



BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

2025-2026

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HAPPY  
*New Year*



Happy New Year!

**May the coming year be filled with academic success, new friendships, and lots of fun.**





# Bluff Elementary School Fundraiser



# Balloon Festival

**JAN 16, 2026**  
**5:00-7:00 PM**  
**BLUFF CAFETERIA**

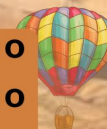


Entertainment  
by  
Bluff Students

## MENU

Navajo Taco	15.00
Corn Stew w/ FryBread	15.00
Fry Bread Only	3.00

All Meals Include Drinks



JOIN  
US!

We are raising money for our end-of-year field trip to Blanding. The trip will include swimming at the recreation center, snacks for students, transportation, and a picnic at the park.

MC:  
TBA @  
Event

Help  
Needed

- Fry Bread Making
- Cleaning Up
- Serving

Come  
Out &  
Join Us

# Front Office

## Important Dates

Dec 23 - Jan 2 - Christmas Break (No School)  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Day (No School)  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Begins  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - Balloon Festival Fundraiser Event  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Day (No School)  
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - School Board Meeting

## Parent Information

- After 8:25 AM, students are considered tardy.
- Please continue to call the office to excuse your child when they are absent.
  - Monthly attendance reports will be sent home each month.
- Allow at least one to two days if your child needs homework from their teacher.
- Please send your child to school with a jacket.
- Call the office before 2:45 PM if they are not riding the bus.
- Any concern or important information will be sent through text message, email, flyers, and posted on the school webpage.

MAKE WAY FOR 2026!





# JANUARY 2026



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL
5 TEACHER DAY NO SCHOOL	6 Breakfast Pizza Boiled Egg Applesauce	7 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Croissant Hash Browns Grapes	8 French Toast Sticks Sausage Bananas	9 Breakfast Burrito Pears String Cheese
12 Waffles Pineapple Hash Browns	13 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin Bananas Yogurt	14 Fruited Boiled Egg Peaches	15 Biscuits & Gravy Pears Sausage	16 Pancake, Sausage on a Stick Apples String Cheese
19 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20 Breakfast Pizza Peaches String Cheese	21 Breakfast Burrito Grapes Hash Browns	22 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin Mandarin Oranges Yogurt	23 Bagel Egg Patty Pears Boiled Egg
26 Breakfast Pizza String Cheese Apples	27 Pancakes Pears	28 Biscuits & Gravy Pineapple Sausage	29 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Muffin Mandarin Oranges Yogurt	30 Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Bananas

## 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

# LUNCH MENU



# JANUARY 2026



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

			1 NO SCHOOL New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL
5 Teacher Day NO SCHOOL	6 Chicken Patty Potatoes/Gravy Corn Pineapple Rolls	7 Mac & Cheese Green Beans Apples Rolls Green Salad	8 Pizza Carrot Sticks Fries Pears Jell-O	9 Tacos Peaches Refried Beans Chocolate Cake
12 Stromboli Carrot Sticks Peas Oranges Pudding	13 Salisbury Steak Steamed Broccoli Brown Rice Green Beans/Rolls Pineapple	14 Spaghetti Breadsticks Green Beans Green Salad Mandarin Oranges	15 Cheese Burger Fries Peaches Cookie	16 Beef Nachos Corn Pears Refried Beans
19 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries Steamed Carrots Pineapple/Brownies	21 Orange Chicken Egg Roll/Fried Rice Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	22 Chili Beans Cinnamon Rolls Carrot Sticks Pears Crackers	23 Toasted Cheese Tomato Soup Green Salad Green Beans Peaches
26 Pigs in a Blanket Fries Pears Green Salad	27 Pizza Tots Pineapple Carrot Sticks Jell-O	28 Beef Nachos Applesauce Black Beans Rice Krispy Treat	29 Chicken Fajitas Green Salad Corn Peaches	30 Country Fried Steak Potatoes/Gravy Steamed Carrots Mandarin Oranges Rolls

**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 LUNCH

# Principal Silversmith

**Attendance Matters! All Day, Everyday!**

*Parents remember to call into the school if your child is absent due to sickness or if they will be absent. Please bring in medical note as well.*

*Please keep in mind that we follow the attendance flow chart. Which is included in the next slide.*

**Parents, during the Balloon Festival we would like to kindly ask if you are available to help with serving, cleaning up, and making fry bread during this event, it will be much appreciated. If you are able to help we ask you be at the school at 4:00 PM.**

# 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.**





As we begin a new year, I want to invite our students and families to think about **intentions**, not resolutions. Intentions are gentle goals we can practice every day, even when things feel hard.

At school, we will be focusing on **mindfulness and kindness**. Mindfulness means noticing what is happening right now in our bodies, thoughts, and feelings. It helps students pause, breathe, and make thoughtful choices. Kindness is how we use our words and actions to help ourselves and others feel safe, seen, and supported.

