



May 2018

upcoming dates...

May 1st-11th

Spring MAP Testing Grades 2-5

May 7th-11th

Book Fair

May 10th

4th and 5th Track and Field Day
ESHS

May 11th

Carnival 6:00-8:00

May 14th

Middle School Tour-5th Grade

May 18th

Kind.-3rd Field Day

Kind.-1st 9-10:45

2nd-3rd 12-1:50

All school tug of war 2:00

May 22nd

5th Grade Celebration-Mahoney

May 25th

Last Day of School

11:30 AM Dismissal

Report Cards Go Home



Principal's Note:

Dear Parents-

This year has been full of success along with some "lasts" for some of our teachers. With mixed emotions, we will be celebrating the retirement of two of our teachers. Mrs. Goolsby and Mrs. Adamson combine for a total of 69 years of teaching experience. We will miss their dedication and expertise at Fire Ridge!

Life changes have also resulted in Katie Rohlfen, Lydia Nashleanas, Ashley Dabelstein and Jean Pieper leaving our school. We wish them happiness and success in their future adventures!

Our new staff members for 2018-19 include:

Kindergarten-Schylir Rowen and Makenzie Duffield

Third-Lauren Wehrle, Fourth-Katie Samson

Fifth-Debbie Wolf

We are excited to welcome these teachers to Fire Ridge!

Have a safe summer, filled with family and fun!

Deb Knutson

Are You Moving??

As we plan for the next school year, please let the office know if you have moved OR if you will be moving over the summer. (Within the Elkhorn School District or out of the Elkhorn School District.) Please contact the office (402) 289-0735 as soon as possible, so we can have the most accurate information.



Students will be having a picnic lunch on K-3 Field Day!
Sodexo will offer one choice that day:
Field Day Sack Lunch
Hotdog, carrots, apple, rice crispy treat, milk

PTO NEWS

- Fire Ridge Carnival-May 11th 6:00-8:00
- Thank you to Tina Halm, Angie Knutson, Sarah Schmid, Kelli Tierney and Ellie Grace for your time and dedication volunteering as 2017-2018 PTO officers. We appreciate all that you have done for our school and students!

Summer Activity Camps

Each summer Elkhorn coaches and sponsors offer a variety of sports/activity camps for students of all ages. Available camps are posted online at www.elkhornweb.org/ehs/activities/summercamps/ and www.elkhornweb.org/eshs/activities/summercamps/. 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.

From the Nurse...



~ Medication Pick-up ~

The school is not able to store medication over the summer. So please remember, all student medications *must be picked up by a parent/guardian*, from the health office by May 25th by the end of the day, or it will be properly disposed of.

~ Medication for the 2018-2019 school year ~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, each medication must have a Medication Authorization form (link below) signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medication, please only provide a **maximum of 30 day supply** at a time.

Link to print blank medication authorization form:

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Medication-Authorization.pdf>

Link to print blank self-carry asthma/anaphylaxis medication:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/30e77791e1e3ec0212bd429715dd787b?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. Plans must be updated annually. Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, clicking on link below, or your physician's office can use whatever form they prefer.

Link to print blank Asthma/Anaphylaxis Action Plan:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/cfbaa74b1585069c3e62e082be27a34c?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Last Day of School Information

The last day of school for EPS students for the 2017-18 school year will be Friday, May 25th; all students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

Looking ahead for important dates for next school year? The EPS calendar for 2018-2019 can be found here: <https://www.elkhornweb.org/calendar/>

Apps Parents Should Know—Apps that Encourage Outdoor Activity

With the end of the school year in sight, parents are beginning to think about new and exciting ways to keep students busy, without losing them to the constant temptation of mindless technology use. The following apps allow individuals to utilize their tech instruments, while also being recommended by Common Sense Media (www.commonsensemedia.org) for encouraging outdoor activities.

- *Plum's Photo Hunt*: this free app, sponsored by PBS, is a great way to engage elementary-aged children and their parents in outdoor activity. Users are given a list of objects and observations that can be found in nature of which to take photos. Finding things like signs of animal life, tiny things in nature, and patterns found in nature gives children a sense of adventure while learning new exploratory skills and improving their observation skills.
- *Geocaching*: Geocaching is a great family activity that inspires outdoor activity in conjunction with family time. The app gives users a list of GPS locations where others have stashed hidden treasures, and provides hints and directions on locating it. While geocaching is a great family activity, it is suggested that users always have adult supervision and is not recommended for individual use by children.

For more ideas on apps that encourage kids to get up, get out, and explore, check out <https://bit.ly/1RrdBs9>.

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.

Mark Your Calendars
2018-2019 Back-to-School Events

New Student Registration
July 30th and 31st - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
(This is only for families new to the district)

All forms will be completed online-look for the informational email coming this summer!

Back-to-School 101
Tuesday, August 7th - 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Back-to-School 101, stations include:

- Update directory form
- Buy and Order Fire Ridge apparel
- Sodexo - deposit lunch money in account • Free/Reduced lunch forms
- Lifetouch fall pictures taken - Bring your student with a smile!
- Sign up for PTO committees
- Class lists posted

It is highly encouraged that everyone participates in this event.

Monday, August 13th Open House and Curriculum Night
5:00-5:45 Meet your teacher--See your classroom

Curriculum Night -All grade levels will present during two sessions.

- Session One—5:45-6:05
- Session Two—6:10-6:30