



Spring Ridge Review

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Family!

The second semester is well underway as we celebrated the 100th day of school at the end of January! Time flies when you are having a good time! Students are making tremendous progress in all academic areas. I am very proud of the growth our students are making! It is very apparent that learning is important to our Spring Ridge students. Thank you for all that you do to encourage learning at home and for emphasizing the importance of school.

Sincerely,

Laurinda Petersen

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

REMEMBER: FRIDAYS are Spirit Day!

Encourage your children to wear their Spring Ridge apparel on Fridays to show their school spirit. If your child doesn't have any Spring Ridge apparel, our school colors are blue and yellow. Students can also just wear clothing that is blue and/or yellow to show their Spring Ridge spirit on Fridays. Thank you for your support!

Calendar of Events

February 4 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

February 7 - 2nd Grade Music Program, 6:00 PM /
3rd Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM

February 8 - Valentine's Day Parties 2:30 pm

February 13 -14 Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06 PM –
Mid Quarter Reports are given to parents at Parent/Teacher
Conferences.

February 15 - NO SCHOOL

February 20 - Book Swap

February 25 – Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting

February 28 – Mathnasium Night, 6-7 PM (K-2) & 7-8 PM (3rd – 5th)

March 1 – Kindergarten Round-Up from 9:00-11:00 AM –
Current Kindergartners do NOT have school this day!

Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up

Spring Ridge Elementary is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2018-19 school year. Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday, March 1. A Parent Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25 at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Please see the Spring Ridge Kindergarten Round-Up form attached to the newsletter for more information.

Reminder: No School for Kindergarten Students on Friday, March 1 due to Kindergarten Round-Up.

Kindergarten Roundup

Elkhorn Public Schools is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2019-2020 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, 2019 are eligible to attend kindergarten as stated by Nebraska State law.

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on **Friday, March 1**. Parents are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting held at their school prior to Kindergarten Roundup on **Monday, February 25** 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.

SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

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SPRING RIDGE KDG PARENT MEETING: Monday, February 25 at 6 p.m.

SPRING RIDGE KDG ROUNDUP
Friday, March 1 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*

2019-2020 School Year

NSCAS Testing Timeline

All students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th grades, will take part in NSCAS (Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System). Results from the NSCAS will be used 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 25-April 26.

It's Again Time for Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 13 and 14 are Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will once again be using the online scheduler, Pick-A-Time, to schedule PT Conferences just like we did last fall. A handout was sent home with students on January 22nd explaining this process. Parents were also sent an email with this information. The online scheduler opened for you to sign up at 10 AM on Monday, January 28th and it will close at 11:59 PM on Sunday, February 10th. If you have any questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office at 402-637-0204. There is an early dismissal on both February 13 and February 14 at 2:06 PM.

Health Tips

Influenza General Information Influenza (the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by [influenza viruses](#). It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with [certain health conditions](#) are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) recommend that everyone over 6 months of age should get vaccinated to protect themselves and others from the flu.

The upcoming season's flu vaccine will protect against the three (trivalent vaccine) or four (quadrivalent) influenza viruses that [research indicates](#) will be the most common during the season. This includes an influenza A (H1N1) virus, an influenza A (H3N2) virus, and one or two influenza B viruses, depending on the formulation.

Symptoms of Seasonal Influenza

All types of flu can cause:

- Fever
- Coughing and/or sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue

In addition, some people may experience vomiting and diarrhoea, however, this is more common in children than adults.

How to Prevent Catching and Spreading the Flu

- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people
- Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100 degrees F)
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures
- Get vaccinated. Yearly flu vaccination is the best way to prevent getting the flu.



District Reminders

SchoolMessenger Alerts

Both the EPS District and each individual building regularly use a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including monthly information about building happenings, as well as school closings.

If you did not receive a phone call and an email regarding our most recent School Cancellations, please reach out to your building secretary.

SchoolMessenger also allows recipients the option to "unsubscribe" from its mailing list; please understand that by "unsubscribing" you are completely removing your email address from ALL lists, including both District and building specific emails.

If you have previously unsubscribed and would like to begin receiving emails again, please let your building secretary know.

Digital Calendars

As a reminder, all EPS activity and event information can be found by visiting www.elkhornweb.org and choosing the "Calendar" tab in the header. From there, click the building whose activities you are wanting to view.

Additionally, download the rSchool: Activity Scheduler app for easy mobile access to middle school and high school activities and events.

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.

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Technology Announcement

Parents of Current 5th-8th Grade Students

In recent years we have heard from parents that students are spending more and more time at home doing school work with their family computers. As part of the EPS 5-Year Instructional Technology Plan approved by the school board in October 2016, next year's 6th-8th grade students (current 5th-7th grade students) will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use next fall. In addition, all high school students will continue to receive a Chromebook next school year. Therefore, current 8th grade students will receive an individual Chromebook for educational use when they transition to 9th grade. Please note, current 8th grade students will receive a different Chromebook than the one they used during the 18-19 school year.

The district is finding that much of our educational content requires access to technology, and Chromebooks allow us a cost-effective way to assure that students have this access when it is needed. As part of this initiative, parents of 2019-2020 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are encouraged to attend an orientation either during Back to School 101 or Open House in August. The exact dates for these orientations are not yet set, but the district wanted to begin communication with parents of current 5th-8th grade students. We are very excited about providing a computing device for these students next school year.

