



WEST BAY

Elementary

August &
Sept 2020



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

West Bay Families,

WELCOME BACK!

Although this school year looks very different from any we've ever experienced, we are excited to see our students and welcome them back to school on the 18th!

Staff started back to work on Aug. 12th so you will begin to receive

communication from your child's classroom teacher very soon!

Please feel free to reach out and email or call the office with any questions or concerns you might have!

Jen Coltriel
Principal

We have [one important volunteer opportunity this fall!](#) We could use your help outside greeting students, welcoming them and opening the building doors! If you have time to help in the mornings please sign up!

[Click here for volunteer Sign Up Genius](#)

[Link to August parent information that was previously emailed 8/4](#)

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/west-bay/news/newsletter/>

Return to School Info

An email containing all of our "Parent Information 20-21" was sent out August 3rd but we wanted to highlight some of the key points:

Pre Screening at home

- If a student has any symptoms related to COVID, they can not report to school and parents will consult a medical professional.

Open House

- There will be no open house. Look for an email from your child's teacher August 14th for information about the classroom and how to enter the building the 1st day. Hopefully a lot of your questions will be answered then.
- Kindergarten students can come August 17th. Kindergarten teachers will communicate the alphabetical schedule for these visits.

Arrival & Dismissal procedures

- There is no congregating allowed outside of school by students or parents. Stay in or near your car. Please follow your child's classroom procedure to enter the building no earlier than 7:55. There is no walking club.
- We will be staggering dismissal times. Please be aware of the time your child will dismiss. Students exit the same door they enter. Parents can pull forward and their child will find them.

Masks

- Masks are encouraged on school grounds and required inside of the school.
- The district will provide 2 masks per student.

Dr. Habrock sent out an email that contained the "Safety Protocols" with more information about what EPS is doing to keep our students, staff and families as safe as possible during this challenging time.

3220 South 188th Avenue OMAHA, NEBRASKA

402-289-9045

Make a difference with the Elkhorn Public Schools!

The Elkhorn Public School District is currently hiring teacher assistant/paraprofessionals for the 2020-21 school year in our early education, elementary, and secondary settings.

EPS is seeking caring and collaborative individuals with a desire to help students achieve.

- Family friendly hours – follows the school day and calendar
- Competitive pay (\$14.65/\$15.15)
- Rewarding working environment

Apply at www.elkhornweb.org Employment: Support Staff Non-Certified: Teacher Assistant

Counselor Corner

A note from Mrs. McPheron

This is a stressful and challenging time for everyone. If your child is having some anxiety about coming back, below are some helpful resources to help ease them back into a completely new school environment.

- If your child is struggling with not being able to control what is going on, have them create a "Circle of Control" based on their worries. This is where we focus on the things we can control to make us feel safe and let go of those worries we can't control that stress us out.
- [-What to Say to Help Kids Feel Calm When the World Feels Fragile -](#)
- [-What Happens In Your Brain and Body During Anxiety \(Hint: It's pretty awesome!\)](#)

If you'd like "circle of control" examples or other material for your child, please email me at dmcpheron@epsne.org

Staffing Changes for 20-21 School Year

- 3rd Grade Teacher-Micaela Fox
- 2nd Grade Teacher-Amy Sample
- WBECC Speech Pathologist-Maddie Clausen
- New Teacher Assistants- Brooke Douglas (Elementary)
Robin Nelson-WBECC

SODEXO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

To set up your child's Sodexo lunch account or make a deposit visit...

<https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx>

When available, Sodexo menus can be found at...

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

WEST BAY WEB PAGE:

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

West Bay PTO Website:

<http://westbaypto.com/>

PTO School Supplies

- For students returning to class, these will be at their desks that first day.
- For students choosing remote learning, you will pick these up Monday, August 17th, along with other school supplies.



District Reminders

SCHOOLMESSENGER MESSAGING AND ALERT SYSTEM

EPS and individual buildings regularly use a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents such as important district information, monthly updates about building happenings, and weather-related school closings. To ensure receipt of these updates, please check all relevant contact information including phone numbers and email addresses in your parent PowerSchool account.

