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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 of "school" will definitely look different compared to our typical month of May.

Mid Quarter Reports will be emailed home on Wednesday, April 29th. Teachers will now be diligently working to wrap up the most important concepts in reading, writing, and math during their Zoom sessions with students. Teachers will also be working with you to help students submit work pieces, so they are able to mark 4th quarter report cards.

Please know how very, very grateful we are for all of the unending and consistent support you have provided your child(ren) with distance learning. You have ensured your child(ren) are present and engaged during Zoom sessions. You have been thoroughly reading communication from teachers regarding the work that your child(ren) are to be doing daily. You are providing an environment in your home conducive to learning and completing the work that is expected. You are holding your child(ren) accountable to getting the assignments completed as well as submitting the work to his/her teacher. We thank you from the very bottom our hearts! It has been such a great partnership with you in supporting the learning of our students.

You have not wavered in this commitment despite the fact that you have many other obligations and roles that you are working so very hard to maintain as well! Spring Ridge Parents ROCK!!!!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

2019 - 2020
School Theme
"Reaching Out
Creates a community
of Kindness
#SRocks!"

Tentative Timeline for Month of May

May 4-8: Continued Distance Learning

May 11-15: Last Week of Distance Learning – teachers will be wrapping up lessons in reading, writing, and math and will be doing some end-of-year culminating activities with students.

May 18-21: Teachers will work on collecting any remaining work from students and will be completing 4th quarter report cards. A plan will be put in place for a member of each family to drop off school materials such as textbooks, chromebooks, etc. as well as pick up student belongings at Spring Ridge. Most likely Spring Ridge Staff will collect all belongings from student desks, coat hallways, etc. and will have them bagged and labeled for pick-up in the gym similar to how school materials were picked up in March.

Staffing Changes for the 2020-21 School Year

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Ms. Romanek, Ms. Smith, Ms. Giesselmann, and Ms. Kreager as they will be helping to open Woodbrook Elementary. Ms. Jenkins will be moving up to 2nd grade with the five sections of students who will be moving from first to second grade. And, Ms. Zimmerer and Ms. Herber will be staying at home next school year to care for their little ones; we will still get to see them, though, as they will be subbing a bit at Spring Ridge! Last, Ms. Markt and Ms. Boll, two of our teacher assistants, will be staying home to care for grandbabies. 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!

Important Information Regarding Back to School 101 for 2020-21

We will be asking families to complete forms online again this year. Therefore, we feel no need to have a Back to School 101. 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.

PTO Elections

Congratulations to the following newly elected members to the PTO Executive Board for the 2020-2021 school year. We thank them in advance for their willingness to serve and their support of Spring Ridge!

President-Elect: Mandira Khanna

Treasurer: Sara Bartruff

Secretary: Antara Gabinet

Looking to become more involved in PTO? The following committees are looking for a chair(s) in 2020-2021. Email Melanie Patton (mrose0725@gmail.com) or Tami Candy (tamicandy81@gmail.com) if interested or if you would like to learn more about a specific event.

- ◆ First Day of School
- ◆ 5th Grade Graduation
- ◆ Landscape Committee
- ◆ Safety Committee
- ◆ Wishlist

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 packages, wrappers, cereal boxes, etc. in your home. 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. 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.
4. Write letters. Use the school directory to help your child write letters to friends at Spring Ridge.
5. 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.
6. Keep household financial records. Before you shop, have children read ads and compare costs.
7. Plan what you are going to do each day, evening, or weekend together.
8. 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.
9. Learn a new sport together.
10. Study the weather.
11. 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

TDLP Parent Resource Website

As a reminder, TDLP resources, district technology resources, and other information including all district-level parent communications and community resources can be found at <https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/elkhorntdlpparentsite/home>. Parent FAQs regarding using Zoom can also be found [here](#).

Last Student Day Information

As previously announced, the last student day of the 2019-2020 school year will be Friday, May 15, 2020. Please watch for information from your building principal regarding end-of-year materials drop off/pick up in the coming weeks.

