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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

It is hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of the first quarter of the 2017-18 school year. During the month of October, you will have the opportunity to attend a Parent-Teacher Conference for your child. We are excited about this, because it provides us with a chance to come together to look at the progress that each individual student is making, to celebrate the strengths, and to discuss a plan for moving forward to ensure that each student is growing, learning, and developing as much as possible socially, emotionally, and academically. We will only be able to Soar STRONG Together with a strong home-school partnership! We appreciate all that you are doing to support your child!

This year we are scheduling PT Conferences differently. We will be using an on-line conference scheduler called Pick-A-Time. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, October 17th and Wednesday, October 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each evening. Please see the handout later on in this newsletter, so you know how to proceed with scheduling your child's time. This is a first-come first-serve scheduling software. The on-line scheduler will open up at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 2, 2017 and close at 11:59p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2017. As a result, the sooner you register the more likely you are to get your preferred time. In addition, if you have more than one student, it will not allow you to schedule them back-to-back. The one exception is if you have children who have the same teacher. It will require a fifteen-minute time slot between the two conferences. This allows for travel time and for conferences that have gotten behind schedule. Once you begin the process, if you have questions please feel free to contact the office (402-637-0204) or your child's teacher.

A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone involved in making the "Celebrate Spring Ridge" Fall FUNdraiser such a big success!!!! You know it was a hit when you hear kids saying, "We should do this every Friday night!". We would not be able to do all of the things that we do at Spring Ridge without your time, talents, and financial support! We feel so richly blessed to live in such a giving community!

Laurinda Petersen
Spring Ridge Principal

2017 - 2018 School Theme:

"SOARING STRONG TOGETHER"

October - Calendar of Events

October 2 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

October 9 - Picture Re-takes

October 13 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

October 16 - 19 Book Fair

October 17-18 - Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06 PM
Report Cards are given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

October 20 - NO SCHOOL

October 25 - Health Screenings

October 31- Halloween Parade/Parties 2:00 PM

Plan to Attend Parent - Teacher Conferences October 17 and 18

Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18, Spring Ridge Elementary will be conducting parent-teacher conferences. The parent-teacher conference is a unique opportunity to gain a fresh perspective on your child's progress in school and to share your parental insights with the teacher. You will want to use this limited time to its best advantage. Sharing information about your child with his/her teacher will enable us to provide a learning program that will best meet the needs of your child. We hope that the conferences are productive and provide you with a true understanding of the progress your child is making in the classroom.

[Directions were sent home with students on Friday, September 22nd regarding how to schedule your PT Conference Time for your child through the Pick-A-Time website/tool. This same information was also sent to you via email earlier this week. In addition, you can find directions in this newsletter. If you have questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office 402-637-0204.](#)

Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTOWebsite: www.springridgepto.com

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com**2017-2018 Spring Ridge PTO Board**

President	Kati Cramer
President-Elect	Beena Burg
President-Elect	Jenny Zetterman
Treasurer	Matt Hoppe
Secretary	Katie Liekweg

Halloween Parties!

Our classroom Halloween parties are on Tuesday, October 31st. The parade will begin at 2:00 and the parties will follow. NEW THIS YEAR: head party parents do NOT need to do any planning. Games and supplies will be prepared beforehand by our PTO party committee. We will need one parent per classroom to arrive early and setup, and three more to help run the event. If you know you will be present for the parade, please consider signing up to help with games, by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e45acac2ba46-spring1>

BAKERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Bakers shoppers: We need your help!!! Login to your Baker's account online and enroll your Plus Card in the community rewards program.

www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards

Organization Name:
SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO
Organization Number: 70981

That's it! Every time you shop, Spring Ridge will receive a percentage of what you spend.

BOX TOPS

Box tops will be collected October 16th - 19th. Send them in trimmed and bundled into sets of 50 with your students. Contact Kim Scarsi at kscarsi@gmail.com to help!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thank you for coming out to Oscars! \$225.00 was donated back to Spring Ridge PTO!

Health Screening Day

October 25th, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

The entire student body will participate in health screening day. We need lots of volunteers to help make the morning run efficiently. Please sign up if you have time available. Thank you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4caea62aa57-health>

**Marcus Movie Theatre
Discount Tickets**

Movie tickets will once again be available to buy through October 16th. Purchasers get a significant discount, tickets never expire, and 15% of the profits are donated back to the PTO. Look in Friday folders for the order form, or download the form from our website at www.springridgepto.com

Classroom Volunteers

Looking to volunteer in your child's classroom?

Visit our website for signup links.

