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Spring Bluff R-XV

Upcoming Events	Date
School Board Meeting	3/18
No School	3/19 & 3/22
Spring Break	4/2-4/5
MAP Testing	4/19-5/7
8th Grade banquet	4/30



No School
March 19 & 22
Enjoy the 4 day
weekend!!



End of Year Events

Spring Bluff staff is planning for our end of year events. We have made great progress this year as we all have navigated school life through COVID. However, there are still limitations we are working through and unfortunately, we will not be hosting May Day as a result.

We will focus our efforts on making kindergarten and 8th grade graduations special for our students. We will be hosting 8th grade banquet and more information will follow in the coming weeks.

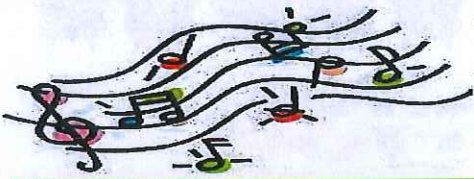
Thank you Parents for participating in our Spring conferences.

Be sure to contact you child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions about their academic progress this year.

Grade Level	In Person	Phone/ Zoom	Total Students	% Parent Participation
K	10	21	31	100
1	8	11	19	100
2	8	7	15	100
3	12	15	27	100
4	3	16	19	100
5	8	18	26	100
6-8	23	9	56	57.1
Total	72	94	193	86

Scholarship Opportunity for 6-8 Grade Students

Kids in grades 6-8 who go to school or live in the Greater Metropolitan St. Louis region are invited to submit an essay of 500 words or less in response to this year's essay contest question which can be found in the attached flyer and application. Three finalists will be **awarded scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500** and will be notified of an award via e-mail or phone call to the parent and/or teacher. In addition, each essay contest participant has the opportunity to select a non-profit organization (i.e. **school, specific classroom or community organization**) to receive a **\$500 award** if their essay is selected as one of the top three finalists! The child with the first-place essay will be named the "2021 Money Smart Kid" and will be featured in "On the Money" magazine! The top three winners will also be featured on the Money Smart St. Louis website.



**Spring
Music Program
March 24**



@springbluffrxv

Students sound fantastic! Get ready to check out our Spring Bluff Music Program on Facebook, March 24.

READING

is to the

MIND

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exercise

is to the **BODY.**

By Richard Dawkins



Students and Parents have access to books and a variety of activities available to them close to home.

Check out our local Scenic Regional Library for a huge selection of reading materials

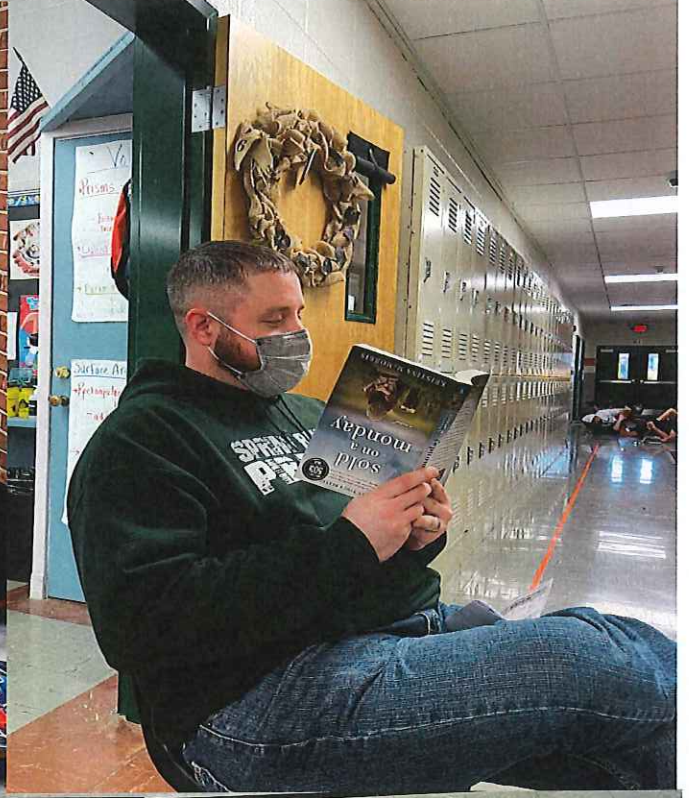
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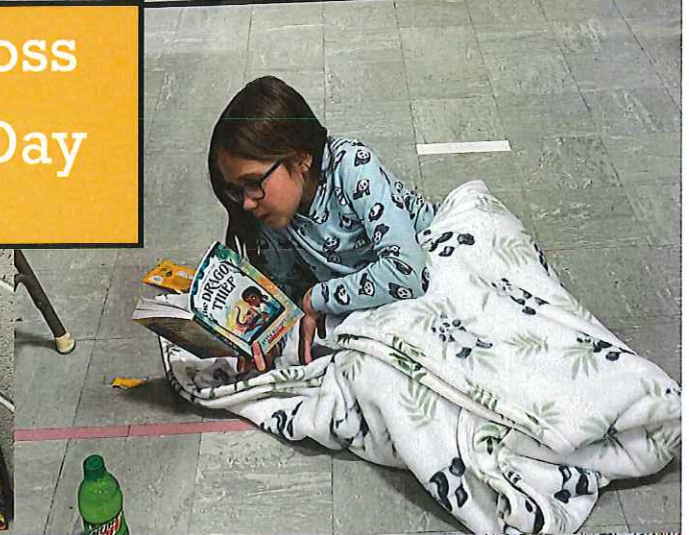
**No Cost School Meals
Continue Through May
2021**

