



November 2017

Principal's Note:

Thank you to everyone for attending our Parent Teacher Conferences. We value this time with you. Contact teachers at any time with questions, concerns, or celebrations!

Veteran's Day Program

Our Veteran's Day Program is on November 10, 2017, at 9:00 AM. It is a wonderful opportunity to honor those who have served our country! The program includes the ESHS Band, students singing and veteran introductions. All families and friends are welcome and encouraged to invite veterans to be recognized. Students are asked to wear red, white, and/or blue. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts may wear their uniforms.

As we head into November and the season of Thanksgiving, I want to thank each of you for trusting us with your children. We are very fortunate to work with such caring and involved families!

Deb Knutson

Cool Weather Reminders

Coats, hats, mittens are needed most mornings for walking club. It is helpful if you put your child's name in coats. We can easily return items to your child if there is a name on the tag! All unclaimed lost and found items will be given to Goodwill over the winter break.

Inclement Weather:

School closings will be announced through our School Messenger email and phone system. When it begins snowing during the school day, we receive many phone calls asking if parents can pick up their children. Our answer is that it is always a parent's choice to come pick up their child in case of inclement weather.

upcoming dates...

November 7th

-Fire Ridge Family Night at Urban Air
4 pm-8 pm

November 9th

-4th/5th Grade Music Program
6 PM and 7 PM

November 10th

-Veterans Day Assembly 9 AM

November 13th

-PTO 7 PM

November 15th

-Mid-quarters go home

November 22rd

-Early Dismissal 2:06

November 23rd-24th

-Happy Thanksgiving!

No School

December 4th -15th

MAP Testing 2nd-5th Grades

December 22th

-End of 2nd Quarter

-Winter Blast!

December 25th-January 3rd

-Winter Break/Teacher In-service

January 4th

-School Resumes



From the VNA

Proper care in the early stages of an illness can reduce the possibility of spreading the illness to others. Proper diet, adequate rest, and good personal hygiene (especially frequent handwashing) can assist the body's ability to fight infection.

The following are guidelines to assist you in deciding when your child should stay home from school:

- Irritability, poor appetite, tiredness, achiness are vague symptoms. Changes in a child's normal behavior can often signal the beginning of an illness.
- Fever of 100 degrees or higher. Take your child's temperature if he is complaining of feeling tired, headache, sore throat, or stomachache. A child should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Keep your child home for the duration of these symptoms. Be sure she is able to tolerate food without difficulty before returning.



PTO NEWS

- The next PTO meeting is Monday, November 13th at 7 PM in the media center.
- Please visit the PTO website at fireridgepto.com for more information.

The Fire Ridge Yearbook is now on sale!

It will be sold online only using the following link:

<http://www.buytheyearbook.com/fireridge>

Pricing is as follows:

Nov. 1st - Dec 31st - \$20 Buy Now and Save!

Dec 18th - Jan 31st - \$20

Jan 31st - Feb 28th - \$25

** Personalization is available for \$5 extra



Understanding Digital Citizenship

As Elkhorn Public Schools expands access to technology for instructional purposes, the district is also aware of the need to define digital citizenship and promote the importance of students being good digital citizens. In addition to providing information to students, we believe it may also be helpful to share resources with families. This brochure explains the components of digital citizenship as well as some best practices for being a good digital citizen. The following information is from Common Sense Media; to learn more, visit www.commonsensemedia.com.

Internet Safety and Privacy

Several topics are vital to ensuring full understanding of the importance of safe Internet practices:

- Identify risky online situations and explain the importance of alerting an adult immediately
- Secure all devices, both hand-held and stationary and develop high quality passwords
- Understand the dangers of downloads and how they are used as part of your digital footprint
- Identify appropriate information that can be shared. Most importantly, those using the Internet should always remember there is no such thing as total privacy online.

Digital Footprint, Communication and Reputation

Individuals utilizing the Internet and social media must understand that all online activity leaves a digital footprint in the form of information that exists about an individual as a result of their online activity. Because this information is easily linked to a specific individual, it can oftentimes be used to harm a person's reputation, even outside of the cyber world. Individuals should remember that what they are putting out there today will still be available for years to come. Being aware of this may be the difference between being hired for your dream job, and being passed over due to unflattering information that was discovered from one's use of an online platform earlier in life. For those wanting to clean up their digital footprint and move forward with creating a positive one, the following steps should be considered:

- Review all social media accounts and delete anything that you wouldn't want a future employer to access, but remember that even "deleted" posts can still turn up in searches so always think twice before posting anything; once that step is complete, turn all settings to private and monitor the settings regularly, as sites often update their settings and some things could change without your knowledge.
- Delete abandoned accounts and unsubscribe to mailing lists that might be considered undesirable or that you no longer find relevant.
- Post about topics you're passionate about and explain why you feel that way; find positive things happening around you and share those instead of today's most viral video.

Creative Credit and Copyright

There are several ways to ensure proper credit is given and copyright is protected when using information gathered online; the most important of those being correctly citing sources, avoiding plagiarism, and always checking any images used for creator's rights.

Information Literacy

Information literacy is a term often associated with understanding the tools used to gather information and knowing where that information is coming from. Individuals utilizing the Internet for research should always be sure that the information they are collecting is accurate and reliable by verifying the credibility of any website utilized in the information collection process.