

BACK to SCHOOL

Bluff Elementary School

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

"Welcome Back to School
Bluff Eagles!"

SCHOOL BUS

Principal Silversmith

Welcome Back to school Bluff Eagles, it's good to have you back at school.

Attendance Matters! Aim High for Attendance in 2023-2024 school year!

Attendance Celebration

- ★ Highest attendance percentage between all classes- pick a prize from the office & be recognized
- ★ POPCORN Friday- 100% attendance all week
- ★ Class "Treat Party" for each time your entire class spells out
 - "Attendance Counts" (16)
 - "Perfect Attendance" (17)
 - "Aim High for Attendance" (20)
- ★ Students receive a monthly certificate if attendance is 95% or higher
- ★ End of the school year prizes for 95% or more on attendance

SCC Members and JOM Representative for School Year 2023-2024

Meetings are held once a month September - May.

SCC Member & JOM Representative Responsibilities

- ★ Attends IEC meetings with school and other members
- ★ Reviews funding for school
- ★ Approves funding for school
- ★ Councils look at academic needs and identify priorities for supporting the wise use of School Trust Land funds
- ★ Prepare action plans with School Trust Land and Child Access Routing Plan
- ★ Measures progress of plans
- ★ Submit final Report
- ★ Be informed of school initiatives

If you are interested in becoming an SCC Member or JOM Representative for Bluff Elementary School, please contact Principal Silversmith at (435)678-1298 or email her at bsilversmith@sjdsd.org

