

# NEWSLETTER

October 12, 2018



# HILLRISE

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## elementary

School Hours: 8:15-3:06  
Breakfast: 7:35-7:55  
Walking Club: 7:55-8:10  
Reading Club: 7:55-8:10

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 11:** End of First Quarter
- **October 12:** No School Teacher In Service Day
- **October 15:** Bruce Arant Book Orders Due
- **October 16:** Conferences/Report Cards
- **October 17:** Conferences/Report Cards
- **October 19:** No School
- **October 24:** Family Night Out
- **October 26:** Health Screenings

Lunch Times	
Kinder	10:45
1st	11:15
2nd	11:35
3rd	11:55
4th	12:15
5th	12:35

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## Our Mission

The mission of Hillrise Elementary is to inspire lifelong learners, to foster a belief in one's ability to succeed, to nurture respect and appreciation of self and others, and to encourage contributions to an ever-changing world.

## A Few Hillrise Notes:

### Random Act of Kindness Idea of the Week

Because our theme for the year is #BeKind, here is a weekly random act of kindness idea to share with your child. Any act of kindness no matter how big or small can make a difference. *Help make a meal for someone.*

### Student Council Fundraiser

Do you like pie? Want to get a jump start on the holiday baking? Would you like to support a good cause? Then please participate in the Sweet Returns Village Inn Pie Fundraiser!

Hillrise Student Council

**\$12**

**per gift  
card**

**Invites You to Order Your  
Village Inn Pie Gift Cards**

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> through**

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Orders due Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### PIES, PIES, and More PIES! Please Support the Hillrise Student Council

The Student Council has the opportunity to raise hundreds of dollars as part of this exciting fundraiser. The money raised will go towards buying items of need for our school.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

We are selling \$12 pie gift cards for you to take to ANY Village Inn and select a pie of your choice. Send your money to school and we will send a gift card home with your child. The gift cards do not expire!

# It's Pumpkin Decorating Time!

**Who:** Hillrise Elementary Students

**What:** A pumpkin decorating showcase sponsored by the Hillrise Student Council

**Decorate a pumpkin at home and bring it to school to show it off!** Only pumpkins that are PAINTED or DECORATED are allowed to participate. Pumpkins CAN'T be carved! Please also bring a piece of cardboard to place under your pumpkin when you bring it to school. Remember to write your name in permanent marker near the bottom of your finished pumpkin. Finally, you must turn your participation slip in WITH your pumpkin.

**When:** Monday, October 15th-Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (Conferences week)

**Where:** Decorate it at home and then bring your pumpkin, cardboard and participation form to Mrs. Kriv's office during the week of 10/15-10/17

**Why:** To have some autumn fun!

If your child would like to participate, please fill out form below. **This form needs to be turned in with the pumpkin!** By turning in this form, your child has a chance to win a \$5.00 gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday. Winners will be chosen randomly from each grade level on Wednesday morning. (Your participation form is your ticket to win.) Pumpkins will need to be taken home on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Any pumpkin not taken home on Thursday will be discarded. Please contact Mrs. Kriv at [mkrivohlavek@epsne.org](mailto:mkrivohlavek@epsne.org) or Ms. Kellams at [lkellams@epsne.org](mailto:lkellams@epsne.org) if you have any questions.

Please cut along the line and return the bottom portion to school with your pumpkin.

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## Pumpkin Participation Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\*We understand that the pumpkins MUST be decorated at home, cannot be carved, they need be taken home on Thursday, October 19, and that anyone who participates has an opportunity to win a \$5.00 gift card to the Book Fair.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

This form must be turned in WITH your pumpkin next week. Please also write your name near the bottom of your pumpkin in permanent marker.





# District Reminders

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## TEAMMATES MENTORING TO BEGIN AT EPS SCHOOLS



As Elkhorn Public Schools continues to experience significant growth throughout the District, our student population continues to diversify and the need for extra student support increases.

As a result of this growth, EPS recently made the decision to transition our current, district-run Partners in Education Mentoring Program into a chapter with the TeamMates Mentoring Program. The TeamMates program provides more structured support for the wide variety of backgrounds and interests that can be found in EPS students and brings more mentors into our program while allowing us to retain the majority of our current mentoring relationships already in place.

