tri-folds are due - a picture of the completed tri-fold must be approved by student's advisor.

May 12 - Friday

- 3:00 - Final scholarship information to be printed in the graduation program due to Terri Doud.

May 15 - Monday

- 8:00 - 3:00 Regular Classes

May 16 - Tuesday

- 8:00 - Regular Classes. Semester test review for periods 2, 4, & 6.
- 9:45 - Check-out sheets will be handed out during advisor period.

May 17 - Wednesday

- 8:00 - 3:00 Regular Classes. Test Review.
- 1:30 - Last day to turn in additional scholarship information and/or certificates to be presented at the Senior Awards Program on Thursday.
- 1:15 - 1:30 Set up tri-folds in HS commons. **(All seniors are required to have a tri-fold on display.)**
- 6:00 - 7:00 **Senior Celebration Night** in the high school commons. **(All seniors are required to attend.)**
- 7:30 - Baccalaureate in the auditorium. *(optional)* Meet in the vocal room at 7:00 wearing cap & gown.

May 18 - Thursday

- 8:00 - 1:30 Regular classes for period 1, 3, 5 and 7 - semester test review
Semester tests administered in the classroom periods 2, 4, & 6.

May 19 - Friday

- 8:00 - 3:00 **Semester tests administered in the classrooms periods 1, 3, 5, and 7.**
- 8:00 - 3:00 Open campus during periods 2, 4, & 6. (Clean locker, check out w/library or lunch.)
- 3:00 - Check out sheets are due. Turn in to your advisor or to Terri Doud in Guidance Office.

May 24 - Wednesday

- 8:00 - All semester final grades are due.
- 9:00 - **Senior Award Program** - **(All seniors are required to attend.)** In High School Auditorium.
- 10:00 - 11:30 **Graduation practice** in the high school gym. **(All seniors must attend.)**
- 11:30 - 12:30 Senior BBQ - Lunch in the tent area south of auditorium. (Meal and activities TBA)
- 12:30 - 3:00 *Tentative make-up time for seniors if needed in case of skip day, senior pranks, etc.
Senior test make-up, CPR training, or detention time.*

May 28 - Sunday

- 1:00 - Report to auditorium w/cap & gown, medallion and cords ready to go.
Honor students group pictures will be taken at this time.
- 2:00 - **Graduation** in high school gym.
- 3:00 - Reception line to follow graduation in the commons and/or front of the school.
(weather permitting)

High School English

The freshman English students have experienced a lot this year, and some new techniques and lessons were developed and implemented. They worked with *Romeo and Juliet*, various short stories, Greek Mythology, researching an impactful African American for a persuasive research paper, comparing and contrasting movie versions to readings done in class, literary circle discussions, and more. For the first time in my class, students used small group literary discussions in the *To Kill a Mockingbird* unit to develop their knowledge, understanding, and connections to the reading, and there were some fantastic discussions that went on! It was a lot of fun hearing what they all had to say and building on each other's ideas. They will finish the year with a short paper and some speeches to wrap things all up.

In the photos, students review scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* using the Mannequin Challenge to "freeze" a chosen scene. The rest of the class had to guess which scene was being represented.

- submitted by Jenn Rigby



Ballard's mission statement asks our school system to ensure our students will be successful and responsible citizens in the 21st Century. It is already the 21st Century and our students are already citizens, so in American Studies and Composition this year students didn't just write for their teacher, they wrote for the good of their school, their state, their planet. Students researched a topic they cared about, weighed the evidence on all sides of the issue, and developed an opinion about what needed to be done. One student met with a zoologist from the Blank Park Zoo, another emailed back and forth with a conservation officer, many scoured research databases to understand the complexity of their issue. Finally, students developed a campaign to raise awareness about their issue. They decided who was in a position to make a difference and how they would communicate with their audience. One student emailed back and forth with a radio executive about the lack of musical diversity on the radio. Another wrote to their state representative about water quality issues. Teachers received emails about homework policies. The principal received an email about school start times. A website about ridding the world of landmines was created. Infographics about the lack of women in STEM professions were posted. Tweets about everything from voter ID laws to the cost of hunting tags to school funding were tweeted. If you are worried about the future, spend time with a student who has thought deeply about one of their passions, and see how he or she can leverage language and technology to move our world in a better direction.

- submitted by Anders Dovre

High School English Con't.

Last fall in 11th grade World Literature, we began with reading and writing workshops. During reading workshop, students selected individual books they wanted to read and set weekly goals. These weekly goals helped to increase reading stamina needed in preparation for longer texts encountered in high school and college. Within this reading, we also incorporated some whole class pieces, including *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, *The Aeneid*, and *Fahrenheit 451*. Students worked to identify themes, conflict, characterization, and cite textual evidence within these units. Juniors also conferenced with the teacher about their individual books periodically. Writing workshop involved learning about leads, “showing, not telling” description, vivid verb choice, and a review of capitalization, punctuation, and grammar elements, such as fragments, run-ons, and comma splices. These skills were assessed in writing an introductory essay and a personal narrative. Junior students also met with the teacher to individually go over their narratives and receive feedback on problem areas of their writing.

December and January were focused on the completion of National History Day projects centered around the theme “Taking a Stand in History.” This project was done in conjunction with World History and Western Civ classes. Students reviewed with Mrs. Dovre, our school librarian, how to assess sources for research. They also learned how to take notes using note cards, create citations for sources, and compile information to complete a final project. Juniors could choose to create an exhibit, website, documentary, performance or individual paper. Sixteen students took their projects past the classroom to attend Districts in Pella at Central College on March 29th, and seven of those projects made it onto State, which will be held in Des Moines on May 8th.

This spring we are finishing the year with various research-based reading strategies, discussion groups, and argumentative and informational writing. We will be incorporating these into the novels *The Metamorphosis*, *Hiroshima*, *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*, and *A Tale of Two Cities*.

- submitted by Julie Ramer



2017 NHD Senior Districts: Dana Edleman, Bri Gibson, Taylor Nosekabel, Heather Penton, Grace Long, Ben Von Arb, Morgan Kluender, Elijah Johnson, Justus Mai, Perry Kallio, Zach Zeller, Joe Andrews, Cassie Smith, and Maddie Connell. Not pictured: Addison Brekke and Aly Ramer.

High School English Con't.

Students prepare to publish Ballard's third literary magazine

Under the leadership of senior Kurt Sernett, a group of Ballard High School students are preparing to publish their third annual literary magazine, *Scripturient*. In February students on the staff visited English classrooms and encouraged writers and artists to submit their fiction, nonfiction, poems, six-word stories, and art to be considered for the magazine. Posters encouraging submission were hung around the school letting students know that they could submit their work to a dedicated e-mail address. A website was created, and materials were slowly gathered for consideration. Both as individuals and as a group, the *Scripturient* staff read the creative writing, viewed the art, and evaluated the submissions. Pieces selected for inclusion were edited and prepared for publication. This year, over thirty pieces have been submitted and accepted. The magazine will be printed and then made available to Ballard High School students the third week in May.

