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Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that we have only one month to go before the end of the year. Where does the time go? The next few weeks will be exciting and filled with many activities in the classroom. Our goal for this last month is to keep students on a routine that will maintain a positive learning environment in the classrooms.

Fun Day will be held on Thursday, May 23. This is a time to celebrate our year while participating in team activities. **If you plan on having lunch with your child, please fill out the form attached to the newsletter and return it to school by Friday, May 3.** Thank you!

"STRONG Minds, KIND Hearts" was our theme this year at Spring Ridge Elementary. It has been rewarding to work with your students and observe how each individual student has grown over this academic year. They have reached far and high and due to their dedication, the guidance of a teacher, and your continued support, the students have truly met great success!

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Ms. Larkin, as she becomes one of our District Reading Specialists next year. Mrs. Oatman will be subbing next school year, which will give her more flexibility to be able to join her husband as he finishes his rotations to become a physician's assistant and then accepts a position in a location yet to be determined. Mrs. Farr will be returning to work with preschool age students as she moves over to the WDS Preschool. Mrs. McAlpin is moving up to Bennington to help them open their new school next year, Anchor Pointe. And Mr. Hoegh, our Instructional Facilitator, will be teaching 5th Grade at Blue Sage Elementary for the 2019-20 school year. These all have been wonderful staff members and have made significant contributions to Spring Ridge Elementary. We appreciate all that they have done to make Spring Ridge a better school. They will be missed!

Thank you for a great school year! It has been a pleasure working with all of you this year. I have appreciated your dedication and support. Please have a safe and happy summer. See you in August!

Laurinda Petersen
Spring Ridge Principal

Calendar of Events

May

May 2 - K Music Program, 6:00 PM / 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM

May 6 - 3rd Grade visits Durham Museum, 8:30 AM

May 6 - 5th Grade Orientation at ERMS, 9:50-10:50 AM

May 6 - 5th Grade Parents & Students visit ERMS, 6:30 PM

May 6 - PTO Meeting 7:00 PM

May 8 - 4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln

May 10 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Morrill Hall, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

May 10 - 4th Grade Nebraska Day

May 10 - CARNIVAL

May 13 - KC Wolf Assembly, 10 AM (reward for being top fundraising school for milk for Nebraska Food Bank)

May 14-16 - BOGO Book Fair (Buy One Get One Free) in Library

May 16 - 2nd Grade Animal Showcase for 1st, 3rd, & 4th Grade Students, 1:30-1st Gr. (gym); 2-2:25-3rd Gr.(gym & cafeteria); 2:25-2:50-4th Gr.(gym & cafeteria)

May 17 - Green Team Field Trip to Papio NRD, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

May 17 - Kindergarten visits Fontanelle Forest, 8:00 AM – 1:10 PM

May 17 - End-of-Year Student Assembly, 1:30 for 3rd-5th then K-2 joins @ 2:15 PM

May 20 - 5th Grade Track & Field Day

May 21 - 3rd Grade Metric Olympics, 12:15-2 PM

May 21 - ERMS Jazz Band & Show Choir Performs for K-5, 2 PM

May 22 - Last Eagle Earning Lunch for the 2018-19 School Year

May 22 - Dance Party in the PM, if we fill the Eagles Nest

May 23 - Fun Day (This is a C Day.)

May 24 - LAST DAY/5th GRADUATION @ 9:30 AM-Report Cards Go Home. (This is a D Day.) Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.

May 28 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

Calendar of Events

July / August

July 31st & August 1st - New Student Registration

August 8 - Kindergarten Curriculum Night, 6:00-7:00 PM

August 13 - K-5 Open House & 1st - 5th Curriculum Night, 5:30-7:00 PM

August 15 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Important Information Regarding Back to School 101 for 2019-20

We will be asking families to complete forms online again this year. Therefore, we feel no need to have a Back to School 101. (School pictures will take place the second day of school.) There is information in the District Reminders section of this newsletter regarding setting up an account in Power School as well as adding K-3 students to accounts that you already have for a child in 4th-12th grade. Mrs. Petersen will email you this summer to let you know when the online forms are ready for you to complete as well as how to access your child(ren)'s teacher's name once you have completed the online forms. Please be sure we have an up-to-date email address for you, so you get this communication.

