



Spring Ridge Review

Spring Ridge Elementary

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Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families!

In this season of gift giving, please accept our sincere appreciation for the gift of support you have shown Spring Ridge students and staff. We value your volunteerism with classroom and special projects, your attendance at school functions, your support for the PTO fundraisers, your presence when dropping off and picking up your children, the confidence you place in our teachers and the importance you see in the education of our children. Thank you for these gifts to us!

Please know that our focus for teaching and learning remains the same even during this busy month. We continue to focus on building reading skills through fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary building. Reserving a few minutes of pleasure reading as part of your child's nightly routine at home may be just the right amount of structure your child looks for during this busy time.

On behalf of the Spring Ridge staff, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. Enjoy this special time of the year with your family and friends.

Mrs. Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

Winter Break

School will be dismissed for the Winter Break at 3:06 p.m. on Friday, December 22 and classes will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

Recess and Walking Club

Just a reminder that students will be going outside each day for recess and walking club, weather permitting. Please make sure that your child dresses appropriately so that he or she can enjoy their time outdoors.

Please remember that school doors do not open until 7:55 AM for walking club. **Please do not drop off your children before 7:55 AM.** There is no supervision until 7:55 AM.

Calendar of Events

December

December 3 - Barnes and Noble Family Shopping Day

December 4 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

December 23 - 31 - WINTER BREAK

January

January 1 & 2 - WINTER BREAK

January 3 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

January 5 – Report Cards Go Home

January 15 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

January 23 - Bingo for Books @ SR for Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Students

January 30 - Game Night @ SR for 3rd through 5th Grade Students

Safety Patrol

Safety patrol students will be at their posts throughout the winter months except during extreme weather. We always appreciate their leadership and assistance but especially during this time of year. Please thank these school leaders when you see them!

Lost & Found



Lost & Found tables are just inside the front door of the school. Please check these tables when you are able to. It is helpful if you put your child's name in coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. We can easily return items to your child, if there is a name on the tag! All unclaimed lost and found items will be given to Goodwill over Winter Break.

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

So Thankful

Thanks to all who volunteered their time in November. Families had a wonderful time at Urban Air, thanks to Jen Shatel. Beena Burg and Jenny Zetterman coordinated Marcus Movie tickets and Nothing Bundt Cakes. Thank you for ordering! Finally, thank you for the continued help from our copy and work-room committees, who've been working weekly behind the scenes!

PTO MEETING DECEMBER 5th 7:00PM

(Free childcare for all ages!)

Following are some of the topics we'll discuss:

- Specials Teachers will share current classroom events
- January Family Event Night
- PTO funded Projects
- Committee Reports

BARNES & NOBLE SHOPPING DAY



Sunday, December 3rd

Join us at Barnes & Noble 3333 Oakview Drive for holiday shopping. Students from every class will have art displayed. Shop in store or online and (See flyer sent home in Friday Folders)

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/04/17 to 12/09/17 by entering Bookfair ID 12276630 at checkout.

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.

.HY-VEE RECEIPTS



December is the last month!! Send in your receipts anytime or drop them in the Spring Ridge box at Hy-Vee on Pacific Street. Gas, Caribou Coffee and Grocery receipts all count toward our goal. THANK YOU for all of the receipts that have already been turned in! We are hoping to meet our goal of earning \$2000 for projects at Spring Ridge.

DRAMA CLUB coming soon!

Drama Club will begin again in January. It's open to 4th and 5th Grade Spring Ridge students. Look for a signup in mid-December.

NOTHING BUNDT CAKE SALES

THANK YOU to all of the Spring Ridge families who ordered Nothing Bundt Cakes for Thanksgiving. It was a big success. Over \$2000 of sales and over \$460 will be donated back to Spring Ridge PTO to fund school projects.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Do you have some great pictures from the fall fun at Spring Ridge? Halloween parade and party pictures or the 4th and 5th grade Music Program pictures would be great!

Send them to us:

springridgeyearbook@gmail.com

We would love to include them in the 2017-2018 yearbook!!!

Congratulations to the following students who will have their art displayed at Barnes and Noble Bookstore during the Spring Ridge Family Shopping Day. Oakview Mall Location - December 3rd 2017

