

December 2022

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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 your volunteerism with classroom and special projects, your attendance at school functions, your support for the PTO fundraisers, your presence when dropping off and picking up your children, the confidence you place in our teachers and the importance you see in 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 busy month. 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 family and friends.

*Laurinda Petersen*

Spring Ridge Principal



## Calendar of Events

### December

- December 4 - Bookworm Bookfair Final Shopping Day
- December 6 - SR Social @ Oscar's
- December 9 - Final day to get discounted Urban Air Passes
- December 12 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM & SR Social @ Chipotle
- December 22-31 WINTER BREAK



### January

- January 3 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 6 – Report Cards Go Home
- January 16 - NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- January 18 - Staff Appreciation Bagel & Donuts Breakfast
- January 23-27 – Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24 School Year
- January 24 - Bingo for Books Night  
6-7 PM (Families with last name A-K)  
7-8 PM (Families with last name L-Z)

### Winter Break

School will be dismissed for the Winter Break at 3:06 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 21** and classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 4, 2023**. There is a Teacher In-Service Day on Tuesday, January 3rd.

## Lost and Found



The Lost & Found bin is in the front lobby of the school. Please check this bin when you are able to. It is helpful if you put your child's name in coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. We can easily return items to your child, if there is a name on the tag! All unclaimed lost and found items will be taken to Goodwill over Winter Break.

## Recess and Walking Club

Just a reminder that students will be going outside each day for recess and walking club, 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 for walking club. Please do not drop off your children before 7:55 AM. There is no supervision until 7:55 AM.




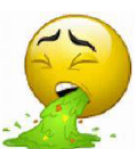



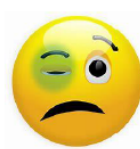

## Safety Patrol

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 leaders when you see them!

## Note from the Nurse...

As cold and flu season ramps up, please continue to make sure that you and your children are practicing healthy habits like getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of water, and [hand washing/sanitizing](#). Thank you for screening your children daily and keeping them home when they don't feel well!

# I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100 degrees F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or pus draining from eye	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit

# I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.

## -Health Screens-

Health screens in the areas of height/weight, dental, hearing, and vision have been completed on all K-4th, 7th, and 10th grade students as well as students new to the district. Parents will be notified of abnormal results by a referral letter.

***If you receive a referral letter, please visit the applicable health care provider and return the bottom part of the form to the office.***

Thank you!

Elizabeth Page RN, BSN

[epage@epsne.org](mailto:epage@epsne.org)

## Kindergarten Round Up

Spring Ridge Elementary is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2023-24 school year. If you have a child who will be in kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year, please register them during the week of January 23-27 on the District Website ([www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org)).

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held next spring. When you register your child on the District website, we will use the email addresses in that registration to communicate Kindergarten Round-up information and details with you, so it is super important to register your kindergarten student for the 2023-24 school year during the week of January 23-27 on the District Website. Please spread the word! We appreciate your help and support!







## 2022-2023 Spring Ridge PTO

### Executive Board Members

Co-Presidents: Angela Fisher & Marie Troya

President Elect: Maggie Brockmann

Treasurer: Supriya Deshmukh

Secretary: Jaimye Platt

## Celebration of Giving Time!

The sign up genius with the list of gifts has been emailed out but there is still time to help a family in need! **All wrapped and labeled gifts are due back to the office by December 6th at 3:00pm.** Please email [Chaley Chandler](#) with questions or click [HERE](#) to sign-up to help.

## Gift Wrapping for Teachers - Help Still Needed

Whether you enjoy wrapping or not, you might be able to help! We are also seeking donations of gift wrap, ribbons, and labels to be able to continue offering this service to our staff this time of year. Sign up [HERE](#) or click the image for more information.

It's Time For

**HOLIDAY GIFT  
WRAPPING  
FOR SPRING  
RIDGE STAFF**

Do you enjoy wrapping gifts?  
**We need YOU!**



## Holiday Shopping In the Know

See the following pages for holiday shopping tips related to our school. Thanks for your continued support in all the ways to make Spring Ridge the best it can be!



**URBAN AIR**  
ADVENTURE PARK  
15364 Weir St. Omaha, NE 68137

### JUMP PASS SALES EVENT

Jump passes make great Holiday gifts or Birthday gifts. They can be used on whatever date you choose. 16.6% to 28% comes back to support Spring Ridge, depending on which Jump Pass you select.

