



Spring Ridge Review

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Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Hello Spring Ridge Families!

The fourth quarter is officially here! Report cards went home on Wednesday, March 29th. These report cards illustrate how hard our students are working. Celebrate the academic progress your child has made thus far!

As we continue in to our last quarter, our students will keep focused on becoming better readers, writers, and mathematicians. We are proud of their hard work and the progress they are making. We also appreciate your support in assisting your child(ren) through your work and volunteering at school. Spring Ridge is truly fortunate to have such active and supportive parents.

The last quarter promises to be busy with many activities taking place. Please check your child's backpack for classroom newsletters and other notes throughout the month.

NeSA Tests will be given this month in 3rd , 4th , and 5th Grade. We encourage you to take some time to discuss this event with your child. Remind your child to relax and do his/her best without worrying. These test are nothing to fear or be nervous about. Be sure your child gets plenty of rest each evening and send him/her off to school with a good breakfast each morning. It is important that your child be present for the tests; please avoid making appointments for your child during this time. The data from student performance is used to make decisions for school improvement, to drive instruction at each grade level, and to make recommendations for certain programs at Spring Ridge. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I continue to welcome the opportunity to visit with you should you have any questions, concerns, or comments. Please feel free to drop by the office and school for a visit!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laurinda Petersen
Spring Ridge Principal

Calendar of Events

April

April 3 - PTO Meeting 7:00 PM, 5th Grade Teachers Attend

April 3 - MS Guidance Counselor meets with 5th Grade Students, 2:30 PM

April 3 - District Battle of the Books

April 4 - Gym used for elections.

April 7 - Breakfast Buddies (female), 7:15-8:05 AM

April 14 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

April 18 - Spring Ridge Family Event at The Mark, 6:00-8:00 PM

April 25 - Family Fun Night @ Chipotle

April 26 - Mid Quarter Reports Go Home

April 27 - K Music Program, 6:00 PM / 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM

NeSA Testing Timeline

Each spring all students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th grades, complete the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessments. Results from the NeSA assessments are used to identify strengths and areas of need across the district, as well as for each individual student. It is important that your student(s) be present during these assessments in order to get an accurate snapshot of their level of mastery in relation to state standards. These results will also allow our teaching staff to guide classroom instruction based on areas of need. Listed below are the scheduled dates for the NeSA assessments at Spring Ridge. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments, vacations, etc. If you have any questions regarding NeSA assessments or scheduled testing dates, please feel free to contact Mrs. Laurinda Petersen at 402-637-0204.

Assessment	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
NeSA-R (Reading)	April 3 & 5	April 4-7, 10 & 12	April 11 & 13
NeSA-M (Math)	April 17 & 19	April 18-21,24&26	April 18 & 20
NeSA-S (Science)	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 25 & 27

Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/springridgepto.com/front-page/>

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

2016-2017 Spring Ridge PTO Board

President	Jackie Warren
Vice President	Kati Cramer
Treasurer	Beena Burg
Secretary	Katie Liekweg

PTO ELECTIONS

Looking to become more involved or know someone who is? The PTO Executive Board is seeking parents interested in chairing committees for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Kati Cramer at katicramer5@gmail.com if you are looking to get involved..

PTO MEETING APRIL 3rd 7:00PM

(Free childcare for all ages!)

PTO will meet in the library. We look forward to the **Fifth Grade Team** sharing current and upcoming classroom events.

The Slate for next year's Executive Board will be voted on.

The Slate stands as follows:

President-Elect: Beena Burg &
Jenny Zetterman

Treasurer: Matt Hoppe

Secretary: Katie Liekweg

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE



Landscape committee has now started for this season. We will be meeting once a week at 10:00 for an hour or two completing clean-up and planting any areas in need. We could really use more help this year and into next year. It is a fun way to meet other people and enjoy the sunshine! You don't have to commit to every week. We have been able to do so much to improve how our school looks and we don't want it to fall back again. For many years it was neglected and it took lots of time to get it back to where it is now. Please help us going forward! Contact Jodi if you would like to help: Jmcs Shannon@cox.net

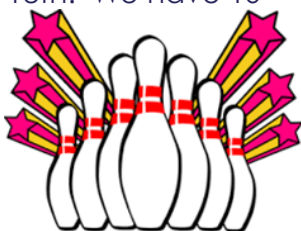
CARNIVAL RAFFLE DONATIONS

LAST CALL FOR CARNIVAL RAFFLE KID DONATIONS!

All donations need to be confirmed by April 5th. Please email Stacey Haussler at staceyhaussler@hotmail.com if interested in donating a kid item valued at a minimum of \$100. Thank you for your support!

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MARK

Please join us for a fun night bowling with Spring Ridge Families Tuesday April 18th. We have 10 lanes reserved for our families and bowlers can play for \$5/hour (including shoe rental). Pay at the bowling counter and have a great evening with family and friends!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the families who donated money, food, supplies and their time to help with Staff Appreciation Week. Robbie- Jo Hunzeker and Jenny Conklin organized an awesome week of recognition for our Spring Ridge Staff!

Thank you for supporting our RUNZA family night. We raised over \$800 for Spring Ridge!!!

Next up is Chipotle on April 25th from 4:00pm-8:00pm. 50% of the sales will go back to Spring Ridge PTO.



