



Spring Ridge Review

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! It is hard to believe that we already have 2 weeks under our belt! Students have transitioned well from summer break to the start of a brand new school year. Thank you for your help in making this transition go very smoothly!

On behalf of the students and teachers, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our PTO for decorating the school campus for our first day, assisting the teachers with classroom materials, and making Open House & Curriculum Night a success. In fact, 98% of our families attended Open House! Thank you for your support in making Spring Ridge Elementary a great place to learn.

Our school theme this year is "Reaching Out Creates a community of Kindness #SRocks"! We know that through strong teamwork between parents, staff, and community members, we can ensure that each child will reach their individual potential academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your commitment to this teamwork!

This year Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in September instead of in October. We are scheduling PT Conferences just as we have the last couple of years, by using an on-line conference scheduler called Pick-A-Time. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, September 24th and Wednesday, September 25th 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, September 9, 2019 and will close at 11:59p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2019. 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.

Please know that throughout the school year my door is always open. Never hesitate to set up a time to meet with me. You can also email me at lpetersen@epsne.org or you can call me at 402-637-0204. Thank you again for a great start to this school year!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

September - Calendar of Events

September 2 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

September 11 & 12 – 5th Grade Outdoor Ed.

September 13 - Fall Fundraiser - Celebrate Spring Ridge

September 18 – 1st Grade Field Trip to Arbor Day Farm

September 20 – Battle of the Books trip to Plum Creek

September 23 - 25 Book Fair

September 24 & 25- Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06 PM – Mid Quarters are given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

September 26 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

September 27 - NO SCHOOL

Helpful Reminders

The beginning of the school year is a great time to remind students and parents about general procedures followed at school each day. These will help ensure a successful day and year for children, families, and teachers. Thank you!

- Look through your child's backpack and go over the items sent home each day with your child.
- Help your child remember to return papers as they are due.
- Help your child arrive to school on time.
- Call the office 402-637-0204 each day your child will be tardy or absent.
- Sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge every time you are in the building.
- Deliver forgotten items to the office, not the classroom.
- Send a note with your child if he/she is doing something different after school (car-pooling instead of walking, etc.)
- Come into the office to sign your student out during the day.
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Meeting with Teachers

Parents wishing to confer with teachers are asked to call the school office or e-mail the teacher. If the teacher is unable to take your call, we will gladly leave them a message to return your call at their earliest convenience.

If wishing to meet in person with a teacher, please schedule an appointment in advance.

Often, teachers feel bad when a parent arrives at school to confer with them and they cannot meet with that parent due to other demands and responsibilities placed upon them. By scheduling an appointment they will be prepared to meet with you to address your questions and/or concerns.



Parent-Teacher Conferences September 24 and 25

Tuesday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 25, 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, August 30th 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,

No Dogs on School Grounds



Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds when school is in session. Even the most well-mannered dogs, when surrounded by little hands and loud voices of children, may react in a way that we would not expect. In addition, some of our children are allergic to dogs. Thank you for your help with this!

2019 - 2020 School Theme:

"Reaching Out Creates a community of Kindness #SRocks"!

Traffic Reminders

It's no secret that Spring Ridge Elementary is not the easiest to navigate when dropping and picking up children. Even veteran Spring Ridge parents find it easy to forget the specifics of daily drop-off and pick-up. The utmost priority is the safety of our children. One accident at the school is one too many.

Morning Drop-off Procedures

1. Students may be dropped off curbside between the designated orange cones at the front of the building. Always enter the drive from the east and remain in the right lane (curbside). **Keep moving forward as far as possible. Please stop only once between the orange cones.**
2. Students may be dropped off along the west curb of 178th Street. Note 178th Street is a one-way north between the hours of 7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Students may use the sidewalks along the staff parking lot or the sidewalk along the front of the building to bring them to the appropriate entrance. Please do not use the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up students.

Afternoon Pick-up Procedures:

1. Students are to be picked up curbside at the front entrance of the building. Always enter the front drive from the east and remain in the right lane (curbside). **Keep moving forward as far as possible, picking up children between designated cones.** Please do not use the drive-through lane for picking up children. Students are not allowed to walk through traffic. Please do not leave your car unattended if you are parked curbside as this disrupts the flow of traffic.
2. Students may be picked up along the west curb of 178th Street.