front Office

Important Dates

Aug 3rd - Online Registration Opens

Aug 9th - School Board Meeting @ SJSD 3pm

Aug 16th - First Day of School K-5

Aug 21st - First Day of Preschool

Aug 22nd - Back to School Night @ Bluff School

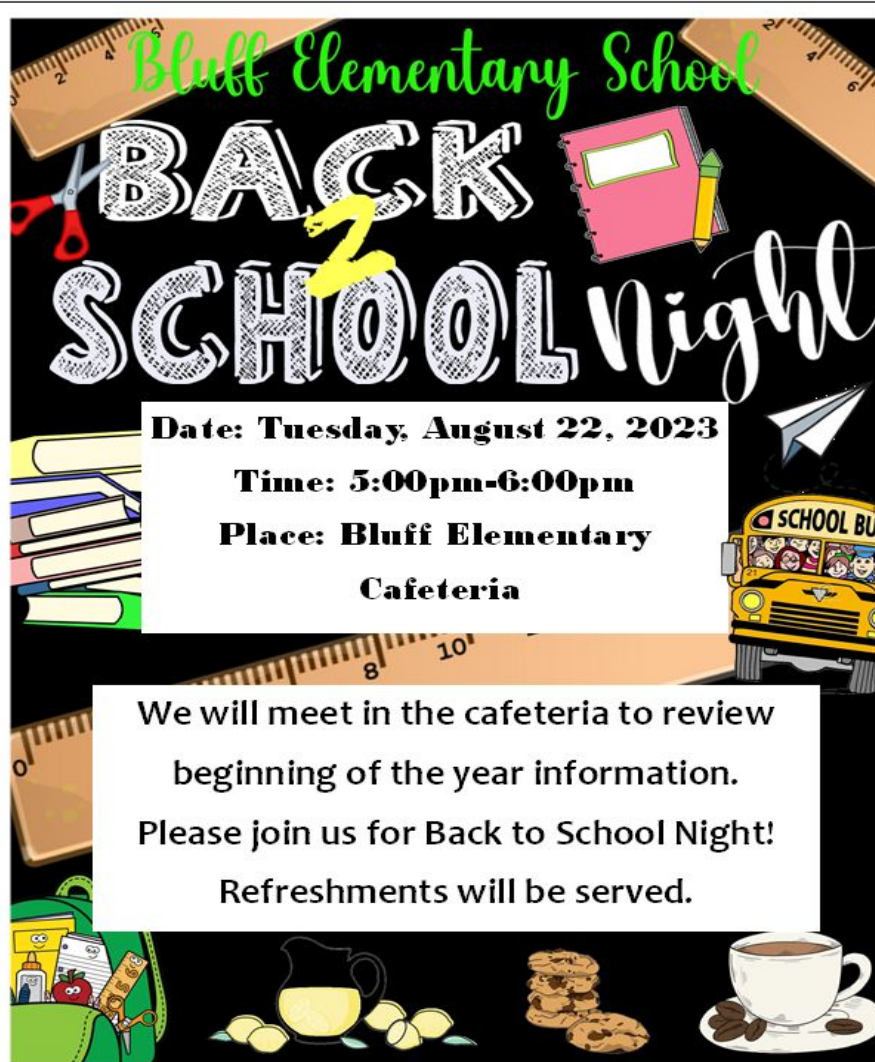
Cafeteria - 5:00pm-6:00pm

If you have any questions, you may contact the front office at (435) 678-1296 or send an email to fmanygoats@sjsd.org. You are also welcome to stop by the school.

Message and Reminders for this coming school year.

1. Please send your child to school **EVERYDAY!** It is extremely important that they are school each day.
2. Call the school if your child is absent.
 - a. (Please provide medical note if applicable.)
3. The office can not make bus arrangements, that must be done through Transportation.
4. Please provide the school with a working email if there is none on file, so we can send you school announcements.

Let's have a wonderful school year!



Bluff Elementary School

BACK 2 SCHOOL Night

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

**Place: Bluff Elementary
Cafeteria**

We will meet in the cafeteria to review
beginning of the year information.
Please join us for Back to School Night!
Refreshments will be served.



AUGUST 2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fries Peaches Cookie	17 Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Green Beans Bananas Jell-O	18 Sloppy Joes Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Steamed Broccoli
21 Tacos Peaches Refried Beans Chocolate Cake	22 Soup Day Rolls Green Salad Apples Green Beans	23 BBQ Beef Sandwich Steamed Carrots Mandarin Oranges Steamed Broccoli Pudding	24 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Green Salad Apples Rolls	25 Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries Pears
28 Spaghetti Breadsticks Green Beans Green Salad Peaches	29 Cheese Burger Fries Melon Rick Krispy Treat	30 Beef Nachos Corn Pears Refried Beans Cookie	31 Stromboli Carrot Stick Peas Oranges	

SAN JUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH

Parents who would like to eat school lunch need to call the school by 9:00am to reserve your meal for the day.
Served Daily:

-Beverages:
Chocolate Skim Milk
1% White Milk

LUNCH REGULATIONS:
Students must take a minimum of 3 items, including 1 fruit or vegetable, in order to have a federally reimbursable meal. Water and some desserts do not count as an item.
Students who bring a home lunch can purchase milk for \$0.40. Parents can put money for this into a student's account to be charged as needed rather than sending money each time.
Because milk is not reimbursable on its own, we are required to charge for it if the student does not take a school lunch.

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Breakfast Prices:

Adult Breakfast.....\$3.00
Non-Student Child.....\$2.00
Milk (Extra).....\$0.40

Lunch Prices:

Adult Lunch.....\$4.40
Adult Salad (Pre-Order Only).....\$3.00
Non-Student Child 0-12 yrs.....\$2.40
Non-Student Child 13-17 yrs.....\$2.70
Milk (Extra).....\$0.40



Bluff School Menu



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16 French Toast Sausage Oranges	17 Breakfast Pizza Pineapple String Cheese	18 Scrambled Eggs Grapes
21 Breakfast Pizza String Cheese Pears	22 Pancakes Pineapple Hash Browns	23 Biscuits & Gravy Apples Sausage	24 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin Mandarin Oranges Yogurt	25 Bagel Egg Patty Bananas
28 Muffin Mandarin Oranges Yogurt	29 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Croissant Hash Browns Grapes	30 Breakfast Pizza Boiled Egg Applesauce	31 French Toast Sausage Bananas	

Reminder: ALL students can eat breakfast for FREE.
Check with individual Schools for serving times.

