



# Ballard Dimensions

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## *From the Superintendent's Desk*

The district enacted a number of cost saving measures in response to the state's 10% across the board cut to school budgets last November. Changing the Ballard Dimensions newsletter from a mailed piece to an on-line newsletter was one of the cost cutting changes.

We know that many people rely on the Dimensions for school, lunch, activity, and even community news. We have, since stopping mail delivery of the Dimensions, placed each month's edition as a link on our web-site. As we assessed this process, it was apparent that far fewer people accessed the on-line dimensions compared to the mailed version.

We will continue to publish the Dimensions as an on-line newsletter only, but will begin to send the virtual newsletter to every parent with an e-mail address starting in October. If you had a valid e-mail in the school's database, you should have received a reminder via infinite campus reminding you of the September Dimensions.

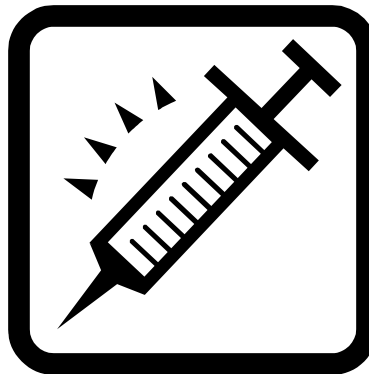
The October Dimensions will be e-mailed to you as an attachment via an on-line subscription program. Once you receive this newsletter in October, you need not do anything else to remain subscribed. If you know of people who would like to receive the Dimensions but are not in the school's database, they may subscribe to the newsletter by clicking a live link on the Homepage of the Ballard Web site—this link should be available approximately October 1.

We think that receiving the Dimensions via e-mail will again make the school newsletter accessible to a majority of the parents of the Ballard Community School District. Please pass this information along to any person whom you think may be interested in receiving the Dimensions monthly via e-mail. You can always access the Dimensions on the school website, [www.ballard.k12.ia.us](http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us).

John Speer  
Superintendent  
Ballard Schools

## Immunizations Available at HOMEWARD

HOMEWARD Public Health offers Immunization clinics to the general public. Childhood vaccines (18 years of age or under) are available for those who have no insurance or are under insured or who have no access to medical care free of charge. HOMEWARD offers evening hours for those who work and alternative clinic sites. Adult Immunizations are also offered at HOMEWARD. Please call HOMEWARD for dates, times and appointment availability at (515)239-6730.



### *Attendance/Transportation Changes*

Will your child be late or absent? Will they be going home via an alternate method? Please alert their school and the bus barn by calling or emailing as follows:

Ballard West : 515-228-3890

Ballard East : 515-220-4306

Or via email at *attend-bus@ballard.k12.ia.us*

To report a Ballard Junior Senior High student late or absent, please call 515-597-2971 ext 307.

## Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars

Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars has distributed \$341,625 to 1190 BHS graduates. Please consider joining us at our next meeting on Thurs., Sept 2, in the high school teachers lounge at 7 PM. Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars promotes community support for academic pursuits and senior scholarships through:

Homecoming Meal Fundraiser (9/24)

Points for Scholars Fundraiser (various sporting events)

Senior Scholarship Night (5/16)

Academic Awards Night (first night of school)

We can sure use some help, many hands make light work.

Plus, you'll get to know a great bunch of people!

Call Danelle Jensen (233-0494) or Brenda Brink (597-3487) for more information on how to get involved with this important organization.

## Class of 2010:

Your yearbooks have arrived.

Please pick them up at the guidance office.

### 2010 – 2011 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18 – October 1, 2010
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

# Ballard Student Council

For students at Ballard this year may just be like any other school year, but for the student council it's a fresh start to a busy new year. Before school even started the student council was working in committees to raise school spirit, plan Homecoming festivities, and even work on getting Ballard a "Go Green" plan. One of our biggest focuses right now is KIVA. KIVA is an online lending organization that allows our school to lend money to small businesses around the globe. In the past we have sent our money to places like Ghana, Moldova, and even Cambodia. One of our other priorities is Homecoming. Homecoming week is an exciting, yet busy week for Ballard students. Throughout the days of the week students participate in football games and dressing up during school to show their spirit. The student council has the honor of planning one of the biggest events of the year, the Homecoming dance. We have been working on decorations and music for the dance. If you would like to show your spirit for our school then here are some homecoming dates to keep in mind;

Homecoming Parade and Coronation- September 23, 2010

Homecoming football game against Boone- September 24, 2010

Homecoming dance held at East Elementary- September 25, 2010

In addition to all of this, the Homecoming parade is in need of floats. We are asking students to pick up a sign up sheet in the main office for their club or organization to be in the parade. Completed entry forms need to be turned into Ms. Mein by September 17, 2010.

