

March 2023

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A Message from Mrs. Petersen

Dear Spring Ridge Families!

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!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal



March Calendar of Events

- March 1 - 5th Grade plays recorders with Omaha Symphony, 8:15AM
- March 1 - ERMS visits 5th grade in cafeteria at 2:15 PM
- March 6 – PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
- March 6-24 - Jump Rope for Heart
- March 7 - Spring Picture Day
- March 13 - School Battle of the Books
- March 14 - PTO Makery kit pick up 2:30 PM - 6 PM
- March 13-16 – Staff Appreciation
- March 16 - ERMS Jazz Band & Show Choir Perform, 10-10:30 AM in Gym
- March 17- NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- March 20-24 - SPRING BREAK
- March 29 - PTO Pizza Night at La Casa West
- March 31 - Report Cards Go Home

Attention Parents of Current Kindergarten Students

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for current kindergarten students on **Friday, April 14th** 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 4 & 6	April 3-6	April 4 & 6
NSCAS Math	April 18 & 20	April 17-20	April 18 & 20
NSCAS Science	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 11



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. This is NOT required but recommended.
- March often brings increased symptoms for students with allergies and asthma. Please let us know if there are any updates to your students' asthma/severe allergy actions plans and/or medications.



● ***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** 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](#). The vision exam must include testing for strabismus, amblyopia, internal and external eye health, and acuity. **ALL VISION COMPONENTS NEED RESULTS** to meet the state requirements!

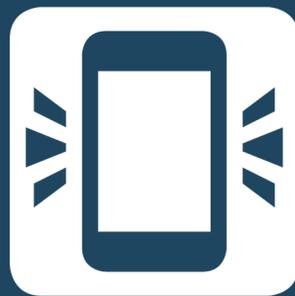
****Health records should be submitted to school prior to the first student day on Aug 15, 2023.**

Thank you!

Elizabeth Page, RN, BSN epage@epsne.org



HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT



EPS TEXT MESSAGING

TEXT "YES" TO 67587

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!

CARNIVAL is on the Horizon! Save the Date!



YOU'RE INVITED!

SPRING RIDGE CARNIVAL

**FRIDAY, MAY 12TH, 2023
5-8 PM**

@SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

***Join us for a fun event for
the whole family!***

INFLATABLES

FOOD & DRINKS

GAMES & PRIZES

RAFFLES

& MUCH MORE!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

The Carnival is an annual PTO fundraiser to support Spring Ridge Students.

PTO NEWS

Attention: 5th Grade Parents!

Plans are underway for the 5th grade graduation celebration. A Google Doc and Google Form will be emailed to you from your child's classroom teacher. Please read the details carefully pertaining to field day t-shirts and graduation video instructions.

**5TH GRADE
CLASS**
2023



If you have any questions, please email us at:
springridge2023gradads@gmail.com.

Ashli Brehm and Katie Ebers
5th Grade Graduation Committee

PTO NEWS

FINAL DAY TO ORDER—FEBRUARY 28th!

THE MAKERY

★ a local crafting studio ★



TAKE HOME DOOR HANGER KITS

 Final Days to Order Kits! 

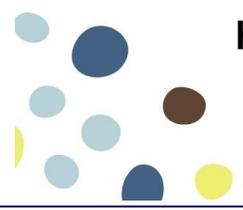
You still have time to order your DIY Door Hanger Kit through The Makery by following the link below.

Customize from 3 different hanger options (colors, wording, etc).

Want to know the best part? These door hanger kits will be brought to YOU at school on Tuesday, March 14th! Pickup will be 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

Orders end on February 28th!

<http://www.themakeryomaha.com/new-events/2023/springridgeelementary>



PTO NEWS

Staff Appreciation Week—Lined up & Ready!

Thank you to all our families who donated to our annual faculty and staff appreciation week, which will take place from Monday, March 13 through Thursday, March 16th.



Because of your generosity, the only thing we are asking from families that week is to *bring in a bouquet of flowers anytime on Monday, March 13 but NO LATER than 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14.* Volunteers will take these donations and arrange them into bouquets for all our amazing Spring Ridge faculty and staff members. Donation buckets will be available at the front of school and at the EKC doors.

Below is what else is in store for this special week:

Monday: Breakfast from Farmhouse Cafe, generously donated by a Spring Ridge Family.

Tuesday: Flower Bouquets for all faculty and staff members, donated by all families. Plus a, Find the Golden Heart game, which 20 gift cards will be hidden around school and teachers who find them will receive the prize.

Wednesday: Trail Mix Snack Bar

Thursday: Catered lunch taco/nacho bar from La Mesa Mexican Grille

Friday: No School

We appreciate your support of our Spring Ridge Faculty and Staff members this entire year!



PTO NEWS

Spring Ridge Social—ALL DAY March 29th!

FREE
Italian Ice
Cream!
For all
students!!

Spring Ridge
Elementary

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For all
students!!

Pizza Night



LACASA
WEST

Wednesday
March 29th
ALL DAY

10% back to your school

**168th &
Jackson**

Dine-In Carryout, Curbside
Call of Order: 402.506.6868
www.lacasapizzaomaha.com

PTO NEWS

Valentines Day Recap

Spring Ridge Students were ecstatic to celebrate Valentines Day on February 10th. Thank you to all of the volunteers who facilitated the games and activities in the classrooms—we truly couldn't celebrate like we do without your support!

Games & Fun



Take Home Crafts

PTO Meeting

Please Join Us!

Join us at the March PTO Meeting on Monday March 6, at 7 PM in the Spring Ridge Library. We love to see new (and former)

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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