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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Wow! February was an exciting month for the students at Spring Ridge Elementary. The focus was on reading, reading, reading, and the Winter Reading Program! Experts agree that reading is the basis for school success and we appreciate your support in encouraging your children to read at home. With children developing a love for reading in their elementary years, that enjoyment can last a lifetime.

Once again, we had nearly 100% attendance during our February Parent Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your continued support during conferences and throughout the year. The success that our students enjoy is directly impacted by your involvement at Spring Ridge. The education of our children is truly a team effort. The Spring Ridge staff appreciates your support and invites you to contact us anytime regarding the progress of your child.

Thanks to the PTO for the wonderful food that was provided during Parent-Teacher Conferences!!! It was delicious and greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Petersen

Calendar of Events - March

- March 3 - 5th Grade plays recorders with Omaha Symphony,
11:15 AM
- March 3 - ERMS Counselor & Principal speak with 5th Graders,
2:15 PM
- March 7 – PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- March 7-11 – Staff Appreciation
- March 8 - Spring Picture Day
- March 11- NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- March 14-18 - SPRING BREAK
- March 25 - Report Cards Go Home
- March 29 - Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting - 6 PM

Attention Parents of Current Kindergarten Students

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for current kindergarten students on
Friday, April 1st due to Kindergarten Round-Up.

NSCAS Testing Timeline

All students in grades three through eight, as well as 11th grades, will take part in NSCAS (Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System). Results from the NSCAS will be used to identify strengths and areas of need across the district, as well as for each individual student. It is important that your student (s) be present during these assessments in order to get an accurate snapshot of their level of mastery in relation to state standards. These results will also allow our teaching staff to guide classroom instruction based on areas of need. Listed below are the scheduled dates for the NSCAS assessments at Spring Ridge. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments, vacations, etc. If you have any questions regarding NSCAS assessments or scheduled testing dates, please feel free to contact Laurinda Petersen at 402-637-0204.

NSCAS Reading & Math for 3rd through 5th Grade Students & NSCAS Science for 5th Grade Students is scheduled during the weeks of March 28-April 29.

Assessment	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
NSCAS Reading	April 5 & 7	April 6 & 8	April 5 & 7
NSCAS Math	April 19 & 21	April 20 & 22	April 19 & 21
NSCAS Science	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 12

A Note from the Nurse

A Note from the Nurse...



- If you received a health screen referral letter within the last few months please visit the appropriate medical professional and have them complete the bottom portion of the letter and return it to school with your child.
- Please continue to notify the office if your student has had an exposure to someone with COVID-19 and follow district guidelines if your student has had an exposure or is symptomatic.

⇒ Here is the Response to [COVID-19 Guidance January 2022](#) from the Elkhorn Public Schools website.

- It's not too early to start scheduling your school physicals! Students who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall or who are new students from out of state will need to submit a physical exam and vision exam (including test for strabismus, amblyopia, and acuity) dated on or after February 17, 2022, as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#).

Forms can also be uploaded to PowerSchool during the registration process in August but please click "Keep Actual Size" when uploading with a smart phone.

- There will be a parent meeting held Tuesday, March 29th for students who will be entering Kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year. More information to come.

Thank you and stay healthy!
Elizabeth Page, RN, BSN
epage@epsne.org



COMMUNITY AGENCY SHOWCASE



**Tuesday, April 26, 2022
6:00-7:30pm
Millard North High School
1010 S. 144th Street, Omaha, NE 68154**

Millard Public Schools invites ALL metro area families with students in special education to join us for a Community Agency Showcase.

Opportunities to Learn About and Connect With:

- **Community Resources**
- **Organizations**
- **Agencies**

For more information, contact:

Staci Raddish

sraddish@epsne.org

(402-289-2579) Ext 10021



District Reminders

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Tech Savvy Parent Tip: START and a Digital Driver's Ed Guide to Tik Tok

Stand Together and Rethink Technology (START) is an organization focused on helping today's parents navigate the ever-changing world of technology use in youth.

