

Spring Bluff R-XV Home of the Pirates



4.1.22 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- 4/4 Open Library/Chess Club
3:15-4:30 p.m.
- 4/4 Special Board Meeting
@ 6:30 p.m.
- 4/5 Election Day
- 4/5 TAG (1st-2nd)
3:15-4:30 p.m.
- 4/5 Title 1 Meeting
@ 3:15 p.m.
- 4/6 Greenhouse Club
3:15-4:30 p.m.
- 4/7 Academic Fair 7:00 p.m.

Stay current by checking the event calendar on our website.

Title 1 Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 5th
@ 3:15 p.m.

**Special Board of
Education Meeting
Monday, April 4
6:30 p.m. in the
Library**

See attached agenda

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming next week!

The Book Fair will be held in the library from Monday, April 4th thru Friday, April 8th. Students and parents are welcome after school from 3:15-4:15 p.m. The Book Fair will be open during the Academic Fair Thursday, April 7th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students can also purchase during their scheduled library & computer time.

Also, check out the online fair by going to

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/springbluffelementaryschool1>

ACADEMIC FAIR

Come out and see the creativity of our Kindergarten through 8th grade students during the Academic Fair. Projects to see are Leprechaun traps, inventor posters, difference in cultures, historic events, Flat Stanley adventures, magnet mazes, learn about liquid densities, toothpick bridges, & Living History Projects

WHEN: Thursday, April 7th

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

*Election will be held Tuesday, April 5th.
Candidates are listed in order of filing. Vote for 2.*

1. Maggie Reinhold
2. Jordan Tod
3. James Goodman, Incumbent
4. Jacob Lambert
5. Kurtis Reed



Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Dugger - School Counselor
cdugger@springbluffpirates.com

This week in Guidance:

K-1 got to learn about the Calming Corner and mindfulness.

2nd and 4th grades discussed the steps in problem-solving and practiced using problem-solving skills.

3rd grade is finishing up a lesson on important skills for school and being a community worker.

5th, 7th & 8th grade began talking about test taking tips and strategies in preparation for MAP testing.

6th grade worked on recognizing respect.

Reminder: MAP Testing is coming up, Apr. 25th - May 6th.

- Ensure your child goes to bed early and gets plenty sleep.
- Talk to your child about eating breakfast at home or at school.
- Ensure your child's Chromebook is charged every night so that it is ready for testing in the morning.
- Ensure your child is at school on time and try to avoid scheduling appointments during this time.

End of Year Events

- ★ April 22nd - 8th Grade Banquet
- ★ April 25th-May 6th - MAP TESTING
- ★ May 12th - May Day
- ★ May 16th - Kindergarten Graduation
- ★ May 17th - 8th Grade Graduation
- ★ May 20th - Last Day of School
- ★ May 23rd - Summer School Begins



Parents of 6th-8th Grade Students:

- Lonedell School District has invited our 6th-8th grade students to attend their Field Day on Friday, May 6th.
- Permission slips will be going home with all 6th-8th grade students this week.
- Signed permission slips are due back April 13th.
- Any student without a signed permission slip will not be able to attend.
- Students that choose to attend this field day will be required to make up their daily work from the school day.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Scholar Bowl:

Finals will be held on Monday,
April 4th @ 6:00 p.m.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Scholar Bowl:

Finals will be held on Tuesday,
April 12th @ 6:00 p.m.



2022 SUMMER SCHOOL!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

All summer school students will enjoy daily activities, weekly trips, and learning experiences to help make summer school fun!

WHY COME TO SUMMER SCHOOL?

Summer school provides a great opportunity for Spring Bluff students going into kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year to get acquainted with their teacher and become better prepared for kindergarten.

For all students going into 1st Grade - 8th Grade for the 2022-2023 school year, summer school provides an opportunity to reinforce what they have learned and discover new ideas to become better prepared for the new school year.

MORE INFORMATION

Doors open at 7:10 a.m.
School Day: 7:25 - 3:03

Week 1: May 23-May 27
Week 2: May 31-June 3
Week 3: June 6-June 10
Week 4: June 13-June 16

Transportation will be offered for students living in the district. Bus routes will be modified.

