



Spring Ridge Review

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Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

The students of Spring Ridge Elementary continue to amaze me with their desire and enthusiasm to learn. They are focused on learning and giving their best efforts. Parents, thank you for emphasizing the importance of school by helping your child view themselves as responsible learners. As I have mentioned before, parent support continues to be one of the greatest assets of the Spring Ridge Community.

Improvement in literacy and math skills will continue to be the focus of our School Improvement this year. The Spring Ridge staff will be developing action plans in these areas through the continuation of effective implementation of the new Wonders curriculum, as well as through a strong Writer's Workshop and a solid math block. As a part of our action plans, teachers will spend time analyzing assessment data from the beginning of this school year in order to hone in on specific areas of focus. In addition, we will continue to perfect our use of the Elkhorn Instructional Model with the purpose of effectively delivering reading, writing, and math lessons. Thank you to all of you for your support in helping your child(ren) become strong readers, writers, critical thinkers, and problem solvers!

Mrs. Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

October - Calendar of Events

October 5 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM via Zoom

October 23 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

October 30 – Report Cards Go Home with Students

October 30 - Halloween Parties, 2:15 PM

It's Spooky Time!

The Halloween Parties will be held on Friday, October 30 at 2:00 PM. Things will just look a bit different this year:

- We will have a K-2 Parade from 2:00-2:15 PM and a 3rd through 5th Parade from 2:30-2:45 PM. We will follow the same parade route where we will exit the building onto the blacktop of the 2nd-5th playground. We will walk east on the sidewalk that lines the south end of the playground. We will walk down to 178th street and will then turn to walk south on the sidewalk that lines the east side of the parking lot. When we get to Shadow Ridge Drive, we will follow the sidewalk back up to the front entrance of the school.
- We ask that only parents attend the parade and that families wear a mask and social distance all along the parade route. Typically, parents stand along the sidewalk out front but that is not what we want this year. You can stand all along the parade route from the 2nd-5th playground, along the parking lot, and then along the sidewalk out front. We will cone off the front drive, so parents can social distance in the front drive. Please just stand back a good 15 feet from the sidewalk that students and staff will walk on for the parade route.
- When your child is not parading, he/she will be engaged in fun activities/crafts planned by PTO. As we are currently not allowing adult volunteers in classrooms during the school day, we will not be able to have adult volunteers help with the parties inside the school building.
- Students should not wear their costumes to school but should instead bring them to school with them. We will allow them time to change prior to the parade. When planning a costume, please remember to not send face make-up, hair dye/spray or toy weapons! Also, if you have a K-2 student, it would be helpful if you could practice putting the costume on at home with your child, so they are prepared to do as much of it as they can by themselves the day of the parade.
- We want to make this a fun time for students and something that they can really look forward to! We just need to ensure it is a safe event for everyone! We so appreciate your help with this!

Having Issues Getting to EPS Online Resources?

Follow the EPS Technology Department on Twitter.

The EPS Technology Department recently created a new Twitter account to help keep parents and students informed of any technology platform outages. Get updates by following [@ElkhornPS_Tech](#) on Twitter.

Note from the Nurse...



With the beautiful onset of the fall season also comes the unwelcomeness of the cold and influenza viruses. Since this will overlap with the Coronavirus it is more important than ever that students continue practicing healthy habits like getting plenty of rest, eating healthy foods, good handwashing/sanitizing techniques, social distancing, and wearing a *clean face mask*. *Also, this year I would strongly encourage you to have your family get their seasonal influenza vaccines.*

We will continue to use the screening tool from the Douglas County Health Department for symptomatic students: [https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/images/COVID-19/8-5-2020_DCHD_Screening_Exclusion_Re-admittance for Schools.pdf](https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/images/COVID-19/8-5-2020_DCHD_Screening_Exclusion_Re-admittance_for_Schools.pdf)

Also, the health screens for height, weight, vision, hearing, and dental that are usually done during October and November are being postponed until the second semester. However, if you have a concern about your student's vision or hearing prior to then, you can schedule an appointment with your child's doctor or e-mail me at sbird@epsne.org.

Happy Fall Y'all!

Sara Bird, RN



District Reminders

TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - APPS TO KNOW

Classlink: Elkhorn Public Schools



ClassLink is a single sign-on platform that allows students to use one username and password to access online resources already being used in the classroom, including online textbooks, Moodle courses, and more. ClassLink saves all school related passwords within the security of your ClassLink password

ClassLink is a safe, secure way for students to connect with applications and resources. The website does not collect or share any personal student information, which is important to us. Best of all, it is very easy to use and is a great resource for students and families.

Information about getting started with Classlink for EPS students can be found [here](#).

PowerSchool App



The Elkhorn Public Schools District uses a student information system called PowerSchool. This is a web-based system with a mobile app option that is intended to provide parents and students with a tool to review student progress. An important feature in PowerSchool is parent/guardian access.

This feature offers real-time access to attendance, class information and the option to update student information easily. Students in grades 3-12 also have the ability to view current grades.

PowerSchool also offers parents a single sign on method so they have the ability to link multiple student accounts together and access the accounts via one login and password.

Activity Scheduler: rSchool Calendar



EPS middle and high schools use on an online calendar called rSchool to track all events and activities. rSchool also has an app option for individuals to view their schools rSchool calendar and view events by date or by activity category.

