



Ballard Dimensions

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From the Superintendent's Desk

March is always a great month to enter after a long Iowa winter and the spring usually goes very fast. Let us hope for a warm one! Many of you have seen the progress on the middle school renovation. For those that have not, we are inviting you to stop by TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH from 5:00 to 6:30. This is conference week at Ballard, so we thought it would be a good night for those who are out at conferences in other schools. In addition, we will have staff around to answer any questions. There will not be any formal tours, just stop by and wander around at your leisure.

The Ballard Education Foundation Gala is Saturday, March 7th and there are still tickets available. The Foundation has done such a tremendous job contributing to our success at Ballard and I want to thank the countless folks who help make this a success every year. I hope to see you there!

GO BOMBERS!



New Strategies Implemented

Ballard Staff implements new strategies as part of their Iowa Individual Professional Development Plan

As a district, all teachers are using the Bomber Instructional Framework (Marzano) to improve in an area of their choosing. As the instructional coach at West, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with all the teachers at West with how they are using the new strategies. It has been gratifying to see teachers trying new things to grow in their professional development that ultimately makes an impact on our students.

Specific areas teachers at West have focused on in the Ballard Instructional Framework:

- Using Engagement Strategies
 1. Increasing Student Response Rates
 2. Using Physical Movement
 3. Noticing and Reacting when Students are not Engaged
 4. Maintaining a Lively Pace
 5. Using Academic Games
 6. Providing opportunities for students to talk about themselves
 7. Motivating and inspiring students

- Building Relationships
 1. Using verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate affection for students

As an Instructional Coach, I chose Motivating and Inspiring with my focus strategy being goal setting, as I work with teachers to assist them with meeting their own professional goals.

The second strategy I decided to work on for February was to model some different ways we can show gratitude to one another that could also be used in the classroom.

Research shows that developing a stronger sense of gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, promotes a sense of kindness and community, as well as many other health benefits. It's being thankful and appreciative for what we have big or small.

Google gratitude journal and see the potential of using it in your life; for yourself, with your family, with your co-workers, and your students!

Immunization Requirement

Meningococcal Secondary School Vaccine Requirement:

- 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 protects against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W, and Y. Meningococcal disease caused by any serogroup is a 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/vis

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

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).



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Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

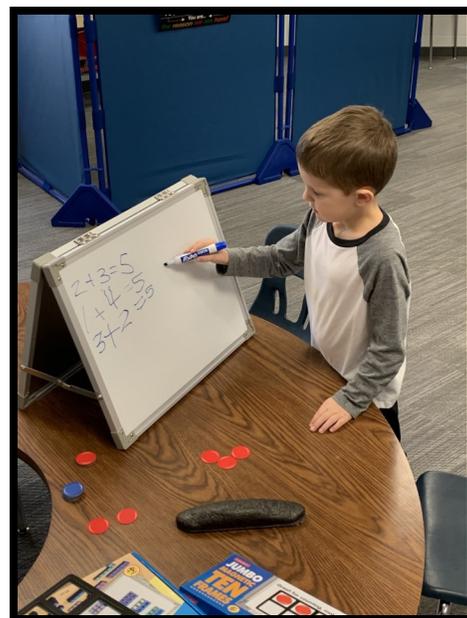
West Elementary

Magnetics & Manipulatives in Math

Mr. Skurdal, Mrs. Waelti, and Mrs. Hager received Ballard Education Foundation Grants to purchase magnetic math manipulatives to enhance the new math curriculum BRIDGES. Bridges uses Work Places to provide purposeful targeted practice for the math concepts taught at each grade level. Work Places uses games and manipulatives to reinforce skills taught in the Bridges lessons.

The use of math manipulatives allows students to be actively engaged in their learning and to show their mathematical reasoning. Students develop a deeper understanding of math concepts and are able to connect their learning to higher level concepts. Manipulatives are an easy way to differentiate learning for all students. Students who have difficulty explaining math reasoning are able to express their thinking when they can manipulate objects.

With the magnetic math manipulatives Mr. Skurdal, Mrs. Waelti, and Mrs. Hager are able to provide more hands-on learning for their students as well as motivate their students in learning and understanding math.