MAY 23 - JUNE 16

PRE - KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 7TH GRADE

REGISTER NOW AT

www.springbluffpirates.com
(573) 457-8302



Spring Bluff R-XV School District

Special School Board Agenda

April 4, 2022

Location: Library at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Approve agenda
3. A Closed Session is required in accordance with Section 610.021(3 & 12)
 - a. Personnel
4. Adjourn Meeting

Press Release

Proposition Spring Bluff School

On April 5, 2022 Spring Bluff voters will be asked to increase the current incidental tax levy of 3.0518 to 3.3018 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The increase will reinstate the tax rate the district levied in 2020.

In the Blankenship v. Franklin County Collector et al. case, the Missouri Court of Appeals ruled that Missouri Revised Statute Section 137.073.5(2) is unconstitutional in allowing the tax rate to be raised above voter-approved rates. Due to the Court of Appeals decision in the Blankenship case, the State Auditor's office notified more than 2,800 local taxing authorities in Missouri that they no longer have the option to calculate local tax rates using the subsection of state law found to be unconstitutional. The district received notice on June 21, of these changes requiring the district to roll back its operating levy .25.

In 2009, the district was levying the minimum state levy of 2.75 for operating and .70 for debt service for a total levy of 3.45. In June 2010, voters approved a .25 operating levy increase. After completing the State Auditors Forms to set the tax rate, the operating rate calculated out to 3.0851 due to the district's assessed valuation growing less than the consumer price index (CPI).

In August 2010, the Spring Bluff Board of Education reduced the debt service levy by .0851 to maintain the .25 voter approved increase of the total levy-operating and debt service funds combined. As a result of the recent ruling, the operating fund could only increase by .25 regardless of any reduction to the debt service levy.

SB 711 (2008) modified provisions of state statute regarding property taxes, specifically Section 137.073. SB 711 required local governments to roll back local property tax rates to keep tax collections stable in reassessment years and limits total revenue increases to general inflation. A taxing authority cannot avail itself of the adjustment under Section 137.073.2 RSMo. without first experiencing an increase in assessed value of property. Section 137.073.2 provides that a political subdivision shall revise their tax levies based on changes to assessed valuation in order to "produce from all taxable property.... substantially the same amount of tax revenue as was produced in the previous year for each subclass of real property, individually, and personal property, in the aggregate, except that that rate shall not exceed the greater of the most recent voter-approved rate or the most recent voter-approved rate as adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection 5 of this section." Section 137.073 was adopted to prevent windfalls to taxing authorities simply because of increases in assessed valuations.

As a result, any tax rates that do not comply with the decision in Blankenship v. Franklin County had to be revised to remove the Section 137.073.5(2) RSMo adjustment. Pursuant to the Court's opinion in Blankenship, the State Auditor recalculated the district's operating levy rate under the new ruling which in turn forced the district to reduce its operating levy in August 2021.

The State Auditor recalculated the incidental fund looking back to the last voter approved rate (2010) which reduced the district's levy for the 2021-2022 school year by .25. An increase of Federal funding over the past two years to assist districts with COVID related expenses has reduced the impact this loss of revenue has had on our budget temporarily. After the 2021-2022 school year, the district will no longer benefit from the additional federal funding that has been used to supplement the budget.

Increasing the operating levy to 3.3018 will close the gap in revenue lost from reducing the operating budget in addition to the loss of supplemental federal funding that will no longer be available to our district.

2021-2022 Levy Rates

District	Incidental Fund 1	Teachers Fund 2	Debt Service Fund 3	Capital Projects Fund 4	Total Levy
New Haven	3.8344		0.75		4.5844
Meramec Valley-Pacific	3.2939		0.88		4.1739
Sullivan	2.8187		1.1073		4.076
Washington	3.4366		0.47	0.1279	4.0345
Franklin Co R-II	4.0247				4.0247
Strain Japan	3.7451		0.18		3.9251
Lonedell	3.3391		0.5713		3.9104
Union	2.79		1.05		3.84
Spring Bluff	3.0518		0.7478		3.7996
St. Clair	2.1022	0.7	0.62	0.25	3.6722

<https://www.franklinmo.org/departments>