<http://www.springridgepto.com/classroom-volunteer-sign-up-links/>

Family Directory

The Directory is now updated and available at MySchoolAnywhere.com . If you are a new family, you should have received an email with password information. Existing families can use their previous login information to gain access. Any questions can be directed to Melanie Nielsen at melanienielsen5@gmail.com.

PTO Thanks You

Thanks to Melanie Nielsen for completing the directory. Also, to Melanie Hergenrader for delivering apparel to classrooms. Thank you to Chaley Chandler for our new sponsorship banner. Mandi Chaplin rocked classroom volunteer signups again this year. Finally, thank you to ALL the parents and teachers who volunteered at our Celebrate Spring Ridge Festival, especially Beena Burg, Matt Hoppe, Katie Liekweg, and Jenny Zetterman, for planning, coordinating, and making the night a success!

Check out the new PTO website at:

www.springridgepto.com

Smart Board FUNdraiser – A Recap

We have AMAZING families at Spring Ridge. Period.

From the onset of this FUNdraising campaign, we heard nothing but positive feedback from parents about wanting to help and contribute. When it comes to giving our children the best learning resources, our families rise to the occasion.

With your donations, and contributions from PTO, as well as a matching donation of \$5000 from a local family foundation, the Spring Ridge PTO will be able to purchase SIX NEW SMART BOARDS for this school year. They will be installed before Thanksgiving Break!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We hope you made it out to our Celebrate Spring Ridge Fall Festival. With the exception of long lines at the food trucks, it was a great time for teachers, students, and their families. Thank you for attending and for volunteering your time!

Spring Ridge PTO

Parent-Teacher Conference Staff Meals

Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 17th and 18th. Teachers put in two very long days, and we love supporting teachers and staff by providing meals during those days. Click on the link below to help provide food and drink!

Oct 17th: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C49ABAF2DA7FC1-conference

Oct 18th: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C49ABAF2DA7FC1-conference1



Help our school by "tagging" your purchases at great Omaha businesses. Download the app to your smartphone and TAGG away!



Looking for a **FUN**
way to get
INVOLVED?

The **CARNIVAL**
needs **YOU!**

One of our biggest fundraisers
has several positions that are
still open...

- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Games
- ◆ Eagle Salon

Please contact Tiffany Stanton for
more information:

SpringRidgeCarnival@gmail.com

402-689-7434



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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INSIDE THE CLASSROOM Guidance Lessons

Kindergarten and first grade students will learn to identify and express feelings appropriately. The very start of November, students will be learning how to make and keep friends.

Second grade students will use strategies to recognize and express feelings appropriately. They also will work on friendship skills.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students will identify feelings and learn successful strategies to cope with stress and solving conflicts. This will lead us into discussing responsible relationships and our Steps to Respect, A Bullying Prevention Program.

Our new curriculum has a Home Link piece that will be sent home for you to practice the skills they are learning in guidance. Reading over this will help you know what is expected of them at school.



Are You Ready For Parent-Teacher Conferences?

Attending conferences is an important way to learn about your child's progress. Here are answers to question you might have.

What can I expect? You child's teacher will go over their report card. You will learn how they are doing in each subject. You will also hear about their behavior and social skills.

What questions should I ask? Find out what you can do at home to help your child. If they are struggling in any area, ask how to help and follow-up with their teacher regarding concerns.

What should I tell my child? Stress the importance of everyone working together to help support him/her. Share all the positive first and then talk about concerns. Setting daily goals helps children turn those needs into strengths.

Stef McAlpin
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Pick a Time-Conference Scheduling Directions for Parents Oct. 2017

Follow the directions below to get to the Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler.

Web address: <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11612805&event=312122>

Sign In

If you've previously registered, all you need to do is enter your email address and password. The system will know about your appointments and the children you have added to your account.

Register (new users)

1. Enter your email address and push "Login/Create Account".
2. Fill in the required fields and register.
3. **For each child, enter your child's first and last name.**
(example: JohnSmith) and birth date (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.

Repeat until you have a time for each of your children.

*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.

*You have the ability to change your conference time through October 15th. You will need to log in with the email address and password you used to create your account. If you need to make a change after October 15th, you will need to contact the office at 402-637-0204.

*Click on "**Your Schedule**" to display and hide your appointments. There will be links to change the time or cancel the appointment.

Please Note: Specialists are also available for conferences during these times. Please feel free to stop in and visit with them during the conference days and times.

