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From the Superintendent's Desk

September was family meal month. A month set aside to promote time most nights for families to gather for meals. You might ask, "Family meals? That is pretty common." In our increasingly fast paced society—one with commitments by parents and kids, it is becoming increasingly difficult to carve out time for family. This lack of time eats into the ability to eat family meals. It may seem unimportant, to sit down together at share a meal, but research continually points out the benefits of family meals.

Research indicates that children benefit in a broad range of areas when families eat meals together. Children whose families regularly eat meals together saw the benefits listed below:

They consume more nutritious meals than those who do not.

They consume healthier portion sizes, more fruits and vegetables, fewer snacks, and fewer fried foods.

Research also shows that children who eat regular family meals have a decreased risk for developing eating disorders, being obese, and using alcohol or other drugs.

They perform better in school, tend to be happier, less stressed, have positive peer relations, and a decreased risk of suicide.

They learn skills they can use later in life, such as social etiquette, table manners, and conversational skills.

Because of the broad benefits research shows children gain from eating family meals, I urge every family to make a concerted effort to eat family meals whenever possible. We all know how busy all of our schedules become in the fall, but the benefits of eating together make it worth trying to prioritize time for family meals

John Speer, Superintendent

Ballard Community Schools

**United
Way**



United Way of Story County

If you need legal representation in civil matters, Legal Aid Society of Story County can help. Problems in the areas of civil law including, but not limited to: domestic abuse, dissolution of marriage, child custody, and child support are areas

Legal Aid can help. To qualify for services you must be a resident of Story County, complete a Legal Aid registration form, have a civil case and must not present a conflict of interest for their staff. For more information visit <http://www.midiowa.net/~legalaidstory/index.htm>.

High School Class Scheduling for 2011-2012 School Year

Scheduling of classes for the 2011 – 2012 school year will begin in November this year. This is to make the transition into the new high school building run as smooth as possible. A tentative timeline will be:

Course description guides and course request sheets will be handed out to all 8th – 11th grade students during fall parent/teacher conference November 3 and 4.

Mrs. Yeager will meet with classes between November 8 and November 17.

All student course requests must be entered into Infinite Campus by November 24.

Mr. Ronca and Mrs. Yeager will begin to build the master schedule for the 2011-2012 school year in January.

Schedules may be available to students for final approval before they leave for the summer.



2010 Ballard Homecoming Royalty



1st Row: Molli Butler, Kristy Carr, Taylor Greenfield, Jordan Henry and Susan Kirschenman
2nd Row: Tanner Hiatt, Jack Danks, Sean Raes, Nate Pietz and Taylor Jennings
Not Pictured: Little Royalty – Brooklyn Baumgardner and Wil Jennings

This year's Homecoming Queen and King were Kristy Carr and Jack Danks.

2010 – 2011 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 – 19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8 – 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 – 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 – 20, 2011

1 Down, 190 to Go

Charcey Petersen, Rachel Bruns, & Adam Kusler

Woke up late,
Had a really good cupcake.
I saw some lost friends,
Where have they been?

Discovered my locker,
Was thinking about soccer,
Wish my locker buddy was more of a talker.

Some of my classes were cold,
But they still smelled old.

Went to weightlifting,
After I was backpack-sifting,
Then in science, I was drifting.

Perseverance

Brooke Mallon, Abbey Meyer, Ashley Davis, & Alanna Dubberke

Dodging older kids in the halls
Your hair being blown by the fans
Feeling like I'm fighting a strong current in an ocean of upper
Classmen, not sure what direction to go next

Lockers won't open
Late for class
A lot of rules being thrown at you every hour

Rooms are too hot
Some are too cold
Some people too quiet, others too bold

Meeting new people every hour
Can't remember my schedule
But overall a great day!

**First
Day of
High
School
Poems
by
Mrs.
Rigby's
Class**

Back to Kindergarten

Bailey Moulden, Sam Crilly,
Lindy Peterson & Lauren Vogel

Load bus, full of anxious children
Friends stand waiting
Exchanging hugs and stories
Stuck lockers, loud voices, rushing feet

The bell sends a scream down the hall
As I take a seat for my first class
The first few hours pass by in a blur
As I listen to teachers repeating rules

Lunch is awkward
There is nowhere to sit
Plopping down at a nearby table
We soon realize that's not the correct choice

Riding home on the bus; I'm stressed
The little kids tell me how great the first day
Of kindergarten was. I smile at that,
Take a deep breath, and decide to take on
Freshman year in the eyes of a kindergartener.

