

APRIL 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MRS PETERSEN

Dear Spring Ridge Families,

Spring has arrived! Our daffodils and tulips are starting to poke themselves out of the ground. As we continue into our last quarter, our students will keep focused on becoming better readers, writers, and mathematicians. We are proud of their hard work and the progress they are making. We also appreciate your support in assisting your child(ren) through your work and volunteering at school. Spring Ridge is truly fortunate to have such active and supportive parents.

The last quarter promises to be busy with many activities taking place. Please check your child's backpack for classroom newsletters and other notes throughout the month.

NSCAS Tests will be given this month in 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade. We encourage you to take some time to discuss this event with your child. Remind your child to relax and do his/her best without worrying. These tests are nothing to fear or be nervous about. Be sure your child gets plenty of rest each evening and send him/her off to school with a good breakfast each morning. It is important that your child be present for the tests; please avoid making appointments for your child during this time. The data from student performance is used to make decisions for school improvement, to drive instruction at each grade level, and to make recommendations for certain programs at Spring Ridge. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I continue to welcome the opportunity to visit with you should you have any questions, concerns, or comments. Please feel free to drop by the office and school for a visit!

Laurinda Petersen

Spring Ridge Principal



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1 - Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting - 6 PM
- April 1 - Spring Ridge Battle of the Books
- April 5 - Kindergarten Round-Up, 9-11 AM
- April 8 - District Battle of the Books at Spring Ridge
- April 8 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM
- April 19 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- April 26 - Mid Quarter Reports Go Home

6th Grade Orientation

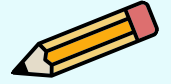
Parents of fifth graders at Spring Ridge will receive 6th grade online registration information on Friday, April 5th with the online registration being due by Friday, April 12th. Students will tour Elkhorn Ridge Middle School on Monday, May 6th from 9:15-10:00 AM. 5th Grade Parents visit ERMS on Monday, May 6th at 5:30 PM.

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 April 1-19.

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



ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT

EPS Bands: Plant Sale Fundraiser
[Click here to order your plants](#) before the April 2, 2024 deadline!

EHS, ENHS, & ESHS BANDS

PLANT SALE
MARCH 4 - APRIL 2, 2024

March into spring and support the Elkhorn Bands! Order your spring plants beginning March 4th.

- ✓ Premium quality plants
- ✓ Easy online ordering
- ✓ Convenient one-day pick-up on Sunday, April 28th 11 noon - 4 PM at Elkhorn High School (1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn NE)

ORDER ONLINE:

Summer Athletics and Activities Camps

Annually, EPS coaches and sponsors host summer opportunities for athletic and activity skills development by hosting camps and clinics. The list of 2023 opportunities is currently available online at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/blog/summer-athletics-and-activities-camps-3/>.

*Please note this list is only inclusive of camps and clinics hosted by EPS coaches and sponsors as related to their duties within the school district and does not include opportunities offered by outside organizations.

2024
SUMMER
ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES CAMPS

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EPS to Host "Parenting and Guiding the Smartphone Generation" Presentation

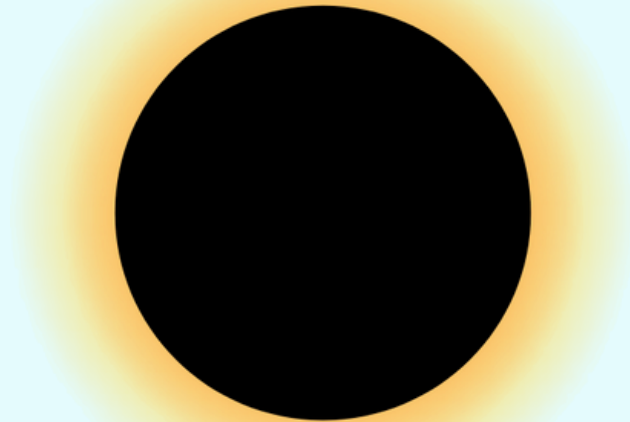
Join us for a special event on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:30 PM at Elkhorn South High School!

EPS is proud to welcome Dr. Jean Twenge as she presents "Parenting and Guiding the Smartphone Generation". A Q&A session featuring Dr. Twenge, Creighton Volleyball Coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth, EPS high school counselor, Martha Dowd, and EPS students will follow the presentation.

"PARENTING AND GUIDING THE SMARTPHONE GENERATION"
Presentation and Q&A Session

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 Tuesday, April 2, 2024
 6:30 PM
 Elkhorn South High School

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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. Guidelines under Board Policy 507.05 will apply.

-Reminders-

- 4th grade health talks will be taking place on Thursday, April 25th. **More information to come.** Parents who attend the lesson are asked only to observe. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to view the video, please feel free to contact me or the school office.