If you are interested in becoming a TeamMates mentor in the EPS District, please complete the online application by clicking [here](#) or contact Kara Perchal at [kperchal@epsne.org](mailto:kperchal@epsne.org) for more information.

## TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - APPS TO KNOW

*Classlink: Elkhorn Public Schools*



ClassLink is a single sign-on platform that allows students to use one username and password to access online resources already being used in the classroom, including online textbooks, Moodle courses, and more. ClassLink saves all school related passwords within the security of your ClassLink Password.

ClassLink is a safe, secure way for students to connect with applications and resources. The website does not collect or share any personal student information, which is important to us. Best of all, it is very easy to use and is a great resource for students and families.

Information about getting started with Classlink for EPS students can be found [here](#).

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*Uniting students, families, educators, and the community to ensure a challenging and enriching academic environment that inspires students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.*

# SPECIAL EVENT

An Author/Illustrator  
Is Coming To  
Your School!

DATE OF EVENT

November 2nd, 2018

Author/illustrator, Bruce Arant will be visiting our school to speak to our students. He wrote and illustrated *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go To Sleep!* (2013 Peter Pauper Press) as well as that book's sequel, *Simpson's Sheep Just Want to Sleep!* (2017 Peter Pauper Press). His first Simpson's Sheep book was a 2015-2016 Golden Sower nominee. The book also won two 2014 Nebraska Book Awards, and in 2016 it was appointed to the Nebraska 150 Book List. In the first book, Farmer Simpson's sheep think of every possible excuse to stay awake at bedtime. Finally, he discovers a cozy solution that lulls his sheep right to sleep. The second book presents the opposite problem...Simpson's sheep **just want to sleep!** It's a fun, yet tender tale about the virtues of using a gentle nudge when friends won't budge.



Your child has the opportunity to purchase the book and get the author's autograph!

He/she will receive the book at school the day of the presentation.

*Although the cover price is \$16.99, you can purchase a copy for only \$15.00.*

\*If paying by check make payable to Bruce Arant.

To order a book please return this FORM and \*PAYMENT by: October 15th, 2018

Select Book(s)  Simpson's Sheep Just Want to Sleep  Simpson's Sheep Won't Go To Sleep  Both Books

Child's Name	Grade	Teacher





**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

HELP MAKE OUR  
**BOOK FAIR**  
THE BEST EVER!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

<https://tinyurl.com/HillBookFair18>

Kim Kiser [kmiller@epsne.org](mailto:kmiller@epsne.org) or (402)289-2602

**Dear Parents and Families:**

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about **1.8 million words** per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

Encourage your child to read books for fun by attending our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair**. Allow your child to choose the books they want to read! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

**Mark your calendar!**

Book Fair dates & times:

**October 10<sup>th</sup> 3-6 p.m.**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 3-4 p.m.**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 3-4 p.m.**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 2-7 p.m.**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 2-7 p.m.**

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our Online Fair at [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair). Our Online Fair is available from **October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Thank you for supporting our readers!

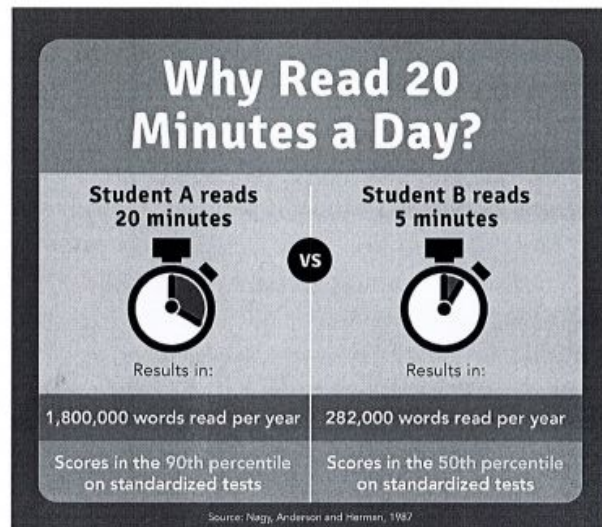
Sincerely,



Montessa Muñoz, Ed.D.

