

Spring Bluff R-XV Home of the Pirates

3/27/24 Newsletter



UPCOMING EVENTS

3/27– ART Club 3:15–4:30pm

3/28–4/1– NO SCHOOL! 3/29– Office Closed

4/2– Chess Club 3:15–4:15pm
– Election Day!

4/3– Garden Club 3:15–4:15pm

4/4– Last day for tutoring

4/8– Book Fair begins (schedule on page 3)
– Club 26 3:15–4:30pm
– Culinary 7th grade 3:15–4:30pm
– Percussion 3:15–4:15pm
– Holocaust Education Week 6th–8th

4/9– Prisoners of War Remembrance Day

4/11– DATE CORRECTION: Academic Fair 5–7pm

APRIL 2– ELECTION DAY!

Proposition CARE:
Community Action
Reinvesting in Education



SPRING BLUFF R-XV
Where What's Best for Kids Comes First

Don't forget to vote on April 2. There are 2 items on the ballot for our Spring Bluff families to vote on:

1. Proposition C.A.R.E is a no tax rate increase bond issue initiative. The district will use these funds for safety and facility improvement.
2. There are 2 open Board of Education seats. Incumbent, Jared Schmidt is running for a fourth term. Kay Bylo is running for her first term.

SBEF Dinner Auction, Huge Success!

It takes many helping hands to get everything accomplished at our annual SBEF Dinner/Auction. The students, staff, & board of education appreciate the time, effort, & support from many to make Spring Bluff R–XV the great school that it is! A total of \$41,800 was raised through dessert, silent, and oral auctions, as well as raffles. The reverse auction raised an additional \$5,200 to support and enhance our STEM Program! We cannot thank you enough for your continued support.

Thank you SBEF members for all your hard work!

Parent & Teacher Conference Attendance

Thank you parents for attending spring conferences to learn more about your child's academic progress. Your involvement and partnership is critical to your child's success at every level.

Grade Level	% Attendance
K	100
1	93
2	100
3	100
4	100
5	95
6	58
7	62
8	50

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1 Exterior Improvements

- WELL** Replace existing 72-year-old well
- SAFETY** Replace all exterior doors, add window film
- OUTDOOR RESTROOM** Addition to playground use

2 Middle School Renovation

- FLOORING** Replace classroom & hallway flooring
- ENCLOSURE & UTILITY UPGRADES** New windows, classroom ceilings, LED lighting, HVAC system upgrades, additional electric outlets

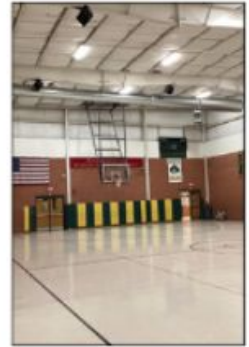


3 Small Gym & Cafeteria Renovation

- COURT IMPROVEMENT** Remove stage, expand court, new flooring, install retractable goals & acoustic solutions
- SAFETY** Install exterior double door

4 Kitchen Renovation

- FINISH IMPROVEMENT** Refinish flooring, replace lighting & ceiling
- FOOD SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS** Replace serving line wall with gate, extend Freezer & Storage Areas



5 Big Gym Renovation

- COURT IMPROVEMENT** Replace floor, bleachers, & install new LED lighting

PROPOSITION C.A.R.E.

- BUILD NEW OUTDOOR SINGLE USE RESTROOM
- KITCHEN RENOVATION
- LARGE GYM: REPLACE FLOORING, REPLACE BLEACHERS, ADD LED LIGHTING
- MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION: CEILINGS, FLOORS, MODERN STORAGE SOLUTIONS, WINDOWS, UPDATE ELECTRICAL
- NEW NURSES STATION
- PAVE PARKING LOT
- REDESIGN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
- REMODEL SMALL GYM/CAFETERIA, GIRLS RESTROOM RENOVATION
- REPLACE EXTERIOR DOORS



bond architects

SPRING BLUFF SCHOOL - ADDITION & RENOVATION

NO SCHOOL!

As a reminder, there is **NO SCHOOL** tomorrow (3/28) through Monday (4/1). The office will also be closed Friday (3/29). Have a great break!



The Spring Concert will take place on Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm. Students should meet in the following classrooms by 6:50 pm:

4th Grade– Art Room
5th Grade– Library
Middle School– Music Room



Come out and see the creativity of our Kindergarten through 8th grade students during the Academic Fair! This will be held on Thursday, April 11th from 5:00–7:00pm. More details to come!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Band students will need to assemble their instrument and bring it down to the gym prior to meeting in their assigned classroom. Please note– this event is a performance assignment for middle school students and band students.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Andreasen at:

pandreasen@springbluffpirates.com

8th GRADE BAND PARENTS

A message from the High School: We have our High School marching band meeting for parents and students on Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 pm in the high school commons. We will be discussing everything that is marching band (schedules for summer and fall, student expenses, expectations, sports physicals) at this meeting. If any interested students/parents have any questions, please pass along my email. moorec@sullivan eagles.org

**7 ON 7
YOUTH
FLAG
FOOTBALL
TOURNAMENT**

- **GRADES:**
INCOMING
1ST – 8TH
- **COST:**
\$30 PER
PLAYER
*INCLUDES TEAM
SHIRT
- **TEAM
SELECTION
AT RANDOM**
- **MULTIPLE
AGE GROUP
DIVISIONS**
- **TIMES/
LOCATION:**
6–8PM @ SHS
FOOTBALL FIELD

APRIL 24TH:

- FIND OUT
TEAM/MEET
COACHES
- PRACTICE
WITH TEAM
- GET TEAM
JERSEYS

APRIL 25TH:

- ROUND ROBIN
POOL PLAY

APRIL 26TH:

- CHAMPIONSHIP
GAMES

**APRIL 1ST
DEADLINE
TO REGISTER
& PAY:**
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–SCHOOL/#/LIST

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CAREER DAY CANCELLED

Thank you to those who were willing to volunteer your time to share your career with the students of Spring Bluff. Your willingness to volunteer is very much appreciated by us all. Unfortunately, we have had a low turnout for volunteers this year and have made the decision to cancel this year's event. However, we are working on plans to prepare a Career Day for the 2024–2025 school year, so be on the lookout for more information once the new school year has started! Again, thank you for your willingness to volunteer your time to the students of Spring Bluff!



