

NEWSLETTER

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ELKHORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

EMS Families –

Finding the right words to communicate plans for the end of the school year feels empty – much like the school building itself. I feel a sense of loss due to the disruption of closure activities we usually host to commemorate the end of another school year. The cyclical nature of school has been interrupted and things feel unfinished. The only opportunity to share well wishes and farewells is in yet another email that may get lost in the many. For the sake of our students, we model resilience, we demonstrate hope, and we make the best decisions we can during this unprecedented time.

We miss seeing the students of EMS in person but we remain driven to acknowledge and recognize them – to somehow mark the culmination of the 2019-20 school year. We have plans to continue some end-of-year traditions, albeit in different formats and restructured ways. Please note the dates below (still subject to change):

May 6 – Viewing day for Virtual Talent Show

May 13 – Notification of Presidential Academic Awards (select 8th graders only)

May 14 – Last student zoom sessions

May 15 – Videos of Grade Level Awards presentations emailed to all families

May 18 and 19 – Student materials pick up and return

May 21 – Quarter 4 and Semester 2 grades are finalized

We will develop and communicate a process for students to pick up remaining items from lockers or classrooms and return necessary items to school. This is scheduled for May 18 and 19 - details will be forthcoming. Please understand that safety and social distancing will dictate this process.

Although zoom sessions end on the 14th of May, we have built in some extra time for students to complete any outstanding assignments before grades are finalized. Teachers will be reaching out between May 14th and 21st if your student has incomplete or missing work. Any assignments from this quarter will be accepted up until May 21st without penalty.

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. Please take care.

Deb



WOMENADE 2019-2020 BACKPACK PROGRAM

Once again, Womenade is sponsoring a backpack drive for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are a family in need, please contact Mrs. Owens at gowens@epsne.org and she will email you a form to be completed online. Applications are due by May 7, 2020.



District Reminders

TDLP Parent Resource Website

As a reminder, TDLP resources, district technology resources, and other information including all district-level parent communications and community resources can be found at <https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/elkhorntdlpparentsite/home>. Parent FAQs regarding using Zoom can also be found [here](#).

Last Student Day Information

As previously announced, the last student day of the 2019-2020 school year will be Friday, May 15, 2020. Please watch for information from your building principal regarding end-of-year materials drop off/pick up in the coming weeks.

For reference, the 2020-2021 calendar can be viewed [here](#).

2020-2021 Online Registration Reminder

For the 2020-2021 school year, EPS will again utilize an online registration system that will allow parents of K-12 students to log in and update information and complete all Back-to-School documents. As a reminder, to use this feature, parents/guardians will need to have a parent access account in PowerSchool.

If you do not already have a parent access account set up, please [follow this link](#) for directions on how to create an account. However, this is a preparation step, and you will not be able to complete the online registration process until July. An email will be sent out when online registration becomes available.

If you have an account created for your 4th-12th grade student(s) but need to add younger students, please follow this link for directions on adding additional children: <https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance setting up your account, please contact your building secretary.

Coming Soon - ClassLink Parent Portal

Starting May 4th, 2020, parents will be able to sign up and log into the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal (<https://parents.classlink.com/elkhorn>). As you may know, ClassLink is a single-sign-on platform allowing users to input their credentials (username and password) for applications, one time, for easier access.

The purpose and intent of the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal is to ease parent access during the online registration form submission process and throughout the school year. Once parents log in to the ClassLink Parent Portal, they will see the three main applications used during the back to school process: 1 - PowerSchool Parent Portal, 2 - rSchool (Athletic Registration Account Login), and 3 - School Payment Portal - Parents.

Parents will need to have their credentials available for these three applications once they sign into the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal. If you do not remember the login information for the three main back to school applications, we suggest you go to the following websites and click on their "Forgot Username or Password?" links:

- <https://elkhorn.nebps.org/public/home.html>
- <https://elkhornps-ar.rschoolday.com/oar/> (SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY)
- <https://schoolpaymentportal.com/ConsumerLogin.aspx>

A district communication will be sent on May 4th detailing how parents can log into ClassLink and set up these three applications for use with online registration and beyond. **We highly recommend setting up the ClassLink Parent Portal in May or June to allow for easier access to critical school-related resources.**



Womenade of Elkhorn

Backpack Request Form

2020-2021 School Year



INSTRUCTIONS: Please print clearly. List all children attending Elkhorn Public Schools, grades K-12. We need *complete address including city and ZIP Code* and telephone number(s). If more than 4 children in household, please complete additional form.

