

BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER

2025-26



Principal Silversmith

Dear Bluff Parents,
Serving as the Principal of Bluff Elementary for the past 15 years has been the greatest honor of my career. I have cherished every moment spent working with our resilient, brilliant, and eager students. As I prepare to welcome a new leader to our 'Bluff Eagle' family, I want to thank you for your unwavering support and collaboration. Please continue to encourage your children to find magic in books—wherever your summer travels take you. With all my love, Mrs. Silversmith

Summer Reading:

Let's keep the learning alive! This summer, every student will receive some books and a reading calendar for June, July, and August. We encourage students to read for **30 minutes daily** to keep their skills sharp. Simply track their progress on the calendar (a fridge or cupboard is a great place to keep it!) and return it this fall for a special celebration treat. Happy reading!



Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support and collaboration. Summer break is just around the corner, offering a well-deserved opportunity for rest and rejuvenation. We encourage you to spend quality time with your children by reading with them throughout the summer, exploring new activities, and creating lasting memories. Remember to keep their minds engaged with fun and educational experiences. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting year.



**Front
Office**



Important Dates:

- **May 1st - Student Assembly**
 - **May 4th - 15th - RISE Testing (3rd - 5th Grade)**
 - **May 15th - IXL Party**
 - **May 15th - Preschool Promotion @ 1:00-4:00 PM**
 - **May 18th - Awards Assembly @ 9:00 AM**
 - **May 19th - End of the Year Field Trip to Blanding**
 - **May 19th - 5th Grade Promotion @ 4:00 PM**
 - **May 20th - Bluff Fort Field Trip**
 - **May 22nd - Fun Walk/Trash Pick-Up**
 - **June 1st - 19th - STEM Summer Camp @ 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
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Lunch and Breakfast Menu



MAY LUNCH MENU

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MANAGERS
CHOICE



MAY BREAKFAST MENU

4 Corn Dogs Tots Green Salad Pears Pudding	5 Spaghetti Bread Backs Green Beans Green Salad Peaches	6 Tacos Corn Refried Beans Mixed Berry Cup Chocolate Calis	7 Pizza Tots Pineapple Carrot Sticks Jell-O
11 Pulled Purk Burrito Rice Black Beans Steamed Broccoli Applesauce	12 Frito Pio Corn Steamed Carrots Pears	13 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Green Salad Pineapple Rolls	14 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fries Peaches Peas
18 MANAGERS CHOICE	19 MANAGERS CHOICE	20 MANAGERS CHOICE	21 MANAGERS CHOICE
26 MEMORIAL DAY		27	28

8
MANAGERS
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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

29

4 Waffles Peaches Hash Browns	5 Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Croissant Hash Browns Pears	6 Breakfast Pizza Boiled Egg Mixed Berry Cup	7 French Toast Sticks Sausage Peach Cups
11 Waffles Mixed Berry Cup Hash Browns	12 Sausage, Egg And Cheese Muffin Yogurt Peaches	13 Pancakes Pears Yogurt	14 MANAGERS CHOICE
15 MEMORIAL DAY			

Have a
Great
Summer!

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


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Summer Camp 2026 (FREE, No Fees)



 **Dates:** June 1st-19th





 **Where:** Bluff Elementary School


 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Snacks and Lunch will be provided)


 **Transportation:** Bus transportation will be available for students at two pickup and drop-off locations.

 **Grades:** Incoming Kindergarten - 5th grade

  Hands-on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics are designed to enhance cognitive problem-solving skills.

-  Meaningful, culturally relevant activities.
-  Team-building activities to develop problem-solving abilities.
-  Opportunities to promote critical thinking.
-  Instruction provided by qualified teachers.

 To enroll a student, please complete the permission form on the reverse side.

 For more information, contact the school at (435) 678-1296.



BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHO: 5 year old Kindergarten Students






WHAT: Kindergarten Registration at Bluff Elementary

WHERE: Registration available online or In-Person
If you come in-person for registration
you will receive a goodie bag.