You might practice this at home by:

- Taking three slow breaths together before school or bedtime
- Naming one kind thing you did or noticed each day
- Reminding your child that mistakes are part of learning and growing

When children feel calm and connected, they learn better and treat others with more care. Thank you for partnering with us as we help students build strong habits of **awareness, compassion, and resilience** in the year ahead.


Wishing you a year filled with growth, connection, and kindness.

ReNee McDonald 435-678-1804  
rmcdonald@sjdsd.org






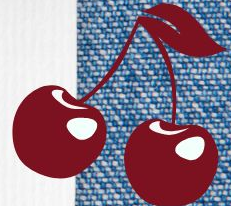
# Welcome Back - Ms Kd



Welcome back, students! As we begin the second half of the 2025–2026 school year, this is a perfect moment to pause, breathe, and reset. No matter how the first half went –whether it was full of wins, challenges, or a mix of both–today brings a clean slate and new possibilities.



This half of the year is about hope: believing in your ability to grow, to learn from mistakes, and to try again with confidence. It's also about new goals–big or small–that give you something to work toward each day. Progress doesn't require perfection; it starts with showing up and taking the next step.





# Welcome JANUARY 2026

## Dear Parents:

We are starting Unit 2 of the Connect4Learning® program. This unit explores environments: those close to home and others less familiar, such as a coral reef. We will learn about the following topics and skills:

• Science:

- » Resources that come from an environment and ways to protect them
- » Animals, plants, and earth features in different environments
- » Comparing and contrasting
- » Predicting and observing
- » Recording through drawing and beginning writing

• Math:

- » Counting aloud
- » Counting objects
- » Comparing and contrasting two-dimensional (2-D) and three-dimensional (3-D) shapes

• Literacy:

- » Words that rhyme
- » Beginning sounds in words.
- » Social and Emotional Skills:
- » Identifying problems
- » Choosing good solutions

By the end of this unit, we will have made a beautiful coral reef! Watch for an invitation, written by our children, to come for a scavenger hunt. We hope to see you there!

What you can do:

- Ask your child what he or she is learning about environments, animals, plants, habitats, recycling, and the coral reef.
- Play fun rhyming games and read books with rhymes.
- Find 2-D and 3-D shapes at home and in the community; ask your child to observe and talk about their features. For example: Rectangles have 4 sides, 4 angles, and 4 vertices (the points on the corners), and the opposite sides are the same lengths.
- With family and friends, encourage your child to address problems with solutions learned at school; encourage him or her to create new solutions.
- Log in to the online portal to play math games and look at notes about your child's learning: <https://platform.connect4learning.com/user>

Sincerely,  
Preschool Staff

## Important Days:

Dec 23rd.-Jan 2nd  
Christmas Break  
No School

Jan. 5th  
Teacher Day (No School)

Jan. 6th  
3rd Quarter Begins

Jan. 16th  
Balloon Festival Fundraiser  
Event

Jan 19th  
Martin Luther King Jr Day  
(No School)

## Hero of the Month:

January's hero of the month is Wade. Wade's favorite thing to do is play with Monster Jam trucks, and play with his robots. He likes the movie Real Steel. His favorite food is pizza, chicken nuggets, and chocolate milk. If he could go anywhere he would like to go with his brother to drive excavators. His best friends are his big brother and 2 aunts. When Wade grows up he wants to drive big trucks and excavators like his big brother.

## Connect4Learning:

**Unit 2: Our Environment** begins close to school and home with investigations of the outdoors. Then, the focus of the unit shifts to the more exotic environment of the coral reef. Lessons, activities, and books support this focus as children explore the components within an environment; the resources that come from an environment; and how animals, plants, and earth features are connected.

# PRESCHOOL



# Kindergarten Newsletter

Dear Families,

Just like that we are half way through this school year. I hope that you have enjoyed your break and are ready for school to start back up!

We have middle of year testing coming up which means students will be practicing the skills that they have learned so far. They have learned lots and are becoming good readers!

Thank you for your support at home and for making sure to read to your student every day. They might even be able to read some words to you!

On January 26<sup>th</sup> the kindergarteners will be dressing up as 100 year olds! Wear your pearls, sweaters, and plaid/flannel because we've been in school for 100 days!

Dates

Dec 23rd-Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Christmas Break

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Day -No school

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>: Balloon Festival Fundraiser

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No school

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>: 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school!



# 1st Grade January Newsletter 2026

Dear first grade families,

Happy new year! I hope you all had a wonderful break with your family and friends. It is amazing to see all your students back in my classroom. I am excited to continue working with your students.

Just a few things to remember that will be coming up this month. We will begin middle of the year (MOY) testing the week of January 20-30. So please make sure your student is at school daily.