CHIPOTLE

School Supply Kits



COMING SOON!! We will once again be sending information home to purchase bundled school supplies for the 2017-18 school year. Look for information in your Friday folders and email. Supplies can be ordered here:

<https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks> and then enter your school's ID SPR097. Ordering online will be available April 10th.

Yearbook Pictures

Yearbook is coming along well! All the student pages have been built so we are on to the fun stuff.

We need fun candid pictures from each grade showing the kids at recess, Valentine's Day parties, before or after music programs, and lunch.

Please keep sending in your yearbook pictures. You can do this many ways...

1. email to springridgeyearbook@gmail.com

2. iPhone users can download a link to send pictures to

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/specials.asp>

3. Upload pictures on desktop to https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=AEA040E1-A6AB-4543-861D-CF9A147E2F1E

Any Questions contact: alexrae@cox.net

Breakfast Buddies!

Please join us on Friday April 7th 7:15 AM - 8:00 AM for a special morning with a special lady (Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and Friends). We will enjoy a snack and some quality time together before school. If you are able to help:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4faeac2aaa8-2017>



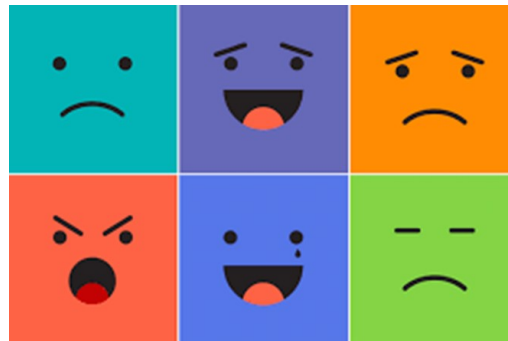
A Message From Our Green Team

The Green Team is sponsoring a “trashless” lunch day on Friday, April 21st, in recognition of Earth Day. Sudexo, our lunch providers, are working with us to reduce the use of throwaway items that day for students that buy hot lunch. We will also remind students to only take as much food as they will eat.

We are encouraging all students who bring cold lunch to bring reusable containers or recyclable items. Things like plastic baggies, juice boxes, and other food wrappers would normally have to go in the trash. We hope this jump starts good habits toward reducing our waste every day!

Thank you for your help and support!
The Spring Ridge Green Team

COLOR MY EMOTIONS



Join us for an emotional rollercoaster as we explore our feelings through music.

Spring Ridge Elementary

April 27, 2017

Kindergarten 6:00 pm

1st Grade 7:00 PM



Save the Date
**Spring Ridge Elementary
Carnival**

Back by popular demand
Toxic Meltdown!!!!

New this year
Fun Photo Booth!!!!

BIG all School contest
Winners receive end of
year ALL STAR Party
stay tuned for details...

May 12th 2017
5-8pm

For information contact Jennifer Read
jenniferead@hotmail.com

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Spring Ridge Elementary PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **2717 South 177th Street** in Omaha on **Tuesday, April 25th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Spring Ridge Elementary PTO.



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

WIN AN ALL STAR PARTY



WHAT - A party for the winning grade!

WHEN - The party will be on May 17th, 2017

WHAT - The grade that has the most volunteer slots completed for the carnival on May 12, 2017 will win a PARTY for your entire grade!!

WHERE - The carnival and party will be at Spring Ridge Elementary.

WHY - The carnival requires many volunteers and we are hoping the kids can guilt their parents into volunteering!! ;)

HOW - 1) Log on to Sign up Genius
2) Choose one or more volunteer slots
3) Sign up and include student's name and grade in comment section.
eg: Aiden Burg, 4th

FAQ: 1) What if I have more than one child at Spring Ridge?
You have 2 options. 1 - choose your favorite child or 2 - Sign up for more than one volunteer slot!

2) Who can volunteer?
Anyone! Parents, grandparents, adult siblings, aunts, uncles, family friends, etc. Just be sure to include the child's name and grade in the comments section!

3) What happens if there aren't a sufficient number of volunteers??
The carnival will be cancelled! Ha, just kidding! However, games or stations will be closed for the shifts that aren't filled with a volunteer.

Don't forget to sign up on Signup Genius!!!

6th Grade Orientation

Fifth graders at Spring Ridge will receive 6th grade registration materials on Monday, April 3rd. Students will be asked to take materials home to share with parents. Students will then tour Elkhorn Ridge Middle School on Monday, May 15th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. 5th Grade Parents visit ERMS on Monday, May 15th at 6:30 PM.

Box Tops - Thank you



Thanks to everyone for collecting and sorting Box Tops this year. Thanks to your efforts, we raised nearly \$1500 in Box Tops for this school year!

More exciting news: one of the Walmart Bonus Box Tops that were submitted during our Fall collection drive resulted in Spring Ridge winning a sweepstakes for an additional 50,000 box tops! This translates to \$5000 for us to enhance our school infrastructure and activities!!

Keep clipping over the summer in preparation our Fall collection drive!!



We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

REMEMBER: FRIDAYS are Spirit Day!

Encourage your children to wear their Spring Ridge apparel on Fridays to show their school spirit. If your child doesn't have any Spring Ridge apparel, our school colors are blue and yellow. Students can also just wear clothing that is blue and/or yellow to show their Spring Ridge spirit on Fridays. Thank you for your support!