

# Elkhorn Middle School

3200 North 207<sup>th</sup> Plaza, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022

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August 1, 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Elkhorn Middle School! We hope all of you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We are projecting student enrollment this year to be at or around 510; just slightly larger than last year. For each of those students, we at Elkhorn Middle School have embraced a culture of continuous improvement; we seek ways to bring students to higher levels of achievement and are committed to making sure your student(s) demonstrate outstanding growth academically, socially, and emotionally. This year we welcome the following new staff members:

Hollie Burson (7<sup>th</sup> Science, EGMS)  
Kylie York (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> LA)  
Kristin John (Spanish)  
Nancy Niemann (6<sup>th</sup> Special Ed)  
Brenda Smrdel (Speech and Drama)  
Jean Kaechele (TA)  
Brian Nelsen (Band TA, EHS)

Kristen Muldoon (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Reading)  
Alicia Shoemaker (Spanish)  
Kelli Barth (8<sup>th</sup> Science, ESHS)  
Jairin Potter (Life Skills)  
Colleen Cuda (School Psych)  
Christine Koyama (TA)

I also want to extend congratulations to Rachel Peterson – she will be the Administrative Coordinator both at EMS and EVVMS!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Back to School 101 **August 6th 10:00am – 7:00pm**. Due to online registration, BTS101 will be different than in the past. Parents will be able to update forms and complete paperwork electronically; therefore we hope that standing in long lines will be a thing of the past! Please use this link: <https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/elkhornmiddleschool> for additional BTS101 information
- New Student Orientation will be Thursday, **August 6th at 6:00pm**. This is for all students and families new to the district. This will be an evening for you to familiarize yourself with the building, meet other new students, the administration and counseling staff.
- Open House/Curriculum night is scheduled for Thursday, **August 9th** for all Middle School students and parents to meet teachers and learn about curriculum opportunities and team procedures.

## **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

School for all students will begin on Tuesday, **August 14th at 8:10 a.m.**

- Students who are **NEW** to Elkhorn Middle School can attend a new student breakfast in the library starting at 7:45.
- All **6<sup>th</sup> grade** students should report immediately to the gymnasium upon arrival to school the first day. Building tours, transitional activities and an extended lunch period will be a part of their orientation. If you feel your child needs additional time in the building prior to school starting, please give us a call to discuss those concerns.
- **Seventh and eighth grade** students are asked to wait outside the main doors (South entrance) until the 8:00am bell. Seventh and eighth graders will then report to their Hi 5 class.

The first day will function as a normal school day and will end at 3:20 p.m. Lunches will be served and buses will run. If you have questions about bus transportation, please call Chief School Bus service, (402) 392-2144 or Central Office, (402) 289-2579.

The entire staff at EMS and I are committed to helping your child experience academic, social and emotional growth this year. With your support and involvement **your child will learn!** If you have any questions, at any time, don't hesitate to call us at 289-2428.

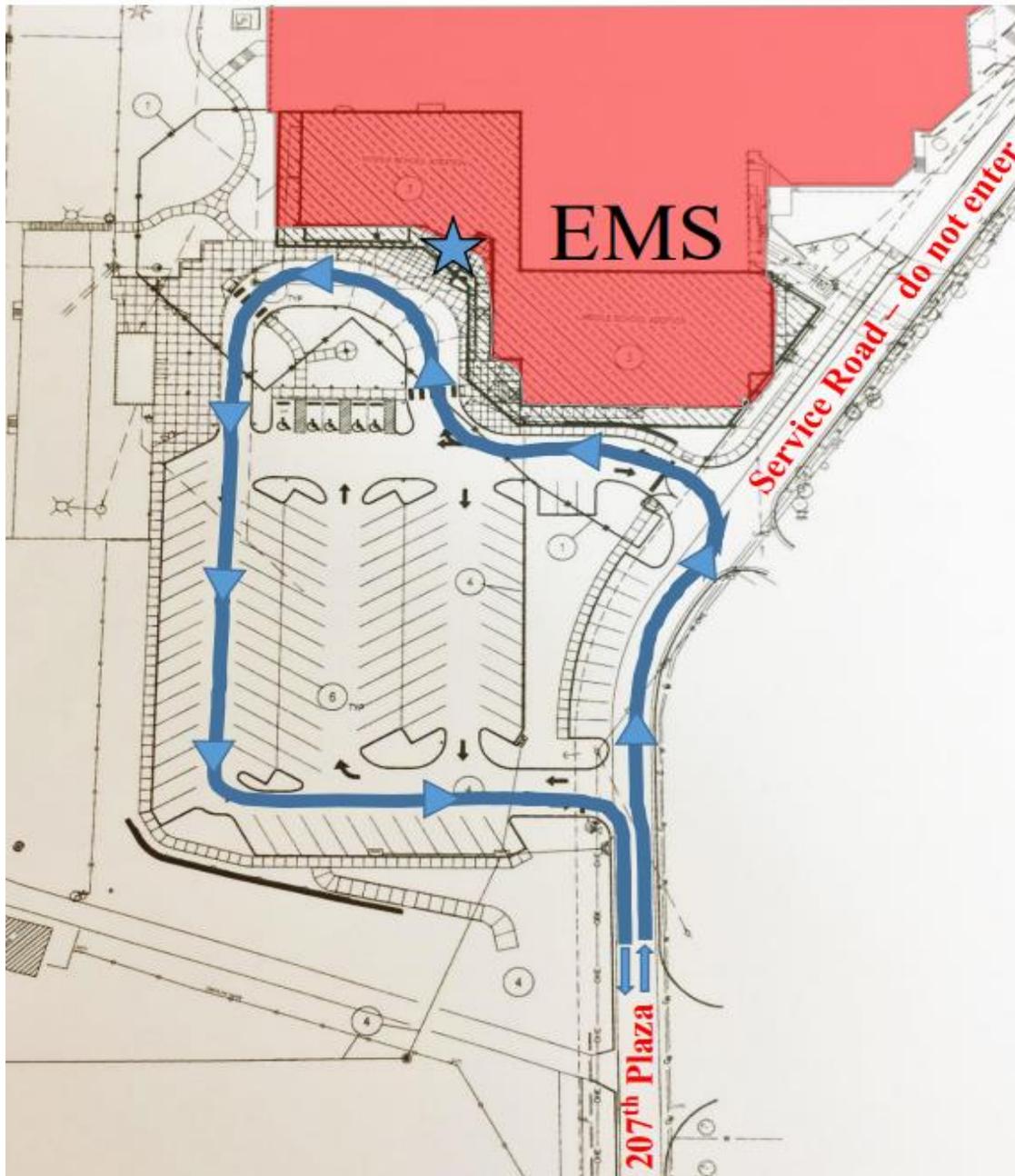
Welcome to EMS for 2018-19!



