A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Wow! February was an exciting month for the students at Spring Ridge Elementary. The focus was on reading, reading, reading, and the Winter Reading Program! The students logged hundreds of thousands of hours of reading at home. Experts agree that reading is the basis for school success and we appreciate your support in encouraging your children to read at home. With children developing a love for reading in their elementary years, that enjoyment can last a lifetime.

Once again, we had nearly 100% attendance during our February Parent Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your continued support during conferences and throughout the year. The success that our students enjoy is directly impacted by your involvement at Spring Ridge. The Spring Ridge staff appreciates your support and invites you to contact us anytime regarding the progress of your child.

Thanks to the PTO for the wonderful food that was provided during Parent-Teacher Conferences!!! It was delicious and greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Laurinda Petersen
Spring Ridge Principal
Calendar of Events

March

March 2 – Kindergarten Round-Up
March 2 – Current Kindergarten Students do NOT have school!
March 5 – PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
March 5-9 – Staff Appreciation
March 8- Spring Picture Day
March 13 – 5th Grade Recorder Concert at ERMS, 6:00 PM
March 15 – 2nd Grade Wildlife Encounters, 1:45 PM
March 16- NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
March 19-23- SPRING BREAK
March 28 – Report Cards Go Home
March 29 – School Battle of the Books @ SR

NSCAS Testing Timeline

In the past, all students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th grades, have completed the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessments. This year the test has been renamed Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System. Results from the NSCAS will be used like those from NeSA to identify strengths and areas of need across the district, as well as for each individual student. It is important that your student(s) be present during these assessments in order to get an accurate snapshot of their level of mastery in relation to state standards. These results will also allow our teaching staff to guide classroom instruction based on areas of need. Listed below are the scheduled dates for the NSCAS assessments at Spring Ridge. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments, vacations, etc. If you have any questions regarding NSCAS assessments or scheduled testing dates, please feel free to contact Laurinda Petersen at 402-637-0204.

NSCAS Reading & Math for 3rd through 5th Grade Students & NSCAS Science for 5th Grade Students is scheduled during the weeks of March 26-April 27.

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NSCAS Science
Message From School Nurse

Please see the CDC link with influenza symptoms, possible complications, cold vs flu symptoms and emergency signs of illness that may be helpful for parents (by clicking on the language tab it is also available in Spanish):

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/symptoms.htm

Tech Tips

‘Cookies’ and Targeted Advertising

The ads you see when you search the web aren’t by chance—your browser is using your cookies, or bits of data sent from the websites you visit, to collect and store data about you. Websites also track your search history, purchase history and profile information you provide to send targeted advertising as you browse the web. It is important to periodically clear your cookies, cache and search history from your browser to ensure your device is running as fast and secure as possible.

Time Savers

For students, procrastination generally takes on the form of “multitasking”, which often leads to distractions and wasted time. In order to curb this occurrence prior to it becoming a bad habit that will move with them into adulthood, take a look at a few options for apps and plug-ins that help reduce the instances of this current trend.

RescueTime: this plug-in tracks how much time is being spent on specific sites and generates reports showing the results. By reviewing these reports, you and your child can see exactly where the majority of their time is being wasted.

Work Mode: Work Mode blocks access to all social media feeds during any time frame that the plug-in is turned on. What better way to ensure your child is focused solely on the task at hand than by making the distractions they typically default to inaccessible during the time they need to be focusing on other important things?

For more information on these and other time saving apps and plug-ins, please visit

www.commonsensemedia.org

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.
Elkhorn Public Schools is excited to launch a new summer enrichment program for our students. Inspiring courses have been designed and will be taught by EPS certified staff members and will run in one-week sessions. These courses have been designed to expand student experiences and enrich summer learning.

**OPEN TO:** Students in 1st-8th grades for the 2018-2019 school year

**DATES:**  
- Session one: June 25th-29th  
- Session two: July 9th-13th

**LOCATION:** Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, 17880 Marcy Street Omaha, NE 68118

**REGISTRATION:** Opens Friday, March 9 at  
[https://summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org/](https://summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org/)

For additional information or with questions, contact:  
Jen Coltvet 402-289-9045  
jcoltvet@epsne.org

Troy Sidders at 402-289-1007  
tsidders@epsne.org
**Stay Connected with Spring Ridge’s PTO**

**Website:** [www.springridgepto.com](http://www.springridgepto.com)

**Facebook:** Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

**Email:** springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

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**THANK YOU!**

February was an incredibly busy month for Spring Ridge, and the PTO is so grateful for all the volunteers who made all the events run smoothly. Thank you to Karamie Vala for planning the wonderful Valentine’s Day parties, and for all the parent helpers in the classrooms. Megan Geissinger and Meagan Clure planned two awesome meals for Parent-Teacher conferences. Thanks to all those who donated food and time! Thanks to Rachel Cotton for organizing another successful Book Swap for our students. Finally, thanks once again to Kim Scarsi for counting those box tops!

