

P W PRINTS

November 2017

[MONDAY] **Nov 6**

4th & 5th Grade Music Concerts
Square 1 Art Due

[TUESDAY] **Nov 7**

PTO & PAT Meeting @ 6:30

[WEDNESDAY] **Nov 8**

Author Visit

[THURSDAY] **Nov 9**

Health Screenings

[FRIDAY] **Nov 10**

Kindergarten Field Trip-
Fontanelle Forest

[MONDAY] **Nov 13**

School Board Meeting @ 6:30

[WEDNESDAY] **Nov 15**

Mid-Quarter Reports

[THURSDAY] **Nov 16**

Cherrydale Delivery Date

[THURS & FRI] **Nov 23 & 24**

No School- Thanksgiving Break

[FRIDAY] **Dec 1**

Movie Night

Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

Thank you to all of the families that donated items and volunteered their time to help with the fall parties. I know how busy things are at home. I appreciate your help in making the parties a fun event for the students.

On Tuesday, I met with a few parents to go over some of our building data. I got their input on areas they see as strengths and areas where we could continue to grow at Westridge. I will be sharing some of that conversation at our next PTO/PAT meeting on November 7th. My goal is to collect more information from more of our families in order to continue to grow and improve as a school. If you have not attended a PTO/PAT meeting yet, I would encourage you to do so. It is a great way to get involved with the school and connect with other families. All meetings are at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month in the Westridge library.

Finally, we will be having our first music concerts in the month of November. 4th and 5th grades have their concerts scheduled for Monday, November 6th. Last year, we had joint concerts, meaning both grades performed at the same time. However, due to the size of our space compared to the size of our audience, we are needing to have separate concerts this year. This means that one grade's concert will start at 6:00 PM, and the other grade's concert will be at 7:00 PM. The younger grade will go first each time. Therefore, the 4th grade concert will be at 6:00. The 5th grade concert will start at 7:00.

Mr. Broshar



Westridge Elementary Mission Statement:

In an effort to create life-long learners, the staff at Westridge Elementary School working closely with parents and community strives to realize each child's fullest potential in the areas of personal, social, intellectual, emotional, and physical development.



Westridge Box Tops Classroom Competition...

Ends the LAST calendar week of every month! – Due Friday, October 27.

You can send your Box Tops to your child's classroom any time during the week each month. The top-contributing classroom throughout the school year earns a pizza or donut party. Each month, the monthly highest contributing classroom will receive a popcorn party prize. Congratulations to Mrs. Sorensen's class for winning the August classroom competition. September collection will happen Monday, October 2nd, so if you haven't already sent them this month, please send them with your child on Monday morning.

Reminder: Check to make sure the Box Tops have not expired.

Thanks for your help and support! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hague at jhague@epsne.org or 402-289-2559.

You also might want to consider downloading the following app.: You can DOUBLE your contributions with this app! Go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp> or <https://www.facebook.com/westridgeelkhorn/?fref=ts> for more information!

Question of the Month

What are Wildcat Winner assemblies and when do they occur?



Westridge's Wildcat Winner program was started last year. It is a way for teachers and staff to recognize students that are doing an outstanding job in the classroom. At Westridge we have five Pawsitive behaviors that we expect students to be demonstrating at school. They are:

- Be Ready
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Follow Directions
- Hands and Feet to Self

When students are consistently showing these behaviors in the classroom, they get nominated by the classroom teacher. Winners are nominated once a month. Then at the monthly Wildcat Winner assembly, we announce the winners. Our Wildcat Winners receive a certificate, and they are invited to a pizza party at the end of the school day. Please note that the pizza party does not typically happen on the same day of the assembly.

The classroom teacher will notify parents and/or guardians if their son/daughter is going to be the winner for the month. Parents and/or guardians are welcome to attend the assembly to watch the students receive the certificates. I always make sure to give our guests time to get a quick picture of all of our winners.

This program has been a positive experience for our students, and it celebrates students making good choices.

