



Spring Ridge Review

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Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

In this season of gift giving, please accept our sincere appreciation for the gift of support you have shown Spring Ridge students and staff. We value the way you are helping your child prepare for each school day, ensuring they have all of the materials they need, supporting them with homework or extra practice opportunities, purchasing playground equipment, supporting PTO fundraisers, being present when dropping off and picking up your children, and having confidence in our teachers and valuing the education of our children. Thank you for these gifts to us!

Please know that our focus for teaching and learning remains the same even during this holiday season. We continue to focus on building reading skills through fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary building. Reserving a few minutes of pleasure reading as part of your child's nightly routine at home may be just the right amount of structure your child looks for during this busy time.

On behalf of the Spring Ridge staff, I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. Enjoy this special time of the year with your children!

Mrs. Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal

Calendar of Events

December

December 7 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM

December 8 - Picture Retakes

December 21 & 22 - Teacher In-Service - No School for Students

December 23 - 31 WINTER BREAK

January

January 1 - 3 - WINTER BREAK

January 4 - 8 - Distance Learning for all Students

January 13 - Report Cards Go Home

January 18 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service

Chromebook Repair Drop-Off During Distance Learning Weeks

During the distance learning weeks, Chromebook repair drop-off will be available Monday through Thursday at **Elkhorn High School**. Chromebook repair drop-off is **by appointment only**.

To get the repair process started parents/guardians/students will go to: <https://forms.elkhornweb.org/help> and sign into the form with the student's epsne.org Google credentials. Parents/Guardians/Students please be as detailed as possible when submitting this form. Upon submission, this will create a ticket in our Help Desk system. All further Help Desk ticket communication will be done via the parent's/guardian's and student's email address (if applicable). Appointments will be made and communicated via the Help Desk ticket/email.

Winter Break



School will be dismissed for the Winter Break at 3:06 p.m. on Friday, December 18. There is a Teacher In-Service Day on Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd. Classes will resume with a week of distance learning starting on Monday, January 4, 2020.

Recess

Just a reminder that students will be going outside each day for recess, weather permitting. Please make sure that your child dresses appropriately so that he or she can enjoy their time outdoors.

Please remember that school doors do not open until 7:55 AM. Please do not drop off your children before 7:55 AM. There is no supervision until 7:55 AM.

Safety Patrol

Safety patrol students will be at their posts throughout the winter months except during extreme weather. We always appreciate their leadership and assistance but especially during this time of year. Please thank these school

Requirements for Screening, Exclusion, and Re-Admittance of Ill Students and Staff in Schools

REQUIRED under the State's current DHM

Students and staff with any one (1) of the following symptoms: new cough, new onset of shortness of breath, or new loss of taste or smell.

Students and staff with two (2) or more of the following: fever 100.4 F. or above, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue.

Students and staff immediately isolate in the designated area and sent home as soon as possible.

Require the symptomatic person to wear a cloth or surgical mask over nose and mouth while waiting, if tolerable.

Criteria for Re-Admittance to School

Symptomatic staff /student who tests positive:

Exclude until:

- At least 10* days have passed since first symptoms

AND

- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications

AND

- Symptoms have improved

Asymptomatic staff /student who tests positive:

Exclude until:

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive test

AND

- only allow to return if no symptoms develop. (If symptoms develop, refer to symptomatic positive instructions.)

Symptomatic staff /student not tested:

Exclude until:

- At least 10* days have passed since first symptoms

AND

- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications

AND

- Symptoms have improved

May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis, provides a return to school note, and the student meets the school's requirements for readmission.

*This length of time may need to be extended for people who have severe illness or are immunocompromised. Please consult your LHD or a health care provider for further guidance on those situations.

Symptomatic staff /student who tests negative:

Exclude until:

- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications (or meets the school's requirements for readmission)

AND

- Symptoms have improved

AND

- Student has completed quarantine, if required due to an exposure to a positive COVID-19 case

Note: A COVID-19 positive individual does not need a repeat COVID-19 test or a doctor's note in order to return.