Members of the staff in addition to editor, Kurt Sernett are Aimee Butler, Gabby Cole, Taylor Nosekabel, Adam Orgler, Kyle Hamerlinck, Evan Williams, Sammantha Neys, Sam Upah, Ashley Klimpel, and Rachel Hettinger.

- submitted by Ann Lem



Pictured above, front row: Rachel Hettinger, Taylor Nosekabel, Gabby Cole, Sammantha Neys, Ashley Klimpel. **Back row:** Evan Williams, Adam Orgler, Kyle Hamerlinck, and Kurt Sernett. Not pictured: Aimee Butler and Sam Upah.

Family & Consumer Sciences

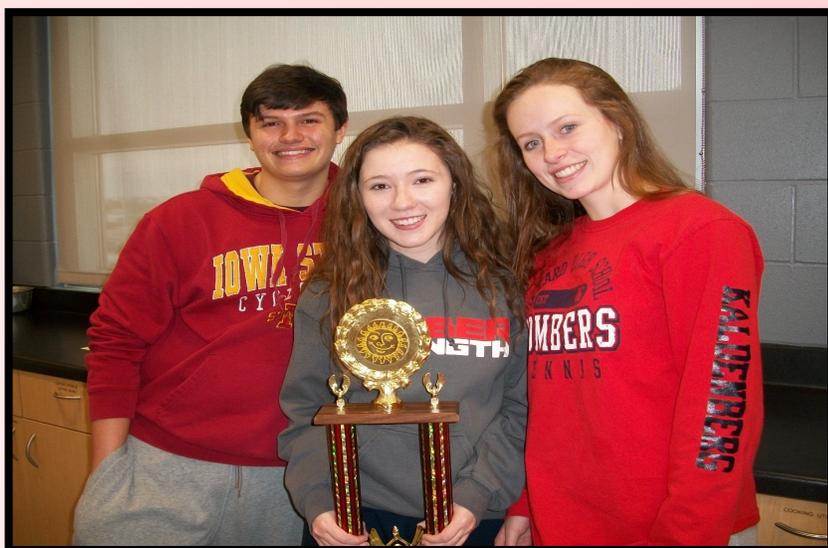
NEWS FROM THE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT, Career and Technical Education

Mission: Family and Consumer Sciences combines natural and social sciences to empower individuals and families by managing the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society.



Child Development I and II: The focus of this class has been to ready students for working with children as a career or as a parent. One of the projects during the second semester is for each student to take home a computerized baby. These babies were programmed based on actual schedules of infants. I set up the babies and the students take them home on Friday and return them on Monday. I hear a lot of, "This isn't like a real baby." comments. No, they are not!! The experience is for the students to understand the responsibility and time it takes to be a parent. The students must take care of the babies by meeting their needs of changing a diaper, feeding them, burping them, and rocking/ holding them. Most of them agree when they return the babies that they are not ready to be parents at this point of time in their lives.

Foods and Advanced Foods: The first semester of this class focuses on basic skills of cooking. Specifically, we practice measuring, reading and following directions, time management, and specific cooking and baking skills. Units that we study and labs that we prepare are eggs, white sauce and cheese sauce, quick and yeast bread, pies and pastry, cookies, vegetables and soups. We prepared a potato soup and a Wisconsin Cheddar potato soup for the Ballard Booster Club soup supper in January. We hope you enjoyed it! As part of the soup unit, the students had the opportunity to use the knowledge and skills that they have gained to compete in our chili cook-off contest. The winning group was Hunter Penton, Emma Jensen, and Lindsey Kaldenburg. Congratulations to them!!



We are now at the end of our cooking year and our unit we are currently in is called Trends in Foods. The first focus was make ahead meals in which the class make Overnight Lasagna. The students really liked it!! Other cooking projects we will prepare are homemade pizza, casseroles, stir fry (prep one day, prepare the next day), and quick breakfast dishes. The year will end in learning how to decorate cupcakes.

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Living on Your Own: The purpose of this class is to go through information that a student may need once they graduate from high school and are on their own. A very popular lesson was the \$10 meal. Each group of four students is allowed to spend \$10 on an entire meal. We then shopped, as a class, for the ingredients at the local Fareway store. The following day, they prepared their meal in class. The following pictures to the right show a meal that was prepared and the students who prepared it and are enjoying eating it.



Other classes that have been taught within this past school year are **9th FCS/Health** and **Design**.



Ellie Burnes & Reilly Baker show off their fruit pizza.

The Middle School program is an exploratory that is 6 weeks in length.

The 7th grade program covers:

- Making the Most of Your Home
- Types of Homes
- Food and Kitchen Safety and Sanitation
- Kitchen Tools and Equipment
- Working Together in Labs
- Reading and Following Recipes
- Measuring
- Food Preparation
- Careers

The 8th grade program covers:

- Consumer resource management
- Being a wise consumer
- Sewing construction
- Parenting and Child development

We have had a successful year in the FCS department and have generated lots of learning and interest in this field.

- submitted by Jean Longnecker

High School Library

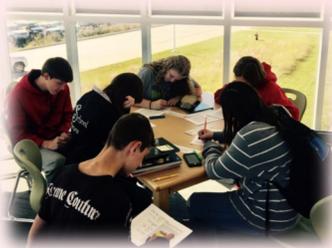
Happenings @BallardLibrary



The High School Library has been a busy place this year. Students are using the library to study, work on online courses, complete group projects, tutor, relax, locate books, read, and hang out with peers. The LMC conference room has been a quiet place for small groups meetings and recording audio or video projects. Several classes are also using the library spaces (upstairs and down) to provide a different setting and more space for their students to work on assignments.

Battle of the Books Competition

Battle of the Books is a statewide competition designed to get students to read a wide range of books. Students form groups of 4-6 people and read from a pre-selected list of 28 books. We had one Battle of the Books team this year. The team formed in October and spent months reading, meeting, and preparing for the battle. In March, they competed against 72 other teams from high schools around the state. They did not make it into the top 16, so they did not advance to the Grand Battle, but we are proud of their efforts.



High School Book Club

We have up to 8 students meeting weekly to discuss one common book and share a morning snack. This year, we have read *The Weight of Silence*, *The Light Between Oceans*, *The Memory Book*, *The Sun is Also a Star* and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Our highlight of this year was a virtual meeting with Lara Avery, author of *The Memory Book*.



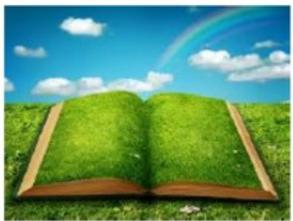
SUMMER

Incoming 9th-12th graders, join your peers in the **Ballard High School Summer Reading Challenge** and a chance to win gift cards of \$25 and \$5!