When: Week of May 4th-8th

Requirements:

-  Must be 5 years old by Sept 1st
-  Up-to-date immunization Records
-  Certificate of Indian Blood and Census Number
-  Record of Past School Attendance
-  Any important Health and Development records, Special Education records, or Section 504 of Americans with Disabilities Act records



Contact Us: (435) 678-1296



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP



☀️ Summer Break & Strong Minds

As the school year comes to a close, we are so proud of the growth our students have made—not just academically, but socially and emotionally too! Summer is a wonderful time to relax, recharge, and have fun. It's also a great opportunity to continue building important social-emotional and calming skills that help children feel confident, safe, and ready to learn when school starts again.

♥️ Why Social-Emotional Skills Matter

Social-emotional learning (SEL) helps children understand their feelings, build positive relationships, and make responsible choices. These skills don't take a vacation—they grow best with practice in everyday life!

🧠 Easy Ways to Practice SEL at Home

Here are a few simple, fun ways families can support SEL over the summer:

- **Talk About Feelings:** Encourage your child to name their emotions ("I feel excited," "I feel frustrated"). This builds emotional awareness.
- **Practice Calm-Down Strategies:** Try deep breathing, counting to 10, or taking a quiet break when big feelings arise.
- **Model Kindness:** Show empathy and problem-solving in your own actions—kids learn by watching you!
- **Create a Calm Space:** Designate a cozy spot at home where your child can relax, read, or reset when needed.
- **Use Daily Routines:** Even flexible summer routines (like bedtime or mealtime) help children feel safe and regulated.

🌿 Fun Calming Activities

- Bubble breathing (slow inhaled and exhaled as if blowing bubbles)
- Nature walks to notice sights, sounds, and smells
- Drawing or journaling feelings
- Listening to calming music

☀️ Looking Ahead

By continuing to practice these skills, students will return to school ready to learn, connect, and thrive. Thank you for your partnership in supporting the whole child—both in and out of the classroom.

Wishing all our families a safe, happy, and relaxing summer! ☀️ Ms ReNee

That's a Wrap! ☀️

We want to take a moment to celebrate an incredible year. From the first-day jitters in autumn to the confident strides we see today, our students have grown, learned, and inspired us every step of the way.

Highlights of Our Year:

- Academic Growth: Seeing students master new skills and find their voices.
- Community Spirit: The kindness and teamwork shown on the playground and in the halls.
- Resilience: Overcoming challenges with a smile and a "can-do" attitude.

Thank you to our amazing parents, teachers, and staff for your unwavering support. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and sun-soaked summer break. Whether you're traveling far or enjoying "staycation" adventures, we hope you find plenty of time for rest and play.

See you in the fall, recharged and ready for a brand-new chapter!

--Ms Kd

Dear Parents:

We are starting Unit 3 of the Connect4Learning® program. This unit focuses on how tools and structures work, and how to make or do things! We will explore the following topics and skills:

- Science:
 - » Exploring forms and functions of objects through experiments, games, and activities
 - » Observing shapes and uses of objects and how they move
- Math:
 - » Increasing counting skills and learning the plus-one pattern
 - » Quickly recognizing a small quantity without having to count
 - » Duplicating and extending patterns
 - » Adding to and subtracting from patterns
- » Learning how 2-D shapes become 3-D shapes and comparing their features
 - Literacy:
 - » Reading and writing how-to texts, which explain how to make or do something
 - » Exploring sequences of events to explain a process
 - » Learning more letters, rhyming words, and beginning sounds in words
 - » Making informed guesses based on what children already know
 - Social and Emotional Skills:
 - » Recognizing feelings and their causes in themselves and others
 - » Talking about anger and learning good ways to calm down when angry
- By the end of this unit, we will have made one set of toys for ourselves and one set for another group of children!
 - What you can do:
 - Observe how things move, and notice tools around you.
 - Use words such as slide, roll, function, structure, design, materials, straight, and curved.
 - Help your child recognize quantities in small sets of objects without having to count them.
 - Point out feelings and ways to calm down with strong emotions.
 - Log in to the online portal: <https://platform.connect4learning.com/user>

We are starting Unit 4 in the Connect4Learning® classroom program. This unit is about museums and collections. We will explore the following topics and skills:

- Science:
 - » Dinosaurs (paleontology)
 - » Medieval times
- » What is inside museums, who works there, and how museums work
 - Math:
 - » Patterns and how to extend them
 - Literacy:
 - » Fairy tales
 - » Comparing and contrasting real and imaginary stories
 - » Stating opinions and providing support for them
 - » Creating signs for collections and exhibits
 - Social and Emotional Skills:
 - » Differences in emotions from one person to the next
 - » Problem solving with emotions
 - » Managing strong emotions such as anger
- By the end of Unit 4, we will have created our own classroom museum!
 - What you can do:
 - Talk about museums with your child, and visit a museum if you can.
 - Read books about museums, dinosaurs, and medieval times.
 - Point out and talk about signs and captions in the community, especially how they help you.
 - Encourage your child to state an opinion and back it up with supporting statements. For example, ask your child to name the best TV show or movie, and ask, "Why do you think so?"
 - Find patterns in your daily life, such as with laundry, dishes, and toys, and create new patterns with them.
 - Log in to the online portal to play games and see notes on your child's progress: <https://platform.connect4learning.com/user>

May

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PRESCHOOL

Important Dates:

May 14th - Last Day of Preschool

May 15th - Preschool Promotion

Hero of the Month:

May Heroes of the month are Terra and Noctis.

Terra's favorite thing to do is play outside with her siblings; which makes her happy. When her mom leaves for work it makes her sad. Pink is her favorite color. She enjoys watching Venmo, Spiderman, and Stitch. She likes eating noodles and dislikes meat. If she could go anywhere, she'd like to go to work with her mom. Terra's best friends are her mom, Payten and Lily. Her favorite song is Moana song. If Terra had one wish it would be to have a ton of toys. Thanks for being in our preschool class Terra you're an awesome student!

Noctis' favorite thing to do is play on the playground. His favorite color is red. He enjoys watching Sonic the Hedge Hog. A Cheeseburger is his favorite food and he dislikes bread. If he could go anywhere, he'd love to go to the playground. His brother Elyko is his best friend. Down like that a song from Paw Patrol is his favorite song. When he grows up, he'd like to be fast like Sonic the Hedge Hog. Eating hot dogs makes him happy. But being told what to do makes him sad. If he could have one wish it would be to be super strong. Noctis thanks for being in our preschool class; we will miss you. We wish you and your family all the best on your new adventure.

Connect4learning:

Unit 3: How Structures Are Built focuses on how structures and tools work and how to make or do things. Children explore the form and function of objects through observations, simple experiments, games, and activities. In particular, they explore how objects move and investigate their shapes and uses. They spend time reading and writing procedural texts that tell someone how to make or do something.

Unit 4: Exploring Museums centers on museums and collections—what they are, what they contain, and how they work. In particular, this unit focuses on two areas of study: paleontology and medieval times. Books, texts, and activities help the children develop knowledge in both areas and knowledge about museums in general. Children create exhibits, collections, signs, and captions for the culminating project—a class museum!

Kindergarten May Newsletter

Dear Families,

It is so crazy that it is already May! With the end of the school approaching it is very important for your student to be here every day. We are taking end of year tests and are still learning so much every day!

I have enjoyed getting to know you and your student this year! I am so amazed at all of the growth these kindergarteners have made over this school year.

It is really important for them to continue reading and counting over the summer!

-Mrs. Pugh

Important Dates

- **May 4th - May 15th** - End of Year Testing
- **May 18th** - Awards Assembly @9am
- **May 19th** - Field Trip to Blanding
- **May 20th** - Field Trip to Bluff Fort
- **May 22nd** - Fun Walk / Last Day of School!

Birthdays!

July 4th - Elyko

1ST GRADE MAY NEWSLETTER 2026

Dear first graders and families,

Just like that, we are in the last month of school. Let's continue to come to school every day. We have important dates coming up, so please have your child attend school daily.

I enjoyed having your child in my class. They made so much growth this school year. With the being said PLEASE have your child READ everyday this summer.

Thank you for allowing me to teach your child.

-Ms. Begay



Important Dates

May 4th-15th - End of the Year Testing

May 15th - IXL Party

May 18th - Awards Assembly 9:00am

May 19th - Field Trip to Blanding

May 20st -Bluff Fort Field Trip

May 23rd - Fun Run/Trash Pick up/Last day of school - DISMISS AT 12:00 NOON

June 1st-19th - STEM Summer Camp



THANK YOU!



2nd Grade May Newsletter 2026



2nd graders and families,

I can't believe it is the last month of our school year! I have loved teaching and getting to know your students this year. They have made amazing improvements and have grown in so many ways!!

