Dear Helen Baller Families,

The school year is flying by. It is hard to believe that we are heading into Thanksgiving and Winter Break. My family is staying around Camas and spending the holiday with my wife’s family. I will be watching some football and basketball and cheering for my Packers and Badgers. I hope you have a nice Thanksgiving Break.

On November 12th we honored Veterans by holding our Veterans’ Day Assembly. I was very proud of how the kids behaved. The Balladeers and Liberty band did an amazing job when performing. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Pederson who was our guest speaker. It was great to have several community guests at the assembly.

The students and staff have been working hard this first trimester. I am extremely proud of everyone. The teachers are always looking for ways to improve. This year we continue to work in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). While working in the PLCs, teachers focus on student learning. The staff works together to clarify exactly what each student must learn and monitor each student’s learning on a timely basis. The staff collaborates to provide systematic interventions that ensure students receive additional time and support for learning when they struggle and extend learning when students have already mastered the intended outcomes. As a result of working in PLCs, we are able to monitor and support our students.

We have started our Stuff the Bus Food Drive. Stuff the Bus, organized by the Camas-Washougal Business Alliance, is a friendly competition between Camas and Washougal students. Every school in both cities’ school districts participate by collecting donations. Students are being asked to bring nonperishable foods to help support families in Camas. Our goal is to bring 2,250 food items. I know we can reach that goal!

Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, December 10.

Helen Baller wouldn’t be the school it is without the parent and community support we receive every day. Thank you for everything that you do. If you ever have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Have a great December!

Aaron Parman,
Principal
Success Book Roll Call

Below is a list of students who have signed the Success Book during the month of November. Any Helen Baller staff member can have a student sign the Success Book for being successful with academics, behavior or work ethic. Several of the students signed the Success Book multiple times, but I have only listed their name once.

Way to go Helen Baller Bears! We are proud of you!

Daymain Durbin
Maggie Hamm
Blake Nelsen
Sawyer Kieft
Harry Wight
Hailey Kerker
Hayden Erickson
Jacob Brockus
Nate Christopherson
Claire Gibson
Kaleah Dewey
Nate Baker
Mason Ocampo
Jacob Barner
Kendall Williams
Lucy Farland
Grant Seth
Katherine Califf
Cassie Frisch
Zoe Weidner
Tallulah Shock
Zealia Hayes
Max Harris
Lauren Kusch
Markee Schmid
Charlotte Fresh
Carter VanMeter
Kai Echeverio
Maia Sampey
Raegan Goostree
Stella Schiewe
Layla Bingaman
Jaxsen Rodgers
Zach Nelson
Travis O’Hara
Jayden Silva
Micah Hartley
Kohl Acain
Maya Voogt
Ayden Jones
Lexi Frost
Savannah Pasa
Sarah Berson
Carson Jardine
Khilian Chan
Anna Martin
Jaz’mine Jones
Cohen Butler
CJ Moore
Claire Dewey
Liz Minum
Rowan DelBosque
Caleb Tedford
Gage Jensen
Brennen Rubano
Cade Lukens
Andrew Neil
Taryn Kerker
Jace VanVoorhis
Jack Bacher
Kinder Kesmodel
Ella Ziesemer
Ella Neill
Brody Paulson
Charlie Barr
Felicity Elston
Piper Younblood
Naomi Costa
Evon Buck
Tanner Ritt
Olivia Wyena
Alexa Fern
Isaiah Alger
Joseph Sveen
Elena Arellano
Charrissa Lightsey
Dyanna Vu
Roman Turnbull
Blake Middleton
Logan Moses
Addison Till
Kate Bacher
Summer Craft
Owen Tuttle
Kennedy Cody
Asher Asbury
Shaye Parnell
Erika Voiculescu
Courtney Lope
Max McMahon
Davin Kost
Presley Darling
Gage Robbins
Steven Leavitt
Gage Reynolds
LaCee Myers
Mya Lourens
Ethan Costa
Elise Olsen
Ty Barnes
Ella Wright
Lila McCarthy
Atison London
Grant Baker
Bella MacDonald
Ian Parks
Molly Kerr
Austin Hill
Landon Eddy
Corbin Silva
Megan Wright
Mason VanCleave
Lydia Miller
Alaska Bearden
Lorelei McCarthy
Elise Parkinson
Morgan Shaw
Abby von Duering
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December Events

