



# Spring Ridge Review

## Spring Ridge Elementary

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### Newsletter

#### January 2018

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#### A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

It is time to replace our calendars and welcome the New Year! It is hard to believe that we have nearly reached the halfway point of our school year. I feel so fortunate and privileged to work in the Spring Ridge Community. The students never stop amazing me with their academic growth, their enthusiasm for learning, and their pride in our school. This pride is evident through the students' daily actions whether it is researching for a project, participating in Reader's Theater, taking a District Common Assessment, writing in journals, or working on a problem solving activity in math.

I want to sincerely thank you for the great modeling you showed our students through the Mitten Tree Project. You demonstrated heart-felt caring and generosity for families in need of support in our community. Thank you for all you do to support Spring Ridge and the Elkhorn Community!

Since the winter months are known to bring illness, please encourage your children to wash their hands often, as well as cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing. This will help reduce the spread of germs.

Best wishes to you and your family in the year 2018!!!

Laurinda Petersen  
Spring Ridge Principal

Happy New  
Year 2018

## Calendar of Events

### January

January 1 & 2 - WINTER BREAK

January 3 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

January 4 – Students return to school

January 5 – Report Cards Go Home

January 15 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

January 23 - Bingo 4 Books @ SR for Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, 6 - 7 PM

January 30 - Game Night @ SR for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:30 - 8 PM

### February

February 5 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

February 8 - 2nd Grade Music Program, 6:00 PM /  
3rd Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM

February 9 - Valentine's Day Parties 2:15 pm

February 14 -15 Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06 PM – Mid Quarter Reports are given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

February 16 - NO SCHOOL

February 21 - Book Swap

February 26 – Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting, 6 PM

## Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up

Spring Ridge Elementary is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2018-19 school year. Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday, March 2. A Parent Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26 at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Please see the Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up form attached to this newsletter for more information.

## Student Safety is Our 1st Priority!

Student safety takes priority over any vehicle and driver at Spring Ridge Elementary. Please take a moment to ask yourself these questions. If you answer yes to even one of these, you may be placing a child at risk.

- Are you driving too fast?
- Are you in too big of a hurry?
- Are you parking illegally?
- Are you asking a child to cross through traffic?
- Do you allow your child to ride without a seatbelt?

Please remember to follow our Spring Ridge Drop off and Pick up procedures. Pull as far forward as possible. Always have your child enter and exit curbside. And finally, never ask a child to cross through traffic to meet you.

Please be considerate of our Safety Patrol students. They are doing a great job and are truly interested in the safety of their fellow peers. Thank you for your help in maintaining order and safety during the drop off and pick up times.

## Brrr!!!! It's Cold Outside!!!!

- Cold weather is still with us. Coats, hats, mittens are needed most days for walking club and recess. 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.
- Students will be going outside for recess and walking club if weather permits. Please make sure to dress your children appropriately so that he or she can enjoy his/her time outdoors.
- Inclement weather—school closings will be announced on radio KFAB and local television stations. You should also receive a message from the district School Messenger notification system.
- Please remember that school doors do not open until 7:55 a.m. for walking club. Please do not drop off your children before 7:55. There is no supervision until 7:55 a.m. Thank you.

## Visitor Guidelines

All visitors are required to sign in/out when arriving and leaving the building.

Visitors will be asked to wear a visitor's badge while in school.

All visitors must use the front entrance. Please do not go to the classrooms without checking in at the office. If you have brought something that your child has forgotten, please drop it off at the office and we will be happy to take it to your child.

## NSCAS Testing Timeline

In the past, all students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th grades, have completed the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessments. This year the test has been renamed Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System. Results from the NSCAS will be used like those from NeSA 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 NSCAS assessments at Spring Ridge. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments, vacations, etc. If you have any questions regarding NSCAS assessments or scheduled testing dates, please feel free to contact Laurinda Petersen at 402-637-0204.

NSCAS Reading & Math for 3rd through 5th Grade Students & NSCAS Science for 5th Grade Students is scheduled during the weeks of March 26-April 27.

**Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO**

Website: [www.springridgepto.com](http://www.springridgepto.com)

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: [springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com)

**2017-2018 Spring Ridge PTO Board**

President	Kati Cramer
Vice President	Beena Burg
Vice President	Jenny Zetterman
Treasurer	Matt Hoppe
Secretary	Katie Liekweg

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all of the committees and chairs for making the 1st semester a great one! We have many fun things planned for the rest of the school year. Thank you in advance for your time and participation!

**BARNES & NOBLE SHOPPING DAY**



Thank you to everyone who visited Barnes & Noble and shopped online. We were able to enjoy some amazing student artwork and get some shopping done! Spring Ridge will receive over \$250 from Barnes & Noble. This money will be given to staff to use for books in the classrooms.

**PTO MEETING SECOND SEMESTER**

**(Free childcare for all ages!)**

PTO will meet on the following dates at 7pm in the **Spring Ridge Library**  
February 5, March 5,  
April 2, May 7

**BAKERS COMMUNITY REWARDS**



Bakers shoppers: We need your help!!!  
Login to your Baker's account online and enroll your Plus Card in the community rewards program.

[www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards](http://www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards)

**Organization Name:**

**SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO**

**Organization Number: 70981**

That's it! Every time you shop, Spring Ridge will receive a percentage of what you spend.

**YEARBOOK**

Do you have some great pictures from the fall fun at Spring Ridge? Halloween parade and party pictures or the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Music Program pictures would be great! Send them to us:

[springridgeyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:springridgeyearbook@gmail.com)

We would love to include them in the 2017-2018 yearbook!!!

Yearbooks are available to order online at <http://www.springridgepto.com/forms/>.

**Bingo 4 Books**

**When: Tuesday, Jan. 23rd from 6:00-7pm**  
**Who: K-2nd graders (siblings and parents are invited also!)**

Bingo is not just for K-2nd graders, it's for your family too! Come play some Bingo and pick out a book! (every child leaves with a book)

**Family Game Night**

**When: Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm**  
**Who: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders (siblings and parents are invited also!)**

Game Night is not just for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, it's for your family too! Come play a variety of games and every child leaves with a book!

## Check out the January events at Spring Ridge!



### Attention K-2nd Graders!!!

You are invited to **Bingo 4 Books!**

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*Who: K-2nd graders (siblings and parents are invited also!)*

Bingo is not just for K-2nd graders, it's for your family too. Come play Bingo and pick out a book (every child will leave with a book)

### Attention 3rd-5th Graders!!!

You are invited to a **Family Game Night!**

*When: Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm*

*Who: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders (siblings and parents are invited also!)*

Game night is not just for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, it's for your family too. Come play a variety of games and every child goes home with a book!



*\*\*\*\*\*If your family has been invited to both events, please choose to attend just one event (either Bingo 4 Books on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or Game Night on the 30<sup>th</sup>) due to limited supply of books. You can also split kids up and attend Bingo 4 Books with younger child only and Game Night with older child.*





## Mitten Tree Update

Thank you, thank you, Spring Ridge families! You were part of a record-setting Mitten Tree/Celebration of Giving in 2017.

Our school collected more than 115 gifts for Elkhorn students and families in need. The demand was huge this year, and the Elkhorn district responded. Womenade handed out more than 1,400 gifts in December (up from 1,000 last year). We could NOT have done it without your help!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped check-out the mittens and check-in the gifts. And a special thanks to “elf” John Oakey, whom I recruited to help me transport the gifts to the collection point .

Sharing what we have with those in need is one of the best things we do at Spring Ridge!

- Jen Shatel, Celebration of Giving Chair

## Annual Spring Ridge Book Swap

The annual Spring Ridge Book Swap will be back this February.

If you are going through your children's books this holiday season to make room for new ones, please save some for the Book Swap.

We especially need books for our older readers. Parents of 4th & 5th graders, we welcome any chapter books you may be able to donate!

New to Spring Ridge and wondering what a Book Swap is?

