

# ARBOR VIEW EXPLORERS

## THE COMPASS February 4, 2019

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ELKHORN, NEBRASKA

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Monday, Feb. 4th (C day)

- 6:30 - PTO Meeting
- Restaurant night at The Good Life in Elkhorn

#### Tuesday, Feb. 5th (D day)

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#### Wednesday, Feb. 6th (E day)

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#### Thursday, Feb. 7th (A day)

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#### Friday, Feb. 8th (B day)

- 2:15 - Valentine's Parties
- 6:00 - Family Formal

#### On the horizon...

Feb. 13th and 14th - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 2:06 Dismissal  
Feb. 15th - No School

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### *FROM THE PRINCIPAL:*

Arbor View Families,

#### Kids Heart Challenge -

It's Kids Heart Challenge time! The Kids Heart Challenge is the new name for Jump Rope for Heart, so it's all of the same fun things just with a new name. This year our goal is to raise \$2,000 for the American Heart Association! I think with the help from all of the amazing families here at Arbor View we can reach our goal! Starting the week of February 11th, 2nd-5th grade students will be sent home with a fundraising envelope and sticker. The envelope will have information about the Kids Heart Challenge and how to get involved. Just like last year, you can use the Kids Heart Challenge App and fundraise from there, you can use the envelope, or both! You can go to <http://ww2.heart.org/goto/arborview> to sign up for our school if you wish to do your fundraising online. All envelopes are to be brought back to school no later than March 1st. The envelopes can be taken to the office or given to Miss Willms before they leave school on the 1st. The prizes may take a few weeks to get here, but once they arrive I will hand them out to be sent home. Thank you so much for helping raise money for the American Heart Association! If you have any questions you can email me at [awillms@epsne.org](mailto:awillms@epsne.org) or come and see me at conferences!

If you know of a family with a kindergarten aged child please share the following link with them.

[Kindergarten Roundup Form](#)

Mr. Sidders

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## **PTO News -**

Engaging the community to support our kids and teachers!

### **Meetings for the year - mark your calendars**

\*childcare should be available

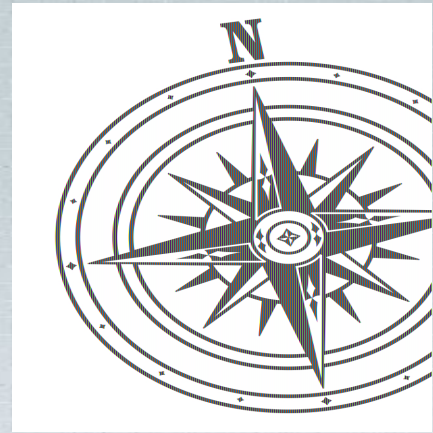
**Monday, February 4th @6:30**

**Monday, March 4th @6:30**

**Monday, April 1st @6:30**

**Monday, May 6th @6:30**

There will be plenty of opportunities for all family members to get involved this year. All you need to do is show up and volunteer! Who knows, if you have a friend who attends a meeting, he or she just might volunteer you anyway. The best way to control your own PTO destiny is to attend all meetings. A strong, positive partnership between the school and the parent organization will ensure our school community continues to thrive as we grow! :)



### **YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW**

**\$15/book**

\$5.00 name personalization

\$3.00/icon

**Order your yearbook by March 29, 2019**

Order online at [www.schoolannual.com](http://www.schoolannual.com)

Click on "Buy your students yearbook"

Enter Arbor View Elementary, Elkhorn, NE

If you have any questions please contact

Bethany Harnisch at

[yearbook.arborview@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.arborview@gmail.com)

**SEND PHOTOS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Photos of students on field trips, class parties, and school events.

The more students in the photos, the better!

Send photos to us at

[yearbook.arborview@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.arborview@gmail.com)

(please include the event and grade in your email)

## WHEN IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Proper care in the early stages of an illness can reduce recovery time for the ill child and 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 stomach ache. **A child should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.**

**Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.** Keep your child at home for the duration of these symptoms. No vomiting or diarrhea for the past 24 hours is recommended. Be sure your child is able to tolerate food without difficulty before returning.

**Nasal secretions and coughing/sneezing** spread respiratory infections easily when these symptoms can't be controlled.

**Suspected communicable conditions** such as undiagnosed rashes, pink eye, ringworm, or chickenpox. A child must be sent home until identified symptoms are evaluated and conditions for return to school are provided by a health care provider.

Erin Bryant, VNA School Nurse

## Influenza General Information

Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by [influenza viruses](#). It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with [certain health conditions](#) are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) recommend that everyone over 6 months of age should get vaccinated to protect themselves and others from the flu.

The upcoming season's flu vaccine will protect against the three (trivalent vaccine) or four (quadrivalent) influenza viruses that [research indicates](#) will be the most common during the season. This includes an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus, and one or two influenza B viruses, depending on the formulation.