<http://goo.gl/vwGMHi>

READING CHALLENGE

Keep growing your mind this summer: **READ!**



Find your perfect summer reads and **Challenge** details on the **HS Library Website!**



Tweet as you read this summer! #BHSSummerReads

"Reading research indicates that the reading ability of many children declines between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next because they do not read over the summer. You can counteract this summer reading slump by reading as few as four or five books over the summer, according to researcher Jimmy Kim" (Donalyn Miller, Booksource Banter).



BALLARD

jacket chaser

APRIL 2017

Following the stories of the Ballard FFA Chapter

A Letter from the President

Dear Ballard FFA Members & Supporters,
The Ballard FFA is busy this time of the year. In March, we held our annual chapter banquet where our 2017-2018 officer team was installed.

I am honored be able to help serve our chapter with the other members of this year's officer team. I would like to extend a huge thank for everyone that came to show support of the Ballard FFA Chapter.

In the beginning of this month, members headed to Ames for the annual state convention. We had five greenhand members participate in state CDEs. Seeing these greenhand members try something new, I began to reflect on my first convention. It is crazy to think only a year ago that was me. I was so proud to see new members jumping in and trying new things. FFA members, that is what the FFA is all about. I encourage everyone to try new things and participate in something you may have never thought you would.

We only have four short years in the Blue and Gold, and our time in the blue corduroy



Greenhands Grace Hill & Jady Miller with President Ashley Kahler at state leadership conference.

will speed right by us. Just as the mission statement says: *FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership,*

personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA truly follows through with this statement. If we all take a step back and look at our experiences in FFA, we can see how this organization really makes a positive difference in our lives.

This coming year is going to be a great year for our chapter. We are sad to see our seniors, some of whom were among our charter members, leave us in search of bigger things, but we are thankful for all they've done to help lay the foundation for the Ballard FFA. We know they will succeed in whatever they do. However, we are very excited to welcome 17 freshmen to the program this fall. I know the Blue and Gold will take our current and new incoming members far this year.

In Blue and Gold,

Ashley Kahler, 2017-2018 President

Third FFA banquet highlighted member successes

Members and FFA supporters gathered on Thursday, March 23 for the third annual Ballard FFA Banquet. The banquet was held in the high school commons with a meal and program followed by a work auction.

"Looking back over the last three years our chapter has grown," said senior Nick Jordan. "Not only in members but members actively participating and community support."

Members were recognized for their activities and accomplishments throughout the last year.

"There are a lot of memories in this jacket," said Caitlin Peterson. "Banquet allows

us to recognize those members who participated in career development events and award FFA degrees."

The work auction raised over \$8,000 for the chapter. Money raised will be used toward leadership experiences including conference registrations and travel expenses.

"The success of the work auction is a testament to the support we have," said Jordan. "The leadership opportunities it will provide to members is invaluable."

SENIOR spotlight



Cody Ihle

Grade: Senior

SAE: Grain Production Placement

Activities: Dairy Foods Judging, Livestock Judging, Soil Judging, Iowa Degree recipient

Clayton Poots

Grade: Senior

SAE Program: Ag. Processing & Sales Placement

Advice for Underclassmen:

"Don't be scared to try something new. You just might enjoy it and be successful."



Nolan Payne recognized the Conduct of Meetings team for their accomplishments at sub-district and district conferences.

MEMBER spotlight

Jenna Hernandez
Grade: Freshman

SAE Program:
Small Animal
Entrepreneurship

Activities:
Greenhand
Conference, Creed speaking,
Conduct of Meetings team, Ag. in
the Classroom Committee



Jadyn Miller

Grade: Freshman

SAE: Poultry
Entrepreneurship

Favorite Memory:
Swing dancing at state
convention



Nolan Payne

Grade: Junior

SAE Program:
Environmental
Science & Natural
Resources

Greatest FFA
Accomplishment:
Receiving my Iowa FFA Degree



Drew Thompson

Grade: Sophomore

SAE: Landscape
Management
Entrepreneurship

Favorite FFA
Activity:

Serving as courtesy corps at
sub-districts



Members transformed purpose to action during FFA Week

National FFA Week was held February 18-25. Ballard FFA members planned and executed various activities throughout the week.

"A lot more students got involved with activities," said FFA Week chairperson and senior Caitlin Peterson. "We had a lot of upperclassmen participate in the lunch activities which was great."

In addition to activities during the lunch period, members also held a school-wide assembly sharing their FFA story, held a food drive and did some chapter bonding.

Ballard FFA members celebrated a successful FFA week at SkyZone on February 24.



Members participate in Leadership Development Events

Ballard FFA members competed in leadership development events (LDEs) at both sub-district and district competition this spring.

On February 15, Ballard had three events competing in sub-districts at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny.

Jenna Hernandez competed in the freshman Creed Speaking event. She received a silver rating.

Dana Edleman represented Ballard in the Prepared Public Speaking LDE. She received a gold rating and placed first in competition. Dana advanced to district competition with her speech on food safety.

The Conduct of Meetings team of Joseph Jordan, Grace Hill, Carla Edleman, Nic Edwards, Anna Russell, Carson Finch and Meredith Colliflower received a gold rating and advanced to districts.

Nick Jordan, Sierra Knight, Grace Long, Jed Miller, Caitlin Peterson, Clayton Poots and Drew Thompson served as courtesy corps.

District leadership conference was held at District convention participants on March 4.



Sub-district attendees on February 15.

Centerville High School on March 4.

The Conduct of Meetings team of, J. Jordan, Russell, Hill, Edwards, Finch, C. Edleman and Hernandez received a silver rating.

Dana competed in Prepared Public Speaking where she received a gold rating.

The Experience the Action team including Peterson, Poots, N. Jordan, Jim Chism, Long and Winter Ringgenberg, advanced to state with their second place finish.

Ashley Kahler entered her Secretary's Book and received a gold rating.

Peterson entered her Reporter's Scrapbook. She received a gold rating and second place advancing her book to state.



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MAKING HISTORY: *Nine members receive state degree*

Nine Ballard FFA members were conferred the highest degree that can be bestowed upon an FFA member by the Iowa FFA Association on Tuesday, April 11. Only 5 percent of FFA members in Iowa receive the degree each year. Ballard FFA members receiving this award include: Dana Edleman, Cody Ihle, Nick Jordan, Jarrett Miller, Jed Miller, Nolan Payne, Caitlin Peterson, Clayton Poots, and Winter Ringgenberg.

"It was really cool to get this honor and be able to walk across stage with other Iowa FFA members," said junior Jarrett Miller.

To receive the Iowa FFA Degree FFA members must have been an active member for 24 months, have completed at least two years of systematic instruction in agricultural education, have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 or worked at least 300 hours in a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, have a satisfactory scholastic record, have demonstrated leadership abilities, have completed 25 hours of community service and have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the local level.

"As the first class to go through the Ballard agricultural education program, this was really exciting to see these nine members receive this award," said advisor Jenny Lichty. "They have all worked hard to make sure this chapter succeeds."