Please do not park in front of a safety cross walk. This places our safety patrol students in a dangerous position. The parked cars can obstruct the view of on-coming traffic. Thank you!

Please Sign in at the Office

All visitors (including parents) who enter the building must sign in at the office. This procedure is in place as a part of our safety plan. This includes parents walking their children to their classrooms in the morning. We encourage you to have your children walk to their classrooms themselves after you drop them off in the morning. It instills a sense of independence for them.

On-line Conference Scheduler - Pick-A-Time

September 2019



Dear Spring Ridge Parents and Students,

We will be using an on-line conference scheduler called Pick-A-Time. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, September 24th and Wednesday, September 25th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each evening. Please see the back of this letter on 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, September 9, 2019 and close at 11:59p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2019. 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.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

lpetersen@epsne.org

Pick a Time - Conference Scheduling

Pick a Time-Conference Scheduling Directions for Parents Sept. 2019

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

Web address: <https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11612805&event=338574>

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 September 22nd. 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 September 22nd, 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.



District Reminders

ONLINE CALENDARS INFORMATION

EPS provides several different ways for parents to stay connected throughout the school year!

Stay in-the-know on upcoming events by subscribing to individual building calendars found at

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/calendar/>.

SCHOOLMESSENGER MESSAGING AND ALERT SYSTEM

Both the District and individual buildings regularly use a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents such as monthly updates about building happenings and weather-related school closings.

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 choose to Unsubscribe, you will not receive weather-related cancellation information.

If at any time you unsubscribe then later decide you would like to begin receiving emails again, please let your building secretary know.



 <p>What?</p>	<p>One-to-one, school-based mentoring program</p> <p>Weekly meetings during non-class time</p> <p>Focused on the overall growth and development of the student</p>
 <p>Who?</p>	<p><i>Any</i> student in grades 3-12 interested in having an additional SUPPORTIVE, CARING, NEUTRAL adult in his or her life.</p> <p><i>Every single student can benefit.</i></p>
 <p>How?</p>	<p>Students can self-nominate or be nominated by building staff or a parent and are matched with a mentor as soon as one is available.</p> <p><i>Nomination forms can be requested from your building TeamMates Coordinator.</i></p>

DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA

To better serve our communication needs and ensure that all EPS students, families, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community receive necessary information and District updates, all EPS buildings have individual social media accounts. The links to all EPS accounts are below and can be followed for regular District and building updates.

School	Social Platform Links	School	Social Platform Links
Elkhorn Public Schools	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPS	Fire Ridge	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_FR https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSFR
EPS Young Adult Program	https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSYAP https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_YAP	Hillrise	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_HR https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSHR/
Elkhorn High School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EHS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEHS	Manchester	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_MN https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSMN/
Elkhorn South High School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_ESHS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSESHS	Sagewood	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_SW https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSSW/
Elkhorn Grandview Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EGMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEGMS	Skyline	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_SK https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSSK/
Elkhorn Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEMS/	Spring Ridge	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_SR https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSSR/
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_ERMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSESMS/	West Bay	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WB https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWB/
Elkhorn Valley View Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EVVMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEVVMS	West Dodge Station	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WD https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWD/
Arbor View	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_AV https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSAV	Westridge	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WR https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWR/
Blue Sage	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_BSE https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSBS		

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.



Does your child need health coverage? ¿Necesita su hijo(a) cobertura médica?

Call: Toll free/Línea gratuita: 1-855-632-7633

<http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>

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Health Care Coverage for Nebraska Children

Cobertura para el cuidado médico de los niños de Nebraska

What is Nebraska's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)? / Qué es CHIP

CHIP is health care coverage for qualified children who are without other health insurance and who do not qualify for Medicaid. Federally called the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), it provides the same services covered under Medicaid.

El programa CHIP es la cobertura de cuidado médico para los niños que califiquen y que no tengan ningún otro tipo de seguro médico ni sean elegibles para recibir Medicaid. Conocido al nivel federal como el Programa de Seguro Médico para Menores (CHIP), este programa proporciona lo mismos servicios cubiertos bajo Medicaid.

What does CHIP cover? / ¿Qué servicios cubre el programa a CHIP?

CHIP provides well care for your child in helping prevent diseases, finding and treating problems early, and maintaining good health and development.

