



Bluff Elementary School

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2025-2026

Principal Silversmith

Attendance Process Bluff Elementary School - 2025-2026 Rev. 11/26/25

1 Absence

- School messenger calls out to parents.
- **Parents please call or email the office and let the secretary know if your child will NOT be in school.**

All phone calls are documented by office in the Attendance Log.



2 Absences

- School messenger calls out to parents.
- **Parents please call or email the office and let the secretary know if your child will not be in school.**
- A phone call home will be made by the office.
- Liaison may be sent to the home or phone call made.

All phone calls or emails are documented in the Attendance Log.

3 Absences

- School messenger calls out to parents.
- A phone call home will be made by the office or classroom teacher if parents do NOT check in with the school.
- **Liaison will be sent to the home if NO contact has been made by parents.**

-Parent reply is **REQUIRED** on this third day. Please contact the school office, 435-678-1296
-Parents, teacher, & principal may meet to start an attendance plan.

All phone calls, emails, reports and plans are documented in the Attendance Log.

4 or More Absences

- School messenger calls out to parents.
- A phone call home will be made by the office or classroom teacher.
- Attendance Letter (report) mailed home and/or delivered by school liaison.

-Parents required to meet with teacher & principal to establish an attendance plan. (option: meet with school counselor)

All phone calls, emails, reports and plans are documented in the Attendance Log.

8 or More Unexcused Absences

Will be Referred to Navajo Nation Tribe Peacemaker (Aneth). Possible notification to Social Services - DCFS (Dept. of Child & Family Services) or CPS (Child Protective Services) in Shiprock, N.M.

A 10-day drop policy will apply after 10 days of **NO CONTACT** with the school, teachers, or principal.

Front Office

Important Dates:

Dec 11th - School Board Meeting
Dec 17th - IEC Virtual Meeting
Dec 15th - 19th - Christmas Spirit Week
Dec 18th - Christmas Program
Dec 22nd - 2nd Quarter Ends
Dec 23rd - Jan 2nd - Christmas Break (NO SCHOOL)
Jan 5th - Teacher Day (NO SCHOOL)
Jan 6th - 3rd Quarter Begins

Dear Wonderful Bluff Elementary Parents,
As the year draws to a close, the staff at Bluff Elementary School would like to extend our warmest wishes to your family.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with joy, peace, and special moments with your loved ones. We are deeply grateful for the partnership and commitment you show to your children's education every day.

May your New Year be bright, healthy, and filled with exciting opportunities. We eagerly anticipate the return of our students and the chance to continue learning and growing together in January. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Bluff Elementary School



Christmas Spirit Week

December 15-19, 2025

 **Monday: Christmas Sock Day**
Wear Christmas Socks

Tuesday: Jingle Bell Rock
Rock Your School Colors (Yellow or Blue)
Or wear a Bluff Eagle Shirt



 **Wednesday: Baby It's Cold Outside**
Wear Your Holiday Sweater

Thursday: Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
(Christmas Program)
Wear your Christmas Accessories



 **Friday: One More Sleep**
Wear Christmas Pajamas



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas PROGRAM

DECEMBER **18** AT 1:30 PM

BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

- - REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
- - PARKING/ENTRANCE WILL BE ON THE
- NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING

Let's celebrate together!



DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Waffles Pineapple Hash Browns	2 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin Bananas Yogurt	3 Fruited Boiled Egg Peaches	4 Biscuits & Gravy Pears Sausage	5 Pancake & Sausage On A Stick Apples String Cheese
8 French Toast Sausage Oranges	9 Breakfast Pizza Pineapple String Cheese	10 Breakfast Burrito Grapes Hash Browns	11 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Croissant Mandarin Oranges Yogurt	12 Bagel Egg Patty Boiled Egg
15 Breakfast Pizza String Cheese Pears	16 Pancakes Peaches	17 Biscuits & Gravy Apples Sausage	18 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin Mandarin Oranges Yogurt	19 Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Bananas
22 Oatmeal Yogurt Mandarin Oranges	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	24 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	26 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL
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Lunch Prices:

Adult Lunch.....\$4.60
 Adult Salad (Pre-Order Only).....\$3.10
 Non-Student Child 0-12 yrs.....\$2.60
 Non-Student Child 13-17 yrs.....\$2.90
 Milk (Extra).....\$0.40

Breakfast & Lunch

Menu

DECEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Country Fried Steak Potatoes/Gravy Steamed Carrots Mandarin Oranges Rolls	2 Pigs In A Blanket Fries Pears Green Salad	3 Pizza Tots Pineapple Carrot Sticks Jell-O	4 Beef Nachos Applesauce Black Beans Rice Krispy Treat	5 Chicken Fajitas Green Salad Corn Peaches
8 Corn Dogs Green Salad Tots Pineapple Pudding	9 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fries Peaches Cookie	10 Orange Chicken Egg Roll/Fried Rice Mandarin Oranges Steamed Broccoli Fortune Cookie	11 BBQ Beef Sandwich Steamed Carrots Mandarin Oranges Steamed Broccoli Pudding	12 Meatball Sub Green Beans Bananas Steamed Broccoli
15 Chicken Alfredo Breadsticks Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Green Salad	16 Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries/Pineapple Steamed Carrots Brownies	17 Roasted Turkey Potatoes/Gravy/Roll Peaches/Green Beans Strawberry Short Cake	18 Pulled Pork Burrito Rice Black Beans Applesauce	19 Frito Pie Pears Peas & Carrots
22 Hoagie Sandwich Chips Pineapple Carrot Sticks Green Salad	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	24 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	26 CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL
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Bluff Eagles SELFIE: Staying Healthy During the Holidays

What is SELFIE?

- Sleep
- Exercise
- Light
- Fun and Interaction
- Interaction
- Eat Right

The holiday season is exciting but sometimes stressful for our students and you, their families. Last month during prevention week, I shared SELFIE! It is a fun and wonderful framework to help students be mindful about mental and physical wellness, while building skills to regulate their emotions and be able to make good choices. This is especially important during this busy time of year.

Below are a few healthy, self-regulation ideas that we talked to your students about in class, and hopefully you saw their SELFIE bingo come home with healthy reminders. Each student received an affirmation squishy stress ball and two students that completed every idea, received a fun prize.

Family Challenge

The students asked for another fun assignment to remind them, to make healthy choices, now and in the future. Look for that to come home, and to encourage your students to participate. We encourage you to take a SELFIE showing your family's healthy holiday choices that we can post on our School Selfie Board!, you can share them to my email below. Sharing our moments of wellness and connection create a strong community!

Warmest Regards, Ms ReNee Student Advocate rmdonald@sjsd.org 435-678-1804

Sleep

- Maintain consistent bedtime routines
- Limit screen time before

Eat Right

- Eat colorful fruits and vegetables
- Stay hydrated
- Practice moderation with treats

Light

- Spend time outdoors when possible

Fun and Interaction

- Play board games together
- Share stories and memories
- Create holiday crafts as a family

Exercise

- Family walks after holiday meals
- Dance parties in the living room
- Active games that get everyone moving

December 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

We are starting Unit 1 of our classroom program, Connect4Learning. This unit will focus on helping your child get settled in the classroom with classmates, routines, and using the classroom environment. We will be exploring the following topics and skills.

-Science: The 5 Senses

-Math: Working with numbers
counting from 0-10

-Literacy: Hearing and using new words
Read Children's books
Learning about parts of the book
and about authors and illustrators
Learning about rules for print.
(space between words, punctuation marks,
and capital letters.

-Social Emotional Skills:
Classroom expectations: Be safe, be kind,
be a team player.

By the end of the unit, we will have written a book called "Meet Our Class", which you will be able to read.