Remember if you would like to submit any questions you have in order to learn more about Westridge Elementary. Please go to the link below. If the link doesn't automatically open, please copy and paste it into your browser window.

Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdb1mM6Eo97sqJAeNdSrAUF36i38HfceX0xikTe3lhd_BITIA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

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Want to make Thanksgiving a little less stressful this year? Order a Turkey decorated cake, mini bundt cakes or some gluten free bundtinis from Nothing Bundt cakes. Orders will be collected from November 1-14th. Westridge PTO receives a portion of these sales. The proceeds from this sale will go into the PTO general fund which pays for field trips, teacher appreciation, classroom parties and so much more.



Our next opportunity to raise funds for replacing the boards is November 18th. Le Peep restaurants are hosting a Westridge spirit day that day! Enjoy your Saturday with some pancakes and eggs at any of their three locations. This is an all-day event! Make sure to say you are there to support Westridge!

Come help support one of our own community area on November 9th. Fala's coffee shop located in downtown Elkhorn is having a sip and shop from 4-8 with select proceeds going to Westridge. There will be a dinner menu to stay or go that will benefit our school.

Thank you for all who ordered from Cherrydale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. This money gets utilized in some many ways for our school and staff. Orders will be delivered November 16th.



You may have seen the newest craze going around the school; spirit sticks! These unique and collectible items are not only fun for the students but also are bringing money in the replace the boards. The proceeds from the sticks will go to the replace the boards fund. Watch for more information including sending your child a birthday gram spirit stick.

Shop at Hy-Vee? Save your receipts and bring them into school. For every \$200 spent Westridge gets a percentage back.

TAGG is another great way to bring money back into our school. Download the TAGG app, use it at participating businesses and they donate a percentage back to the school. Check out the list attached to see who participates.

PTO MEETING SCHEDULE	
Next Meeting: November 7 th	
December 5 th	March 6 th
January 23 rd	April 3 rd
February 6 th	May 1 st
All meetings are held in the library at 6:30 PM.	



www.facebook.com/westridaeelkhorn



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:

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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.

Balancing Technology Use

Parents often look for new ways to create a balance between learning and using technology appropriately, and participating in other activities that are essential to a child's development. Finding that balance between the two can be the difference between a healthy relationship and an unhealthy reliance. Several strategies exist to ensure that a healthy relationship with technology is built beginning with the early stages of use. The following information is from research done by Michigan State University Extension; to learn more, visit <https://goo.gl/bMC2a3>.

Understand Your Pattern of Use and Create Boundaries

Most people don't realize the amount of time they spend using technology unless it is pointed out to them. Take an inventory of your family's use and understand when, why, and how you're using technology. Is all of it necessary? Are you and/or your family benefiting from that time spent with technology? Understanding your pattern of use is the first step in creating boundaries that both you and your family can stick to.

Be Intentional in Determining Downtime

Being constantly connected can hinder active learning, as one becomes passive in taking in new information because he or she is constantly "learning" new things. Taking a step away from technology and the absorption of information allows one's brain a needed break and creates an active learning environment. By being intentional in determining technology downtime, you are giving your brain that break to be able to focus on other things.



Be the Example and Set the Expectation

Kids learn by following an example - following the same technology use rules you set for your children is the best way to show them a healthy relationship with technology. Setting usage time limits, creating intentional face-to-face opportunities, and implementing device-free zones are all ways to ensure too much time isn't spent on technology for entertainment purposes.



ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2018 – 2019 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, 2017 are eligible to attend kindergarten according to Nebraska State Law.

Kindergarten Roundup will be held Friday, March 2nd at 9:00 AM. Parents are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting held at their school prior to Kindergarten Roundup on Monday, February, 26th at 6:00 PM in the Westridge library.