Served Daily:

-Alternate Entrée:

Assorted Cereal w/ 1
Slice of Toast
Cinnamon Toast

-Beverages:

Chocolate Skim Milk
1% White Milk
Juice Variety

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SAN JUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

We hope everyone had a great summer! Returning to school can be overwhelming for students and their families. Students are going into new grade levels which means new teachers, classmates, and new challenges. Some students may take these changes in stride while others may struggle with apprehension, anxiety, and/or depression. Creating a routine will help ease the challenges, as well as acknowledging with your student that they can do hard things.

As a student advocate, I am here to support you and your student in successfully navigating the learning journey. Remember to talk openly with your student about their feelings about returning to school. Concentrating on what they enjoyed and what they are excited about that day. If you have any concerns, please reach out to me. I will be at Bluff Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It's going to be a great year!

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Carolyn Ballinger

It is such a blessing to see our precious children again after resting all summer long! I am here working with all our children who have been identified as needing an individualized educational program (IEP). Please feel free to call me at school and leave a message with any questions or concerns. My extension is 1852 or leave a message with the office and I will call you back. I am also going to try to visit with you when your child's IEP is coming up for review, so that we can discuss your questions and concerns regarding school learning **before** planning the next year's IEP. You are the most important member of the IEP team.

WELCOME PRESCHOOL

Dear Preschool Parents and Families,
WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL!
We are looking forward to learning and growing
with our preschool students.
We will be learning how to hold writing utensils
and scissors.
Thank you for sharing your child with us.



We will be studying:
Theme: Self Awareness & Family

Number: 0

Important Dates

August 16th- First Day of School
August 22nd- Back to School Night

Happy Birthday

August 7th- Isla
August 31st- Deklan



Kindergarten August Newsletter 2023

.Dear Families,

WELCOME to a new school year! I'm so happy to have your child in my class! We will be learning A LOT about letters, words, numbers, and concepts. Below are some tips to start off the year right!

- COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME.
- MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE END OF THE DAY, NOT THE MORNING.
- CALL IN EVERY TIME YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR ABSENT.
- Encourage your child to say, and think "I don't quit. I've got grit!!!"

Mrs. Lupe Hanson, Kindergarten Teacher

Important Dates:

Aug. 22nd 5:00-6:00 is Back-to-School Night in the cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served.


Teacher Contact Information:

Email: ghanson@sjdsd.org
Phone: 435.678.2701
Text: 614.845.1245





1st Grade August Newsletter



Welcome back first grade students and families,
I am excited to have your students in my classroom. I have enjoyed
getting to know your students the first three days of school.

This week we are get going into our reading and math lessons. So,
making sure your students come to school everyday is very important.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you and your students.

-Ms. Begay

Important dates:

August 16th - First Day of School

August 22nd - Back to School Night (5-6pm)



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TO SCHOOL**



2nd Grade August Newsletter 2023

Welcome back to school all 2nd graders and families! I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year!

This is my 8th year teaching 2nd grade at Bluff Elementary and my 10 year teaching school. I love teaching kids and seeing them grow!!

We will learn so much this year. I appreciate all parent support in this process! Thanks for being there for our students!

I am looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Brown

Upcoming Events

Back to School Night
Tuesday, August 22
5:00pm-6:00pm

Please plan to attend!
Refreshments served!

Mrs. Richmond - 3rd-5th Grade ELA/Writing



Back to School!

Dear families, Welcome back to school! I am so excited to get to know the new students and families and continue my partnership with last year's students and families. Your support and involvement make a world of difference in our classroom, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you this year!

Now, let's dive into the exciting happenings at school:

Announcements:

1. We will be hosting our annual Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:00PM to 6:00PM. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to meet the entire teaching staff, gain insight into our curriculum and expectations, and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Content:

2. Steps of Writing: In our Language Arts curriculum, we are currently focusing on the steps of writing. We will be discussing the importance of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. Encourage your child to share their writing with you and engage in conversations about their writing process at home.
3. Clunker Sentences: As part of our grammar lessons, we will be identifying and fixing "clunker sentences" – sentences that are wordy, unclear, or lack precision. You can support your child's learning by encouraging them to spot clunker sentences in their own writing and make revisions to improve clarity and conciseness.
4. Character Traits: In our reading curriculum, we are focusing on character traits and the importance of finding clues when reading that describe a character by using their thoughts, feelings, and actions. Some are stated directly and others are inferred to in the text. Encourage your child to identify these traits when reading at home.
5. Steps for Reading: In our reading program, we are following a systematic approach to develop strong reading skills. The steps we are currently focusing on are: decoding, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Encourage your child to read aloud to you and engage in discussions about what they are reading to further enhance their reading abilities.