Connect4learning Unit One: Connect with School and Friends:

Builds the most important school connections: among the children and peers, teachers, and the school. They engage in hands-on science exploration in the senses and hear and perhaps even use rich vocabulary in context. They explore high-quality children's literature as they learn how print is used and begins to understand how to work with books. Children learn classroom routines, how to use materials, and social-emotional skills, including how to be with a group, make friends, and work together. They explore mathematics manipulatives, learning foundations ideas and skills through play.

What You Can Do:

- Talk about the 5 senses with your child: hearing, seeing, smelling, touching, and tasting
- Read books and have conversations daily.
- Ask your child what he or she is learning about being safe, be kind, and being a team player.
- With Family and Friends, encourage your child to make connections about safety about safety, kindness, and being a team player.
- Ask about new friends.
- Log in to the online parent portal:
<https://platform.connect4learning.com/user>

Hero of the Month:



*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year to all the
Bluff Eagles!
Our Heroes!
From Preschool*

Important Days:

Dec. 15th-19th
Christmas Spirit Week

Dec. 18th
Christmas Program
1:30 to 2:30

Dec. 22nd
Quarter Ends

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 2nd
Christmas Break

Jan. 5th
Teacher Day/ No School

Jan. 6th
3rd Quarter Starts

PRESCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

The students have made so much progress since the beginning of the year. I know what you are doing at home to help them has really made a difference, so thank you!

We will be taking reading and math assessments in January. We have been getting ready for those assessments and will continue to do so.

Please help your student by reading to them every day and keep track of their reading log. Make sure to send their completed November log to earn a special eraser!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful holiday season and happy new year!
-Mrs. Pugh

Important Dates

Dec 18th: Christmas Program

Dec 22nd: Last day of quarter 2

**Dec 23rd-Jan 2nd: Christmas Break –
NO SCHOOL**

Jan 5th: Teacher Day – NO SCHOOL

Jan 6th: Quarter 3 Begins

Birthdays

No Birthdays

First Grade 2024 December Newsletter

Dear First Grade Families,

Just like that we are in December. I first want to thank you for taking the time to read with your student. I can see the progress your child has been making. Continue to have them read at home. :)

Secondly, we have acadience reading and math assessments coming up in January. We are starting to prepare for those assessments in class. You all received acadience reading and math packets during back to school night so please start having your student work through the packets a few minutes each evening. If you need extra resources, please let me know.

Thirdly, we have our reading party coming at the end of the month. Your student keeps track of their reading log points weekly. There are a few students who are not bringing their reading logs back. Please make sure your student is reading and bringing their calendar signed back.

Lastly, your student has been making growth each day they come to school. Continue to have them come to school everyday. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Happy Holidays
Ms. Begay

Important Dates

December 18th - Christmas Program

December 22nd - READING LOG Party
-Last day of Term 2

December 23rd-Jan 2nd - NO SCHOOL
(Christmas Break)

January 5th - Teacher day (NO SCHOOL)

January 6th - First day of Term 3



Happy Birthday
Greyson 12/27



2nd Grade 2025 December Newsletter



Dear 2nd Grade families,



I can't believe we are coming to the halfway mark of the school year! It seems to just fly by!

I just love to spend time with each of your kids and see and hear the growth they have made since starting on the very first day of the school year. It is AMAZING! I am seeing improvements in all areas. It is so fun to see kids who are excited to learn and to be at school. So thank you to you parents for your support! I am looking forward to another great month and finishing 2025 strong here in second grade!

Have a happy holiday season!

Mrs. Brown



Important Dates

December 18th - Christmas Program 1:30

December 22nd - Last Day of 2nd Qtr

Dec. 23rd - Jan 2nd - NO SCHOOL
(Christmas Break)

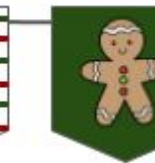
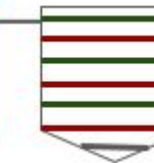
January 5th - Teacher Work Day
NO SCHOOL

January 6th - First day of Term 3

Happy Birthday!!

