Happy Friday and Happy early Halloween! We will be doing our parade outside today beginning at 1:45. We will walk the perimeter of the building along drive so you may line up anywhere around the building for pictures. The parties will directly follow the parade a little after 2:00. A huge thank you goes out to all of the room parents who have made this special event happen!

**Fall Reading Challenge:**

Just a friendly reminder the first month of our Fall Reading Challenge is quickly coming to an end.  Our students' goal is to read 20 minutes for 20 days during October or a total of 400 reading minutes for the month.  When completed, parents sign the back of their child's bookmark and return it to school.  Students will then get a Book Buck to be entered into a drawing for a snack and read aloud with Mrs. Peterson.  Book Bucks are due Friday, Nov. 8th. Students who complete all three months of our Fall Reading Challenge (Oct., Nov., Dec.,) will get to join in a reading celebration in January.  Questions can be directed to Mrs. Coon at acoon@epsne.org.  Keep Reading Sagewood!

**Veteran’s Day:**

Veteran’s Day is right around the corner and we would love to include your family in our Veterans Day program.  If you did this last year, no need to resend any pictures. We would like to include pictures of families that are new to Sagewood.

Here is how it works. Send a digital image to sagewoodveterans@gmail.com. In the email include the name of the Veteran and the name of the student that the Veteran is related to.  Please have all pictures to this email by November 6th. We will not accept late pictures.  Please email khamilton@epsne.org if you have any questions.  Our assembly will be on November 11th at 2:00 PM.

**CELEBRATION OF GIVING TIME:**

With the holidays looming we hope you’ll consider helping an Elkhorn family in need!  Elkhorn Elementary Schools are sponsoring a Gift Drive for families within the Elkhorn community.  Last year this project helped

serve over 80 families in our school district, and we hope to help even more this

year.

Please visit Sagewood’s office before and

after school, from NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 6,

and choose a mitten listing an item you would like to purchase.  Wrapped gifts,

with the mitten attached to the outside, should be returned to school no later

than FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th at 3PM.

Please join us in making a difference in the lives of some Elkhorn families, and in making a lasting impression on our own children!  Questions? Please contact:

Patti Curry 402-289-9078

pcurry@epsne.org

**Drop Off/Pick Up:**

Just a few reminders that I would like to reiterate of what I have been seeing lately. During drop off, please pull forward as much as possible so that we can get as many students out of cars quickly. I have witnessed vehicles stopping on the curve and letting students out which leaves a big gap of space and a long line of cars in the street. There is a reason why I have mastered the “pull forward” wave so please do not ignore it. Secondly, if you arrive to pick up your child after 3:20, he/she will be waiting for you to come and get him/her in the office. The staff will not be available to watch them outside after that time.

**PTO:**

**Cash for education:**

Big News From TAGG!
TAGG now includes all local Hy-Vee grocery stores and gas stations! They will donate 1% of your total purchase when you TAGG your purchase in the app and take a picture of the ENTIRE receipt! Even better... you can then send that receipt to school. Sagewood’s PTO will submit them for additional reimbursement!

**Bonus Family Dinner Night!!**
Don and Millie’s 162nd and Maple
Friday Oct 25th 4-9pm
20% of sales go back to the PTO when you mention Sagewood when ordering!!

**Spirit Wear:**

Don't forget to send in your spirit wear order! This will be your last chance to order any items for the 2019-2020 school year. All orders must be received by noon on Friday November 1. No late orders can be accepted. Families with oldest / only kids in the school should have received an order form, but there are extra order forms in the office if you are in need of one.