2nd Grade Spring Concerts

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, April 6th, 2020

West Elementary Gym

6:00PM

7:00PM

Mrs. Hokel

Mrs. Jensen

Mrs. Nobiling

Mrs. Elleby

Mrs. Mikkelsen





Please Come To Our...

BOOK FAIR and ART SHOW!

Dates: March 10 - 12, 2020

When: Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Ballard West Media Center - Slater

East Elementary

3rd - 5th Grade Vocal Concerts

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, May 7th, 2020

High School Auditorium

3rd Grade - 5:30 PM

4th Grade - 6:30 PM

5th Grade - 7:30 PM





Swing in (on a vine) and join us for a jungle journey to find a fantastic book and help transport your student on their own adventure.



Ballard East Elementary Library

Tuesday, March 10th
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 11th
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

All purchases benefit our school!

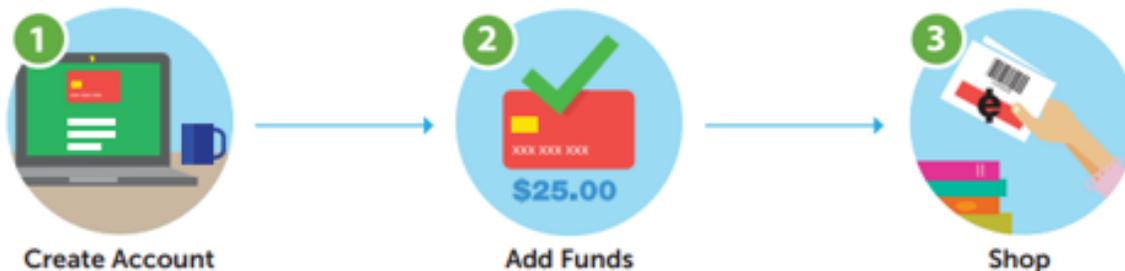
Set up an eWallet for your student!



No cash on hand the day of your Scholastic Book Fair? No worries – our school offers Book Fair eWallet as a digital payment option.

Simply set up a free account and have funds immediately available for your student to shop the Book Fair. Safe and secure – it's easy shopping with Book Fair eWallet.

How it works:



To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/ballardeastelementaryschool>



Celebrating Growth in 5th Grade

Woo hoo! See how we grew! The fifth-grade teachers wanted to showcase the growth all of our students have made so far this year. What better way to celebrate that student success than with a confetti wall! Students had an opportunity to earn a piece of confetti for each of our four tests; aReading, CBMR, aMath and CAP. Each piece of confetti signified individual growth from the Fall test to the Winter test. After each test, students got their name added to a piece of confetti and the confetti made its way onto the wall. It was so fun watching the amount of confetti continue to grow after each test. It even outgrew our wall! We cannot wait to continue to celebrate the growth our 5th graders make throughout the rest of the year!



5th Grade Biztown Field Trip

Ballard fifth graders have the opportunity to experience a snapshot of adulthood for a day.

Thanks to generous grants from the Ballard Education Foundation, each year the fifth grade students are guided through a Junior Achievement BizTown program. This program entails weeks of financial literacy lessons and a capstone field trip to the BizTown simulation.

Fifth grade students have studied lessons on financial services, checking and savings accounts, and debit cards. They have learned about the circular flow of an economy, our free enterprise system, and the differences between public goods and public services. They've even had to apply and interview for a job! More recently, they've worked with "colleagues" to develop business advertising campaigns and slogans.



On Tuesday, February 25th students in Mrs. Johnston's, Mrs. Rodriguez's and Mrs. Tuerler's class attended the simulation. Students from Ms. Freese's, Mrs. Wheeler's and Mrs. Wonders' class went on Thursday, February 27th. The fifth grade teachers have always had great things to say about this incredible experience. However, we thought you might like to hear what the fifth graders had to say about it:

"My day at JA BizTown was very fun and exciting. I learned how to write and deposit checks!" -Addison Hosteng

"JA BizTown is the best!" -Dylon Marks

"JA BizTown is pretty fun. Everything the restaurant sells is pretty good, and all you need to do at the health clinic are some easy procedures and you get a free lollipop!" - Isaac Swisher

