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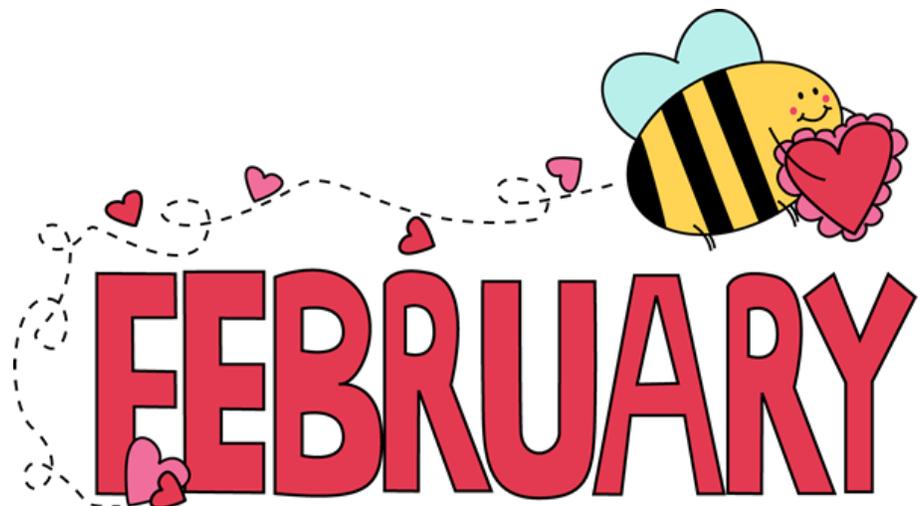
A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families!

The second semester is well underway as we celebrated the 100th day of school at the end of January! Time flies when you are having a good time! Students are making tremendous progress in all academic areas. I am very proud of the growth our students are making! It is very apparent that learning is important to our Spring Ridge students. Thank you for all that you do to encourage learning at home and for emphasizing the importance of school.

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal



February Calendar of Events

- February 2 - Final day to order books with Paper Pie Book Fair
- February 6 - PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- February 9 - 2nd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM / 3rd Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM
- February 10 - Valentine's Day Parties 2:30 pm
- February 13-28 - The Makery Door Hanger Fundraiser
- February 14-15 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
***Early Dismissal 2:06 PM & Mid-Quarter Reports are given to parents at Conferences.*
- February 16 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- February 17 - NO SCHOOL
- February 22 - Book Swap

Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 14 and 15 are Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will once again be using the online scheduler, Pick-A-Time, to schedule PT Conferences just like we have in the past. A handout was sent home with students on January 20th explaining this process. Parents were also sent an email with this information. The online scheduler will open for you to sign up at 10 AM on Monday, January 30th and it will close at 11:59 PM on Sunday, February 12th.

If you have any questions, please contact the Spring Ridge Office at 402-637-0204. There is an early dismissal on both February 14 and February 15 at 2:06 PM with a Teacher In-Service on Thursday, February 16th and NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 17th.

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 **April 3-21**.

We've got Spirit, Yes We Do

REMEMBER: FRIDAYS are Spirit Day!

Encourage your children to wear their Spring Ridge apparel on Fridays to show their school spirit. If your child doesn't have any Spring Ridge apparel, our school colors are blue and yellow. Students can also just wear clothing that is blue and/or yellow to show their Spring Ridge spirit on Fridays. Thank you for your support!





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 if you have not already done so.

● ***It's not too early to start scheduling your school and sports 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 after **February 15, 2023**, as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)

- Students entering the **7th grade** in the fall will need to submit a **physical exam** dated after **February 15, 2023** and an updated **immunization record** including a **Tdap booster**.

- Students wanting to participate in a sport at the middle school or high school must have a **sports physical** completed sometime after **May 1, 2023** and uploaded to [rschool](#).

***Health records should be submitted to school prior to the first student day on Aug 15, 2023.*

***7th graders still need to submit a physical exam to the front office as well, as these are different systems.*

Thank you!

Elizabeth Page, RN, BSN epage@epsne.org



READ-A-THON

Spring Ridge 2023 Winter Reading

This year for our annual Winter Reading program students will work together collectively to earn fun prizes for their classrooms and for the whole school JUST BY READING! We are working towards a goal of 100,000 minutes!

