



Spring Ridge Review

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Spring has finally arrived! Our daffodils and tulips are starting to poke themselves out of the ground. It is so nice to see green again. And it is especially exciting to have the students playing outside once again at recess getting fresh air and soaking up the sunshine. As we continue into our last quarter, our students will keep focused on becoming better readers, writers, and mathematicians. We are proud of their hard work and the progress they are making. We also appreciate your support in assisting your child(ren) through your work and volunteering at school. Spring Ridge is truly fortunate to have such active and supportive parents.

The last quarter promises to be busy with many activities taking place. Please check your child's backpack for classroom newsletters and other notes throughout the month.

NSCAS Tests will be given this month in 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade. We encourage you to take some time to discuss this event with your child. Remind your child to relax and do his/her best without worrying. These tests are nothing to fear or be nervous about. Be sure your child gets plenty of rest each evening and send him/her off to school with a good breakfast each morning. It is important that your child be present for the tests; please avoid making appointments for your child during this time. The data from student performance is used to make decisions for school improvement, to drive instruction at each grade level, and to make recommendations for certain programs at Spring Ridge. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I continue to welcome the opportunity to visit with you should you have any questions, concerns, or comments. Please feel free to drop by the office and school for a visit!

Mrs. Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

Calendar of Events

April

April 1 - District Battle of the Books

April 1 - PTO Meeting 7:00 PM

April 3 - Jodi Klein, ERMS Guidance Counselor, speaks to 5th Grade Students,
2:30 PM

April 5 - Kindergarten visits Rose Theater, 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM

April 11 - 3rd Grade visits the Rose Theater, 8:45 AM – 2:30 PM

April 19 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

April 24 - Mid Quarter Reports Go Home

April 26 - 5th Grade Growth & Development Talk for Boys & Girls

Parent Survey

Our school benefits from a very supportive community with strong parent involvement. Because continuous improvement is a large part of our mission, we are seeking your input in order to help us ensure strong student achievement and a positive culture that enhances learning for all.

Please take a few minutes prior to Friday, April 12, 2019 to follow the link and participate in our school climate survey. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school.

<https://goo.gl/forms/Vn73JomAsEvf7LS03>

6th Grade Orientation

Fifth graders at Spring Ridge will receive 6th grade registration materials on Wednesday, April 3rd. Students will be asked to take materials home to share with parents. Students will then tour Elkhorn Ridge Middle School on Monday, May 6th from 9:50-10:50 AM. 5th Grade Parents visit ERMS on Monday, May 6th at 6:30 PM.

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.

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



District Reminders

Support for TeamMates of Elkhorn

On Tuesday, April 2nd, join us at Runza, located at 3910 N 203rd St, Elkhorn, NE 68022 to support TeamMates of Elkhorn! Chapter representatives will be on site throughout the day to raise awareness for our newly founded chapter and thank the community for the outpouring of support we have seen since our inception! 10% of sales will also be donated back to our local chapter.



Tech Savvy Parent Tip: 7 Tips for Starting a Conversation About Online Safety

With the ever changing age of internet and increased online access, youth are encountering various unknowns as they explore the technology at their fingertips. If your child uses the internet for social media or games, below are seven opening questions to start a conversation with your child to remind them of the importance of online safety.

- 1) Which apps and games are you and your friends engaging with currently?
- 2) Which websites do you enjoy frequenting and why?
- 3) Can you teach me how to play your favorite game/app?
- 4) Do you have any online friends?
- 5) Do you know where to go for help?
- 6) Do you know what is considered your personal information?
- 7) Do you know your limits? If not, let's talk about them together.

For more information and resources on this topic, please visit www.common sense media.org or <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>.

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 is now open

Now offering 2-day
Red Cross Certified Babysitter
course!



SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

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



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LEARNING**

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!**

Thank you Stacy Haussler and Reagan Rosenberg for organizing a thoughtful, creative, and delicious week of fun to show our appreciation for our amazing staff! They couldn't have done it without the generosity of our Spring Ridge families. Thank you all for your donations of food, supplies, and money to make Staff Appreciation week a success. And last but not least, thank you Kim Scarsi for collecting, sorting, and counting hundreds of Box Tops!!

**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.

School Supply Kits

School Supply Kits for 2019-20 school year will be available to order online on April 30th! An order form will also be coming home at the end of the month in Friday folders. After April 30th supplies can be ordered here:

<https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks> and then enter your school's ID SPR097.

PTO ELECTIONS

Looking to become more involved in PTO? The following committees are looking for a chair for 2019-20.

