

Spring Bluff R-XV

Home of the Pirates

Back to School Newsletter
2021-2022



Spring Bluff Parents & Students,

Starting a new school year is always full of excitement and anticipation for students and adults. I can say that this year is no different even as we continue to face challenges brought on by the COVID pandemic. Thank you parents for your continued support as we all live through these unprecedented times together.

Recently, the CDC released updated guidance for schools with the emphasis on getting students safely back in seat. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also released updated guidance. Based on the information we currently have, the Spring Bluff R-XV Board of Education has approved how we will get the year underway. Please be aware that these guidelines may be modified at any time in response to changes in community transmission and/or federal, state, and local direction. The updated guidance is attached to this newsletter with links to supporting documentation. As federally required, the COVID-19 Procedures have been updated and renamed to the [Safe Return to In-Person Learning and Continuity Plan](#).

At this time, masks are optional for students and staff regardless of vaccination status. However, it is strongly recommended that all individuals wear masks while indoors. As per the Center for Disease Control, all students and school bus drivers are required to wear a mask while riding on a public school bus. This is a federal order and one we cannot change at the state or local level. Students are encouraged to bring their own mask but masks will be provided as needed.

On-line learning outside of the classroom will be limited due to changes in regulations from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Only students on quarantine from the Franklin County Health Department will have access to Zoom during regular scheduled class time. If a family is interested in virtual learning for the upcoming school year, information for MOCAP approved courses can be located [HERE](#). Applications for MOCAP must be received in the school office no later than August 13, to be considered for the upcoming semester.

Please note we are reverting back to our 7:25 a.m. start time. A daily schedule is on page 2. As we get the year started it will continue to be critical for everyone to self monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if sick. Any updates or changes to our school reopening plan will be communicated prior the Open House. Thank you all for your cooperation and support as we start the new school year, August 24.

Jeannie Jenkins

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Kindergarten

CAMP

August 9-12

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All enrolled kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to attend.

Here's What you Need to Know:

Water bottle: All students will need to bring a refillable water bottle daily. Please label the water bottle with your child's name.

Supplies: Supplies will be provided.

Snack Time: Please send a snack daily for your child.

Breakfast & Lunch: Breakfast and lunch will be served free of charge. Breakfast will be held in the classroom and lunch will be from 11:15-11:45 in the cafeteria. A menu can be found on our website. Please send a sack lunch if your child will not be ordering a school lunch.

Drop off: Students can be dropped off at the gym door between 7:45-8:00 a.m.

Pick Up: Parents will park behind the gym and students will be dismissed after the parent/authorized pick up person checks in with the teacher.

Summer Camp Enrollment Form: [Summer Camp Registration](#)

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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](#).

Our Student Handbook, Technology, and Chromebook agreements are available for parent to complete. Each student must have a signed agreement in order to access school technology. Parent can access the link on the district's website or [HERE](#).

Chromebooks will be assigned to all students in grades K-8 to ensure students and teachers are prepared for any learning scenario we may encounter this year. Each device will have a bag to transport the device between home and school.

We have a limited number of hotspots available for checkout. Please contact Mrs. Williams, librarian, for more information.

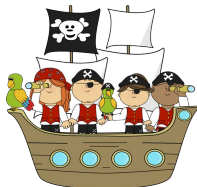


Tuesday, August 24

Open House

August 19 4:00-6:00 p.m.

- 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



Sports Registration

New this year is our online sports registration located on the district's website. 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.



Back to School Information

- Check the website for :
 - Supply list
 - Calendar
 - Safe Return Plan
 - Staff email
 - Sports Information

Daily Schedule

- 7:10 K-8 students may be dropped off .
- 7:15 High School Bus Leaves for Sullivan
- 7:25 First Bell
- 7:30 Breakfast is served!
- 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 and locations will be announced during Open House on Thursday, August 19.
- Contact mleague@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.
- Lunch bills can be paid online through [efunds](#) for schools.
- Due to a federally funded grant, all meals (full trays) will be free for students this school year.
- Extra milk 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
- Parent Portal-check student grades & attendance
- Classroom Newsletters
- School Messenger Call Back **#844-875-4925**
- Chalk able Café-lunch bills emailed weekly
- Student planners
- Digital planners, grades 6-8
- Remind 101-classroom teachers

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COVID-19 Procedures for School Opening August 24, 2021

Franklin County is seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases. As we prepare to open for the 2021-2022 school year, the Spring Bluff R-XV Board of Education will monitor community transmission and how it will impact our day-to-day operations.

Taking the necessary precautions to ensure continuous in seat learning safely occurs for all students will take precedence in decision making. As a K-8 building, the majority of our student population is currently ineligible for the vaccination. This information has been considered in the prevention strategies listed below.

In consultation with federal, state and local agencies the following layered prevention strategies will be implemented as we get the new year underway. Please refer to the [Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan](#) for more detailed information. The following guidance will be modified as needed to address current community conditions and as required by federal, state, and local guidance.

School Day Prevention Strategies

- **Staying home when sick**-All students should be screened at home daily using the [student symptom decision tree](#).
- **Vaccination**-Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals 12 and older are encouraged to get fully vaccinated.
- **Masks**-the CDC recommends masks be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated. At this time, we will not start the year with a mask mandate but will continue to monitor community transmission and recommendations of federal, state, and local authorities.
- **School Buses**-all students and bus drivers are required to wear a mask per the [CDC order](#) for public transportation. Students are encouraged to bring their own mask but will be provided one if needed.

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School Day Prevention Strategies

- **Physical distancing**-when possible, we will maintain the minimum of 3 ft of distance between students/staff not vaccinated.
- **Cohorts**-students will be limited to their respective cohorts for lunch and recess (K-2, 3-5, 6-8).
- **Contact Tracing/Quarantine**-any individual within 6 ft of a person testing positive for COVID-19 will be considered a close contact and required to quarantine if unvaccinated for a full 10 days from last date of exposure if symptom free the full duration of quarantine. The Franklin County Health Department will provide guidance for positive cases.
- Students will need a refillable water bottle. Water fountains have been disabled but water bottle filling stations are available.

Fall Sports Prevention Strategies

- Families should sit together in pods.
- Social distancing between families is strongly encouraged.
- Masks are recommended for unvaccinated individuals ages 2 and older.
- Athletes will social distance when sitting on the bench.