



Bluff Elementary School



August Newsletter

2025-2026

Welcome Back to School
Bluff Eagles!





BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back
TO SCHOOL
BLUFF EAGLES

Back to school with a heart full of curiosity and a
backpack full of dreams.

200 W. Main St

(435) 678-1296

<https://www.sjsd.org/o/bluffes>



WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL!

Principal Silversmith

Dear Bluff Parents,

We want to remind you how important it is for your child to attend school every day. Each school day is a building block for your child's education and social skills. When children miss school, they miss important lessons, discussions, and time with their classmates and teachers.

Missing school often can cause students to fall behind, making it hard for them to catch up. This can lead to frustration and decreased confidence in their studies. Regular attendance helps your child stay on track and learn responsibility and commitment.

We understand that illness and emergencies happen. If your child cannot attend school, please let the office know as soon as you can. Together, we can help your child get the most out of their education and have a successful school year. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Principal Silversmith



Attendance Process

Bluff Elementary School - 2025-2026

Rev. 6/16/25

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 or classroom teacher if parents do NOT call the school.

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.

SCC Members and JOM Representative for School Year 2025-2026

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@sjisd.org



Important Dates

- ♥ Aug 5th School Board Meeting
 - ♥ Aug 4th Registration Opens
 - ♥ Aug 11-12th Teacher Day
 - ♥ Aug 13th First Day of School K-5
 - ♥ Aug 18th First Day of Preschool
 - ♥ Aug 18th Back to School Night
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Front Office



Welcome Back, Bluff Families!

We're so happy to see you all for the start of the 2025-2026 school year at Bluff Elementary School! We hope your summer was filled with fun, relaxation, and quality time with family.

We're excited to team up with you for another amazing year of learning! Your support and involvement make a big difference in your child's success, and we truly appreciate the trust you've placed in us. We want to keep the lines of communication open, so let's stay connected throughout the year. Be on the lookout for important updates via our school webpage, monthly newsletters, emails, and text messages.

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!



BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

AUGUST 18, 2025

@ 5:00PM

COME JOIN US FOR BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

- ★ MEET THE AMAZING TEACHERS
- ★ FAMILY RESOURCE NIGHT
- ★ DINNER WILL BE SERVED

PARKING/ENTRANCE WILL BE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BUILDING THROUGH THE CAFETERIA DOORS

Registration Information

Registration for school year 2025-2026 will open August 4-13, 2025
Stop by the office from 9:00am-2:00pm for in-person help.

Returning Students:

- Click the link below:
<https://aspire.sjsd.org/Students/Register/Startx>
This should automatically take you to the registration window.
- If your child is a returning student to Bluff Elementary refer to the right screen and go under Current Student Registration and click the *green* **Login and register** student button.
 - There you will enter your username and password.
 - You will see your child's name in a box and you will click that to enroll your child.

New Students ONLY!:

- If you are a new student that has **NOT** been within the San Juan School District refer to the *left screen*, under New Student Registration, click the *blue* **Register new student(s)** button.
 - Click School Year 2025-2026
 - Find and click Bluff Elementary School
 - Select your child's grade level
 - Click continue
 - Fill out all application
- New Student **MUST** bring the following documents:
 - 1.** CIB if applicable
 - 2.** Fill out 506 (if applicable)
 - 3.** Birth Certificate
 - 4.** Updated Immunization Records

Stay Connected!

Access the School Newsletter

Every month, Bluff Elementary School sends out school newsletters *electronically*. This is shared through our school Facebook page and School Webpage. Our school newsletters have important dates and information from the front office, school principal and teachers. Below are two options to access the school newsletter:

1 School Webpage

1. Click the link below:
<https://www.sjsd.org/o/bluffes>
This should automatically direct you to the school webpage.
2. Scroll down and click the School Newsletter button.
3. Scroll down and there you will see all our school newsletters.

2 School Facebook Page:

You would NEED a Facebook account for this option.

1. Click Link Below:
<https://www.facebook.com/Bluff-Elementary-School-Bluff-Utah-111749157297923>
2. Like our school facebook page.
3. You'll be able to see any information shared from the school on your facebook timeline.



MEET THE TEACHER

INTRODUCTION

Hello! I am Kd Perkins, the new
Special Education Teacher
I am the daughter of Worthy and
Gail Glover. I grew up in Blanding

ALL ABOUT ME

I love learning, dancing, singing and butterflies.
I am so excited to work with our amazing students that have
Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
My phone extension is 435-678-1852 and my email is kperkins@sjsd.org

Preschool

NEWSLETTER

2025 - 2026

Welcome to Preschool!

We will be learning many new
fun things in Preschool. Cutting with scissors,
learning preschool preschool
friends names,
our daily schedules,
Teachers names, lunch process,
getting off and on the bus process,
So be ready to come and learn
many new things.
Wanda & LaQueena

Important Dates!
August 18th First Day of
Preschool.
&
Back to School Night





Kindergarten Newsletter

Dear families,

I am excited for a new school year! We are going to be learning a lot everyday so it is important for your student to be at school.

Back to school night is August 18th starting at 5:00pm.

I look forward to getting to know you and your student better this school year and back to school night is a great place to start!

-Mrs. Pugh

Important Dates

August 13th

First day of school

August 18th

Back to school night

Welcome Back to School First Graders

Dear families,

I am so ready and excited to get this new school year going! We are going to have so much together. I am looking forward to a year of learning and growth.

Please join us on August 18th, 5:00 pm for Back to School Night. This will be a great opportunity to have one on one conversations with me. You will get to know me and what the whole year in first grade will look like. I am excited to meet you and answer any questions you have.

