

Telling Our Story: Showcasing the Best of Spencerville Schools

If you’ve noticed more from Spencerville Local Schools on social media lately—you’re not imagining it. Over the past month, we have made a deliberate effort to expand and strengthen our presence online.

Each week, we are sharing:

- Highlights of student activities and events
- Staff spotlights that recognize the incredible people who serve our students
- Alumni features that celebrate the lasting impact of a Spencerville education

This work is intentional, and it serves two important purposes.

Celebrating What Makes Spencerville Special

First, we want to showcase the incredible things happening in our schools every day. From academic achievements and extracurricular success to meaningful relationships and community pride, there is so much to celebrate.

For years, I have described Spencerville Schools as a “hidden gem.” That description still fits—but it’s time we stop being so hidden. Our students, staff, and community deserve to have their stories seen and heard.

Strengthening Our Future

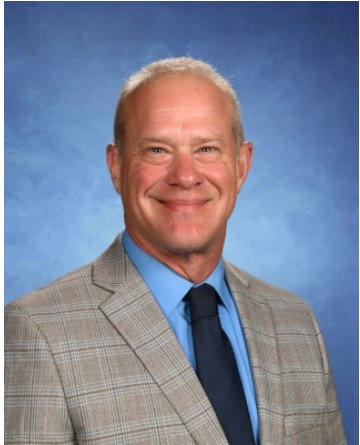
Second, this effort is about the future of our district. Like many schools across Ohio, enrollment plays a critical role in funding and long-term sustainability.

By sharing our story more consistently and more broadly, we aim to:

- Increase awareness of what Spencerville Schools offers
- Attract new families to our district
- Retain the students and families we proudly serve

At a time when public education is often described through a negative lens, it is important that we provide a clear and accurate picture of what is actually happening in our schools.

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A Different Narrative

You may hear broad narratives about “failing public schools.” That is not the story of Spencerville.

Our students are achieving.

Our staff is dedicated.

Our community is supportive.

We are proud of the work happening here—and we believe it deserves to be shared.

How You Can Help

You can play an important role in telling our story.

- Follow Spencerville Local Schools on social media
- Like, comment on, and share our posts

Help spread the word about the great things happening in our schools

When you engage with our content, you help extend our reach and ensure that more people see the positive impact of our schools.

Moving Forward

We are committed to continuing this work—celebrating our students, recognizing our staff, and highlighting the strength of our community.

Spencerville has always been a special place. Now, we’re making sure more people know it.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Woods

Brian Woods

Superintendent

Spencerville Local Schools



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By the Numbers

A comprehensive look at the Spencerville Local School district's score and impact during the 2024-2025 school year. These metrics demonstrate the scale of our commitment to serving students, families, and the Spencerville community through quality education and operations.



89

District Square Miles
Geographic area served by
our district



593

Miles Driven
Daily transportation
routes for students



179,529

Square Footage
Total building space
maintained



68

Classrooms
Classrooms in our school



4.5

District Rating
Exceeds State Standards



73/482

Breakfasts/Lunches
served
Daily nutritious meals
provided



936

Students Enrolled
Young learners in our
care



99

Staff Members
Dedicated educators and
support personnel



\$82

Cost Per Day
Investment in each
student's education

These numbers represent more than statistics--they reflect our district's dedication to providing comprehensive educational services. From transportation and nutrition to facilities management and personalized instruction, every aspect of our operation supports student success and community well-being.

From the desk of the High School Principal

Mr. Scott Gephart



As we approach the end of another wonderful school year at Spencerville Schools, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff, dedicated students, supportive parents, and amazing community members. Your hard work and unwavering support have truly made this school year a success. In the words of the proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child", and we are truly blessed to have such a caring village here in Spencerville!

Here are some important announcements and upcoming events:

State Testing: A big thank you to Mr. Baumgartner, Mrs. Zerbe, our staff, and students for their hard work during state testing.

Upcoming May Events:

May 1st - Band/Choir State

May 2nd - Band/Choir State Contest

May 5th - Seniors - Ohio Means Jobs Annual Spring Career Fair

May 6th - Make a Difference Day

May 8th - Mental Health Awareness Day

May 11th - Formal Band Concert

May 15th - Seniors Last Day

May 18th - Formal Choir Concert

May 20th - Apollo Seniors Night at Elida Fieldhouse

May 22nd - Senior Picture/Last Walk/Graduation Rehearsal

May 24th - Graduation

May 26th - 28th - Underclassmen Exams

May 26th - periods 1, 2, & 3

May 27th - periods 4, 5, & 6

May 28th - periods 7 & 8

May 28th - Last Day of School

As we head into the summer break, I hope each of you will have the chance to relax and enjoy quality time with your family. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and we thank you for being a part of the Spencerville Schools community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to returning in the fall rejuvenated and ready for another amazing school year ahead.

Take care!

Mr. Gephart, High School Principal



Happy Administrative Professionals Day!



BILLIE WOOD
MIDDLE SCHOOL
SECRETARY

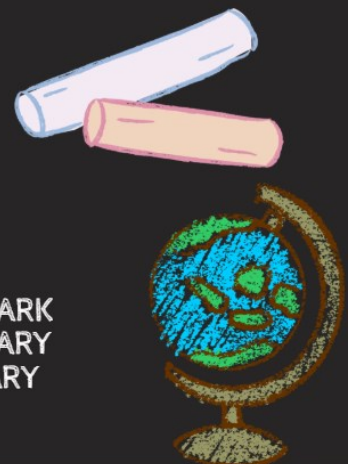
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FOR BEING THE
heart
OF THE OFFICE!



BRITTANY KENNEDY
HIGH SCHOOL
SECRETARY



TRACY CLARK
ELEMENTARY
SECRETARY



APRIL 22, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS COACH SENSABAUGH ON YOUR 300 WINS RECOGNITION!





From the desk of the Elementary Principal

Mrs. Susan Wagner

As this school year comes to a close, we reflect on the many milestones, accomplishments, and special moments that have shaped our journey together. Throughout the year, our students, educators, and families have demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a passion for growth. From new challenges to exciting successes, each day has contributed to a meaningful and memorable experience. As we look ahead to summer, we do so with appreciation for all that we've achieved and excitement for what lies ahead.

The elementary school proudly earned its third Overall 5-Star Award based on our performance on the 2024-25 Traditional Report Card. This achievement reflects the dedication and commitment of our staff, who consistently go above and beyond for our students. They work tirelessly to create an environment that supports not only academic excellence, but also the social and emotional well-being of every child. It is this positive and nurturing atmosphere that truly makes our school a special place for students to learn and grow.

It's not too late to register for kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year. Screening will take place May 12th and May 13th. Contact Tracy Clark at 419-647-4113 for more information.

I want to emphasize the importance of regular attendance in school. Consistent attendance is crucial for your child's academic success as it allows them to fully engage in learning, participate in classroom activities, and build positive relationships with peers and teachers. According to HB 166, even students with a legitimate excuse are only allowed to miss 65 hours of school. Once 65 hours has been attained, students are considered excessive and a doctor's note will be required to excuse further absences. Please be sure to communicate with me if your child is having repeated health issues so we can develop a plan and work together to maintain good attendance.

Thank you for helping make pick-up more secure. We will continue to use the pick-up cards next year so we know who each child is. A new set of pick-up cards will be available in your child's homeroom class at the Back to School Fair.

A shout out to our PTO for all they do for us. It sounds like the donations for Laps for Learning is a huge success!! Thank you, families, for all of your support. Our students appreciate the opportunity to take their learning outside of the traditional classroom setting and gain memorable experiences!!

We have had so many opportunities this year to make lasting memories. From various field trips and after school STEM clubs, to countless hands-on learning activities that take place day in and day out. Our staff strives to bring their best so our students can learn and grow!

We have lots of events scheduled for the rest of the school year:

5/6: Laps for Learning
5/7 Teacher Appreciation Lunch
5/8: 4th grade to YMCA
5/12 and 13: Kindergarten Screening
5/13: Grade 2 Zoo fieldtrip
5/15: Grade 3 YMCA trip/ Grade 4 Bowling reward 1:30-2:30
5/18: Grade 4 field trip to Caverns
5/21: Grade 3 fieldtrip to Sauders Village
5/21: Grade 1 fieldtrip to Boonshoft
5/26: Field day
5/27: 4th grade talent show
5/28: Grade 2 Pet Show and Early Release

As we wrap up the school year, we want to thank our elementary families for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement plays a vital role in our students' success, and we are grateful for all you do. We wish you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another great year ahead!

NEW K-4 STAFF ASSIGNMENT

Mrs. Lauren Van Vorce is excited to transition from intervention to teaching first grade! It will allow her to support students at such a pivotal point in their academic journey. She's eager to build strong habits, confidence, and a love for learning from the very beginning! Her experience in intervention has strengthened her ability to meet diverse learning needs of all students and she looks forward to applying those skills while fostering a positive and engaging classroom community!



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. SUEVER!



I would like to take this time to say good-bye to Mrs. Suever, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs. Suever will be greatly missed, but we are excited for her as she embarks on the next chapter of her life. Here is what Mrs. Suever had to say about her time at Spencerville: *This is my 34th year teaching at Spencerville. This school and community have been a second family. I have loved sharing the laughs and always appreciated all of the support. I am very proud to have been part of a team that prides itself on performing at the best of their ability. The staff truly care about each individual child and do everything they can to support them, never settling for good enough. I feel blessed that I have been able to work in a community that supports learning and each other. I will miss the people at Spencerville!*



Thank you to all of the families who attended our **Canal Days K-4 Family Fun Night**. We had participation from many groups who helped make this night possible. Special thanks to Gary and Margo Metzger for bringing artifacts about the canal. Thank you to our high school FFA for bringing a live canal habitat. Thank you to Mrs. Munshower, 7th and 8th grade science teacher, for making lock demonstrations. Thank you to Life Wise for the family night door prizes. Thank you to the PTO for providing snacks. Thank you Mrs. Fosnaugh for the beautiful mural for the Photo Booth. Thank you to the elementary staff for giving up time with their families to spend it with us.



PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY

Shown are students that were recognized at the 80th anniversary celebration of VFW Post 6772. This year's essay was entitled "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?" Pictured are Commander Eric Bohyer, 3rd place winner Faith Hiestand, 2nd place winner Connor McGaughy, and 1st place winner Gianni San Juan, who also won 1st place at the District level and 2nd place at the State level. Each student was honored with an award and money.



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Shown are students that were recognized at the 80th anniversary celebration of VFW Post 6772. This year's essay was entitled "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

Pictured are Commander Eric Bohyer, 1st place winner Jovie Holtzapple, 3rd place winner Royce Kill, and 2nd place winner Jeweliette Stemen. Each student was honored with an award and money.

From the desk of the Middle School Principal

Mr. John Zerbe



As the days grow longer and signs of spring begin to appear, we are reminded of the incredible growth our students have demonstrated throughout the year—academically, socially, and emotionally. This season brings a renewed sense of energy and focus, and at Spencerville Middle School, we are embracing it as we head into the final months of what has been a truly rewarding school year.

A key part of that growth has been our continued commitment to the Bearcat PRIDE Matrix—Personal Responsibility, Respect, Involvement, Determination, and Excellence. Throughout the year, staff have intentionally taught, modeled, and reinforced these expectations in all areas of the school. By using consistent language and positive reinforcement, we have worked together to help students understand what it means to demonstrate Bearcat PRIDE each day.

The integration of Bearcat PRIDE into classrooms, common spaces, and extracurricular activities has strengthened our school culture and created a more positive, respectful learning environment. Students are taking greater ownership of their actions, building stronger relationships, and striving for excellence in all they do. As we move through this spring season, we are proud of the progress our students have made and look forward to finishing the year strong—Together as Bearcats.

Highlights of the Season:

The 5th/6th grade quiz bowl concluded their seasons. The teams showed great growth in knowledge and skill. Both teams excelled this year. The 6th grade team won the Allen County title! Thanks to Ms. England and Mr. Zenz for coaching this season.

Basketball season has concluded as well. The 8th grade boys finished with a 7-9 record; 7th grade boys record was 9-8. Thank you to Coach Cole Roberts and Coach Devon Cook for coaching once again.

The 8th grade girls finished with a record of 6-11, and the 7th grade girls finished the year 16-3. They also were NWC Runners-Up in the tournament at Lincolnview. Thank you to Coaches Emme Prine and Coach Zach Stemen.

The NWC wrestling meet was a success. Thanks to Coach Brian Layman for another successful year of coaching and teaching our grapplers about this great sport! We have several talented wrestlers in our program and many who have improved their skill this season.

We are grateful for Mr. Alden Longworth, Mrs. Amanda Beining, and Mrs. Rebekah Ricker for the positive impact of music education in the lives of our students which lasts a lifetime.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choir held their concert on March 5th. There was a large turnout from parents and family members and the students performed wonderfully.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected and participating in the OMEA Junior High Honors Choir:

Cashton Bowers
Rawli Smith
Lindsay Eutsler
Callie Grover
Kiya Fleck
Ella Byglin

Congratulations to the following students for being selected and participating in the OMEA Junior High Honors Band:

Samuel Lefik
Xavier Aryee
Connor McGaughy
Elijah Boop
Liam Ricker
Lena Whetstone
Gattlin Griffith

Spencerville Schools proudly showcased the incredible creativity and talent of our students at the annual Art Show. The event was a wonderful celebration of artistic expression, featuring a wide variety of student work across multiple mediums, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media. The Art Show provides a special opportunity for families, staff, and community members to come together and celebrate our students' achievements. It was inspiring to see so many students proudly sharing their work and discussing their creative process. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Fosnaugh and Mrs. Salvage for their dedication and for fostering such a creative environment.

We have completed the 5-8th ELA Test. Thank you to Mrs. Zerbe and Mr. Baumgartner for all of the preparation and planning that has made testing go smoothly. Students will again attend The Axis for testing & other incentives.

Administrative Professionals' Day was on Wednesday, April 22nd. Thanks to Billie Wood for all of her hard work, extra time, and professionalism. We are fortunate to have her at the Middle School.

Upcoming events

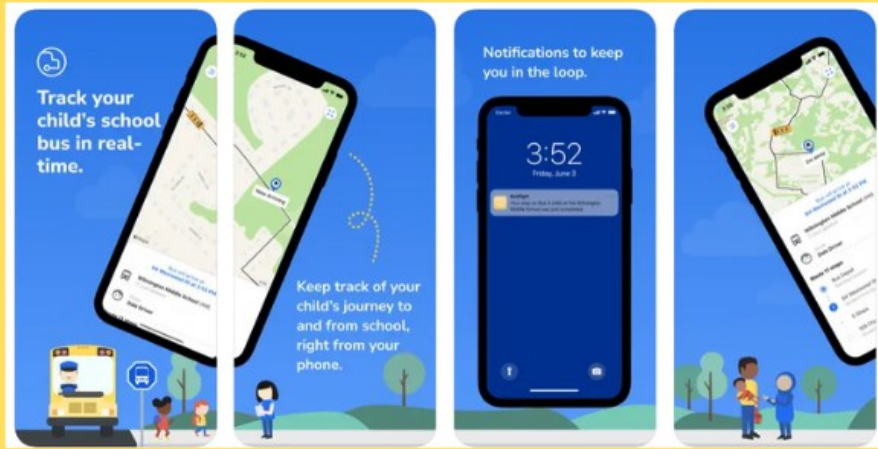
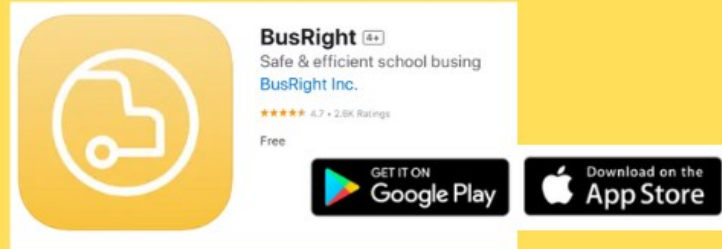
May 5th - 7th grade Field trip to Neil Armstrong Museum
May 6th - Staff Meeting in Mrs. Pugh's room
May 12th - 5th& 6th Grade Axis Trip
May 19th - 7th & 8th grade Axis Trip
May 20th - 7th grade Zoo trip
May 20th - 5th grade Field trip to Ft. Amanda
Math 27th - MS Carnival
May 28th - 8th grade field trip to Van Wert Cinema

Looking Ahead: As we prepare for the end of the year, we'll be focusing on finishing strong, celebrating accomplishments, and making sure every student feels proud of how far they've come.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your support, encouragement, and communication make a world of difference in helping our students succeed.

Wishing you a great spring season!

Mr. Zerbe, Middle School Principal



BusRight App Reminders:

You can download the BusRight app for **free**.

You can use the **same login** on multiple devices.

(Mom, Dad, Grandma, Caregiver, Student)

If you need an invite to the app or have questions, please email
ekisk@svbearcats.org.

2026 / 2027 Bussing Requests

It is almost that time again to begin arranging your student's transportation for the 2026 / 2027 school year.

Please be sure your accurate transportation requests are entered in FinalForms as soon as you have confirmed your plans for the school year.

BusRight will begin to be updated with new routes over the summer so you will begin to see changes in your Bus Right app.

The Open Enrollment Deadline has been extended to
July 1 for the 26/27 school year.

**If you are an Open Enrollment Family, please log
in to FinalForms and complete your student's
application at this time.**

Please contact your building secretary if you have any
questions. Thank you!

HS: (419) 647-4111
MS: (419) 647-4112
EL: (419) 647-4113
www.spencervillebearcats.com

26/27
SCHOOL
REGISTRATION
WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Please log-in or create your FinalForms account to
complete your student's registration, including
open enrollment applications for 26/27.

FINALFORMS

The Spencerville News

SPENCERVILLE, OHIO



YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



12 FEBRUARY 2026

THE SPENCERVILLE DELEGATION



HOME OF THE BEARCATS

The next generation of America in Spencerville Local Schools

Written by Marie Jackson

The Spencerville Youth and Government Delegation started in the school year of 2019-2020 by our history teacher, Ms. Harmony Brenneman. Ms. Brenneman had ran this club before at her previous school, Lima Senior, and decided to bring it to Spencerville Schools. Because of COVID-19 in 2020, we could not go to the conference, so instead we went the following year, 2021. In 2021, the Spencerville delegation had 14 members, and due to COVID-19 restrictions, the YAG conference was put into one day outside. As of the 2025-2026 school year, the Spencerville Delegation has 17 members, with many of them being in leadership positions. For instance, Jovie Holtzapple is a committee chair in oversight and is also running for

Secretary of State. Jovie's bill that she is bringing, along with her partner Lexi Reynolds, is about limiting the amount of time road construction can be in progress. Other notable members of our delegation are Rhoda Bontrager and Josie Ricker, as well as Ava Lyons and Jewel Stemen. Rhoda and Josie both have a legislative chair position, and are responsible for managing the legislative process for proposed bills. Josie Ricker and her partner, Leah Stemen, are proposing a bill mandating schools to have a chronic illness plan for students, and as well as educating teachers on the student's illness. Last on the list of notable members within our delegation are Ava Lyons and Jewel Stemen. Both Ava and Jewel are members in the governors cabinet, in which they decide whether bills should go to the governor's desk so they can be passed. Also, Jewel is one of our delegation leaders alongside Josie Ricker

Due to our town only having a population of about 2,000 people, there are many boring days, but something our community gets excited about is our school. Our school is a K-12 building, but for being a small school, we offer many clubs, sports and activities for students, only by the support of our town. For example, in 2016 our community donated funds to our athletic department so we could have a girls high school soccer team. There are many instances where our small town really adopts the saying that "it takes a village", in reference to raising the next generation. Many of the citizens of our community have said that they would not want to live any other place because it feels so much like home.



Spencerville Delegation at Youth and Government conference in 2025 (22 members).



Spencerville Delegation at Youth and Government conference in 2021 (14 members).

5th Grader Aubrey Krouskop Leads Pop Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House

Aubrey Krouskop, a 5th grade student, recently started a collection drive at school for aluminum pop tabs from cans to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The charity helps provide housing and support for families who must travel far from home while their children receive medical care.

Aubrey began collecting pop tabs at home when a family member had to use the Ronald McDonald House. After talking with her grandma, Aubrey decided to get a collection started at school to be able to support the program even more. Aubrey stated that she collects the tabs to “help all kids lower their prices because it (medical expenses) is really expensive.” She put special collection containers in the cafeteria and teacher workrooms to make it easy for others to participate.



Aubrey's kindness is a great example of how young people can make a positive difference. Community members, students, and families are encouraged to save the pop tabs from aluminum cans and donate them to the collection. Pop tabs can be dropped off at the school's main office, where they will be added to Aubrey's growing collection and later donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Every tab helps, and together our community can make a meaningful difference for families in need. **Great Job Aubrey!**



New Employee PROFILES

Spencerville Schools would like to welcome three new Employees for the 26/27 School Year!

Devon Cook will be an Intervention Specialist in the elementary beginning next year. Devon is currently employed at Elida Middle School as an Intervention Specialist.

He graduated from UNOH with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He also graduated from Eastern Gateway Community College with an associate degree in digital & multimedia design. Devon has his Alternative Teaching License in PreK-12 Special Education.

Devon and his wife, Alyssa, have three children, Payton, Gianna, and Daxton. Alyssa and Devon both grew up in Spencerville and graduated from here together. Alyssa also works as a 2nd grade teacher at Spencerville, and all of their children will attend Spencerville when they are all old enough!



Devon is a basketball fanatic and loves everything about the game. He has coached middle school basketball for 10 years (2 years of girls and 8 years of boys), with 9 of those years here at Spencerville. Devon also enjoys spending time with his family, volunteering in our community, and cooking food!

His favorite thing about being in education is being able to be a positive role model and building relationships with the students, which leads to making a positive impact not only on their education, but their entire lives!

WE ARE BEARCATS



Mason Brandt is from Leipsic and is excited to start his teaching career here at Spencerville as a 5th grade math teacher. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Middle Childhood Education (Math and Social Studies) from the University of Findlay, where he also played basketball. Mason is engaged and will be getting married this August.

He is looking forward to connecting with all students and staff at Spencerville while positively impacting as many lives as possible and helping students reach their full potential! He is also looking forward to coaching!



Cami High will be teaching 7th grade ELA next year in the Middle School. She graduated in 2026 with her Bachelors in Middle Childhood Education (4-9), with concentrations in ELA, Social Studies, and Reading. She is from Mendon, however, she has family in the Spencerville area. This has allowed her to be a part of the Spencerville community since she was a child. Cami's main two hobbies are reading and baking! If she is not doing either of those things, you can catch her with family, friends, or trying to run her dog out of energy. Cami is very excited to start this new job, she has dreamed about teaching Middle School ELA since she was in, well, Middle School. She can't wait to share her passion for the subject and excitement for learning with the community!



This past month the FCCLA Chapter attended the State Leadership Conference. Here students were recognized for their community service efforts and competed in career development events.

Addison Lee took 1st place in Job Interview level 2.

Kate Hemker and Alyssa Macklin took 1st place in Nutrition and Wellness level 2.

Megan Miller and Leah Stemen took 3rd place in Sports Nutrition level 3.

Axton McMichael placed in the top 10 for Interior Design level 2.

Grace Fledderjohann, Karleigh Brown and Clara Goecke placed in the top 10 in Repurpose and Redesign level 3.

Leah Elling represented our Chapter on stage for service hours and their Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety project.

Our top placers have a chance to compete at FCCLA Nationals this summer.

Congratulations to these students and their advisor Miss Karri Purdy. We are so proud of all their hard work and accomplishments!



Spencerville Local Schools

Allen County Children Services "Friend of Children" Award



CHELSEA SCHNIPKE

Thanks to Allen County Children Services for recognizing the county's school social workers at today's Community for Kids Luncheon. We have a great one in Mrs. Schnipke!

SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



The K-12 Office will be open from 8:00am – 2:00pm Monday through Thursday
Closed on Fridays

Closed June 29 – July 3, 2026

August 3, 2026 – Office Opens for the 2026-2027 School Year

Administration Building Summer Office House

The administration building will be open from 7:00am – 3:30pm Monday through Friday.
Please feel free to contact Kim Ekis at 419.647.4111 ext. 3201 if you need assistance.

New Student Registration

FinalForms on-line registration is open and available throughout the summer by going to www.spencervillebearcats.com and clicking on the FinalForms link under Quick Links. When registering a new student to our district, please have the following information ready as you begin:

1. Valid Custodial Parent Email Address
2. Medical Insurance Company & Policy Number
3. Hospital Preference
4. Physician Contact Information
 - a. Family Doctor
 - b. Dentist/Orthodontist
 - c. Specialist (if applicable)

2026 – 2027 School Year

- Monday, August 31, 2026 – Back to School Fair/School Picture Day (more information to come)
- Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – 1st Day of School for the 2026 – 2027 school year (grades 1 – 12)
- Thursday, September 3, 2026 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Girls Only)
- Friday, September 4, 2026 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten Boys Only)
- Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – 1st Day (ALL Kindergartners)

Reminder to all Spencerville Students/Parents - FinalForms must be reviewed and signed by the custodial parent/legal guardian prior to the Back to School Fair on August 31, 2026.

As always, we are here to provide your student with the highest quality of education.
Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

*Thank you
Nurse Erickson!*



**Your time and dedication to
the students, staff and
community of Spencerville
is above and beyond and we
appreciate you!**





Congratulations Senior Audra McMichael!!

She is Spencerville's
own 2-time Indoor
Track State Champion
winning the 60-meter
dash and the
200-meter dash!



Thank you for your years of service to Spencerville Schools!

Your careers have been a remarkable journey of success and leadership.
Enjoy your retirement, knowing you've left an incredible legacy and you
will be missed by many!

Beverly England ~ 5th Grade Math ~ 38 years

Denise Lyle ~ Cafeteria ~ 24 years

Cindy Rammel ~ 7th Grade ELA ~ 30 years

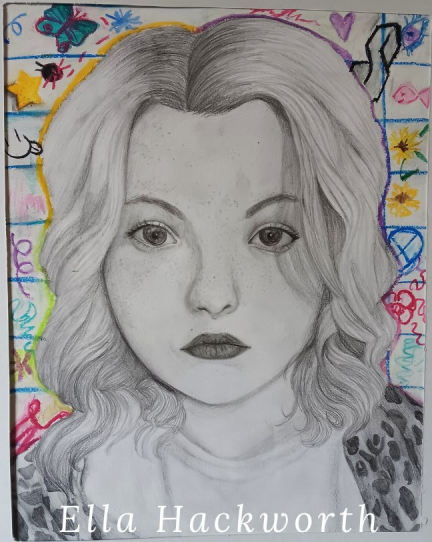
Kim Roof ~ Cafeteria ~ 27 years

Terri Suever ~ First Grade ~ 34 years



Honoring Our
RETIREEES



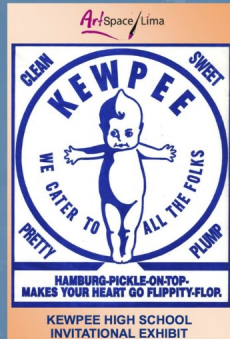


Ella Hackworth

Congratualtions
**SPENCERVILLE
 HIGH SCHOOL
 ARTISTS**
 accepted into the



Audra McMichael



**KEWPEE HIGH SCHOOL
 INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT**

On display at:
 ARTSPACE LIMA
 MARCH 20- APRIL 11

Gianna Goecke



Ella Hackworth



**BACK
 TO SCHOOL
 FAIR**

2026 Back to School Fair
 Spencerville Local Schools
 2500 Wisher Drive
 Monday, August 31, 2026
 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Creativity was blooming at the



SPENCERVILLE SCHOOLS 2026-2027

July 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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July						

January 2027						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January						
1	Christmas Break - No School					
4	1st Day of 2027					
8	Two-Hour Delay for Staff PD					
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School					
22	2nd Quarter Ends (44 days)					
						19T, 19S

August 2026						
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August						
25	Staff Work Day					
26	Staff Work Day					
31	Back to School Fair (12:00-2:00 and 4:00-6:30)					
						3T

February 2027						
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February						
5	Two-Hour Delay for Staff PD					
15	President's Day - No School					
						19T, 19S

September 2026						
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September						
2	First Day of School					
7	Labor Day - No School					
						20T, 20S

March 2027						
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March						
5	Two-Hour Delay for Staff PD					
25	One-Hour Early Release - Holiday Break					
26-29	Easter Break - No School					
						21T, 21S

October 2026						
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October						
2	Staff Professional Development Day - No School					
30	1st Quarter Ends (41 days)					
						22T, 21S

April 2027						
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April						
2	3rd Quarter Ends (47 days)					
						22T, 22S

November 2026						
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November						
6	Two-Hour Delay for Staff PD					
19	P/T Conference (4:30-7:30) - One-Hour Early Release					
23	P/T Conferences (8:00-7:30) - No School					
24	P/T Conferences (8:00-2:00) - No School					
25	Teacher Work Day - No School					
26-27	Thanksgiving Break - No School					
						19T, 10S

May 2027						
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May						
30	Graduation					
31	Memorial Day - No School					
						20T, 20S

December 2026						
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December						
18	One-Hour Early Release - Holiday Break					
21-31	Christmas Break - No School					
						14T, 14S

June 2027						
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June						
3	Students' Last Day - One-Hour Early Release					
3	End of 4th Quarter (43 Days)					
4	Staff Work Day					
						4T, 3S

PTO News

HERO Cart: We completed second quarters HERO cart for students that had good attendance in the second quarter. Mrs. Wagner also drew a name from the students that had good attendance in both 1st and 2nd quarters. Congratulations to Memphis for winning the Nintendo Switch Lite! We will be drawing for one more Nintendo Switch Lite at the end of the fourth quarter for students that have good attendance in both third and fourth quarters. All students with good attendance in 3rd and 4th quarters will be able to pick a snack or trinket item off of the HERO cart.

National Reading Month (March): We had themed Fridays again for National Reading Month. Our themes were as follows: March 6th: "Cozy Up with a Good Book" (pajama day). March 13th: "Team Up for Reading" (Wear your favorite jersey). March 20th: "Reading Colors Your World". Each grade wore a different color (K-Red, 1st-Yellow, 2nd-Green, 3rd-Blue, 4th-Orange). March 27th: "Bearcats LOVE to Read" (Wear your Bearcat gear). We hope everyone enjoyed these themed Fridays. Keep on reading!

Coffee Fundraiser: We held our first coffee fundraiser on March 9th during the elementary student drop-off in the morning. Thank you to everyone who purchased or donated and supported this successful event! We hope you enjoyed this, and it was a great start to your day!

Spring Scholastic Book Fair: The Spring Book Fair takes place during the Art Show on April 18th. When you make a purchase at our fall and spring book fairs, you help the PTO earn Scholastic Dollars. These scholastic dollars are used to help purchase books and classroom items for all of the K-4 teachers as well as books for the school library. Thank you to all those who purchase books, either in person or online. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Field Trips: The K-4 students will be going on some spring field trips this year. The PTO is so grateful to be able to pay for both fall and spring field trips for K-4! The kids really enjoy getting to go on these field trips.

Kindergarten: MVP Dairy Farm

1st Grade: Boonshoft Museum

2nd Grade: Fort Wayne Zoo

3rd Grade: Sauder's Village

4th Grade: Ohio Caverns

Teacher Appreciation (May 4th -May 8th): We have some special things planned for the teachers this year to show how much they mean to us and how much we appreciate them! Our elementary teachers are awesome!

Laps for Learning (May 6th): This is PTO's big FUNdraiser. This year's theme is Carnival. To kick things off, we had a t-shirt design contest, and we had 2 winners! This year's winners were Everleigh H. and Lexi R. Congratulations to both of you! The fundraising period ended on April 10, 2026. The PTO wants to thank the community for their ongoing support. We are looking forward to a very fun Laps Day on Wednesday, May 6th!

COME JOIN US AND BE A PART OF THE PTO!!!

Spencerville-Jennings PTO is a non-profit group of parents and teachers working together to support K-4 students and staff. We rely on community support and encourage you to join us!

PTO Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM in room 202. Meeting reminders and changes are posted on the PTO Facebook page.

Support PTO Year-Round

Box Tops: Download the app, select Spencerville Jennings, and scan receipts

Kroger Community Rewards:

Link your Kroger Plus Card to Spencerville-Jennings PTO, Inc. (Org #XB857)

Stay Connected

Facebook: Spencerville-Jennings PTO

Email: Spencervillepto@yahoo.com

Website: Spencerville School District → Departments → PTO

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Free Sports Physical Information for Current 6th -11th Grade Students

Complete all forms in FinalForms no later than **Friday, May 15th by 3:00pm**,
in order to participate in the free physicals.

Physical Date - Tuesday, May 19th 2025

Current 6th- 8th Grade Students: 3:00-3:45pm

Current 9th-11th Grade Students: 3:45-4:30pm

Location - Spencerville Schools Athletic Hallways & Gyms

- All students are eligible for the free physical regardless of the expiration date of their current physical. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the free physical for any sports season.
- Physicals are good for one calendar year from the date of the examination.

Parent/Guardian - Please log into your students **FinalForms** account, **SWITCH TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.**

- Click on Athletic Mode/Add Sport; indicate what sport (s) your athlete plans to play for 2026-2027 school year. If you are unsure your child is playing a sport in each season, it is better to click a sport the student athlete might possibly play than no sport at all. This will avoid the need to complete forms each season. Sport (s) of choice can be updated at a later date.
- Click on Forms to update **ALL** forms that appear in Red.
- You **DO NOT** need to print your physical packet. Once your forms are completed, a school staff member will print the physical packet and have it ready for the athlete the day of the physical.
- Upon completion of the physical examination, the physician will return the form to the Spencerville Athletic Department to be kept on file at Spencerville Local Schools.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the physicians, nurses, and other staff members who are volunteering their time to make this possible.

As always, your child does not have to participate in the free physical through the school. You can get the physical done on your own through your family doctor. If you have the physical done on your own, please make certain the school receives a copy of the 2026-2027 completed physical.



FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

As I reflect on my first year serving as Athletic Director at Spencerville, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and pride. While this role is new to me, my connection to this district spans 14 years, and the opportunity to serve as Athletic Director has been a challenging but great change.

Spencerville has always been a special place that I have deep pride for—defined not just by its traditions and accomplishments, but by the people who make it what it is. Our student-athletes continue to represent our school with toughness, positive attitudes, and Bearcat pride. Their commitment in the classroom and in competition shows what a wonderful place Spencerville truly is to go to school.



I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our coaches, who invest countless hours mentoring and developing our students. Their leadership goes far beyond wins and losses, shaping young people into responsible, resilient individuals. I am also grateful to our staff and administration for their support, collaboration, and shared commitment to excellence.

To our families and community members, thank you for your support. The crowds at the games this year have been amazing. Whether it's cheering in the stands, volunteering your time, or encouraging our athletes behind the scenes, your involvement plays a vital role in the success of our programs.

Next year we have some exciting things that will be happening within the Spencerville Athletic Community. The weight room will be getting all new racks, benches, bars, and weights. The Bearcat athletes deserve to be using top of the line equipment as they gain strength, endurance, and mobility.

The community is also going to have the opportunity to support and sponsor some of the athletic posts that will be happening on Facebook and Instagram. The athletic department will have Gameday, Final Score, and Bearcats in Action Sponsorships available. Please contact the athletic department if you or your business is interested.

As always, **thank you** for your continued support of our community, our school and Bearcat Athletics.

Greg Ekis
Athletic Director



Class of 2026



GRADUATION *Ceremony*



Sunday, May 24, 2026
Competition Gymnasium
2:00 pm

*Help us celebrate our Bearcats as they enjoy the important moment that
will lead to their future success!*

No tickets are required.
Congratulations Class of 2026!