For reference, the 2020-2021 calendar can be viewed [here](#).

2020-2021 Online Registration Reminder

For the 2020-2021 school year, 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. However, this is a preparation step, and 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.

Coming Soon - ClassLink Parent Portal

Starting May 4th, 2020, parents will be able to sign up and log into the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal (<https://parents.classlink.com/elkhorn>). As you may know, ClassLink is a single-sign-on platform allowing users to input their credentials (username and password) for applications, one time, for easier access.

The purpose and intent of the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal is to ease parent access during the online registration form submission process and throughout the school year. Once parents log in to the ClassLink Parent Portal, they will see the three main applications used during the back to school process: 1 - PowerSchool Parent Portal, 2 - rSchool (Athletic Registration Account Login), and 3 - School Payment Portal - Parents.

Parents will need to have their credentials available for these three applications once they sign into the EPS ClassLink Parent Portal. If you do not remember the login information for the three main back to school applications, we suggest you go to the following websites and click on their "Forgot Username or Password?" links:

- <https://elkhorn.nebps.org/public/home.html>
- <https://elkhornps-ar.rschoolday.com/oar/> (SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY)
- <https://schoolpaymentportal.com/ConsumerLogin.aspx>

A district communication will be sent on May 4th detailing how parents can log into ClassLink and set up these three applications for use with online registration and beyond. **We highly recommend setting up the ClassLink Parent Portal in May or June to allow for easier access to critical school-related resources.**



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

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Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com**2019 - 2020 Spring Ridge PTO Board**Presidents: **Karamie Vala** and **Ronna Sears-Fritz**Presidents Elect: **Tami Candy** and **Melanie Rose**Treasurer: **Kristen Kelley**Secretary: **Jill Peters****THANK YOU!**

We would have like to celebrate the year at our end of the year carnival but we know we will be able to celebrate with you next school year. We'd like to thank each and every Spring Ridge Family for supporting our school. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase two new interactive TV's, headphones for testing, reading intervention program, new equipment for recess, funded field trips, clubs, 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!

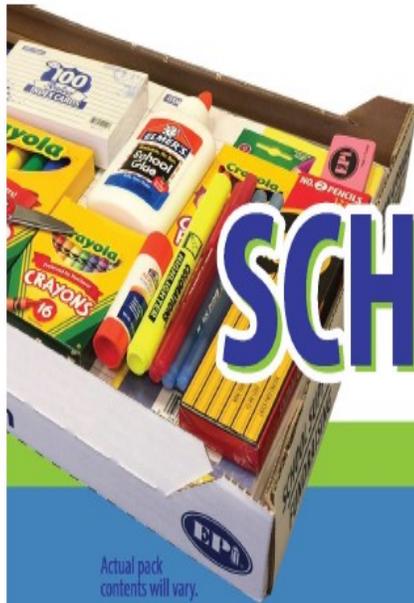
Thank you to Mrs. Petersen and the Spring Ridge staff for being so helpful and wonderful to work with. The PTO is in great hands with Melanie Rose, Tami Candy, Mandira Khanna, Sara Bartruff, and Antara Gabinet - PTO's recently elected officers of the 2020-2021 Executive Board.

Ronna Sears-Fritz and Karamie Vala

2019-2020 Co-Presidents

Check out the PTO website at:springridgepto.com

School Supply Kits



Educational Products, Inc.



SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

BUY YOUR PACK TODAY!

Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping.

School supply online orders are up and running and take seconds to do, and your kiddo(s) will be set to start the year out in the Fall. Click 1, 2, 3, and you are done! It takes minutes to finish and you will be good to go:

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID: **SPR097**
3. Follow the directions to complete your order

For questions about school supplies, please contact Tami Candy,
tamicandy81@gmail.com or (847) 271-6352



**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.

BAKERS COMMUNITY REWARDS



Bakers shoppers: We need your help!!!

Login to your Baker's account online and enroll your Plus Card in the community rewards program.

www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards

Organization Name:

SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO

Organization Number: YT880

That's it! Every time you shop, Spring Ridge will

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