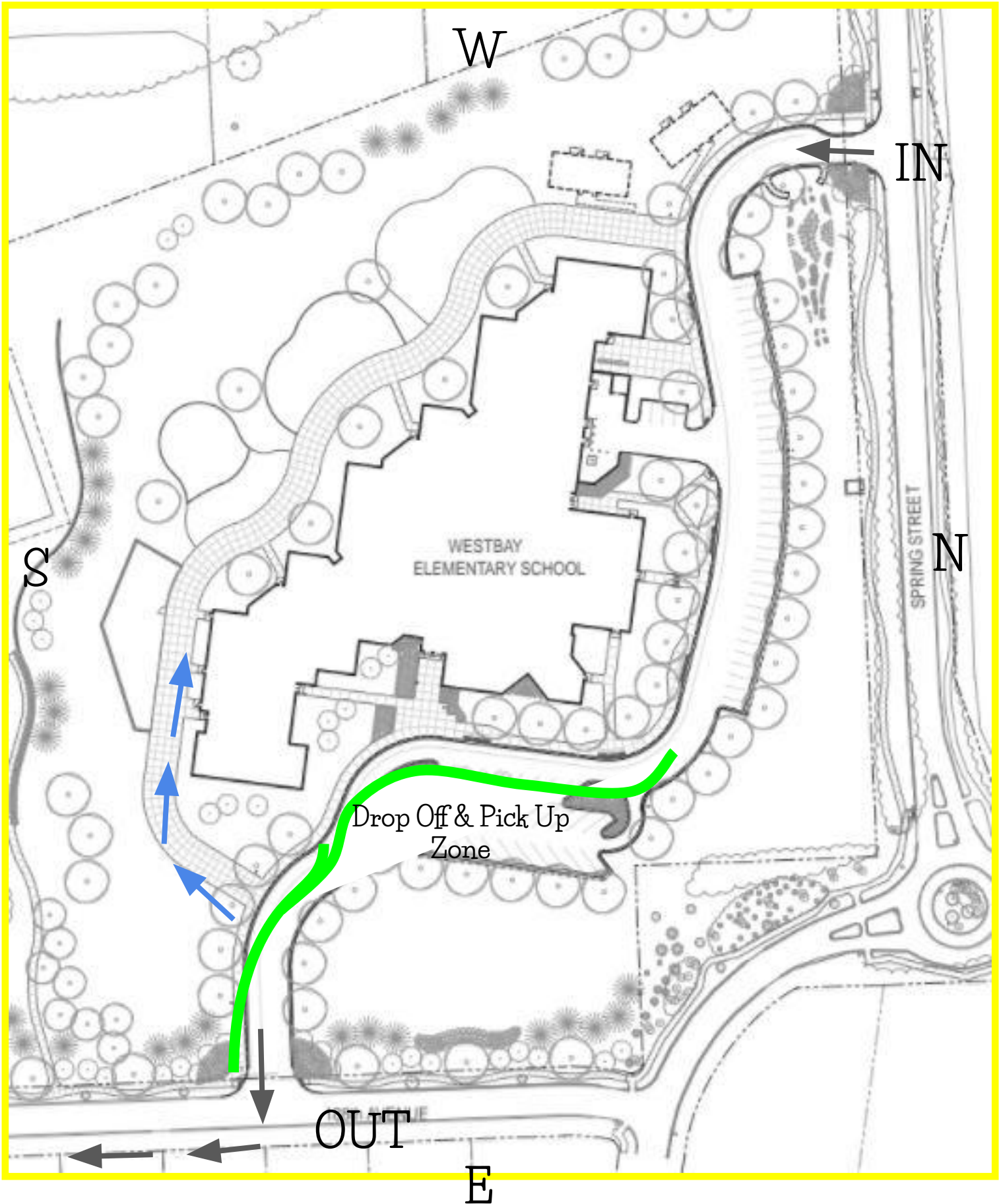
Additionally, SchoolMessenger allows recipients to “unsubscribe” from its mailing list; please understand that by “unsubscribing” you are completely removing your email address and phone number from ALL lists including both District and building specific emails. If you choose to Unsubscribe, you will not receive any communication from your child’s assigned school or the EPS district. If you accidentally unsubscribe or decide you would like to begin receiving emails again after unsubscribing, contact your building secretary to change your communication status.

DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA

To best ensure that all EPS students, families, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community receive necessary information and District updates, all EPS buildings have individual social media accounts. The links to all EPS accounts are below and can be followed for regular District and building updates.

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/ElkhornPSFR
Elkhorn High School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EHS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEHS	Hillrise	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_HR https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSHR/
Elkhorn North High School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_ENHS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSENHS	Manchester	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_MN https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSMN/
Elkhorn South High School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_ESHS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSESHS	Sagewood	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_SW https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSSW/
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/ElkhornPSSR/
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_ERMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSERM/S/	West Bay	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WB https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWB/
Elkhorn Valley View Middle School	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_EVMS https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSEVVMS	West Dodge Station	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WD https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWD/
Arbor View	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_AV https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSAV	Westridge	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WR https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWR/
Blue Sage	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_BSE https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSBS	Woodbrook	https://twitter.com/ElkhornPS_WO https://www.facebook.com/ElkhornPSWO

West Bay Drop-Off and Pick-up 2020-2021



West Bay Elementary Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

The safety of our children is a priority. Let's work together to ensure a safe arrival and dismissal of our West Bay students. Please review the following drop-off and pick-up procedures for our students and discuss them with your children and anyone who will be dropping or picking up children at West Bay.

First Day of School:

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all on the first day of school. We ask that parents remain in cars when dropping off even on the first day. As a reminder, students must wear masks upon entering the school.

ELEMENTARY DROP OFF INFORMATION:

- **Sodexo breakfast drop off times**-7:45-7:55 Students will be charged \$1.55 for breakfast.
- **School Day Drop- off times and locations**-7:55-8:15
 - Kdg (Pre-K Door these are the doors left of the main entrance)
 - 1st Grade Door #1 (Main Entry front doors-Left side)
 - 2nd Grade Door #2 (Main Entry front doors-Right side)
 - 3rd Grade Door #14 (Cafeteria Door)
 - 4th & 5th Grade Door #10 (4th/5th Entry)
- At **8:15 the tardy bell** rings each day. If you're child is not in the classroom by 8:15 they will be marked late.
- When dropping off please pull as far forward as possible. Drop off from the right side of the vehicle only. Students should never exit the left side of the vehicle.

PRESCHOOL DROP OFF INFORMATION:

- Preschool drop off times: 8:20-8:30 OR 12:20-12:30
- Preschool doors do not open until 8:20/12:20,
- Please do not come and park in elementary drop off zone before 8:15 OR 3:20.

Morning Drop-off locations: There are two options for dropping off your children in the morning

1.) ALL Students should be dropped off curbside, at their assigned entrance door. We have parent volunteers and supervision in the front of the building.. Always enter the front drive from the north, remain in the right lane (curbside), and keep moving forward as far as possible.

2.) Students may also use the sidewalk along the west side of 188th Avenue to walk up to the Safety Patrol at the Crosswalk and then walk down the sidewalk to their assigned entrances..

Inclement weather: Please plan ahead anticipating traffic delays when it's raining or snowing.

