



THE SOURCE

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Hello Everyone,

I am told that it is officially Spring! While lately, it has felt like the seasons could be changing for the better, I will remain skeptical. We've been fooled before and there could still be a lingering snowstorm or two out there. Hopefully, those winter storms are behind us.

I do want to give you an update on the make-up days and where we currently stand. Currently, we are scheduled to finish the school year on May 31st with a 12:30 dismissal. We did make up a day on February 21st and both May 30th and 31st are make-up days. At this time, we are above the state required 1,080 instructional hours. However, we are close to being below that amount and cannot afford to lose many more hours of instructional time.

The District is scheduled to be on spring break the week of April 3-7. We will not use any of those scheduled days as make-days.

We hope you have an enjoyable spring break and a good month of April!

Sincerely,

Terry Hemann



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<http://spencerschools.org/district/calendar>

- April 3-7 - Spring Break, No School**
- April 14 - Spring Play at HS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.**
- April 15 - ACT Test Date, 8 a.m.**
- April 15 - Spring Play at HS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.**
- April 16 - Spring Play at HS Auditorium, 2:00 P.M.**
- April 17 - Regular Day of School**
- April 17 - Preschool – No School**
- April 22 - Prom Grand March at HS Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.**
- April 22 - Prom at High School, 9:00 p.m.**
- April 25 - School Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Board Room**
- April 25 - Kindergarten Spring Concert at HS Auditorium, 6/6:30 p.m.**
- April 27 - 3rd Grade Concert at HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.**
- April 28- Spring Thespian Initiation**



HIGH SCHOOL



2023 Prom Committee Invites Juniors & Seniors to a Night in an ENCHANTED FOREST
April 22, 2023
Spencer High School

GRAND MARCH

STARTS AT 8 P.M.
ADMISSION IS \$1 TO THE PUBLIC
SEATING IN THE AUDITORIUM AND THE CONCOURSE
DANCE TO FOLLOW

AFTER PROM

SPENER YMCA 12 A.M. TO 3:30 A.M.
TICKETS ARE \$5 IN ADVANCE AND \$10 A THE DOOR
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN THE CON-COURSE DURING LUNCH

TICKETS

TICKETS ARE SOLD BY MR. MERCHANT IN THE FRONT OFFICE
7:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
APRIL 13TH -20TH
\$30 PER PERSON
SENIORS ARE FREE BUT STILL NEED TO PICK UP A TICKET

If you have questions or concerns please contact Alis Golombeski about Grand March, and Katie Gastelum-Trees about After Prom

Attention SHS Tigers!

- 4th Quarter: The last portion of the year is in full swing. Every assignment matters! Please follow up with your child to be sure they are completing homework. If students need help, please remember that the last two homework nights of the year will be on April 26th and May 24th from 3:30 to 7 pm.
- Activities: A student may fail no more than one (1) academic course in the first or third quarter to be eligible to participate in any scheduled performance of any activity during the next quarter. A student who is ineligible at the end of the first and third quarter may become eligible after the following midterm progress report period if he or she is failing no more than one (1) academic course at that time. Semester grades, not quarter grades, will be used at the end of the second and fourth quarter grading periods to determine eligibility.

Summer Driver Education

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Class Location: Middle School Commons
 Class Time: 7:05 - 8:50am, Monday - Friday
 Cost: \$285 Payment due: 6/3/2023
 Orientation Meeting: Wednesday, May 3 @ 3:50 - 5:50 in the Middle School Commons
 Tentative first class day: Next day after the last day of classes
 Last class day: ~6/27/2023 depending on snow days
 Driving: Some driving may start the end of May. Ends the first or 2nd week of July.

Sign up [here](#).

