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## No Early Release Fridays this Year

### Student Attendance Update

In November, Governor Parson modified school guidance pertaining to close contact quarantine associated with COVID-19 exposures in the school setting. As a result, the Spring Bluff–RXV School District implemented a mask mandate for all students and staff beginning November 23, in order to reduce the number of students and staff required to quarantine.

The graph below illustrates the number of absences due to quarantine. The change in guidance has positively affected student attendance, keeping students in seat learning and our teachers in classrooms. Thank you all for your continued support and cooperation as we progress through the school year

The Spring Bluff R-XV School District will continue to take the health and safety of our students and staff seriously during this pandemic and making informed decisions for the health and safety of everyone.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Jenkins if you have any questions or concerns.

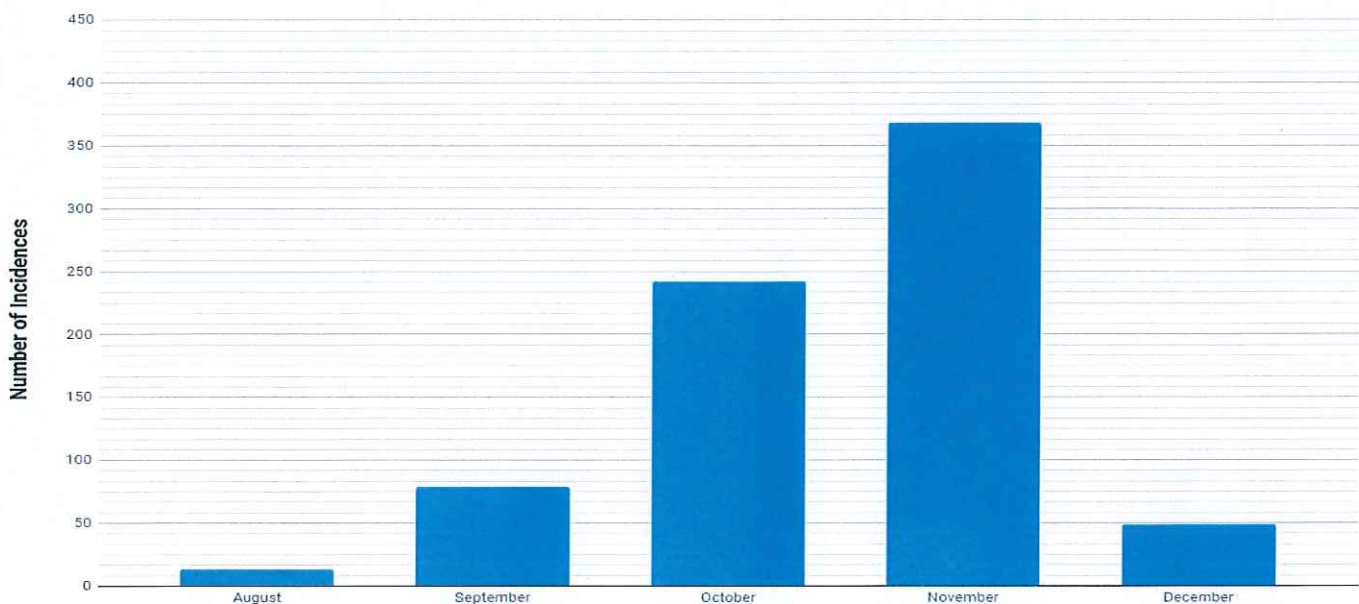
### Upcoming Events

<b>8th Grade Basketball Recognition</b> @ 5:45 pm	2/1
<b>Freshman Preview Night @ Sullivan High School.</b>	2/10
<b>NO SCHOOL— President's Day</b>	2/15

### This Weeks Attachments:

- American Heart Association Heart Challenge Flyer
- Screamin' Eagles Color Guard Flyer
- Reading Connection—Beginning Edition

Spring Bluff Attendance Query 8/25/2020-12/17/2020



## Spring Bluff Pirates

Filing for the Spring Bluff R-XV Board of Education ended on January 19th. There were two, three-year positions open, and incumbents Matt Montee and Jared Schmidt, have signed up for another term. We greatly appreciate the full board for their time and continued efforts to make Spring Bluff a great place to learn for all students.