Afternoon Pick-up Procedures:

1. Students are to be picked up curbside. Always enter the front drive from the north, remain in the right lane (curbside), and keep moving forward as far as possible, picking up all of your students at their stops. Please do not use the drive-through lane (left lane) for picking up your children! Students will be permitted to get in and out of cars at curbside only. * Students will not be permitted to walk through the pick up lane to the car. * Please do not leave your car unattended if you are parked curbside, as this disrupts the flow of traffic.
2. Each family will receive two car signs with your last name on them this year. **Please display the sign in your dash or right front window.** We will be using them to help get students to their vehicles in a safe and efficient manner. Please provide one to the person who picks up your child.
3. If you need to park your car, please use the parking stalls and the designated off-street parking areas. If you park on the street, and need to leave your car, please set a good example for our children by using the sidewalks and crosswalks coming to and from school.
4. Please do not park in the following "NO PARKING" areas, which include: * The curb lane of the exit to the drop-off/pick-up lot * East side of 188th Avenue * Spring Street or Vinton Streets * Fire lane/ Walking Club Path * Within 20 feet of a crosswalk * Areas designated with "handicapped" signs, "no parking" signs or marking on the pavement
5. Please refer to Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures map on the back of this sheet.
6. Our neighbors have asked that we not block their driveways. Please be courteous to the neighbors impacted by the busy neighborhood congestion and traffic.
7. Please consider carpooling with friends and neighbors to eliminate some of the traffic congestion before and after school if possible.

Thank you for cooperating with these traffic flow guidelines to help ensure the safety of our children. Thank you for your support and patience with this most important matter.

Family Assistance Opportunities

This is a difficult time for many families and Elkhorn Public Schools want to help in any way we can. We have multiple assistance opportunities to help our families and we'd like our West Bay parents to be aware of how we can help. Below is a link to a google form that gives more information about each of our programs and allows you to sign up for one or many. This information will remain confidential and you will be contacted by Jen Coltvet, Principal, or Dawn McPheron, Counselor, about assistance needed. Please remember, we are in this together.

Link to:

[Optional Family Assistance Google Form](#)

West Bay PTO Information

2020-2021



<p><u>West Bay PTO Board</u></p> <p>President Mikhala Fehringer</p> <p>Vice President Amy Snodgrass</p> <p>Treasurer Lisa Fochler</p> <p>Secretary Melissa Erdei</p> <p>Community Liaison Savannah Garvey</p>		<p><u>Get Connected</u></p> <p>Website: www.westbaypto.com</p> <p>Facebook: West Bay PTO – Parent Teacher Organization</p> <p>Email: westbaypto@gmail.com</p> <p>Not receiving West Bay PTO email updates? Send an email to westbaypto@gmail.com and request to be added.</p>
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<p>Directory</p>	<p>CONFIRM your family's information and PAY for access to the 2020-2021 West Bay Online and Mobile Directory by following the instructions sent to you on Tuesday, August 18 from West Bay Elementary with a subject line of "Response Required: West Bay Directory Confirmation of Data & Purchase". Go to www.westbaypto.membershiptoolkit.com to create a Membership Toolkit Account. Once an account is created, check your email for a link (valid for 2 hours after creating account) to login and complete the Parent/Family and Student Information and select your student's teacher. You have the option to opt out of publishing certain personal information in the directory under Directory/Publish Preferences. Finally, Purchase Directory Access for \$5.00 to view the West Bay directory throughout the school year and next summer. The directory can be accessed by mobile phone, tablet and computer. (Download the App - Membership Toolkit for the most convenient quick access.) Help us open the directory quickly by setting up your Membership Toolkit account and confirm your family information by Wednesday August 26st. Every student's name will be included in the directory.</p>
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<p>Yearbook</p>	<p>Starting August 18th, order your 2020-2021 West Bay hard cover yearbook by visiting www.westbaypto.com and click on YEARBOOK. The cost per yearbook is \$30.00. If you order by September 30th, you will get free icons with the purchase of personalization. Yearbook price goes up to \$35.00 after September 30th, 2020. Online payment by credit card is required when order is placed. Questions may be directed to the Yearbook Committee Chair at WestBayYearbook@gmail.com. AGAIN THIS YEAR – Supplement pages with ALL school activities occurring between March and May are included with each yearbook purchase. The supplement will be distributed August 2021.</p>
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<p>Spirit Gear</p>	<p>West Bay spirit gear samples will be available for purchase online at www.westbaypto.com, click on "SHOP". The online store will be open August 18th-August 23rd. This will be our ONLY apparel sale for the year. We are excited to offer high quality brands such as Blue 84, Adidas, Under Armour and more in FUN designs. We have tees, sweatshirts, joggers, gym shorts and more including Pura Vida bracelets in West Bay colors. Your orders will be sent home with your child in early-mid September.</p>
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<p>Volunteer & Support</p>	<p>WE NEED YOU! Every parent with a student at West Bay is a member of the West Bay PTO. PTO is run solely by parent volunteers and support. There are various volunteer opportunities available. For a complete list of volunteer positions, visit www.westbaypto.com, click "Committee and Volunteer List 2020-2021" under the Committees and Volunteers tab. Sign up online by visiting www.westbaypto.com and click on "West Bay Volunteer Committee Open Positions" under West Bay PTO Volunteer Opportunities. Questions about any of the following information may be directed to Savannah Garvey at smgarvey@me.com.</p>
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<p>Shop Eat Donate</p>	<p>TAGG Download TAGG's mobile app today! TAGG's app revolutionizes the way you can support the West Bay PTO. Whenever you're at a TAGG business, snap a picture of your receipt and choose West Bay PTO. The business will donate 5% of your purchase at no extra cost to you!</p> <p>Family Fun Nights Enjoy dinner out for West Bay's Family Fun Nights! A percentage of the sales are donated back to the PTO.</p> <p>Personal Donations Tax-free donations are accepted by the West Bay PTO, a non-profit 501(c)3, to help support the students and staff at West Bay.</p> <p>Fundraisers Bengal Fun Run Nothing Bundt Cakes BINGO Night Spring Fundraiser</p>
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Last Chance Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities along with other important information.



