

OCTOBER 2018

# BLUE SAGE ELEMENTARY

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### October

- 2 PTO Meeting at 6:30
- 2 Pajama Day for Reaching the PTO Fundraising Goal
- 9 Fall Picture Retake
- 10 Omaha Fire Department Assembly
- 11 End of 1st Quarter
- 12 No School (Teacher In-Service)
- 16-17 Early Dismissal at 2:06  
Conferences 3:00-7:00
- 18 Jersey Mike's (Family Dinner Night) 15% Back to PTO 10a.m.-9p.m.
- 19 No School
- 21 Dedication Ceremony 2:15p.m.
- 22-26 Red Ribbon Week
- 24 Cub Circles
- 26 Fall Parties 2:00
- 26 Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30

Subscribe to both the Blue Sage online calendar and the Elkhorn District calendar to stay informed about important calendar events.  
<https://www.elkhornweb.org/bluesage/calendar/>

#### Spirit Days

Every Friday is a spirit day at Blue Sage. Wear your Blue Sage gear or our school colors (blue and green) to show your BEAR pride!

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the beautiful days of fall! It is hard to believe that conferences will take place this month. We are excited about this, because it provides us with a chance to come together to look at the progress that each individual student is making, celebrate the strengths, and to discuss a plan for moving forward to help ensure the best possible future story for each student. We will be using the online site called Pick-A-Time for parents to select a time to meet with the classroom teacher. Detailed information about this process is found on page three in this newsletter.

It was so much fun seeing everyone at the Blue Sage Bash. Events such as these would not be possible without the support of our amazing BSE PTO and our dedicated BSE families. We thank you for your commitment to BSE.

I would also like to invite each of you to attend our building dedication ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 2:15p.m.

Please know that throughout the school year my door is always open. Never hesitate to set up a time to meet with me. You can also email me ([achrist@epsne.org](mailto:achrist@epsne.org)) or call me (402-332-0125)!

*Mrs. Christ*  
Blue Sage Principal



*Together we will ensure academic, social, and personal success to craft the best possible future story for our students.*

## Building Dedication Ceremony

Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 21st at 2:15p.m. for our building dedication ceremony. Our fourth and fifth grade students will be performing a couple of songs. Plus, some of our fifth grade students will be sharing about the joy of being part of the opening of a new building.

### Student Council

Congratulations to the 2018-2019  
Student Council Members

From Mrs. Mull's classroom:  
Madison Terry  
Kaily Caniglia  
Charlie Buller

From Mrs. Lawrence's classroom:  
Aubree Peterson  
Cohen Stone  
Slade Perrien

From Mrs. Carlson's classroom:  
Sara Clatterbuck  
Claire Watson  
Samantha McKenzie



### Halloween Party and Costume Reminders Friday, October 26th

#### Costume Information:

- ❖ Students may choose to wear or not wear a costume for the parade and party.
- ❖ If your child chooses to wear a costume, he/she must adhere to these guidelines:

Costumes and accessories resembling weapons or weapon look-alikes are prohibited at school. This includes plastic/fake knives, swords, guns, spears, hatchets, etc. and any other item that resembles a weapon.

#### Party Information:

- ❖ Schedule:
  - 2:00 Parents helping with the party may come down to the classrooms to set up. If you are not directly helping with the party, please wait outside near the walking club path.
  - 2:00-2:10 Change into costumes
  - 2:10-2:25 Parade on our walking club path
  - 2:25-3:00 Parties in the classroom.

### Before School

Please remember, students are not supervised (or let into the building when it is indoor walking club) until 7:55. Teachers do not report until 7:45, and then they are setting their things down to get to their posts by 7:55. Please do not drop off your child before 7:55 unless he/she is having school breakfast, working with a teacher or on safety patrol.  
Thank you!



## **PICK A TIME--CONFERENCE SCHEDULING** **DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS**

Blue Sage uses Pick-a-Time to schedule Parent Teacher Conferences. The online scheduler **opens at 8:00 a.m.** on Monday, October 1. This is a first-come first-serve scheduling software. As a result, the sooner you register the more likely you are to get your preferred time. In addition, if you have more than one student, it will not allow you to schedule them back-to-back. It will require a fifteen-minute travel time between the two conferences. This allows for travel time and for conferences that have gotten behind schedule. The one exception is if you have children who have the same teacher.

Follow the directions below to get to the Parent Teacher Conference scheduler.

Web address: <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11613565&event=326577>

### **Sign In**

If you've previously registered, all you need to do is enter your email address and know about your appointments and the children you have added to your account.

### **Register (kindergarten or students new to Blue Sage)**

1. Enter your email address and push "Login/Create Account".
2. Fill in the required fields and register.
3. For each child, enter your child's first and last name for the student.  
ID. (example: JohnSmith) and birth date (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.

Repeat until you have a time for each of your children.