Family Information

Parents' Names		
Complete Address (Including City & ZIP Code)		
Telephone Number(s)		

Child #1

First & Last Name		
School Attending		
Grade for 2020-2021		Circle One M or F

Child #2

First & Last Name		
School Attending		
Grade for 2020-2021		Circle One M or F

Child #3

First & Last Name		
School Attending		
Grade for 2020-2021		Circle One M or F

Child #4

First & Last Name		
School Attending		
Grade for 2020-2021		Circle One M or F



GOLF FORE GRANTS

Spring has officially arrived and summer is just around the corner! If you're like us, you're ready to get out of the house and enjoy some fun in the sun with your coworkers, family, and friends. As a friend of the Foundation, we invite you to spend the day with us socializing and networking over golf, games, food, and refreshments at our [21st annual Golf Fore Grants event](#) on June 1st at Champions Run Golf Course.

GOLF FORE GRANTS
JUNE 1ST, 2020
COVID-19 BACKUP DATE: JULY 6TH

Looking for a great way to show your support for Elkhorn Public Schools? Become a 2020 Golf Fore Grants sponsor!

Golf Fore Grants directly benefits our [Grant A Wish Program](#) which provides additional funding for Elkhorn's kindergarten through high school classrooms.

While we understand that this can be a tough time for giving due to COVID-19, we'd like to stress the importance of our Grant A Wish Program. These grants help our schools purchase and fund additional items and programming such as science & robotics equipment, library books, Clear Touch Technology, and middle school play productions.

This spring we were able to approve **\$160,000** in grants for Elkhorn Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year, which would not have been possible without Foundation events like Golf Fore Grants!

We have a variety of 2020 Golf Fore Grants sponsorship opportunities still available. Many of these sponsorships include branded signage that will be displayed at the event as well as special perks like eagle card packages and extra beverage tickets. Sponsorship details and the event schedule can be found below. Golf sponsorships and individual/ foursome registrations may be purchased through our [Donor Perfect website](#).

Please note that if health directives due to COVID-19 persist past June, we will move the event date to July 6th, 2020 at the same time and location.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting Elkhorn Public Schools. If you have any questions regarding event sponsorships or golf registration, please feel free to reach out by phone or email. We appreciate your generosity and we can't wait to see you on the golf course this summer!

Sincerely,
Stacey L. Falk
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Sponsorship Opportunities Available:

Dinner Benefactor \$5,000

- Logo on our website & program
- Logo on 3' x 6' vinyl sign placed on course
- Verbal recognition and branded retractable sign displayed at dinner reception
- Paid foursome, 4 eagle card packages, 8 beverage coupons, & 4 additional raffle tickets

Lunch Benefactor \$1,500

- Logo on our website & program
- Logo on 3' x 6' vinyl sign placed on course
- 4 eagle card packages, 4 beverage coupons, & 4 additional raffle tickets

Poker Sponsor \$500

- Logo on our website & program
- Logo on 3' x 6' vinyl sign placed on course
- Logo on poker scoring table
- 4 beverage coupons

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$250

- Logo on our website & program
- Logo on beverage cart

Hole Sponsor \$150

- Logo on our website & program
- Logo on course signage at one hole

Purchase Sponsorship

Golf Registration Includes:

- 18-Hole Golf Round
- Grill-Out Lunch
- Rib-Eye Dinner Buffet
- Flag & Tournament Prizes
- On-Course Games, Mulligans, Raffle Tickets, & Eagle Card Packages will also be available for an additional cost/donation

Register Now



Event Schedule:

Registration & Lunch - 11:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start - 12:00 p.m.

Dinner & Reception - 6:30 p.m.

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes student achievement and the unity of our community and its public schools by encouraging, supporting, and recognizing excellence in innovative education, quality school programs, and civic involvement. We offer scholarships, classroom grants, before & after school care, teacher tuition reimbursement, and more.

To learn more about our organization, our efforts, and our upcoming events, please follow us on social media or visit our website at elkhornfoundation.org.