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.



Read Across America Day



About Money Smart Month:

In support of National Financial Literacy Month, the St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition, a collaborative of local financial institutions, bank partners, non-profits and other community organizations throughout metropolitan St. Louis have come together to create Money Smart Month. During the entire month of April, the coalition is sponsoring free virtual financial education classes and activities to help families learn more about personal finance and develop knowledge and skills to help manage money and save for the future. Money Smart Month is also a public awareness campaign to highlight the need for personal finance education through the year and throughout our lives. The full line up of classes, events and Money Smart Month sponsors can be found at www.MoneySmartStLouis.org.

Essay Contest Description:

The 2021 Money Smart Kids Essay Contest is an annual event that takes place during Money Smart Month for students in grades 6-8. Students use their creativity, communication skills, and money management knowledge to respond to a contest question in an essay containing approximately 500 words or less. Classroom teachers and youth program staff are encouraged to use this as a classroom activity to help develop money management skills in students.

Three finalists will be awarded with scholarships made possible by the sponsors of Money Smart Month. The top finalist will be selected as the 2021 Money Smart Kid, win a **\$2,000 scholarship and be featured in "On the Money" magazine**. The second-place student will be awarded a **\$1,000 scholarship** and the third-place student will be awarded a **\$500 scholarship**. All finalists will be featured on the Money Smart website as well.

The three finalists are also given the opportunity to select one non-profit sponsor (i.e. specific classroom or community organization) to receive an additional **\$500 award** to help fund classroom supplies and activities! These organizations must be designated in the attached application.

2021 Money Smart Kids Essay Question:

What have been the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic in your community? How could we better prepare for these types of financial hardships in the future?

Important Dates:

February 26: Contest question and guidelines released
April 16: Deadline for contest submissions to be received
May 10: Contests winners notified

Guidelines

Contestants must:

- Be a student in grades 6-8.
- Have knowledge of or be able to research money management topics such as spending, saving, investing, use of credit, etc. at a level appropriate for their age and grade level.
- Demonstrate how they can practice good money management skills in their personal lives.
- Be able to "think on their feet," responding to questions from community leaders and media if asked.
- Be articulate when speaking in front of large groups and cameras if necessary.
- Live in or attend school in the Metro St. Louis area (Counties include: [IL] Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair; [MO] Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis City, St. Louis, Warren, and Washington).

To Apply:

- Students must submit a written answer of 500 words or less in response to the contest question.
- Submissions should be typed and double spaced. Submissions must be the original work of the student.
- Submissions must include an application form signed by a parent or guardian.
- Previous Money Smart Kids Contest award recipients are not eligible to participate.
- Essay contest submissions and application forms should be e-mailed as a PDF attachment. The name of the attachment should be the child's last name. E-mail to:

E-Mail: essay@moneysmartstlouis.org

- All submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on April 16, 2021 for consideration.

All contest submissions become the property of the Money Smart Kid Essay Contest Committee and may be used to promote financial literacy and Money Smart Month with credit given to the student.

Application

Instructions: Fill out this form, making sure to include all information requested, have a parent/guardian sign the form, and attach it to the submission.

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

I vouch that the attached contest submission is fully and solely the work of my child, _____
(Student Name)
and grant permission for my child to participate in the activities of Money Smart Month 2021, including consent to release photos and personal information for media and promotional purposes if selected as a contest finalist.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you learn about the Money Smart Kid Contest? _____

If my child's essay is selected as a finalist, I would you like to identify the following school or non-profit organization to receive a \$500 award: _____

Name of Specific Teacher or Program leader (optional): _____

School/ Non-profit organization address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Would you like e-mail confirmation of receipt for this essay? _____

Please provide e-mail address if different than the above: _____