A Message from Mrs. Petersen

It is hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of the first quarter of the 2018-19 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 help students have “Strong Minds and Kind Hearts” with a solid home-school partnership! We appreciate all that you are doing to support your child!

This year we are scheduling PT Conferences just as we did last year, which was the first time we did it that way. We will once again be using an on-line conference scheduler called Pick-A-Time. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th 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 1, 2018 and close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, 2018. 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!!!! 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

2018 - 2019 School Theme:
“Strong Minds Kind Hearts”
Plan to Attend Parent - Teacher Conferences  
October 16 and 17

Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17, 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 21st regarding how to schedule your PT Conference Time for your child through the Pick-A-Time website/tool. In addition, you can find directions in this newsletter. If you have questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office 402-637-0204.

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The Spring Ridge Library is SO EXCITED to announce that on Friday, November 9 author Aaron Reynolds will be visiting our students. Aaron is a New York Times best selling author and has many highly acclaimed books. He loves to see kids read, make them laugh, and help them on their journeys to become lifelong readers, writers, and learners. We cannot wait to hear more about his journey to becoming a writer. If you would like to know more about Aaron Reynolds and his books visit his website at http://www.aaron-reynolds.com. A big thank you goes out to our Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation for making this experience possible!

It’s Spooky Time!
The Halloween parade will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at 2:15 PM. Remember: no face make-up, hair dye/spray or toy weapons will be permitted as part of the costumes.

EPS Employment
EPS is currently hiring split shift and substitute drivers responsible for the safe transport of our children to and from school. Rewarding work and competitive pay.
Interested applicants can apply at: https://www.elkhornweb.org/employment/
Pick a Time-Conference Scheduling
Directions for Parents Oct. 2018

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

Web address:  https://tinyurl.com/SRfall18

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 14th. 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 14th, 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.
TEAMMATES MENTORING TO BEGIN AT EPS SCHOOLS

As Elkhorn Public Schools continues to experience significant growth throughout the District, our student population continues to diversify and the need for extra student support increases.

As a result of this growth, EPS recently made the decision to transition our current, district-run Partners in Education Mentoring Program into a chapter with the TeamMates Mentoring Program. The TeamMates program provides more structured support for the wide variety of backgrounds and interests that can be found in EPS students and brings more mentors into our program while allowing us to retain the majority of our current mentoring relationships already in place.

If you are interested in becoming a TeamMates mentor in the EPS District, please complete the online application by clicking here or contact Kara Perchal at kperchal@epsne.org for more information.

TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - APPS TO KNOW

Classlink: Elkhorn Public Schools

ClassLink is a single sign-on platform that allows students to use one username and password to access online resources already being used in the classroom, including online textbooks, Moodle courses, and more. ClassLink saves all school related passwords within the security of your ClassLink Password.

ClassLink is a safe, secure way for students to connect with applications and resources. The website does not collect or share any personal student information, which is important to us. Best of all, it is very easy to use and is a great resource for students and families.

Information about getting started with Classlink for EPS students can be found here.
The Elkhorn Public Schools District uses a student information system called PowerSchool. This is a web-based system with a mobile app option that is intended to provide parents and students with a tool to review student progress. An important feature in PowerSchool is parent/guardian access. This feature offers real-time access to attendance, class information and the option to update student information easily. Students in grades 3-12 also have the ability to view current grades.

PowerSchool also offers parents a single sign on method so they have the ability to link multiple student accounts together and access the accounts via one login and password.

**Activity Scheduler: rSchool Calendar**

EPS middle and high schools use on an online calendar called rSchool to track all events and activities. rSchool also has an app option for individuals to view their schools rSchool calendar and view events by date or by activity category.

To use the app, download Activity Scheduler in your phone's app store and choose the your school based on the conference they are part of. To view and subscribe to any building’s calendar, click [here](#).

For reference, Elkhorn High School and all EPS middle schools are part of the Eastern Mid Conference and Elkhorn South High School is part of the Metro Conference.
Stay Connected with Spring Ridge’s PTO
Website: www.springridgepto.com
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Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

PTO Thanks You
Thank you to Kati Cramer for compiling, creating and completing the directory. Thank you to Jen Read for her effort in securing 17 sponsors and for creating our sponsorship banner. Mandi Chaplin continues to successfully launch and manage our classroom volunteer signups. Finally, thank you to ALL the parents and teachers who volunteered at our Celebrate Spring Ridge Festival, especially Karamie Vala, Ronna Sears, Kristen Kelley, and Jill Peters for planning, coordinating, and making the night a success.