### Symptoms of Seasonal Influenza

All types of flu can cause:

- Fever
- Coughing and/or sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue

In addition, some people may experience vomiting and diarrhea, however, this is more common in children than adults.

### How to Prevent Catching and Spreading the Flu

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people
- Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100 degrees F)
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures
- Get vaccinated. Yearly flu vaccination is the best way to prevent getting the flu.

**WOMENADE CLOTHING DRIVE**  
**It's time to clean out our closets and**  
**get rid of those unwanted clothes!**

Womenade of Elkhorn is once again sponsoring a **Clothing Drive for Elkhorn families in need** and we can sure use your help!

Drop off your gently used clothing items to your school between Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019. Due to limited storage and volunteer organizers, please drop off your items only on these dates.

Items will be hung on racks and sorted by size giving families a true shopping experience. Everything is donated from the clothes, racks, hangers, facility, marketing, and volunteer labor. That's right . . . it costs "0" dollars.

Families in need will then be invited to come and shop for FREE on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Elkhorn Teacher Training Center! They will get the first pick in the morning and then the facility will be open to the general public in the afternoon. All remaining items will be donated to other charities.

This is an amazing opportunity for Elkhorn families to help other Elkhorn families. We are happy to report that all of our elementary, middle, and high schools are participating.

If you or your children would like to help, please go to the following Signup Genius for more information: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fafaf2ea02-womenade1>

Please contact Theresa Johnson at [mommatathome@cox.net](mailto:mommatathome@cox.net) or at 402-290-9293 with any questions.

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## **Pick-A-Time February 2019 Conference Scheduling Directions for Families**

The online scheduler will open at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 27th and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 10th.

WEB ADDRESS: <https://pickatime.com/ArborViewConferences>

All families will need to register to use this system.

### **Register**

1. Enter your email address and push **“Login/Create Account”**.
2. Fill in the required fields and register.
3. Where it asks for Student ID, enter your child’s first and last name. Use their legal name (Example: John Smith). Next, enter the student’s **birthday** (Example: 12/15/2005).

### **Scheduling**

1. Each colored square represents an available meeting time. The legend/key shows you what each color means. **Click on a square to book that time.**
2. As an option, you have the choice of setting a time when you would like a reminder email delivered.
3. Click **“Create Appointment”** to finalize.
4. You **cannot** create back to back appointments unless your children have the same classroom teacher.

**Repeat until you have a time scheduled for each of your children. Logout when finished.**

### **Notes**

At any time, you can click on **“printable schedule”** and print the resulting web page to get a hard copy of your schedule. You will also have the option to email your schedule to yourself.

Click on **“Your Schedule”** to display and hide your appointments. There will be links to change the time or cancel the appointment.

You have the ability to change your conference time through February 10th, . You will need to log in with the email address and password you used to create your account.

If you need to make changes after February 10th, 2019 you will need to contact Sara Twyford in the office at 402-289-1007.

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# District Reminders

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## SchoolMessenger Alerts

Both the EPS District and each individual building regularly use a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including monthly information about building happenings, as well as school closings.

If you did not receive a phone call and an email regarding our most recent School Cancellations, please reach out to your building secretary.

SchoolMessenger also allows recipients the option to "unsubscribe" from its mailing list; please understand that by "unsubscribing" you are completely removing your email address from ALL lists, including both District and building specific emails.

If you have previously unsubscribed and would like to begin receiving emails again, please let your building secretary know.

## Digital Calendars

As a reminder, all EPS activity and event information can be found by visiting [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) and choosing the "Calendar" tab in the header. From there, click the building whose activities you are wanting to view.

Additionally, download the rSchool: Activity Scheduler app for easy mobile access to middle school and high school activities and events.

*Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well as those that may be a cause for concern to parents.*

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Parents of Current 5th-8th Grade Students -----

In recent years we have heard from parents that students are spending more and more time at home doing school work with their family computers. As part of the EPS 5-Year Instructional Technology Plan approved by the school board in October 2016, next year's 6th-8th grade students (current 5th-7th grade students) will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use next fall. In addition, all high school students will continue to receive a Chromebook next school year. Therefore, current 8th grade students will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use when they transition to 9th grade. Please note, current 8th grade students will receive a different Chromebook than the one they used during the 18-19 school year.

The district is finding that much of our educational content requires access to technology, and Chromebooks allow us a cost-effective way to assure that students have this access when it is needed. As part of this initiative, parents of 2019-2020 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are encouraged to attend an orientation either during Back to School 101 or Open House in August. The exact dates for these orientations are not yet set, but the district wanted to begin communication with parents of current 5th-8th grade students. We are very excited about providing a computing device for these students next school year.

**Kevin Gross, Director of Technology**