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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 education of our children is truly a team effort. 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 1 – Kindergarten Round-Up

March 4 – PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

March 4-8 – Staff Appreciation

March 7 – 5th Grade LinkUp Recorder Concert with Omaha Symphony,
8:45 AM – 11:30 AM

March 8 – Book Parade

March 12- Spring Picture Day

March 12 – 5th Grade Recorder Concert at ERMS, 6:00 PM

March 15- NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

March 18-22- SPRING BREAK

March 25-May 3 – NSCAS Testing

March 27 – Report Cards Go Home

March 28 – School Battle of the Books

March 29 – 4th Grade Growth & Development Talk

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>

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.

Assessment	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
NSCAS Reading	April 10 & 12	April 9 & 11	April 10 & 12
NSCAS Math	April 24 & 26	April 23 & 25	April 24 & 26
NSCAS Science	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 16 & 18

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!



District Reminders

Summer Enrichment Program

For the second year, EPS will host a Summer Enrichment Program, available to students in grades 1-8 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Summer Enrichment Program will be offered in two separate week-long sessions. Session dates include: June 10-14 and July 8-12. Registration for the Summer Enrichment Program will open online on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 p.m.

To view the full list of course offerings, schedule, and registration information, please visit summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org.

Tech Savvy Parent Tip: Device Usage Reports

Currently, both Apple and Android provide reporting features on the usage of a device in the form of Apple's "Screen Time" report and Google's "Digital Well-Being" report. Both options provide parents with an opportunity to better understand their child's device usage, from a broad report detailing the amount of time spent on the device, down to the number of minutes spent on a specific app. In addition, both platforms also allow the ability to limit time spent on specific apps, and the ability to create downtime by setting specific times of the day where the device is unable to be used for anything other than the specific requirements you put in place.

For more information, check out Common Sense Media's breakdown of "Screen Time" and "Digital Being" by following the appropriate link below.

[Apple "Screen Time" report information](#)

[Google "Digital Well Being" report information](#)

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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Open to incoming
1st-8th grade students in the
Elkhorn Public Schools District.

Registration for all courses
opens online on
Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Now offering 2-day
Red Cross Certified Babysitter
course!



SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

June 10-14, 2019 | July 8-12, 2019



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For additional information or to register,
please visit
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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!**

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 Melanie Rose for planning the wonderful Valentine's Day parties, and for all the parent helpers in the classrooms. Megan Geissinger and Erica McMahon planned two awesome meals from the Good Life 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. Thanks Karamie Vala and Ronna Sears for organizing a Family Fun Night at the Good Life. And finally, thanks to all our staff and parent volunteers that helped make our first Math Night a success!

PTO Elections

Looking to become more involved or know someone who is? The PTO is seeking nominations for Vice President for the 2019-2020 school year.

The following committees are looking for a chair for 2019-2020.

if interested:

First Day of School

Directory

Sponsorships

Book Swap

Carnival co-chair

Hospitality

Family Fun events

Landscape

Yearbook

Please contact [Ronna Sears-Fritz rsearsfritz@gmail.com](mailto:ronna.sears-fritz@gmail.com) or Karamie Vala kbfly@hotmail.com if you are interested or want to nominate someone.

Staff Appreciation

Staff Appreciation Week March 4th-8th

YOU LIFT US UP



We are still in need of supplies to replenish classrooms and help to serve lunch/breakfast. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094cacac22a46-teacher>

We are able to thank ALL our staff by catering lunch, breakfast, sending them home with a Take and Bake dinner and ending their week with delicious desserts. Plus each staff member will receive a gift bag and students are helping create a special keepsake.

Thank you!

Stacey Haussler & Reagan Rosenberg



**TOGETHER A
GREATER GOOD**

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.

Book Swap Thank You

Thank you to all of the students and families who donated books for the Book Swap this year! We had an incredible turn out and a great assortment of books, especially for our older readers. All of the remaining books will be donated to the Junior League for their "A Book of My Own" program.

We also want to thank all of the parents who volunteered their time during the Book Swap. It was a busy week with conferences and other activities, and your help was much appreciated! We couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks!

Rachel

Spring Ridge Carnival



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

5th Grade Graduation

Hello parents of 5th graders! Mark your calendar for the 5th Grade Graduation celebration which is set for Friday, May 24 from 9:30am-11am. The ceremony with refreshments following will take place at school followed by a group party at The Mark at 1pm.

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

Spring Ridge Carnival

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

PTO MEETING

(Free childcare for all ages!)

MARCH 4th 7:00 PM

PTO will meet in the library.
We look forward to the Specials team sharing current and upcoming events.

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