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**

Thank You's

During these challenging times, the Spring Ridge PTO is especially thankful for all of our families and volunteers that make the extra effort to help our teachers, staff, and students and ensure that they have what they need to excel and be successful. We want to extend a special thank you to Mandira Khanna for managing the Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser that benefited the PTO and also provided special treats to those that participated. A warm thank you goes out to Chaley Chandler for orchestrating the Celebration of Giving with Womenade that benefits many families in our Elkhorn community during this holiday season. And our sincere appreciation to Melanie Hergenrader for her work to develop the holiday wish list for our teachers and staff so that we can extend our appreciation for our Spring Ridge team and all of the hard work that they have put forth for our students and families during this challenging time. And a special thank you to our workroom volunteers that are working hard to support our teachers and staff – we truly appreciate all that you do.

Support Spring Ridge With Your Holiday Shopping



Doing more online shopping this holiday season? Don't forget to use Smile.Amazon.com and designate Spring Ridge Elementary PTO as your supporting organization and a portion of each of your online purchases will go to support Spring Ridge! And Santa will put you on the "nice" list for supporting our school!

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 receive a percentage of what you spend.



**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.

Recess Games / Activities



Are you looking for a way to support Spring Ridge and provide indoor and outdoor supplies for our kids? The kids will LOVE these fun items for recess.

Attached is the link to our Amazon Smile with our wish list.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3P7KE7NOINJUE?ref=wl_share

YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2020-2021 yearbooks are now available to order!

1. Go to <https://springridge.blossomyearbooks.com/>
1. Click "ORDER" to register for an account
2. Click "ORDER" again to continue to the online store.
3. Enter your student's name(s) and teacher(s) (After choosing total quantity to order, on the next page you must choose the quantity to be delivered to each child as the books will be delivered separately to their classrooms)
4. Fill out payment information and complete purchase.

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS! Have you taken pictures this school year? We would love to include them in the yearbook. We are looking for back to school, crossing guard, halloween parade, etc. We will try to include as many as we can in the yearbook!

Questions? Email us at springridgeyearbook@gmail.com

Holiday Wish List



Spring Ridge Families -

As we enter the holiday season, we know that some families like to give gifts to the teachers and staff members to show their appreciation! We have put together a list of favorite things of each staff member, so that if you wish to give them a gift, you will know some of their favorite things! Please note that this is voluntary. Attached is the link for the wish list!

[Spring Ridge Holiday Wish List](#)

Celebration of Giving - Womenade of Elkhorn

There is still time to help our local Elkhorn families this holiday season! Gifts are available on the sign up genius until December 9th -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAFAF2FA46-spring>

Wrapped and tagged gifts are due back to Spring Ridge by December 9th at 3pm. Also, gift cards are always welcome! Womenade of Elkhorn will get the extra gift cards to those who need them most. Be sure to include the amount of the gift card, and a gift receipt if possible. THANK YOU, as always, for your generosity. Any questions? Contact Chaley Chandler at chasmitherines@aol.com

Celebration of Giving



Womenade of Elkhorn is once again coordinating the Celebration of Giving Project for all Elkhorn schools! Instead of our usual mitten tree, we are doing a Sign Up Genius this year. The following sign up is a wish list from families in our community. The need is even bigger this holiday season.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAFAF2FA46-spring>

Directions:

1. Sign up for a gift you want to purchase, wrap it and drop it off at Spring Ridge with a note attached with the following: **the number of the item and gift code (example UU1, A) and what the wrapped gift contains. For the gift cards, please include the item number and gift code (example UU1, A) and the amount purchased on the gift card.**
2. All wrapped and tagged gifts need to be dropped off at Spring Ridge by December 9th. Please place wrapped and tagged gifts in the vestibule right inside the front doors.
3. Questions? Contact Chaley Chandler at chasmitherines@aol.com or 402.213.7810

RUNZA NIGHT

Tuesday December 9th 2020, 4 – 8 P.M.

Head on over to Runza (17505 Gold Plaza) on December 9th, 4-8 PM for some delicious take out. Mention that you are supporting Spring Ridge Elementary and they will donate a proceed of sales right back to our school! Enjoy a night off from cooking AND support our school.

PTO MEETING

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on **December 7th at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. Please email Tami Candy at tamicandy81@gmail.com if you need the link to the meeting.

Nothing Bundt Cakes Delicious Success!

Nothing Bundt Cakes was a BIG success! We made \$300 right back to our school. Thank you to everyone who supported us. We hope you enjoyed your delicious treats.

DAIRY CHEF QUART FUNDRAISER

Our Dairy Chef Quart fundraiser is going on right now! It's your last chance to snag some of their yummy ice creams before they close for the winter. Top 2 sellers will get bonus prizes! Make sure you don't forget to return your completed order forms by December 7th, 2020.

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