

# Elkhorn Ridge Middle School

## Monthly Newsletter - September

### Welcome Back to School

I would like to take a moment to say that our first few weeks of school have been wonderful. Our students and staff at ERMS hit the ground running, and we are all looking forward to a great year. Throughout the school year our focus as a school will be on high levels of learning for all students. With this goal in mind we will continually focus on meeting the needs of every one of our students in the building. This will be accomplished through supports, interventions, conversations, and collaboration amongst our staff to problem solve on how we can help our students make tremendous growth not only academically but socially and behaviorally as well.

The monthly newsletter this year will take on a different look because I will be providing weekly updates through a website I have created that will be shared with you each week. My hope is that the weekly updates and monthly newsletter will keep you well informed with all the things that are taking place in our school.

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### School Picture Retake Day

School picture retakes are scheduled for Friday, September 20. If your student(s) did not have their take during our Back to School 101 night, this will be their opportunity to have it done. For students that would like to have their picture retaken, this date is also an option. As the date approaches, more information will be provided. However, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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### Student Led Conferences

Student led conferences will take place from 4:30pm to 8:30pm on both September 24 and 25 this year. During student led conferences, students and parents meet with teachers as a team to celebrate gains or to discuss any areas of concern. The days leading up to these conferences consists of teachers and students working together to create a "portfolio" that students will show parents before they conference with teachers. Please remember to sign up for a time slot on either September 24 and 25.

6th grade - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45abaa292-fall18>

7th Grade - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45abaa292-fall19>

8th Grade: - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d45abaa292-fall20>



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### MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing

For the next two weeks, students at ERMS will be participating in MAP testing. This is an adaptive, computerized test that is given to student 2 to 3 times a year in the areas of Reading, Math, Language Arts, and Science. These assessments are used to measure and monitor student progress throughout the school year. Our staff uses the assessment data to make plans, create goals, and progress monitor our students. What's nice about this system is that it's the same software that is used for state testing. This makes it very familiar and comfortable to students each time they are in a testing session. Students will be given their personal MAP scores to show during student led conferences on September 24 and 25.

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### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM



#### FALL COLLECTION DRIVE

It's time to turn in your Box Tops, ERMS! Our Box Tops collection drive will be held **September 9 – 20**.

Ask your student to deliver Box Tops to the collection box located in the school office. Be sure the Box Tops are in a baggie or envelope labeled with the STUDENT'S NAME and GRADE. For each group of 10 Box Tops that a student submits, he or she will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card. This is an easy way to support ERMS!



#### BOX TOPS ARE GOING DIGITAL

After years of clipping traditional Box Tops, you can now use your smartphone to earn cash for ERMS. Participating brands are changing their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online.



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### PARENT BOOSTER CLUB

The 2019-2020 Booster Club would like to welcome everyone back to ERMS for another great school year! The ERMS Booster Club is open to all middle school parents and meets once a month to discuss programs and answer questions you may have. Parent involvement contributes to the success of our children's education. Thank you to Jennifer Wilson for setting up our directory, Andrea Oster for coordinating the school apparel store, and to all of the volunteers that helped make the ERMS Back to School 101 a success! Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room off of the office. We encourage you to get involved with the ERMS Booster Club! Monthly meetings are a great way to know what's going on at ERMS. All meetings are in the conference room. Please join us!

### 2019-20 ERMS Booster Meeting Dates:

September 10, 2019 at 1:30

October 8, 2019 at 1:30

November 12, 2019 at 1:30

**\*December no meeting**

January 14, 2020 at 1:30

February 11, 2020 at 1:30

March 10, 2020 at 1:30

April 14, 2020 at 1:30

May 12, 2020 at 1:30

### FUNDRAISER

ERMS has one major fundraiser during the year. We will **NOT** be asking the kids to sell anything to relatives and neighbors. Also, 100% of the money you donate will stay at ERMS and will support teacher requests and booster club projects. Please look for more information coming home with students in September.

Respectfully,  
Camas Lubberstedt  
Booster Club President



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### **HYVEE CASH FOR STUDENTS**

Each year, ERMS participates in the **Hy-Vee "Cash for Students"** program. With this program, Elkhorn Ridge Middle School earns \$1 for every \$200 spent.