START utilizes the the idea of driver's education, where parents using their resources are encouraged to practice Ride. Practice. Drive when implementing new technology and social media into their child's lives.

START provides an ever-growing resource library for parents to utilize, as well as a social media presence that puts helpful hints directly into the hands of parents. One feature of the resource library is Digital Drivers Ed handbook on various social media apps. To view the handbook for Tik Tok, [click here](#).

For additional information about START please visit <https://www.westartnow.org/>.

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average number of minutes users spend on TikTok daily




*Statistic per START

Together We Transform Lives

TEAMMATES™

MENTORING
of ELKHORN

TO BE A MENTOR

 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">What?</p>	<p>One-to-one, school-based mentoring program</p> <p>Weekly meetings during non-core class time</p> <p>Focused on building a trust-based relationship with a student.</p>
 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Who?</p>	<p>Adults ages 18+ are eligible to apply.</p> <p>Pass background check and reference checks.</p> <p>Willing to meet with a student once per week during the school year.</p>
 <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">How?</p>	<p>Learn more about the program and apply online at www.teammates.org.</p> <p>The need exists, as there are currently students waiting to be matched with a mentor.</p>

Have questions? Contact Kara Perchal at kperchal@epsne.org.

Stay Connected with Spring Ridge's PTO

Website: www.springridgepto.com

Facebook: Spring Ridge Elementary PTO

Email: springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com

2021-2022 Spring Ridge PTO

Mandira Khanna - President

Angela Fisher - Co-Vice President

Marie Troya - Co-Vice President

Sara Bartruff - Treasurer

Antara Gabinet - Secretary

PTO THANK YOU!

Thank you to Marie Troya and Angela Fisher for organizing another great family fun night at Local and a super fun Bingo for Books event! A huge shout out to Molly Kemp for once again organizing meals for our teachers during conferences. Much gratitude to all families that contributed to the conference meals – just another small gesture to show our support for our teachers and their extra efforts during conference time. Alex Galloway did a fabulous job with our classroom Valentine's parties; the kids had such a fun time celebrating! Leslie Stubbendieck and Tami Candy for showing our staff that we "love them a whole bunch" with bagels and donuts.

Thank you to Melanie Patton for organizing the teacher wish lists to help support our teachers and get them the additional supplies and materials that they need for their classrooms. And thank you to all the families that answered our teachers' requests – we appreciate your support for our teachers and students! Saving the best for the last, a "heart"felt thank you to all the students that took the time to be a part of the Life Loop Cupid Crew and make Valentine's cards for residents of senior living communities. We are so proud and grateful for their compassion and thoughtfulness!

Thank You!

PTO seeking to fill Committee Chair Positions

Are you interested in becoming more involved at school, but don't have a lot of extra time? Perhaps being a Chair or Co-Chair of one of the PTO Committees would be a perfect fit! Most opportunities do not require a lot of time but are crucial to the operation and flow of Spring Ridge PTO activities.

Please reach out to Angela Fisher at angela.dawn712@gmail.com or Marie_troya@yahoo.com for more information.

We probably have something of interest for YOU with over 20 committees –

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5th Grade Graduation/5th Grade Ads | Gift Wrapping |
| Book Fair | Hospitality |
| Book Swap | Landscape and Safety Committees |
| Box Tops | Newsletter |
| Carnival | Spring Ridge Apparel |
| Celebration of Giving | Staff Appreciation Week |
| Copy | Teacher Wishlist |
| Directory/Sponsorships | Teacher Workroom |
| Facebook Communication | Volunteer Recruitment |
| Family Fun Events | Classroom Parties |
| First Day of School | Website |
| Fun Run | Yearbook |



Remind Contest—Re-DO!