"BizTown is a ton of fun. I've learned how to pay back loans!" -Riley Dingel

"BizTown is very busy! It is fun and it teaches you social skills and how to manage a business." -Kaley Rardin

"I think BizTown is a cool experience!" -Dane Mortensen

"I think JA BizTown is a great place! I'd like to come back again and bring everyone with me!" -Rebecca Miller



Ballard Elementary PTO

PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization. We are a volunteer organization run primarily by parents of Ballard Elementary students. We would like to thank every one who has donated their time, energy, or money to support the PTO throughout the years. With those donations, PTO is able to do awesome things for our elementary schools, including hosting free family events and school break Reading Challenges. PTO also funds things like *BrainPop!* (educational computer program), visits from *Opera Iowa* or the *Old Creamery Theater*, field trips and/or transportation, *PBIS Bomber Shop* or other incentives, playground accessories, and movie licensing for both schools. Additionally, PTO helps our community show appreciation for the hard work our schools and teachers do through classroom holiday gifts, Conference Meals and Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week.

Right now, PTO is at a crossroads and **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Without parent volunteers willing to put in a few hours per month the PTO will not be able to operate as it has before. If you are able to help either as a PTO Board member or by volunteering for a specific event or activity, please contact us ASAP or take our Parent Survey (see link below). **Thank you** for all you do!

PARENT SURVEY <https://survey.BallardElementaryPTO.com>

Please take our survey to let us know how we're doing and how you might be able to help.

PTO MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 14

6:30-7:30 pm in the High School

Conference Room

No March Meeting!

SPRING CONFERENCE MEALS

MARCH 11

PTO will provide pulled pork from BFabs, and is asking you to help with sides, drinks, desserts, and tableware. Sign up to help at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2020ConferenceMeal>

SPRING BREAK READING CHALLENGE MARCH 13 - 22

Tracking forms will be sent home before break. All students who read over 200 minutes will receive a prize. Top readers in each classroom and grade will also receive a bonus prize! Forms are due back to teachers by **Tuesday, March 24**.

TACOS WITH TEACHERS

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Back 9 Restaurant in Huxley from **4:30-7:30 pm**.

Cost is **\$8 per adult** and **\$6 per child** or Ballard Elementary staff member.

Ballard East staff will serve you drinks while you enjoy a great dinner you didn't have to cook, interact with our teachers and staff, and support the PTO!



Middle School

Middle School Art

Huge shout out and congratulations to the following 5 artists who had their work selected to be in the 2020 Youth Art Month show! Their art, along with hundreds of other artworks from around the state of Iowa, will be on display at the State Historical Museum in Des Moines throughout the entire month of March. A reception for the artists and their families will be held on April 4th at 1:00 pm at the Historical Building.



Addison Landmesser



Addyson Siepker



Amelia Faubus



Brandon Bartscher



Tayler Nickerson

Guest Speaker

Lyndsey Fennelly presented at BMS and BHS
The Quest for Success!



Ballard Middle School M.A.D. Group with Lyndsey Fennelly

Thanks to the Educational Foundation, the M.A.D. group was gifted funds to invite motivational speaker, Lyndsey Fennelly back to Ballard Middle School to continue to build on our culture and climate from last year's **“Insanely Successful”** presentation to this year’s **“Quest for Success”** presentation on February 21st. The presentation was about how a relentless, obsessive pursuit towards everyday greatness is the **“Quest for Success”** we want students to desire.

Lyndsey Fennelly is a former All-American ISU basketball player who was drafted by the Indiana Fever to play in the WNBA. Lyndsey has been actively teaching basketball skill development and has hosted numerous camps, including NBA players Naz Long and George Niang camps, in the summer. She is a self-made entrepreneur, co-owning two Campus Cycle locations in Ames and Ankeny, Iowa and providing skill training to young people all over the state.

Lyndsey continues to provide leadership and training through speaking opportunities to organizations, teams and local schools. She is married to Billy Fennelly, Assistant Coach for Iowa State University women's basketball program and has two children, Will and Callie.

Guest Speaker

Students took notes, participated in her presentation and left with the excitement and enthusiasm that Lindsey brought.



