



OCTOBER 2017

upcoming dates...

October 2

-PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

October 10

-Picture Re-takes

October 12

-End of First Quarter

October 13

-Teacher In-service-No School

October 16-19

-Book Fair

October 17-18

-Parent-Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal 2:06 Both Days

October 19

-Fall Fest 6 pm-8 pm

October 20

-No School

October 31

-Halloween Parade, 2:00 PM

November 8

-Health Screenings

November 9

-4th Grade Music Program 6:00

-5th Grade Music Program 7:00

November 10

-Veterans Day Program 9:00 AM

November 13

-PTO 7 pm

Principal's Note:

The beautiful days of fall are here, which means Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner! The teachers are anxious to sit down and discuss your child's growth on October 17th and 18th. If you did not get an email with Pick-A-Time information, please contact me ASAP so I can send you the instructions for signing up.

This year, our teacher in-service professional development will focus on the gradual release of responsibility components of effective instruction, which are part of Elkhorn's instructional model. Gradual release is a progression in which teachers gradually do less of the work and students gradually assume increased responsibility. This is sometimes referred to as Focused Instruction (I do it.), Guided Instruction (We do it.), Collaborative Learning (You do it together), and Independent Practice (You do it alone.).

A huge thank you goes out to all of those who helped make our Walk-A-Thon a success! We wouldn't be able to have such a wonderful school without your time, talents and financial support! It is such a blessing to be a part of such a giving and supportive community!

Deb Kautson



Please remember that students are not supervised or let into the building before 7:55 when Walking Club begins. Please do not drop your child off before 7:55 unless they are attending breakfast, working with a teacher, doing safety patrol or attending a reading/math club. We want to make sure everyone stays safe! Thanks for your help!



Halloween Celebration

On October 31st, students will have the opportunity to walk in a parade to show their costumes. This will begin at 2:00 and will take place along the sidewalk around the school and both blacktops. Families are welcome to watch the parade and line up alongside the parade route. After the parade, the students will go back to their classrooms for some Halloween fun! Our parents will be planning the K-4 parties and the 5th graders are planning their own party!

Here are a few guidelines:

- Students will put on their costumes at 1:45. Parents can assist. Please plan to check in at the office first.
- No colored paint or hairspray during the school party.
- The walk will be outside-weather permitting.
- All costumes should be fun and friendly-no gore or extremely scary masks that will scare the younger students.
- No weapons.
- Let me know if you do not want your child to participate in the costume parade and we will work out an alternate plan.
- We will be serving a treat at the Halloween party. If your child has food allergies, please contact your child's teacher so an alternate treat can be provided.

Remember to sign up

for conferences at

Pick A Time!

The window closes on

Oct. 15 at 11:59 PM



EPS Staff Directories and Email Addresses

Parents - as a reminder, please always double check the email address of any staff member you are attempting to contact, as some email addresses include a number in them. If you are not sure of the correct address, you can find all addresses and email all staff members directly by clicking their name on the following "Staff Listing" page on our website:

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/fire ridge/teacher-sites/staff/>

PTO NEWS

- The next PTO meeting is Monday, November 13th at 7 PM in the media center.
- Please visit the PTO website at fireridgepto.com for more information.
- The PTO will be hosting a family night to thank the Fire Ridge community for supporting our school during the Walk-A-Thon. Plan on attending Fall Fest on October 19th, 6:00-8:00. There will be stations set up where families can carve pumpkins, enjoy s'mores and have fun on the inflatables. There will also be food available for purchase from several food trucks so take the night off from cooking!



Notes from the Nurse...

Health screening time is coming!

On Wednesday, November 8th, we will be screening all students in K-4 and 5th 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. We will be sending out at SignUp Genius for volunteers to help with the screening.

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 flu, so make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. CDC recommends that people get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible. Getting vaccinated later, however, can still be beneficial and vaccination should continue to be offered throughout the flu season, even into January or later. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>

Tech Tips – October 2017

SchoolMessenger – Are You Up to Date?

EPS uses a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents. To ensure you are receiving important messages from your school, be sure to let the office know of any changes to your email addresses or phone numbers.

YouTube – A Guide to Understanding Your Child's Video Watching

YouTube is a common video watching platform used by many youths to find content on subjects that they find interesting or enjoyable to watch. In order to have a better understanding of what your child is watching on YouTube, below is a list of questions that you can ask:

- 1) *What's trending today?* Trending videos appear on YouTube's home page and show the most recent viral videos, what's funny, and what's being shared. Knowing what's trending will give parents a better understanding of the type of content your child is being exposed to by them simply going to the YouTube home page.
- 2) *What channels do you subscribe to?* If a child is taking the time to subscribe to a specific channel, it's a guarantee that the content being shown is something of interest to them. Get involved and find out what those channels are, so you can get a better idea of what specific content your child finds interesting and why. This could turn out to be a significant subject area interest for your child and a good common ground topic for conversations.
- 3) *What's in your library?* One's YouTube library is the place where videos that the user has liked or shared are stored. This too, is a way to discover content that your child finds interesting.

What was the last video you shared? Youth share things with others only when they find them to be interesting or enjoyable, or they feel that others will enjoy them as well. Get a glimpse into what videos are catching their attention by asking this question.



TAGG FOR FIRE RIDGE WHEN YOU EAT, DRINK + SHOP!

HOW TO TAGG:

- 1 Download the free TAGG app
- 2 Visit participating businesses and submit a photo of your receipt.
- 3 Choose Fire Ridge Elementary. The business will donate (usually 5%) at no extra cost to you!



HyVee Receipts

Please turn in your HyVee receipts in the designated Fire Ridge Elementary slot at your local 180th and Pacific store. \$1 is given back for each \$200 spent up to \$2000! The program runs September 1 to December 31. **Don't forget to turn in your GAS receipts, too.



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