Email Karamie Vala (kbfly@hotmail.com) or Ronna Sears-Fritz (rsearsfritz@gmail.com)

if interested or if you would like more information about a position:

Carnival Co Chair,

Family Fun Events,

Staff Appreciation Week,

Yearbook Co Chair,

First Day of School,

Sponsorships

Spring Ridge to Urban Air

Thursday, April 4, 2019 4-8pm

Admission Prices (discounted 40%):

Basic Package - \$7.99 - Access for 1 Hour to Trampolines, Dodgeball, ProZone, Slam Dunk and DropZone.

Deluxe Package - \$11.99 - Access for 1.5 Hours to Trampolines, Dodgeball, ProZone, Slam Dunk, Dropzone, Warrior Course and Indoor Playground

Ultimate Package \$14.99 - All Access to the Park for 2.5 Hours to include Trampolines, Dodgeball, ProZone, Slam Dunk, DropZone, Warrior Course, Ropes Course, Climbing Walls and Indoor Playground (Urban Air socks are required for the Ultimate Package and are \$2 per pair – not included in \$14.99 price)

Height restrictions:

Climbing Walls and Warrior Course – Need to be at least 41 inches tall

Ropes Course - Need to be at least 48 inches tall

Indoor Playground - No more than 52 inches tall

Spring Ridge Carnival



Carnival Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer for the Carnival to help your child
WIN an All Star Recess Party for their ENTIRE GRADE!
Volunteer SignUpGenius link coming April 17!

RAFFLE DONATIONS

Interested in making a donation to the raffle? Contact Jill McClure at jill.sladek@gmail.com. Donors of \$100+ will have their business or family displayed at the raffle table.

Spring Ridge Carnival • May 10 • 5-8pm

Check out the PTO website at:

www.springridgepto.com

5th Grade Graduation Celebration

Hello parents of 5th graders! Mark your calendar for the **5th Grade Graduation celebration** which is set for **Friday, May 24**. Please read through this information carefully.

1) **CEREMONY:** the ceremony will take place from 9:30am-11am on Friday, May 24 in the gym at Spring Ridge Elementary with refreshments following

2) **THEME:** "Stormin' Into 6th Grade"

3) **PARTY AT THE MARK:** the post-party will take place from 1pm-3pm on Friday, May 24 at The Mark. ALL 5th grade students are invited and encouraged to attend. The \$20 cost per student will include pizza and soda, 1 hour of bowling, shoe rental, laser tag game and a \$7 gaming card. Each student attending should bring \$20 the day of plus any additional money they may need. There is no need to RSVP for this party.

4) **GRAD AD FOR THE YEARBOOK:** the Spring Ridge Elementary yearbook will feature the soon-to-be graduating 5th grade class. For only \$5, you can place a yearbook GRAD AD for your son or daughter that includes a message from your family and a picture. Information sheets/order forms came home in Friday folders before spring break and must be submitted by April 5. If you have questions regarding GRAD AD please contact Kathryn Gustafson at 402-525-5430 or Kristin Lewis 402-968-1591.

5) **T-SHIRTS and TEACHERS COLLECTING INFORMATION:** T-shirts will be ordered for each 5th grader and distributed at school in May. We ask that the students wear their T-shirt to the post-part at The Mark. Also wanted to give you a heads up that your child's teacher will be collecting their T-shirt size sometime in April. Please make sure that your child knows what size T-shirt he/she would like to order. Size options include: youth small, youth medium, youth large, youth XL, adult small, adult medium, adult large. The teachers will also be verifying spelling of names for the back of the T-shirts.

6) **PICTURE(S) FOR VIDEO:** please send ONE PICTURE OF YOUR CHILD FROM KINDERGARTEN to SpringRidge5thGradeVideo@gmail.com by April 15. We would prefer an electronic copy of the picture although a hard copy 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.

TO CLEAR UP CONFUSION, in our first messages we had asked for a current picture also. We no longer need a current picture as we were able to get a copy of each 5th graders photo from Lifetouch.

In addition to the individual picture, 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 15. All of the requested pictures will be arranged to music and played at the graduation ceremony. Each student will receive a copy for keepsake.

7) **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** we will be looking for volunteers to help with set-up, food, beverages, decor, serving, photo booth, clean-up, etc. Please contact Amy Knight at 402-670-4774 or acknight@cox.net if you would like to volunteer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact on of us.

Thank you!

Laurie Cradick, 407-242-6910

Amy Knight, 402-670-4774

Jenny McKenzie, 402-740-5255

Mandi Chaplin (video), 402-575-8402

SAVE THE DATE

April 8th from 4pm - 8pm at Charred
May 20th from 4pm - 8pm at Chipotle

PTO MEETING

Free childcare!

APRIL 1st 7:00 PM

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

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