She spoke on how to **COMPETE**:

- Against self to be better tomorrow ('Beat your YOU yesterday').
- Against others because there's limited opportunities (scholarships, spots on a team)
- Stand up for who and what you believe in. It's OK to be different.

Be an **OPPORTUNISTIC**:

- No one will save you, you need to own your actions.
- Set goals & write them down where you can see them daily.
- Find good mentors, read solid books, & leverage who you're learning from on social media.

SOCIAL MEDIA Awareness

- Only 10% of it is real. It's a façade.
- Build an image, create a brand.
- Set boundaries with it – only so much time per day.

Guest Speaker

Making **GOOD CHOICES**

- School is cool! Focus on the HOW not the WHAT.
- Lead with a servant heart and good things will happen. Good things happen to good people.
- Don't smoke, don't drink, don't vape, don't hate.

How to **HANDLE ADVERSITY**

- Bad stuff will happen to you.
- Find the good in every bad. Tough relationships, big obstacles, medical challenges.
- Other people: learn to tolerate the anxiety of people not liking you.
- As long as you are smart, kind, hard working, nice, and giving why do you care what anyone else thinks?

SPREAD JOY

- Every interaction, every experience.
- Smile more, complain less (ABC rule).
- 1 day. Make each day your masterpiece!

Lyndsey Fennelly also met with the high school students on many of these same topics with going farther into depth in regards to mental health and her journey through her own mental health illness.



High School

Understanding Financial Aid Night

Dear Juniors and Parents,

Did you know that **90%** of the fastest growing careers require additional education and training beyond high school? To help you prepare the Ballard High School counseling office and the Iowa College Access Network® (ICAN) are offering a free presentation on financing college. This is your chance to receive help with all your questions about the financial aid process and life after high school.

The ICAN Financial Aid presentation will be held:

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Day: Tuesday

Date: March 31, 2020

Location: High School Auditorium

Topics

The presentation covers the following topics:

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

Please join us!



Scholarship Recipient

Ellie Twedt was the recipient of the E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship as announced by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union on Friday. Twedt, a cross country and track runner, was selected from over 100 student applications. The applications were narrowed down to six finalists and those six finalists interviewed in front of a jury panel on Friday. Five of the finalists will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and Ellie will receive a \$15,000 scholarship (\$3,750 annually) for her efforts.

Ellie will be honored at the 2020 Girls' State Basketball Tournament where she will receive her scholarship award. Faith Carpenter of Nashua-Plainfield was selected as the runner-up.

The E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship Award was established in 1993 as a tribute to the man who served as Executive Director of the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union from 1954 through 2002. The recipient of this award is recognized as being a representative of the most elite of the superlative Iowa Girl, not only on the playing field, but also in the classroom, in her school and in her community. Her profile will reflect discipline, perseverance, character, citizenship, and leadership, which personified the life and expectations of E. Wayne Cooley.



Carrie Chapman Catt Award

Ballard was recently named one of the nine schools to qualify for the Carrie Chapman Catt Award. To receive the award, 90% of students eligible to vote in the 2020 election must be registered. Ballard registered 180/195 students!

The portion of the press release from the Secretary of State is below:

MEDIA RELEASE: Secretary Pate calls for Statewide High School Voter Registration Day on March 3

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is encouraging Iowa high schools to conduct voter registration drives on Tuesday, March 3. Every school that registers at least 90 percent of its eligible students to vote receives the Carrie Chapman Catt Award, named after the Iowan who was a national leader in the women’s suffrage movement. Nine schools across the state have already qualified for the Catt Award. The deadline for this school year is April 1, 2020.

“Schools are required by state law to conduct voter registration drives, but we want this to be a fun activity and hopefully inspire some competition between the schools,” Secretary Pate said. “We also want young people to understand that registering to vote and participating in elections are the best ways to make sure your voice is heard.”

A new state law allows 17-year-olds to register to vote in Iowa. Students can also participate in the June primary election if they will be 18 years old on or before the November 3 general election. There are approximately 5,000 17-year-olds registered to vote in Iowa.

“As a former social studies teacher, I applaud this effort to connect with students and build the skills they need to become engaged citizens and lifelong voters,” said Ryan Wise, director of the Iowa Department of Education.

