

# Spring Bluff R-XV Home of the Pirates



August 1, 2023

Dear Spring Bluff Families,

I hope you all have enjoyed another Missouri summer. The 2023-2024 school year is about to get underway in just a few short weeks and we are looking forward to filling these hallways and classrooms with students once again!

Summertime is a little quieter and slower paced around here but it is busy nonetheless trying to get everything ready for school to reopen in August. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Richard and his crew for working long hours this summer to get our building in tip, top shape for students and staff.

There is a lot of information included in this newsletter so please read carefully. If you haven't completed the online registration, please do so as soon as possible. Annual registration is required for all students, new and returning.

Please make plans to join us for Open House, Thursday, August 17 from 4-6 p.m. Office staff will be stationed in the cafeteria and will be accepting lunch payments and handing out required paperwork for parents to complete. Be sure to stop by and speak with your child's driver for estimated pick up and drop off times.

In a few weeks, we will be sharing more information about a new communication tool we will be using called, Schoolmessenger Chat. Teachers will be using this tool to communicate quickly and confidentially with parents. Stay tuned for more information!

Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns prior to Open House. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and see you all August 17!

Sincerely,

J.Jenkins



**Tuesday, August 22**

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## Reading Success Plans

Senate Bill (SB) 681 (2022) requires the administration of a state-approved foundational reading skills assessment to all students in grades K-3 to identify those who may be at risk for having a significant reading deficiency (SRD). Students will be assessed using the STAR assessment within the first 30 days of school to determine who qualifies for a Reading Success Plan.

### What is a Reading Success Plan?

An RSP is a well-developed and defined plan to support students who exhibit a substantial deficiency in reading. Missouri legislation (Section 167.645, RSMo) specifically addresses student literacy and lists the requirements of an RSP. The development of an RSP includes the process of gathering and analyzing student data, determining if a student has a substantial reading deficiency (SRD), using data to set student growth goals, and assessing whether students meet those goals at the end of instruction. Students who receive an RSP must have evidence-based intervention reading instruction that is grounded in the science of reading.

An RSP is designed to monitor the specific skills needing improvement as identified through a state-approved assessment, dyslexia screener, teacher observation, or any other relevant student reading data. The teacher should use the identified skills to select aligned, appropriate, and explicit interventions as well as progress monitoring tools to measure growth.

## 2023 MAP Results

Individual student MAP results will be provided to parents on August 25. Be checking Friday folders.

## Chromebook Care

Parents will not be required to pay a Chromebook usage fee again this year. However, please be mindful that parents/students will be responsible for all damages and lost devices or accessories. Please read the Chromebook Handbook thoroughly for expectations and responsibilities for using school issued devices.

Devices will not be sent home on a regular basis with students in grades K-2.

## Absences/Tardies

Strong attendance is critical to every child's academic success. Frequent absences and tardies not only disrupt your child's learning but also disrupts the learning process of others.

Please review the revised detention procedures and consequences for tardies starting on p. 31 of the student handbook.

## Lead Testing

**Get the Lead out of School Drinking Water Act (RSMo 160.077)** which sets standards for lead concentrations in school drinking water goes into effect this school year. This Act requires schools to conduct inventory, sampling, remediation, and monitoring at all potable drinking water outlets used or potentially be used for drinking, food preparation, and cooking or cleaning utensils. You can learn more about the state statute [here](#). Results will be published when testing is completed.

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## Student Registration

Student registration for the upcoming year will be completed online. [Parents can access the link on the district's website or HERE.](#) All students-new and returning need to register online.

Our Student Handbook, Technology, and Chromebook agreements are available for parents to complete. Each student must have a signed agreement in order to access school technology. These agreements will be available during Open House.

Chromebooks will be assigned to all students in grades K-8. Only grades 3-8 will be taking devices home daily. Devices will be sent home for K-2 students in the event of inclement weather and the possibility of learning from home. Each device will have a bag to transport the device between home and school.



## Open House

August 17

4:00-6:00 p.m.

- K-5 students report to classrooms
- MS students pick up schedules/locker numbers from the cafeteria
- Lunch account payments will be accepted in the cafeteria
- Bus Drivers will be available to confirm pick up & drop off times

## Sports Registration

New this year is our online sports registration located on the district's website or [HERE](#). Please register your child(ren) for all sports they may be participating in this school year. Physicals and all other documents needed should be uploaded to this site. Contact Coach Block if you have any questions, [bblock@springbluffpirates.com](mailto:bblock@springbluffpirates.com).

## 23-24 Back to School Information

- Click the links for more information
  - [Supply list](#)
  - [Calendar](#)
  - [Safe Return Plan](#)
  - [Website](#)
  - [AMI Plan](#)
  - [Student Registration](#)
  - [Student Handbook](#)
  - [Technology Agreement](#)
  - [Class Assignments](#)

## Daily Schedule

- 7:10 K-8 students may be dropped off /Breakfast Served in the cafeteria only
- 7:15 High School Bus Leaves for Sullivan
- 7:25 First Bell
- 7:30 Tardy Bell
- 2:55 Pick Ups at the back gym door
- 3:03 Bus Riders are dismissed

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## MOCAP-Virtual Learning

The Spring Bluff R-XV School District is responsible for offering virtual education pursuant state statute, [162.1250 RSMo](#). Virtual learning is designed for families who prefer a non-traditional classroom setting. It is highly recommended that students in grades kindergarten through third grade attend school for in-person learning.

If you are interested in virtual learning through MOCAP, complete the application and submit to the school office. Once enrolled in a MOCAP course, students will be committed for a full semester to virtual learning.

### [MOCAP Application](#)

## Transportation

- Bus pick up and drop off times can fluctuate daily due to the number of students riding on a particular day. We ask that students be at their pick up locations at least 5 minutes early and parents be at designated drop off locations early for this reason, thank you!
- The high school bus leaves Spring Bluff School promptly at **7:15 am daily**. High school students can be dropped off on the bus lot if they are riding the high school bus in to town. Students in grades K-8 should be dropped off at the back gym door beginning at 7:10 a.m.
- If Spring Bluff School is not in session and Sullivan High School is, high school students wishing to ride the bus in will have to meet at Spring Bluff School at 7:15 a.m. since regular routes will not run. Students will be dropped at their regular stops in the afternoon.
- Bus route times along with pick up and drop off locations will be available during Open House on Thursday, August 17th.
- Contact Amy Danz at [adanz@springbluffpirates.com](mailto:adanz@springbluffpirates.com) or Tiffini Lorenz @ [tlorenz@springbluffpirates.com](mailto:tlorenz@springbluffpirates.com) with any questions.

## Pirate Cafe News

- Ala carte forms will be available at Open House. Ala Carte items will be available September 1.
- Lunch bills will be sent via email and must be kept current.
- Lunch bills can be paid online through [efunds](#) for schools.
- **Meal prices-breakfast: \$2.30  
lunch: \$3.50**
- Extra milk (\$.50) and ala carte items will be charged to students accounts.

## How to Stay Informed

- Weekly district newsletters will be emailed each Friday
- Spring Bluff Facebook @springbluffpirates
- District Website, [www.springbluffpirates.com](http://www.springbluffpirates.com)
- Parent Portal-check student grades & attendance
- Classroom Newsletters
- School Messenger Call Back #844-875-4925
- Chalkable Café-lunch bills emailed weekly
- Student digital planners/Google Classroom
- SchoolMessenger Chat

**Tax Free Weekend-August 4-6**