



W.H. BALLARD

May Newsletter 2025

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

In today's digital world, social media plays a significant role in our children's lives. While it offers many benefits, it's essential to guide them in using it responsibly. Here are some key points to consider:

- Privacy and Safety: Encourage your children to protect their personal information and be mindful of what they share online.
- Digital Footprint: Remind them that their online posts can have long-term consequences.
- Cyberbullying: Be aware of the signs and create an open environment for discussing any negative experiences.
- Screen Time: Promote a healthy balance between online and offline activities.
- Critical Thinking: Teach them to evaluate the credibility of online information.
- Positive Use: Highlight the constructive aspects of social media, such as learning new skills and connecting with others.

Your involvement is crucial in helping your children navigate social media safely and responsibly. Regular conversations and clear guidelines can make a significant difference. We encourage all families to join us on May 27th to learn more about Social Media and safety precautions for your children. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 5th to 9th - Book Fair
- May 8th - Open House 5-6:30PM; School Council meeting to follow
- May 13th, 5PM to 6PM - Welcome to Kindergarten
- **May 19th Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL**
- May 27th - Guest speaker Paul Davis presenting Social Networking Safety
- **June 6th - PA Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- June 26th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

WEEKLY FUNDRAISERS

PIZZA: Available for purchase (\$2 a slice) through School Cash Online or cash. Every Wednesday 2nd nutrition break.

POPCORN: Available for purchase every Friday at 2nd nutrition break. \$2 a bag (CASH ONLY) in various flavors.

MILK: Available for purchase Tuesday and Thursday 2nd nutrition break. Chocolate & regular milk available for \$1 per small carton (CASH ONLY).



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GUEST SPEAKER: PAUL DAVIS

We are thrilled to announce that Paul Davis, an expert in internet safety, will visit W. H. Ballard on **May 27th from 6 PM to 7 PM** to present on Social Networking Safety. This event is ideal for students aged 12 and up, as well as parents, to learn about responsible social media use and associated risks. Paul will offer practical tips for navigating the digital world securely, helping students benefit from social media while protecting their privacy. We encourage all parents to attend and support their children in becoming informed digital citizens.

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DOMINO'S DOUGHRAISER

On **Tuesday May 20th, 2025** order a **LARGE 3-TOPPING PIZZA** and W.H. Ballard will receive \$5 from each order. Valid at 1440 Main St. East and 10150 Upper Gage Ave locations online, over the phone and in-store.

SHARE THE FLYER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



BOOK FAIR

Our school will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from May 5th to May 9th. Students will have the opportunity to preview the book fair on Monday and Tuesday. Purchases can be made on Wednesday during the day and Thursday during the Open House. Supporting the book fair will contribute to acquiring new books for our library.

KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

School Parent Council are running a fundraiser in partnership with Krispy Kreme Donuts. You can order Krispy Kreme's delicious original glazed donuts for \$14 per dozen. Orders are due by Wednesday May 14th. Pick up is on Monday May 26th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the auditorium