Deb Garrison  
Principal

**\*\*PICK UP and DROP PATTERNS**

- Drive NORTH on 207th Plaza (approaching the building from the south)
- Enter parking lot drive closest to the building
- Enter drop off loop by main entrance
- Exit parking lot through drive at the end of the parking lot
- Drive SOUTH on 207th Plaza



# ELKHORN "CLASSIC" MIDDLE SCHOOL Open House

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Come meet your child's teachers, hear about their classes, and tour EMS!!

Grade level teachers will be doing a large group presentation in the gym at the following times:

**5:00 p.m. Chromebook Presentation**

*\*For 8th Grade Students and Parents*

**6:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation**

*\*Followed by classroom visits*

**5:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation**

*\*Followed by classroom visits*

**6:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation**

*\*Followed by classroom visits*

*Hope to see you on the 9<sup>th</sup> !!*

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## PARENTS OF INCOMING 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 incoming 8th grade students will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use during the 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. Next steps of this plan will include Chromebooks for high school students beginning in the fall of 2018.

As part of this initiative, parents of 2018-19 eighth grade students can attend an orientation either during Back to School 101 or Open House in August. The dates for these orientations are scheduled for Monday, August 6th, at 5:00 pm (Back to School 101) and Thursday, August 9th at 5:00 pm (Open House). We are very excited about providing every 8th grade student with a computing device for the school year.



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## THE KIDS ARE HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL, HOW ABOUT YOU?

The Elkhorn Public School District is currently seeking teacher assistant/paraprofessionals in our early education, elementary, and secondary settings. EPS is seeking caring and collaborative individuals with a desire to help students achieve.

Family friendly hours – follows the school day and calendar  
Competitive pay (\$14.20/\$14.70)  
Rewarding working environment



Apply at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) Employment: Support Staff Non-Certified: Teacher Assistant

# EMS BOOSTER CLUB

EMS Booster Club would like to welcome you back to a new school year by introducing this year's officers:

Wendy Moore - President

Jodi Hague - Secretary

Theresa Kimmell - Vice President

Lori Lindberg - Treasurer

Booster Club aims to support our students, school, teachers and staff. We fundraise with apparel sales, concessions and BoxTops. We give back through FREE school dances, FREE snack packs for each student representative when they travel away from school for games or events, FREE school directory, teacher conference meals and much, much more!

Please complete your Volunteer Form & FREE Directory Form and bring it to the Booster Club table, located outside the gym at Back to School 101. (We will have paper copies, too.) Also, we are including the APPAREL ORDER LINK, but will also have a dedicated laptop to place online orders at Back to School 101!

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## From the Nurse...

Welcome back, I hope you had a great summer! We want to keep your student(s) happy, healthy, and safe while at school, so please read the following information carefully.

### ~ Sick Child Policy ~

Please remember if your student is running a fever of  $>100.0$  or has vomiting/diarrhea, please keep them home from school until fever or vomiting free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication (Motrin, Tylenol, Advil, acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

### ~ Physical and Immunization Requirements ~

Nebraska law requires that all school children have a **physical examination** upon entry into school, at seventh grade, and when transferring from an out-of-state school. Students must provide proof of a **visual evaluation** to include testing for amblyopia, strabismus, internal and external eye health and visual acuity upon entry into school and when transferring from an out-of-state school. The law also requires your child be immunized and provide **proof of immunization** before attending classes. Please visit the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (link below) which outlines specific vaccine requirements.