In closing, I want to once again express my gratitude for your support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can create an enriching and successful academic year for our students. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am here to support you and your child every step of the way.

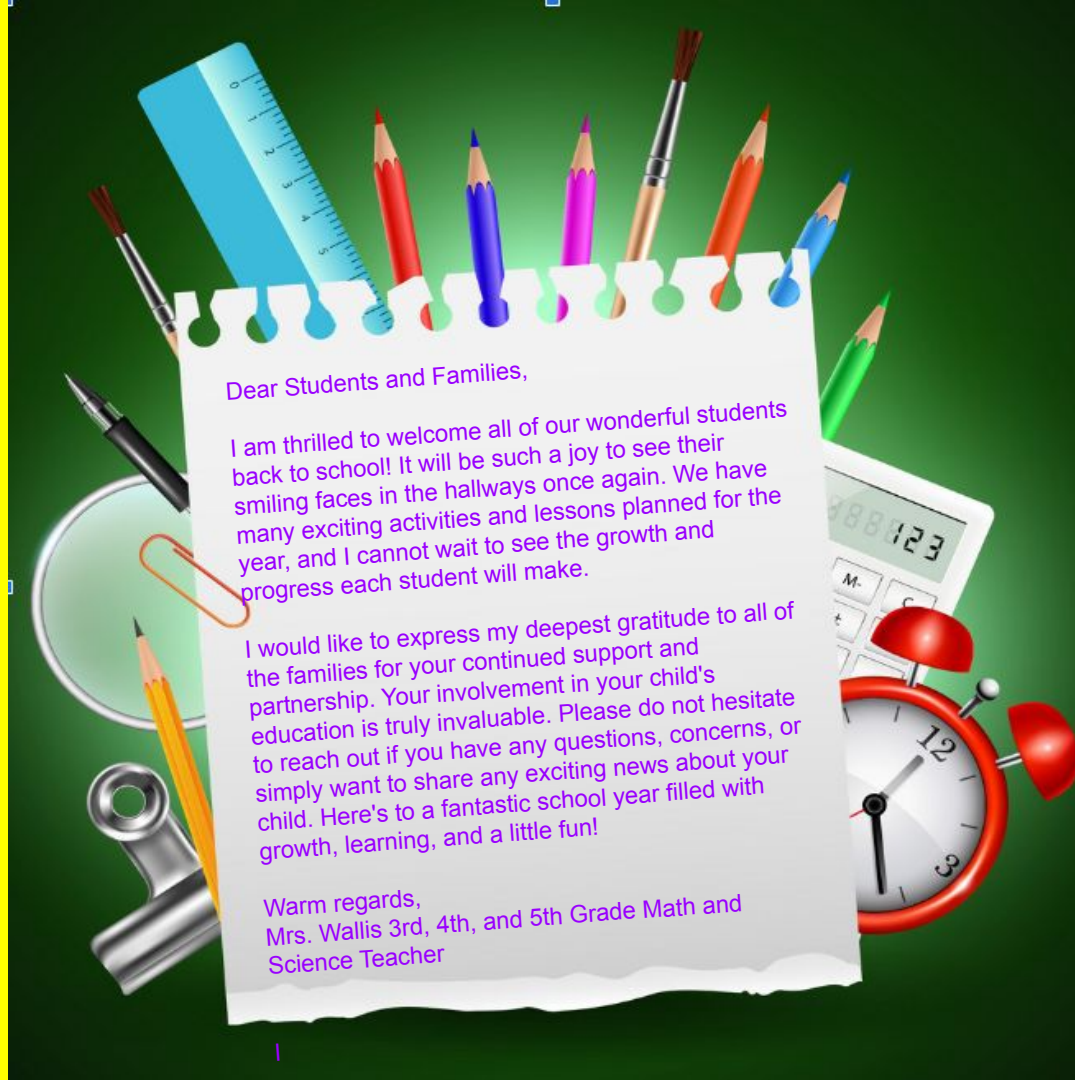
Thank you and I'm looking forward to a fantastic year, Mrs. Richmond

Birthday Celebrations!