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**PTO ELECTIONS**

Looking to become more involved or know someone who is? The PTO is seeking nominations for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact Beena Burg at kcbeenab@gmail.com.

The following committees are looking for a chair for 2018-19.
Email jenny@zettermannfamily.com if interested:

- First Day of School
- Directory
- Sponsorships

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**PTO MEETING MARCH 5th 7:00PM**

(Free childcare for all ages!)

PTO will meet in the library. We look forward to the Kindergarten team sharing current and upcoming classroom events. The slate for next year’s Executive Board will be presented.

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**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](http://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.

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**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Thanks to all the families who came out to THE GOOD LIFE on Tuesday. $300 will be donated to Spring Ridge.
Spring Ridge Carnival Raffle Donations Needed!

Hello Spring Ridge families,

We are seeking donations again this year from our business owners or interested families. Each year the raffle committee works hard to find great prizes for Spring Ridge Carnival, but we need your help. If your business or your family would like to make a donation you can do that by;

1) Emailing Monica Imhoff, MonicalmhSackett@hotmail.com or Diana Andersen, Diana.mchale-andersen@cityofomaha.org

2) You can send a check to school in an envelope marked Carnival Raffle Donation, Attention: Monica Imhoff, and please have your check made out to Spring Ridge PTO

Monetary donations are easiest for us to work with, but if your business would prefer to donate an item, we would be happy to give you a few suggestions. Like last year, donors of $100 or more will have your business logo displayed on our raffle table.

Please help us make this year's raffle another big success!

Thank you for supporting Spring Ridge!

Monica Imhoff
Carnival Raffle Committee Chair.

YEARBOOK

Do you have some great pictures from all the fun at Spring Ridge? Valentine parties pictures or the 2nd and 3rd grade music programs pictures would be great! Send them to us:
springridgeyearbook@gmail.com

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

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

We’ve had lots of duplicate orders. If you aren't sure if you've ordered a yearbook already, please contact kathryngustafson1@gmail.com
BOX-TOP COLLECTION RESULTS

The Spring Box Tops for Education collection was a great success! Here are the box top winners!

Kindergarten: Mrs. Endelicato
1st grade: Mrs. Mroczek
2nd Grade: Mrs. Seyl
3rd grade: Mrs. Herber
4th grade: Mrs. Haynes
5th grade: Mrs. Rohwer

We raised over $500 for the Spring collection drive!

5th Grade Graduation

Hello parents of 5th graders! Mark your calendar for the 5th Grade Graduation celebration which is set for Friday, May 25th. The ceremony with refreshments following will take place in the morning at school followed by a group party off-site afterwards.

At this time, we are requesting that each parent send TWO pictures of your child to SpringRidge5thGradeVideo@gmail.com by April 1. One picture should be from kindergarten and the other should be a current picture. The pictures can be their school pictures from those specific time periods or another picture of your choice. We would prefer electronic copies of all pictures although hard copies will be accepted. Here’s a suggestion: if you only have a hard copy, take a picture of the picture and email. When sending your pictures, please LABEL or identify who you are. For example, the file name could be “your child's name, 5th grade” or “your child's name, kindergarten”.

In addition to the individual pictures, we are asking for group pictures that you’ve taken over the last 6 years. Here are a few guidelines: group pictures taken only at school events will be accepted; this DOES include first day of school, last day of school, classroom parties, Eagle Report, the carnival, field trips, Battle of the Books, Girls on the Run, etc. We would prefer that the picture have 3 or more kids included. Please do not send pictures of birthday parties or athletic teams. Group pictures should be emailed to SpringRidge5thGradeVideo@gmail.com by April 1.

All of the requested pictures will be arranged to music and played at the graduation ceremony. Each student will receive a copy for keepsake.

If you have questions OR would like to VOLUNTEER to help with this committee, please contact Kristin Lewis at 402-968-1591 or team.lewis@cox.net

Thank you!
Kristin Lewis
Staff Appreciation

Spring Ridge Staff is Out of This World!

March 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

We are still looking for help serving the teachers lunch. Sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4fabad28a64-spring

We are able to cater their lunch, send them home with a Take and Bake dinner of their choice from Hy-Vee and end their week with some delicious desserts. Any items you are willing to donate will help show our staff just how much we appreciate all of their hard work.

Thank you!
Robbie-Jo Hunzeker & Jackie Warren

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