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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Welcome to the 2022-2023 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 a success. Thank you for your support in making Spring Ridge Elementary a great place to learn.

Our school theme this year is "Color the World with Kindness"! 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 again. We are scheduling PT Conferences just as we have the last couple of years, by using an online conference scheduler called Pick-A-Time. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Tuesday, September 27th and Wednesday, September 28th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each evening. Directions will be sent home with your child on Friday, September 9th, 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 12, 2022 and will close at 11:59p.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2022. 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 5** – Labor Day –NO SCHOOL
- **September 9** - School Picture Day
- **September 12** - PTO Spring Ridge Social Night at Javis Tacos 5:30-7
- **September 15** - 1st Grade Field Trip to Arbor Day Farm
- **September 21-28** - Book Fair
- **September 23** - Spring Ridge Fun Run and Family Fest
- **September 27 & 28** - Parent/Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 2:06PM
Mid Quarters are given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **September 29** - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- **September 30** - 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.
- Send a note with your child if he/she is doing something different after school (car-pooling instead of walking, etc.)
- 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
- Come into the office to sign your student out during the day

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.

Here are a few basic traffic reminders:

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!

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!

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. 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.

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.



Note from the Nurse...

~Physical and Immunization Requirements~

Nebraska law requires that all school children have a physical examination upon entry into school, when transferring from out-of-state, or previously homeschooled. Students must also provide proof of a visual evaluation to include testing for amblyopia, strabismus, internal and external eye health, and visual acuity upon entry into school. The state also requires your child be immunized and provide proof of immunization before attending classes. Please visit this link: [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#) to view specific vaccine requirements for the age of your child. **If you have not turned in your Kindergarten or new out-of-state student's paperwork, please do so ASAP.**

~Medication Policy~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, each medication must have a [Medication Authorization Form](#) signed by the parent and a physician before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medications, please only provide a maximum of 30 day supply at a time. All medication must be dropped off in the office by a parent or guardian. Please do not send any medications with your student.

~Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, and you have not yet done so, please submit an [Action Plan](#) signed by your physician. ***Plans must be updated annually.***

~Sick Child Policy~

Just a reminder to monitor your child for symptoms of illness and to keep them home if they have any of the following: **fever >100.0, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, head lice, eye infection.** Students must be free of these conditions for 24 hours before returning to school. Please see the Elkhorn website for current Covid 19 protocols.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Thank You! Elizabeth Page RN, BSN
epage@epsne.org



HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT

TEAM UP FOR TEAMATES OF ELKHORN!

Celebrate TeamMates of Elkhorn
Mentors and Mentees
by attending the EHS v. ENHS football
game on
Friday, September 30
at 7:00 PM at the EPS Stadium.

SUPPORT ENHS BAND AND SHOWCASE YOUR WOLFPACK PRIDE!

Visit www.cishirts.com/go/ENHS2022
to purchase your ENHS accessories
and apparel today!

DINE AT RUNZA[®]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
10% OF SALES DONATED TO

TEAMMATES[™]
MENTORING



SEPTEMBER 2022

District Reminders

STAFF DIRECTORIES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

As a reminder, please always double check the email address of any staff member you are attempting to contact, as some email addresses include a number in them. If you are not sure of the correct address, you can find and email all staff members directly by clicking the appropriate building link below, and then clicking the individual's name.




Elkhorn High School
Elkhorn North High School
Elkhorn South High School
Elkhorn Grandview Middle School
Elkhorn Middle School
Elkhorn North Ridge Middle School
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School
Elkhorn Valley View Middle School
Arbor View Elementary
Fire Ridge Elementary
Hillrise Elementary
Manchester Elementary
Sagewood Elementary
Skyline Elementary
Spring Ridge Elementary
West Bay Elementary
West Dodge Station Elementary
Westridge Elementary
Woodbrook Elementary

