

MARCH 2024

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





UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- March 1 - 5th Grade plays recorders with Omaha Symphony, 9:15 AM
- March 1 - ERMS visits 5th grade in cafeteria at 2:15 PM
- March 1-29 - Jump Rope for Heart
- March 4 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM
- March 8 - Spring Picture Day
- March 11-14 - Staff Appreciation
- March 14, ERMS Jazz Band & Show Choir perform for K-5 in gym, 10-10:30 AM
- March 15- NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- March 18-22 - SPRING BREAK
- March 28 - Kdg. attends Red Riding Hood @ Rose Theater, 11:40 AM to 2:30 PM
- March 29 - Report Cards Go Home

Attention Parents of Current Kindergarten Students:

There will be NO SCHOOL for current kindergarten students on Friday, April 5th 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 2 & 4	April 3 & 5	April 2 & 4
NSCAS Math	April 9 & 11	April 10 & 12	April 9 & 11
NSCAS Science	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 16



HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT

Early Intervention Services Reminder

Elkhorn Public School Families - if you have any concerns regarding your young child's development, don't hesitate to reach out to the EPS Early Intervention team. Our dedicated professionals are here to support you and your child's needs. Visit Elkhorn Public Schools Early Intervention for more information.

TeamMates

Call for Mentors

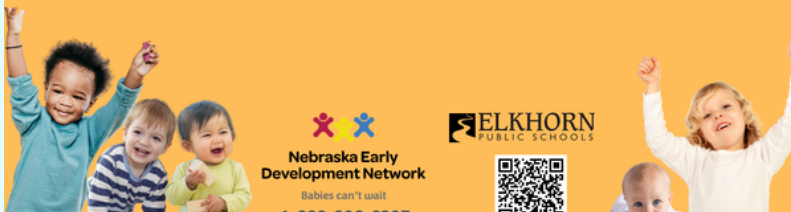
Did you know by giving just 30 minutes of your time each week, you can make a positive, lasting impact on the life of an EPS student? Currently, 14 students are awaiting their chance to have a TeamMates mentor, and you can help! Apply online at <http://bit.ly/2vNtESK> today and be matched with your student by Spring Break!

Does your child talk and play like other children?

The *Early Development Network* works with school districts to offer **FREE** screening and evaluations for children birth through age five.

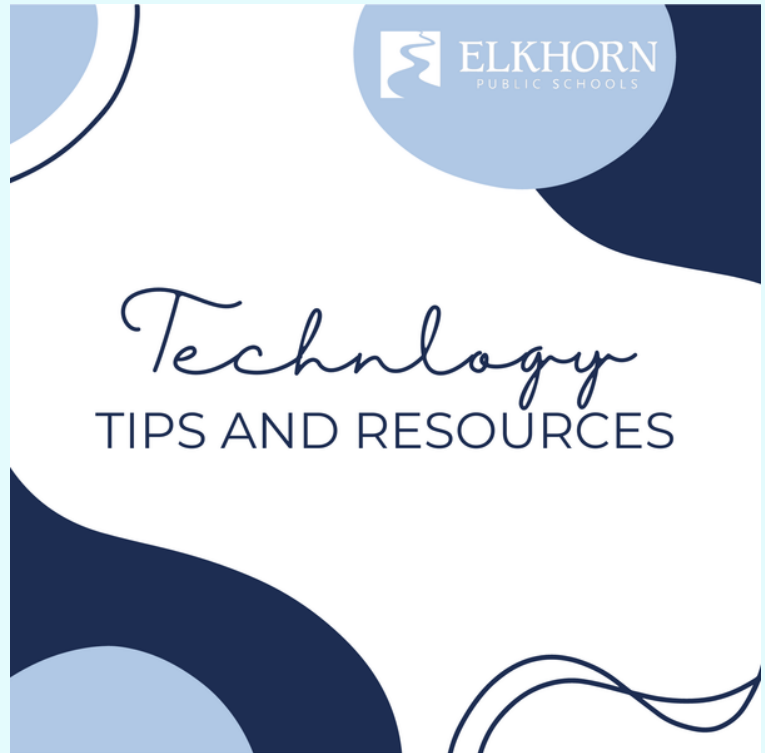
Your child could be eligible to receive free help with:

- Play skills
- Speech and Language
- Motor Development
- Vision and Hearing



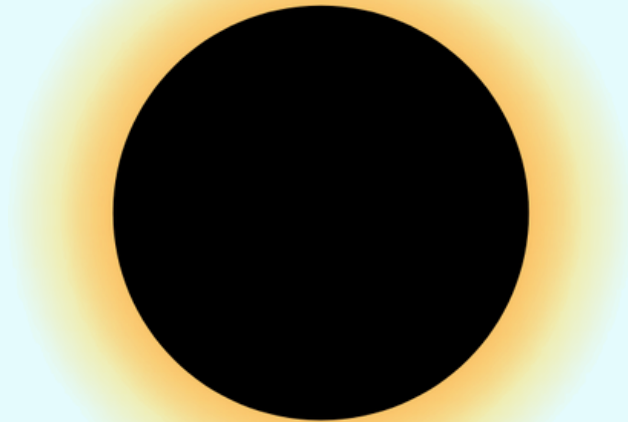


For Parents/Guardians:
[S.M.A.R.T. Parenting Tips for Online Safety](#)



2024-25 Kindergarten and New Student Registration

If you have a child who will attend kindergarten during the 2024-2025 school year (students must be at least 5 years of age by July 31, 2024, to attend Kindergarten), please register them by visiting (www.elkhornweb.org). Once you have registered your child, we will use the email address in that registration to communicate Kindergarten Round-up information and details with you.