Each Iowa FFA Degree recipient receives a certificate and the golden State FFA Degree Charm pin, which is made possible with support from DuPont Pioneer through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

"After receiving this degree, it makes me want to strive for the golden key of the American degree," said senior Jordan. "I'm going to keep working on my SAE program to apply next spring to earn my American degree in 2018."



Ballard FFA members receiving the Iowa FFA Degree included (front row): Jed Miller, Dana Edleman, Caitlin Peterson, Winter Ringgenberg, Jarrett Miller, (back row) Clayton Poots, Nolan Payne, Cody Ihle and Nick Jordan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12

Ag. in the Classroom
Ballard West

May 15

County Fair ID Process Due
Iowa State Fair Nominations
ISF Usher/Attendant Applications Due

May 25

ISF Usher/Attendant Signature Page Due
Turn in to the Ag. Room

June 15

County Fair Entries Due

July 1

Iowa State Fair Entries Due

July 19-24

Polk County Fair
Iowa State Fairgrounds
Des Moines, Iowa

July 21-26

Story County Fair
Story County Fairgrounds
Nevada, Iowa

August 10-20

Iowa State Fair
Des Moines, Iowa

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FFA members succeed at state leadership conference

Twenty-one Ballard FFA members attended the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference (SLC) on Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11. At SLC, members competed in a variety of events, heard from keynote speakers and brought home many awards.

The Marketing Plan and Agricultural Communications Career Development Event (CDE) teams were named state champions and qualify for national competition in October. The Marketing Plan team included Clayton Poots, Dana Edleman and Carla Edleman. Caitlin Peterson, Jim Chism, Ashley Kahler and Grace Long were members on the Agricultural Communications team.



The state winning marketing plan team included Carla Edleman, Clayton Poots and Dana Edleman.

"We're Indy bound!" said senior Clayton Poots. "We're going to keep working hard and work towards our new goals."

The Marketing Plan team also received top presentation and top written plan awards for their marketing plan and presentation for Engler Land and Livestock.

For the seniors, this could have been their last experience in the FFA jacket.

"I am so proud of everyone and the accom-

plishments that our chapter has been able to make in the last three years," said senior Caitlin Peterson. "I thought this would be the last time I put on my blue corduroy jacket but plans change and I couldn't be more excited."

Members of both teams found out Tuesday afternoon that they were named state champions.

"I think we all cried from excitement," said sophomore Ashley Kahler. "I'm excited to represent Iowa in the agricultural communications event in October."

The agricultural communications event introduces students to the communications and public relations career field.

"For agricultural communications we wrote a media plan, created a presentation and practiced practicums," said sophomore Grace Long. "Being named champions is validation for everything we worked for."

The agricultural communications team also received awards for the top written proposal, the top presentation and the top practicum team. Grace Long was also named high individual for the journalistic writing practicum.

Dana Edleman was also named the state winner in the diversified livestock production proficiency area.

"It means a lot to me to get this award as I have enjoyed developing, maintaining and growing my supervised agricultural experience program," said Dana. "I am excited to send my application to the national level."

Grace Hill, Joseph Jordan, Jady Miller



The state winning agricultural communications team included Grace Long, Caitlin Peterson, Ashley Kahler and Jim Chism.

and Anna Russell competed in the agricultural sales CDE. The event was made possible by support from Nationwide through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

"It was a great experience and fun to learn about and sell a product," said freshman Hill. "It definitely helped me improve my communication skills."

The Experience the Action team of Poots, Peterson, Long, Chism, Nick Jordan and Winter Ringgenberg received a silver rating after advancing from districts.

Peterson's scrapbook also received a silver rating.

Hunter Allen, Nic Edwards and Carson Finch represented Ballard in the Poultry Evaluation CDE. The team received a bronze rating.

Joseph Jordan and Russell also served on state committees while at convention where they reviewed financial records and the state program of activities, respectively.



(L-R): The ag. sales team included Jady Miller, Joe Jordan, Anna Russell & Grace Hill. Carson Finch & Hunter Allen were on the poultry evaluation team with Nic Edwards (not pictured). Dana Edleman was the state winner for the diversified livestock proficiency area. Caitlin Peterson received a silver in reporter's scrapbook.

BHS Model UN

On April 6 and 7, 2017, a group of Ballard High School students joined over four hundred students from three states and multiple countries at the 53rd Annual Iowa High School Model United Nations Conference. The conference was held on the University of Northern Iowa campus in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Model UN is a simulation experience of the United Nations in which students act as delegates from a United Nations member country. Prior to attending the conference students research their chosen country and write position papers regarding specific topics from the viewpoint of their country. This year, the group from Ballard High School represented the nation of India on four committees: Legal; Disarmament; Politics and International Security; and Social, Humanitarian and Cultural. While attending the conference students proposed and negotiated international resolutions, planned strategy, resolved conflicts, and followed the procedure of an actual United Nations assembly. In addition to committee work, students had the opportunity to listen to keynote speakers, attend a festival and become more involved in worldly issues.

Ballard High School 2017 Spring Model UN



Joslyn Waelti-Johnson, Autumn Boettger, Justus Mai, Addison Brekke, Nicholas Palmer, Taylor Noe, Grace Long



Congratulations to Afton Stark (Senior) for winning the Spring of 2017 *Money Sense* Investment Challenge. Afton lead the challenge for just one day after taking the lead from senior Taylor Tully on the very last day of trading in the contest. In just 68 days Afton turned her \$100,000 into \$105,290 which converts to a 29.36% annualized return and is 3.92% above what the S&P 500 returned during the same time period. Her top three portfolio holdings included Tesla, Chipotle Mexican Grill and Amazon. Afton will be awarded a \$250 scholarship provided by **South Story Bank and Trust**. Afton's plans to attend ISU and major in Supply Chain Management. Pictured in the photo are James Lahart (Personal Banker at South Story Bank and Trust), Afton Stark (Money Sense student) and Bob Krause (Executive Vice-President at South Story Bank and Trust).



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS



The NASSP Virtual College Fair, May 25

We have an outstanding opportunity for every student in your building to save time and money in their college search.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)—parent organization of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC)—will host a [Virtual College Fair on Thursday, May 25, from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. \(ET\)](#).

Why Participate?

This is an exceptional opportunity for your entire school. Any student in grade 9–12, parent, or faculty/staff member can:

- Visit virtual booths and take virtual tours of campuses nationwide, such as **Notre Dame, Syracuse, Eastern Washington, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and more.**
- Participate from any computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Get questions answered in real time. Learn about scholarship programs.

Even seniors getting ready to matriculate to a chosen institution in the fall will find value, as arrival preparation tips will be shared.

To get the most out of the experience, students are encouraged to register now and complete a profile. Visit www.NASSPVirtualCollegeFair.com.