Principal

Hillrise Elementary School



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Dear Hillrise Parents,

We will be using the automated conference scheduler called Pick-A-Time for our parent/teacher conferences again. Conferences will be held Tuesday October 16 and Wednesday October 17 from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. each evening. Please see the information below on how to proceed with scheduling your child's time.

This is a first-come first-serve scheduling software. The online scheduler will open up at 10:00 a.m. on Monday October 1, 2018 and close at 11:50 p.m. on Sunday October 14, 2018. As a result, the sooner you register the more likely you are to get your preferred time. Once you begin the process, if you have questions please feel free to contact the office at (402-289-2602) or via email [sjoiner@epsne.org](mailto:sjoiner@epsne.org)

### **Pick-A-Time 2018 Conference Scheduling Directions for Parents**

The online scheduler will open at 10:00am on Monday October 1st, and will close at 11:50 p.m. on Sunday, October 14th. WEB ADDRESS: <https://tinyurl.com/HRfall2018>

#### **Already Registered**

If you were at Hillrise in the fall, you will not need to re-register to set up conferences with your children. Use the same email and password that you used in October.

#### **Register (New to Hillrise)**

1. Enter your email address and push "Login/Create Account". 2. Fill in the required fields and register. 3. Where it asks for Student ID, enter your child's first and last name. Use their legal name (Example: John Smith). Next, enter the student's birthday (Example: 12/15/2005).

#### **Scheduling**

1. Each colored square represents an available meeting time. The legend/key shows you what each color means. Click on a square to book that time. 2. As an option, you have the choice of setting a time when you would like a reminder email delivered. 3. Click "Create Appointment" to finalize. 4. You cannot create back to back appointments unless your children have the same classroom teacher.

**Repeat until you have a time scheduled for each of your children. Logout when finished.**

#### **Notes**

- At any time, you can click on "printable schedule" and print the resulting web page to get a hard copy of your schedule. You will also have the option to email your schedule to yourself.
- Click on "Your Schedule" to display and hide your appointments. There will be links to change the time or cancel the appointment.
- If you need to make changes after October 14th, you will need to contact Sandi Joiner in the office at 402-289-2602.



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Introducing...

# Mystery Musician

## What is it?

This year, we are implementing "Mystery Musician" in music. Parents/Guardians of students at Hillrise can sign up to perform for their student's class during music as a "Mystery Musician".

## How does it work?

Performers will be escorted into the music room and hidden behind a small curtain for their performance. After they are finished, we will solve the mystery and meet the fabulous musician!

## What can I perform?

The performance can consist of anything and everything musical. Feel free to play instruments from the piano to a harmonica and sing anything from Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star to Surfin U.S.A.

## Why should I get involved?

Our goal is to promote the idea that **music is forever**, and that it can mean something different to each and every person.

Please contact Ms. Allie Dirks at [adirks@epsne.org](mailto:adirks@epsne.org) with any questions, and to sign up! Thank you for supporting music at Hillrise Elementary. We can't wait to hear you perform!

## Musician of the Month -September Recipients-

### 1st Grade:

Willson: Lila D.  
Lewis: Cal S.  
Stephenson: Claire P.  
Wapelhorst: Ryan T.

### 3rd Grade:

Breazeale: Quade C.  
Kellams: Brooklynn C.  
Moore: Madelyn R.

### 5th Grade:

McGee: Kate L.  
Krontz: Keaton E.  
Mehlmann: Gage P.

### 2nd Grade:

Tindall: Harrison G.  
Gaston: Everly N.  
Fisher: Rama A.

### 4th Grade:

Thomas: Derek K.  
Krivohlavek: Evaughn S.  
Roberts: Madison O.

## Musician of the Month -August Recipients-

### 1st Grade:

Willson: Brynn B.  
Lewis: Brogan B.  
Stephenson: Harper K.  
Wapelhorst: Ella J.