Here's how it works:

#### **Shop at any HyVee Store**

Keep your receipts (Grocery, Restaurant, Pharmacy and Gas)

Drop your receipt in the designated ERMS box near the exit doors at the HyVee located at 178th and Pacific **OR** send receipts to school with your student to give to their HomeTeam teacher.

A few notes.....

Please make sure receipts are dated between **September 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019**

Anyone can submit their receipts to our school - please encourage friends, family and neighbors to drop their receipts in the ERMS box

On-line shopping receipts count, too! Please print and submit!

Even small receipts add up...please submit them all!!!

**Last year we raised just over \$900 with this program!**

Thanks for your support of our school!

Questions? Contact Jen Athy at 402-250-1565



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### Join “Destination ImagiNation!” (DI)

DI is a world-wide, fun and creative problem solving competition in which students are able to work together in small teams of 4-7 students. Over the next several months, students will choose one of six DI challenges, interpret that challenge, and solve it using critical thinking skills and creativity. Some of the challenges include the construction of technical devices. Other challenges are more fine arts and theater-based. Each team will have the opportunity to solve their problem the way that they interpret it.

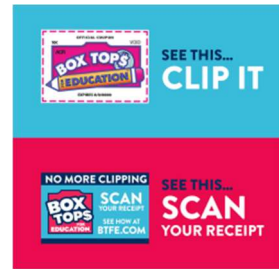
Regionals, the first competition, will be held in early March 2020 (date and location to be announced soon). The State competition will be held in Kearney at UNK on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Globals is now in Kansas City and will be held in late May 2020.

Each team needs a parent Team Manager to help the students manage their time and solutions. Being a DI team manager is a great way to get involved and watch how kids can solve multi-level challenges using their talents and creativity. Meetings will be outside of the school day and will be held at ERMS. All EPS district DI teams are required to meet in our school buildings. A “Facility Use” form is required to reserve your space and times. Team Manager training will be provided by NCAPS (Nebraska’s Creative Association for Problem Solvers) for the parent volunteers in October.

**To form a team, students should get their friends together (4-7 total), recruit a parent manager, and turn in the team roster to the ERMS front office by Friday, September 13th, 2019.** Please include full first and last names, and phone numbers of all student team members. Please turn in the Team Manager’s name, phone numbers and email address. Students who do not have a team put together can email Melinda Ghannam at [mghannam@epsne.org](mailto:mghannam@epsne.org) for assistance in finding a team to join.

Look at the DI website ([www.destinationimagination.org](http://www.destinationimagination.org)) for more information on how DI works or email Mrs. Ghannam with specific questions.





Dear ERMS Parents and Staff:

It's Box Tops for Education Collection Time. Our goal is to collect 3,200 traditional Box Tops before September 20!

Please look for traditional Box Tops on hundreds of participating items, including products you probably buy already. (For a complete list of products, visit [www.BTFE.com/products](http://www.BTFE.com/products).) Clip the traditional Box Tops and follow the instructions below. **Students can turn in Box Tops anytime between September 9 - 20.**

**EASY STEPS:**

1. Place all trimmed Box Tops into a clear plastic baggie or envelope with your student's name and grade.
2. Ask your student to deliver the Box Tops to the drop off box located in the school office.

***For each group of 10 Box Tops that a student submits, he or she will be entered into a drawing for a \$10 gift card.***

Also be sure to download the new Box Tops app to earn money for our school. Simply use your smartphone to scan your receipt when you purchase products with the new Box Tops label. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. To watch a short how-to video with simple step-by-step instructions, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh94b2BvFK4&feature=youtu.be>

If you have any questions about the Box Tops program or collection campaign, please don't hesitate to contact me at [tfarrell20@yahoo.com](mailto:tfarrell20@yahoo.com) or 402-505-8404.

Thanks for your help!