Your principal has been notified, and we are pleased to share this opportunity as well. We trust your entire student body (and their parents) will wish to take advantage of this important event.

Please ask your students to include "NASC" in the first name field when signing up (e.g., First Name: NASC-Jonathan). This will help colleges see the presence of NASC students attending the fair.

Can Your Student Leaders Help?

How about asking your student council members to take a leadership role in helping spread the word about this great program?

Here is a downloadable flyer students can affix on their lockers. Copy it and ask your student leaders to post it and share.



WHERE WILL YOU BE ON MAY 25?

Chat live with dozens of college admission rep!>

The NASSP Virtual College Fair
Thursday, May 25
2:00–10:00 p.m. (ET)
11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. (PT)
Free!

See the list of participating schools and register now at www.NASSPVirtualCollegeFair.com

#FutureReady
#Prep4College



[Click to download.](#)

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Student Council

Become a Member

Students who are interested in applying for the High School Student Council need to complete an application form by May 5 at 3:30 and an interview by May 12 at 4:00. Applications are available through Google Classroom. New Student Council members should use the code: an3xiom. Returning Student Council members should use the code: werkana. All parts of the application need to be uploaded into Google Classroom.



All interviews for current high school students, new or returning, will be conducted by Ms. Mein and current seniors on Student Council. The sign-up for those interviews is posted outside HS Rm. 197. All interviews for current 8th graders will take place at the Middle School during advisory time the week of May 8.

High School Blood Drive

On 31 March 2017, the High School Student Council ran a blood drive in the high school gym. Jenna Kauble and Cadynce Mather planned and organized the event, and this was their 4th blood drive. Other Student Council members volunteered to help on the day of the blood drive by escorting donors from the donation area to the snack area. Overall, 52 people registered to donate. Of the 52, 46 people donated and 16 people were first time donors! Altogether, 58 units of blood was collected thanks to Life-Serve Blood Center and Ballard High School students and staff. By collecting 58 units, we helped save 174 lives!

In addition, the following seniors will be recognized at graduation with cords for having donated five pints of blood during their high school career: Alestair Metcalfe, Brice Strumpfer, Hayden Van Maaren, John Fulk, Madison Whitacre, Seth Johnson, Bailey Heinen, Lesli Carney, and Bill White.



Senior Survivor

In March, seniors had the opportunity to sign up for Senior Survivor and compete in a series of challenges to find out who is the ultimate senior survivor. Seniors initially signed up as a member of a team. The teams then compete in both physical and mental challenges over the course of three weeks. The challenges this year included tug of war and riddles.



Emma Schonhorst, Madison Smith, Taylor Larson, Avree Anderson, and Talia Vespestad



Bill White and Madison Vincent
(not pictured Cassie Wilson)



Lesli Carney, Andrea Bollig, Madison Whitacre, Jill VanErsvelde, and Kenton Brekke



Bry Ronca, Ian Dickens, Erin Snell, Sam Upah, and Alestair Metcalfe



2017 Winning Senior Survivor Team: Kaleb Odden, Max Stoltz, Ian Fletcher, Jack Baumhover, and Tyler Ihle

At the end of the three weeks, the team with the most points stayed overnight at the school April 17-20. During this second stage, the seniors were no longer competing as a team, but as an individual. The winner of each challenge won immunity and was safe from the elimination votes. Those voted off were sent to “Exile Island.” They could not compete in the challenges anymore, but before the final challenge, the three people on “Exile Island” had one last challenge to get back into the final challenge. For the final challenge, the contestants had to answer questions to earn a point. For each correct question, the contestant also shot a free throw. A made free throw was worth one point. The person with the most points was our 2017 Senior Survivor.



Congratulations to our 2017 Senior Survivor Kaleb Odden.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Rigby, Mr. Christian, and Mr. Deason for chaperoning and to Mrs. Huen, Ms. Chongo, and Mrs. Ramer for providing dinner. WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!!!



BALLARD SHARKS SWIM CLUB!

Slater Municipal Pool June-July

Practice starts 6/5. Come the first week for free!

Join the Ballard Sharks for an unforgettable summer! Fun in the sun, new friendships, and a way to stay active with a competitive twist!!

Practices are M, Tu, Th, F 7AM - 8:45AM
Meets on Tuesday Nights

Open to youth (ages 6 - 18)
in and around Southern
Story, North Polk, and
Boone Counties!

Bring your
friends the first
week and try it out
for **FREE!!**

**Registration open now
through the summer!**

Check out Ballard Swim Sharks
on Facebook!

Questions?: ballardsharks@gmail.com



2017 BALLARD GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAMPS

Girls entering grades 4-10

July 10, 11, 12 (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Huxley – High School Gym & 3 C's Center

8:30 – 11:00 am
Cost \$60 (second child \$30)

First Day Check-in: Grades 4-6 – 3 C's Center / Grades 7-10 – High School

What to bring: Non-marking basketball shoes, shorts, water bottle and a small towel.

Return registration by JUNE 16, 2017

(please cut and keep top portion)

REGISTRATION FORM

(Complete 1 registration form per child)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ENTERING GRADE _____ AGE _____

PARENTS / GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

T – SHIRT SIZE: (CIRCLE ONE)

YOUTH SIZE X-LARGE ADULT SIZE SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **BALLARD GIRLS BASKETBALL** TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

RELEASE FORM (REQUIRED)

In consideration of the acceptance of this application for registration, I waive and release any rights and claims I may have against Ballard Community School, the 3 C's Recreation Center, the camp coaching staff, and all members of the Ballard Girls' Basketball Camp, for any and all damages which may be suffered by my daughter in connection with her association with this camp.

DATE: _____ SIGNED: (PARENT OR GUARDIAN) _____

Return to: Kelly Anderson
BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL
PO Box 307
Huxley, IA 50124

PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 16, 2017



BALLARD BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 5-7

8:00-12:00

Wednesday – Friday

REGISTRATION ONLINE AT: iowagymratsshooting@myonlinecamp.com

OR SEND THIS REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT TO:

CHRIS DEASON, BALLARD BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

701 BALLARD DRIVE

HUXLEY, IOWA 50124

(CHECKS MADE OUT TO: BALLARD BOYS BASKETBALL, OR PAY ONLINE WITH CREDIT CARD)

2017 BALLARD BASKETBALL CAMP REGISTRATION FORM.

COST: \$65

NAME _____

GRADE (FALL OF 17) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

DOCTOR AND PHONE _____

SHIRT SIZE: YM YL AS AM AL XL XXL (CIRCLE ONE)

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR AND ANY MEMBERS OF THE CAMP STAFF TO ACT FOR ME ACCORDING TO THEIR BEST JUDGMENT IN AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION. I HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE BALLARD SCHOOLS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE CAMP STAFF FROM ALL CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF INJURIES WHICH MIGHT BE SUSTAINED BY MY SON WHILE ATTENDING THIS CAMP.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



2017 Ballard Bombers
Kindergarten – 6th Grade Football Camp

When: Saturday, August 5

Time: 9:00-11:00 am

Location: Practice Fields at the High School (West Side off of 5th Street)

Cost: \$30.00 Includes a Camp T-shirt

Please make check out to "Ballard Football "

Mail to: Al Christian - Ballard High School - 701 Ballard Drive
PO Box 307 – Huxley IA 50124

Need: Cleats, shorts and a t-shirt

Any questions please contact: Al Christian

597-2971 ext. 2113 (school)

450-0587 (cell)

achristian@ballard.k12.ia.us (email)

Please cut and send in with payment:

Name _____ Grade (Fall of 2017) _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent Contact Number _____

T-shirt Size (circle) - YS - YM - YL - S - M - L - XL - XXL

Notes from the Lunch Program

This has been a good year for the Ballard Lunch Program. Lunch counts are up again this year and we are always pleased to see that. We want to remind you that breakfast is available for all students including free and reduced. As we approach the end of the year, we appreciate your help in keeping a positive balance in your family account.