Let's have a great year. Thank you for your support. :)
Ms. Begay

Important Dates:

8-13: First day of School

8-18: Back to School Night



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

2nd GRADERS!

2025-26

We are so excited for a new school year! We are going to learn and grow so much this year. Please plan on attending **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** on Monday, August 18th at 5pm. Let's have an awesome year!!

Mrs. Brown





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

Dear Families and Students,

I'm so happy to have you in my classes, and hope we will have a great year together!

I will be teaching English Language Arts to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades this year! The only homework I ask that you (the student) do is read 20 minutes every day, and practice your spelling words. I will send home spelling words every week, and a reading log every month. Please help your child to do their homework. That will help them progress a lot throughout the year.

Please make sure your child is at school everyday! There is so much that a student misses in just one day of missed school, and a lot of it is work that cannot be sent home.

Let's have a GREAT year!

Mrs. Richmond



August



- Aug 13th - First day of School
- Aug 18th - Back to School Night 5pm



Welcome Back to School!

Dear Families,

I'm so excited to welcome students to a new school year! This year, I'll be teaching math and science to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, and I'm looking forward to a year full of discovery and growth.

Back to School Night

Please join us on **August 18th at 5pm for Back to School Night**. This is a great opportunity to meet me, see the classroom, and learn about what your child will be exploring this year. I can't wait to share our plans and answer your questions!

Thank you for your support. Together, we will make this year a fantastic learning adventure!

Warmly, Mrs. Wallis



Here are some ways to support our learning from home:

Math at Home: Use flashcards to quick daily practice of math facts, play games that involve students using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Show your student how to use math when cooking or grocery shopping.

Science at Home: Ask your child questions about the world around them, make careful observations and have them describe what they see or hear.

All of these activities help your child to connect math and scientific concepts to their everyday lives.



Welcome
3rd, 4th, and
5th grade
students!



Leading the Way—The Wisdom of the Diné people



ASDZÁÁ NÁDLEEHE'S LEGACY AND WISDOM

T'áátsoh is the month of big leaves, in which Nihimá Nahasdzáán has awakened from the stagnant winter months and rainwater has nourished the Earth once again, making way for the blooming of these big leaves. It is a season of change and growth. The cover art for the May issue of Leading the Way features artwork by the renowned Diné artist Jack Ahasteen. Asdzáá Nádleehé, a central female deity and mother to the twin warriors, is depicted offering tádidiin against a backdrop of flowers and colorful leaves. Near her feet, a lamb and foal stand representing new life that gradually matures until the cycle starts again with our livestock eventually welcoming their own newborns. As the embodiment of Nihimá Nahasdzáán, Asdzáá Nádleehé changes like the seasons, and in some stories, she matured in a matter of days while in other stories she matured according to the seasonal changes. Once she became a young woman, the Diyin Dine'e performed a Kinaaldá for her so that she would be equipped with all the knowledge necessary to live a healthy and joyful life as an adult woman. Since then, we continue to honor the young ladies in our families by celebrating their transition and ensuring each young woman has the knowledge and skills necessary to build a good life. Grandmothers, aunts, older sisters, family friends, and all manner of relatives gather to support the young woman and to pass on teachings. These traditions emphasize the sacred role of women in our communities. In Hózhóojí, there are many songs and prayers that mention Asdzáá Nádleehé, signaling our collective hope for growth, positive change, beauty, joy, and to live healthy lives in accordance with Sa'ah Naagháí Bik'eh Hózhóón.

Jack Ahasteen

Heritage Language



Yá'át'ééh and welcome back to School!

Ólta' dináahgo yéigo ihoo'aaah áádéé'
nidiidaatgo nanihidiniitííí!

*'Go to school and learn as much as you can, and
come back and teach us!'*

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 13

Back to school

Aug. 18

Back to school Night @5pm



AUGUST 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fries Peaches Cookie	14 Hoagie Sandwich Chips Pineapple Carrot Sticks	15 Corn Dogs Tater Tots Green Beans Pears
18 Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries Pears	19 Tacos Peaches Refried Beans Chocolate Cake	20 Sloppy Joes Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Steamed Broccoli	21 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Green Salad Apples Rolls	22 Pizza Green Salad Tater Tots Pineapple
25 Spaghetti Breadsticks Green Beans Green Salad Peaches	26 Cheese Burgers Fries Melon Rick Krispy Treat	27 Beef Nachos Corn Pears Refried Beans Cookie	28 Stromboli Carrot Sticks Peas Oranges	29 Salisbury Steak Steamed Carrots Rice/Gravy/Rolls Green Beans Pineapple

SAN JUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH

Lunch Prices:

Adult Lunch.....\$4.50
 Adult Salad (Pre-Order Only).....\$3.00
 Non-Student Child 0-12 yrs.....\$2.50
 Non-Student Child 13-17 yrs.....\$2.80
 Milk (Extra).....\$0.40

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



AUGUST 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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11	12	13 Breakfast Pizza Pineapple String Cheese	14 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Croissant Mandarin Oranges Hash Browns	15 Bagel Egg Patty Peaches Yogurt
18 Breakfast Pizza String Cheese Pears	19 Pancakes Pineapple Hash Browns	20 Biscuits & Gravy Apples Sausage	21 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin Mandarin Oranges Yogurt	22 Scrambled Eggs Bananas
25 Oatmeal Yogurt Mandarin Oranges	26 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Croissant Hash Browns Grapes	27 Breakfast Pizza Boiled Egg Applesauce	28 French Toast Sausage Bananas	29 Breakfast Burrito Peaches String Cheese

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

This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider

**MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE*

SAN JUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST