Good afternoon and welcome back to a very cold start to 2018. I am hopeful that we start warming up so that the kids can get outside and run around! Next week we will be doing our AIMSweb testing at all grade levels with the exception of Mrs. Sidders and Miss Abler. These classes completed their tests before break because they are a part of the reading pilot program or comparison group. This test will help to determine changes in intervention groups and also determine each student’s strengths and growth areas within the reading and math curriculum. The testing will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**SPARKS After School Club:** SPARKS will start up again next Monday the 8th. New groups will be forming after the AIMSweb testing is completed. Your child may still be invited to attend or be exited out. Your child’s classroom teacher will notify you once these decisions have been made. Until these changes have be made, groups will remain the same.

**Kindergarten Round-up Pre-Registration:** Do you have a child who will be five years of age on or before July 31, 2018?  If so, they are eligible to attend kindergarten in the upcoming school year.  Parents are encouraged to pre-register their students prior to Kindergarten Roundup and orientation. If you have friends or neighbors who will have a child starting school, please share this information with them.

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SW_FILLABLE-Kindergarten-Roundup-FORM-18-19_With-allergies-meds-1.pdf>

**Twitter:** Twitter has arrived at EPS! Sagewood is excited to launch our official twitter page! Follow us at **@ElkhornPS\_SW** for school and district wide updates and a glimpse into our active learning environment.

**Future Chefs:** If your child is in 4th or 5th grade and would like to participate in the 3rd annual culinary competition, a flyer will be coming home soon in Friday folders. Finalists from each building will be chosen to compete at Elkhorn High School on March 7, 2018. More details to come!

**January Dates:**

**5th- Report cards sent home**

 **3rd graders sing at the Lancers game**

**8th- Return signed report card envelopes**

 **5th graders need to return research project permission forms**

 **SPARKS resumes**

**9th-11th- AIMSweb Plus testing (all grades)**

**15th- Teacher InService (no school for students)**

**NEWS FROM PTO:**

**SAGEWOOD NIGHT @ the LANCER’s:**Come watch our 3rd grade class sing the National Anthem at tonight’s Lancer’s Game vs. Waterloo Black Hawks at the Ralston Arena.  Third Graders are asked to arrive at 6:30pm and meet at the receptionist desk in the main southeast doors.  They will be directed where to go from there.  All pre-purchased Sagewood tickets will be in the same area and the children will be directed back to these seats after they sing.  Make sure you wear your Sagewood gear to show school spirit!!!!

**FAMILY DINNER / FUN NIGHT:**Enjoy some family time at Urban Air on Thursday January 11th from 4-8pm. Receive discounts on packages and UA will donate a percentage of sales back to Sagewood!! Check out the Sagewood PTO Facebook page for more details. [(flier attached)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/17G2HZFaWzrv0Kkplhfm44xyT09ULbaEX/view?usp=sharing)

**CASH FOR EDUCATION:** Hy-Vee receipts contest has ended!  Thank you to all who contributed receipts for the PTO to turn into Hy-Vee!  We will confirm what our school receives once we hear back from Hy-Vee.

**BOX TOPS:** It is time to round up all those Box Tops you have at home and send them to school! This month we will be competing for a popcorn party. Please have your non-expired and clipped Box Tops sent to school by Tuesday, January 30th! Congrats to Miss Abler's first grade class for winning the last competition with 244 Box Tops!

***If you haven’t already, please like the Sagewood Elementary PTO Facebook page.  We post frequently about upcoming events and school news.  It is a great way to say informed.*** (Like Us of Facebook)