- **ACT: 2022-23** Test Dates are April 15, June 10, and July 15. If your son/daughter has any questions about the ACT test or how to sign up, please have them stop in the student services office for any questions.
- **College Visits:** 11th graders can miss 2 school days for college visits. See Office of Student Services to learn more. Senior year gets very busy, so families should take advantage this year!
- **College & Military Visits** are now happening in the Front Concourse. Watch announcements for visit dates and times.
- Be sure to check your **XELLO acct in Clever** for Scholarship and College information. As we receive, we will forward on to you. It is very important to **check your email DAILY** for all Senior updates and notifications. Stop by the Office of Student Services for more information as needed.
- **For College/Workforce/Military/Senior Year Q & A see info below!** **Mary Prosocki, our SHS**
College Camp; Career Transition Counselor, is a resource for you and she is here on Tuesdays in Room 120 (across from guidance) to help you plan your future after graduation. **Mary can help you explore and apply to colleges, fill out scholarship applications, write essays, complete the FAFSA, and sign up to take the ACT.** She can also help you if you are interested in a **career in the military or want to enter the workforce** right after high school. If you have no idea what career would be best for you, **NO PROBLEM.** Mary can give you assessments to identify your strengths and interests and research career possibilities that might be a good fit for you. **Need help with something not on the list? Email Mary and see if it is something she can help you with!**

Contact Information

Mary Prosocki

mprosocki@spencerschools.org

9am each Tuesday in Room 120 - feel free to stop by and visit with gwen in the Office of Student Services to schedule an appointment!

Senior Class of 2023

- **Commencement:** Mark your calendars! Commencement is Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 2:30 pm in the SHS Fieldhouse! Seniors last day is Friday, May 19th.


Important Dates for Seniors	
Senior Recognition Night @ SHS Auditorium	May 3, 6 pm
Senior Activity Day	May 12
Baccalaureate (Optional and Not School Sponsored) Sacred Heart Parish	May 14, 7 pm
Last Day of Classes for Seniors	May 19
Commencement in SHS Fieldhouse	May 21 - 2:30 pm

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MIDDLE SCHOOL



Wow!! 6th Grade Language Arts! All students have been putting their writing chops to the test — writing essays about literature! The 6th Grade ELA classes have been focused on how to write persuasive literary essays; focusing on characters, themes, and comparing different literature across these topics using literary language. All the writers have made tremendous growth! Students in *Mr. Sand's* ELA classes had the chance to vote for their favorites! Congratulations to *all* the writers for their hard work and congrats to the winners:

	Core 1	Core 2	Core 3
1st	Madi Ries	Lotti Thiesen	Riley Hoban
2nd	Nash Dietz	Carter Meyer	Brooklynn Reynolds
3rd	Miranda Madison	Jersey Struve	Kaden Selzer

[Winning Essays](#)

Frozen Jr. Actors Play to Large Crowd

Spencer Middle School's first theater production opened in April to large audiences including many youngsters donned in Disney Frozen attire!

The Spencer Fine Arts Booster's sponsored the project to involve more middle school students in the arts. SHS alumni Kyle Goeken and Natalie Kroll brought the show alive with the singing, dancing and acting talents of middle schoolers.

The Frozen Jr. cast featured 27 students on stage, and another 9 acting as show spotlight technicians and house ushers/greeters. Goeken and Kroll are studying theater arts at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, and are involved with large musical productions this spring. Both agreed the goal of introducing the arts and connecting students with their peers was achieved, similar to the Frozen storyline of finding connection from within.



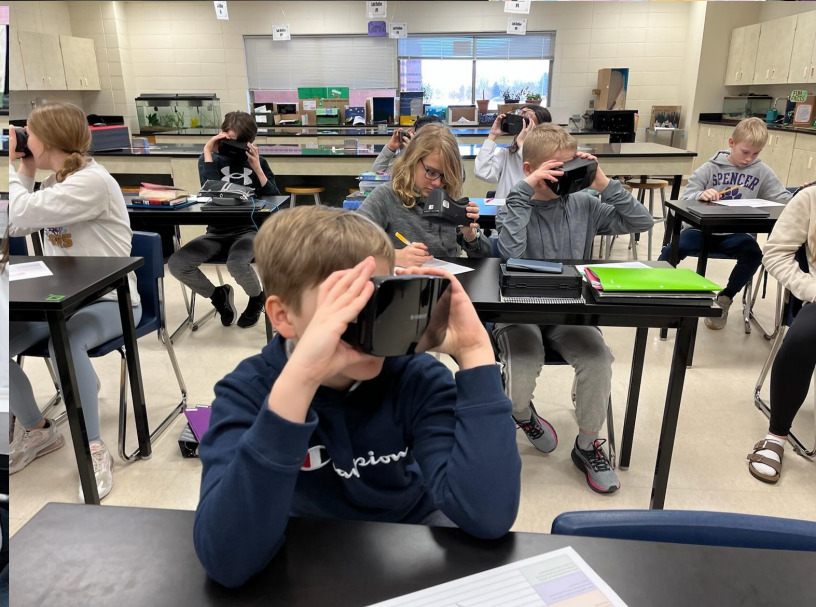
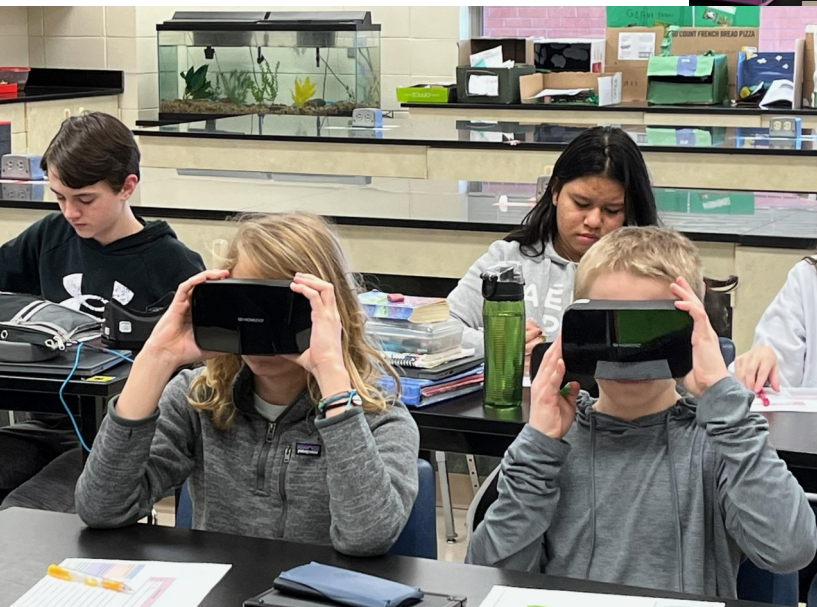
Middle School Science Students Mingle with Penguins

Spencer seventh grade students dropped into the Arctic recently to waddle with penguins and watch firsthand our webbed friends interacting in the rocky, wet and cool conditions!

Students have been studying organism interactions in connection to their unit on zoo animals. Virtual Reality headsets had students diving into the ocean to swim with large turtles and running with gazelles and giraffes in the Serengeti.

Before constructing a small-scale zoo exhibit, seventh-graders researched their animal's natural environment to gauge its particular needs to survive and thrive. The VR headsets insert students into these ecosystems. Headsets are being used in elementary and middle school classrooms in the Spencer District to further learning.

Technology Integration Specialist Jessica Bieber brings the experience to the classroom for teachers and students. The VR systems are being provided through



MS FESTIVAL BAND

Congratulations to the seventh and eighth grade band. On Wednesday, March 23 the students participated in their annual Solo and Ensemble Festival. 94 students participated and the following ratings were received:

I+ Highly Superior - 27 performances,

I Superior - 44 performances,

II Excellent - 17 performances,

III Good - 2 performances.



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Lincoln Elementary Presents



3RD GRADE SPRING CONCERT

APRIL 27, 2023

| STARTS AT 6:30 p.m. |

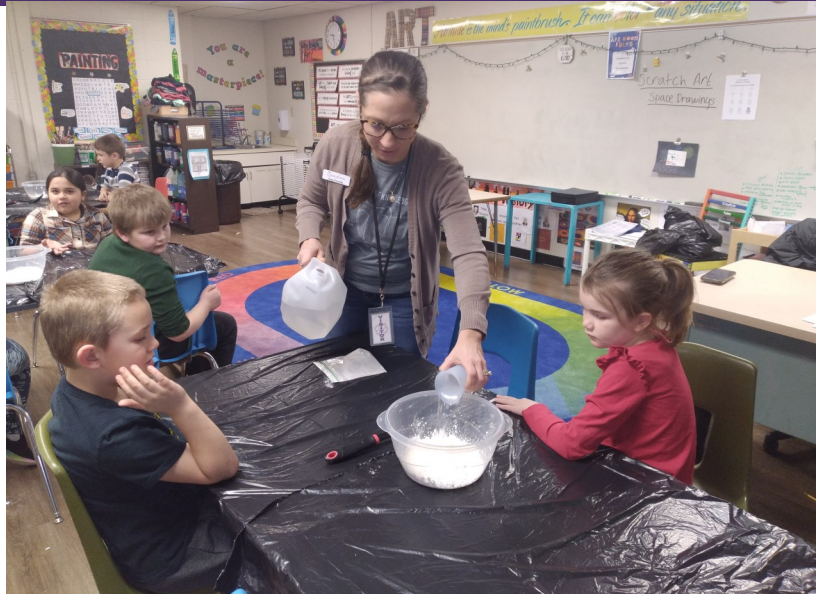
Spencer High School Auditorium



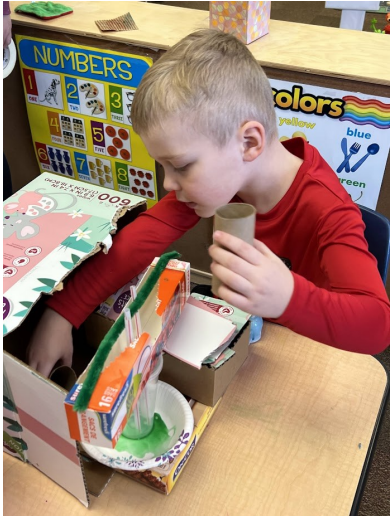
FAIRVIEW



2nd grade enjoyed Ag in the classroom and made Oobleck



JOHNSON



The leprechaun visited Mrs. Brandy's preschool classroom at Johnson. The children worked on catching him for a little over a week. If the leprechaun escaped the trap he would leave a coin behind. Every day they were able to revamp their trap by adding to their current trap or starting over with a new idea. They were great little engineers.



Preschool students use I pads to complete activities and practice skills.



Preschool had so many great visitors this month! No Boundaries students at the high school shared information on healthy teeth and bodies. Author, Daniel Bernstrom, shared a few of the books he authored. Naturalist, Brooklyn, talked to preschool students about insects and the different parts they have.





KINDERGARTEN SPRING CONCERT

APRIL 25, 2023

6:00PM | 6:30PM

HS AUDITORIUM





NOTES FROM THE NURSES

Spring is here! It's time to think about scheduling your child's health screenings so they are ready to go the first day of school next fall. State law and Spencer Schools require certain health screenings for students in specific grades.

Appointment slots fill up fast in the summer, call to make your appointments now to beat the rush.



ATTENTION PK & KINDER PARENTS:

Iowa Law and Spencer Schools require your child to have several health screenings as reviewed at Kindergarten round up and PK registration. Call for your appointments now to beat the summer rush.

ATTENTION 2nd GRADE PARENTS:



Iowa law requires 3rd graders to have **vision** screening. Your child should have this screening before next fall. A letter will be going home with your child the week after spring break and will include details. Watch for the letter in your child's backpack!

ATTENTION 6th & 11th GRADE PARENTS:



Iowa law requires adolescent vaccinations for 7th and 12th graders for school. Your child should have these vaccinations before next fall. Contact your healthcare provider or Public Health (264-6685) to access your child's record to see if these vaccinations are needed and/or to schedule an appointment for the required vaccinations.

On April 11th, Spencer Hospital Clay County Public Health and Avera Medical Group Spencer will be offering the vaccinations required at both the Middle School and the High School.

Consent forms for this convenient opportunity have been mailed home to all 6th grade and 11th grade parents. They can also be found on the Spencer School website under the "For Parents" tab or obtained in the High School and Middle School offices. **Forms need to be turned in no later than Monday, April 10th. Vaccines WILL NOT be given without a signed consent.**

ATTENTION 8th GRADE PARENTS:



Iowa law requires 9th graders to have a **dental** screening. Your child should have this screening before next fall. Watch for a letter coming home with your child's report card at the end of the year with details. However, you don't have to wait to make your appointment with the dentist, call today to beat the summer rush!

National Public Health Week: April 3-9, 2023

Spencer Schools Health Services partner with Clay County Public Health in a variety of ways. Highlights include offering immunizations clinics and dental screenings for eligible students, right during the school day! Public Health provides guidance to the school nurses to help promote, and protect the health of the school population.

Other services provided to the community include services for expecting moms and children through age 5yrs, child safety seat checks, and free blood pressure screenings (*you can even check out a blood pressure monitor at the library for no cost!*). **We celebrate the great services that Clay County Public Health provides to our schools and community!** For more information go to the [Spencer Hospital](#) website.



2023 Scholarship Award Ceremony Spencer Community School Foundation Awards Nearly \$135,000 to SHS Seniors

This year, the Foundation awarded nearly \$135,000 to 68 deserving seniors on Sunday, March 19, at the Clay County Regional Events Center. A total exceeding \$1,400,000 in scholarships has been awarded since 2000. This is all due to the generous benefactors as well as annual contributions from those choosing to make a difference for students, the school, and our community. SCS Foundation Board Member Nancy Naeve welcomed the recipients, donors, and parents. Cindy Jones Bassett., a 2004 SHS alum and high school principal of Gilbert High School, provided the keynote address and Odalys Garcia-Jimenez, 2022 Spencer High School graduate, gave a remembrance speech.

New scholarships established this year are the **Armstrong Twins Memorial Nursing Scholarship**, **Class of 1971 Scholarship**, and the **Harold Kierscht Memorial Scholarship**.

This year the Foundation proudly awarded scholarships to the following recipients:

Armstrong Twins Memorial Nursing Scholarship: Anna Mixon

Class of 1971 Scholarship: Parker Bergstadt

Harold Kierscht Memorial Scholarship: Riley DeWitt

Paul Delaney Memorial Scholarship: Aariah Eade-Musser

Joe & Pat Graff Memorial Scholarship: Sydni Faulkender

Chuck and Pat Schmidt Scholarships: / Travis Crabb / Autumn Erdman / Grace Honkomp

Betty McSwain Nursing Scholarship: Anna Mixon

The John W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship: Emma Morey

The Le Blue House Scholarship: Kaleb Cline

Spencer Golf and Country Club Ladies League Scholarships: Sydni Faulkender / Maureen McDermott

Jasen Petersen Memorial Scholarships: Brock Edington / Mary Matthiesen

The Jeff Mahrt Memorial Scholarship: Campbell Wessels

The Alice & David Wagner Memorial Scholarships: Charlotte Booth / Aliza Edwards / Emma Harle / Chloe Hinckley / Ashley Jewell / Katelyn

Kivela / Izak Peterson / Hailey Pippert / Gavin Timmer

The Anna H Schmid Memorial Scholarships: Kael Brandt / Noah Goeken / Taylor Monnahan / Madison Pick

The Kenneth Randall Memorial Scholarships: Avery Bruning / Tateum Casey / Paris Dean / Jayna Graettinger / Kaitlynn Lawson / Jada Piercy

The Adolph & Esther Vesterqaard Memorial Scholarships: Charlotte Booth / Avery Bruning / Tateum Casey / Gabriel Cauthron / Andrew Dean

/ Sydni Faulkender / Noah Goeken / Ellianna Heisinger / Gavin Honkomp / Grace Honkomp / Anna Mixon / Taylor Monnahan / Olivia Ruden

The Sharyl Potratz Teaching Scholarship: Madison Pick

The Rod Potratz Scholarship: Owen Olson

The Jerry Merchant Memorial Scholarships: Riley DeWitt / Jayna Graettinger

The Kim and Steve Grell/Community State Bank Scholarship: Ivy Hamilton

The Don Heiter Memorial Scholarship: Jacob Hallett

The Michael Fischer Memorial Scholarship: Mia Robles-Vaquero

The Agnes Goeke Memorial Scholarships: Malachi Carlson / Samuel Feldmann / Mallory Klemme / Ellie Steuben / Joselyn Thompson

Katie Grave Anderson Memorial Scholarship: Kaitlynn Lawson

Yvonne Randall Memorial Scholarships: Colin Boyd / Gabriel Cauthron / Aubrie Davis / Gavin Honkomp / MacKenzie Manwarren / Corinne Stave

The Lachner Family Memorial Scholarship: Noah Goeken

The Kyle Lachner Memorial Scholarship: Jerra Merchant

High School Mock Trial Scholarship: Aaron Zinn

Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships: Monroe Daniels / Aliza Edwards / Autumn Erdman / Mary Matthiesen / Gavin Timmer