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 tests for strabismus, amblyopia, and acuity)** dated after **February 13, 2024**. A current immunization record including recent Kindergarten booster shots is also required. Here is the [Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations](#).
- 5th grade students wanting to participate in a sport at the middle school level must have a **sports physical** completed sometime after **May 1, 2024** and uploaded to [rschool](#).

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

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



SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY

APRIL 2024

PTO NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

- 04/01: INCOMING KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING
- 04/05: KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP
- 04/08: PTO MEETING @ 6:30PM
- 04/09: SPRING RIDGE SOCIAL: PANERA BREAD
- 04/19: NO SCHOOL
- 04/22: SPRING RIDGE SOCIAL: CHARRED



PTO MEETING

We hope we will see you at the next PTO meeting on April 8th. We are hoping to get more input from families on what they would like to see in our school, events they may like to suggest, or ways that the PTO can help our school or staff. Please consider joining us on Monday, April 8th at 6:30pm.

Childcare will be provided!

MAGGIE BROCKMANN
PRESIDENT

HANNAH WIEGER
PRESIDENT-ELECT

WE HAVE SOME BIG SHOES TO FILL

SPRING RIDGE PTO IS NEEDING
NEW PARENT VOLUNTEERS

WE HAVE COMMITTEES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR THAT
COULD USE PARENT VOLUNTEERS

INTERESTED?



CONTACT@SPRINGRIDGEPTO.COM



Help support us!

SPRING RIDGE PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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DONATED

April 9, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm CDT
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SPRING RIDGE ELEMENTARY PRESENTS
ALOHA SUMMER

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

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INFLATABLES & GAMES

RADICAL RUN, WARRIOR JUMP, INFLATABLE SOCCER, INFLATED BUNGEE BASKETBALL, WRECKING BALL, MOONWALK- FUN HOUSE, HIGH- STRICKER, FREE THROW COMPETITION, FOOTBALL TOSS, POP RING TOSS AND MANY MORE!



FOOD & DRINKS

PIZZA, CHIC-FIL-A, SNOCONES, COTTON CANDY, POPCORN, AND MANY DRINK CHOICES

CAKE WALK

HELP OUR 4TH GRADERS EARN THEIR 5TH GRADE OUTDOOR ED & WIN A TREAT

EAGLE SALON

CRAZY (TEMPORARY) HAIR COLORING, AIRBRUSH & COOL TATTOOS, AND FUN PHOTO BOOTH

RAFFLE



& MANY MORE TO COME!!

TROPICAL DRESS ENCOURAGED, PRIZES AWARDED.

NEW!!! PURCHASE A THEMED HAT!



**PURCHASE WRISTBANDS:
\$20 ONLINE PRIOR TO EVENT,
\$25 AT THE DOOR**

WRIST BANDS INCLUDE ENTRY, GAMES, INFLATABLES, CAKE WALK, EAGLE SALOON. PARENTS ARE FREE.

**PURCHASE TIKI TICKETS ONLINE
OR AT DOOR FOR \$1.**

TIKI TICKETS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE FOOD, HATS, AND RAFFLE PRIZES. PRE-PURCHASE TICKETS FOR RAFFLE AND GET NAME AND NUMBER PRINTED ON TICKET



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Grade Level 2024-2025	Cost Each
K Boy	\$50
K Girl	\$50
1st	\$47
2nd	\$54
3rd	\$54
4th	\$50
5th	\$46

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Starting now thru MAY 21, 2024

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID: **SPR097**
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

**School supplies will be on your child's desk for
Open House.**

For questions, please contact
Tami Candy, tamicandy81@gmail.com

*Headphones and earbuds are required for all students but are not included with your supply pack.

**If you would like to help out another child please consider donating a kit. Choose a grade level, add to your cart, enter DONATION for the student name. Kit donation will benefit the Elkhorn Backpack Drive.





FUN RUN T-SHIRT DESIGN T-SHIRT

2024/2025
LOGO

The Spring Ridge Fun Run Team are looking for a brand new T-Shirt Logo for next year's 2024-2025 Spring Ridge Fun Run!

Designs need to be returned to the school by April 12th. We will have a Fun Run T-Shirt Design Submission box by the front office.

Below are the previous design winners for the Fun Run Logo:



2021-2022



2022-2023



2023-2024

The 2024-2025 Fun Run Theme is: Plant Seeds of Kindness

The design should have a MAX of two colors and be sure your student's name and grade are listed on the attached Logo Design Submission Form.

The 2024-2025 Fun Run Logo Design winner will be announced on the Eagle Report. Adult shirts will be available to order if your student is the design winner!



Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Return design to the submission box by April 12, 2024. Good Luck!

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