Book Swap is a time when students can trade in their lightly used books for books that other students have turned into the swap. Here's how it works:

1. In early February, students can bring in as many lightly used books as they want to donate.
2. On the date of the Book Swap (**Wednesday, February 21st**), students can shop the Swap! They can take up to 4 new-to-them books home. If your child brought 4 or more books to trade, he/she may take 4 books. If your child brings 3 books to trade, he/she may choose 3 to take home, etc.
3. What do we do with the extra books? Teachers get to shop the Swap as well! Any remaining books will be donated to an Omaha school or the A Book of My Own program run by the Jr. League of Omaha.

Questions?

Please contact Rachel Cotten at [rachelcotten@gmail.com](mailto:rachelcotten@gmail.com)



## Spring Ridge Drama Club Sign-up



### Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Actresses, Actors and Parents!

Spring Ridge in partnership with the "The Rose" will be providing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and opportunity to explore the art of Drama and the Theater starting late January through the beginning of March. This year the Drama Club is offering two different opportunities:

#### Intro to Improvisation (Tuesdays)

*Jump into the world of improv with these fun improv skill-building activities! Over the course of the residency you will improve your ability to give and take focus, make bold choices with your body and voice, and build on other students' ideas. You will have the opportunity to show off your performance skills during a class sharing for family and friends on the last day of class. The instructor will be Kevin Ehrhart. For the past 22 years, Kevin has taught improvisation, directing, Shakespeare and all forms of creative drama for all ages.*

#### Create Your Own Play and Star in It (Thursdays)

*Learn the basics of acting (using our bodies, voices and imaginations) and the basics of playwriting: idea creation, playwriting format, and dramatic structure. Our class will use then improvisation and playwriting to adapt classic fairy tales as our own. Finally, we will use our acting skills to act out our story! The instructor will be Kimberlee Stone who has taught classes in playwriting, storytelling and other workshops at The Rose.*

Students may sign-up for either the Tuesday (Intro to Improv) or the Thursday (Create Your Own Play) session, but not both. Classes will start January 18<sup>th</sup> and run through March 8<sup>th</sup>. Each class will run from 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM each week and be held in Ms. Loftis' Music Room. Each session is capped at 25 students. Parent volunteers are needed at each session to assist the instructors by keeping an eye on the kids while they provide instruction.

See the following links for Student and Parents:

Student Sign-up: Sign Up or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaba62da3ff2-student>

Tuesday Parent Sign-up:

Sign Up or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaba62da3ff2-Tuesday>

Thursday Parent Sign-up:

Sign Up or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4eaba62da3ff2-Thursday>



**HEY  
STUDENTS!**

**CAN YOU COOK?**



Calling all “**FUTURE CHEFS**” for our  
CULINARY COMPETITION

**WE’RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
HEALTHY ASIAN FUSION RECIPE!**

Attention 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders! One lucky winner from each school will be chosen as finalists to compete in our contest at Elkhorn High School on **March 7, 2018**. As an added bonus, the winner of this event will be entered into a National Competition for some great prizes!

**PICK UP YOUR  
ENTRY FORM TODAY!**

They’re available in the Cafeteria and in the Main Office!  
Turn them in to the Cafeteria or Main Office by January 31, 2018.

## Kindergarten Roundup



Elkhorn Public Schools is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2018-2019 school year. Parents are encouraged to pre-register their students prior to Kindergarten Roundup and orientation. Children who will be five years of age on or before July 31, 2018 are eligible to attend kindergarten as stated by Nebraska State law.

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on **Friday, March 2**. Parents are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting held at their school prior to Kindergarten Roundup on **Monday, February 26** at 6:00p.m.

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten Roundup, please fill out the information below and return it to your school's main office as soon as possible. This will allow us to make arrangements for the number of students attending. If you have friends or neighbors who will have a child starting school, please share this information with them. Additional forms are available at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) OR at your school's main office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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### SPRING RIDGE KDG PARENT MEETING: Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m.

SPRING RIDGE KDG ROUNDUP  
Friday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
(Only one session this year.)

*completed form may be emailed to [mmanske@epsne.org](mailto:mmanske@epsne.org)*

## KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name (First Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Attending Preschool At: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please return this form at your earliest convenience*

2018-2019 School Year