Tina Farrell  
Box Tops Coordinator, ERMS Booster Club

*Mark your calendar....*

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**Enjoy dinner at:**



**Whether you DINE-IN or CARRY-OUT,  
10% of proceeds will be donated to the  
ERMS Booster Club!!**

*Date:* Tuesday, September 17th

*Time:* 5-9 pm

*Location* Oscars Pizza & Sports Grille  
17330 Lakeside Hills Plaza

**\*\*LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE FROM  
ELKHORN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL\*\***



We hope you will join us for our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Reception on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Elkhorn Alumni Center, located in the lower level of the Foundation office building. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and assorted desserts will be served starting at 6PM with the awards ceremony beginning at 6:45PM. The event is **free** to attend, but we request that you rsvp using the button below. Seating is limited. Please make your reservation by October 11<sup>th</sup> on our website at <http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/2019halloffame/>

Elkhorn Kids Campus is hiring! Are you bright, energetic and creative? Do you like working with children? Then EKC is for you! Stop in to the foundation office for an application, or download it online at <http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/ekc/ekc-application/>. Email your completed application to [awhorlow@elkhornfoundation.org](mailto:awhorlow@elkhornfoundation.org)







# ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

IS PARTICIPATING IN THE  
CHIEFS TICKET FUNDRAISER  
FOR THE 2019 SEASON

USE PROMO CODE **EPSNE** AT THE WEBSITE BELOW

 AND \$10 OF EVERY TICKET PURCHASED WILL GO BACK TO

ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

[WWW.CHIEFS.COM/TICKETFUNDRAISER](http://WWW.CHIEFS.COM/TICKETFUNDRAISER)

**EARLY BIRD DEADLINE  
ENDS SEPT 4TH!**

2019 **5K** Walk/Run



**A CROSS COUNTRY  
RACE TO BENEFIT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
FOR ELKHORN  
YOUTH!**



**9.14 EPS FOOTBALL STADIUM 715AM REGISTRATION OPENS 8AM KIDS DASH 815AM 5K RACE**

Bring your family and come race with us! Our 3rd Annual event features a professionally timed 5K\* cross-country race and a 100 yard Kids Dash! The 5K race will take place on the Elkhorn Public Schools football campus, beginning and ending in the football stadium. The 100 yard Kids Dash will be held on the football field prior to 5K race start for kids 12 and under with awards in 2 age divisions. Awards given for 5K by 6 age categories.

\*All minors participating in the 5K must be accompanied by an adult registered for the event.

**\$15**  
100 YARD  
KIDS DASH  
(INCLUDES T-SHIRT)  
THROUGH 9.4

**\$30**  
5K  
(INCLUDES T-SHIRT)  
THROUGH 9.4

**\$25**  
100 YARD  
KIDS DASH  
(LIMITED T-SHIRT)  
9.5-RACE DAY

**\$40**  
5K  
(LIMITED T-SHIRT)  
9.5-RACE DAY

Register Online [www.elkhornfoundation.org](http://www.elkhornfoundation.org)

## REMINDERS FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE...

We want to take great care of your student, and one way to help us do that is to provide the health office with current health information.

If your student has any health needs such as Asthma, Severe Allergy, Diabetes, Seizures, etc we **must** have an *action plan* on file that is signed by the doctor and the parent. This information is very important, so we know exactly what is best to do for your student, in the event of an emergency. Please remember if your student has any medications such as an inhaler, Epi-Pen, Benedryl, etc to be used in an emergency situation, we need to have those available at school, with a signed medication authorization, so trained staff can administer.

If your student requires **any** medication while at school, this includes all prescription and/or all over-the-counter (e.g. ibuprofen, acetaminophen, cough drops, etc) ALL MEDICATION requires a medication authorization, signed by the physician and the parent. All medication must be unexpired and provided in the original store packaging or pharmacy labeled container to the health office.

Links to blank forms, or your doctor may use their preferred version.

### **Medication Authorization**

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Med-Auth-Form-Front-Only.pdf>

### **AireNebraska Asthma/Allergy Action Plan**

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/cfbaa74b1585069c3e62e082be27a34c?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

I do travel during the week to several buildings in the district, so please feel free to contact me via email [alaughlinhardick@epsne.org](mailto:alaughlinhardick@epsne.org) or leaving a message for me at your school's office, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to a great school year!



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