- \*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.
- \*You have the ability to change your conference time through Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. You will need to log in with the email address and password you used to create your account. If you need to make a change after October 14<sup>th</sup>, you will need to contact the office at 402-332-0125.
- \*Click on "**Your Schedule**" to display and hide your appointments. There will be links to change the time or cancel the appointment.



Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

Kindergarten: Isabelle Zwiener and George Kollman

First Grade: Samantha Skarperud and Hayden Applegarth

Second Grade: Matias Prieto and Emma Heusinkvelt

Third Grade: Aubrey Marsh and Cayden Scott

Fourth Grade: Jaxton Rabe and Brayden Lill

Fifth Grade: Jayden Ish

Art: Evan Stigge

Music: Devin Heinrich

PE: Isla Pearsall

Media: Haley Wegner



Students will enjoy their lunch with Mrs. Christ on Thursday, Oct. 4.



Regular attendance by students at school is essential for children to obtain the maximum opportunities from the education program offered at Blue Sage. Parents and students are encouraged to ensure regular and timely attendance at school. Absences from school should be minimized whenever possible.

This year, parents or guardians will receive letters from the school when their child has exceeded 5 absences per quarter. Letters will also be sent home when a child exceeds 10, 15, and 20 days for the entire school year. Meetings with the teacher, counselor and principal maybe set up throughout the year to help solve problems with attendance.

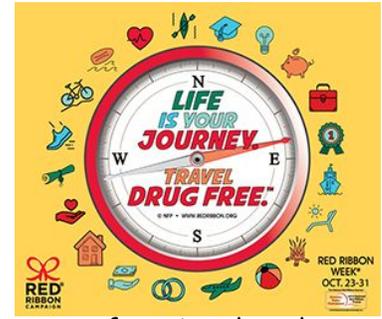
Letters will also be sent home for late arrivals at 10, 15, 20, etc. We know regular school attendance helps to develop habits of punctuality, self- discipline and responsibility along with helping to ensure student success. It is our goal to have all kids accounted for and fully present at the beginning of each school day.

We ask for your cooperation with attendance. Contacting the office when your child is sick or has an appointment is always appreciated.



Red Ribbon Week  
Oct. 22-26

Theme: Live is your Journey, Travel Drug Free  
"The Best Me is Drug Free"



Daily Dress Activities:

Monday, October 22nd-"Traveling Through the Years" Dress in gear from your favorite decade.

Tuesday, October 23rd-"Travel to an Away Game" Dress in your favorite sports team's shirt or jersey.

Wednesday, October 24th-"Use your head, and make healthy choices" Wear your favorite hat.

Thursday, October 25th-"Hop on Board" Wear red to support the Red Ribbon Campaign to stay drug free.

Friday, October 26th-"Be on the Prowl for a Healthy Life" Wear your Blue Sage Spirit Gear.

is it  
**BULLYING?**

How can you tell if someone is being bullied?

Joking Around (Not Bullying):

- Everyone is having fun.
- No one is getting hurt.
- Everyone is participating equally.

One Time Thing (Not Bullying):

- Someone is being mean on purpose.
- It's a reaction to a strong emotion or feeling.
- It happens once and doesn't repeat itself.

Conflict (Not Bullying):

- Two people with a balance of power that have a fight, argument, or disagreement.
- A solution can usually be found.

Bullying:

- Repeated, unwanted aggressive behavior towards someone.
- Someone is being hurt on purpose.
- It was done intentionally.
- Can be social, verbal, physical, or cyber.
- Imbalance of power.

2019 Yearbooks  
**ON SALE now!**

The 2019 Blue Sage Elementary  
hardcover yearbooks are on sale now  
for \$22.

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Questions? Contact Jane Terry, Yearbook  
Chair bluesageyearbook@gmail.com

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# SQUARE 1 ART

IT STARTS WITH THE ART!

Blue Sage Families,

Hello, my name is Olivia Harder, and I am a new elementary art teacher this year at both Blue Sage and Westridge! I recently graduated from UNO and soon after I was hired by Elkhorn Public Schools, the same district that I student taught! Here at Blue Sage, I teach Kindergarten, First, and Second!

Chloe Kelly here! Many of you probably recognize me if you were at Skyline previously! It has been wonderful to see all my old friends and meet so many, wonderful, new faces! Here at Blue Sage I am teaching third, fourth, and fifth grades.

Currently in the art room, we are working hard to finish our Square1Art artwork for the annual Square1Art fundraiser! For those of you that do not know, the Square1Art fundraiser gives you the opportunity to purchase various merchandise with your child's artwork on it! Those purchases help raise money for the Blue Sage Art Department, so that we are able to purchase art supplies for your children to use each year at Blue Sage. If you don't want to participate or are unable, not a problem; your child will still get an awesome page of stickers with their artwork pictured! We can't wait to see all the amazing art that your children create, not only for Square1Art, but all year long!