Dear Elkhorn Student Families,

As we begin the school year, we thought it would be helpful to give you some information regarding deposits to your student's lunch account. Deposits can be made in the following ways:

***Setting up an online account** will allow you to make deposits, view the account, set reminders, add restrictions and add an auto-deposit option if preferred. As a reminder online deposits must be made before 9 a.m. in order to post to the account by lunchtime.

Lunch accounts can be set up and viewed through our District website at www.elkhornweb.org. Click on Login Links on top left corner, scroll down and click on Parent/Student then Lunch Account.

Access Lunchtime Online (under the red lettering), click on: <https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com>

You will need to create an account, using your student's pin number, birthdate and **zip code to your student's school**. Please set up your email reminders so that you receive an email prior to your student going negative by clicking the view/set reminder box.

***Mail checks** payable to EPS, that **include your students name and student ID Number** to EPS Food Service, 1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn, NE 68022

***Send lunch money with your student to school, include your students name and student ID number** preferably in an envelope for elementary students to give to their teacher.

Free/Reduced applications are available on the District website: www.elkhornweb.org, under District Information, click on lunch and then scroll down. You can apply online or print, complete and mail directly to our Food Service office at 1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn NE 68022 Attn: Food Service

Emails are sent daily for students at \$5.00 and below and at the end of each month regardless of the balance. We ask that you pay close attention to your accounts and keep them funded to avoid a negative balance.

If you have any questions about your account, please call our office at 402-289-0443.

Thank you,

Shannon Sintek
Sodexo
Food Service Director
Elkhorn Public Schools



CALLING ALL PARENTS!!!!



Are you looking for **Fun, Rewarding** and **Exciting Job**?
Elkhorn Schools and **Sodexo** have an exciting opportunity for
you!!

Sodexo is looking for energetic staff to work in the kitchens at Elkhorn Public Schools. We offer great Pay and Benefits along with a wonderful work environment with advancement opportunities. Sodexo is an EEO/AA/Minority/Female/Disability/Veteran Employer

We offer:

- ◆ Parents ~ work while your children are in school ~ Off when your children are
- ◆ A rewarding career helping the education experience
- ◆ Excellent work/Family Life Balance
- ◆ No Nights, Weekends or Holidays and Flexible Schedules

To apply use link below or visit:

<https://sodexousa.jobs>

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