



Spring Ridge Review

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Elkhorn, Nebraska



Newsletter

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2017-18 School Theme:

**"SOARING STRONG
TOGETHER"**

A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families!

Many thanks to the PTO and parents for providing meals during parent-teacher conferences. The food was absolutely delicious! I enjoyed seeing so many of you during conferences. Your support is greatly appreciated. There is a strong connection between parent involvement and your child's success at school. We look forward to continued communication with you throughout the year!

As Thanksgiving draws near, it is an ideal time to remind ourselves and our children of all the blessings we share. The Spring Ridge staff and I are truly grateful to the Spring Ridge parents and community for their continued support and generosity. You are always there when we need you volunteering in the classroom, helping at a class party, assisting with a fundraiser or helping in the workroom; you see the need and you are there as TOGETHER we help our children learn and grow. Thanks for all that you do! We wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Laurinda Petersen
Spring Ridge Principal

November Events

November 2 - 4th Grade Music Program, 6:00 PM /
5th Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM

November 6 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

November 10 - Author Visit – Kevin O'Malley

November 13 – Spring Ridge Family Event
@ Urban Air from 4-8 PM

November 15 - Mid Quarter Reports Go Home

November 23 - 24 NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

Weather Reminders

School closings will be announced on radio station KFAB (1110) and TV stations. Elkhorn families will also receive an announcement via School Messenger, the automated telephone announcement service. When it begins snowing during the day, we receive numerous phone calls asking if parents can pick up their children. Our answer is that it is a parent's choice to come pick up their children in case of inclement weather.

Cool weather is headed our way! Coats, hats, and mittens will be needed most days for Walking Club and recess. It is helpful if you can put your child's name in coats. We can easily return items to your child if there is a name on the tag.

Lost & Found



Please visit our Lost and Found for items that are missing. Our Lost and Found is growing at a very fast pace. All unclaimed items will be donated during winter break.

EPS Staff Directories and Email Addresses

Parents - as a reminder, please always double check the email address of any staff member you are attempting to contact, as some email addresses include a number in them. If you are not sure of the correct address, you can find all addresses and email all staff members directly by clicking their name on the following "Staff Listing" page on our website:

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/springridge/teacher-sites/staff/>

Thoroughly Thankful

The Spring Ridge 4th and 5th Graders Proudly Present:

THOROUGHLY *Thankful*



Thursday November 2, 2017

4th Grade program at 6:00

5th Grade program at 7:00

As part of this event, we will be collecting donations for:



SIENA/FRANCIS HOUSE
HOMELESS SHELTER

www.sienafrancis.org

1702 Nicholas St.
Omaha, NE 68102

Siena/Francis House:
402.341.1821

The following is a list of items we will be collecting:

Bath Soap/Shower Gel

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Lotion

Hair Brush

Deodorant

Cough Drops

You can bring your donation the evening of the program.

Understanding Digital Citizenship

As Elkhorn Public Schools expands access to technology for instructional purposes, the district is also aware of the need to define digital citizenship and promote the importance of students being good digital citizens. In addition to providing information to students, we believe it may also be helpful to share resources with families. This brochure explains the components of digital citizenship as well as some best practices for being a good digital citizen. The following information is from Common Sense Media; to learn more, visit www.commonsensemedia.com.

Internet Safety and Privacy

Several topics are vital to ensuring full understanding of the importance of safe Internet practices:

- Identify risky online situations and explain the importance of alerting an adult immediately
- Secure all devices, both hand-held and stationary and develop high quality passwords
- Understand the dangers of downloads and how they are used as part of your digital footprint
- Identify appropriate information that can be shared. Most importantly, those using the Internet should always remember there is no such thing as total privacy online.