Author Visit

On Friday, November 10 author and illustrator Kevin O'Malley will be visiting Spring Ridge. Mr. O'Malley has written many picture books. He adapts his talks to students to focus in on each age group. He begins by explaining how he got his start drawing and writing children's books. Then, re-tells a fairy tale or folktale as a group with the students, and draws this story out on oversized paper. We are so excited to hear how he will make us laugh, all while giving us great information on what good authors do. It is an amazing opportunity for us to be able to show our students a firsthand experience, along with the fun and hard work that goes into being a published author. A big thank you goes out to our Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation for making it possible!

Tech Tips

SchoolMessenger – Are You Up to Date?

EPS uses a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents. To ensure you are receiving important messages from your school, be sure to let the office know of any changes to your email addresses or phone numbers.

YouTube – A Guide to Understanding Your Child's Video Watching

YouTube is a common video watching platform used by many youths to find content on subjects that they find interesting or enjoyable to watch. In order to have a better understanding of what your child is watching on YouTube, below is a list of questions that you can ask:

1. *What's trending today?* Trending videos appear on YouTube's home page and show the most recent viral videos, what's funny, and what's being shared. Knowing what's trending will give parents a better understanding of the type of content your child is being exposed to by them simply going to the YouTube home page.
2. *What channels do you subscribe to?* If a child is taking the time to subscribe to a specific channel, it's a guarantee that the content being shown is something of interest to them. Get involved and find out what those channels are, so you can get a better idea of what specific content your child finds interesting and why. This could turn out to be a significant subject area interest for your child and a good common ground topic for conversations.
3. *What's in your library?* One's YouTube library is the place where videos that the user has liked or shared are stored. This too, is a way to discover content that your child finds interesting.
4. *What was the last video you shared?* Youth share things with others only when they find them to be interesting or enjoyable, or they feel that others will enjoy them as well. Get a glimpse into what videos are catching their attention by asking this question.

1ST
ANNUAL

5K RUN & SATURDAY STROLL



A CROSS COUNTRY RACE TO BENEFIT SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR ELKHORN YOUTH

Bring your family and come race with us! We are offering a professionally timed 5k cross-country race and a Saturday Stroll with a 100 yard Kids Dash! The 5k race will take place on the EHS Campus, beginning and ending in the football stadium. All minors participating in the 5K must be accompanied by an adult registered for the event. Saturday Strollers is an option for our parents with young kids who just want to stroll some laps around the track while other family members race! We will also hold a 100 yard Kids' Dash on the football field (12 years and under). Awards given for 5K by category.



A PARTNERSHIP AIDING
ELKHORN SOCCER CLUB'S
TOPSOCCER PROGRAM
AND EPSF'S CLASSROOM
GRANTS PROGRAM FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION IN THE
ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT

SAT. OCT 21, 2017
Elkhorn High School Football Stadium
Registration: 7:00 AM
Start Time: 8:00 AM

PRE-REGISTRATION

Deadline: OCTOBER 7
5k: \$30 Fee w/T-shirt
Saturday Stroll or Kids Dash (12&U): \$15 Fee w/T-shirt

DAY OF EVENT:

5k: \$40 Fee
Saturday Stroll & Kids Dash: \$20 Fee

For More Info or to Register Online, visit:
www.elkhornsoccer.org or www.elkhornfoundation.org

It's Spooky Time!



The Halloween parade will be held on **Tuesday, October 31 at 2:00 PM.** Remember: no face make-up, hair dye/spray or toy weapons will be permitted as part of the costumes.

Book Fair

Calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls to Saddle Up and READ! Join us for a rootin' tootin' ole time at the school book fair October 16th-19th. If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair please click on the link below. Volunteers will receive a \$5 book fair credit from Mrs. Omo, one per family only. Book previews will be sent home soon!

The book fair will be open

Monday, October 16 3:00-4:00

Tuesday, October 17: 2:00-7:00 (during conferences)

Wednesday, October 18: 2:00-7:00 (during conferences)

Thursday, October 19 3:00-4:00

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094BA4A72BA4FC1-book>



Be A "Partner in Education" at Spring Ridge Elementary!

Elkhorn Public Schools "Partners in Education" mentoring program is seeking adult volunteers to mentor Spring Ridge students. Mentors are asked to volunteer for at least 30 minutes each week, and may indicate preferred grade levels and times. Orientation will be provided, and a building facilitator will be available to answer questions. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact mentoring facilitator, Mrs. McAlpin at 402-637-0204 or swendell-mcalpin@epsne.org.

PTO MEETING

(Free childcare for all ages!)

Join us on **Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.** for the Spring Ridge PTO meeting. Meetings are held in the school library.

Check out the PTO website at:

springridgepto.com



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