The Dvergsten Scholarships: Jenna Mart / Maureen McDermott / Taylor Monnahan / Trinity Pullen / Kennedy Warburton

The Spencer Fine Arts Scholarships: Mallory Graves / Olivia Ruden

The Milton O. Warner Memorial Scholarships: Jerra Merchant / Olivia Ruden / Sydney Stanley / Reid Tigges

The Michael E. Tangney Memorial Scholarship: Emma Morey

Spencer Tailtwisters Scholarships: Avery Bruning / Thobe Moeller

The Gilbert & Lillian Pullen Scholarship: Brock Butler

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Dale E. Norton Memorial Scholarships: Kaleb Cline / Ellianna Heisinger

The Sue Harman Nursing Scholarship: Benjamin Kroll / Anna Mixon / Sydney Stanley

The Alisa Schwarz White Memorial Scholarship: Joselyn Thompson

The Thayer Family Scholarships: Andrew Dean

Ty and Kit Thayer Advanced Studies Scholarships: Noah Goeken

The Frank & Nelda Thomas Scholarship: Parker Bergstadt / Kael Brandt / Benjamin Kroll / Gabriel McCrear / Thobe Moeller

The Sharon Howe Hitchcock Memorial Scholarship: Jada Piercy

Williams & Co., P.C. Scholarship: Emma Morey

The Hazel Barringer Hoepfner Scholarships: Shaylee Brown / Mallory Graves / Kayla Mol / Jaded Salton / Makenna Stevens

The Thomas A. Conley Memorial Scholarship: Aaron Zinn

The Charles T. & Ruth Ann Whittenburg Family Scholarships: Monroe Daniels / Jacob Hallett

APRIL 2023 Spencer Community School District

Adult Lunches \$4.25
Adult Breakfast \$2.00
Student Lunches \$2.95
Student Breakfast \$1.65

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spring Break 3 	Spring Break 4	Spring Break 5 	Spring Break 6	Spring Break 7 
Muffin/Cereal 10 Chicken Pattie / Bun BBQ sauce/Mayo Sweet Potato Peaches	Cowboy Bread 11 Walking Taco Beef Shredded Cheese & Lettuce Refried Bean Churro & Dorito Chips Applesauce	Omelet/Toast 12 Mr. Rib/Bun Cheesy Potato Pineapple BBQ Sauce	Pancake 13 Orange Chicken Tea Roll /Fortune Cookie Rice, Pea & Carrot Mandarin Orange	Breakfast Pizza 14 Pepperoni Garlic Bread Romaine Lettuce/ Ranch Marinara Frozen Fruit Cup
Yogurt & Cereal Bar 17 Cheeseburger Bun, Pickles, Ketchup French Fries, Potato Tot or Smile Peaches, Mustard NO PRE K	Donut 18 Crispito & Cheese Sauce Shredded Lettuce Refried Beans Churro HS & MS Apple Sauce	Egg/Toast 19 Corn Dog & Ketchup Pre K Breaded Beef Strip & Roll Sweet Potato Wild Berry cups	Waffle 20 Ham Pattie & Cheese Croissant Broccoli Pears	Breakfast Bite 21 Cheese Pizza Mango Wango HS & MS Green Beans Mixed Fruit
Muffin/Cereal 24 Hot Dog & Bun Baked Beans, Peaches Ketchup & Mustard Pre K Croissant Sandwich	Cini Mini 25 Nacho Meat & Chees Mango Wango, Salsa & Shred Lettuce Fresh Apple Slices Tortilla Chip	Omelet/Toast 26 Omelet/Toast Sloppy Joe & Bun Green Beans & Pickles Mixed Berries Cup	Breakfast Pizza 27 Chicken Nugget Cookie, BBQ Sauce Corn & Mashed Potato Mixed Fruit	Pancake 28 Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Lettuce/ Ranch Marinara & Carrot Pears

"This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider"
Menu is subject to change without notice.
8 oz. milk is served with every meal.

Breakfast each day includes 8 oz. Milk, 4 oz. Orange Juice or Apple Juice 4 oz. Fruit Alternate Breakfast Pop tart & Cereal

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The Source is our District Newsletter which provides families and staff with information regarding important trainings, activities and events scheduled across the district. The Source is sent to all Spencer Community School employees and families monthly via email.

Contact Central Office with any questions.

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