Halloween Parties!
Our classroom Halloween parties will be on Wednesday, October 31st. The costume parade will begin at 2:15 pm and the classroom parties will follow immediately thereafter. PLEASE NOTE: Head party parents do NOT need to do any planning ahead of time for the parties. Games and supplies will be prepared beforehand by our PTO Party Committee. We will need one parent per classroom to arrive early (1:45-2:00 PM) and set up and three more parents to help run the activities. If you will be attending the parade and would be willing to assist with this fun event, please consider signing up to help by clicking on the link below. Thank you!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AA5AD2AA7F94-2018

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: YT880
That’s it! Every time you shop, Spring Ridge will receive a percentage of what you spend.

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 school directory is now accessible at MySchoolAnywhere.com. Download the App for easier access! If you did not receive an email with login and password information, please contact Kati Cramer at katicramer5@gmail.com.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us for a Family Fun Night at

**OSCAR’S**

PIZZA AND SPORTS GRILLE!

Date: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th
Time: 5-9PM
Location: OSCAR’S 17330 LAKESIDE HILLS PLAZA

DINE IN OR CARRYOUT

10% of proceeds will be donated to SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO!!

Let them know you are from Spring Ridge!!
We can’t thank our amazing Spring Ridge families enough for their generosity! Our goal was to raise $8000 for our annual Fall FUNdraiser and we exceeded our goal by raising over $8500! With your donations, raffle ticket sales, and contributions from the food trucks, we will be able to fund birthday books, stock the book room, community events, class parties, directory, school clubs, Green Team, fifth grade graduation, instructional programs, landscaping, staff appreciation, and so much more.

On September 14th we celebrated the generosity of our Spring Ridge families and the success of our Fall FUNdraiser. It turned out to be a fantastic evening enjoyed by all. It was fun to see so many Spring Ridge families and staff members. The kids had a blast zipping through the obstacle course bounce house, getting tattooed, creating chalk art, blowing bubbles, rockin’ out to the DJ, and playing with their friends while the parents enjoyed visiting with one another and spending quality time with their kids. The food was worth the wait and we appreciated the food trucks donating 10-20% of sales back to the PTO.

Thank you all for your generosity and your help in making our FUNdraiser and Fall Celebration night a success!

Sincerely,
The Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Let’s not miss out on a great opportunity to fundraise for PTO at no cost to you! Business lunch with clients? TAGG it! Catering in for a meeting? TAGG it! Out for lunch or dinner with a friend? TAGG it!

**HOW THE APP WORKS:**

Step 1: Download the TAGG app

Step 2: Visit participating businesses and snap a photo of your receipt

Step 3: Choose which Cause to support (Spring Ridge Elementary PTO). The business will donate to the PTO.
Parent-Teacher Conference Staff Meal Sign-Ups

This year The Good Life and our PTO are graciously providing meals for our teachers/staff during conferences! We are asking for parent volunteers to bring in drinks, desserts, help with set-up & clean-up!

Thank you for your support of our amazing teachers/staff!!

Sign up using the links below:

October 16th:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49ABAF2DA7FC1-conference4

October 17th:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49ABAF2DA7FC1-conference5

Box Tops

It's Box Tops collection week!

Send in your Box Tops the week of October 8th - 15th. The class in each grade who collects the most Box Tops will get a special treat! Contact Kim Scarsi at kscarsi@gmail.com with questions!

Please refer to the website for all things PTO related. Bookmark www.springridgepto.com
**Book Fair**

Let your imagination grow at the Enchanted Forest Book Fair October 15 - 18! Take a stroll through the school library and explore the enchanted forest of books filled with magic and wonder. We need your support! Please click the link below to sign up to help with this magical event. Adult volunteers will receive a $5 book fair credit from Mrs. Omo (limit one per family). Book previews will be sent home soon!

Book Fair Hours:
- Monday, October 15, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 16, 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 17, 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- Thursday, October 18, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FA8AB2AA64-2018](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FA8AB2AA64-2018)

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**PTO MEETING**

*(Free childcare for all ages!)*

Join us on **Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** for the Spring Ridge PTO meeting. Meetings are held in the school library. 1st grade teachers will be reporting at this meeting.

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