### ~ Medication for the 2018-2019 school year ~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, each medication must have a Medication Authorization form signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medication, please only provide a **maximum of 30 day supply** at a time.

***All medication must be dropped off in the office by a parent or guardian.***

***Please do not send any medications with your student.***

Link to print blank medication authorization form:

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/student-medication-form/>

Link to print blank self-carry asthma/anaphylaxis medication:

[http://nebula.wsimg.com/30e77791e1e3ec0212bd429715dd787b?  
AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1](http://nebula.wsimg.com/30e77791e1e3ec0212bd429715dd787b?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1)

### ~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. *Plans must be updated annually.* Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, or your physician's office can use whichever form they prefer.

Link to print blank Asthma/Anaphylaxis Action Plan:

[http://nebula.wsimg.com/7d14993b3a9805164b188eb0a9e8dd01?  
AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1](http://nebula.wsimg.com/7d14993b3a9805164b188eb0a9e8dd01?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1)

### ~ Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders ~

Please remember that all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders are required by the State of Nebraska, to have a physical exam and a Tdap booster immunization.





# Elkhorn Public Schools

## MIDDLE SCHOOL Supply List

Elkhorn MS, Elkhorn Grandview MS, Elkhorn Ridge MS, Elkhorn Valley View MS

The following student supply list is provided to assist you this summer and early fall to prepare for the school year. Students are encouraged, but not required, to bring the following school supplies. Please note this is a year round list to be kept throughout the year.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#2 Pencils  
Erasers  
Blue or black pens  
Red pen  
Markers  
Highlighters  
Colored pencils  
Dry erase markers  
Glue Sticks  
Loose-leaf paper  
(4)Single-subject notebooks  
(1) Composition notebook  
Index cards  
(3) boxes of tissues  
(1) 2"three-ring binder  
5 tab dividers  
Trapper with (7) 2 pocket folders or accordion file  
Inexpensive ear buds

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#2 pencils  
Erasers  
Blue or Black pens  
Red pen  
Markers  
Highlighters  
Colored pencils  
Dry erase markers  
Glue Sticks  
Loose-leaf paper  
(College ruled)  
(6)Single subject notebooks  
(2) Composition notebook  
Calculator (w/ fraction key)  
Index cards  
(3) boxes of tissue  
(1) 1" 3-ring binder  
Organizational system  
(folders or trapper)  
Inexpensive earbuds

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

#2 pencils  
Blue or black pens  
Red pen  
Highlighters  
Colored pencils  
Dry erase markers  
Glue Sticks  
Loose-leaf paper  
(College ruled)  
(6) 2 Pocket folders  
(6) Separate spiral notebooks  
(2) Composition notebooks  
Calculator (w/fraction key)  
Index cards  
(3) boxes of tissue  
(1) 2" 3-ring binder  
Optional organizational system (folders or trapper)  
Inexpensive earbuds

**Band and Chorus Students:** Music Department T-shirt (\$10.00), black slacks, black socks, black shoes.

**P.E. Students:** Tennis shoes, t-shirts, and shorts.

**Spanish Students:** Spiral notebook, 2 pocket folder, blue or black pens, Index cards.

I WANT TO  
**VOLUNTEER**

Elkhorn MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ just Keep me in the loop with info  
\_\_\_\_\_ call or email me for anything

\_\_\_ box tops  
I want to donate \$10 to sponsor 1 month's cash prize. Contact me.

\_\_\_ concession stand volunteer  
Be a part of our pool of volunteers. Work only EMS home games. No experience necessary!

\_\_\_ conference meals  
Donate Food and/or \$10 donation (October 16 & 17, February 13 & 14)

\_\_\_ dance chaperone/ Volunteer  
Back to School dance for all grades (Friday September 14)

\_\_\_ facebook coordinator  
Update our Facebook page with photos of events and info

\_\_\_ health screening  
(2 hours) Assist nurse with measuring height, weight, vision, & hearing (October TBA)

\_\_\_ holiday hurrah  
Holiday donation drive, package gifts for teachers/staff, and a festive luncheon (December TBA)

\_\_\_ scholarship committee  
Reading and evaluating high school student applications to win the EMS \$500 scholarship

\_\_\_ teacher/staff birthdays

\_\_\_ teacher appreciation week  
Help committee to recognize teacher/staff birthdays and/or teacher appreciation week



2018-19  
Elkhorn Middle School  
DIRECTORY

YES, IT'S FREE! PLEASE INCLUDE ME  
(provide information below)  
 NO, I DO NOT WISH TO HAVE OUR CONTACT INFO IN THE DIRECTORY

STUDENT 1 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 1 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 1 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 2 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 2 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT 2 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_