

Aug./Sept 2018

West Bay

Elementary

FROM **THE** PRINCIPAL

The 2018-19 school year is off to a great start! It has been so exciting to see our students transition to a new grade level. Routines and procedures are in place and the learning has started. MAP testing begins next week. Your child's classroom teacher will be communicating the testing schedule with you. Please try to avoid absences during testing sessions. Please remember to pull all the way up to the vehicle in front of you at drop off and pick up. We need adults to stay in their vehicle and staff will assist students getting in and out of the car. Another reminder: Students CANNOT BE dropped off before 7:55. If you need to drop off before 7:55 please contact Elkhorn Kids Campus at 402.289.1727. Students who purchase breakfast can come in the building at 7:30. The cost of breakfast is \$1.50, the menu of choices is also available online using the link below. Thank you for your ongoing support! It's going to be a great year. Please feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns.
Jen Coltvet
Principal

Please go to the West Bay website and scroll down to LUNCH to find the menus. You can also use this link to add money to your child's lunch account.

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/lunch/lunch-account/>

WEST BAY WEB PAGE:

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/westbay/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

27th-Sept. 14 MAP Testing Window

SEPTEMBER

3rd- Labor Day-No School!

6th & 7th 5th Grade Outdoor Ed.

13th PTO Fun Run

14th PTO Fall Social

17th Inservice- No School for Students

21st - 1st Grade Field Trip to NE City

26th Family Circles

OCTOBER

1st-6:30 PTO Meeting

8th Picture Retake Day

12th No School-Inservice Day

16th & 17th Early Dismissal at 2:06

CONFERENCES 3:00-7:00

19th No School

24th Family Circles

31st Halloween Parties 2:15

NOVEMBER

2nd- Health Screenings (K-4th and new students)

5th-6:30 PTO Meeting

6th WB is a Polling Place

12th Veterans Day Program 8:30

15th 4th Grade Music Program 6:00

5th Grade Music Program 7:00

22nd & 23rd-NO School-Thanksgiving

Please go to the West Bay website to check the online calendar. [Click here: West Bay Website](#)

3220 South 188th Avenue OMAHA, NEBRASKA

402-289-9045

August Artist Challenge Winners

Gavin Gleue, 2nd Grade

Aiden Hautzinger, 2nd Grade

Leyton Michaelis, 2nd Grade

Layla Bower, 3rd Grade

Ayla Peterson, 4th Grade

Evelyn Thompson, 4th Grade

Callie Deegan, 5th Grade

Laini Michaelis, 5th Grade



Ayla Peterson, 4th Grade

Paws-itively Awesome Students

These students were caught being safe, respectful and responsible during August! As a part of our Positive Behavior System at West Bay we recognize students for their actions with TIGER TICKETS.

Lily Weaver

Ellie Agnew

Dylan Neal

Kennedy Kaiser

Miles Ogren

Victoria Brown

Julia Sceals

Joey Dorsey

Luke Bingham

Graham Parsons

Willa Stater

Sophia Dizona

Sadie Fauss

Brooklyn Lance

Ayesha Abdulrahimzai

Kinley Lauridsen

Grace Volzke

Carson Cherrington

Trey Madsen

Thanishka Inti

Kimi Nakamoto

Garrett Fogle

Harrison Hunt

Ratna Kang

Lincoln Keber



WEST BAY PTO INFORMATION



Stay Connected with West Bay's PTO

- Website: www.westbaypto.com
- Facebook: West Bay PTO
- Email: westbaypto@gmail.com

President: Katy Bode
Vice President: Tara Arnold
Treasurer: Stacey Mathis
Secretary: Kate Parsons
Community Liaison: Amy Swartz

PTO MEETING

Monday, October 1st 6:30pm - West Bay Library
Free Childcare provided in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there as we will be discussing fundraising results from the fun run, vote on the library furniture purchase & hear from the 5th grade teachers as they share pictures of Outdoor Education!

BENGAL FUN RUN

Mindspark Mystery Lab is coming to West Bay! The S.T.E.A.M. themed Fun Run will take place at the school on September 13th. Starting August 31st you can log onto FunRun.com to sign your student up (school code: 276-742) & join in on gathering pledges. Our students will challenge themselves to 30-35 laps to raise money for NEW Library furniture. Prizes will be earned based on pledges received & challenges completed. Be sure to follow the West Bay PTO Facebook page for ongoing updates & the PTO website for the fun run schedule. Parents are welcomed to come cheer on their student! Thank you for your support!

FALL SOCIAL

Friday, September 14th 5:00-7:30pm - West Bay
Free for families to attend! Dinner catered by Guckenheimer can be *pre-purchased* on the PTO website, www.westbaypto.com, under SHOP by *Monday, September 10th*. Kona Ice for all kids attending plus games, music, prizes & more!

JIMMY JOHN'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, September 18th between 3:00-8:00pm
Celebrate the start of a great school year by grabbing dinner at Jimmy John's! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to West Bay PTO.

OPEN PTO POSITIONS

There are a few time sensitive volunteer positions the PTO needs to fill. If interested in helping, please email Amy Swartz at amyscardina@yahoo.com.