Ticket	Price	Funds raised	Attraction access
PLATINUM	\$25	\$7	Unlimited Spin Zone Bumper Cars, Virtual Reality + Ultimate access
ULTIMATE	\$20	\$4.50	Ropes Course, Climbing Walls, + Deluxe access
DELUXE	\$15	\$2.50	Warrior Course, Tubes Playground, ProZone, & Basic Trampolines

For more details or to purchase, visit our website:  
[www.SpringRidgePTO.com/UrbanAirFundraiser/](http://www.SpringRidgePTO.com/UrbanAirFundraiser/)

**EVERY SALE HELPS!  
KICKBACKS RANGE FROM  
16%-28% BACK TO  
SPRING RIDGE!**

## Holiday Cheer!

*“The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear.”*  
- **ELF**

## SPRING RIDGE SHOPPING EVENT



NOVEMBER 24TH - DECEMBER 4TH



**Shop in store or  
online!**

**MENTION SPRING RIDGE &  
PORTION OF SALES COMES  
BACK TO OUR SCHOOL**

## Shopping for Teachers?

The Teacher Wish lists for holiday shopping were shared this week to PTO email subscribers. Please [Email PTO](#) if you need a copy of the list.



## Spring Ridge Socials!

Dine in or Carry Out!

Join us for a  
Spring Ridge Social!



Tuesday, Dec. 6th, 2022

5:00 - 9:00 PM

17330 Lakeside Hills Plaza

Mention Spring Ridge upon ordering to ensure 10% of the proceeds are donated back to our school.

*Organized by the Spring Ridge PTO*

Join us for a  
Spring Ridge Social!



Monday, Dec. 12th, 2022

5:00 - 9:00 PM

178th & Center St.

Mention Spring Ridge Elementary to ensure 10% of the proceeds are donated back to the school.

*Organized by the Spring Ridge PTO*

Save the date and grab a group to meet and mingle!  
*Mention you are supporting Spring Ridge & a portion of sales will be donated back to our school!*





## Updates & Recaps

Below you'll find various recaps and updates on different PTO initiatives. As always, do not hesitate to contact us if you have ideas or suggestions! Thanks for your continued support!

## Staff Appreciation

We wanted to thank everyone who made our faculty and staff feel SOUPER appreciated by donating to our soup and salad bar luncheon in November. In January, we will again shower our staff with appreciation providing a bagels & donuts breakfast bar. We are seeking several donations to make it a big success so please consider helping & sign up [HERE](#).

Finally, we are still looking for volunteers to help us plan and execute our annual Faculty/Staff appreciation week in March, the week prior to Spring Break. If you are interested in helping out, please email [Leslie Stubbendieck](#) or [Tami Candy](#).

Thanks for all your support of Spring Ridge Faculty & Staff!

## Book Swap is Coming!



It's almost time for the  
**BOOK SWAP!**

The book swap is a chance to pass along some of your family's gently-used books to other students and receive some new-to-you books in return. Now is a great time to start sifting through your bookshelves to see what books you can share with a new home!

The Book Swap will take place in February.  
More details to come!




Have you ordered your student's yearbook yet?

So far there are 219 yearbooks orders in!  
Click image below to order by Feb. 3, 2023



# YEARBOOK PRE ORDER!

**Order Deadline: February 3, 2023**



**ONLINE  
ORDERING  
NOW AVAILABLE**

## SCAN BELOW



**SCAN CODE  
TO ORDER**

### SIMPLE STEPS

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



Please visit the Spring Ridge Directory

Update your settings/info & opt-in Annually! Click image below to access the online directory.



# School Directory

## WHY USE THE DIRECTORY?



- ✓ Ability to contact classmates or families for birthday parties, homework help, or play dates!
- ✓ Connect with other parents

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/EAGLEDIRECTORY](http://tinyurl.com/eagledirectory)

**YOU MUST OPT IN  
EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**

Email [directoryspringridgepto@gmail.com](mailto:directoryspringridgepto@gmail.com) with any questions or for help!

**SPRING RIDGE**  
elementary



## Connect



## Ensure you stay connected!

Have you been receiving emails from the PTO?

The Spring Ridge PTO sends emails containing important information about what is happening at Spring Ridge. For your child to be in tune with the latest, be sure to subscribe to the PTO emails.

[Subscribe](#) to our emails or click on the email icon to the left to sign up!

## 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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