Digital Footprint, Communication and Reputation

Individuals utilizing the Internet and social media must understand that all online activity leaves a digital footprint in the form of information that exists about an individual as a result of their online activity. Because this information is easily linked to a specific individual, it can oftentimes be used to harm a person's reputation, even outside of the cyber world. Individuals should remember that what they are putting out there today will still be available for years to come. Being aware of this may be the difference between being hired for your dream job, and being passed over due to unflattering information that was discovered from one's use of an online platform earlier in life. For those wanting to clean up their digital footprint and move forward with creating a positive one, the following steps should be considered:

- Review all social media accounts and delete anything that you wouldn't want a future employer to access, but remember that even "deleted" posts can still turn up in searches so always think twice before posting anything; once that step is complete, turn all settings to private and monitor the settings regularly, as sites often update their settings and some things could change without your knowledge.
- Delete abandoned accounts and unsubscribe to mailing lists that might be considered undesirable or that you no longer find relevant.
- Post about topics you're passionate about and explain why you feel that way; find positive things happening around you and share those instead of today's most viral video.

Understanding Digital Citizenship

Creative Credit and Copyright

There are several ways to ensure proper credit is given and copyright is protected when using information gathered online; the most important of those being correctly citing sources, avoiding plagiarism, and always checking any images used for creator's rights.

Information Literacy

Information literacy is a term often associated with understanding the tools used to gather information and knowing where that information is coming from. Individuals utilizing the Internet for research should always be sure that the information they are collecting is accurate and reliable by verifying the credibility of any website utilized in the information collection process.

Balancing Technology Use

Parents often look for new ways to create a balance between learning and using technology appropriately, and participating in other activities that are essential to a child's development. Finding that balance between the two can be the difference between a healthy relationship and an unhealthy reliance. Several strategies exist to ensure that a healthy relationship with technology is built beginning with the early stages of use. The following information is from research done by Michigan State University Extension; to learn more, visit <https://goo.gl/bMC2a3>.

Understand Your Pattern of Use and Create Boundaries

Most people don't realize the amount of time they spend using technology unless it is pointed out to them. Take an inventory of your family's use and understand when, why, and how you're using technology. Is all of it necessary? Are you and/or your family benefiting from that time spent with technology? Understanding your pattern of use is the first step in creating boundaries that both you and your family can stick to.

Be Intentional in Determining Downtime

Being constantly connected can hinder active learning, as one becomes passive in taking in new information because he or she is constantly "learning" new things. Taking a step away from technology and the absorption of information allows one's brain a needed break and creates an active learning environment. By being intentional in determining technology downtime, you are giving your brain that break to be able to focus on other things.

Be the Example and Set the Expectation

Kids learn by following an example - following the same technology use rules you set for your children is the best way to show them a healthy relationship with technology. Setting usage time limits, creating intentional face-to-face opportunities, and implementing device-free zones are all ways to ensure too much time isn't spent on technology for entertainment purposes.

ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2018-2019

Kindergarten Roundup

Elkhorn Public Schools is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2018-2019 school year. Parents are encouraged to pre-register their students prior to Kindergarten Roundup and orientation. Children who will be five years of age on or before July 31, 2018 are eligible to attend kindergarten as stated by Nebraska State law.

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on **Friday, March 2**. Parents are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting held at their school prior to Kindergarten Roundup on **Monday, February 26** at 6:00p.m.

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten Roundup, please fill out the information below and return it to your school's main office as soon as possible. This will allow us to make arrangements for the number of students attending. If you have friends or neighbors who will have a child starting school, please share this information with them. Additional forms are available at www.elkhornweb.org OR at your school's main office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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SPRING RIDGE KDG PARENT MEETING:

Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m.

SPRING RIDGE KDG ROUNDUP

Friday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(Only one session this year.)

completed form may be emailed to mmanske@epsne.org

KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name (First Last) _____ Male Female

Attending Preschool At: _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) _____

Parent Names _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Housing Subdivision _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

**Please return this form at your earliest convenience*

2018-2019 School Year



Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO

Website: www.springridgepto.com

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

2017-2018 Spring Ridge PTO Board

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

THANK YOU!

