



January 2019

upcoming dates...

Principal's Note:

The beginning of the New Year always is a natural time to reflect on our lives. I feel so blessed to be a part of a caring and dedicated school community. Thank you for the continued support for Fire Ridge staff and students during the 2018 year! We are excited to begin 2019 and watch our students continue to learn and grow!

Have you ever heard of a NOW Kid? This concept is being taught across all grade levels. When given a direction a NOW Kid does the following: Says "Yes" or "Ok," can follow the direction in 3 seconds or less, and has a calm voice and body. Ask your child to show you what it looks like to be a NOW Kid. I am sure Fire Ridge will be filled with Now Kids second semester!

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 18th.

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

January 7th

-School Resumes

January 21st

-Teacher In-service-No School

-PTO Meeting 7 PM

January 24th

-3rd Grade Wax Museum 6:15

January 31st

-Music Program 2nd-6 PM

-Music Program 3rd-7 PM

February 13th-14th

-Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM

-2:06 Early Dismissal

February 15th

-No school

February 25th

-2018-19 Kind. Parent Meeting 6 PM

March 1st

-Kindergarten Round-Up 9-11 AM

March 13th

-Spring Pictures

March 15th

-Teacher In-service-No School

March 18th-22nd

-Spring Break-No School

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 2019-20 school year. Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Friday, March 1st at 9 am. A parent meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25th at 6 pm in the cafeteria.

NO School for Kindergarten Students
On Friday, March 1st there will be no school for kindergarteners due to 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 23rd and 24th.

May 24th will become a vacation day if there are no more than one missed school day. May 23rd and 24th 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 21st at 7 PM in the media center.
- The **yearbooks** can now be purchased for \$25 using the following link:
<http://www.buytheyearbook.com/fireridge>
There is always a limited number of extra copies for sale so please don't wait!

TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS

Cyberbullying: Tips and Tricks for Kids

Cyberbullying is defined as using technology or electronics to bully an individual via the sending of intimidating messages. Given the popularity of online social media, most students have, or will, experience cyberbullying.

Below are 5 tips you can share with your child if they encounter cyberbullying:

1. Don't respond or retaliate
2. Block the bully, including phone numbers, screen names, and email addresses
3. Save the evidence
4. Report on the platform where cyberbullying is experienced, as most social sites include a "report abuse" feature
5. Tell a trusted adult

For more information on how to combat cyberbullying, visit www.common sense media.org.

Notes from the Nurse...

Thank you to our awesome health screen volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you! If your child had results that indicated a need for further evaluation, you should be receiving those referrals in the mail. Please return a copy of the completed referral, so I can update your student's health information. Thank you!

As we head into the winter months, we see an increase in cold and flu symptoms. Please keep your child home if they have a fever of 100* or greater, vomiting/diarrhea, persistent cough, unknown rashes, pink eye, or in general not feeling well. This helps your child get well faster, and helps reduce the spread of germs.

Thank you!
Amy Laughlin-Hardick