Together We Transform Lives

TEAMMATES

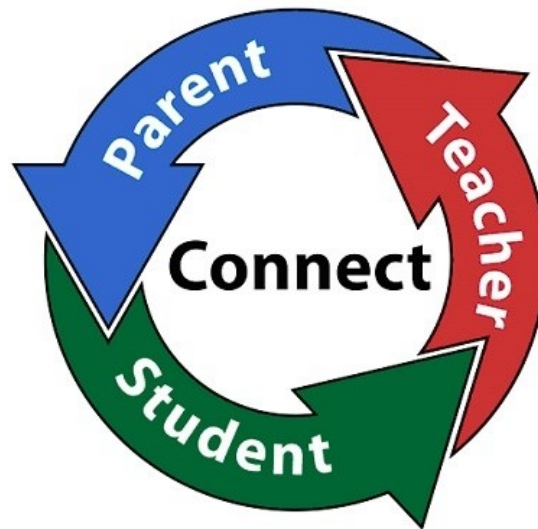
MENTORING
of ELKHORN

BECOME A MENTEE

 <p>What?</p>	<p>One-to-one, school-based mentoring program</p> <p>Weekly meetings during non-core class time</p> <p>Focused on the overall growth and development of the student</p>
 <p>Who?</p>	<p>Any 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>

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences



Tuesday, September 27 and Wednesday, September 28, 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 will be sent home with students on Friday, September 9th regarding how to schedule your PT Conference Time for your child through the Pick-A-Time website/tool. If you have questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office 402-637-0204



2022-2023 Spring Ridge PTO

Executive Board Members

Co-Presidents: Angela Fisher & Marie Troya

President Elect: Maggie Brockmann

Treasurer: Supriya Deshmukh

Secretary: Jaimye Platt

Message from PTO Leadership

We are keeping busy helping drive the various initiatives of the PTO. We want to provide unwavering support for students, teachers, and staff of Spring Ridge. Already, several Spring Ridge parent volunteers have been digging in, dedicating time coordinating logistics and tasks of upcoming happenings at Spring Ridge.

We would like to send a special call out to recognize the following individuals for their contributions & continued support of Spring Ridge PTO. Thank you very much for your help—it truly takes a village!

- **Rebecca Peterson**, for getting the Directory up and running
- **Nicole Hoogeveen**, for organizing the First Day of School experience
- **Cassi DeAngelis**, for getting us set up with Spirit Wear & for editing the newsletter for us each month
- **Antara Gabinet**, for managing our Sign Ups for various volunteer needs
- **Sarah Terry & Angie Siegrist**, for getting our Yearbooks orders open & for the hard work you will put in through this year to represent all of our students
- **Kristin Kelley**, for continuing to manage the PTO Website and for the timely updates you make for all involved
- **Hannah Weiger**, for keeping everyone updated on Facebook
- **Jess Cohn**, for getting the grounds cleaned up and looking good for Back to School
- **Melanie Patton**, for organizing all the details for Teacher Wishlists to ensure classrooms are stocked with all the things
- **Tami Candy**, for organizing school supply kit orders and deliveries to student classrooms and all the volunteers who assisted with that project
- **Kristen Pearson & Abbie Okumah** for all the hours spent making copies for teachers getting them ready for the first couple weeks of school
- **Tami Candy, Amanda Setlak, and Adrianna Garcia** for working together to make our biggest annual celebration of the year a huge success - Celebrate Spring Ridge: Fun Run & Family Fest



\$4,200 raised
for our school!

Shopping Rewards

So many Spring Ridge families have parents who both work full time! If this is you, you might feel reluctant to volunteer valuable time, let alone any left-over mental energy! If this sounds like you, you can still help- Sign up to participate in our Shopping Rewards programs where the purchases you make everyday count towards monetary kickbacks to Spring Ridge!

Sign up for TAGG, AmazonSmile, and Bakers Rewards today!

TAGG for our School!

How TAGG works



Upload receipt at TAGG.today, choose our school.



A % will be donated to us at no extra cost to you!

400+ Businesses



★ Plus, earn points to redeem bonus donations, gifts cards & more!



CREATE ACCOUNT GET 20 POINTS!

1 Visit TAGG.today and click "Login"



2 Once logged in, complete your profile in the upper right corner. Enter **SPRINGRIDGE20** for referral code.

3 TAGG will add 20 points to your account!

**Please allow 3 business days.*



IMPORTANT TIP

Add a home screen button for easier access + stay logged in!