Please have your students read at home daily and work on the study guide packets I sent home at the beginning of the year. If you need extra resources please feel free to ask me.

Thank you for sending your student to school daily and all you do for your students.

-Ms. Begay

*Thank you Kayenta Police Department  
for the gifts that were sent home for  
each of the students!*



## Dates to Remember

**Jan. 6th** – First day of 3rd Quarter

**Jan. 16th** – Navajo Taco Fundraiser Dinner

**January 19th** – No School

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 20-30** – Acadience Reading and Math Testing





# 2nd Grade January Newsletter 2026

Welcome back to school Hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday season. I am so excited to have students back in the classroom and learning!

I just can't believe we are halfway through our year! Please remember to read with your child and practice math facts.

Thank you for sending them to school every day! Attendance is important and it matters! The students love going to the Mystery party and can only go if they have 100% attendance for the last 20 days!

2nd graders are the best!!  
Mrs. Brown



Thank you so much to the Kayenta Police Department for the gifts that were sent home for each of the students! As well as books from St. George area families. We will make a thank you note to send to them!



Happy Birthday!!

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## Dates to Remember

**Jan. 5th** – Teacher Work Day/No School

**Jan. 6th** – First day of 3rd Quarter

**Jan. 16th** – Navajo Taco Fundraiser Dinner

**January 19th** – No School

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 20th–23rd** – Testing



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

Dear Families and Students,

It's already third quarter. We will be taking our middle of the year tests during the week of Jan. 20-23, so please make sure your child is here at school, unless they are sick.

In third grade this month we are reading about ancient Rome and learning to write opinion paragraphs.

The fourth grade students will be reading and writing poetry and working to understand figurative language.

The fifth graders will finish reading Don Quixote and write their opinion essays. Then we will start our unit on the Renaissance. During this unit the students will be doing research on a famous artist and will write a biography about the artist.

I have sent home the reading log for January. Please have your child read for 20 minutes everyday. Then send the reading log back. Students who read at least 15 days will earn prizes.

Here's to a GREAT 2026!

Mrs. Richmond



## January

- Jan 6th - First day of 3rd quarter
- Happy Birthday Shianaya!
- Happy Birthday Alijah!
- Jan 19th - MLK day - no school
- Jan 21st & 22nd - Rock Point singing competition
- Jan 23rd Spelling Bee





# Mrs. Wallis 3rd/4th/5th Grade -January 2026 Newsletter

Students,

Wow, this year is flying by! January starts a new year and new goals to focus on. I hope you all use this as a chance for a fresh start in your learning. All of you will be moving to a higher grade next year or to middle school. This is the year to learn, grow, and ask hard questions of yourself. Do you think you are trying your best and focusing on your assignments by doing work that would be required for the next grade? Are you trying to work out all your math problems? Are you asking for help if you are not sure how to do something and need it explained another way? If any of your answers to these questions are no, then make a goal to do all you can to learn and be prepared for next school year!

Parents, I appreciate your help in supporting your child in their learning by making sure they are at school each day. Please continue to reinforce that learning is important and trying their best each day. Our mid-year testing is coming up. One way to help from home is to ask your child what they learned about that day and show you how to work out a math problem. -Mrs. Wallis



A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Kayenta Police Department.. They always make sure every student has a gift at Christmas and this year they did not disappoint to make this year special. We will be writing thank you notes when we return to school on January 6th.

## Important Dates

January 6th - 3rd Term Begins  
January 12th - Shianaya's Birthday  
January 16th- Balloon Festival  
Fundraiser Dinner  
January 19th -Martin Luther King  
Jr. Day-No School  
January 19-30 - Mid-year testing  
January 23rd - Spelling Bee  
Contest 10:30am



# January

Yas Nitt'e'es, meaning "melting snow," a time for gathering water, preparing for spring, and telling traditional tales like the Hero Twins' quests or animal stories. These stories emphasize lessons about resilience, resourcefulness, and our connection to the earth, often featuring figures like the First Man and Woman, or Yeiitsoh (Big Giant).



## Monument Valley High School December 2025



## Diné Bizaad

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### Upcoming Events for HL

**Jan. 5th** - Teacher Work Day/No School

**Jan. 6th** - First day of 3rd Quarter

**Jan. 9th**-WHS Half time Entertainment by BLF Ye'ii Bicheii Dancers

**Jan. 14th**-SJH JV halftime performance by YBC @5:50pm and National Anthem at 6:55pm-Varsity Game

**Jan. 16th** - Balloon Festival:Navajo Taco Fundraiser

**January 19th** - No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**January 21st**-Rock Point Song & Dance (4th--5th)

**January 22nd**-Rock Point Song & Dance (K-3rd)

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Tsé Nistaa Deez'áhi Diné Bi'ólta'  
Rock Point Community School

Presents

51st Annual Diné Song and Dance Festival

