



Weekly Update

Good Evening, Baldwin Family,

It's LITERACY WEEK 2026!! As all of us continue to move away from reading, please help us ensure one of the most important habits any person can do continues to happen. Here's some useful strategies:

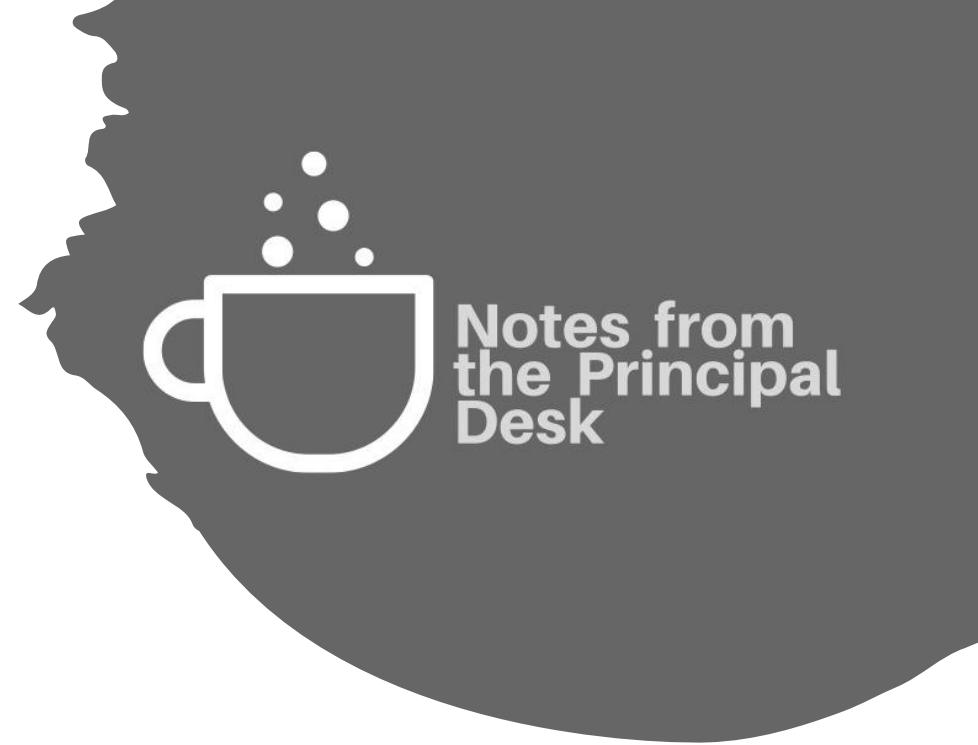
- Let your student see YOU reading weekly...find used books on eBay or Amazon, go old school with a magazine subscription. Do you want your student's reading to improve? Lead the way by putting down the phone and picking up something to read.
- Read a book as a family that has a movie. Finish the book. Watch the movie. Argue which was better in certain areas and why.
- Shut off wi-fi at 9pm. What?! No endless doom scrolling? No 17<sup>th</sup> time watching The Office? How ever will we fall asleep?! Make reading the LAST thing you do before lights out.
- Ask your teen about magazines, graphic novels, or book series they may be interested in. Buy them and read them with them...and then you know, actually talk to them about it.

What we're doing at Baldwin:

- Slowly bringing back classroom sets of textbooks as a resource for students to read & learn from weekly
- Considering silent, sustained reading for fun as part of our daily bell schedule in 2026-2027

What I'm reading right now and what's next: The Tempest by Shakespeare and then East of Eden by Steinbeck. Moving forward, I plan to share on Facebook. I hope you respond with what you're reading in the comments! #BringBackBooks #LevelUp #AllMeansAll

Mike



# Help us keep \$500K in Title 1 Dollars for 2026-2027!

Please complete the Free & Reduced Lunch Application

Living in a residence where the lease or mortgage are  
NOT in your name? Please see the next slide on  
McKinney Vento situations.

We have until February 6<sup>th</sup> to find 100  
students that have applied and qualify.



## FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION



ENGLISH



ESPAÑOL

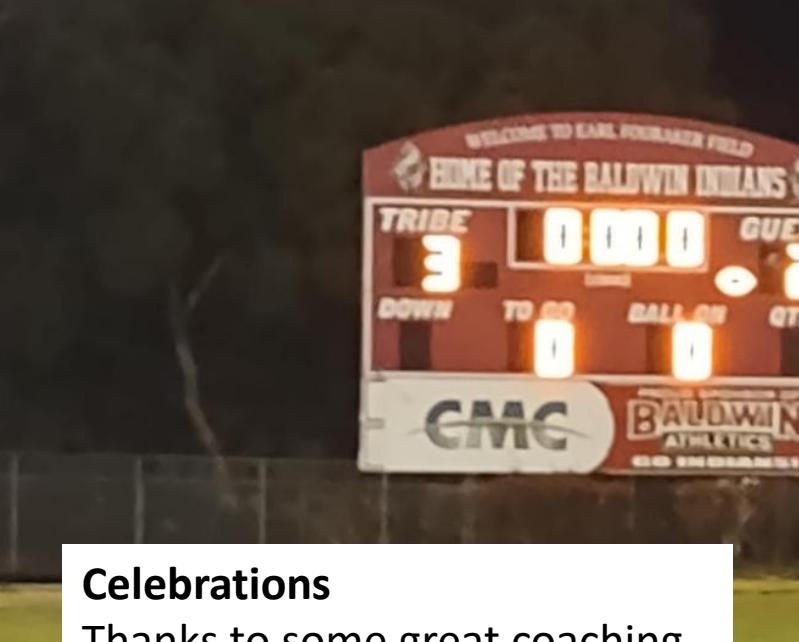
**All McKinney-Vento students qualify for free and reduced lunch. One of the following criteria must be met to qualify for McKinney-Vento:**

- **children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons (i.e. living in a rental or home NOT in their parent's name) due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;** are living in motels hotels, RV trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals
- children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings;
- migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (1) through(3).
- **An unaccompanied youth who is not in the physical custody of a biological parent or legal guardian.**

**If you meet one of the above criteria, please email Mr. Townsend ([townsendm@duvalschools.org](mailto:townsendm@duvalschools.org)) or Mrs. Ramos for Espanol ([ramosi@duvalschools.org](mailto:ramosi@duvalschools.org)) as soon as possible. Your information is kept confidential.**



**McKinney-Vento**  
Serving Students In Transition



## Celebrations

Thanks to some great coaching (and perfect weather), Middle School Basketball & Soccer absolutely dominated Westside MS last week. Join us this week as MS winter sports seasons continue. #LevelUp





## Celebrations

This week our local Army Recruiting Office brought their Military Combat Simulator trailer to Baldwin. During the visit, students had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on military combat simulation experience, which introduced them to teamwork, decision-making, and leadership under supervised conditions. The recruiters also spoke with students about career pathways, leadership development, and educational opportunities within the U.S. Army, answering questions and engaging with our cadets in a positive and informative manner. Remember our mission: **ALL** students will graduate with a plan for college, career or military service. #LevelUp





**Celebrations**

Congratulations to our Varsity Competition Cheer team that went into State Competition on Friday and absolutely nailed it. There's some things that need to be sorted out with FHSAA, but for now, celebrate their amazing season and lift them up as the travel on to Nationals & World Competition at Disney this coming weekend. Special thanks to Tru Fi Credit Union, CMC & Hubbard Electric for making this Orlando Trip possible. #BaldwinStrong #LevelUp





## Celebrations

Our Baldwin Lady Lifters traveled to Keystone Heights for the District Meet. Grace Freeman earned 3rd place in both Traditional and Olympic. Shaunalei'a Montefalcon took 3rd in Traditional and 2nd in Olympic. Ava Hughes had a 3rd-place finish in Olympic. Madysen Herndon earned 1st place in both Traditional and Olympic. Hayden Herndon finished 2nd in Traditional and bringing home 1st place in Olympic. Kendall Elson powered through the competition, earning 3rd in Traditional and 2nd in Olympic. Next stop for many of our lifters: Regionals!

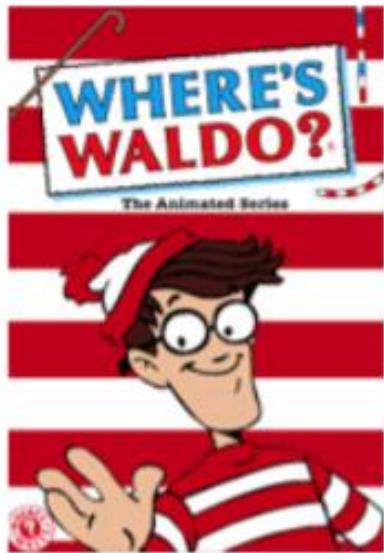
#LetsGo #GirlPower #LevelUp #BaldwinStrong



# Events This Week

Monday Jan 26 B Day	Tues Jan 27 A Day	Wed Jan 28 B Day	Thurs Jan 29 A Day	Friday Jan 30 B Day
<p><b>Literacy Week Dress Up Theme: Where's Waldo</b></p> <p><b>PERT Testing</b></p> <p>Flag Football Tryouts (Meet in Room 140 after school)</p> <p>Middle School Girls Soccer at Springfield (5:00pm)</p>	<p><b>Literacy Week Dress Up Theme: Read My Shirt Day</b></p> <p><b>PERT Testing</b></p> <p><b>Vision/Hearing Screening</b></p> <p>Varsity Wrestling Home vs Terry Parker (5:00pm)</p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Boys Basketball at Ed White (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Girls Basketball at Beachside (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p>Flag Football Tryouts (Meet in Room 140 after school)</p>	<p><b>Literacy Week Dress Up Theme: Dr. Seuss Day</b></p> <p>Flag Football Tryouts (Meet in Room 140 after school)</p> <p>Middle School Girls Soccer at Lakeshore (5:00pm)</p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Boys Basketball Home vs Yulee (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p>JV &amp; Varsity Girls Basketball at Stanton (5:30/7:00pm)</p>	<p><b>Wellness Wednesday Bell Schedule for No Hate Tour Event in Gym</b></p> <p><b>Literacy Week Dress Up Theme: Favorite Character Day</b></p> <p>Middle School Boys &amp; Girls Basketball Home vs Lakeshore (5:30/7:00pm)</p> <p>Middle School Boys Soccer at Lakeshore (5:00pm)</p>	<p><b>Literacy Week Dress Up Theme: Reading Rainbow Day</b></p> <p>AP Literature Trip to Eatonville, FL (Zora Neale Hurston Festival)</p> <p>Varsity Competition Cheer at UC Nationals (Orlando)</p> <p>Basketball Tripleheader at Trinity (5:30/6:30/7:30pm)</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 31</b></p> <p>Varsity Wrestling at Stanton (5:00pm)</p>

# Literacy Week Dress-Up Days!



Where's Waldo Day  
Wear red, white, and blue  
today!!

## Activity

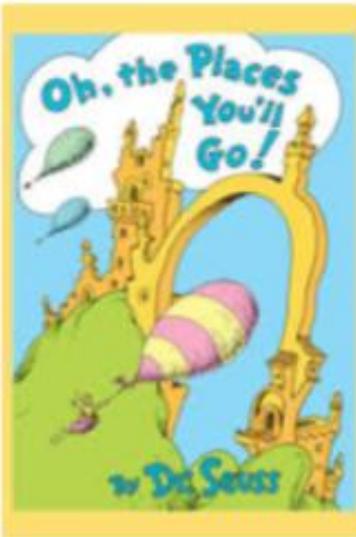
Be one of the first five  
students to find our faculty  
"Waldo". Read the poster  
hints around campus to  
figure it out and earn a prize!



Read My Shirt Day  
Wear a shirt with a positive  
message or positive words.