To use the app, download Activity Scheduler in your phone's app store and choose the your school based on the conference they are part of. To view and subscribe to any building's calendar, click [here](#). For reference, Elkhorn High School and all EPS middle schools are part of the Eastern Mid Conference and Elkhorn South High School is part of the Metro Conference.

Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO

Website: www.springridgepto.com

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

2020 - 2021 Spring Ridge PTO

Presidents: Tami Candy and Melanie Patton

PTO Thanks You

Thank you to Molly Kemp for organizing the yummy meals for staff during conferences and to all of the individuals that contributed and/or helped with this important event. Thank you to Mandira Khanna for her work on our dine and share event at Dairy Chef. Thank you to Kelsey Bambara for managing our online directory. Thank you to everyone that attended our first virtual PTO meeting. We appreciate everyone's support and flexibility as we work to support Spring Ridge!

Fall FUNdraiser

We will once again be doing our ***"No-Sell FUNdraiser"***. You would have received a flyer with details on this program in your students Friday folder. The PTO sponsors and supports our children's education and the teachers and staff who instruct them. Funding is vital to help supplement our classroom materials, enrichment tools, the library, field trips, after school clubs, staff appreciation week, and many other fun family activities the PTO sponsors. **Please contribute generously to help support our mission.**

Update Your Contact Information

Trying to reach another Spring Ridge family to line up a play date? Not receiving emails from the PTO regarding upcoming events? Please take a moment to update your information in the Spring Ridge directory. All of your information is protected by secure log on and password. Visit springridgepto.membershiptoolkit.com. Please contact Kelsey Bambara – kelseybambara@gmail.com - with questions.

Box Tops Collection Time

It's Box Tops collection time! Send any paper Box Tops to school the week of October 19th – 23rd.

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, or scanning your grocery receipt into the Box Top app, we earn money for the school. Last year we earned \$800 from Box Tops!

You may have noticed paper Box Tops are less frequent. You can still earn money for Spring Ridge because **Box Tops are going digital!**

1. Download the Box Top app and set up your account to credit earnings to Spring Ridge.
2. Scan any store receipt into the app within 14 days, and it will automatically give credit for any Box Top eligible item.
3. Online ordering or grocery pickup? Just forward your email receipt within 14 days (must be from the email account that you have registered with the Box Tops app) to: receipts@boxtops4education.com

Look for details in your child's Friday folder in the next few weeks! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Scarsi: kscarsi@gmail.com

OSCARS NIGHT

Tuesday, October 20th from 5-8 p.m.

Enjoy a night off from cooking and grab some take out from OSCARS (17330 Lakeside Hills Plaza) from 5-8 p.m. Mention that you are supporting Spring Ridge Elementary and they will donate a proceed of sales right back to our school!

If you own a restaurant you'd like featured please contact Mandira Khanna at mandira_khanna05@yahoo.com.

Hy-Vee Receipts

PLEASE NOTE: The Hy-Vee receipt program that we have participated in for several years has changed. Hy-Vee will no longer have a box to collect grocery and gas receipts from their store. They are now participating in Together A Greater Good (TAGG). Please see the information on TAGG below and keep supporting Spring Ridge!

Three Easy Ways to Support Spring Ridge

TAGG (Together A Greater Good)

Did you know that TAGG works with hundreds of businesses in the Omaha and Lincoln areas to support schools? Did you know that Hy-Vee now participates in TAGG in lieu of their previous receipts program? Did you know that it is really easy to support Spring Ridge with the shopping, dining, and other services that you already use?

It couldn't be easier!

1. Download the Together a Greater Good (TAGG) mobile app.
2. Under "Organizations" choose Spring Ridge Elementary PTO
3. Scan your receipt into the app within 7 days. Check out their list of participating businesses – there are so many ways to support Spring Ridge as part of your daily routine. It's that easy!

[Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

Just a reminder to make sure all of your Amazon shopping is done through [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Under "Settings" make sure to select Spring Ridge PTO as your supporting organization and you're done. Amazon will donate a portion of each purchase to our PTO. That's a win/win!

Baker's

Baker's shoppers: We need your support! Log in to your Baker's account online and enroll your Plus Card in the community rewards program. Visit www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards and select Organization Name: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO. Click Enroll and every time you shop Spring Ridge will receive a percentage of what you spend.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

EAT FIT GO

Fast. Easy. Delicious. They make it easy to eat healthy on the go! Stop by EAT FIT GO (304 N 179th St) on October 6th between 10am – 6pm grab a few meals and they will donate part of the sales back to our school! Don't forget to mention that you're supporting Spring Ridge.

Nothing Bundt Cakes

Be on the lookout for pre-sale forms coming soon for Nothing Bundt Cakes! Last year these delicious cakes were a HIT!! These yummy cakes will be delivered directly to the school for easy pick up right before Thanksgiving!

Marcus Movie Tickets

Watch your Friday folders in October for pre-sale forms for Marcus Movie Tickets! It's a great way to be ready to catch all of the movies coming out during the holidays. They also make wonderful gifts for friends and family.

Check out the PTO website at:
springridgepto.com



Find us on
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PTO MEETING

Join us on **Monday, October 5th** at **7:00 p.m.** We will be meeting virtually through Zoom. Please email Tami Candy (tamicandy81@gmail.com) for the link to join the meeting.

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