The First Day of High School

Mark Goldberg, Trevor Thompson,
Makenzie Ihle, & Miranda Murphy

Sevies are really short
Seniors are really tall
We are right in-between
And we can see them all

Small engines is hard to find
Seniors are not very kind
Rules were the same all day
But the teachers were very nice

Lunch was so packed
Not knowing where to sit
Older kids were very noisy
But we got through it

In this packed high school
It is hard to get around
By the second day
Classes are finally found.

First Day of High School Poems By Mrs. Rigby's Class

The 1st Day

Sheridan Gealow, Mason Mann, Hannah Hovick, & D.J. Oler

Summer is over and now we're back.

New lockers, new classes, and new people.

Glad to see friends but not the backpacks and books.

Upper classmen in the lunch room giving me funny looks.

Waitin' for football Friday nights, I'm kind of anxious.

Can't wait for them to start, I'm running out of patience.

I like the teachers, but the lockers are still a pain.

Lots of homework, that's hard to maintain,
but it's all a part of school.

Walk, sit, walk, sit for 7 hours straight.

Beating the bell by seconds, not wanting to be late.

Rules, responsibility, long halls full of opportunity.

Setting goals and trying hard,

although we just started, the end isn't that far.

It's the first year of high school, this is where it counts.

New year, new us, it's time to start over.

First Day of High School Poems by Mrs. Rigby's Class

Level 1 Investigators

The Ballard Board of Education designates Level One Investigators each year. Board Policy 530 details procedures for a complaint concerning student abuse.

The Level I student abuse investigator is:

John Ronca

515-597-2971, ext 303 office

515-597-4076 home

Alternate Investigators are:

Lisa Yeager

515-597-2977, ext 401 office

515-228-3888 home

Marty Jimmerson

515-228-3890 office

515-597-3830 home

Jamie Coquyt

515-220-4306 office

515-597-3133 home

Thomas Maher

515-597-2971, ext 304 office

515-597-2119 home

John Speer

515-597-2975 office

515-597-3684 home

2010-11 Scholarship information available in the Guidance Center

Scholarship information is listed in the Ballard Dimensions as well as on our guidance office web site. Senior advisors also receive updated information on scholarships; dates college representatives will be visiting Ballard; dates of career and college fairs in the area; and registration deadlines for ACT and SAT testing. Students should make use of the guidance office for researching colleges and the numerous scholarships available.

Scholarship Name	Deadline	Requirements	Value
FREE SEARCH		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.fastweb.com 	
Wendy's High School Heisman	10-03-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Senior who excels in academics, athletics and student leadership • Minimum 3.00 GPA and participate in at least one school sponsored sport • www.wendysheisman.com 	\$500
The Prudential Spirit of Community	11-01-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in grade 7-12 who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2009 • http://spirit.prudential.com or www.principals.org/spirit 	\$1,000
Wayne State College Scholarships	12-1-10 – 2-1-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out numerous scholarships available at • www.wsc.edu 	Various
AXA Achievement Scholarship	12-15-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you been active in the community, led a project that benefits others, or overcome personal challenges? You may qualify. • www.axa-achievement.com 	\$10,000 to \$25,000
Dordt College	1-15-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any student accepted for admission having a minimum GPA of 3.00 and a minimum ACT of 21 will automatically be awarded a Presidential or Honors Scholarship • www.dordt.edu 	Various
NW Missouri Scholarships	5-1-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out numerous scholarships available at • www.nwmissouri.edu/finaid 	Various
Morningside College Scholarships and Grants	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out numerous scholarships and grants available at • www.morningside.edu 	Various
Updated 9-23-10		INDICATES NEW SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE LAST UPDATE	

20th Annual Golden Circle College Fair

Sunday, October 3, 2010
12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Polk County Convention Complex
Des Moines, IA

Iowa's largest college fair brings more than 150 colleges together in one place.