Along with March 3 being a significant date in the presidential nominating process in several states, there are dozens of special elections across Iowa that day.

To read the full press release, click here: [Carrie Chapman Catt Award](#)

High School Musical



Ballard High School
presents

Disney
**BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST**
©Disney

April 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2020

Tickets on Sale March 1st

<http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us/school/ballard-high-school/>

HOME TRACK MEETS 2020

PLEASE CHECK THE MEETS YOU CAN WORK.

<u> </u> APRIL 10, Fri.	HS Girls BOMBER RELAYS	4:30
<u> </u> APRIL 14, Tue.	7/8 Boys Quad	4:30
<u> </u> APRIL 21, Tue.	HS Boys Classic	4:30
<u> </u> APRIL 28, Tue.	MS Girls RRC Meet	4:15
<u> </u> APRIL 30, Thur.	7/8 Boys LITTLE BOMBER RELAYS	4:30
<u> </u> May 1, Fri.	HS Girls Invitational	4:30
<u> </u> May 4, Mon.	7/8 Girls LITTLE BOMBER RELAYS	4:30

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

RUNNING EVENTS	FIELD EVENTS
<u> </u> CLERK OF COURSE	<u> </u> DISCUS
<u> </u> TIMER	<u> </u> SHOT PUT
<u> </u> PICKER	<u> </u> HIGH JUMP
<u> </u> INSPECTOR	<u> </u> LONG JUMP
<u> </u> ANNOUNCER	
<u> </u> SCORER	NAME _____
<u> </u> AWARDS	ADDRESS _____
	CITY _____
	PHONE (H) _____
<u> </u> CONCESSIONS	(W) _____
	EMAIL _____

**PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020. THANK YOU!!!!
YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Mail into: Ballard High School – 701 Ballard Drive – Attn. Terri – Huxley IA 50124

BALLARD POST PROM

May 2, 2020

POST PROM PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!

Ballard Juniors & Seniors:

Get ready for a fun-filled Post Prom Party at Ballard High School with food, entertainment, games and prizes!

Return the completed Registration form (on the next page) with your payment to the High School Office by April 9th.

Parents:

It takes a lot of volunteers to make this night a success, and we need YOU! If you're interested in helping with Post Prom (planning, food, entertainment, etc.), please contact:

- Jenni Burnes (jburnes@ballard.k12.ia.us)
- Deanna Wohgelmuth (dndwo@outlook.com)

CAN DRIVE

March 28th – 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Can Drive on Saturday, March 28th from 8:00-11:00 a.m.



Leave your cans outside for students to pick up that morning, or bring your donations to one of the drop off locations by 11:00 a.m. on March 28th:

Drop Off Locations

Cambridge: North Maintenance Bldg., Race St.
Huxley: Loading Dock, Back of High School
Slater: Fire Station, East Side
Kelley: Pick up only

Student & Parent Volunteers Needed!

Contact: Holly Twedt wtwedt@huxcomm.net

GUESSING JARS NEEDED

Parents: Donate a Guessing Jar (or two!) for students to win at Post Prom



Simply put a prize (e.g. gift card, money, movie tickets, etc. – any amount is fine) in a container. The container can be anything that you are able to see through with a lid. Then fill the container with items of your choice (coins, cotton balls, gum balls, etc... the options are endless!). Write the number of items in the container on the inside of the lid.

The student who guesses closest to the number wins the jar. The kids love this event, so the more Guessing Jars we get, the better!

Please turn your Guessing Jars into the High School Office by April 24th.

Questions? Contact: Erin Wilson (ewilson@iastate.edu)

Ballard Juniors & Seniors who help with the Can Drive on March 28th will have their Post Prom Registration fee waived.

That's a \$35 value!

**REGISTRATION DUE
BY APRIL 17th!**

Complete the form on the next page

2020 Ballard Post Prom Registration / Liability Waiver Form

Every Ballard student and non-Ballard guest attending must complete a separate form.

All Post Prom activities will take place at Ballard High School on May 2, 2020.

- Check in at Ballard High School (student entrance) 11:15 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- Games/Guessing Jars/etc. 11:15 p.m. – 2:00a.m.
- Entertainment 2:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.
- Breakfast 4:00 a.m. – 4:15 a.m.