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten Roundup, please fill out the information below and return it 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 OR at your school's main office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Westridge Elementary

Principal: Ryan Broshar 3100 N 206 th St (420) 289-2559 www.elkhornweb.org/westridge/	<u>Westridge Parent Meeting</u> Monday, Feb. 26 th at 6:00-7:00 PM <u>Westridge Kdg Roundup</u> Friday, Mar. 2 nd at 9:00-11:00 AM
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KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name (First Last) _____ Male ___ Female___
Elementary School _____
Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
Parent Name(s) _____
Phone Number (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Housing Subdivision _____

Please list any allergies, dietary restrictions, or medications for your child here:

Please return completed form to your school's main office or email to (email address) at your earliest convenience.

Did you know that Westridge collects:

- Box Tops
 - These come to your classroom each month for monthly classroom competitions. Bring them by the last Friday each month. It's extra helpful if you count them and write the number on the outside of the baggie. BONUS Box Tops should be bagged separately.
 - Box Tops money is shared between PTO (to help pay for classroom field trips, teacher appreciation, etc.) and Student Council (which fully funds our school's recycling program). We have collected over \$25,000 from Box Tops over several years! Those 10 cent labels add up!
 - For a list of participating products, go to:
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>
- Campbell's Soup Labels/Labels for Education
 - These can be sent to your child's classroom along with the Box Tops in a separate baggie. The points earned from these have been used in the past to purchase classroom objects, such as playground equipment. If you want to see which products have these labels, go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/About-the-Program/Participating-Products> for more information.
- Aluminum Can/Pop Tabs
 - Each classroom has a little Ronald McDonald House collection house to put your pop tabs in. Student Council collects these and donates to the Ronald McDonald house!
- Hy-Vee receipts
 - Each time you shop at Hy-Vee from September 1 to December 31 for gas, groceries (online or in store), or pharmacy at ANY Hy-Vee location, send your receipt to school. We have a collection box outside of the office. For every \$200 spent at Hy-Vee, they will donate \$1 to Westridge.
- Coke rewards points
 - If you are interested in heading up this project, please let Mrs. Hague know.

Encourage friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to collect for you, too! Please contact Jodi Hague at jhague@epsne.org if you have any questions!

Westridge PTO Tuesday October 3rd 2017

Officers in attendance: Ryan Broshar, Ashley Molacek, Jessica Loontjer, Brenda Dangberg, Sara Beyer

Members in attendance: Kelli Cox, Jennifer Otten, Tiffany Harman, Many McMEnamin, Sarah McWhirter, Jodi Hague, Kortney Feuquay, Joni Kruntorad, Becca Sutton, Erin Gangwish, Pritti Gandhi, Hayli Kenzy, Stacy Klein

- a. Principal's Report:
 - 1. Cherry Dale kick off Thursday October 5th. Orders are due October 19th and merchandise pickup will be November 16th. Volunteers are needed to help with pick up.
 - 2. No school Friday October 13th and Friday October 20th
 - 3. 5 new trees have been purchased for the school.
 - 4. School programs Destination Imagination and Paws has started
 - 5. Tuesday October 24th Parent Advisory will be held. Will be going over district data and information on the school bond.
 - 6. Follow #heroactions on twitter. Post your wildcat being a hero
- b. President Report:
 - 1. Big thank you to EVERYONE who helped with and participated in the first walk a thon it was a huge success.
- c. Treasurer's Report:
 - 1. We raised a profit of \$17,618.49 from the walk a thon. This will go towards new projectors for our school
- d. Keep bringing in box tops. Its an easy way to make money for our school
- e. Nothing Bundt: We will be selling Nothing Bundt cakes again this year. They can be ordered November 1st-14th/ Pickup day November 22nd, just in time for Thanksgiving!
- f. Yearbook sales going on. Cost is \$18.00 until December After that the cost will be \$28.00
- g. Volunteer for classroom parties. Look for a signup genius to sign up for supplies for the Halloween Party! There will be only one parent volunteer in the classroom for the parties.
- h. Health Fair will be held November 19th. Look for a signup genius to sign up to Volunteer.
- i. October is Westridge Month at Great Clips. Every haircut on Tuesdays in October \$1.00 will go back to our school.
- j. Spirit Sticks will be sold for \$1.00 each. Profits to Smart Projectors. Fala's will start carrying them in the store selling for \$2.00. We get 70% she gets 30%. Spirit Stick of The month club. Pay \$10.00 get 10 sticks between now and May. Will be sold at Westridge functions.

