



Home of the Pirates

Open House Has Changed

August 19

Families A-L

4:00-6:00

August 20

Families M-Z

4:00-6:00

In order to keep our gathering small and adhere to social distancing, we have divided families attending each night by the first letter of their last name.

-K-5 students report to classrooms

-MS students pick up schedules/locker Numbers from the cafeteria

-Lunch account & Chromebook deposits will be accepted in the cafeteria

-Bus Drivers will be available to confirm pick up & drop off times

Spring Bluff R-XV School District

Jeannie Jenkins, Superintendent

Matt League, Assistant Principal

Spring Bluff Parents & Students,

We are looking forward to getting the 2020-2021 school year underway in just a few short weeks. The past five months have certainly been challenging for everyone and will continue to be as we navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic. There still remains a lot of unknowns as we prepare for the upcoming year but one thing that we know for certain is we miss our students!!!

We are taking extra precautions to ensure everyone's safety and appreciate the support our families and community have offered as we plan to reopen. These decisions are not made lightly and will continue to be made in the best interest of all students and staff as new information becomes available. Please refer to the Re-Entry plan located on the district's website frequently for the most recent updates. We are looking forward to seeing students back in classrooms beginning August 25. However, we will continue to monitor the impact COVID-19 is having on our community and will revert to the best academic learning scenario previously released to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. We will begin the new year in Scenario 1-Traditional School Setting. Social distancing will be conducted to the extent possible in all settings. Please contact me directly with any concerns you may have about starting the new school in Scenario 1.

Student registration will be done on-line this year. A separate email will be sent with the link to complete for each student you are registering. Chromebooks will be assigned to all students in grades 1-8 to ensure students and teachers are prepared for any learning scenario that may encounter and keep learning moving forward. We are asking for a \$30 user fee to cover all accidental damages. Each device will have a bag to transport the device between home and school.

Please welcome the following new Pirates to our staff: Mrs. Katie Richarz, counselor; Mrs. Sharon Breece, kitchen manager; Mrs. Terrie Goodman, cook; and Mrs. Karen Fritz, custodian. We are excited to have these ladies join us and look forward to a great year.

Tuesday, August 25 First Day of School

The 2020-2021 school year is quickly approaching. Class and supply lists are attached. Below is our updated drop off and pick up times.

Daily Schedule

- 7:20 K-8 students may be dropped off at the back gym door.
- 7:30 Breakfast is served!
- 3:10 Pick Ups are dismissed from the front door; students will be sent out to parents as they advance in line
- 3:16 Bus Riders are dismissed

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Students first day is, August 25. The high school bus will leave from Spring Bluff promptly at 7:15 a.m. each morning. Sullivan High School will not be dismissing early on Fridays this year!

Due to the bridge construction, our AM routes are being modified and we will have 'one' bus picking up high school students in the a.m. Be sure to check with Mr. League for your new pick up time.

Alternate Academic Scenarios

At this time, we are scheduled to start the new school year with in-person instruction for all students. However, with so many unknowns ahead in the 2020-2021 school year, the Spring Bluff R-XV School District wants to ensure the entire community is prepared for any changes in the student calendar that may be required for implementation as directed by the health department or is decided in the best interest of staff and student health and safety. The scenarios below reflect 3 possible learning scenarios that we could potentially use within the upcoming school year.

The purpose of communicating these scenarios now is to allow for advanced planning that may need to occur for our families. We greatly appreciate your patience and support as we work to get the new school year underway and continue learning in the safest environment for all. **The Spring Bluff Board of Education will monitor the situation and determine if/when the entire school will transition to Scenario 2 or 3. Please contact Mrs. Jenkins if you have concerns or questions about any of these scenarios.**

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	
1	Scenario 1-Traditional School Setting In-Person Learning for Everyone In-person learning for all students Monday-Friday Social distancing will be conducted to the extent possible in all settings					
	Wk 1	A	B	A	B	A
	Wk 2	B	A	B	A	B
2	Scenario 2-Modified Week In-Person Learning and E-Learning Combined Alternating A/B Schedule-Student groups alternate in-person attendance and use e-learning on the other days. Teachers and students will follow an established e-learning schedule. The reduction of students attending school each day would allow for greater physical distancing to occur amongst students and staff, therefore reducing risk to everyone. Families with multiple stu-					
		<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
3	Scenario-3 E-Learning Only/No In-Person Learning E-learning for all students Monday-Friday All instruction will be done virtually. Teachers and students will follow an established e-learning schedule. Instruction will be conducted through Zoom and Google Classroom.					
		<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>

Plans are being made to begin the new year using scenario 1. If a decision is made to transition to scenarios 2-3, Spring Bluff R-XV will enact our remote learning plan, Alternate Methods of Instruction. Details of this plan will be communicated with families and posted on our website at: www.springbluffpirates.com by August 7.

Pirate Café



2020-2021 School Meal Prices

<u>Full Price</u>	
Breakfast	2.20
Lunch	2.90
<u>Reduced Price</u>	
Breakfast	.30
Lunch	.40
Extra Milk	.50

- ⇒ We are no longer contracting with Opaa! Food Service. Please welcome our new kitchen staff-Sharon Breece, kitchen manager and Terrie Goodman, cook.
- ⇒ Menus can be accessed from the district website, www.springbluffpirates.com
- ⇒ Second Chance breakfast will be offered M-W-F.
- ⇒ Ala carte forms are attached. Please return during Open House. Ala Carte items will be available September 1.
- ⇒ Lunch bills will be sent via email.
- ⇒ New this year! We will be accepting online lunch payments, through e-Funds for Schools. More information to follow!