All participants will be required to check in at Ballard High School by 12:00 a.m. on May 3, 2020.

No one will be allowed to leave Ballard High School before the end of the Prize Drawings & Breakfast without being picked up and signed out by a parent/guardian.

Ballard High School Post Prom Accident Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of the acceptance of my, or my child's, entry into the Ballard High School Post Prom party on April 27-28, 2019, at Ballard High School, I, the undersigned participant, attendee, volunteer, or parent/guardian of attendee, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself and heirs, executors, administrators, next of kin, successors, and assigns, forever waive, release, and discharge any and all rights, claims, and actions for damages that I may have, or that may hereafter accrue to me against the Ballard Post Prom parents including all units and councils, and all of their officers, directors, members, and volunteers. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and able to participate in this event and acknowledge that I am aware of the inherent risks in participating in an event of this type. I hereby assume all of the risks of participating and volunteering for this event. I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form will be used by the holders, sponsors, and organizers of this event in which I may participate, and that I will govern my actions and responsibilities at the event, including my travel to and from the event.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows: (a) waive, release and discharge the Ballard High School parents and schools, its directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents personally, from any and all liability for my personal injury, disability, death, property damage, property theft, or lost and cost, claim, damage and cause of action of any kind; and (b) indemnify and hold harmless the Ballard High School parents, schools, its directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents personally, from any all such liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this event whether caused by the negligence of releases or otherwise. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment at the nearest medical facility determined by emergency personnel transporting and/or providing said medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of any injury, accident, or illness during this event. I understand that I may be photographed at this event. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holder, producers, sponsors, organizers, and assigns.

I hereby certify that I have read this document, and I understand its content.

Parent/Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for _____ to attend the Post Prom party sponsored by Ballard High School Post Prom parents. My child and I understand the rules and agree to follow them.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____, 2020 Parent Cell Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____, 2020 Student Cell Phone: _____ Grade: _____

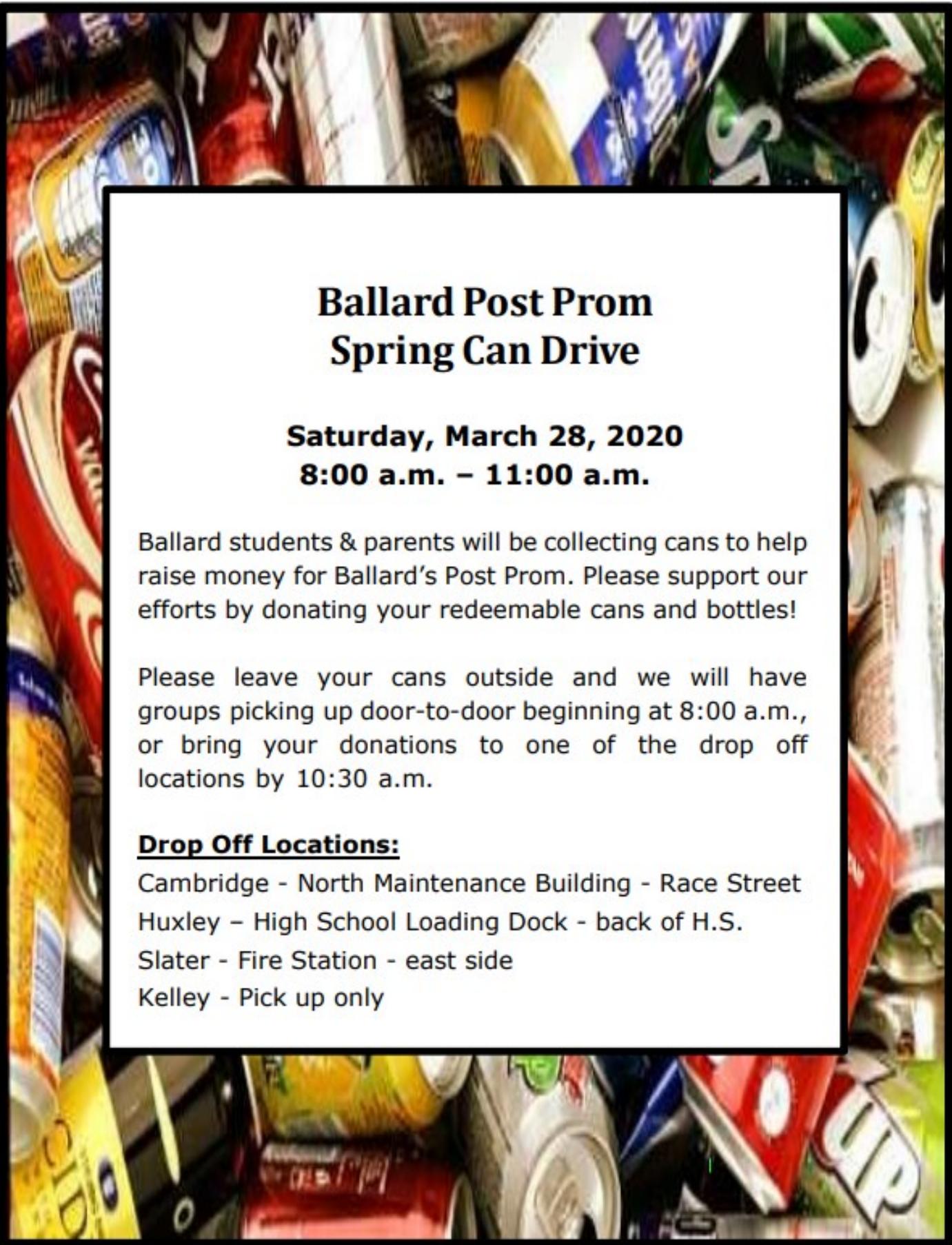
Fee \$35 - check # _____ / cash _____ (Fee waived for Ballard Jrs/Srs who worked Can Drive: Fall __ / Spring __)