- iPhone/iPad (Safari)
Tap Share icon (square with arrow) > Add to Home Screen
- Android (Chrome)
Tap menu icon (3 dots)
> Add to Home Screen



Shopping Rewards Continued

Get Started helping our school today!


You shop. Amazon gives.

In the Amazon app under Settings, designate **Spring Ridge Elementary PTO** as your Smile charity.

Make purchases using smile.amazon.com and a percentage of the sales will be returned to the PTO. *

**Not all products available at amazon.com are available at smile.amazon.com; Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are excluded from donations.*


Community Rewards

Simply go to Bakersplus.com and sign into your account to link your shopper's card to Spring Ridge Elementary PTO (**Organization #: YT880**)

For every purchase you make using your Baker's card a percentage of the sales will be returned to the PTO.

Thanks for supporting Spring Ridge! Questions? Email us:

springridgeelementarypto@gmail.com



Get your Spring Ridge Spirit Wear!

Deadline to order apparel is Thursday, September 15th!
Return paper order forms ASAP or order online [here](#).

Spring Ridge Spirit Wear

Show your spirit!



Every Friday is Spring Ridge Spirit Day!



A percentage of Apparel Sales come back to Spring Ridge!



2022-2023 Yearbook Orders

Pre-order your 2022-2023 Yearbook!

Order online [here](#) (includes a \$2.50 processing fee) OR complete [paper form](#) and return to school with payment.

YEARBOOK PRE ORDER!



**ONLINE
ORDERING
NOW AVAILABLE**

SIMPLE STEPS

- GO TO YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM ✓
- SEARCH: SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY ✓
- CLICK: SHOP STORE/ YEARBOOK/
CONTINUE ✓
- ENTER STUDENT INFORMATION ✓
- ADD TO CART ✓

**SCAN
BELOW**



**SCAN CODE
TO ORDER**

A percentage of Yearbook sales comes back to Spring Ridge!



Spring Ridge Directory

Please update your Directory information ASAP.

Each year, your student's grade is auto-updated, but you still must log in and select their teacher for their name to populate appropriately. [Click here to sign up/update info](https://tinyurl.com/eagledirectory)

SPRING RIDGE SCHOOL DIRECTORY

WHY USE THE DIRECTORY?

- LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL
- ABILITY TO CONTACT CLASSMATES
- CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS



To Update Information or Sign up:
<https://tinyurl.com/eagledirectory>
OR
Use your phone's camera with the
QR code!



Have questions? Need help? Contact:
directoryspringridgepto@gmail.com



Celebrate Spring Ridge

Our biggest annual celebration is around the corner!

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 23rd!

ONE DAY—TWO EVENTS! Stay tuned to PTO emails for more details coming soon!

CELEBRATE SPRING RIDGE

9.23.22



1 day + 2 events =
connection & community

fun run

students, staff, &
volunteers join together
for a fun run during the
school day

family fest

a time to connect &
build our spring
ridge community

www.springridgepto.com



Spring Ridge Socials!

New this year—Spring Ridge Socials!

To help foster school spirit and build community amongst families, we hope you'll join the Spring Ridge Social scheduled for Monday, September 12th!

Spring Ridge SOCIAL

EAT ... GREET ... MINGLE ... PLAY



SEPTEMBER 12TH
5:30 - 7:00PM

**JOIN US AT JAVI'S TACOS IN LAKESIDE
FOR A NIGHT TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, EAT
AND ALSO TO GIVE BACK TO SPRING
RIDGE!**

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO OUR SCHOOL!

Save the date and grab a group to meet and mingle!
A portion of the proceeds from all sales from Spring Ridge families will be
donated back to our school!

Go Eagles!

Connect



Classroom Volunteer Opportunities

Are you wanting to give some time during the day helping out in your child's classroom?

A Sign-Up will be shared soon for parents to sign up to help in classrooms based on specific dates & times. Be on the lookout for more information to be coming this month via PTO email!

Contribute

Sign up for our Shopping Rewards so when you shop, Spring Ridge receives a certain percentage back quarterly! Sign up to support Spring Ridge right away!



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