2019-20 Open House and 1st – 5th Curriculum Night Held on Tuesday, August 13

- Kindergarten Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, August 8 at 6 PM in the Spring Ridge Cafeteria.
- K-5 Open House and 1st - 5th Curriculum Night will be held on Tuesday, August 13. The K-5 Open House will be held from 5:30-6:00 PM. There will then be two repeating sessions for Curriculum Night. The first session will be from 6:00-6:30, and the second one will be held from 6:30-7:00 PM. The first day of school for the 2019-20 school year will be Thursday, August 15.

Learning Can Continue in the Summer

Have fun with your child this summer, but don't let learning take a vacation. Here are some things you can do with your children to keep their minds active and to give them good starts in school next fall.

1. Play word games and reading games. Try looking for letters of the alphabet on signs as you drive. Play "I Spy," Scrabble and Pictionary – all help develop vocabulary skills!
2. Read Together. Research shows that the most important way parents can help their children become better readers is by encouraging them to read at home.
3. Visit the library.
4. Develop creative writing skills. Buy a notebook and encourage your child to keep a summer journal – recording one event a week; drawing pictures; inventing some stories. You might "publish" some of these stories by sending them to grandparents or friends.
5. Write letters. If your family goes on vacation this summer, have the children write a letter or email to the departments of tourism in the states that you intend to visit.
6. Learn how things work. Give your child a broken alarm clock or another gadget you were going to throw away. Let them take it apart.
7. Keep household financial records. Before you go shopping, have children read ads and compare costs.
8. Plan outings together.
9. Put on shows. A few yards of cloth, some out of style clothing, and imagination are all it takes to transform your living room or backyard into a theater.
10. Learn a new sport together.
11. Study the weather.
12. Learn to cook!

Although busy parents may find some of the activities difficult, even 15-20 minutes spent each day on joint projects with your children may pay big dividends. Have a happy and educational summer!



District Reminders

Last Day of School Information

The last student day of the 2018-2019 school year for Elkhorn Public Schools will be Friday, May 24; students at all levels will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. that day.

The 2019-2020 school year calendar is available for review by clicking [here](#).

PowerSchool Online Registration Reminder

For the 2019-2020 school year, Elkhorn Public Schools (EPS) will again utilize an online registration system that will allow parents of K-12 students to log in and update information and complete all Back-to-School documents. As a reminder, to use this feature, parents/guardians will need to have a parent access account in PowerSchool.

If you do not already have a parent access account set up, please follow this link for directions on how to create an account: <https://bit.ly/2KqcSLh>. However, you will not be able to complete the online registration process until July. An email will be sent out when online registration becomes available.

If you have an account created for your 4th-12th grade student(s) but need to add younger students, please follow this link for directions on adding additional children: <https://bit.ly/2wDNJuT>.

If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance setting up your account, please contact your building secretary.

Tech Savvy Parent Tip: 5 Simple Steps to a Healthy Media Diet

As summer and extended periods of free time approach, focusing on a healthy media relationship becomes even more important! Common Sense Media has a few simple reminders about ensuring a healthy media diet:

- 1) Choose the Good Stuff: if you're using it anyway, make it quality and age appropriate material
- 2) Use it Together: if your kids are using it, be there to see what they're absorbing
- 3) Walk the Walk: set an example by modeling good media habits yourself
- 4) Balance: mix tech-time with other educational and exercise activities
- 5) Watch the Clock: establish time limits and tech-free zones throughout your home

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.