Ordering packets will arrive back at Blue Sage, **October 25th**. LET THE ORDERING and HOLIDAY SHOPPING BEGIN! :) Online ordering is back this year and easier than ever! You may also send exact cash or check to Blue Sage. All orders will be due no later than **November 6th**.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Olivia Harder and Mrs. Chloe Kelly



### Lunch/Recess Schedule

Kdg & First	Recess 11:00-11:15	Lunch 11:15-11:35
Second & Third	Recess 11:30-11:45	Lunch 11:45-12:05
Fourth & Fifth	Recess 11:50-12:05	Lunch 12:05-12:25

### Sodexo Lunch Prices 2018-2019

Elem. lunch \$2.50  
Adult lunch \$3.85

Breakfast  
K-5th \$1.50  
Adult \$2.20

We are excited to announce that Blue Sage is officially on Twitter and Facebook! Give us a follow @ElkhornPS\_BSE and give us a like on [Blue Sage Facebook](#) in order to stay up to date with events, news, and highlights from the classrooms.



follow us on  
**twitter**



### STAY INFORMED

A newsletter in this format will be emailed to you each month. It is also posted on our website <https://www.elkhornweb.org/bluesage/news/>. If you need to change email addresses, please call the office to let us know (402-332-0125). This newsletter is our main means of communication.

THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES,  
MINI-BIKES, SNOWMOBILES,  
GO-KARTS AND ALL TERRAIN  
VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED  
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

### ABCDE Calendar

The elementary ABCDE calendar is posted online this year. You can subscribe to this calendar by going to the district website at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org). Scroll over the buildings drop-down menu, and select (YOUR SCHOOL'S NAME). Then click on the calendar icon. There you will be able to subscribe the (YOUR SCHOOL'S NAME) calendar and the district calendar. You will also be able to subscribe to the ABCDE calendar. This calendar lets you know what letter day it is at school. Subscribing to this calendar will automatically update the letter days to your own personal calendar. This is a great way to ensure you are always up-to-date.





# District Reminders

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## TEAMMATES MENTORING TO BEGIN AT EPS SCHOOLS

*Together We Transform Lives*

**TEAMMATES**  
MENTORING  
of ELKHORN

As Elkhorn Public Schools continues to experience significant growth throughout the District, our student population continues to diversify and the need for extra student support increases.

As a result of this growth, EPS recently made the decision to transition our current, district-run Partners in Education Mentoring Program into a chapter with the TeamMates Mentoring Program. The TeamMates program provides more structured support for the wide variety of backgrounds and interests that can be found in EPS students and brings more mentors into our program while allowing us to retain the majority of our current mentoring relationships already in place.

If you are interested in becoming a TeamMates mentor in the EPS District, please complete the online application by clicking [here](#) or contact Kara Perchal at [kperchal@epsne.org](mailto:kperchal@epsne.org) for more information.

## TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - APPS TO KNOW

*Classlink: Elkhorn Public Schools*



ClassLink is a single sign-on platform that allows students to use one username and password to access online resources already being used in the classroom, including online textbooks, Moodle courses, and more. ClassLink saves all school related passwords within the security of your ClassLink Password.

ClassLink is a safe, secure way for students to connect with applications and resources. The website does not collect or share any personal student information, which is important to us. Best of all, it is very easy to use and is a great resource for students and families.

Information about getting started with Classlink for EPS students can be found [here](#).

## PowerSchool App



The Elkhorn Public Schools District uses a student information system called PowerSchool. This is a web-based system with a mobile app option that is intended to provide parents and students with a tool to review student progress. An important feature in PowerSchool is parent/guardian access. This feature offers real-time access to attendance, class information and the option to update student information easily. Students in grades 3-12 also have the ability to view current grades.

PowerSchool also offers parents a single sign on method so they have the ability to link multiple student accounts together and access the accounts via one login and password.

## Activity Scheduler: rSchool Calendar



EPS middle and high schools use on an online calendar called rSchool to track all events and activities. rSchool also has an app option for individuals to view their schools rSchool calendar and view events by date or by activity category.

To use the app, download Activity Scheduler in your phone's app store and choose the your school based on the conference they are part of. To view and subscribe to any building's calendar, click [here](#).

For reference, Elkhorn High School and all EPS middle schools are part of the Eastern Mid Conference and Elkhorn South High School is part of the Metro Conference.

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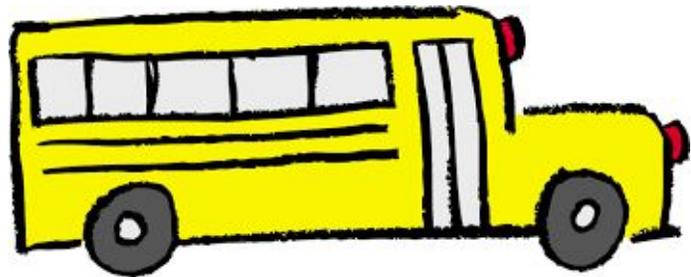
*Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well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

EPS is currently hiring split shift and substitute drivers responsible for the safe transport of our children to and from school.

Rewarding work and competitive pay.

Interested applicants can apply at :

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/employment/>



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