## Activity

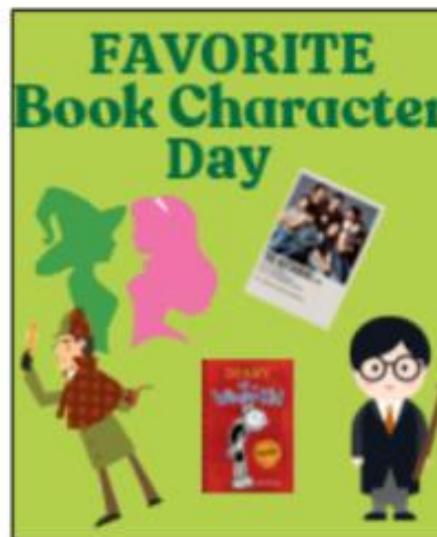
Be one of the first five  
students to email the  
correct answer to a trivia  
question and win a prize!



Dr. Seuss Day  
Wear your best Dr. Seuss  
inspired outfit.

## Activity

Be one of the first five  
students to email the  
correct answer to a trivia  
question and win a prize!



Favorite Character Day  
Wear a t-shirt with your  
favorite character on it or  
dress up as your favorite book  
character.

## Activity

Bring a favorite new or  
gently loved book to  
donate to the Ronald  
McDonald House.



Reading Rainbow Day  
Wear the colors of the  
rainbow to celebrate reading!

## Activity

Be one of the first five  
students to email the  
correct answer to a trivia  
question and win a prize!

**★ Bring a new or gently loved book this week to  
donate to the Ronald McDonald House ★**

# PERT TESTING

SEPT 22-23 DEADLINE: SEPT 17

OCT 30-31 DEADLINE: OCT 27

NOV 20-21 DEADLINE: NOV 17

DEC 1 DEADLINE: NOV 25

JAN 26-27 DEADLINE: JAN 21

FEB 23-24 DEADLINE: FEB 18

MAR 30-31 DEADLINE: MAR 25

# PERT TESTING

APR 29-30 DEADLINE: APR 22

MAY 18-19 DEADLINE: MAY 13

Sign up with QR Code  
before monthly deadline





Baldwin JROTC Booster Color  
Guard  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
3:00 PM EST



Join the Baldwin JROTC Booster Color Guard on Sunday, March 15, 2026, as the Icemen take on the Florida Everblades at 3PM!

The Baldwin JROTC Booster Color Guard will present the colors, helping kick off a special afternoon at the arena.

All tickets purchased using the link or QR code below will raise \$5 per ticket to go back to the school in a fundraising effort! See you all at the Arena!



TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.gofovo.com/event/Baldwinjrotc2>

**Join the Baldwin JROTC  
Booster Color Guard on  
Sunday, March 15, 2026,  
as the Jacksonville Icemen  
take on the Florida  
Everblades at 3:00 PM.**

**Each ticket purchased  
raises \$5 for JROTC!!**

# SENIOR CLASS OF 26 DEADLINES

- SHIRT & HOODIE PAYMENT  
DEADLINE JAN 21ST
- SENIOR SIZES DUE ASAP ON  
TEAMS
- GRAD BASH PAYMENT DEADLINE  
FEB 13TH
- CAP & GOWN PAYMENT  
DEADLINE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>
  - ORDER ONLINE [HJJAX.COM](http://HJJAX.COM)

QUESTIONS EMAIL [KIRKA@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:KIRKA@DUVALSCHOOLS.ORG)



In Florida, the DMV links truancy to driving privileges. We have had several students lose their license recently for chronic absenteeism.

## Key Truancy Triggers & Consequences

- **Trigger:** 15 unexcused absences in 90 calendar days for students 14 and older.
- **School Action:** Reports the student to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV).
- **DHSMV Action (Licensed Teens):** Driving privilege suspended.
- **DHSMV Action (Unlicensed Teens):** Ineligible to apply for a license.
- **Reinstatement/Eligibility:** Requires proof of 30 consecutive days of school attendance or graduation.

Peer consoling corner presents  
**JUST LET IT GO**

by Anthony Matthews

Try not to dwell on what happened in the past

Focus on what you can change for the future

Because you can't change what happened in the past



# Who to ask?! We are committed to great communication!

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