FIND US ON



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



**NEVER
STOP
LEARNING**

For additional information or to register,
please visit
summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org

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

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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!**

What a fantastic year we've had at Spring Ridge! We'd like to thank each and every Spring Ridge Family for supporting our school. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase a poster maker, two new smart boards, Pebble Go reading program, new recess play equipment, two new benches, fund plenty of field trips, clubs, 5th grade graduation, community events, conference meals for the staff, and so much more. A special thank you to the committee chairs, and to those who've volunteered throughout the year. We could not have been successful without you! Thank you to Mrs. Petersen and the Spring Ridge staff for being so helpful and wonderful to work with. The PTO is in good hands with Karamie Vala, Ronna Sears, Melanie Rose, Tami Candy, Kristen Kelley, and Jill Peters, soon-to-be-elected officers of the Executive Board.

**TOGETHER A
GREATER GOOD**

Let's not miss out on a great opportunity to fund-raise 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 are available to order online or you can fill out the paper order form. You can order supplies online here:

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



SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

BUY YOUR PACK TODAY!

Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping.



Actual pack contents will vary.

SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY 2019-2020 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDER FORM

Grade Level 2019-2020	Quantity	Cost Each	Total
K		\$37	
1st		\$38	
2nd		\$48	
3rd		\$49	
4th		\$48	
5th		\$43	
*Donate a kit to a child in need	Grade Level		\$
Grand Total \$			

*If you would like to help out another child please consider donating a kit. Choose a grade level, write in the amount and add it to your total. Kit donation will benefit the Elkhorn Backpack Drive.

Supplies will be on students' desks at Open House.

Student's Name _____ Grade in 2019-2020 _____

Student's Name _____ Grade in 2019-2020 _____

Student's Name _____ Grade in 2019-2020 _____

Parent's Name _____ Telephone # _____

Email Address _____

Order Securely Online

Starting now thru **JUNE 10th**

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID: **SPR097**
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

OR

Please order by returning this form along with your payment by **MAY 15, 2019.**

Make Checks Payable to:
SPRING RIDGE PTO

For questions, please contact
Karamie Vala Kbfly@hotmail.com

Please keep a copy of this order form for your records.



Join the Fun!

SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL

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

INFLATABLES

Toxic Meltdown, Backyard Challenge, Vertical Rush, Stone Castle, and LASER TAG Obstacle Course!

GAMES & PRIZES

Duck Pond, Lollipop Tree, Plinko, Football Toss, Hockey Shot, & the ever-popular Pop Ring Toss!

MAGICIAN

Jeff Quinn and his strolling close-up magic!

EAGLE SALON

Crazy Color Hair Paint, Cool Tattoos, and Photo Booth!

RAFFLE

Buy as many raffle tickets as you want to have a chance to

WIN one of our Awesome Prizes!

***See raffle items list later in this newsletter.**

CAKE WALK

Help our 4th graders earn their 5th grade Outdoor Ed & WIN a yummy treat of your choice, too!

FOOD

Pizza, SnoCones, made-fresh Cotton Candy & Popcorn

We need YOUR help to make this year's Carnival a HUGE SUCCESS!

[Click Here to sign-up to Volunteer!](#)

Spring Ridge Carnival Raffle

CARNIVAL RAFFLE

**Don't miss your chance to win these
AWESOME PRIZES!**



Prizes include:

**Hover Board • Drone • Nintendo Switch • LEGO Friends Set • LEGO Avengers Set •
Kindle Fire & Case • Fuji Instax Camera • Urban Air Tickets • Movie Tickets •
Creighton Bluejay Baseball Package • UNO Mavericks Gear • Custom Sugar Cookies**

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Carnival FUNdraiser Pre-Sale Order Form

Friday, May 10th 5-8pm

- Pre-sale orders will be filled May 6th - May 10th
 - Order will be filled daily and returned to your child's teacher
 - Please check your child's backpack for the order! We will place all tickets & wristbands in an envelope and return it to the *child's teacher listed on this form*. If orders are not returned the same day - please check with your child's teacher.
- **There is no replacement for lost tickets or wristbands****

2 Ways to Order

1. Complete this form and send it to school with your child OR drop it off in the office. Attach a check to this form: **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SPRING RIDGE PTO - please write child's name/carnival pre-sale in the memo.**