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EPS Staff Directories and Email Addresses

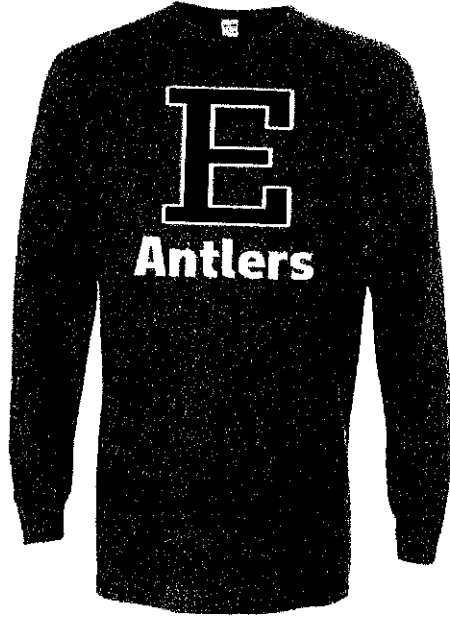
Parents - as a reminder, please always double check the email address of any staff member you are attempting to contact, as some email addresses include a number in them. If you are not sure of the correct address, you can find all addresses and email all staff members directly by clicking their name on the following "Staff Listing" page on our website: <http://www.elkhornweb.org/hillrise/teacher-sites/staff/>

Elkhorn High School
Elkhorn South High School
Elkhorn Grandview Middle School
Elkhorn Middle School
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School
Elkhorn Valley View Middle School
Arbor View Elementary and Early Education Center
Fire Ridge Elementary
Hillrise Elementary
Manchester Elementary
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Skyline Elementary
Spring Ridge Elementary
West Bay Elementary and Early Education Center
West Dodge Station Elementary and Early Education Center
Westridge Elementary and Early Education Center

Please make checks payable to Westridge PTO.

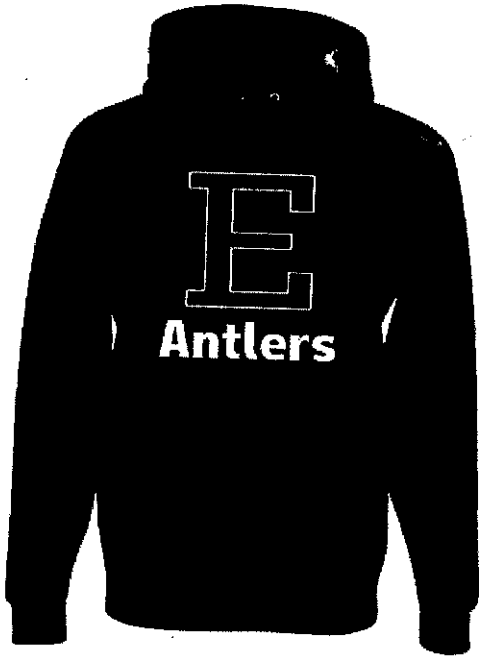
Order forms due Wednesday, November 1.

Graphite Heather Gildan® Heavy Cotton Long Sleeve T-Shirt- \$18



SIZE	QUANTITY
SMALL	
MEDIUM	
LARGE	
XLARGE	
2XL	
YOUTH SIZE	QUANTITY
SMALL	
MEDIUM	
LARGE	
XLARGE	

Black NuBlend Hooded Sweatshirt by Jerzees®- \$28



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Name _____ Teacher _____
Total enclosed \$ _____ paid by cash _____ check _____