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Mrs. Richmond's 3rd, 4th, and 5th ELA

Dear Families and Students,

Can you believe it is already December? It's amazing how fast the year has gone!

This month 3rd grade will be finishing our unit on the human body. Then we will be starting a unit about ancient Rome, while learning about reading non-fiction texts. We will continue to work on spelling words, prefixes, and writing paragraphs.

4th grade will finish the ancient empires unit and will move on to poetry. As the 4th graders learn to analyze poetry and understand figurative language they will also learn more about grammar, and writing.

The 5th graders will be reading Don Quixote. As we read Don Quixote the 5th graders will be learning more about the fiction genre and characterization. They will also write a persuasive essay about Don Quixote.

Please make sure your child is reading 20 minutes every day! They can bring the reading log back for a prize!

Mrs. Richmond



December

- Dec 5th - Happy Birthday Angelah!
- Dec 22nd - Last day of 2nd Quarter
- Dec 23rd - Jan 2nd Christmas Break
- Dec 26th - Happy Birthday Dre'den!
- Dec 30th - Happy Birthday Angelina!



Merry Christmas

3/4/5th Grade Newsletter - Mrs.

★ MERRY ★
CHRISTMAS



Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your continued partnership in your child's education. Your dedication to making school a priority and ensuring that your students are present each day is truly commendable. I understand that it is not always easy, but your efforts do not go unnoticed.

As we approach the middle of the year, our students have been working diligently to learn and refine their skills in reading and math. It is incredible to witness their growth and progress.

I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you. In the last month, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students earned their attendance party! They demonstrated excellent attendance and was able to add a letter each day that all were in attendance. Then the phrase "Perfect Attendance" was spelled they got a party. They truly deserve this celebration. We are now working on the next phrase challenge, and I have no doubt that our students will rise to the occasion.

In addition to our academic focus, I want to remind you of the importance of fostering a positive and respectful learning environment. Encourage your child to be kind, compassionate, and inclusive towards their peers. Remind them to always ask for help when needed and to take pride in their accomplishments, no matter how small.

Lastly, I wanted to express my heartfelt appreciation for your support and your involvement in your child's education. It makes a significant difference in their success. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Together, we can make this school year a memorable and rewarding one for our students.

Thank you again for your continued partnership. I am grateful to have you as part of our school community.

Warmest regards, Mrs. Wallis



Important Dates And Birthdays

- December 5th - Angelah's Birthday
- December 26th - Dre'den's Birthday
- December 30th - Angelina's Birthday
- December 18th - Christmas Program 1:30-2:30pm
- December 19th - Last day to complete work for Term 2
- December 22nd - Last day of term and grades mailed out
- December 23-January 5th - Christmas break
- January 6th - School resumes for students

Merry Christmas

3/4/5th Grade Newsletter - Mrs.

★ MERRY ★
CHRISTMAS



Dear Families,

I hope you are doing well. I want to thank you for your ongoing support and for helping your child attend school regularly. I know it can be challenging at times, and I truly appreciate your efforts.

As we reach the middle of the year, our students have been working hard to build their math skills. It has been wonderful to see their growth.

I'd also like to remind everyone of the importance of creating a positive and respectful learning environment. Please encourage your child to be kind, supportive, and inclusive. Remind them to ask for help when needed and to take pride in their progress, big or small.

Thank you again for your support and involvement. It truly makes a difference. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Together, we can make this school year a great one.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Wallis

3rd Grade Math: Are currently learning how to multiply numbers up to 100. They are using strategies to help them do this. We will move onto multiplying by 10's after that.

4th Grade Math: They are starting to compare fractions, next we will move onto fraction basic and applying those basic skills to add and subtract fractions.

5th Grade Math: Is currently working on reviewing fraction basic, then they will move onto adding and subtracting fractions with like and unlike denominators, then multiplying and dividing fractions.

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