Guest Name: _____ (Must complete own form for signatures & payment)

Make checks payable to: Ballard Post Prom

(Note: The Post Prom fee is separate from any Prom fees)

**RETURN THIS FORM & PAYMENT TO JILL LEONARD AT THE
BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE BY APRIL 17, 2020**



Ballard Post Prom Spring Can Drive

**Saturday, March 28, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Ballard students & parents will be collecting cans to help raise money for Ballard's Post Prom. Please support our efforts by donating your redeemable cans and bottles!

Please leave your cans outside and we will have groups picking up door-to-door beginning at 8:00 a.m., or bring your donations to one of the drop off locations by 10:30 a.m.

Drop Off Locations:

Cambridge - North Maintenance Building - Race Street

Huxley - High School Loading Dock - back of H.S.

Slater - Fire Station - east side

Kelley - Pick up only

Community

Dollars for Scholars



Ballard Community

**Dollars for
Scholars®**

Ballard Dollars for Scholars Enrichment Fund Donations:

- ◆ Madrid Veterans of Foreign War
- ◆ Martin & Kris Edleman

**Attention Seniors!! Deadline to
finish DFS scholarship application
is **March 3rd**!**



**Save the Date: Scholarship Awards Night is
Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:30 pm. Seniors receiving a
Dollars for Scholars scholarship MUST attend to receive
their scholarship and meet the donor.**

Don't forget to do your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com and choose Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars as your charity to help out our seniors.



Ballard parents or community members interested in joining the Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars Committee, please contact us at ballarddfs@gmail.com. We need you to help with events and to assist us in locating funding for scholarships for Ballard students.

Ballard Sharks Swim Club

Come try it for
FREE, first week
only!



Slater Municipal Pool
June-July

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 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Meets on Tuesday Nights

Open to youth (ages 6-18)

In & around South Story, North Polk & Boone Counties!

Registration open now, through the summer!

Questions: ballardsharks@gmail.com

Find us at: ***Ballard Sharks Swim Club on Facebook*** or

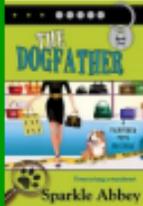
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105 N Tama 515-228-3558 www.slaterlibrary.org
Hours: M-TH 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10

Soup and Sound Lunch

Stop in on Friday, **March 6** for guest authors Sparkle Abby (Mary Lee Woods and Anita Carter). A treat for lovers of pets and mysteries!