### Current School Board Members

**Jill Wagner, President**

**Jared Schmidt, Vice President**

**Andy Bylo, Member**

**Jim Goodman, Member**

**Matt Montee, Member**

**David Schatz, Member**

**Brad Newman, Member**



### Counselor's Corner

Katie Richarz  
School Counselor  
kricharz@springbluffpirates.com

#### Use Report Cards as a Learning Tool

Talk to your child about their report cards.

Discuss whether your child feels they put forth their best effort in each of their classes.

Ask about what they have learned over the last quarter.

Help your child recognize areas that they do well in and areas they could improve in.

Help your child create healthy habits to improve themselves and their grades.

Encourage your child to communicate with their teacher regularly.

Contact the teacher with any concerns.

### Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

We are looking for substitute bus drivers, starting pay is \$15.98 per hour.

Please contact Mr. League  
mleague@springbluffpirates.com if you are interested in becoming a substitute driver.

### Tips From Title I

Over the next several weeks I am going to be providing you with several tips to help you develop some very important early literacy skills in your young child. Remember, starting early is key, but it is NEVER too late to start! Tip #1: Expand their vocabulary - children will find it much easier to read and write words that are already known to them. If the parts add up to something that sounds familiar, the whole process is a lot more fun.



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### Basketball Game Schedule

Games and Tournaments are always changing. Visit our School Website for the most recent updates on the 2020-2021 Basketball Schedule.

Website:

<http://www.springbluffpirates.com>



Go Pirates!

Sporting News & Events



Fri-Sat, January 22-23

Tuesday, January 26

5B Tournament @ Hermann TBA

4B/7B @ Strain Japan 5:30 pm

# Parent Reminders

## Spring Bluff Parents as Teachers

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) program is a research based early childhood home visiting framework (virtual at this time) that builds strong communities, thriving families and children who are healthy, safe and ready to learn. PAT helps to establish positive partnerships between home, school, and the community and plays a vital role in supporting families and children from the very beginning toward school readiness. A trained parent educator emphasizes parent-child interaction, development centered parenting and family well-being in their work with families. The PAT program consists of four components: personal visits, group connections, screenings, and resource referrals. Together, these components provide families with children, prenatal to kindergarten entry, a program of support so that children are able to reach their full potential.

For more information, please contact our parent educator, Pam Richards at (573) 457-8302 or [prichards@springbluffpirates.com](mailto:prichards@springbluffpirates.com).

### Kindergarten Round-Up

2021-2022

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held virtually this year. A link will be made available on February 25, including important information to enroll your child for the 2021-2022 school year and to schedule your child for a kindergarten screening in March.



**Letters are being sent home today in K-8 Friday folders from the Children's Advocacy Center. Please read and return them to your child's teacher by Wednesday, January 27 if you DO NOT want your child to participate.**

### Are your students dressed for the weather?!?

Our weather seems to be changing daily and difficult to keep up with. Please help your child prepare for the unpredictable Missouri weather and make sure they have a coat, hat, and gloves everyday. As long as the wind-chill is 25 degrees or above, students will go outside for recess and enjoy some fresh air.



### No Cost School Meals Continue Through May 2021

Spring Bluff R-XV students will be able to eat breakfast and lunch at no cost through the remainder of the school year. Our school received approval on September 18 to offer this program to all district students through an approved waiver from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Only full trays are covered under this program. All ala carte items and extra milks will be applied to student accounts as normal. This program will not cover any unpaid balances to date. All negative balance accounts will continue to receive weekly notices. All positive lunch balances will remain in student accounts and will be available when the waiver is no longer in effect.