Birthdays are always special occasions, and we have some upcoming ones to celebrate in the month of August.

Please join us in wishing
Angel a very happy birthday on the 11th
Riley a fantastic birthday on the 14th
Cadence a wonderful birthday on the 18th.

Let's make sure to make their day extra special!



Dear Students and Families,

I am thrilled to welcome all of our wonderful students back to school! It will be such a joy to see their smiling faces in the hallways once again. We have many exciting activities and lessons planned for the year, and I cannot wait to see the growth and progress each student will make.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of the families for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement in your child's education is truly invaluable. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to share any exciting news about your child. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and a little fun!

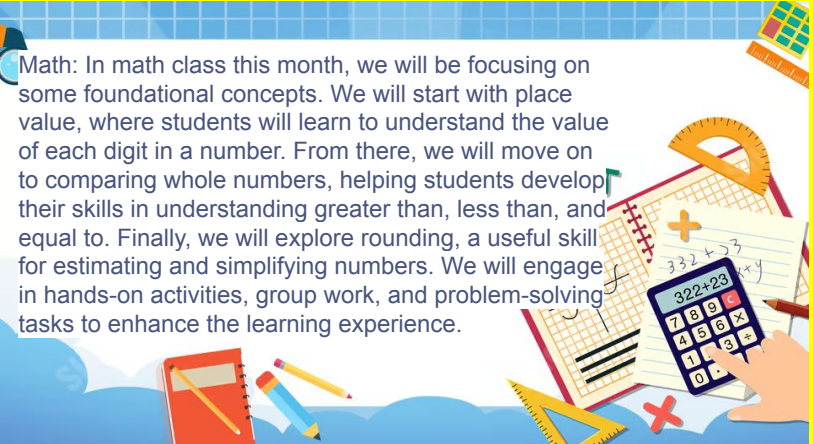
Warm regards,
Mrs. Wallis 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Math and
Science Teacher

Mrs. Wallis - 3-5th Grade Math/Science


Important dates: AUGUST 16TH - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 22ND - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 5-6PM

SEPTEMBER 13TH - CCR DAY



Math: In math class this month, we will be focusing on some foundational concepts. We will start with place value, where students will learn to understand the value of each digit in a number. From there, we will move on to comparing whole numbers, helping students develop their skills in understanding greater than, less than, and equal to. Finally, we will explore rounding, a useful skill for estimating and simplifying numbers. We will engage in hands-on activities, group work, and problem-solving tasks to enhance the learning experience.



Science: In science class, 5th grade will be diving into the fascinating world of Earth's Changing Systems and 4th grade will look at Organisms Functioning in their Environment. Additionally, we will investigate how different organisms adapt and interact with their environment. 3rd grade will explore topics such as weather patterns, how they are formed, and their impact on our daily lives. This will involve exciting experiments, observations, and discussions that will surely captivate our young scientists.

Bini'ant'ááts'ózí- August

During the month of August the crops begin to ripen and it is time to harvest the early crops. The Navajos named August, Biniant'aats'ozí meaning Ripening of Early Crops. This means that some of the crops are now ready for harvesting. Parents are very watchful of their children who are helping with the harvest that they don't pick the green crops, which will be picked later when they are ripe.

The harvested crops are shared among immediate family members and clan families. Many traditional corn recipes are cooked and eaten at this time. They include underground steamed ears of corn, fresh cornmeal baked in cornhusks called kneel down bread, open fire roasted corn, corn baskets and other delicious ways of cooking corn.

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Teacher Contact Information

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