As required by the Ballard School Board, we will run family balance statements for the **elementary schools** after lunch on May 17th. The statements will be sent home on May 18th - 19th. **Please send money to cover any negative balance plus the 6 remaining days** for meals and kindergarten milk.

Secondary account balances will only be sent home if parents request them. Please call 597-2750 ext 1010 or 1013. Middle & High School students **must pay off any negative** family balances before they are signed out.

Positive or Negative balances in the account will be carried over to the 2017-2018 school year.

****Seniors on accounts by themselves need to pay off any negative balance. If there is a positive balance for a senior on an account by themselves that money will be refunded.**

JUST A REMINDER: Account statements are available on line with Infinite Campus.

“RevTrak” is available on the Ballard web site home page. It will allow you to deposit money on line for your family lunch account using either a credit or debit card.





Ballard Schools

May
2017

Breakfast Menu

MONDAY

Breakfast Pizza

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Canned Fruit
Milk

THURSDAY

Breakfast Burrito

OR
Choice of Cereal
OR Graham Crackers

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Orange Juice
Milk

TUESDAY

WG Biscuit and Gravy

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Apple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY

Sausage Breakfast Stick

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Fresh Fruit
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Loaf

OR
Choice of Cereal
Whole Grain Toast

All Served with Vegetable Selection
Fresh Fruit
Milk

EXTRA INFO



Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
For questions or comments, contact the Food Service Director at: gchapin@ballard.k12.ia.us, or call 515.597.2750

Menus are subject to change without notice. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.





Don't forget to eat your vegetables.

Ballard Elementary Lunch Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily

May

2017

MONDAY

Children's Book Week 1
Pancakes with Fruit Topping, Scrambled Eggs
OR
Deli Sub
Breakfast Potatoes

TUESDAY

Chicken Tenders with Mashed Potatoes
OR
Craivin Craisin Salad
Breadstick
Cinnamon Sweet Apples

WEDNESDAY

Classic Cheeseburger
OR
Honey Mustard Ham Wrap
Garden Green Beans

THURSDAY

Cheese Bread with Marinara Sauce
OR
Crispy Chicken Salad
Roasted Cauliflower

FRIDAY

Cinco de Mayo 5
Soft Shell Tacos
OR
Turkey Sub
Pinto Beans

Golden Corn Dog 8
OR
7 Layer Salad
Savory Baked Beans

Teacher Appreciation 9
Chili Crispito with Cheese Sauce
OR
Chicken Caesar Salad
Corn

Pasta with Meat Sauce and French Bread Slice 10
OR
Taco Salad
Garden Green Beans

Chicken Nuggets and Soft Pan Dinner Roll 11
OR
Ham and Cheese Sub
Cheesy Mashed Potato

Pizza Parlor Pizza 12
OR
Popeye Salad
Garlic and Herb Broccoli
Cookie

French Toast Sticks with Sausage 15
OR
Turkey Sub
Breakfast Potatoes

Popcorn Chicken Bites with Soft Pan Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy 16
OR
Pretzel Bites with Cheese

Pulled Pork Sandwich Creamy Coleslaw 17
OR
Crispy Chicken Salad
Brownie

Beefy Nachos with Homemade Cheese Sauce 18
OR
Honey Mustard Ham Wrap
Corn

HOM-Honeydew & Mini 19
Cheese Bread with Marinara Sauce
OR
Yogurt Pak
Garden Salad

HOM - Asparagus 22
Home-style Meatballs & Gravy over Rice with Roll
OR
Chicken Caesar Salad
Roasted Asparagus

Crispy Chicken Nuggets French Bread Slice 23
OR
Taco Salad
Ranch Potato Wedges

Roasted Hot Dog on Bun 24
OR
Popeye Salad
Baked Beans

Pizza Parlor Pizza 25
OR
Ham and Cheese Sub
Chocolate Chip Cookie

No Lunch 26

MEMORIAL DAY 29

30

31



PRICES

Regular	\$2.50
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$3.60
Extra Milk	\$0.45

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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Don't forget to eat your vegetables.

Ballard Middle School Lunch Menu

Entree Salad or Fresh Made Sandwich Offered Daily

May

2017

MONDAY

Children's Book Week 1
Pancakes with Fruit Topping, Sausage Breakfast Potatoes

Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin Sand

8
BBQ Riblet Sandwich TatorTots

Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin Sand

15
French Toast Sticks Sausage Breakfast Potatoes

Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin Sand

HOM ~ Asparagus 22
Sweet & Sour Chicken Bites over Rice with Roll Roasted Asparagus

Diner Station- Pork Tenderloin Sand

29
MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY

2
Chicken Tenders with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Breadstick

* Pizza Parlor

Cinnamon Sweet Apples

9
Teacher Appreciation
Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Corn Firenze Salad

* Pizza Parlor

16
Popcorn Chicken Bites with Soft Pan Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

* Pizza Parlor

23
Italian Meatball Sub Half Baked Potato

* Pizza Parlor

30

WEDNESDAY

3
Classic Cheeseburger French Fries

* Build Your Own Sub

10
Pasta with Meat Sauce and French Bread Slice Garden Green Beans

* Panini Grilled Sandwich

17
Pulled Pork Sandwich Savory Baked Beans Creamy Coleslaw

* Build Your Own Sub

24
Roasted Hot Dog on Bun Spiced Pinto Beans

* Panini Grilled Sandwich

31

THURSDAY

4
Chicken Cacciatore over Pasta & Garlic Toast Garden Green Beans

* Pizza Parlor

11
Chicken Nuggets and Soft Pan Dinner Roll Cheesy Mashed Potato

* Pizza Parlor

18
Beefy Nachos with Homemade Cheese Sauce Roasted Corn

* Pizza Parlor

25
Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich Tator Tots

* Pizza Parlor

Chocolate Chip Cookie



FRIDAY

5
Cinco de Mayo
Walking Tacos

Spiced Pinto Beans

Diner Station- Corn Dog

12
Chili Crispito with cheese Sauce Garlic and Herb Broccoli

Diner Station- Corn Dog

Cookie

19
HOM~Honeydew & Mint
Cheese Bread with Marinara Sauce Garden Salad

Diner Station- Corn Dog

Minted Fruit Salad

26
No Lunch



PRICES

Regular	\$2.65
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$3.60
Premium *	\$3.20
Extra Milk	\$0.45

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
For questions or comments, contact the Food Service Director at 515.597.2750 or email gchapin@ballard.k12.ia.us



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Don't forget to eat your vegetables.