### 3rd Grade:

Breazeale: Cainen D.  
Kellams: Drew M.  
Moore: Paityn G.

### 5th Grade:

McGee: Ava U.  
Krontz: Anna S.  
Mehlmann: Nina H.

### 2nd Grade:

Tindall: Jacobi K.  
Gaston: Andrew E.  
Fisher: Payton W.

### 4th Grade:

Thomas: Jocelyn H.  
Krivohlavek: Ethan D.  
Roberts: Corbin D.

## **PTO NEWS**

The Hillrise PTO understands how hard our teachers and staff work to make sure that we all have a chance to hear about our students performance at fall conferences. We would like to help them out in their long day by providing a catered meal from TNT Walking Taco. Please take a look to help donate or lend a hand for set up or clean up. We have chosen once again to have monetary donations available along with a few grocery type items and desserts. Please have all monetary donations to the school no later than Oct. 15th and grocery items/desserts by Oct. 16th. Please make sure that all donations are clearly marked for PTO conference meal. Thank you in advance for your support of our staff.

Please click on the link below for donation information:

[2018 Hillrise PTO Conference Meal Sign Up for Oct. 16th](#)



A new, easy way to  
SHOP • DINE • DONATE!

# Baker's

## Community Rewards

1. If you haven't already, visit the Customer Service desk at Baker's and sign-up for a Baker's Plus Shopper's Card.
2. Create an online account for your Plus Card at [www.bakersplus.com](http://www.bakersplus.com).
3. Once you've created your online account, enroll your card in the Community Rewards program at <https://www.bakersplus.com/CommunityRewards> and select "Hillrise Elementary PTO" as your organization.
4. Swipe your card, or provide the phone number linked to your account, every time you shop and your purchases will go toward supporting Hillrise.

Every year, the parent corporation of Baker's donates \$2 million to designated local non-profits. Your purchases count toward our PTO's percentage of that donation. The more you shop, the higher our percentage of the \$2 million.

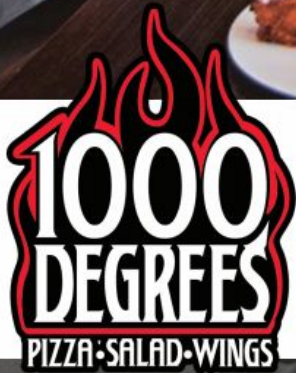
*\* The program runs on the calendar year, so you must re-enroll every January.*



