

Elkhorn Ridge Middle School

Monthly Newsletter - October

It seems like yesterday that school was just starting, and now we're already in October. The weather has gone from hot and sunny to rainy with a bit of a chill. I think it's safe to say that fall is here!

Student Led Conferences took place at Ridge last week (September 24 and 25), and we had a great turn out. I'd like to thank our PTO for putting together two fantastic dinners for our staff. We all appreciate it, and it was nice to have something to eat before Here are attendance percentages for Fall Conferences:

Elkhorn Ridge Fall Conferences Attendance Percentages	
Schoolwide	80%
6th Grade	93%
7th Grade	77%
8th Grade	70%

As a reminder, the end of 1st Quarter is on Friday, October 18. Students do not have school this day due to a scheduled in-service day.

Please reach out to the office if you ever have any questions. Please continue to check the ERMS weekly update website that is sent out each week. Thank you for all of your support!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB

Our first Booster Club meeting for the 2019-2020 school year was held on September 10, 2019. Thank you to everyone who attended. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

We are off to a very busy start to the school year. The 7th and 8th grade football and volleyball games and running club meets are in full swing. Please be sure to check out our new sponsor banner at the next home volleyball game. Thank you very much to our generous 2019-2020 ERMS sponsors. I also want to thank everyone who has already helped out with concessions at our home sporting events. We all enjoy having the concession stands at our events and the visiting teams appreciate it as well. Please watch your email for basketball concession volunteer requests coming out soon. We especially need parents for a short *15-minute clean-up supervision* shift. Concession stand profits are used to help fund the 8th Grade Celebration, and the bulk of the money moves on to the high school with each class to be used for their junior post prom party, so please consider volunteering even when your child is not in that sport.

I would also like to thank everyone who donated to our NO SELL fundraiser, which wrapped up on October 2nd! Thank you ERMS families! It's never too late to donate! How does the booster club use your donations? See the list of ways



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we support the students and staff on our letter: [No Sell Fundraiser Letter](#) If your family has not yet donated and would still like to, please send your donation to school with your students or pay via PayPal – [ERMS Booster Club Fundraiser 2019 Paypal](#)

Thanks to Renee Black for coordinating meals for the staff during parent teacher conferences. The teachers enjoyed wraps from Ragazzi's and sandwiches from Wheatfield's on those busy days.

Our next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 8th at 1:30 p.m.** All parents/guardians of ERMS students are welcome. The Booster Club is a great way to stay connected with the school. These meetings are designed to provide you with information and for you to ask questions about our programs. If you are not able to make any of these meetings, please call to discuss your concerns. **See you on the 8th!**

Respectfully,

Camas Lubberstedt

ERMS Booster President

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

We have a new landscaping committee to maintain our beautiful additions to the ERMS grounds. Our committee chairs, Carolyn Henry and Jodi McShannon, have requested volunteers to help weeding, replanting, and clean up. Please contact them at csHENRY@cox.net or jmcshannon@cox.net if this is an area you could give an hour or join the crew.

ELKHORN RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLINE DIRECTORY

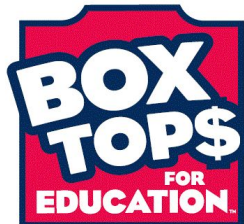
Hello Elkhorn Ridge Parents—the ERMS directory is officially online! The directory is free and accessible to all ERMS families. Access or update your online account at: <https://elkhornridgems.membershiptoolkit.com/> The mobile app links are available on the website too. And remember, this information is accessible ONLY to ERMS families. Each family has a unique login and password, to protect your information from the general public. Thanks to Jennifer Wilson for setting up the directory! If you have questions, please contact her at jwilson@mpsomaha.org. Lastly, please also be sure to check out our sponsor ads--we are grateful for their support!

-The Elkhorn Ridge Booster Club



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THANK YOU to everyone who submitted traditional Box Tops during the fall collection drive! We are currently counting the Box Tops and will be announcing the results at the upcoming Booster Club meeting. One student who submitted Box Tops will win a \$10 gift card!

Traditional Box Tops can be handed in at any time during the school year, but **we will also be doing another collection drive in February**. So keep clipping any traditional Box Tops you find because EVERY CLIP COUNTS!

You can also use your smartphone to earn cash for ERMS. Simply download the new Box Tops app and purchase participating brands. If you see the new Box Tops label, use the 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.

For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit www.BTFE.com.

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.



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A Few Notes about HyVee Cash for Students:

- 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

Notes from the Nurse...

Amy Laughlin-Hardick , RN
alaughlinhardick@epsne.org

Health screening time is coming!

On the afternoon of **Wednesday October, 30th**, we will be screening all students in 7th grade and any 6th/8th grade students who are new to Elkhorn Public Schools for: Height/Weight, Vision, Hearing, and Dental. If a potential issue is identified at the screening, an Elkhorn school nurse will rescreen, and a referral will be sent home at that time. A summary of your student's screening results will be sent home at the end of the school year.

Flu Vaccines

The CDC recommends getting a flu vaccine before flu begins spreading in your community. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against the flu, so make plans to get vaccinated early in the fall, before flu season begins. The CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>



Mark your calendar....

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy dinner and a night out at:



Whether you DINE-IN or go through the DRIVE-THRU 30% of proceeds will be donated to the ERMS Booster Club!!

Date: Tuesday, October 15th

Time: 5:00—8:00 pm

**Location: 180th & Center Location
2920 S. 180th St.**

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



District Reminders

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.

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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Hall of Fame

We hope you will join us for our 25th Annual Hall of Fame Reception on Thursday, October 24th 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 16th on our website at

<http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/2019halloffame/>

Carl L. White Educator of the Year

Michelle Hultman - Elkhorn Ridge Middle School

Golden Apple Educator of the Year

Shelby Uleman - Manchester Elementary School

Former Educator of the Year

Kim Baumert

Support Staff Member of the Year

Patty Bleich - Manchester Elementary School

Alumnus of the Year

Brad McArdle

Teammates Mentor of the Year

Tiffany Meysenburg

Community Booster of the Year

Nebraska Realty/Andy Alloway

Volunteer of the Year

Nikki Kirshenbaum



71 wishes totaling over \$140,000 were awarded to Elkhorn Public Schools classrooms through the Foundation's Classroom Grants Program this year! Please consider supporting our classroom grant

program so we can continue to grant more wishes. You can even designate your school or specific grant for your donation. See your school's grant wishes on our website at www.elkhornfoundation.org/sample-page/classroom-grants-2/. To be recognized in the program of our Hall of Fame Reception on October 24th as well as on Classroom Grant checks at each school, please submit your donation by October 11th.



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



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