Please look at the *Important Dates* for this month. It is important that all students are here at school during the end of the year testing. We will also be having some fun activities and celebrations they won't want to miss!

Lastly, I want to tell all my Bluff kids and families thank you for letting me teach and be a part of the amazing community at Bluff Elementary!

The past 10 years have been such a wonderful part of my journey. I have cherished getting to know, teach and love each of my students and their families. Bluff Elementary will also hold a special place in my heart!!

-Mrs. Brown

Important Dates

May 4th-15th - End of the Year Testing

May 15th - IXL Party

May 18th - Awards Assembly 9:00am

May 19th - Field Trip to Blanding

May 20st - Bluff Fort Field Trip

May 23rd - Fun Run/Trash Pick

up/Last day of school - DISM ISS AT 12:00 NOON

June 1st-19th - STEM Summer Camp

Happy Birthday

June 5th - Michael

July 6th - Tessa





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



May



Dear Families and Students,

It's the end of the school year and I am amazed at the growth that has happened this year! Your students are full of enthusiasm, and energy. They are funny, and bright! I have loved teaching them, and getting to know them.

We will be doing our end of the year testing to see how much growth your student made this year. Please make sure your students are at school every day, so they don't have to miss activities to make up tests.


Please continue to have your student read 20 minutes every day! Just 20 minutes of reading practice at home per day can make a big difference in reading ability and progress.

Thanks for a great year!

Mrs. Richmond

happy
May



- May 4 - 15 - End of the year testing
 - May 6 - Happy Birthday Nirvana
 - May 7 - Happy Birthday Ira
 - May 16 - Happy Birthday Dyki!
 - May 17 - Happy Birthday Killian!
 - May 19 - Awards Assembly
 - May 22- Last Day of School
 - May 23- Happy Birthday Sonny!
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3rd/4th/5th Grade Newsletter - Mrs.

Wallis

Dear families,

We are in the last few weeks of our learning and are preparing to show what we have learned. In class we are reviewing the old concepts daily and I asked students to make a commitment to be here at school so we can reteach anything that they are still not sure on. We will start our end of the year testing on May 4th. These assessments will help us in determining what the students learned and inform their teachers for next year what your child knows and what their needs are. Therefore, it is important that students are attending school each day. We will test for a small portion of each day for 2 weeks.

If you have any questions, let me know.

-Mrs. Wallis

5TH GRADE PROMOTION

5th grade promotion will be held on **TUESDAY, MAY 19TH AT 4:00 PM** this year. I have sent home a parent note and email stating what the school will provide and what additional options parents have to be involved. If you need a copy of this parent note, let me know.

At the promotion, there will be a place where students and families can take a picture to remember this important event.

MAY

Important Dates

May 4-May 15-End of Year testing
*review will be before and during this time too?

*a little testing each day-not all day

May 6 - Nirvana's Birthday

May 7 - Ira's Birthday

May 8 - Board Meeting

May 15 - IXL Math party for those that met their goal.

May 16 - Dyki's Birthday

May 17 - Killian's Birthday

May 18 - Awards Assembly
9am

May 19 - End of year field trip to Blanding

May 19 - 5th Grade Promotion 4:00pm

May 20 - Bluff Fort field trip

May 22 - Last day of school

May 23 - Sonny's Birthday

*June 1st starts STEM Camp

Heritage Language Assembly



Navajo Nation
President Nygren

MVHS HL Teacher
Ms. Jones-MC



4th and 5th Grade Field Trip
to Window Rock, AZ

Diné Bizaad Bóhoo'aah

Yá'át'éeł Amá dóó Atzhé'é,
Nizhónigo niha atchíní Diné bizaad yida hoo'aah. Shi éé t'áá
üyisú baa ahééh nisin dóó baa shít hózhó.
Thank you for allowing me to teach your child in Heritage
Language this year. I'm amazed and impressed with how much
they've learned this year through dancing and singing. Kudos to
all the parents that supported and transporting them to events that
we participated this school year.
The school year went by so fast and looking forward to next school
year. Continue to work with your child and teach them Diné
bizaad.

Students met Beverly Blacksheep at
the NN Museum and she is an
renown illustrator and painter.