Check out the PTO website at:

springridgepto.com



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

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com**2018 - 2019 Spring Ridge PTO Board**Presidents: **Jenny Zetterman and Beena Burg**Presidents Elect: **Karamie Vala and Ronna Sears**Treasurer: **Kristen Kelley**Secretary: **Jill Peters****THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Karamie Vala and Ronna Sears-Fritz for working hard at getting Bingo 4 Books ready to go, unfortunately due to weather, it was cancelled. The work you put into the event did not go unnoticed! Thank you Jude Knipper for once again organizing Drama Club for our 4th and 5th graders. Thank you to Jackie Warren for counting lots and lots of HyVee receipts. Finally, Thank you Callista Gregory, Yutika Singh, and Arbie Hodges for painting our windows for the winter, fun to have Elkhorn South NHS students involved at the school.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS RESULTS

Thank you Spring Ridge Families for participating in the HyVee Cash for Students program. We collected over \$180,000.00 worth of receipts!! Our school will earn over \$900 for PTO sponsored programs and projects.

Valentine's Parties

Our classroom Valentine's parties will be on Friday, February 8th at 2:30pm. 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, so you can just show up and have fun! The head party parent for each classroom should arrive at 2:15pm to pick up the supplies and set up the party. Additional volunteers can head directly to their respective classroom at 2:30pm. If you would be willing to assist with this fun event, please consider signing up by clicking on the link below. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa5ad2aa7f94-spring>

Spring Ridge Math Night



Presents

Spring Ridge Math Night

Fun family math games for kids K-5

FREE!

Pizza!

February 28

Games!

6-7pm will be for K-2nd graders
7-8pm will be for 3rd-5th graders

*All students must be chaperoned, no drop offs.

To reserve space, please return the bottom half of this form to a teacher by
Monday the 25th. ONE FORM PER FAMILY.

Parent's First & Last Name: _____ Total Number Attending: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student(s) Name(s):

_____ (Teacher's Name _____)

_____ (Teacher's Name _____)

_____ (Teacher's Name _____)

RSVP by email to springridgeelementarypt@gmail.com

PTO ELECTIONS

Looking to become more involved or know someone who is? The PTO is seeking nominations for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Please contact Karamie Vala at kbfly@hotmail.com. Look for information in Friday folders soon.

5th Grade Graduation

Hello parents of 5th graders! Mark your calendar for the 5th Grade Graduation celebration which is set for Friday, May 24. 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, Destination Imagination, 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 Amy Knight at 402-670-4774 or acknight@cox.net.

Thank you!
Amy Knight

Parent-Teacher Conference Meals

Spring Ridge PTO will once again be partnering with The Good Life to provide a meal, drinks and dessert to the staff during parent teacher conferences February 13-14. Please sign up if you are able to help out! Thank you! Megan Geissinger and Erica McMahon

Here are the sign up links:

Feb 13th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49ABAF2DA7FC1-conference6>

Feb 14th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49ABAF2DA7FC1-conference7>

Spring Ridge Carnival



The graphic features a blue background with two strings of colorful triangular bunting (red, teal, orange, green) at the top. Below the bunting, the text 'Save the Date!' is written in white. The main title 'SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the date and time 'FRIDAY MAY 10, 2019 5:00 - 8:00pm' are written in white. At the bottom, the text 'Food, Inflatables, Games, Prizes & Raffle' is written in white, followed by 'For more information contact Allison Tiller or Lauren Huber' and the email address 'SpringRidgeCarnival@gmail.com'. On either side of the text, there are clusters of colorful balloons (teal, orange, green, red) tied together with black strings.

Save the Date!

**SPRING RIDGE
CARNIVAL**

**FRIDAY
MAY 10, 2019
5:00 - 8:00pm**

Food, Inflatables, Games, Prizes & Raffle

For more information contact Allison Tiller or Lauren Huber
SpringRidgeCarnival@gmail.com

Spring Ridge Carnival Raffle Donation

Hello Spring Ridge families.

We are seeking donations again this year from our business owners and/or interested families. Each year the raffle committee works hard to find great prizes for the 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 Jill McClure at jill.sladek@gmail.com.
- 2) You can send a check to school in an envelope marked Carnival Raffle Donation, Attention: Jill McClure, and please have your check made out to Spring Ridge PTO.

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

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to this year's raffle being another BIG success!

Thank you for supporting Spring Ridge!

Annual Spring Ridge Book Swap

Book Swap coming up **Wednesday, February 20th**! Kids will have the opportunity to SWAP their "old" books for "new" books. We will be needing volunteers. It's such a busy time of year with school activities...but if you can help please do! We always have a hard time filling spots. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

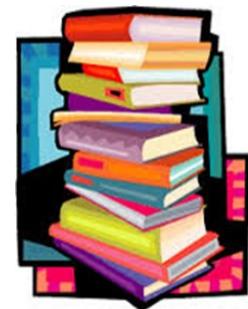
2/11 - 2/13: Book Collection & Sorting

2/19: Swap Set-up

2/20: Swap Day Help

Book Swap Volunteer Sign-Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4dabac2ba6f49-book3>



Spring Ridge Carnival

Mark your calendars! Spring Ridge Carnival, Friday, May 10, 5-8 PM
Don't miss out on the fun!

It's time to submit your Box Tops!

Collection Week: February 18th - 22nd

Don't forget to put your Box Tops in a Zip-lock bag, envelope, or on a box tops sheet with your child's teacher's name on it. The Spring Ridge PTO will use this money to buy the things we need such as books, art supplies, sports equipment and more! Stay tuned for more details later this month. If you have any questions, please email Kim Scarsi (kscarsi@gmail.com). Go to SpringRidgePTO.com for more information.

Check out the PTO website at:

springridgepto.com



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PTO MEETING

(Free childcare for all ages!)

FEBRUARY 4th 7:00 PM

PTO will meet at the
Spring Ridge Library
4th Grade team will be
reporting

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