If each student reads about 7 minutes a day we can easily hit this. Read alone or together, fill out the tracking sheets, and let's have fun making the most out of the long winter month of February!

Questions? Contact Ms. Omo
somo@epsne.org

PTO NEWS

Thank you for your continued support!

We want to shout out to each and every Spring Ridge parent and/or family member who has provided countless support mechanisms throughout the school year. We are honored to serve as your PTO Board, and could not do what we do without your volunteer time, monetary donations, suggestions and feedback and so much more.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Paper Pie Book Fair is Ending Soon!

Join us for a virtual

 **paperpie**
Book Fair

January 20th - February 2nd

bit.ly/SpringRidgeBooks1



Looking for new books, puzzles, or learning activities to keep your kiddos busy?

Check out the virtual book fair!

PaperPie (formerly Usborne Books & More) will match all sales with a 50% donation of free books for our school. Books will ship straight to you. Browse and shop:
bit.ly/SpringRidgeBooks1
Choose "Spring Ridge Elementary" at checkout!

PTO NEWS

Order your Yearbook before it's too late!

TO PLACE AN ORDER:

To place an order online, go to: yearbookforever.com. Search for Spring Ridge Elementary, then click Shop Store. Select "Yearbook", then Continue. Enter your student's information, then Add to Cart and Checkout.

If you'd like to avoid the \$2.25 fee online, print off [this order form](#) and return completed form and payment to school prior to Feb. 3rd.

TO FIND AN ORDER:

If you're unsure if you've ordered or not, go to yearbookforever.com and enter your email address in the "Find an Order" box. If an online order was placed, you'll receive an automated order summary email (check your spam folder!)

If you think you may have submitted a paper-order, please email: springridgeyearbook@gmail.com and our dedicated Yearbook Chairs will look into it for you.

PTO
Meeting

Please Join Us for our
Next PTO Meeting!

Mark your calendars to join us for the February PTO Meeting taking place on **Monday February 6th at 7 PM** in the Spring Ridge Library. We love to see new (and former) faces and hear your thoughts and ideas!

PTO NEWS

Valentines Day Parties

Spring Ridge Students will celebrate Valentine's Day on **Friday, Feb. 10th at 2:30 PM.** There are several remaining opportunities to help with the parties. Please note: You must sign-up to volunteer in order to enter the classrooms for the parties.



Start gathering your used books at home!



It's almost time for the

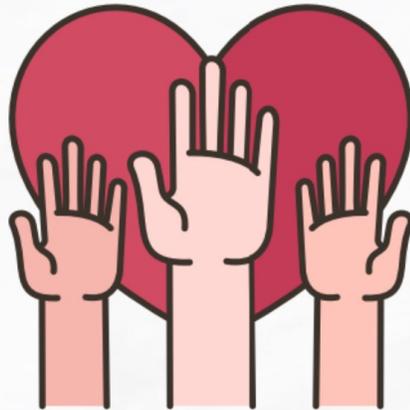
BOOK SWAP!

Drop off books-- with at least one labeled with your child's name/teacher on painter's tape-- in the collection tubs inside the front doors from Feb 13-15th.

On Feb 22nd, your child will be able to select three new-to-them books to bring home! This is a great way to pass along some books your family no longer needs and refresh your shelves at the same time!

PTO NEWS

We need your help - Just click the image below!



DONATIONS NEEDED

TEACHER APPRECIATION

**WE GET IT. SOMETIMES IT'S EASIER TO
DONATE FROM HOME THEN DROP OFF
SUPPLIES. ANY HELP MAKES A HUGE
DIFFERENCE!**

We need help with

- catered breakfast
- flower bouquets
- taco bar lunch
- faculty room snacks

To Donate Any Amount:

VISIT

[https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/
charity/1831300](https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1831300)



**OR
SCAN
CODE**



PTO NEWS

NEW! COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout for more info from PTO Email!



THE MAKERY
★ a local crafting studio ★

Door Hanger Drive

TAKE HOME DOOR HANGER PROJECT
FROM THE MAKERY!
-3 OPTIONS AVAILABLE-

ORDER FEBRUARY 13TH- 28TH
HANGERS GO HOME FOR SPRING BREAK!

PTO NEWS

Have you updated your Directory Listing? Click on the image below to log-in and update your information! Thank You!



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 with any questions or for help!



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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