Thank you to the Ballard community for your continuous support to  
the Ballard High School Student Council!

**Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars**  
**Homecoming Pork Sandwich Meal**

**Friday, September 24, 5:00-7:00 PM**

**High School Cafeteria**

**Benefiting Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars**

**\$5.00 for sandwich, chips, veggies,  
applesauce and homemade bars!**

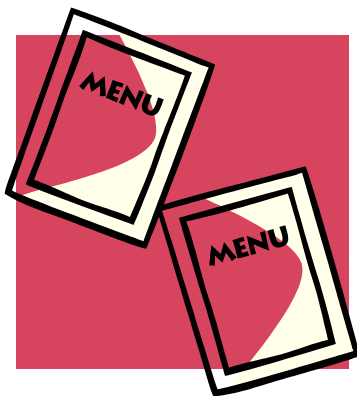


Ballard Schools *food service menus*  
are available on the Ballard web-site

*[www.ballard.k12.ia.us](http://www.ballard.k12.ia.us)*

*‘Food Service’*

*‘Menus’*



# Family Meals Campaign

The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) has dedicated a decade of research to evaluate the benefits of family dinners for children and youth. The research is clear that children and youth that have dinner five times or more a week with their family are less likely to smoke cigarettes, use marijuana, or drink alcohol. Specifically, youth are twice as likely to use cigarettes or marijuana, and one and half times more likely to use alcohol if they have fewer than three dinners a week with family. However, CASA's research positively reflects that of the teens who have five or more family meals a week

- 50% report having an excellent relationship with mom

- 43% report having an excellent relationship with dad

- 87% feel that it is easy to talk with mom about personal issues

- 76% feel that it is easy to talk with dad about personal issues

The Family Meals Initiative was developed to highlight CASA's findings, and encourage families to apply the research when planning their own family meals. The Story County Prevention Policy Board together with CASA is promoting September as Family Meals Month. During September, Story County families will be urged to set aside time for meals together. The ultimate goal is to encourage families to create a healthy tradition of spending meal times together.



# ATTENTION: SOPHOMORES AND *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.**

**Those wanting to take the PSAT test need to sign up in the  
guidance office and pay the \$13.00 testing fee by Wednesday,  
September 17. Students who do not sign up for the PSAT by  
September 17 will not be guaranteed a test.**

## REGISTRATION FEE REMINDER

Registration technology fees are past due. Parents/Guardians,  
if you have not paid your child/children's fee, please do so immediately.

**Mail all payments to:**

**Peggy Wilson  
Ballard Community Schools  
PO Box 307  
Huxley, IA 50124**

### Computer/Technology Fee Rates:

*West - \$10.00*

*East - \$20.00*

***Jr/Sr - \$25.00***

**Max. Fee/Family:**

***\$90.00***

# BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL

2010 Academic Letter Winners  
3.3 GPA or Higher GPA for Both Semesters 2009 – 2010

## 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Katie Ahrenholtz  
Ryan Allen  
Kara Andersen  
Jacob Bernholtz  
Katarina Betz  
Alexander Blum  
Ellyn Carson  
Joey Dahl  
Billie Flaming  
Nathan Friedrichsen  
Mikiel Gonnerman  
Kameron Graves  
Christopher Grice  
Luther Grulke  
Dillon Hansen  
Julia Herrin  
Brett Hull  
Rachel Jack  
Mackenzie Jahn  
Russell Jones  
Katlyn Kahler  
Seth Kowalik  
Melissa Lee  
Jenna Leland  
Kordell Lettow  
Alexander Macki  
Cassandra McMullen  
Sydney Moore  
Tyler Nyhus-Nelson  
Nicole Onken  
Adriana Silva  
Adam Smith  
Christopher Sorenson  
Megan Spear  
Kelsay Staley-Holmes  
Jordan Stewart  
Ryan Vincent  
Brian Von Arb  
Noah Wheeler  
Joeseoph Wilson  
Michael Wuestenberg  
Michael Wulfekuhle