Ballard High School Lunch Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit & Vegetable Bar

May
2017

MONDAY

Children's Book Week 1
Pancakes with Fruit
Topping, Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Potatoes
Diner Station- Chicken Strips
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

TUESDAY

2
Turkey & Gravy with Mashed Potatoes
Dinner Roll
Cinnamon Sweet Apples

Diner Station- Corn Dog
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

WEDNESDAY

3
Turkey BLT Flatbread
Calico Beans

Chef's Display
Diner Station- Ham and Pepperoni Melt
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

THURSDAY

4
Salsa Chicken Bowl
Roasted Cauliflower

Bomber Grill- Pork Tenderloin
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

FRIDAY

5
Cinco de Mayo
Soft Shell Tacos
Refried Beans

Cook's Choice Sandwich
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

8
New Orleans Fish Hoagie
Tator Tots
Savory Baked Beans

Diner Station- Chicken Strips
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

9
Teacher Appreciation
Chicken Nachos Supreme
Corn Firenze Salad

Diner Station- Corn Dog
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

10
Philly Flatbread
Cheesy mashed Potatoes

Bomber Grill- Chicken Sand
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

11
Buffalo Chick Fajita Wrap
Kettle Chips

Chef's Display
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor
Cookie

12
Pasta with Meat Sauce
Garlic Toast
Green Beans

Cook's Choice Sandwich
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

15
French Toast Sticks
Sausage
Breakfast Potato

Diner Station- Chicken Strips
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

16
Italian Meatball Subs
Garden Salad

Diner Station- Corn Dog
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

Brownie

17
Chicken Philly Sandwich
Calico Beans

Bomber Grill- BBQ Riblet
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

18
Pizza Dippers
Steamed Broccoli

Chef's Display
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

19
HOM-Honeydew & Mint
Beef Tacos
Black Beans

Cook's Choice Sandwich
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

Minted Fruit Salad

22
HOM - Asparagus
Home-style Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes
Roll
Roasted Asparagus
Diner Station- Chicken Strips
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

23
Lemon Herb Chicken
French Bread Slice
Baked Potato Half

Diner Station- Corn Dog
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor

24
Cheesy Flatbread
Italian Blend Veggies

Bomber Grill- Cheeseburger
Fresh Choice Salad Bar
Pizza Parlor
Cookie

25
Cook's Choice

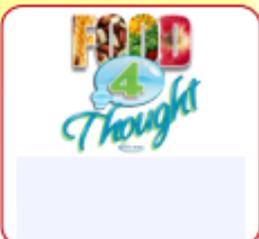
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Pizza Parlor

26
No Lunch

29
MEMORIAL DAY

30

31



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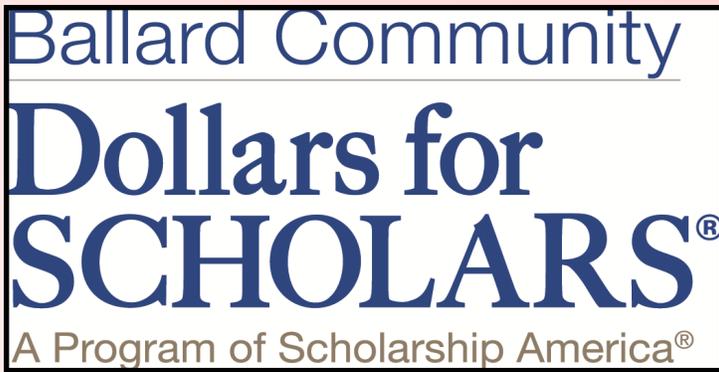
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Organizations and Community News:



Enrichment Fund Donations:

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* In memory of Austin Alt

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Ballard School Board & Supt. Oattie Maxey

* In memory of Fay Porter

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Karen Douglas

James Houser

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Jennifer Gogerty

Lisa Howell

Donna Trumpold

Kelly Trumpold

Andrew Denner

Dana Danks

* In memory of Scott Gaul

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* Donations

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Deb Malone

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Howard Hammond

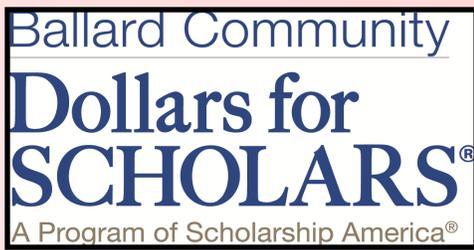
Madrid Veterans of Foreign War

ATTENTION SENIORS THAT RECEIVED A DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP:

Now that scholarship awards night is over, senior scholarship recipients MUST go back to their Dollars for Scholars profile to accept and acknowledge their award. This should be done when the student has decided which institution they are going to attend, knows institution's address and the start date of classes, and has been assigned a student ID number.

When you have this information, the student needs to log back in to their profile on ballard.dollarsforscholars.org. Then, in the lower left corner, under the "My Scholarships" heading, choose the "accept your scholarships" tab. Then scroll down to the bottom of the page to the "Scholarships I've Been Awarded" section. At the bottom you will see the scholarship you received and you must click the "accept scholarship" button. From this page, you will be directed to a scholarship acknowledgement form that will ask for information about the college you will be attending. Accepting and acknowledging your scholarship is a mandatory step so we know that you are indeed going on to post-secondary education and where to send your scholarship money. There is a PDF form with these instructions available to you by clicking the help button in your student profile and looking under the "How to accept my scholarships" question.

If you have questions or plan to delay entry into college for military service or another reason, you must contact Ballard's Dollars for Scholars committee ASAP but no later than **October 1st of 2017** at ballarddfs@gmail.com to keep them updated on your plans. If you have done that step and the Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars has confirmed that you qualify for this deferment, you have until December 31, 2018, to claim your scholarship should you choose to delay entry into college.



BALLARD DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS MEETING MARCH 23, 2017

The Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars met at 6:00 p.m. on March 23, 2017 at the Ballard HS. Present were: Rachel Bangs, Doreen Blackmer, Brenda Brink, Sheila Norris, Kristine Purcell, Anne Quick, Jean Saveraid, Jeanine Shelman-Ward, Cindi Thomas, and Marcie Torkelson. Also in attendance was Deb Malone as a guest.

A pre-meeting meal was presented and enjoyed by the members.