Hosted by:
ICAN
Iowa College Access Network
www.ICANsucceed.org/collegefairs

BALLARD JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL GRADING TIMELINES FOR 2010 – 2011

All grades will be posted by 3:00 pm

1st Qtr grades:

Post grades Wednesday, October 27
Report cards sent Friday, October 29

2nd Qtr midterms:

Post grades Monday, November 22
Report cards sent Wednesday, November 24

2nd Qtr/1st Sem final grades:

Post grades Wednesday, January 5
Report cards sent Friday, January 7

3rd Qtr midterms:

Post grades Wednesday, February 9
Report cards sent Friday, February 11

3rd Qtr grades:

Post grades Wednesday, March 23
Report cards sent Friday, March 25

4th Qtr midterms:

Seniors-Post grades Wednesday, April 20
Report cards sent Friday, April 22

7-11 gr.-Post grades Wednesday, April 27
Report cards sent Friday, April 29

4th Qtr/2nd Sem Final Grades:

Post grades Tuesday, May 24 (Tentative date)
Report cards will be mailed week of June 6th (Tentative date)

JUNIORS, SENIORS AND PARENTS



Attention: You are invited to participate in Financial Aid Night Monday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium -- AND --remember to bring your parents!

Mrs. Yeager has invited a representative from the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) to give a presentation on the process for completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Also covered will be grants and loans available for college students, and how to spot legitimate college funding sources.

This will be a great opportunity for students and parents of juniors and seniors to gain insight into the process of ***funding a college education.***

COLLEGE REP VISITS

October 5	1:00 p.m.	NW Missouri State
October 7	11:15 a.m.	DMACC
October 14	9:00 a.m.	Indian Hills Community College
	11:00 a.m.	Simpson College
	11:30 a.m.	Wartburg College
October 15	11:00 a.m.	AIB
October 18	1:00 p.m.	Kirkwood Community College
October 20	1:00 p.m.	Ashford University

ATTENTION: *JUNIORS*

The PSAT test will be given at Ballard High School on Wednesday, October 13. **This test is important for juniors because it is the first step in qualifying to be a National Merit Scholar.**

In early September, information regarding the PSAT test was provided to all juniors. Those wanting to take the PSAT test signed up in the guidance office and paid \$13.00 by the Monday, September 27 deadline.

PLAN TEST will be offered to *SOPHOMORES*

ACT's PLAN test will be given to sophomore students Wednesday morning, October 27. PLAN is the 10th grade test that gives students a forecast of how they might do on the ACT Assessment. The ACT test should be taken in the junior or senior year and is used by colleges for admission and placement.

Each participating student receives a report that identifies academic strengths and weaknesses. PLAN also provides extensive information for educational and career planning. Students who take the PLAN test usually score an average of 1-2 points higher on the ACT Assessment than students who do not take PLAN.

The fee is \$9.00 for the PLAN test. Please register and leave the payment with Mrs. Wilson, in the guidance office, by Wednesday, October 13. **Students who do not sign up for the PLAN by October 13 will not be guaranteed a test.**

Ballard Community Schools Lunch Menus

may be found on the school website: www.ballard.k12.ia.us.

Click on Food Service and then Menus

BALLARD EAST MUSIC

Wanted: A volunteer piano **accompanist** for Ballard East vocal music concerts

It is a volunteer position but the time required is very minimal. Please contact Mrs. Ott if you are interested at 515.220.4306 ext. 136 or lott@ballard.k12.ia.us

Currently in vocal music ...

- Sixth grade students have been studying music from the time periods of music history. Encourage your student to tell you something they have learned about the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or 20th Century period.
- Fifth grade students completed an in-class musical called the “Song Sleuth” in which they learned the components used in song writing. They are currently reviewing some music fundamentals. Ask your student if they can tell you the sayings used to help remember bass clef note names.
- Fourth grade students have started music technology computer rotation and have been reviewing music symbols using our interactive white board, mimio. Ask your student to tell you how we use the “magic pen” to review in class.

Mark your calendar: Ballard East winter *vocal* music concerts will be on Thursday December 16th!

Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars

The Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars met on September 2, 2010, in the High School Teachers Lounge, starting at 7:05 PM. Present were Brenda Brink, Sally Case, Danelle Jensen, Lisa Leland, Sheila Norris, Marita Rouse, and Cindi Thomas. No treasurer's or secretary's reports were available.

Old Business included:

-a report from Sally Case and Cindi Thomas on the recent Academic Awards Night. The members thanked them for all their hard work and also wanted to recognize Dana Rewoldt who stepped up this year to do the certificates of award. All agreed it was a successful and worthwhile event and only a few trouble spots were identified which will be noted for next year.

-members were asked to continue to think about the possibility of raising the donation amount for Endowments in the future and to make sure to attend the next meeting when we will be getting more information from our investment advisor, DeAnn Thompson.

-Sally Case will be working with Mike Robinson on the memorials honoring Toni Robinson.

New Business included:

-Homecoming Meal Fundraiser sign-up sheets were passed around and duties were discussed.

-A new Points for Scholars committee head is needed as Dana is retiring from that position. Brenda Brink will be starting to organize that fundraiser. Discussion was held re: involving more sports than just basketball, so members will also be throwing out T's from last year at a cross country meet, a volleyball game and a football game, with plans to proceed with the 3 Point Contest like last year.

Meeting was adjourned by 8:30 PM. The next meeting is October 7, 2010, with new members welcome.

BUSHELS OF FUN AT THE HUXLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY!

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EVERY TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING

AT 9:30 – STORY TIME FOR

TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS

EARLY-OUT WEDNESDAYS IS

YOUTH BOOK CLUB FOR 4th-6th GRADERS. NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 29 AT 1:00.

NEW THIS FALL -BOOK CLUB FOR

HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2:00.

COME SEE WHAT MYSTERY WE'LL BE STARTING FOR ELEMENTARY AGE STUDENTS!

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH IS

adult reading group. OCTOBER 4, 10:00, WE'LL BE

DISCUSSING TORTILLA CURTAIN,

BY T.C. BOYLE, AND WE'LL BEGIN THE STAGGERFORD MURDERS,

BY IOWA AUTHOR JON HASSLER.

**Ballard Post
Prom
Can Drive
Saturday,
Oct 16, 8:30
to 12**



****Your donations will help raise funds for**

Ballard Post Prom activities!

****Drop off locations:**

—Slater Log Cabin

—Cambridge Community Center

—Kelly

—Ballard High School Parking Lot

****If you are unable to drop off your cans, simply leave them out by your front door and we will pick them up.**

****October 16, 2010 from 8:30 to 12:00**

****For additional information visit**

www.ballardpostprom@webs.com



THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!



Where: West Elementary Media Center
When: October 27-November 4, 2010 during
school hours
Family Night(s): Wednesday and Thursday
November 3 & 4, 2010
during conference hours



Ballard School District Phone Numbers

Ballard West Elementary (Grades K-3)

105 E. Main, Slater, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	228-3890
Office	228-3890
Fax	228-3892
Bus Riding Changes	228-3890

Administration Office

602 N. Main Ave, Huxley, Iowa

Superintendent	597-2811
Business Manager	597-2975
Fax	597-2965

Ballard East Elementary (Grades 4-6)

505 W. 4th, Cambridge, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	220-4306
Office	220-4306
Fax	220-4310
Bus Riding Changes	220-4306

Other District Numbers

Bus Barn	597-2979
Success Center	597-2970
Taher, Inc (HS Kitchen)	597-2978
West Kitchen	228-3893
East Kitchen	220-4893

Ballard Jr-Sr High (Grades 7-12)

509 N. Main, Huxley, Iowa

Attendance Reporting	597-2971 (ext 307)
Office	597-2971
Fax	597-2964
Principal's Secretary	597-2971 (ext 301)
Activities Secretary	597-2971 (ext 302)
Guidance /Registration	597-2971 (ext 400)
Guidance Fax	597-2818

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

Attendance/Bus Riding Changes

*The preferred way to contact the **elementary** sites regarding your child's absence or to report bus riding changes is via an email to **attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us**.*

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