2. Order Online - www.SpringRidgePTO.com/shop

<u>Food Item:</u>	<u># of Tickets Needed:</u>	<u>Food Item:</u>	<u># of Tickets Needed:</u>
1 Slice of Pizza	2 tickets	Snow Cone	1 ticket
1 Whole Pizza (save \$5)	11 tickets	Pop or Water	1 ticket
Gluten Free Pizza (Whole Pizza) *Pre-sale Only*	11 tickets	Cotton Candy	2 tickets

Wristband includes: ALL Games, Inflatables, Eagle Salon (tattoos, hair-painting, fun-photos) Cakewalk, Magic Show, Free-throw Challenge & FREE POPCORN!

Tickets are needed for FOOD ITEMS & RAFFLE.

****COMPLETE YOUR ORDER HERE****

<u>Item for Purchase</u>	<u>Price Per Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total (price x quantity)</u>
Wristband (Age 5 & Older)	\$20		\$
Wristband (Age 4 & Younger)	\$10		\$
Raffle Ticket	\$1		\$
Food Ticket	\$1		\$
Gluten Free Pizza (Whole Pizza)	\$11		\$
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED:	-	-	\$

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____
Please list child you want to receive the order

Questions: Contact SpringRidgeCarnival@gmail.com

Box Top Announcement

Thanks for collecting and sorting Box Tops this year - we raised nearly \$1000 for Spring Ridge!

This Spring, classrooms with the most Box Tops were:

Kindergarten - Podany

1st grade - Soto

2nd grade - Schaben

3rd grade - Larkin

4th grade - Maurer

5th grade - Oatman

The overall Spring collection winner was Ms. Maurer's 4th grade class with 488 box tops!

Keep clipping over the summer in preparation our Fall collection drive. Also download the Box Tops App – more Box Tops will become electronic instead of paper in the coming year.

The app is an easy way to earn money for the school.

Here is a link to describe the process (<https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>).

Check the App store today and download the Box Tops app!

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Spring Ridge Elementary PTO. Just come in to the Chipotle at **2717 South 177th Street** in Omaha on **Monday, May 20th** from **4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Spring Ridge Elementary PTO.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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) **T-SHIRTS:** 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.
- 5) **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

Check out the PTO website at:

www.springridgepto.com

Spring Ridge Fun Day and Picnic

Thursday, May 23, 2019

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
5	- - -	11:55-12:25
4	8:50-11:00	11:25-11:55
3	8:50-11:00	11:15-11:45
2	8:50-11:00	11:05-11:35
1	12:45-2:45	11:45-12:15
K	12:45-2:45	11:35-12:05

Students will use their regular lunch code for the picnic lunch and lunch counts will be taken at school.

Parents are welcome to join us for the activities and picnic. If you are planning to join us for lunch, please complete the form below and return it along with your payment to school by Friday, May 3. The lunch on Thursday, May 23 will be a sack lunch that includes: a hot dog, pretzels, carrots, an apple, Oreos, and milk. This will be the only meal choice served that day.

(Please return this portion to the office - one per family only if you are planning on attending and ordering additional meals)

<i>Price</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Final amount enclosed</i>
Additional meals (\$3.85)	_____	\$_____

(These Additional meals are for adults or siblings of Spring Ridge students. All additional meals, whether for an adult or a sibling, will be charged the same price. We are only reimbursed with federal funds for students/children who attend Spring Ridge.)

() I am attaching a check or cash for the extra lunch(es).

() Please charge the extra lunch(es) to my child's account #_____

Student's Name _____ Teacher's Name _____

Family Fun Event

Thank you for all who came out for Family Fun Night at Charred. We raised \$200 for Spring Ridge!

PTO MEETING

Free childcare!

MAY 6th 7:00 PM

PTO will meet in the library.

BAKERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Baker's

Bakers shoppers: We need your help!!!
Login to your Baker's account online and enroll your Plus Card in the community rewards program.

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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.

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