An update was given for the T43 fundraiser. All the T-shirts were distributed and the contests were held at three basketball games. A picture of the winners was published in the local paper.

Members reviewed the Scholarship Award Policy and no changes were submitted.

Marcie Torkelson has resigned the Treasurer position. Anne Quick nominated Kristine Purcell to serve as our Treasurer. Marcie seconded the nomination and Kristine was voted in by the members to serve as our new Treasurer.

Brenda indicated the need for more donors as the class sizes are getting bigger. Members are encouraged to think of potential donors.

The Board was informed of four new endowments, the Rodney Krause Memorial Scholarship and three Scott Bates Gaul Memorial Scholarships.

The main purpose of the meeting then commenced, matching the anonymous applications to the available scholarships. These scholarships will be presented at the 22st annual Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Night on May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballard High School auditorium.

Cindi Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Marcie Torkelson. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Norris



Are you interested in gardening?

Take advantage of the free garden space behind the high school. Tools, seeds, and plants will be provided! Spaces are filling up fast!

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FRIDAY MAY 12

4:00 – 7:00 pm

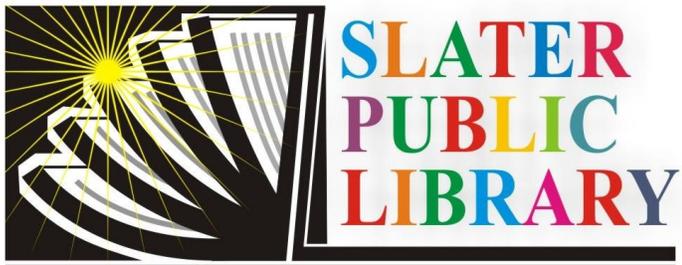
SATURDAY MAY 13

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

102 10TH Ave., Slater

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Soup and Sound Lunch

Our final Soup and Sound Lunch for the school year is scheduled for Friday, May 5. Come enjoy musician Reggie Greenlaw as he plays the hammered dulcimer. A free-will lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. with performance from 12 - 12:30 p.m.



Free Programs

**Soup and Sound Lunch- Friday May 5,
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Next one will
be our Trivia Lunch in August)**

Yoga - Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

**Storytime - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (Last
one is May 17)**

**Early-Out Program - Wednesdays from
1:30-3 p.m. (Final one is May 17)**

Book Club - Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Coffee - Fridays at 10 a.m.



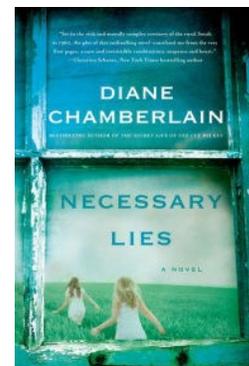
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2017 FREE
SUMMER READING
PROGRAMS**

Registration is required.
Forms available at the library or online at
www.slaterlibrary.org.

Book Club

The book club selection for May is *Necessary Lies* by Diana Chamberlain. Discussion will be on **Thursday, May 18 at 10 a.m.**

Overview: It is 1960 in North Carolina and the lives of Ivy Hart and Jane Forrester couldn't be more different. Fifteen-year-old Ivy lives with her family as tenants on a small tobacco farm, but when her parents die, Ivy is left to care for her grandmother, older sister, and nephew. As she struggles with her grandmother's aging, her sister's mental illness, and her own epilepsy, she realizes they might need more than she can give.



When Jane Forrester takes a position as Grace County's newest social worker, she is given the task of recommending which of her clients should be sterilized without their knowledge or consent. The state's rationalization is that if her clients are poor, or ill, or deemed in some way "unfit" they should not be allowed to have children. But soon Jane becomes emotionally invested in her clients' lives, causing tension with her new husband and her supervisors. No one understands why Jane would want to become a caseworker for the Department of Public Health when she could be a housewife and Junior League member. As Jane is drawn in by the Hart women, she begins to discover the secrets of the small farm—secrets much darker than she would have guessed. Soon, she must decide whether to take drastic action to help them, or risk losing a life-changing battle.

Necessary Lies is the story of these two young women, seemingly worlds apart, but both haunted by tragedy. Jane and Ivy are thrown together and must ask themselves: How can you know what you believe is right, when everyone is telling you it's wrong? -barnesandnoble.com

June 13, 10:00am
Huxley Safe Room

HUXLEY PUBLIC
LIBRARY

presents,



Magician

RICK BRAMMER.



**Start your
summer with
a bit of magic
and reading!**

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Summer Reading – Huxley Public Library
June 13 – 28, and continuing July 11 – 26.

Tuesday's	Wednesday's
<p>9:30 Toddlers & Preschool Story Time (June 13, magician's program)</p>	<p>9:30-11:00 Group #1 – Kg, 1st, 2nd Group #2 – 3rd, 4th, 5th * (grade just completed) <i>Both groups meet at the same time for 1½ hours.</i></p>
	<p>11:00 6th, 7th, 8th (grade just completed) book club discussion & movies PAGES TO POPCORN & Projects</p>

* Group #2 will be participating in the all-Story-County reads program; joining with other Story County libraries for an end of summer field trip.



**Magician,
Rick Brammer**

**June 13, 10:00AM,
Huxley Safe Room
Join us to kick-off our summer
of reading and fun!
Program is open to everyone—
bring a friend!**

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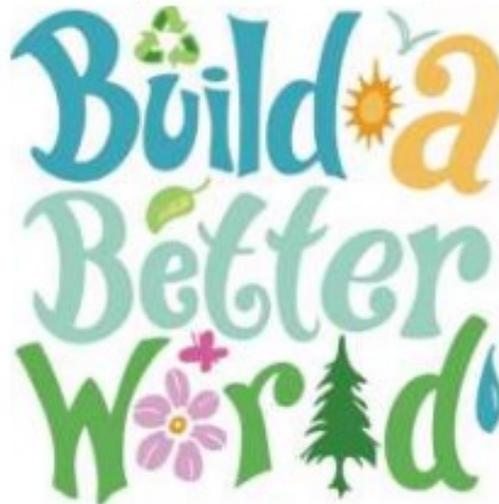
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Huxley Public Library

Middle School

(just completed 6th, 7th, 8th)



Meets Wednesdays at 11:00
June 14, 21, 28 & July 12, 19, 26

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(books & movies)

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this summer!"

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A summer event for
high school students and adults!

Read a book set in a country
you'd like to visit. Then come
together for a book-share
and pot luck dinner*,
6:00pm, July 31.

*(Bring food from the country where you "traveled")

We'll also have a guest speaker from

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sharing tips on recipes and spices from around the world!



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)

Administration Office

509 N. Main Ave, Huxley, Iowa

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

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 High School

701 Ballard Drive, Huxley IA

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 Middle School (Grades 6-8)

509 N. Main, Huxley, Iowa

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)

Ballard Bus Barn — 515-597-2979

Ballard Website — www.ballard.k12.ia.us

District Attendance/Transportation e-mail — attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us

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