Good morning! What a busy day we had yesterday with Kindergarten Round Up. We had a great turn out with 104 students registered! This is about 25 more than our typical yearly average. With this being said, we will be adding a fifth kindergarten teacher for next year. We keep growing but we will continue to be a focused family of educators and parents who are “all in” for our children. I will keep everyone updated with the changes for next year as they arise so that there are no surprises. As always, please call or email if you have any questions.

**Reading Suggestions:**

If you want to spend time with your child and also build reading skills and learn to love reading, here are some simple suggestions on how to do so.

* Read 10-15 minutes a day even if it has to be during a sibling’s sports practice or lesson.
* Take turns picking books. Your child might pick the same book over and over. When it is your turn, introduce new titles and sprinkle in a variety of nonfiction titles a s well.
* Ask your child to turn the pages, finish sentences, or fill in the words that he/she knows. Go slowly so that he/she has time to understand the story and look at the illustrations.
* Use different voices for different characters or substitute your child’s name or family names for the characters’ names.

You don’t have to be an expert reader because your child will love it when you read aloud because it’s you!!

**Traffic:**

Please go slower and take greater care in the drive, lot, and streets because of the snow. Visibility has become more difficult because of the high drifts of snow and the lanes have become more narrowed. Thank you for always taking our students’ safety as your number one priority.

**Clothing Drive:**

Attached

**Summer Enrichment Program Elkhorn Public Schools:**

For the second year, EPS will host a Summer Enrichment Program, available to students in grades 1-8 for the 2019-2020 school year. The Summer Enrichment Program will be offered in two separate week-long sessions. Session dates include: June 10-14 and July 8-12. Registration for the Summer Enrichment Program will open online on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 p.m. To view the full list of course offerings, schedule, and registration information, please visit summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org.

**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. Currently, both Apple and Android provide reporting features on the usage of a device in the form of Apple’s “Screen Time” report and Google’s “Digital Well-Being” report. Both options provide parents with an opportunity to better understand their child’s device usage, from a broad report detailing the amount of time spent on the device, down to the number of minutes spent on a specific app. In addition, both platforms also allow the ability to limit time spent on specific apps, and the ability to create downtime by setting specific times of the day where the device is unable to be used for anything other than the specific requirements you put in place. For more information, check out Common Sense Media’s breakdown of “Screen Time” and “Digital Being” by following the appropriate link below. Apple “Screen Time” report information Google “Digital Well Being” report information.

The Sagewood PTO would love your help! We are currently looking to fill several spots on the PTO board and committees for the 2019/20 school year. Please read the information on the available spots below and email Cherice Greenway, 2019/20 PTO president for more information or if you are interested in helping out next school year.

**PTO Board:**

**Vice President:** Assist President with PTO business, Assume role of President the following year.

**Secretary:** Complete minutes at each PTO meeting

**Treasurer:**Receive funds of the organization and keep record of all transactions

**Committees:**

**Cash for Education:** Coordinate, promote and track TAGG & HyVee Reciepts

**Corporate Sponsorship:**Plan & Solicit Business Sponsorships for Sagewood PTO

**Fall Fundraiser Dance:**Coordinate and Promote the Fall Fundraiser Dance

**Family Dinner Night:** Coordinate family dinner nights at local restaurants

**Spring Carnival:** Coordinate and Promote the spring carnival fundraiser.

**Social Media:** Social media postings and updates for various events

Family Dinner Night

Tuesday, March 5th at Freddy's. Dine in or Drive thru. Mention you are with Sagewood and they will donate a total percentage of your total sales back to the school.

Carnival

Do you have a high school student who needs community service hours? We will need volunteers to help run the games at carnival and we would love your students help. Email [jmpithan@gmail.com](mailto:jmpithan@gmail.com) to sign up your student.

Yearbook

Deadline to order is April 10th. Not sure if you have ordered a yearbook? You can email [sagewoodyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:sagewoodyearbook@gmail.com).

Order your yearbook online at [www.blossom-books.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/hdDZf6WNg_ZdF-PuVaiSaA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRdWFk_P0QdaHR0cDovL3d3dy5ibG9zc29tLWJvb2tzLmNvbS9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCgAAvyV3W_XYPw1SEWFteWpjNTJAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAB)Click “Order My Yearbook “ and use code 9A77965. The link is also posted on the website and the Facebook page with the **Shop Now** button.

**Box Tops:**

**Congrats to Mrs. Unrau's second grade class for winning the February Box Tops competition! Please keep the clips coming- the next class competition ends on Thursday, April 11th.**

**PTO Committee Chairs**

**Are you interested in leading a committee? We will need parent volunteers to lead open committee chairs for 2019-2020 school year. Email**[**greenwaycs@gmail.com**](mailto:greenwaycs@gmail.com)**or**[**jmpithan@gmail.com**](mailto:jmpithan@gmail.com)**for more details.**