# **SPIRIT NIGHT**

## **1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

### **3-8PM**



**1000 DEGREES ELKHORN**  
**1405 S. 204TH ST., STE 104**  
**OMAHA, NEBRASKA**  
**(402) 905-2628**

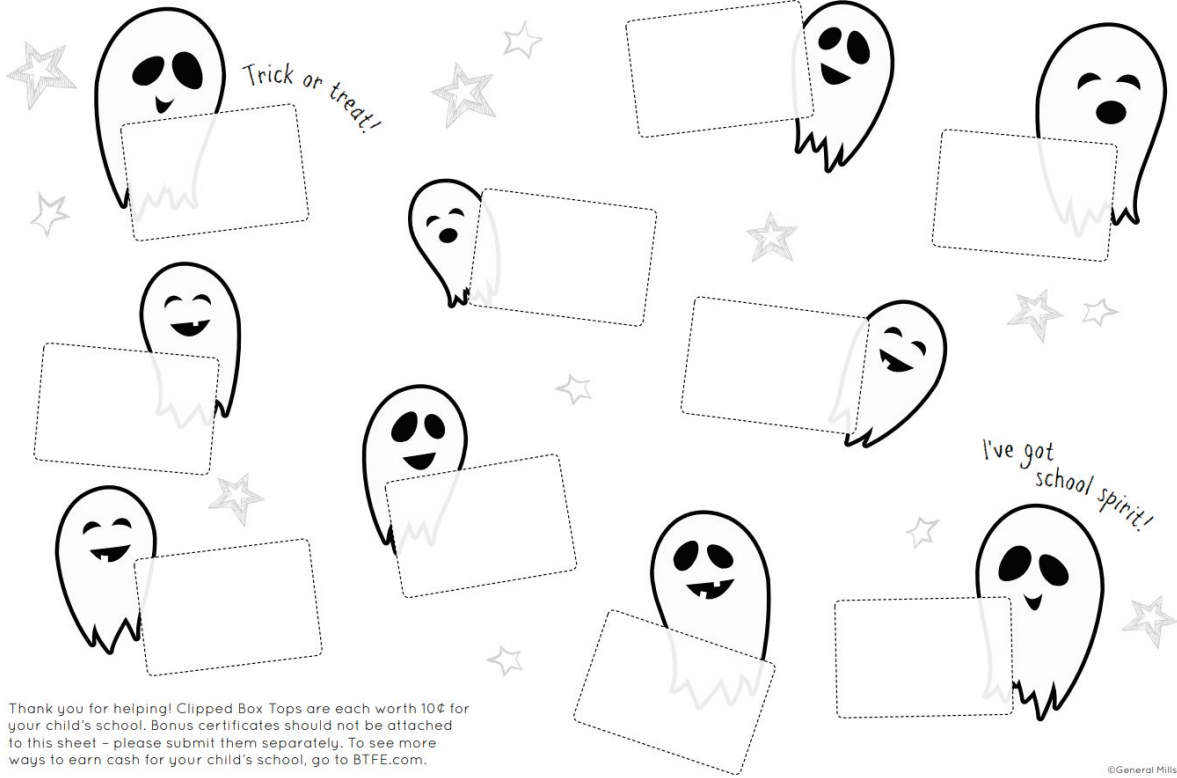
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10% OF ALL THE PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO HILLRISE  
ELEMENTARY. PLEASE COME OUT & JOIN US THE  
FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH .



# GHOULS FOR SCHOOLS!

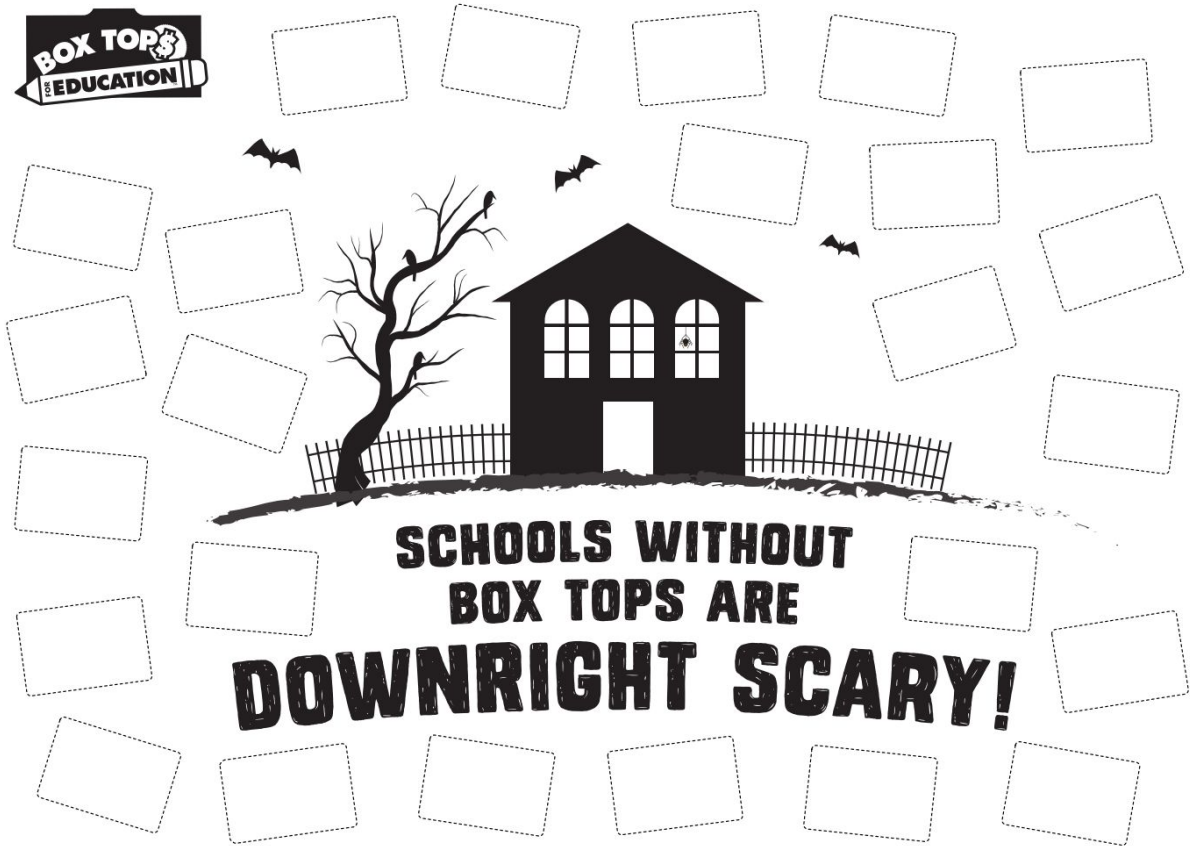
COLLECT ALL THE BOX TOPS FLOATING AROUND YOUR HOUSE!