## 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Jacob Ackerman  
Samuel Adams  
William Beglinger  
Morgan Brown  
Kayla Bruns  
Erin Bryan  
Aaron Burger  
Beatrice Charter  
Hannah Cole  
Brandon DeMuynck  
Ashley Denning  
Peter DeTar  
Erika Edwards  
McKenzie Flick  
Rachel Gaul  
Jenna Graves  
Brynnan Greimann  
Grace Hall  
Gabrielle Hartog  
Danielle Herrold  
Katie Hokel  
Kevin Jack  
Rebecca Jensen  
Cassandra Kennedy  
Emily Larkin  
Cassandra Linn  
Adam Matthews  
Kaimi Mattila  
Ashly McLaughlin  
Lauren Ossian  
Peter Rietgraf  
Casey Robson  
Rachel Sage  
Derek Schafbuch  
Chandler Schmidt  
Natasha Shehade  
Chelsea Smith  
Katelyn Smith  
Stephanie Stall  
Maggie Sullivan  
Nicholas Upah  
Elise Volger  
Curtis Weeks  
Seth Weeks  
Shelbi Weeks  
Grace Williams  
Colin Wollaston

## 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Shelby Baker  
Kylee Brownrigg  
Molli Butler  
Kristy Carr  
Inger Cooper  
John Danks  
Emily Denning  
Sophie Dickens  
Lerin Dubberke  
Briecana Fortner  
Scott Gaul  
Taylor Greenfield  
Mason Hasty  
Stephanie Higgs  
Sidney Jamison  
Samantha Jensen  
Christian Jones  
Susan Kirschenman  
Bethany Kluender  
Daniel Krause  
Stuart Macki  
Sierra McVicker  
Victoria Mens  
Theresa Nemeth  
Lydia Peters  
Teresa Rasmussen  
Abby Rewoldt  
Kayla Robbins  
Devynn Roberts  
Quincy Schafbuch  
Amber Smith  
Hunter Weatherman  
Michael Wilkerson  
Travis Zimmerman

# Academic Achievement Awards

Presented Thursday, August 19, 2010

Sponsored by Ballard Community Dollars for Scholars

Bob Finch Agriculture Award

Presenter Jennifer Hogan

Recipient----- Erika Edwards

Bob Krause Business & Technology Award

Presenter Lisa Ronca

Recipients----- Emily Larkin and Rachael Sage

Sharon Guilinger & Karen Davis

Family & Consumer Science Award

Presenter Jean Longnecker

Recipient----- Marjan Farahbakhsh

Sue Erickson Foreign Language Award

Presenter Lindsey Colegrove

Recipient----- Bethany Kluender

Steve Quick Industrial Technology Award

Presenter Dave Howlett

Recipient----- Tyler Mortvedt

Jon & Justin Jeffries Language Arts Award

Presenter Julie Ramer

Recipient----- Briana Fortner

Ben Johnson Math Award

Presenter Matt Simpson

Recipient----- Mollie Butler

Jonnie Wright Music Award

Presenters Tyler Harper, Scott Keese

Recipient----- Tyler D. Johnson

Recipient----- Scott Gaul

Larry Shaeffer Physical Education Award

Presenter Al Christian

Recipient----- Nicholas Kohrt

Phillip Lee Science Award

Presenter Corey Vespstad

Recipient----- Quincy Schafbuch

Don Broshar Service Award

Presenter Jeriann McLaughlin

Recipient----- Rebecca Jensen

Erik Helland Social Studies Award

Presenter Darren Herrold

Recipient----- Tanner Hiatt

Cammy Newton Speech/Drama Award

Presenter Lisa Ronca

Recipient----- Stuart Macki

Jim Mulvihill Visual Arts Award

Presenter Steve Boyd

Recipient----- Mason Hasty

# ***Ballard Music Boosters***

## ***Membership Form***

Your entire donation supports the band and vocal music programs at Ballard. Music Booster funds provide the extras that support our widely recognized music program.

The Music Boosters offer the following membership opportunities:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Conductor Membership** **\$100.00**  
(includes family admission to all regular music concerts and recognition in program)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Symphonic Membership** **\$ 50.00**  
(includes single admission to all regular music concerts and recognition in program)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Concert Membership** **\$25.00**  
(includes recognition of your support in a concert program)

**All funds support the Ballard Music Program.**

**Please make checks payable to Ballard Music Boosters.  
Mail to: Ballard High School PO Box 307 Huxley, IA 50124.**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***The Ballard Music Boosters Board would like to  
thank you for your financial support of the  
Ballard Music Department.***

## 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](http://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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