The Book Fair will be held in the library from Monday, April 8th through Friday, April 12th. Students and parents are welcome to visit after school Monday– Thursday from 3:15–4:15 p.m. The Book Fair will also be open during the Academic Fair on Thursday, April 11th from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Students may also purchase books during their scheduled Library time. Also, check out the book fair by visiting the following link: [Spring Bluff School Book Fair](#)

FIELD TRIPS



Please read the attached Parent/Guardian Registration Letter regarding district requirements for any adult wanting to attend class field trips with their students. This must be completed by March 29th.



SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Thursday, May 23 – Tuesday, June 18
Spring Bluff students that will be entering grades K–8 for the 2024–2025 school year may enroll in summer school. There will be a \$30 field trip/activity fee per student.

[Enroll your student here](#)

COUNSELOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Spring Bluff School District is looking to form a School Counselor Advisory Council. The Council will meet at least twice per year beginning in the 2024–2025 school year. The purpose of the Council will be to make program recommendations, review current programs, and provide advocacy and support for the school counseling program. We are seeking interested community stakeholders to help form this Council. If you are interested in being a part of the Council, please complete this [FORM](#).

PARENT MISSOURI SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE SURVEY

Our district is taking part in the Missouri School Climate and Culture Survey. Results from this survey will be used as part of the school improvement review during the 2023–2024 academic year. As part of this process, parents, students, and school employees are asked to voluntarily answer surveys regarding programs and services available to students.

Please take a few minutes to answer the survey using the link and access code provided. Responses from all parents will be anonymously summarized and will become part of a report for the school district. The school district will use this report in the development of school improvement efforts.

If you have more than one child in school, you will receive more than one survey access code. Please complete a survey for each individual child. Do not complete one survey for multiple children.

The questionnaires contain demographic and opinion questions. You have the option not to respond to any item or not to complete a survey at all.

Thank you for your help.

Follow this link to the Survey:

https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eWDBrKoAtMm1TvM?Q_CHL=email

Access code for SPRING BLUFF ELEM.: 0361344020

In addition to the link in this message, you can use the QR code below to distribute this survey. Using the QR code will also require you to enter the access code to begin the survey. For SPRING BLUFF ELEM., please use the following code:
0361344020





No Tax Rate Increase Bond Issue

Proposition C.A.R.E

April 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

The Spring Bluff R-XV School District is asking voters to consider a \$3.1 million no-tax rate increase bond on the April 2024 ballot.

The no tax rate increase bond will allow the District to address the needs for safety and security improvements and facility upgrades including: drilling a new well, replacing all exterior doors, replacing windows, kitchen and cafeteria renovations, LED lighting, and HVAC system upgrade, big gym renovation, and other improvements as the budget allows.

Q: What is a bond issue?

A: A local school bond measure generates funds for repair, construction or replacement of school facilities. A bond is a traditional way for a school district to borrow money to pay for capital projects that are too costly for our typical budget. In Missouri, this requires voter approval even if the bond will not raise the tax rate.

Q: How does a bond issue provide revenue for the district?

A: When a bond proposal is approved by the voters, the sale of bonds will provide funds for building improvements, construction and equipment purchases. Bond funds cannot be used for operational costs such as teacher salaries and supplies. The debt is paid back over a period of 20 years typically, similar to a home loan.

Q: When was the last time a bond issue passed in the district?

A: Voters approved a \$2,025,000 no tax rate increase bond issue in 2007 with a debt service rate of .70 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The District refinanced the bond in 2017 saving ~\$400,000 in principal and interest. We have managed to lower the debt service rate to .6882 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Q: How can there be a no tax rate increase when a bond issue is passed?

A: The District pays off old debt from the past bond issue each year. As the loan balance decreases and the assessed valuation of the District grows, we are able to borrow additional funds by extending the current tax rate to generate additional revenue to repay the money borrowed without increasing the debt service tax levy.

Districts can borrow up to 15% of their total assessed valuation. Through Proposition C.A.R.E the District can borrow \$3.1 million at the current debt service rate of .6882 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Q: Can bond proceeds be used for other expenses such as teacher salaries?

A: No, bond monies can only be used for capital/facility projects.

Q: What are the financial reasons for passing this issue in the District?

A: Without bond money, the need for facility improvements and upgrades still exists-the only other place for the money to come from is the operating budget, which supports our current programs, salaries, etc. Deep cuts would need to be made to finance the costly projects that are generally reserved for bond money.

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
67587.**

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.

KADEN KELLER MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE



HOW TO STAY INFORMED

- ➔ Weekly district newsletters will be emailed each Friday.
- ➔ Spring Bluff Facebook @springbluffpirates
- ➔ Spring Bluff App—Spring Bluff R–XV
- ➔ District Website: www.springbluffpirates.com
- ➔ Classroom newsletters and folders
- ➔ School Messenger: Call Back #844–875–4925
- ➔ Chalkable Café—lunch bills emailed weekly
- ➔ Parent portal