Bus Routes

Confirm pick up and drop off times during Open House. Bus Drivers will be located in the cafeteria.

- ⇒ 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 promptly at 7:15 each morning. High school students should be dropped off on the bus lot if they are riding the high school bus in to town. Students in grades K-8 can be dropped off at the back gym door beginning at 7:20 a.m.
- ⇒ If Spring Bluff school is not in session and Sullivan High School is, high school student wishing to ride the bus in will have to meet at Spring Bluff at 7:15 a.m. since regular routes will not run. Students will be dropped at their regular stops in the afternoon.



Contact Coach Block with any questions for

Spring Bluff Sports
Britney Block, Athletic Director bblock@springbluffpirates.com

Volleyball Camp

August 10-14

Camp information has been sent to all athletes on the interest list. Please refer to the camp flyer for times and other important information. All athletes must have a current physical on file to participate in camp. *All children participating in a school sponsored sports program will be required to provide at minimum accidental insurance coverage. Parents are encouraged to visit, www.mydss.mo.gov to check eligibility for the state sponsored program. Parents can also purchase accidental insurance coverage through Markel Insurance Company, www.markelinsurance.com.*

Guidance on how we will keep our athletes safe and healthy this season due to COVID-19 will be released prior to camp. Please reach out to Coach Block if you have any questions or concerns.

Title I Schoolwide Program

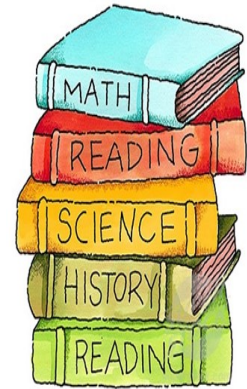
We are fortunate to offer additional classroom support for all students through our Title I Schoolwide Program. Developing and implementing a high-quality school-wide program is a systemic, effective strategy for increasing the academic achievement of all students. School-wide programs do not have to identify particular children as eligible for services; having school-wide status helps to assist all students at the school and enhances our reading program as a whole.

Please contact Mrs. Heidi Binsbacher, Title I, teacher if you would like to discuss how the program can assist your child. hbinsbacher@springbluffpirates.com

Curriculum and Alternate Methods of Instruction

Spring Bluff teachers use curriculum developed through the Rigorous Curriculum Design model using the Missouri Learning Standards which are located here: <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/missouri-learning-standards>

A systematic phonics program will be implemented in grades K-3 using Saxon Phonics. Classroom teachers will be providing additional information about this program during Open House. A solid foundation in these early literacy skills will ensure students establish a strong foundation in basic literacy skills.



Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI)

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, we will continue learning through on-line instruction. The AMI plan can be found on the district website and individual classroom teachers will be communicating with parents at Open House, Parent/Teacher Conferences and students within the first week of school how this plan will be implemented if needed.

Alternate Method of Instruction-Extended (AMI-X)

If the traditional school setting has to be altered due specifically to COVID-19, we will implement the AMI-X plan which allows flexibility to reduce class sizes by educating students using a Hybrid/Blended model or through a full virtual model. The AMI-X plan can be found on pages 11-16 of the AMI plan.

Chromebooks, Grades 1-8

All 1-8 grade students will be issued a Chromebook this year to be used in any educational model: face-to-face; hybrid/blended; or virtual. We will collect a \$30 user fee during Open House which will cover all accidental incidents. The 2020-2021 Chromebook Handbook can be viewed on the district website.

State & District Assessments

Students in grades 3-8 participate in the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) each spring in the areas of English Language Arts and Math. In addition, MAP is given in grades 5 & 8 in science. Eighth grade students are also required to take the English I End of Course Exam (EOC).

Students did not complete state level assessments in 2019-2020 due to COVID-19. However, assessments for the Spring of 2021 are expected to take place.

All K-3 students will complete an early literacy skills screening. Grades 1-3 will be screened within 30 days of the start of each school year, then again midyear, and in the spring. Kindergarten students will be screened twice, once in December and then again in the spring.

Benchmark assessments will be used to monitor student academic progress throughout the year using DIBELS, STAR Reading and STAR Math along with grade level assessments.

All second grade students will participate in a speech and language screening early Fall.

Vision and Hearing screenings are held each Fall for students in grades 1,3,5,7.

All parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher with any concerns early and often to ensure

their child's success in all areas. All assessment results will be shared with parents in a timely manner once administered.

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Early Dismissal Information

In any event when school is cancelled and students are released early, information will be released the following ways:

KTUI radio

School Messenger

Fox 2

Facebook

KTVI Channel 4

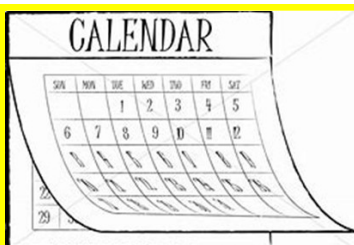
District Website

KSDK Channel 5

****Please be sure the school office has the most current contact information for you on file throughout the year.***

How to stay Informed this year:

- ⇒ Weekly district newsletters will be emailed each Friday
- ⇒ Spring Bluff Facebook @springbluffpirates
- ⇒ District Website, 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 planners
- ⇒ Digital planners, grades 6-8
- ⇒ Remind 101-classroom teachers



School Calendar Change

The school calendar has several inclement weather make up days built in, please plan accordingly. Due to COVID, many of our typical events are identified as TBD-to be determined. As events draw closer, a decision will be made if we are able to hold the event. The calendar is tentative and subject to change.

Student attendance is critical for student success and we appreciate all families scheduling appointments and special trips around our academic calendar to ensure your student is not missing valuable instruction.

**Pirate
Pride!**