A Big THANK YOU to all of the Committee Chairs who coordinated our October events. Megan Geissinger and Meagan Clure did an awesome job organizing all of the meal donations for our teachers during conferences. Thank you to all of the families who donated as well! Thank you to Laura Holder and Abbie Kuhr for making our Book Fair a huge success! Thanks to Kim Scarsi and her team for counting thousands of box tops! Finally, thank you to Karamie Vala for restructuring and planning all the Halloween Parties. THANK YOU to all of the parents who volunteered last month. We couldn't host successful events without your help.

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

HY-VEE RECEIPTS



Collect Hy-Vee receipts starting September 1st from ANY Hy-Vee grocery, gas station, pharmacy and the Caribou Coffee located inside the Hy-Vee at 180th & Pacific. Receipts must be dated September 1st to December 31st! Turn in the receipts at Spring Ridge or drop in the "Spring Ridge Elementary" containers at the front of Hy-Vee store (180th & Pacific) For every **\$200** spent, Hy-Vee will donate **\$1** to Spring Ridge Elementary PTO. Any Hy-Vee locations in Nebraska and Iowa receipts will work. Call Grandma and tell her to save too!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Monday, November 13th from 4-8 p.m

Join us at **Urban Air, 156th & Q Streets**, for trampoline fun! You will receive 20% off admission, and 20% will be donated back to PTO!

MARCUS THEATER TICKET SALES

THANK YOU to all of the Spring Ridge families who purchased discount Marcus Theater tickets. It was a huge success. Over \$375.00 will be donated back to Spring Ridge PTO. Enjoy your movies!!!

BOX TOPS

This Fall we raised approximately \$740! Thanks to all the families for collecting, and especially for an awesome job with trimming, checking expiry, and using the counting sheets. Special thanks to the Box Top volunteers - Beena Burg, Mandi Chaplin, McKenzie Flanagan, Kate Hebenstreit, Mark and Christine Kunz, Nicole Saalfeld, Allison Tiller, and Melissa Walsh!

The classroom winners are:

Kindergarten: Ms. Endelicato

1st: Ms. Dreier

2nd: Ms. Seyl

3rd: Ms. Larken

4th: Ms. Ketteler

5th: first time ever - an EXACT tie in one grade: Ms. Nielsen and Oatman!

Overall school winner for most box tops: Ms. Seyl's 2nd grade class!

Keep saving those Box Tops for our Spring collection drive!

Save the Date!

Spring Ridge Carnival

May 11, 2018

5-8 PM

**Food, Inflatables,
Raffle & Games**

You won't want to miss the FUN!!

**For more information please contact:
Tiffany Stanton or Allie Tiller
springridgecarnival@gmail.com**



Nothing Bundt Cakes

Nothing Bundt Cakes will be available to purchase once again for Thanksgiving! Sales run November 1-14th, with pickup on the 23rd. 20% of sales will be donated back to PTO. Look for order forms in Friday folders, or on our website at www.SpringRidgePTO.com



NOTHING bundt CAKES®

Spring Ridge Elementary
November 1st-14th

20% of any purchase will go to your school.

17830 Shadow Ridge Dr.
Omaha, NE 68130
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PTO MEETING

(Free childcare for all ages!)

Join us on **Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.** for the Spring Ridge PTO meeting. Meetings are held in the school library.

Following are some of the topics we will discuss:

- PTO Committee Information
- Winter Community Events

SAVE THE DATES

January 23, 2018

Bingo 4 Books (K-2nd)

January 30, 2018

Family Game Night (3rd-5th)

Check out the PTO website at:

springridgepto.com



Year Book

Yearbooks are available to order online at <http://www.springridgepto.com/forms/>.

Also, we need your pictures! Continue emailing your snapshots to springridgeyearbook@gmail.com

Classroom Volunteers

Sign-up links for classroom volunteer opportunities continue to be available. Please visit our website for a complete list at SpringRidgePTO.com

Email us at springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com if you are not already receiving emails, and we will be sure to update your contact information.

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