



January 2018

## upcoming dates...

January 4th  
-School Resumes

January 15<sup>th</sup>  
-Teacher In-service-No School

January 18th  
-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wax Museum 6:15

January 25th  
-Music Program 2<sup>nd</sup>-6 PM  
-Music Program 3<sup>rd</sup>-7 PM

January 29th  
-PTO Meeting 7 PM  
Dr. Bary Habrock Presenting

February 14-15  
-Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM  
-2:06 Early Dismissal

February 16<sup>th</sup>  
-No school

February 26th  
-2018-19 Kind. Parent Meeting 6 PM  
-PTO 7 PM

March 2nd  
-Kindergarten Round-Up 9-11 AM

March 15<sup>th</sup>  
-Spring Pictures

March 16<sup>th</sup>  
-Teacher In-service-No School

March 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>  
-Spring Break-No School

## Principal's Note:

Happy New Year! Our staff is excited to begin the second semester and watch our students continue to learn and grow! To start the 2018 year, EPS has created a twitter account for each school. Please follow us at @ElkhornPS.FR. We will be posting pictures of the students engaged in learning activities. This will give the community a glimpse into the day of a Fire Ridge Falcon. Our Facebook page will be created in the near future so watch for more information to come in February! As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Deb Knutson

## LOST AND FOUND

Are you missing any coats, hats, gloves, shoes, sweatshirts etc ?

Our lost and found is overflowing and will be taken to Open Door Mission on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Each class will be looking for missing items but parents are welcome to stop by and check it out!



## In or Out?

This is a question asked several times during the winter months. The district guideline for elementary buildings is that it should be at least 20 degrees with or without the wind-chill. At times, there are conditions that call for an exception. For example, if we have been inside for several days and the temperature with the wind-chill figured in is 19 degrees, we may go out. On the other hand, if the temperature is 25 degrees, but we have new ice that has formed due to melting and refreezing we may stay inside. Please send your children to school with hats, gloves and boots when needed!

**Attention All Kindergarten Families**  
**Fire Ridge is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2018-19 school year. Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 9 am. A parent meeting is scheduled for Feb. 26th at 6 pm in the cafeteria.**  
**NO School for Kindergarten Students**  
**On Friday, March 2nd there will be no school for kindergarteners due to Kind. Roundup. Please mark your calendars!**

## SNOW DAYS Makeup Days for Missed School Days

As we approach the winter months, it is important to note how snow days may affect the calendar. The Elkhorn Board of Education has built in two makeup days to the calendar in the event that school is canceled due to inclement weather (snow days). These days are scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

May 25<sup>th</sup> will become a vacation day if there are no more than one missed school day. May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will both become vacation days if there are no missed school days.

The first two missed days will be made up; in the event of three or more snow days the administration will reevaluate the calendar at that time.

A teacher in-service will be held on the first business day following the last student day.



## PTO NEWS

- The next PTO meeting is Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the media center. Dr. Habrock will be presenting information about the district's rapid growth and the future impact.
- The **yearbooks** can now be purchased using the following link:  
<http://www.buytheyearbook.com/fireridge> Buy Now and Save! \$20 until Jan. 31st - Feb. 1st the price increases to \$25.



The staff and students celebrated the first semester of school with a performance from the Omaha Street Percussion. For the finale, we created a blizzard using paper shreds!



Fire Ridge fifth graders have created a friendship with students from Toyochi School in Japan. Each student has a pen pal and has exchanged several letters. We also held a Skype session to meet the students along with playing games, singing songs and exchanging information about each school. Recently, the Toyochi students held a fundraiser to collect money so they could have this one of a kind doll created for our school. We received this gift in December along with a package of Origami paper for each fifth grade student.