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).

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**SCHOOLS WITHOUT  
BOX TOPS ARE  
DOWNRIGHT SCARY!**

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## It's Classroom Competition Time!

Get the kids involved and use the attached "Downright Scary" and "Ghouls for Schools" Collection Sheets to turn-in your Box Tops. The classroom with the most Box Tops collected between Oct. 8 - 18, will celebrate with a BOOGel Breakfast (that's spooky-speak for bagels) and be declared Box Top Champions!

Tips for Box Top collection:

- check expiration dates — please don't submit expired box tops;
- trim the box tops;
- submit larger box tops and bonus certificates separately in an envelope or sandwich/snack-sized bag; and,
- if you need more Collection Sheets, you can copy the attached, or download ones from [www.hillrisepto.com](http://www.hillrisepto.com), (under "Resources") or the PTO Facebook page.

**DEADLINE:** send them to school by **Thursday, Oct. 18.**

# THE HILLRISE DIRECTORY

The Hillrise Directory, provided by the Hillrise PTO, is a valuable resource for contacting fellow Hillrise parents. Whether it's to arrange a play date, plan a birthday party, or just look-up a name you forgot, it's the #1 resource for many Hillrise parents.

To date, fewer than 40% of Hillrise families have submitted their directory information to the Hillrise PTO. **If you haven't already, please take a moment to register your information on the secure Hillrise PTO [MySchoolAnywhere portal](#). Use invitation code: hillrise.**

**Registering on the Hillrise PTO portal is the only way your contact information will appear in the Hillrise Directory. You must also be registered in order to purchase access to the online Hillrise Directory.**

Registration and access to the Hillrise PTO's online store, volunteer sign-ups, and PTO email communications are FREE. You can register but select that your information NOT appear in the directory. Once you're registered, you can purchase access to the online Hillrise Directory for \$5 by visiting the online store.



**ELKHORN HILLRISE PTO**



**MySchoolAnywhere**

## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURE PTO PORTAL

The Hillrise PTO now offers easy, anywhere access to the school directory\*, online store, volunteer signups and PTO email communications\*\*. All you need to do is register!

1. Visit <http://www.join.myschoolanywhere.com>
2. Enter invitation code: **hillrise**
3. Complete the fields in the four sections, initial, and click "save."
4. The system will automatically direct you to the Online Store where you can purchase access to the Directory and other Hillrise Spirit items.
5. Meanwhile, the administrator will verify your information and, within 24 hours, send you an email with log-in credentials to access the rest of the site.

After you receive your log-in credentials, **INSTALL THE FREE APP!**

The MySchoolAnywhere app allows you to log-in and access our directory, manage your family information, purchase in our online Husky Spirit store and signup for volunteer activities, all from your phone!



\* To help the PTO offset the costs of the portal, a one-year subscription to the online directory is \$5.

\*\* PTO email distribution lists and directory contents are obtained via your registration. We do not receive contact information from the school.