CHIP proporciona cuidado para el bienestar de su hijo(a) al prevenir enfermedades, encontrar y tratar los problemas de manera oportuna, y mantener la buena salud y el desarrollo.

Regular check-ups include:

- Baby check-ups and baby immunizations
- Yearly check-ups for school-age children
- Immunization for school-age children
- Vision and hearing testing
- Dental check-ups and dental sealants

CHIP also provides medical care for injuries and illnesses

Treatment includes:

- Doctor's visits • Medications • Hospital care
- Lab tests/x-rays • Dental treatments • Eyeglasses
- Counseling
- Specialty services for children with disabilities or chronic health conditions
- Mental health and substance abuse assessment and treatment services

Los chequeos generales incluyen:

- Chequeos y vacunas para bebés
- Chequeos anuales para menores de edad escolar
- Vacunas para menores de edad escolar
- Exámenes oculares y de oído
- Chequeos y selladores dentales

CHIP también proporciona cuidado médico para lesiones y enfermedades

El tratamiento incluye:

- Citas médicas • Medicamentos • Cuidado hospitalario
- Exámenes de laboratorio/rayos x • Tratamientos dentales • Anteojos
- Consejería
- Servicios especializados para niños con discapacidades o condiciones de salud crónicas
- Servicios de evaluación y tratamiento para la salud mental y el abuso de sustancias ilícitas

2019 5K Walk/Run



**ATTENTION EPS FAMILIES!
JOIN US ON 9.14 FOR
A CROSS COUNTRY RACE
TO BENEFIT **SPECIAL
EDUCATION** FOR ELKHORN
YOUTH!**



9.14 EPS FOOTBALL STADIUM 715AM REGISTRATION OPENS 8AM KIDS DASH 815AM 5K RACE

Bring your family and come race with us! Our 3rd Annual event features a professionally timed 5K* cross-country race and a 100 yard Kids Dash! The 5K race will take place on the Elkhorn Public Schools football campus, beginning and ending in the football stadium. The 100 yard Kids Dash will be held on the football field prior to 5K race start for kids 12 and under with awards in 2 age divisions. Awards given for 5K by 6 age categories.

*All minors participating in the 5K must be accompanied by an adult registered for the event.

\$15

100 YARD
KIDS DASH
(INCLUDES T-SHIRT)
THROUGH 9.4

\$30

5K
(INCLUDES T-SHIRT)
THROUGH 9.4

\$25

100 YARD
KIDS DASH
(LIMITED T-SHIRT)
9.5-RACE DAY

\$40

5K
(LIMITED T-SHIRT)
9.5-RACE DAY

Register Online www.elkhornfoundation.org

Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO

Website: www.springridgepto.com

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

2019 - 2020 Spring Ridge PTO

Presidents: Karamie Vala and Ronna Sears

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our PTO volunteers this August! Beena Burg and Jenny Zetterman made our first day of school amazing. Melanie Hergenrader and Megan Geissing designed some awesome new spirit wear. Kristin Lewis and Sarah Terry have worked on getting our year-book started. Thanks to Jennifer Mytty for once again organizing wish lists for teachers. Cara Kuhne made sure everyone arrived safely at school with our safety signs. Thank you to Kristen Kelley, Tami Candy and Jill Peters for helping with ALL the school supplies. Thank you to Kristen Kelley, Tami Candy, Melanie Rose, Sarah Terry, Melanie Hergenrader, Megan Geissing, Kristin Lewis and Jill Peters for all your help with Kindergarten Curriculum night and Open House. Rachel Cotton got out new school directory up and running! Ursula Feinhold volunteered to lead the copy committee again and all our workroom volunteers started well before school started, thank you! Thank you, Kristen Kelley for keeping our website up to date! As always, thank you to Deependra Rawal for making our newsletter look fantastic!



**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.

Celebrate Spring Ridge

As a thank you for your donations to help us support Spring Ridge and equip our teachers and classrooms with Smart Boards, and as a kickoff to fall, the PTO will once again host a Celebrate Spring Ridge BBQ on September 13th from 5-8 p.m. The Food Trucks were such a hit last year that we are inviting some food trucks again this year. The trucks will include Johnny Riccos Brooklyn Pizza <http://www.johnnyriccos.com/>; The 402 BBQ <https://www.the402bbq.com/>; Carson's Cookie Fix <https://www.carsonscookiefix.com/>; and Kona Ice <https://www.kona-ice.com>. They have also agreed to donate a portion of their sales back to the PTO fundraiser! Additionally, we will be raffling off Spring Ridge "experiences" (principal for a day, front row music program seats, etc.), hosting a silent auction, holding a dance party complete with DJ, and having fun on an inflatable obstacle course. Please join us to celebrate our school!