<p>Kindergarten</p> <p>K-Z: Becca Bennett & Colin Hurley K-E: Nolan Blanchard & Maya Zena K-P: Ladd Johnson & Ailynn Misek K-R: Jacob Kroenke & Brooklyn Olander</p>	<p>1st</p> <p>1-W: Junsoo Eun & Scarlett Keith 1-D: Kate Brammer & Xander Harris 1-M: Reagan Bloom & Grady Hausler 1-T: Megan Brennan & Hunter Held</p>
<p>2nd</p> <p>2-SL: Bode Friedmund & Hope Stadig 2-SE: Fulton Haggerty & Riley Newman & Reagan Tiller 2-SC: Layla Cotton & Luke Valasek 2-B: Hana Burkowski & Carson Rogge</p>	<p>3rd</p> <p>3-H: Caitlin Engdahl & Parker Keith 3-W: Bret Barr & Blake Chandler 3-Z: Bridget Brennan & Lincoln Hausler 3-L: Johnny Cotton & Joslyn Sutko</p>
<p>4th</p> <p>4-K: Ashley Benson & Cole Rogge 4-HA: Ryder Harrington & Meijing Wang 4-HE: Brady Klein & Mollie McKenzie 4-M: Aiden Farrell & Melanie Richardson</p>	<p>5th</p> <p>5-L: Evan Fox & Madeline Roos 5-O: Garrett Arends, Sydney Hamilton, & Pauline Lee 5-R: Rorii Finch & Gavin Williams 5-SO: Zacharey Flynn & Paige VanWagoner 5-N: Jillian Dippel & Trysten Romero</p>

BIG THANKS



Thanks to all who came out to URBAN AIR! The kids had a great time playing and exploring, and over \$200 will be donated back to PTO. THANK YOU!

Celebration of Giving / Mitten Tree

MITTENS are still available at the front office. Consider picking one up and providing a gift to a person in need this holiday season.

SAVE
THE DATE

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIRS

****Spring Ridge Elementary****

Sunday, December 3rd
Barnes & Noble Oakview
3333 Oakview Drive

Try out some of our fun STEM activities!
View Student Artwork

CAN'T ATTEND OUR BOOKFAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/03/2017 to 12/08/2017
by entering Bookfair ID 12276630 at checkout.

BN.COM/BOOKFAIRS | [#BNBOOKFAIRS](https://twitter.com/#BNBOOKFAIRS)



Tech Tips

Internet Safety Tips

Taking an active role in protecting your kids from Internet predators and explicit materials is vital to keeping them safe. Below are some helpful tips and ways parents can stay involved and aware in order to ensure their children's safety online.

- Become computer literate and learn how to block questionable material.
- Keep the computer in a common area, not in individual bedrooms, where you can watch and monitor its use.
- Share an email account with your child so you can monitor messages.
- Bookmark kids' favorite sites for easy access.
- Spend time online together to teach your kids appropriate online behavior.
- Block private chat rooms by using safety features provided by your Internet service provider or with special filtering software. Be aware that posting messages to chat rooms reveals a user's email address to others.
- Take your child seriously if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange.
- Forward copies of obscene or threatening messages you or your kids get to your Internet service provider.
- Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678 if you're aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of child pornography online. Contact your local law enforcement agency or the FBI if your child has received child pornography via the Internet.
- Ask your Internet service provider about disabling "cookies" that track specific user information including a user's name and email address.

Keeping children safe online is an on-going task that requires diligence in the monitoring of online activities and usage. In order to best protect them, parents must remain vigilant and always know what their child is doing online.

Tech Tips

Apps to Know

While parents know that nearly all mobile devices used today have the ability to send and receive text messages, they may not fully understand that beyond that inherent, built-in ability, students are also able to download additional apps that are specifically used for sending and receiving text messages. Below are some popular texting apps and concerns that are linked to their use. *For more information on any of these apps, please visit: www.common sense media.org.*

- GroupMe: allows individual and group messages with no user fees or limits. Users are able to send and receive photos, videos, and calendar links.
 - Concern: embedded GIFs included in the app have adult themes that are not suitable for children under the age of 18.
- Kik Messenger: ability to send and receive limitless messages that do not show up on an individual's phone messaging service
 - Concern: allows users the ability to connect with anyone who shares their Kik username, opening up the pathway for online predators

Elkhorn Public Schools 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.

SAVE THE DATES

January 23, 2018

Bingo 4 Books (K-2nd grades)

January 30, 2018

Game Night (3rd-5th grades)

Check out the PTO website at:
springridgepto.com



Superintendent Dr. Bary Habrock visit

This spring, Superintendent Dr. Bary Habrock will visit parent organizations at each Elkhorn elementary and middle school to address the District's rapid growth and discuss plans for the future. Community members are welcome to attend any of the scheduled presentations.

- Hillrise Elementary – Monday, January 22 @ 6:30
- Arbor View – Monday, January 22 @ 7:30
- Westridge – Tuesday, January 23 @ 6:30
- EGMS – Tuesday, January 23 @ 7:30
- West Bay – Monday, January 29 @ 6:00
- Fire Ridge – Monday, January 29 @ 7:00
- ERMS – Tuesday, January 30 @ 1:30
- EVVMS – Wednesday, January 31 @ 1:00
- EMS – Thursday, February 1 @ 4:00
- Sagewood – Thursday, February 1 @ 7:00
- Manchester – Monday, February 5 @ 6:00
- Spring Ridge – Monday, February 5 @ 7:00
- West Dodge – Tuesday, February 6 @ 6:30
- Skyline – Tuesday, February 6 @ 7:30

2017-18 School Theme: "SOARING STRONG TOGETHER"