We are running the Remind App contest again because we're determined to award the \$30 Target Card! From Feb. 16th to March 6th, get two Spring Ridge friends to sign up, submit the [form](#) and be entered for your chance to win!



 remind **Contest**

Re-Do

CONTEST DETAILS:
Timeframe: February 16th thru March 6th @ 5 p.m.
Drawing Day/Time: Monday, March 7th @ 7 p.m.
Drawing Location: Spring Ridge Media Center - PTO Meeting

ENTER TO WIN \$30 TARGET CARD:

1. Text your Spring Ridge Code to 81010. You'll receive a link to download the Remind App and connect to Spring Ridge PTO
2. Find two Spring Ridge friends to sign up with you
3. Complete the [Google Form](#) (linked in this message)

SPRING RIDGE CODES:
*Code is based on family last name

A-E:	@8b9ace
F-J:	@egh9d9d
K-N:	@3cd727
O-R:	@7ga8ee2
S-V:	@3k3f937
W-Z:	@hkc9769

Fifth Grade Graduation



5th Grade Parents: DO NOT DELAY! Check these Must Do Items off Your List TODAY!

We are planning for this year's 5th Grade graduation ceremony, which will take place on the final day of school this year. More specific event details are forthcoming.

Please review this ENTIRE document as it pertains to grad ads, field day t-shirts, graduation after party and pictures needed for graduation videos. Please complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/UywiAfZn293rhYpA9>

GRAD AD

To place your ad, simply complete the google form by March 1st.

Please send your child's picture (saved as a high-resolution JPG file and LABELED with his/her name) to SpringRidge2022GradAds@gmail.com by March 1st.

Our preferred method is PayPal. <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/SpringRidgePTO> cost:\$5 Please add note: GRAD AD and your student's name. Or send a \$5 check made payable to Spring Ridge PTO please include a note that it is for GRAD AD with your student's name.

Graduation After Party

We are excited to announce that we will have our after graduation party at Sky Zone from 1:00-3:00 pm. The cost will be \$20 per child and will cover the cost of jumping, socks, pizza, treat and a beverage. You will need to go onto the Sky Zone website and complete the [Skyzone Waiver](#). Please pay by May 1st via check made out to Spring Ridge PTO, RE: Skyzone or via same PayPal account, Note: Skyzone. We could still use parent volunteers at SkyZone!

Fifth Grade Graduation

PHOTOS FOR GRADUATION VIDEO

At this time, we are requesting that each parent upload pictures of their child in Kindergarten, 5th grade picture, pictures of various highlights K-5th grade years, videos (cut to 30 sec. or shorter) or highlights of K-5th grade to no later than April 1st. Get us your photos & videos for the 5th grade graduation video! (see attachment for a detailed step by step)

1. Paste the following link into your browser (Google Chrome works great!):
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/s7UZTPyUJ6LbLZZ46>
2. In the top right corner, click on the icon for "Add Photos":
3. Either from your Google Photos, or from your device, select the appropriate photos & videos you'd like to add, then click "Done".
4. Your content is now uploaded, but you're not done yet!
5. Select all the items you added by clicking on them, then in the bottom right corner, click "Say Something."
6. Type in the following details, then click enter to leave your comment:
 - a. Family Last Name
 - b. 5th graders Name & Teacher's last name
 - c. Any other relevant picture/video information/descriptions that might be helpful.

T-Shirts

Finally, your child will receive a free t-shirt to wear to track and field day in May. Please indicate t-shirt size by March 1st in the google form.

If you have any questions OR would like to VOLUNTEER to help with 5th Grade Graduation, please contact Katie Ebers kjebbers@yahoo.com or Karamie Vala kbfly@hotmail.com



Save the Date!

SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022 | 5 - 8 pm

Food, Inflatables, Games, Prizes & Raffle

For more information contact Maggie Holmes and Angie Grote
SpringRidgeCarnival2022@gmail.com

CARNIVAL RAFFLE

Each year the raffle committee works hard to find great prizes for the Spring Ridge Carnival, but we need your help!

