



April 2018

Principal's Note:

Parents,

Our school benefits from a very supportive community with strong parent involvement. Because continuous improvement is a large part of our mission, we are seeking your input in order to help us ensure strong student achievement and a positive culture that enhances learning for all

Please take a few minutes prior to Monday, April 16, 2018 to follow the link and participate in our school climate survey. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school.

<https://goo.gl/4fKf5k>

Please call or email at any time if I can be assistance to your family!

Deb Knutson



We are excited to announce that Fire Ridge is officially on Twitter! Give us a follow @ElkhornPS_FR in order to stay up to date with events, news, and highlights from the classroom.

upcoming dates...

April 2nd

**-District Battle of the Books
(Held at Fire Ridge-4:00)**

April 5th

-5th Grade Symphony Field Trip

April 9th

-PTO Meeting 7PM

April 20th

-Teacher In-service-No School

April 26th

-Kind. Music Program-6:00 PM

-1st Music Program-7:00 pm

May 1st

-3rd Grade Durham Field Trip

May 7th-11th

Book Fair

May 10th

4th/5th Track and Field Day

May 11th

Carnival-6:00 PM

May 14th

5th Grade Middle School Visit

May 18th

Kdg.-3rd Field Day

May 22nd

5th Grade Celebration

May 25th

Last Day of School

11:30 AM Dismissal



Important Testing Dates

Each spring, all District students in the third, fourth, and fifth grades complete state testing which is now called the Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System (NSCAS). In addition, the district also gives MAP tests. Results from the NSCAS and MAP assessments are used to identify strengths and areas of need across the District, as well as for each individual student. It is important that your student(s) be present during these assessments in order to get an accurate snapshot of their level of mastery in relation to state standards. These results will also allow our teaching staff to guide classroom instruction based on areas of need.

Listed below are the scheduled dates for the NSCAS and MAP assessments at Fire Ridge. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments, vacations, etc.

Assessment	Third	Fourth	Fifth
NSCAS-Reading/ELA	April 17 & 18	April 17 & 18	April 17 & 18
NSCAS-Math	April 10 & 11	April 24 & 25	April 24 & 25
NSCAS-Science	NA	NA	April 19 & 26
MAP Testing	April 30-May 4	April 30-May 4	April 30-May 4

Second Grade will also be taking the MAP test April 30th-May 4th.

PTO News and Notes

- The next PTO Meeting is Monday, April 9th at 7 PM
- Thank you for the amazing Staff Appreciation Week! The food, gifts and fun was greatly appreciated!
- Mark your calendars! Fire Ridge Carnival-May 11th at 6 PM



EPS Summer Camps



Each summer Elkhorn coaches and sponsors offer a variety of sports/activity camps for students of all ages. Available camps will be posted online at elkhornweb.org/antlers and elkhornweb.org/storm starting April 1, 2018. Parents can go online to browse camps and download registration flyers. Please note: Elkhorn Public Schools only posts summer camp information for camps hosted by an EPS coach or sponsor as related to his or her duties within the school district.

Tech Tips for Building Newsletters – April 2018

Parental Controls

Did you know you are able to limit your student's access to websites, email contacts or even control the time of day and the duration in which they use the computer? By creating different user profiles and customized parental controls on your home computer you can help make sure your child is viewing age-appropriate content.

Apps Parents Should Know—Snapchat and photo saving apps

Snapchat is an app that allows users to send pictures, videos and short captions to friends 10 times faster than (mms) text messaging. The app allows the sender to determine when the message will expire (up to 10 seconds). Users have the option to send a "snap" to one person or a group of people. Once a message is viewed, it will disappear and cannot be retrieved again. However, the person receiving the 'snap' has the ability to take a screenshot of the photo and save it directly to their device. It is important to understand that even though a message may expire, there is no guarantee a photo will not be re-distributed by the receiver. Several new apps have been created to quickly save Snapchat photos before they expire. Apps like MirrorGo (Android), ScreenRecorder (iOS), and Snap Saver save photos and videos without notifying the sender. Bottom line—never assume a Snapchat picture or video is temporary or private.

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.