Hometown Holidays*
Friday, December 4, 2015, 6-9pm.
Get your photo taken with Santa! Watch the tree-lighting, get a start on your holiday shopping and enjoy the beauty that is Downtown Camas all dressed up for the holidays.
NOTE: BALLADEERS WILL BE PERFORMING!
7pm - Birch St. Tent
(Balladeers report to sing at 6:45pm)
*sponsored by Downtown Camas Assoc.

An evening of entertainment with the Drama Team and the Balladeers
Tuesday, December 15th
School Cafeteria
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Balladeers will be singing Holiday songs
Drama Team will be performing:
‘The Baller Big Top Circus’ (AKA Respect Circus)
‘Character Matters II - Fairy Tale Advice Council’
sequel to last spring’s musical

HOLIDAY SHOPPING & Supporting Helen Baller!
Shop at Amazon and earn money for Helen Baller. Simply start from the Helen Baller PTA AMAZON website link at www.helenballerpta.org.
Shop at Fred Meyer and a percentage of your purchases go to support Helen Baller. Register your FredMeyer Rewards at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and search for us by name or by our non-profit number 86503.
December News

FALL COLLECTION DRIVE RESULTS!

Helen Baller students collected:
11,000 Box Tops for Education earning $1,100
Over 2000 Labels for Education earning points that can be redeemed for school supplies.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this effort!

The following classes earned Pizza Parties:

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Mrs. Cody’s class won the grand prize trophy!

Counselor’s Corner:
2015 Helen Baller Giving Tree

The Helen Baller Giving Tree will be up December 2-14, 2015. The tree will have gift requests from Helen Baller families in need. Simply pick a tag and "sign out" as the person responsible for fulfilling that gift. Bring the item requested wrapped with the tag attached back to the school office and “sign the gift back in” as completed by December 14, 2015.

Thank you for helping make this a joyous holiday for all Helen Baller families!

Special THANKS to the volunteers that made our HEARING and VISION SCREENING a success this year!

We appreciate you for giving of your time: Jannell Cuddy and her mom, Jan, Brittany Pinedo, Julie Brown, Allison Arellano, Bernadette McCoy, Claire Houlding, Paula London, Laura Compton, Sadie Haag, Kelli Johnson.

Do you need help during the holidays?

All of us have had those years where we may not be looking forward to the holidays. There are years when we have plenty and those when we have little. If this is one of those years where you are struggling, please let us know. We work with several organizations that are looking for referrals from families that would benefit from food baskets and gifts.

You can either call Ms. Edie at 833-5720 or email her at edie.hagstrom@camas.wednet.edu

In addition, if you are one of those families where it is a good year for you, please also call and let Ms. Edie know so we can give all of our families a wonderful holiday season.

The Holidays are in the Air!
Looking Ahead to January 2016

**School resumes on January 4th!**
See you then!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
- PTA Meeting
- General Membership
  **DAYTIME MEETING**
  January 21, 2016
  9 am

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**Helen Baller PTA Auction is February 19, 2016!**

The PTA is hard at work procuring awesome auction items, and we’d appreciate your help.

If you have friends or family who own or run a business, club or group in the community, we’d love your help to ask for a donation item, gift basket or gift certificate for the auction.

Please run your idea by president@helenballerpta.org to ensure we are not duplicating efforts.

It is for a great cause and we will provide a tax ID for the donations!

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**JANUARY NO SCHOOL DAYS**

- MLK: January 18, 2016
- Grading Day: January 25, 2016

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If you can help the PTA with planning for our school dance on February 19th please contact Julie Brown at president@helenballerpta.org. We have a great DISNEY theme and lots of fun planned but can use extra help to make all the magic become a reality!