We are seeking donations from business owners and/or interested families. If your business or your family would like to make a donation you can do that by:

- 1) Emailing SpringRidgeCarnival2022@gmail.com
- 2) Sending a check to school in an envelope marked Carnival Raffle Donation, Attention: Maggie Holmes & Angie Grote. Please have your check made out to Spring Ridge PTO.

Monetary donations are easiest for us to work with, but if your business or family would prefer to donate an item, we would be happy to give you a few suggestions. Donors of \$100 or more will have their business logo or family name displayed on our raffle table.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to this year's raffle being another BIG success!

Support Spring Ridge

Thank you so much for your support of Spring Ridge. Below are some easy ways to show your support. If you are currently using one or more of these – THANK YOU! Your time and effort is so greatly appreciated! If you are new to these programs, please take a moment to check them out and find an easy way to show your support for our school!



How it works:

Make sure all your Amazon shopping is purchased through Smile.Amazon.com. Go to Your AmazonSmile under Settings. Select **Spring Ridge PTO** as your supporting charity and you're done.

Amazon will donate a portion of each purchase to our PTO. It's that easy!



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.



TAGG: Together A Greater Good

How the App Works –

Step 1: Download the TAGG app.

Step 2: Visit participating businesses and snap a photo of your receipt.

Step 3: Select which Cause to support (Spring Ridge Elementary PTO) and the business will donate to the PTO.

Yearbook

ONLINE ORDERING NOW OPEN!! ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

Don't miss your chance to order yearbooks! They are only \$20 and help raise money for PTO! Your student will cherish these memories for years to come!

HOW TO ORDER:

1. Go to <https://store.shopyearbook.com/springridge>
2. Click "Sign In" on the upper right corner of the screen to login or create an account.
3. Click "SELECT" under the image of a 21-22 yearbook on the main store screen
4. Enter student information. For more than one student click "Add new Student". Click "Continue"
5. Enter the number of yearbooks you want to order for each student, click "Continue".
- If you are ordering for more than one student you must choose the number of yearbooks to be ordered for EACH student. This ensures that each yearbook is delivered to the correct classroom at the end of the year.
6. Review your order (make sure each student has the correct quantity)
7. Fill out payment info to complete your purchase. Click "Place Order" - A confirmation email will be sent from support@picabooyearbooks.com

NOT SURE IF YOU'VE ALREADY ORDERED?

Sign in on the website listed above and select the 21-22 yearbook. On the landing page for your account it will show the names of students and the current order for each student. If you need to order additional yearbooks you can do that from this page following the directions above.

CANDID PHOTOS NEEDED

Have you been to any events or helped at school this year? If so, we would love to use your photos in the yearbook! Pictures from events and activities like Music Programs, Valentine's Day parties, walking club, safety patrol, clubs, volunteering, JA, etc. are needed! Send hi-res photos to the email address below.

QUESTIONS? email springridgeyearbook@gmail.com



Staff Appreciation



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SPRING RIDGE SUPER HERO STAFF

All week: Stop in the front lobby and write a short note about how your favorite teacher brightens your day, then drop into their bucket - let's fill them up!

MONDAY TEACHING ISN'T THEIR ONLY SUPERPOWER!

Students: Make a card for your teacher to highlight your teachers super powers (create your own or use the template provided)

PTO will provide breakfast for staff in the faculty lounge

TUESDAY SUPERHEROS LOVE TACO TUESDAY!

Students: Make a card for your favorite Specials teacher (create your own or use the template provided)

Parents: Help us stock a Taco Bar lunch for staff (access sign-up genius via email for details)

WEDNESDAY FLOWER POWER!

Parents: Help us shower our teachers with floral bouquets (access sign-up genius via email for details)

PTO will provide snacks and drinks for staff throughout the day in the faculty lounge

THURSDAY EMBRACE YOUR INNER SUPERHERO!

Students: Wear a super hero shirt to honor your teacher and the super hero within you

PTO will provide Jimmy Johns for staff lunch in the faculty lounge

PTO MEETING

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on

March 7th at 7PM

at the Spring Ridge Media Center

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