Family Fun Night

Come out and celebrate our first Family Fun Night at Oscars Pizza & Sports Grille on October 15th from 5-8pm. Plan to grab a pizza or some wings that night with other Spring Ridge families! Mention that you are supporting Spring Ridge Elementary and they will donate a portion of those sales back to our school! We will have more opportunities to meet at area businesses throughout the year to support Spring Ridge, as planned by Tami Candy and Melanie Rose. Look for more information on our website, in Friday folders, and on Facebook.

Green Team

Dear Parents,

Hello from the Green Team! As we kick off the year, we are focusing on being less wasteful in our cafeteria. When children buy a hot lunch, we are asking them not to take more than they will eat. They are only required to take a half a cup of combined fruits and vegetables from the salad bar. There is a lot of uneaten food that goes in our trash.

Parents can help when packing their child's cold lunch (or if they pack their own). Please use reusable containers whenever possible. We cannot recycle plastic baggies. They go in the trash. Why not try reusable containers? There are many fun reusable containers available now. We can recycle juice boxes (no straws), but not juice pouches. Plastic water bottles can, of course, be recycled.

Thank you for helping us to reduce waste in our cafeteria. Let's have "trashless" lunch days every day instead of just on Earth Day!

Thank you!

Classroom Volunteer Sign Ups

Classroom volunteer Sign Ups go LIVE Thursday, September 5th at 10:00 AM. An email from PTO will be sent with all classroom links. The links will also be published on the PTO website. This is a time where teachers request parent volunteers to assist with a variety of classroom activities.

If you do not have a SignUpGenius account we would highly suggest getting one. We use it for classroom volunteers and almost all of our other volunteer opportunities at Spring Ridge.

Below are a few reminders when volunteering:

Please contact your teacher directly with any questions or concerns regarding sign-ups or shifts that you are unable to trade or honor.

SignUpGenius will send you a reminder two days prior to your volunteer shift.

Please be mindful and give everyone an opportunity to sign up before signing up weekly. If all volunteer slots do not fill after two weeks, please feel free to take more.

Make sure to check in at the office before going to the classroom or "cottage."

All teachers request that younger siblings do not accompany you during volunteer times!

Lastly, HAVE FUN and thank you for volunteering!

For any additional questions Contact Mandi Chaplin at mandichaplin@gmail.com or text 402-575-8402



The **Fall Box Tops for Education®** collection is just around the corner!

Box Tops is such an easy way for you to support your child's education. Just by purchasing Box Tops products, clipping the coupons and sending them into school, we earn cash that is used for PTO sponsored events. Last year we earned \$1000 just for clipping box tops!!

Box Tops are collected twice per year, in October and March. Start saving now, recruit your friends and family to save for you, and stay tuned for details about the Box Top collection and counting party coming up in October.

Also, remember to download the Box Top App to get bonus box top credit directly to our school's account from your purchases throughout the year! To learn more about the Box Tops for Education program and to track our school's progress, register at BoxTops4Education.com (www.BTFE.com).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kim Scarsi

kscarsi@gmail.com

Box Tops® Clipping Tips



- Trim the edges around the Box Top label
- Be sure to include the expiration date
- Discard any expired labels
- Remember to ask friends and family to collect for your child!



Collect Hy-Vee receipts starting September 1st from ANY Hy-Vee grocery store, gas station, pharmacy and the Caribou Coffee located inside the 180th & Pacific Hy-Vee. Receipts must be dated September 1st to December 31st! Turn in receipts at the Spring Ridge Front Office or drop them in the "Spring Ridge Elementary" container at the front of the 180th & Pacific Hy-Vee store. For every \$200 spent, Hy-Vee will donate \$1 to Spring Ridge Elementary PTO. Receipts can come from any Hy-Vee location in Nebraska or Iowa. Call Grandma and tell her to save too!

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