Total Solar Eclipse

As some of you may be aware, a total solar eclipse will cross North America on Monday, April 8. While Nebraska is outside of the path of totality, we will experience about 80% of the sun being blocked by the moon at approximately 1:55 p.m. This event will be both educational and historical for our students to witness, as an eclipse with this level of visibility has not occurred since 2017.

District science teachers and administrative staff have been busy preparing for the event by ordering special glasses for all students to be able to view the eclipse, as well as preparing learning materials and resources for staff to adequately engage students at all grade levels in this event. Some schedules will also be adjusted in order to allow for participation and viewing.

While all staff will be trained on safety measures to be taken in regards to protecting all students, there is a potential for retinal injury by viewing the eclipse directly, when done without the protection of the glasses. Due to this possibility, we are requiring positive parent permission for students to participate. A parent permission slip will be sent home in late March. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this event, please feel free to contact your child's principal.



Note from the Nurse...



Thank you for keeping your child home when they don't feel well. **CHILDREN SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL FOR THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- Contagious diseases such as chickenpox, measles, mumps, pink eye, etc.
- Skin eruptions or suspicious rash
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Abnormal temperature (Elkhorn Public Schools

complies with the Douglas County Health Department recommendation that a child may not stay at school if temperature is 100 degrees or more and should not return to school until fever-free for 24 hours.)

- Head lice

A child absent from school because of a skin disease or other infectious or contagious disease may be required to present a statement from a doctor upon returning to school.

-Health Screens-

If your student received a referral letter after health screenings, please follow-up with the appropriate health care provider and return completed referral forms to the school. **This is not required.** Referrals are meant to bridge the gap between regular health check-ups.

It's not too early to start scheduling your school and sports physicals!



- o 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 tests for strabismus, amblyopia, and acuity)** dated after **February 13, 2024**, as well as a current immunization record including the Kindergarten booster shots. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#)

****Health records should be submitted to school prior to the first student day on August 13, 2024.**

Thank you!
Elizabeth Page, BSN/RN
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SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

MARCH 2024

PTO NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

- 03/04: PTO MEETING @ 6:30PM
- 03/05: SPRING RIDGE SOCIAL: CHIPOTLE
- 03/08: SPRING PICTURE DAY
LOVE NOTES DUE
- 03/11: STAFF PASTA BAR
- 03/12: STAFF FLOWER DELIVERY
- 03/13: STAFF YOGURT AND JUICE BAR
- 03/14: STAFF ICE CREAM BAR AND SCAVENGER HUNT

♥ STAFF ♥

We are consistently amazed by the employees of Spring Ridge Elementary. March 11-14 is Staff Appreciation Week and we hope you can help to celebrate our Spring Ridge staff during that time. Please sign up to volunteer or donate to continue to support of school's incredible staff during this month.
Thank you Spring Ridge Staff!

MAGGIE BROCKMANN
PRESIDENT

HANNAH WIEGER
PRESIDENT-ELECT

Spring Break!

SPRING BREAK IS MARCH 18-22 AND WE WANT TO SEE WHERE YOU GO! SEND PICTURES TO CONTACT@SPRINGRIDGEPTO.COM SO WE CAN SHOW OFF YOUR SKIS, SWIMSUITS, AND HIKING GEAR!





DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH | 4-8PM
2717 SOUTH 177TH STREET, OMAHA, NE, 68130

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **BMHHMJM**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.







Staff Appreciation



Love Notes :

Students can show love and appreciation to staff members by filling out the supplied hearts with notes of appreciation. Tell a story about them, what you love about them, and why they are so important to you and the school. Return the hearts to the school by Friday, March 8th so we can line the walls with love! Hearts are being sent home in folders and also available at the front desk!



SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTO

Teacher Appreciation **WEEK**

MARCH 11-14

- *Monday*
Pasta Bar & Love Notes
Pasta lunch for staff + displaying kids love notes for their teachers/staff around school
- *Tuesday*
Flower Delivery
Vases of flowers distributed to staff members
- *Wednesday*
Yogurt & Juice Bar
Saying thank you with a yogurt bar breakfast with juice & coffee!
- *Thursday*
Staff Scavenger Hunt & Ice Cream
Hidden hearts around the school for gift cards + the golden heart with a special prize for staff!

We are looking for individuals who want to help with set-up and collection! Please email if you are able to support our efforts!

For more information contact@SpringRidgePto.com

SPRING RIDGE PTO

Another successful year for the Spring Ridge PTO Book Swap! Special thanks to those who donated books and those who volunteered their time to help!

Book Swap 2024



STAY CONNECTED WITH PTO

Bookmark our different channels to stay updated on news, events, and school activities:

- www.facebook.com/springridgepto/
- www.SpringRidgePto.com

Fun Fact of The Week

March used to be the first month of the calendar year.

March, which was first known as "Martinus", was declared the first month of the calendar year in 758 BCE!



SAVE THE DATE

ALOHA SUMMER

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH 5:00- 8:00 PM

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**INFLATABLES, GAMES, EAGLE
SALON, CAKE WALK, RAFFLES,
FOOD, DRINKS & SO MUCH
MORE**



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