



September 2020

## upcoming dates...

### Principal's Note:

We are off to a fantastic start in the 2020-21 school year! The students have learned about the new safety procedures and have adjusted to wearing a mask, social distancing and sanitizing hands often. They also have been learning the rules and procedures of their classrooms and the school. Our school rules are Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.

We have changed our lunchtime location to the classrooms. This is to maintain stable groups and prevent mixing the students from several classrooms. At recess, each class plays in one of the four zones.

We are so thankful to see your children's faces each day! If you ever have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me!  
Deb Knutson

### **Make a difference with the Elkhorn Public Schools!**

The Elkhorn Public School District is currently hiring teacher assistant/paraprofessionals for the 2020-21 school year in our early education, elementary, and secondary settings.

EPS is seeking caring and collaborative individuals with a desire to help students achieve.

- Family friendly hours – follows the school day and calendar
  - Competitive pay (\$14.65/\$15.15)
  - Rewarding working environment

Apply at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) Employment: Support Staff Non-Certified: Teacher Assistant

Aug. 24th-Sept. 4th  
MAP testing (Kind.-5<sup>th</sup>)

September 7th– Labor Day  
No School

September 14th  
PTO Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM

September 18th  
Fire Ridge Fun Day (Walk-a-Thon)

September 21st  
Mid-quarters go home

September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Picture Day

September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Parent-teacher Conferences

September 24th  
Teacher In-service/No School

September 25<sup>th</sup>  
No School

October 19th  
PTO Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM

October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Teacher In-service/No School



## Sodexo Information

To set up your child's Sodexo lunch account or make a deposit visit...

<https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx>

When available, Sodexo menus can be found at...

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/lunch/>

## Office Reminders:

- Please call the office by 9 AM if your child is going to be absent.
- If your child is tardy for school, a parent needs to ring the doorbell and we will buzz in your child.
- If you are picking your child up early, please call the office 10-15 min. before you plan to arrive and we send out your child when you arrive.
- If your child is getting to school before 7:55 AM, there is no supervision during their wait outside. One option would be for your child to eat breakfast. Breakfast begins at 7:45 AM. At that time, students will be allowed to come in through the front doors, get a grab and go breakfast and eat it in their classroom.

## TRAFFIC REMINDERS

Please keep the following things in mind during drop off and pick up times:

- Slow down, watch for safety patrol members
- Right turn only out of front loop
- Make sure kids can buckle and unbuckle independently
- **Pull forward**
- Kids enter and exit car curbside only
- Do not walk across front loop entry
- Come to a full stop at the 4 way stop behind the crosswalk

## **No Dogs on School Grounds**

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds when school is in session. Even the most well-mannered dogs, when surrounded by little hands and loud voices of children, may react in a way that we would not expect. In addition, some of our children have pet allergies. Thank you for your help with this!

## PTO NEWS

- Our first PTO meeting will take place on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 via Zoom. We will introduce all of the committees and the volunteer opportunities available. Please see the link below
- If you are interested in volunteering, go to [www.fireridgepto.com](http://www.fireridgepto.com)



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# District Reminders

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## ONLINE CALENDARS INFORMATION

EPS provides several different ways for parents to stay connected throughout the school year! Stay in-the-know on upcoming events by subscribing to both District and individual building calendars found at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/calendar/>.

## EPS PHOTO PERMISSION EXPLANATION

As part of the annual online registration process, all EPS students must elect their photo permission for the school year. A detailed explanation of the three options available for students to choose from is below.

- **YES:**
  - Student photo and video can be utilized by the District for purposes deemed appropriate under FERPA in print, digitally within EPS buildings, and electronically on the web or social media
  - Student video will be shown when utilizing distance-learning platforms such as Zoom
  - Student photo and video can be shared with and featured in local media sources
- **NO:**
  - Student photo and video will not appear or be shared in any format for any purpose
  - Student photo will not be included in school yearbook
  - Student video will not be shown when utilizing distance learning platforms such as Zoom
  - Student photo and video cannot be shared with local media partners including photos for extracurricular activities and groups
- **YEARBOOK ONLY:**
  - Student photo will be featured only in the school yearbook
  - Student video will not be shown when utilizing distance learning platforms such as Zoom
  - Student photo and video will not be shared with local media partners including photos for extracurricular activities and groups

After reviewing these explanations, if you feel that the option you originally chose for your student does not accurately reflect your desired choice, please contact your building administrative assistant to update it.

*Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 50713—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*

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## PTO NEWSLETTER

### Quick note from the president

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. It certainly took quite a bit to get here!! For those at home or at school, I am confident your students are thriving and grateful to be back into some sort of routine. At least I am hopeful!! The PTO is looking at how we can adjust to the ever-changing environment we find ourselves in and how we can best support our teachers, staff and students. I hope you will join us for our first ZOOM PTO meeting. We have already been busy behind the scenes. Find out more during our first meeting. Please check out the list of committees to join. What a great time to support Fire Ridge. Our annual Fundraiser will still happen although it may look a little different this year. Information will be sent home soon.

#### PTO MISSION

*To support and enhance the education of Fire Ridge students and promote school spirit and a sense of community among all Fire Ridge students, parents and staff.*

#### *Topic: First PTO ZOOM Meeting*

*Time: Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM*

*To Join Zoom Meeting please copy and paste:*

*<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8067465815?pwd=TmtYVjlBQzIING1lcWhWMWVzVGJCU09>*

*Meeting ID: 806 746 5815*

*Passcode: 993330*

*Last April Minutes are online at fireridgepto.com*

**\*\* We want you to stay connected. Please copy and paste the link to enter or update your information, volunteer and order your FREE Fundraiser T Shirt. \*\***

**<https://fireridgeelem.membershiptoolkit.com/home>**

### YOUR PTO NEEDS YOU So Many Committees to Choose From

Book Fair	Carnival	Directory	Earning for Education
Falcon Events	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School	Holiday Gift	Hospitality
Keep Fire Ridge Beautiful	Staff Appreciation	Volunteers	Falcon Fund Day
Social Media	Yearbook	Welcome Committee	Beaker