Class Party Room Lead - Mrs. Royers, Mrs. Oligmueller, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Eisenbacher, Mrs. Pearson

Yearbook Committee/Photographer - 2 open spots

YEARBOOK

Families that place a yearbook order by September 21st receive a discounted price of \$30 per yearbook & free icons. Order online by going to www.westbaypto.com & clicking on the link under Yearbook on the home page.

TAGG

One of the simplest ways to raise money for West Bay is through the free app, TAGG. Shop or dine at your favorite TAGG participating businesses and scan the receipt into the app. Participating businesses will donate a portion of your purchase directly to West Bay! Our "Organization" name in TAGG is West Bay PTO. Download TAGG now!

2017-2018 PTO PURCHASES

Many enhancements were made to West Bay last year and we owe it to the amazing families of West Bay! The following items were purchased: Ice Machine, Walking Path, Staff Umbrellas, 4 Cameras, Boogie Boards, & DrumFit

In addition, we provided discretionary money for each teacher, funded a 2nd field trip for each grade, a birthday book for every student, & snacks for classroom parties. Looking forward to making additional improvements this year!

SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKS

Thank you to all the families that purchased their student's school supply pack through West Bay PTO at the end of school last year. A total of \$242.64 was donated to the Womenade of Elkhorn Backpack Program that provides school supplies & bags to students in the Elkhorn school district.

HY-VEE & BAKER'S PTO REWARDS

Collect Hy-Vee receipts from ANY Hy-Vee. Turn in the receipts at West Bay or drop in the "West Bay" container at the front of Hy-Vee store (180th & Pacific). For every \$200 spent, Hy-Vee will donate \$1 to West Bay Elementary PTO.

Log in to your Baker's account & enroll your Plus Card in the Community Rewards Program. Baker's will donate to the West Bay PTO every time you shop.
Organization Name: WEST BAY SCHOOL PTO
Organization Number: XF887



District Reminders

PRINTED DISTRICT CALENDAR CHANGES

In an effort to ensure families are receiving the most up-to-date and accurate information, the District has discontinued the printing and distribution of a District-wide events and activities calendar.

Visit <https://www.elkhornweb.org/calendar> to view the most current activities and events information on the District calendar or to choose an individual building calendar to view.

SCHOOLMESSENGER MESSAGING AND ALERT SYSTEM

Both the EPS District and each individual building regularly use a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including monthly information about building happenings, as well as school closings.

SchoolMessenger also allows recipients the option to “unsubscribe” from its mailing list; please understand that by “unsubscribing” you are completely removing your email address from ALL lists, including both District and building specific emails.

If at any time you unsubscribe then later decide you would like to begin receiving emails again, please let your building secretary know.

TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS

As students and parents get back into the school year, it's important to remember to prioritize time and focus on schoolwork. For students, procrastination generally takes on the form of “multitasking”, which often leads to distractions and wasted time. In order to curb this occurrence prior to it becoming a bad habit that will move with them into adulthood, take a look at a few options for apps and plugins that help reduce the instances of this current trend.

RescueTime: this plug-in tracks how much time is being spent on specific sites and generates reports showing the results. By reviewing these reports, you and your child can see exactly where the majority of their time is being wasted.

Work Mode: *Work Mode* blocks access to all social media feeds during any time frame that the plug-in is turned on. What better way to ensure your child is focused solely on the task at hand than by making the distractions they typically default to inaccessible during the time they need to be focusing on other important things?

For more information on these and other time saving options, visit www.common sense media.org.

DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA

To better serve our communication needs and ensure that all EPS students, families, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community receive necessary information and District updates, all EPS buildings have launched social media accounts. The links to all EPS accounts are below and can be followed for regular updates from the District and buildings.

School	Social Platform Links	School	Social Platform Links
Elkhorn Public Schools	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPS	Fire Ridge	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_FR https://www.facebook.com/Fire-Ridge-Elementary-School-1949156692005175/
EPS Young Adult Program	https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSYAP https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_YAP	Hillrise	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_HR https://www.facebook.com/Hillrise-Elementary-School-132595107416673/
Elkhorn High School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EHS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEHS	Manchester	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_MN https://www.facebook.com/Manchester-Elementary-School-139240350128365/
Elkhorn South High School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_ESHS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSESHS	Sagewood	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_SW https://www.facebook.com/Sagewood-Elementary-School-1544666845570684/
Elkhorn Grandview Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EGMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEGMS	Skyline	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_SK https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSSK/
Elkhorn Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEMS/	Spring Ridge	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_SR https://www.facebook.com/Spring-Ridge-Elementary-School-185515498695818/
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_ERMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEMS/	West Bay	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WB https://www.facebook.com/West-Bay-Elementary-School-382449948847622
Elkhorn Valley View Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EVMS https://www.facebook.com/Elkhorn-Valley-View-Middle-School-557415441267940/	West Dodge Station	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WD https://www.facebook.com/West-Dodge-Station-Elementary-School-137912326835858
Arbor View	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_AV https://www.facebook.com/Arbor-View-Elementary-School-136900903676316/	Westridge	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WR https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWR/
Blue Sage	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_BSE https://www.facebook.com/Blue-Sage-Elementary-240794969746868/		

Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well as those that may be a cause for concern to parents.



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