A free-will lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. with the program starting at noon. Menu: Chicken noodle soup, roll and dessert.



On **April 2** (Please note this is a Thursday!) Liz Garst will present her program entitled: **Corn and Khrushchev**.

The Garst Family has deep roots in the history of Iowa. Based on her family experience in Coon Rapids, Liz recounts the history of agricultural development in Iowa, from early settlement through the fabulous mid-century explosion of farm productivity, based on the hybrid seeds, machinery, fertilizers and livestock technologies promoted by her grandfather. Liz tells how it came to pass that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and his family visited the Garst family in 1959, and recalls fun stories from her personal memories as an 8-year-old participant. Embedded in the entertaining story are history and economics lessons and a powerful message about the ability of an individual to make a difference.

Free Programs

- Soup and Sounds - March 6 and April 2
- Early-Out Program - Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM
- Slater Tots - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
- Book Club - Thursday, March 26 at 10 AM & April 16 at 6 PM
- Yoga - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 AM
- Coffee - Fridays at 10 AM



Book Club

For March the book club will read the true crime love story *American Fire* by Monica Hesse. **Book discussion will take place Thursday, March 26 at 10 a.m.**

Overview: The arsons started on a cold November midnight and didn't stop for months. Night after night, the people of Accomack County waited to see which building would burn down next, regarding each other at first with compassion, and later suspicion.

-barnesandnoble.com



New York Times Best Selling Author, Tosca Lee is coming to SPL!

Join the April Book Club as they discuss *The Line Between* with an in person meet and greet with author Tosca Lee. This event is open to the public and starts at **6 PM on Thursday, April 16.**

Overview: When Wynter Roth finally escapes from New Earth, a self-contained doomsday cult on the American prairie, she emerges into a world poised on the brink of madness as a mysterious outbreak of rapid early onset dementia spreads across the nation.



As Wynter struggles to start over in a world she's been taught to regard as evil, she finds herself face-to-face with the apocalypse she's feared all her life—until the night her sister shows up at her doorstep with a set of medical samples. That night, Wynter learns there's something far more sinister at play: that the prophet they once idolized has been toying with the

fate of mankind, and that these samples are key to understanding the disease. -barnesandnoble.com

Easter Egg Hunt Spring Book & Bake Sale

The Friends are working with the Community Club to plan Slater's Easter Egg Hunt and will also kick off their Spring Book and Bake Sale. The **Easter Egg Hunt** will be at Nelson Park at **10 a.m. on Saturday, April 4** for toddlers-3rd graders. The **Book and Bake Sale** will begin at 9 a.m. and run until noon.



DID YOU HEAR?



THE SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

*The History of Hats
And The Easter Parade*

EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1 P.M.
HERITAGE HALL MUSEUM
318 FIRST AVENUE, SLATER

Heritage Hall Museum is open every Thursday 10-2 p.m. but is ALWAYS open if you call 515-480-9789 or 515-228-3293. We welcome groups.

*The History of Hats will be on display through May.
A great Mother's Day activity!*



Hats and Gloves. All Dressed Up for Easter 1957

Ballard School District Phone Numbers

Ballard West Elementary (Grades EK-2)

105 E. Main, Slater, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	228-3890
Transportation Change	597-2979
http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us/district/transportation/	
Office	228-3890
Fax	228-3892
West Kitchen	228-3890 (ext. 5261)

Administration Office

509 N. Main Ave, Huxley, Iowa

Superintendent	597-2811
Business Manager	597-2811
Fax	597-2965
Lunchtime Solutions, Inc.	597-2750 (ext. 1010 or 1013)

Ballard East Elementary (Grades 3-5)

505 W. 4th, Cambridge, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	220-4306
Transportation Change	597-2979
http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us/district/transportation/	
Office	220-4306
Fax	220-4310
East Kitchen	220-4306 (ext. 4108)

Ballard High School (Grades 9-12)

701 Ballard Drive, Huxley IA

Attendance Reporting	597-2971
Transportation Change	597-2979
http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us/district/transportation/	
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
Transportation Change	597-2979
http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us/district/transportation/	
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)

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